

# Cycling Safaris

## CROATIA 2018

The National Parks and Islands of Dalmatia **PLUS**

Guided Tour

Guide cycling with group | 220 km/138 mi | 7 nights / 8 days



With our deluxe or our first class ship you can experience the greenest part of Croatia for one week: Not only the famous national parks of Dalmatia like Krka and Kornati or the nature park of Telašćica are part of this wonderful tour but also the medieval old towns of Šibenik, Zadar and Trogir. We also visit Dugi Otok – probably the most beautiful Middle-Dalmatian Island.

This tour provides the greatest possible comfort due to the offered space and a luxurious furnishing. On this tour one of our proud boats either Princeza Diana or Melody are your comfortable home. Roomy and elegantly designed cabins include bathrooms with separate shower cubicles, and a wide sundeck with plenty of space to relax on as well as a spacious, stylish designed salon invite you to enjoy the cruise.

## TOUR ITINERARY

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### **Day 1 (Sat) Trogir (Embarkation) - Rogoznica**

Individual arrival by car to Trogir or by plane to Split airport, which is about 3 mi./ 5 km away from the harbour of Trogir. After the check in on the motor yacht (between 2 and 2.30 pm) we leave Trogir around 3 pm. During the crossing to Rogoznica you can enjoy the fresh sea breeze. Later in the afternoon we will have time to adjust the bicycles.

### **Day 2 (Sun) Rogoznica – Vodice – Slanica – Nature Park Telašćica (aprx. 16 mi./27 km)**

In the morning the boat takes us to Vodice. We go for our first cycle tour starting at the popular resort and soon we cross the bridge to the island of Murter. In Slanica, in the Northwest of the island the boat awaits us for the cross over to the island of Dugi Otok. On our way we pass the National Park Kornati - an archipelago in crystal clear water which is known for its rich underwater world. Our destination is the deeply incised Telašćica Bay. In the local nature park we can visit the Mir salt lake. At the end of the day we take a short hike to the impressive cliffs before taking a short crossing by boat to the small seaside village of Sali for the night.

### **Day 3 (Mon) Islands of Dugi Otok and Molat (aprx. 23 mi + 11 mi./38 km + 18 km)**

From the park we cycle across the almost traffic-free island of Dugi Otok until we finally reach the pine forest, agave and tamarisk bay of Božava. From there the boat takes us to the flower island of Molat. We explore the island on a short cycle tour. Today's night is spent in the quiet port of the island.

### **Day 4 (Tue.) Islands of Ugljan and Pasman - Zadar (aprx. 12 – 25 mi./20 – 40 km)**

During breakfast the boat takes us on a crossing to Preko on the island of Ugljan. From here our tour will take us to Tkon on the island of Pasman. There is plenty of time to explore the two islands of Pasman and Ugljan, married by a bridge, on our bikes. The tour follows the eastern coastline of the islands giving you a great view across the channel to the mainland. After a round tour we will meet the ship again in Preko. A short crossing takes us to Zadar, the century old political, cultural and intellectual capital of Dalmatia. Our tour guide will take us for an informative stroll through the bustling streets of the old town centre, characterized by 3000 years of history.

### **Day 5 (Wed.) Biograd – Vodice – Skradin (aprx. 35 mi./55km)**

The morning begins with a passage by boat to the city of Biograd followed by a bike tour around the Vraner Lake. Our goal, the swimming destination of Vodice. The Vraner Lake is the largest fresh water reservoir in Dalmatia and offers many migratory birds an opportunity to rest their wings. The ship awaits us in Vodice for lunch. An afternoon crossing by boat brings us closer to the Krka waterfalls which we will have time to explore the following day in the company of our tour guide.

### **Day 6 (Thu) Krka-Waterfalls – Šibenik**

After breakfast it is time to discover the unique naturally formed waterfalls of the national park of the Krka-Canyon. Afterwards the boat will take us to Šibenik out of the Krka river mouth and into the Adriatic. Here the Cathedral of St. Jacob is under UNESCO-World-Heritage protection and is regarded as the most magnificent sacral buildings on the Adriatic coast. The old town of Šibenik is beckoning with its charm for an evening walk

### **Day 7 (Fri) Primošten - Trogir (aprx. 23 mi./37 km)**

In the morning we cruise to Primošten. From here we cycle through the hinterland passing small villages, all the way to Trogir. Many magical views of the town and the island of Čiovo invite for short breaks and taking pictures. The afternoon offers enough time for a stroll through the world cultural heritage old town of Trogir. After dinner we round our eventful trip with a cosy come-together with crew and tour guides.

