Cycling Europe

2018 CROATIA BY BIKE & BOAT MULTI ADVENTURE HIKING & BIKING CRUISE OF KVARNER BAY

Ex. Omisalj 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



Countless islands in crystal clear water, spectacular cliffs, picturesque beaches and innumerable small bays – this is Kvarner Bay in the Northern Adriatic Sea. Every island is different and each one has its own history.

This multi-adventure cruise in Kvarner Bay is particularly well-suited for families. It combines the popular cruise with a variety of activities like hiking, biking and water sports. Spend a week on a luxurious motor vessel that takes you from island to island, sparing you the nuisance of packing suitcases and searching for accommodations. Along with overnights in ports, you also spend some nights in quiet bays. Decide each day whether you would like to go on a bike trip, or on a hiking tour, wander around the unique harbour towns of the Adriatic or simply spend the day relaxing on board.

Accompanying you on board is a well-informed tour guide who can make suggestions to create an active or a relaxed holiday. Through little stories and legends and through the country's cultural treasures, you will get in touch with Croatia's turbulent history.





ITINERARY

Pre-tour hotels can be arranged in Omišalj, a nice little harbour on the island of Krk.

Day 1 (Sunday): Boarding at 2.00 pm in Omišalj & cruise to Krk Town

Transfers from Zagreb are available (12:30pm from Zagreb Airport or 11:30 am from Zagreb centre) or join the tour at Omišalj. Check in from 2.00 – 2.30pm before the boat departs to Krk Town. If weather permits, on the way we may stop to take a refreshing swim off the boat. In the evening we take a short tour through the Venetian influenced old town of Krk Town.

Day 2 (Monday): Krk – Jablanac – Rab (approx. 1 hour walk & 12 - 20 km by bike)

In the morning we cross by boat to Jablanac on the Croatian mainland. From here we can take a nice walk to the Zavratnica Fjord, one of Croatia's many natural wonders. The crystal clear water is perfect for a long swim before returning to the ship, which awaits us for lunch along with a crossing to the island of Rab. Here, we unload the bikes cycle to the island's capital, Rab Town, one of the prettiest old towns in Croatia. Here we visit the traditional bakery "Vilma", where the island's speciality "cake of Rab" is manufactured and have the chance for a closer look into the production process, before setting off on a journey through the picturesque old town of Rab with our guide. Overnight stay in Rab Town.

Day 3 (Tuesday): Rab – Pag – Olib (approx. 1.5 hr walk)

After breakfast we make a short crossing to the neighboring island Pag, and the village of Lun. The place is famous for its ancient olive groves, which can be experienced on a short stroll. A visit to a local oil press will give us insight into the production of olive oil as well as learning about and tasting the famous Pager cheese. After lunch on board, we continue our journey to the Island of Olib, with a swim stop in a beautiful bay along the way. In the late afternoon there is time to play Olympic Games ashore. Overnight stay in Olib.





Day 4 (Wednesday) Ilovik – Mali Lošinj (approx. 45 min walk & 20 km by bike)

We start the day with a crossover to the small island of llovik and an extensive swim stop in a turquoise coloured bay. We will be taken ashore via dinghy to explore the lovely island on foot as this island is car and bicycle free. The ship awaits us on the other side of the island from where we set sail to the seafaring and wellness destination, Mali Lošinj. From here we have a relaxing bike ride in the afternoon, which takes us to the picturesque Veli Lošinj; along a promenade with countless coves. The small harbour and its many fishing boats are watched over by the mighty church of St. Anthony. After an ice cream and coffee break we head back to Mali Lošinj, where we spend the night.

Day 5 (Thursday): Mali Lošinj – Susak – Osor (approx. 1.5 hr walk & 12 – 20 km by bike)

We cross to the island of Susak, a charming isle with sand dunes, which we explore on foot in the morning. This walk is to a wonderful sandy beach where we can enjoy a leisurely swim before returning to the ship for lunch. The ship then takes us to the artists' village of Osor, where we take an exciting tour through the 2000 years of history. In the afternoon we start a short bike ride in Osor, which takes us through a forest with countless oaks and native red deer. We take a coffee break in Punta Križa before returning to Osor by bike. Short boat crossing to Martinšćica, where we will spend the night.

Day 6 (Friday): Cres (approx. 1 hr walk & 10 km by bike)

In the morning we cross over to Cres town on the island of Cres. On our way we take a stop at the most famous beach of the northern Adriatic. Here we have the opportunity to swim, or, hike to the clifftop village, Lubenice before the ship takes us to the city of Cres. You might want to take a 10 km bike ride along the famous beach front promenade in the afternoon. In the evening our guide will tell us all the secrets of the ancient town of Cres, where we also spend the night.



