

Cycling Europe

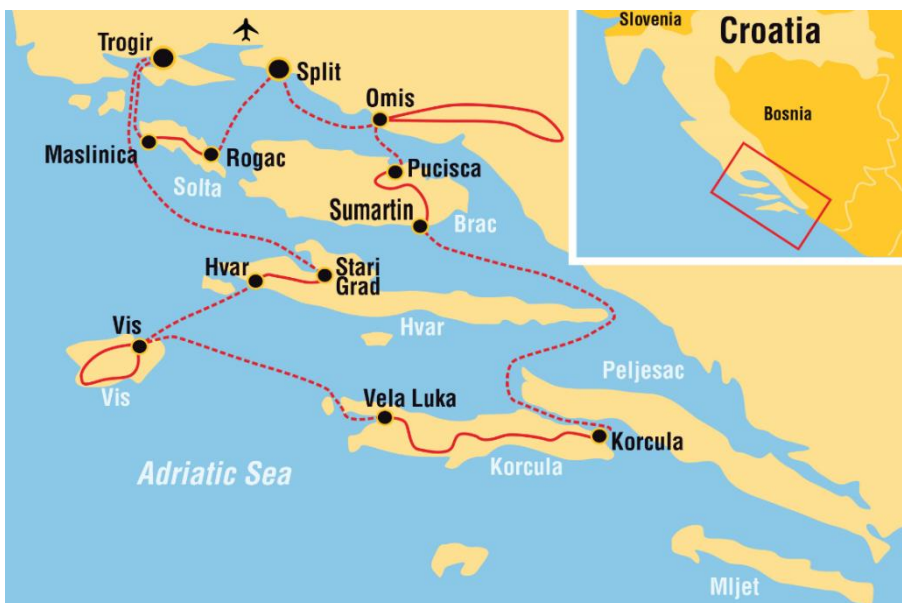
2020 CROATIA

PREMIUM PLUS: SOUTHERN DALMATIA ISLANDS

8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS BY BIKE & BOAT



Cetina Canyon



On our Southern Dalmatia Islands Premium Plus Tour we will show you the beauty of the South Dalmatian coastline and island world on our deluxe ships 'Princeza Diana', and the three year old 'Melody'. Highlights of the tour such as the Diocletian Palace in Split, the picturesque old town of Korcula and the lavender island of Hvar along with many other scenic islands make this journey an unforgettable experience. Culture does not fall by the wayside. We also offer a very similar itinerary on a range of

alternative boats – standard and superior grades. Depending on wind and weather conditions, we reserve the right to run this tour in reverse. **All cycle tours are optional – you can relax on the boat & swim instead, or walk around the port towns.**

ITINERARY

Day 1 (Saturday): Boarding in Trogir (cruise Trogir -Hvar)

Check in from 2 pm – 2.30 pm. At 3 pm the crew cast off to the lovely port of Stari Grad on the island of Hvar. Stari Grad is one of Croatia's oldest towns, dating back to 358BC when it was a Greek colony called Faros. After dinner take a stroll through this fabulous town. Tonight will be spent in Stari Grad.

Split Airport (SPU) is only 5 km from Trogir: A taxi will cost approx. €20 Euros.

Day 2 (Sunday): Islands of Hvar and Vis (cycling approx. 20km)

After breakfast set off on a bike tour from Stari Grad to the capital city of Hvar. You will have plenty of time to visit the magnificent Renaissance Square of Hvar town and enjoy the view up to the Spanish Fortress situated high above the city. Back on board again cross over to the island of Vis. Overnight stay on Vis.

Day 3 (Monday) Vis Island (cycling approx. 32 km)

Vis is the island that is located farthest from the mainland. Over 2,000 years ago there was a Greek colony called Issa on the island. Due to its strategic location, it was a military zone until 1995 and tourism was prohibited. Today, you have the opportunity to explore the lovely island by bicycle.

In the afternoon depart Vis and enjoy a leisurely cruise to the nearby island of Korčula. Enroute we'll stop in a quiet bay for a swim, before mooring in the pleasant port town of Vela Luka on Korčula for the night.

Day 4 (Tuesday) Korčula Island (cycling approx. 60 km)

Today's ride leads you along the length of what is widely considered to be Dalmatia's most beautiful island. The route leads through aromatic pine forests and along the island's incredibly scenic south coast where a string of tiny islands dot the surface of the coral blue sea. Stop at a stunning taverna where lunch is at your own expense before pedalling on along a scenic coastal road enjoying more fabulous sea views. The last section leads via the village of Blato, like Rome built on seven hills, along a pass road, across Pupnat Bay and finally to Korčula town, where you have time to take a walk through the wonderful old town with its narrow "fishbone like" alleys. Stay overnight in Korčula town. Korčula still vies with Venice for the title of birth place of Marco Polo.



