

# Cycling Europe

## CROATIA BIKE & BOAT 2020 SOUTHERN DALMATIA ISLANDS ex TROGIR - 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS 175kms STANDARD & SUPERIOR BOATS



Our bike tours in Southern Dalmatia, the smallest and most sparsely populated region of Croatia, will take us past unique little towns and the beautiful island seascapes. Experience the islands of Brač, Korčula and Šolta as well as the beautiful lavender island of Hvar. Stroll around Hvar town with its mighty fortress and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere in the artist's town of Stari Grad. The UNESCO world heritage cities of Trogir and Split will add to the highlights on this tour and inspire with their incredible history. Try a variation of local specialties on your journey, especially the local wines also referred to locally as 'gods drop'. Some of these tours are occasionally available as **mountain bike** tours (see schedule) where one tour guide will accompany the mountain bikers and another will accompany the hybrid cyclists. **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 -Split)

Check in from 2 pm – 2.30 pm. At 3 pm the crew cast off bound for Split. The old town of Split, built into the famous palace of the Roman Caesar Diocletian, is listed as a world heritage site. Overnight in Split. **Split Airport (SPU) is only 5 km from Trogir:** A taxi it will cost approx. €20 Euros.



#### Day 2 (Sunday): Island of Hvar (cycling approx. 20 km)

In the morning cross over to the lovely natural harbour of Stari Grad on the island of Hvar. The afternoon cycling tour on the Island of Hvar leads through the quaint harbor towns of Jelsa and Vrboska. Start off through the vineyards on the famous 'Stari Grad Plains' and continue along a picturesque coastal road through the town of Vrboska, a.k.a. 'small Venice' to the harbor town of Jelsa. Afterwards return to Stari Grad for your overnight stay.

### **Day 3 (Monday) Islands of Hvar and Korčula (cycling approx. 22 km)**

This morning's ride is across the length of the island on almost traffic free roads through quaint villages to the islands capital of Hvar. When cycling you will encounter breathtaking landscapes and magnificent lavender fields (in full bloom between July and August). Don't forget to try the lavender honey. Visit the magnificent Renaissance square and enjoy the view from the Spanish Fortress high above the town. Enjoy a leisurely cruise to the nearby island of Korčula. Enroute we may 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 – Makarska (cycling approx. 37km)**

Today discover the island of Korčula by bicycle. The vegetation and cypress have shaped probably the most beautiful Dalmatian island. The cycle tour leads you via the village of Blato, like Rome build on seven hills, and on to the harbour of Prigradica. The boat awaits your arrival for lunch and then set off for Makarska. If the weather permits enjoy a swim stop in a nice bay. The evening can be enjoyed along the famous Makarska Riviera.



### **Day 5 (Wednesday) Makarska – Omiš (cycling approx. 44 km)**

A short boat crossing during breakfast to Omiš. Today you have the choice of taking part in a bike tour around the Cetina Canyon or participating on a rafting excursion down the Cetina River (not included in the tour price). 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 collect4ed from the boat and taken up river to the starting point. From here follow the river downstream in the rafts gaining a unique perspective of the canyon and its flora and fauna. Return to the boat by bus. In the afternoon there is time to explore Omiš or to go for a swim at the nearby beach. The night is spent in Omiš.

### **Day 6 (Thursday) Islands Brač and Šolta (cycling approx. 32 km)**

Today cruise to the island of Brač, which is famous for its precious limestone that was, among others, used for the White House in Washington or the Reichstag building in Berlin. From the picturesque harbour town of Pučišća, home to one of the most famous masonry schools in Croatia, the bike tour takes us to the neighboring town of Postira. From here, board the boat and cruise to the island of Šolta. Here take part in a 4.5km hike with a visit to the local beekeeper Goran



along the way. Goran has worked with bees his whole life and they are his true passion. He teaches of their importance in the world and allows all of his guests to try the delicious bee products that he makes. Spend the night in the harbor of Rogač on Šolta.



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

On Šolta commence your last bike tour. Walled fields, numerous olive groves, locust bean and fig trees line the roads. The herbal scent of rosemary accompanies you along your tour across the island. After a round tour of the island, return to the ship. Enjoy the last crossing past the cliffs of the Čiovo peninsula back to Trogir where you have enough time to visit the old city, a World Heritage site. Traditionally the last evening dinner before disembarkation is spent with guests, crew and guides.