Day 7: (Saturday) Cres – Malinska – Njivice – Omišalj (approx. 2 hr walk)

After a longer crossing to Malinksa on the island of Krk, we take a relaxing and beautiful walk along the sea front to Nijcive. A dip in the sea is the culmination of this little walk. The ship will then take us back to Omišalj, where we can relax the rest of the day or explore the city and enjoy a delicious ice cream. Optionally we offer a transfer to the town of Krk, where you can experience an exciting and active afternoon with wakeboarding. In the evening an eventful week comes to an end with a cosy farewell dinner on board.

Day 8: (Sunday) Tour ends Omišalj – by 9 am

After breakfast disembark at the port of Omišalj by 9 am. Today a group transfer is <u>included</u> from Omišalj to Zagreb Airport, from 8 am (reservation & flight details required). The drive takes approximately 2 hours.

Transfer can be booked to Rijeka Airport or Rijeka Train station for 15 Euros per person – on Sunday only. Must be requested at time of booking. Transfers on other days – price on request.

Itinerary changes:

The captain reserves the right to make changes to the planned route due to changing wind and weather conditions, and where required by organizational necessities. Sometimes it may be necessary to run the itinerary in reverse due to weather/ wind conditions, or crowding in harbours.

LEVEL OF FITNESS REQUIRED: The tours do not require any special physical fitness as they are not very demanding. The walks and short hikes run along good paths, some are asphalted. If some specific activities should require more physical fitness, the tour guide will point this out beforehand. <u>Electric</u> bikes can be requested

HELMETS: Helmets are compulsory, and <u>must be requested in advance</u> because numbers are limited. You are encouraged to bring your own, well fitted helmet.

BICYCLES & HELMETS: 21 Speed hybrid bikes can be reserved for €40 & Electric bikes are €120. A rented trailer-bike or children's seat is €20 per week. Bikes & Helmets must be requested at time of booking.

MEALS ONBOARD: 4 days have full board (3 meals) and 3 days with half board (2 meals/day). Catering begins with dinner on the first night, and ends with breakfast on day of departure.

2018 SCHEDULE & TOUR COST

SUNDAY DEPARTURES on ANDELA LORA:

15 – 22 July

22 - 29 July

12 – 19 August

Tour Cost per person in Euros:

Double or Twin cabin "Below deck": €1250 Upgrade to a cabin on upper deck: €150

Single cabin surcharge – upper deck: €700 - limited cabins Single cabin surcharge – below deck: €500 - limited cabins

A limited number of 3 & 4 person cabins are possible - see "discounts" below

½ Share Twin Cabin can be requested on upper deck.

Bike rental €40 for 21 speed Hybrid bike / Electric Bike €120

Optional Bike insurance: 21-speed €10, or E-bike €20 – does not cover grossly negligent damage

TOUR COST INCLUDES:

- 8-day trip on a motor yacht with crew
- o 7 night's accommodation in cabin with own shower & toilet
- Meals: 4 days with full board (3 meals) & 3 days half board (2 meals)
- English-speaking tour guide
- Guided walks and cycling tours as described in itinerary
- Bed linen and towels in cabin (beach towels not provided)

TRANSFERS

- Collective group transfer from Zagreb Airport on embarkation day at 12.15 pm and from Zagreb city centre at 11.30am can be reserved for €20 per person. This must be reserved at time of booking.)
- Collective group transfer to Zagreb on disembarkation day at 8.00 am can be reserved for €20 per person. This must be reserved at time of booking.)
- Transfers on other days price on request
- Transfers to and from Rijeka Train Station and Rijeka Airport to Omisalj can be reserved for
 €15 per person each way(on embarkation and disembarkation day only)

ADDITIONAL/ OPTIONAL EXTRAS:

- Group Transfer from/to Rijeka Airport or Train station on Day 1 or Day 8, €15 per person one way (minimum 2 people) – price on request for transfers for other days.
- Childrens trailer bike or child seat €20 per week
- o Safe parking place in Omisalji for car up to 6m length: €50 per week (to be paid on site)
- Bike Insurance for theft or damage €10/ week or €20 for E-bike does not cover grossly negligent damage
- o Hotel in Omisalji can be requested for before or after tour.
- o 1 and 2 night pre-tour package from Zagreb,