Day 5 (Wednesday) Brac Island (27 km)

Cruise to the island of Brac, famous for its limestone, that was used for the White House and the Reichstag in Berlin. Moor in the pleasant little port town of Sumartin on the island's eastern tip. After lunch commence a bike tour with an initial climb up to the town of Selca, and onto the picturesque harbour town of Pucisca. The village is famous for its masonry schools and the students works are displayed in the village. Enjoy the night in the atmospheric little town with its inviting square and serene setting.



Day 6 (Thursday) Omiš - Split (cycling approx. 44 km)

Enjoy a short cruise to Omiš this morning. Today you have the option of taking part in a bike tour around Cetina Canyon or a rafting excursion (not included in tour price) on the Cetina River. The bike tour takes you around the outskirts of the canyon with great views over the river and back down towards the sea. The rafting group will be picked up from the boat by bus and taken up river to the starting point. From here you follow the river downstream in the rafts gaining a unique perspective of the canyon and its flora and fauna. Participants return to the boat by bus. In

the afternoon your ship takes you to Split. The Old Town of Split, built adjoining the famous palace of the Roman Emperor Diocletian, is a World Heritage site. Overnight stay in Split.

Day 7: (Friday) Šolta - Trogir (cycling approx. 20km)

During breakfast you cruise to Rogac on the island of Solta for the last bicycle tour. Walled fields, numerous olive groves, carob and fig trees line the road. The spicy smell of lavender and rosemary accompany us during our tour around the island. From Rogac enjoy the last crossing back to Trogir where we have enough time to visit the old city, a World Heritage site. Traditionally the last evening's dinner before disembarkation is spent with guests, crew and guides.

Day 8: (Saturday) Cruise ends in Trogir

After breakfast disembark by 9.00 am, for your trip home, or extend your stay in Croatia.



CHANGES

We reserve the right to make changes to the planned route due to changing wind and weather conditions, and where required by organizational necessities. For example, if ports are overcrowded, the tour will be operated in reverse.

LEVEL OF FITNESS REQUIRED:

Moderate – Challenging: It is hilly - cycle tours require a good level of fitness, acquired from steady cycling and long uphill climbs if you wish to use a 21-speed Hybrid bike. Electric bikes will allow anyone of average fitness to manage the hills. The tours will take us up to a height of 200 - 500 m above sea-level. We traverse rarely frequented asphalted roads as well as pathways, unpaved or gravel. The day-tours (from 19 to 48 km) will take us through hilly and mountainous terrain and will be completed without any time-constraints. Participants with 21-speed bikes also need to master long and steep climbs – these climbs are followed by long downhill runs. Helmet use is mandatory on all cycle tours. **You are free to set aside a half or full day to swim or spend time on board the boat, instead of taking a planned cycle-tour.**

HELMETS:

Helmets are compulsory and must be requested in advance because numbers are limited. You are encouraged to bring your own well fitted helmet.

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.

CHILDREN

We believe that only children in a good physical condition and with a minimum age of 10 and previous bicycle tour experience are able to master the bike-tours on their own strength. Please note that the minimum height for a hybrid rental bike is 120 cm, and Electric bike 150 cm .



Premium Plus Boat "Princeza Diana"

Everyone's favourite!!! The Princeza Diana is a 3-masted deluxe motor yacht that was launched in June 2011. 40 m in length & 8.50m wide, the ship was especially built for our hybrid & e-bike tours. There are 16 spacious guest cabins all with air conditioning, own ensuites and hairdryer. A big saloon as well as a canopied quarterdeck with upholstered seating is situated on the top deck. There are deck chairs and mats on the sun deck for you to relax on. **Cabins: 7 below deck with French bed (small double bed 200 x 140 cm). 5 above deck cabins with twin beds (200 x 90 cm each). 4 above deck cabins with French Bed and additional single bunk bed (200 x 90cm).**





Premium Plus Boat "Melody"

Launched in 2015, 42m long and 8.50m wide Melody is a floating luxurious hotel. Eight highly experienced crew are registered under the Captain to cater for the wellbeing of the passengers on board. The upper deck has comfortable lounges to soak up the sun. The bathing platform at the stern provides easy sea access.