### **Day 8 (Sat) Trogir (Disembarkation)**

After breakfast disembarkation until 9 am and individual trip home or extended stay in Croatia.

*We reserve the right to make changes to the itinerary, depending on wind and weather conditions or organizational requirements.*

## 2018 TOUR DATES & COSTS

### Delux Ship Princeza Diana Departures (Saturdays)

April 21(\*)

May 5(\*), 19

June 2, 16, 30

July 14

August 18

September 1, 19, 29

October 13(\*)

€1470 per person sharing cabin below deck

€1620 per person sharing cabin on deck

€1970 per single cabin below deck

€2170 per single cabin on deck

(\*) €100 reduction on these departure dates



### First Class Boat Melody Departures (Saturdays)

April 28 (\*)

May 12 (\*), 26

June 9, 23

July 7, 28

August 11, 25

September 8, 22

October 6(\*)

€1570 per person sharing cabin below deck

€1770 per person sharing cabin above deck

€2070 per single cabin below deck

€2370 per single cabin on deck

(\*) €100 reduction on these departure dates



## THE BOATS

### **Deluxe Ship PRINCEZA DIANA (all cabins with shower/toilet)**

At 40 x 8.5m the Princeza Diana is a 3-mast deluxe class motor yacht that was launched in 2011.

This ship is the princess of our fleet, an epitome of pure elegance. 16 spacious guest cabins with air conditioning, shower cabins and WC are at the guest's disposal.

The spacious salon as well as the canopied quarterdeck, with upholstered seating, are situated on the top deck. You're invited to play music on the piano and to relax you will find sunning mats and deckchairs on the sun deck.

The jacuzzi on the top deck is a highlight with its 360° panoramic view.

### **First Class Boat MELODY (all cabins with shower/toilet)**

Built in 2014/2015, the 42 m long and 8,30 m wide Melody is a floating deluxe hotel, which accompanies you to Croatia's most beautiful harbour towns.

Her exquisite décor and elegant form conjure a regenerative atmosphere for the comfort of small groups of up to 31 people. The 15 capacious guest cabins are characterized by a high-class interior with air conditioning, shower cabins, WC and safe.

Relaxation is limitless on the spacious sundeck, in the wellness room or in the jacuzzi on the top deck. Eight crew members are registered under captain Pave to cater for the wellbeing of the passengers on board.

## WHAT THE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

### **Services included:**

- 8-day-trip on a motor yacht with a crew in a double cabin with a shower / toilet
- 4x full board and 3x half board
- Bike rental – 21 speed trekking bike with pannier
- Bed linen and towels (shower and hand towel)
- English/German speaking tour guide
- Guided cycling tours as described in itinerary
- Entrance fees of the National parks (group visits only)
- Maps of the single cycling trips (on board)

### **Not included in the tour price:**

- Journey to Trogir
- Taxi transfer Split airport – ship in Trogir (one way ca. 20 euro)
- Water flat rate, visitor tax and local charges: €40 per adult or €20 for children up to age 16 (to be paid to the captain)
- Drinks onboard (Tally sheet to be paid to the captain)
- Meals ashore
- Entrance fee to attractions (individual visits)
- Tips for crew and tour guides

### **Optional extra's**

- E-bikes available for a supplement of +€80
- Insurance against theft and damage of the rental 21-speed hybrid bike €10 / per week or rental E-bike €20 / week (not insured deliberate damages)



Bike hire is included in the tour package.

- **Frames** - Our bicycles are available in four different frame sizes; 2 ladies (for up to 160cms (5 ft. 3 in.), and above that) and 2 men's (up to 6 ft., and above) to cater for all body heights.
- **Wheels** - Very stable 28 inch hollow chamber rims with Continental Top Touring tyre (easy turning and solid).
- **Gear change** - 21-gear derailleur, Alivio
- **Further Equipment** - Shimano V-brakes with strong "bite", partly inclination-adjustable stem, carrier, very stable chainstays stand (HEBIE), comfortable touring saddle of Selle Royal, safety mudguards with releasing mechanism, Ortlieb pannier
- **Please Note:** You can bring your own saddle (without the post) or your own click pedals, and the tour guide will attach them to your rental bicycle.