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR COST:

- Visitor's tax & unlimited bottled water €40 per adult (or €20 child under 16) to be paid onboard
- Journey to Omisalji
- o Bike rental & bike insurance (see prices above)
- Meals & drinks ashore
- Drinks on board (tally sheet paid to captain)
- Entrance fees for to museums and churches
- Possible transfers by bus or taxi during the trip
- Private Airport transfers: (price for private transfer on request)
- Wake Board adventure on Krk Island (pay on site)
- o Tips for crew and tour-guides

DISCOUNTS

- Below deck only: Third person in Triple cabin on will get a 50 % price reduction for the third person (regardless of age).
- o There are two cabins that can sleep 4 people on the lower deck only, usually reserved for familys. There is 50 % reduction on tour cost for the third & 4th person (regardless of age).
- o Children under 16 years requesting their <u>own cabin</u> receive a 25% discount on tour price (not combinable with 50% discount). They will need to pay single cabin supplement.
- o If you book a second Bike & Boat cruise (with the same boat operator), in Croatia, Greek Islands or Turkey, you will get a reduction of €50 per person on the 2nd tour.

• **Hotel in Omišalj and Krk Island** can be requested, DBL room from €55 per person, including Breakfast, for a simple hotel near the harbour with small rooms. (4-star resort prices on request)

2 Day/1 Night Zagreb package Pre-tour: (min. 2 passengers) Includes:

- Transfer from Zagreb Airport to Zagreb hotel
- Guided afternoon sightseeing tour in Zagreb (entrances not included)
- Accommodation 1 night in 3* or 4* hotel, breakfast included
- 3 hour transfer to the boat in Omasali

PRICE:

3-star hotel: Double Room €250 per person / single room €290 4-star Hotel: Double Room €290 per person / single room €360

3 day/2 Night package Pretour Zagreb & Plitvice Lakes: (min. 2 passengers) Includes:

- Meet and transfer from Zagreb Airport to Zagreb hotel
- 1 night in 3* or 4* hotel, breakfast included
- 3 hour guided afternoon sightseeing in Zagreb (entry fees not included)
- Dinner at local restaurant in Zagreb
- 2.5 hour transfer to Plitvice Lakes
- 1 night in a hotel near Plitvice Lakes National Park incl breakfast
- Entrance to Plivitce Lakes National Park
- 3 hour transfer to the ship

PRICE:

3-star Hotels: Double Room €490 per person / single room €590. 4-star Hotels: Double Room €590 per person / single room €730

BRINGING CHILDREN:

This cruise is an unforgettable experience for children – as it is in the Northern hemisphere summer holidays, it is likely that families with children will be on board. A few Triple and Quad cabins are available <u>below deck</u>, the 3rd & 4th person will in a cabin will receive a 50% discount on the tour price. Rental bikes are only available for children at least 1.20m tall. Trailer bikes and child seats for bikes can be requested, €20.

GROUP SIZE: Minimum: 14 / Maximum: 36

A minimum of 14 passengers need to book to guarantee tour departure

LANGUAGE: The tour will be guided in English and German.

HOW TO GET TO OMISALJ:

- 6 km from Rijeka Airport (take a taxi) and 30km from Rijeka Bus Station.
- Rijeka Zagreb Airport and vice versa are very well connected with bus and train services By bus duration 3 hours, rate €12 15 per person. Buses depart every hour. For example there are buses operating at 6am, 7am, 7.45am, 8.30am etc.

By train – duration 3 and half hours, approximate cost €12 per person

ACCOMMODATION: PREMIUM SHIP: ANDELA LORA

(All cabins have shower & toilet)
Minimum 14 / Maximum 36 passengers
The Andela Lora is a spacious steel motor yacht that was launched in spring 2012. At 40 metres



long and 8.5 metres wide, the Andela Lora is among the largest ships in our Croatian fleet.

There are 17 Air-conditioned cabins (12-14 m²):

Above deck: 10 Cabins

2 Double, 5 Twin, and 3 with double & + single Below deck: Total 7 Cabins, 3 with a Double bed

2 cabins have double bed + single bed, 2 "quad" cabins: double bed + bunk bed.

The boat has a swimming platform on the stern - offering easy the access to swim in the sea. A nice salon on the upper deck of the boat and many deck chairs for sunbathing on each platform make the voyage on the Andela Lora a very special one. The attentive and helpful crew is ready to do anything for a light-hearted journey through this wonderful island world.



Saloon & Decks of the Andela Lora













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