Melody has 16 air conditioned cabins with ensuites, safe and TV. **Cabins:**
Above deck: 2 cabins with double bed, 8 Twin cabins (2 single beds). Below deck: 2 cabins with double bed, 3 twin bedded cabins, 1 cabin 3 single beds.



2020 DATES & COSTS – PER PERSON IN EUROS (DOUBLE/TWIN CABIN LOWER DECK)

Saturday departures from Trogir:

18.04. – 25.04.20	€1,550	Melody	
25.04. – 02.05.20	€1,550	Princeza	
02.05. – 09.05.20	€1,650	Melody	
09.05. – 16.05.20	€1,550	Princeza	
16.05. – 23.05.20	€1,750	Melody	
23.05. – 30.05.20	€1,650	Princeza	
30.05. – 06.06.20	€1,750	Melody	
06.06. – 13.06.20	€1,650	Princeza	Fully booked
13.06. – 20.06.20	€1,750	Melody	
20.06. – 27.06.20	€1,650	Princeza	
27.06. – 04.07.20	€1,750	Melody	
04.07. – 11.07.20	€1,650	Princeza	
11.07. – 18.07.20	€1,750	Melody	
18.07. – 25.07.20	€1,650	Princeza	
25.07. – 01.08.20	€1,750	Melody	
01.08. – 08.08.20	€1,750	Melody	
08.08. – 15.08.20	€1,650	Princeza	
15.08. – 22.08.20	€1,750	Melody	
22.08. – 29.08.20	€1,750	Princeza	Fully booked
29.08. – 05.09.20	€1,850	Melody	
05.09. – 12.09.20	€1,750	Princeza	Fully Booked
12.09. – 19.09.20	€1,850	Melody	
19.09. – 26.09.20	€1,750	Princeza	
26.09. – 03.10.20	€1,850	Melody	
03.10. – 10.10.20	€1,650	Princeza	
10.10. – 17.10.20	€1,550	Melody	
12.10. – 19.10.20	€1,550	Princeza	
24.10. – 31.10.20	€1,550	Melody	

Surcharge Cabin on Upper Deck:

Twin/double €200 per person - Princeza Diana & Melody

Single Cabin Supplements

Lower deck + €500 /Upper Deck +€800 – Princeza Diana & Melody

BIKE RENTAL

21 Speed trekking bike & pannier € 80

Optional Bike Insurance € 10 for theft & damage, please request when booking

Electric bike with 8 gears & pannier €180

Optional Bike Insurance € 20 for theft & damage, please request when booking

Helmets are compulsory: Limited number of helmets are available for no charge and must be requested at time of booking.

2020 TOUR COST INCLUDES

- o 7 nights in double or twin cabin with own shower/toilet
- o 4 days full board (3 meals/day) & 3 days half board (2 meals/day)
- o Guided cycling tours as per itinerary
- o Bed linen and towels in cabin
- o English-speaking tour guide
- o Overview maps for the daily tours on board

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR COST

- **Visitor's tax & unlimited bottled water €50 per adult, or €25 per child (up to 16) to be paid on board in cash**
- Flights to Trogir/Split
- Airport Transfer from the Split Airport to the ship. It is only 5km. A taxi from Split Airport will cost approx. €20 Euro)
- Drinks on board (tally sheet, paid to the captain)
- Entrance fees for sights
- Meals ashore
- Beach towels (easy to buy one in Trogir)
- Bike rental
- Tips for crew and tour guides

DISCOUNTS:

- Princeza Diana - Triple Cabin: You can request a triple cabin above deck (upper deck), or on lower deck with a 50 % discount for the third person (regardless of age). The upper deck surcharge of €200 will not apply to the third passenger. These cabins are furnished with a double bed and a single bunk bed above.
- Melody - Triple cabin: 1 cabin below deck has 3 single beds; a 50 % price reduction applies for the 3rd person in a triple cabin (regardless of age)
- Children under 16 years occupying their own cabin receive a 25% discount on tour price (not combinable with 50% discount). They will need to pay single cabin supplement.

Getting there: Fly into Split Airport (SPU), it is only a 5km/8 minute taxi ride to the port of Trogir. A taxi from the Airport will cost approx €20 Euros. We can also request a customised transfer at the time of reservation for €15 per person.

PRE & POST TOUR HOTELS - can be requested in Trogir

GROUP SIZE

Minimum Participants: 14 passengers must book on each tour to guarantee departure.
Maximum Participants: 31 on Melody, 36 on Princeza Diana



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