The bike routes require a basic level of fitness, which you should have acquired by occasional or daily cycling. The routes can reach an altitude of 328 ft./ 100 m – 985 ft./ 300 meters. The daily routes, of 9 to 30 mi. (15-50 km), cover hilly terrain and can be completed without time constraints. You will also come across some rather steep climbs, where walking your bike is of course permitted. The roads are mostly asphalted and there is little traffic outside of holiday periods. You can decide every day for yourself, whether you would like to cycle individually, using the maps provided, or join one of the tour guides (or individual participants). Helmet use is mandatory on all bike tours. You are strongly encouraged to bring your own (well-fitted) helmet. Rental helmets are available in limited numbers (reservation requested).

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### **Bringing Children:**

We believe that only children in a good physical condition and of 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 rental bike is 1,40 m (4.6 ft.). In Croatia there is a helmet duty for all children up to the age of 16.

## WHAT TO BRING

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Specialised cycle clothing may be handy but not strictly necessary. What you do need (among other things) is the following:

- shorts/ long trousers/ track suit/ leggings
- shirts/ sweater/ rain clothing
- good shoes
- sunglasses/ cap/ swimming costume
- extra towel for swimming
- soap/ insect repellent/ sunscreen
- own helmet

## GROUP, GUIDE AND BACK-UP SERVICE

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On this tour there will be a guide cycling with the group.

There is no support vehicle available on this tour, but there is no time pressure to finish the stages. Our tour guides will inform you beforehand of the nature and difficulty of the tour so you have are able to decide if you want to cycle with or rather relax on board. If you would like to cycle on your own, we can provide you with maps and tips for routes.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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### Meals

The cook that travels along is a member of the crew and prepares breakfast and one or two warm dishes a day which take into account the requirements of active cyclists. The ample breakfast comprises bread, butter, jam, cheese, sausages, coffee, and tea as well as some extras.

For lunch, the cook will generally prepare a light meal and for dinner you can expect an great menu of several courses that often includes fish or seafood as its central dish. Please let us know beforehand if there are any foods you may or will not eat, and we will do our best to accommodate your wishes and to provide alternatives.

The catering consists of 4x full board and 3x half board. Catering starts with the dinner on the arrival day and ends with the breakfast on the departure day.

### Electricity, water and telephone on the ship

Electricity and water are available on board, of course, but within limits. All ships have a generator for 220V, which will however not work around the clock, e.g. to ensure your night's rest it will be switched off overnight.

The plugs are ordinary flat European plugs with two round pins of 4.8 mm in diameter.

The water tanks are large enough to provide sufficient cold and warm water for washing and showering for everyone, if it is used with consideration, i.e. if you turn it off while soaping, and do not leave it on unneeded. All countries have access to a local GSM 900 mobile telephone network that you can log into if your phone is GSM compatible.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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### Requirements:

The bike routes require a basic level of fitness, which you should have acquired by occasional or daily cycling. The routes can reach an altitude of 100 – 300 meters. The daily routes, of 15-50 km (9 to 30 mi.), cover hilly terrain and can be completed without time constraints. You will also come across some rather steep climbs, where walking your bike is of course permitted. The roads are mostly asphalted and there is little traffic outside of holiday periods. You can decide every day for yourself, whether you would like to cycle individually, using the maps provided, or join one of the tour guides (or individual participants). Bike helmets are required on all cycle tours. Bike helmets are available on board in limited number (reservation requested).

### Catering:

The cook on board is a member of the crew and prepares the breakfast and two warm meals a day. The full board starts with the lunch on the arrival day and ends with the breakfast on the departure day.

### Guided tour:

On these tours you cycle with the guide. If you would like to cycle on your own, we can provide you with maps and tips for routes.

### Arrival to tour start

- Taxi transfer from the airport of Split to the ship in Trogir (one way ca 20 Euro per person)
- There are no direct flights from Ireland to Split, but we recommend you use [www.skyscanner.net](http://www.skyscanner.net) to find the most convenient route for you.
- There is an option to fly into Zadar Airport and from here get the airport bus into Zadar station, and a coach from Zadar to Trogir should take under 2 hours.