### Day 8: (Saturday) Cruise ends in Trogir

After breakfast disembark by 9 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 - 650 m above sea-level. We traverse rarely frequented asphalted roads as well as pathways, unpaved or gravel. The day-tours (from 20 to 60 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:

The on-board chef is a member of the crew and prepares 4 days 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.

## ACCOMMODATION

There are 3 Ships to choose from:

### Standard Ship KAPETAN JURE (all cabins with shower/toilet)



The Kapetan Jure is a 27-metre-long, comfortable and spacious wooden motor yacht that was built in 2000. This ship has double and twin cabins only. 11 of the 15 cabins are on deck. 10 of these are furnished with the two beds arranged side by side, while one cabin has bunk beds. The remaining 4 cabins are below deck, and are furnished with a "French bed" (Double 140 cm wide) and a porthole. Captain Anton and his crew form an experienced team, who know how to pamper their guests

with delicious specialties. The cabins have simple, but functional and are furnished with two beds and a small wardrobe or an open shelf. There is enough space for sleeping and storing a sea bag or a travel bag. Due to the shape of the ship's hull, the size of the cabins may vary. However, a price differentiation is made only with respect to cabins "on deck" and "below deck".





### Superior Ship ROMANTICA (all cabins with shower/toilet)

The Romantica of captain Jure was launched in May 2007. The ship is 32 m long and 7.6 m wide and has a solid steel structure. The ship has an elegant appearance which is well maintained. The Romantica has 17 comfortably equipped cabins with a size of 9-10 square meters. Nine above deck cabins of which five have a double (200cm x 160cm) and four have twin beds. Below deck there are two cabins with a double, 3 twin cabins and two cabins with a double and a single bed suitable for three people. The far sundeck offers couch mats for sunbathing and relaxing. A characteristic of the ship is a platform at the stern of the boat, which gives easy access to the sea for swimming.



### Superior Ship SAN SNOVA (shower/toilet in each cabin)

The MS San Snova was launched in spring 2009 and made exclusively for our cruises. The ship is 100 ft./31 m long and 26 ft./8 m wide, meets the highest expectations in regard to comfort, elegance and style, combining romantic seafaring (it is the last wooden boat of its kind to be built in Croatia) with modernity and functionalism. The San Snova has six double cabins (with double beds 6,5 ft./200 cm x 5,2 ft./160 cm) and five triple cabins above deck (with double beds 6,5 ft./200 cm x 5,2 ft./160 cm and single bunk beds 6,5 ft./200 cm x 2,6 ft./80 cm) as well as three spacious triple cabins below deck. All cabins are air-conditioned and equipped with shower and toilet. There is a roomy sun deck with comfortable mats for relaxing and lounge chairs on the afterdeck.



**2020 SCHEDULE & PRICES PER PERSON IN EUROS**  
**Costs based on double/twin cabin below deck**

|                   |         |              |
|-------------------|---------|--------------|
| 18.04. – 25.04.20 | €1,150  | Romantica    |
| 25.04 - 02.05.20  | € 950   | Kapetan Jure |
| 02.05. – 09.05.20 | €1,250  | San Snova    |
| 02.05. – 09.05.20 | €1,250  | Romantica    |
| 09.05. – 16.05.20 | €1,050  | Kapetan Jure |
| 16.05. – 23.05.20 | €1,350  | San Snova    |
| 16.05. – 23.05.20 | €1,350  | Romantica    |
| 23.05. – 30.05.20 | € 1,050 | Kapetan Jure |
| 30.05. – 06.06.20 | €1,350  | San Snova    |
| 30.05. – 06.06.20 | €1,350  | Romantica    |
| 06.06. – 13.06.20 | €1,050  | Kapetan Jure |
| 06.06. – 13.06.20 | €1,350  | San Snova    |
| 13.06. – 20.06.20 | €1,330  | San Snova    |
| 13.06. – 20.06.20 | €1,350  | Romantica    |
| 20.06. – 27.06.20 | €1,050  | Kapetan Jure |
| 20.06. – 27.06.20 | €1,350  | San Snova    |
| 27.06. – 04.07.20 | €1,350  | Romantica    |



## Costs based on double/twin cabin below deck

|                   |        |              |
|-------------------|--------|--------------|
| 11.07. – 18.07.20 | €1,350 | Romantica    |
| 25.07. – 01.08.20 | €1,350 | Romantica    |
| 01.08. – 08.08.20 | €1,350 | Romantica    |
| 15.08. – 22.08.20 | €1,350 | Romantica    |
| 22.08. – 29.08.20 | €1,050 | Kapetan Jure |
| 22.08. – 29.08.20 | €1,350 | San Snova    |
| 29.08. – 05.09.20 | €1,450 | San Snova    |
| 29.08. – 05.09.20 | €1,450 | Romantica    |
| 05.09. – 12.09.20 | €1,150 | Kapetan Jure |
| 12.09. – 19.09.20 | €1,450 | Romantica    |
| 19.09. – 26.09.20 | €1,150 | Kapetan Jure |
| 19.09. – 26.09.20 | €1,450 | San Snova    |
| 26.09. – 03.10.20 | €1,450 | San Snova    |
| 26.09. – 03.10.20 | €1,450 | Romantica    |
| 03.10. – 10.10.20 | €1,150 | Kapetan Jure |
| 10.10. – 17.10.20 | €1,250 | Romantica    |
| 17.10. – 24.10.20 | €1,150 | San Snova    |
| 24.10. – 31.10.20 | €1,150 | San Snova    |

**Surcharge for Cabin Above Deck:** €150 per person    Romantica & San Snova

**Surcharge for Cabin Above Deck:** €100 per person    Kapetan Jure

**Single Cabin Supplement (San Snova & Romantica)** €500 Below Deck / €700 Above Deck

**Single Cabin Supplement (Kapetan Jure)** €400 Below Deck / €600 Above Deck

On the dates shown in blue **'hybrid-bike and mountain bike'** tours will be operated on the same boat. There will be separate guides for hybrid bike and mountain bike cycle routes.

**Premium Plus Boat tours are also available: "Southern Dalmatia Bike & Boat - Premium Plus" (ex Trogir) & also tours ex Dubrovnik: Please request detailed trip notes for these tours.**

## RENTAL BIKES

- Rental bike: 21-gear trekking bike with pannier:    **€80 for week**
- E-Bike: 8 gear hub-shifting and pannier:    **€180 for week**
- **Optional Bike insurance** for theft/damage (deliberate damage is not insured), please let us know at time of booking €10/bike or €20 for E-bike

## TOUR COST INCLUDES

- 7 night's accommodation in cabin with own shower/toilet
- 4 days full board on the ship (3 meals a day) & 3 days half board ( 2 meals/day)
- English-speaking tour guide
- Guided cycling tours as described in itinerary
- Overview-maps for the daily tours on board
- Bed linen & towels

## NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR COST

- **Visitor's tax and unlimited bottled water charge €50 per adult, or €25 per child up to age 16** to be paid on board
- Flights to Trogir/Split
- Airport Transfer between Split Airport and the ship in Trogir harbour. Available at €15 per person each way. It is only 5km, so a taxi from Split airport will cost approx. €20 Euro)
- Drinks on board (tally sheet, paid to the captain)
- Entrance fees for sights - Cetina canyon rafting (approx. €36 per person paid on site)
- Meals ashore

- Beach towels
- Bike rental
- Tips for crew and tour guides

**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

**PRE & POST TOUR HOTELS - can be requested in Trogir**

### DISCOUNTS

- 50% discount for 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> person sharing cabin. Romantica & San Snova have triple cabins, and San Snova has 4 person cabins. Kapetan Jure does not have triple or quad cabins.
- Children up to age 16 occupying their own cabin receive a 25 % discount on the basic tour price (not combinable with 50% discount). Single cabin supplement will apply.

### GROUP SIZE

**Minimum Participants: 14 passengers** must book on each tour to guarantee departure.

### GUIDES

The tour will be guided in English and German.

On the dates marked **in blue** there will be separate guides for Hybrid Bike and Mountain Bike tours. Please note that MTB tours may be on steep and rocky trails and require you to be a competent mountain biker – they are more challenging than the on-road trips

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