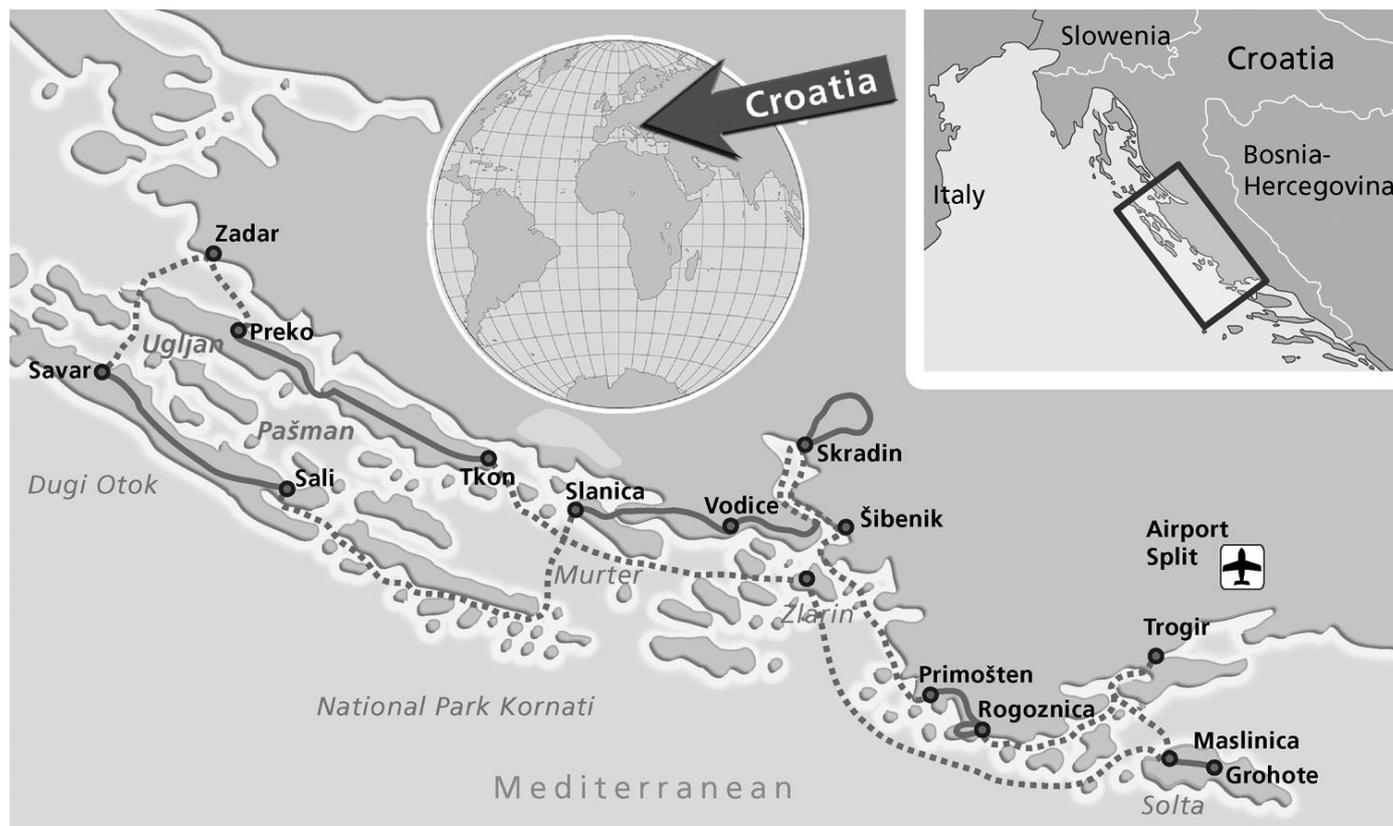


# Cycling Safaris

## CROATIA 2018 The National Parks and Islands of Dalmatia

### Guided Tour

Guide cycling with group | 142 km/97 mi | 7 nights / 8 days



Croatia has a beautiful coast with thousands of islands, reefs and bays. Numerous romantic ruins, charming hills, countless natural beauties and phenomena are waiting to be discovered. On one of our easiest tours, we invite you to spend a week on a ship cruising between the mainland and the islands. Good cuisine, an open minded crew and knowledgeable tour guides are expecting you. We visit two National Parks and the islands of Central Dalmatia, starting from Trogir. Highlights include UNESCO protected old town of Trogir, Primošten, Šibenik with its famous cathedral, Zadar, National Park Krka-waterfalls and Kornati Islands. On a romantic motor yacht, our floating accommodation, we discover the charm of the Adriatic in our own special way.

## TOUR ITINERARY

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### **Day 1 (Sat) Trogir – Rogoznica**

Individual arrival either by car to Trogir or by plane to Split. After checking in on the motor yacht between 2 pm and 2.30 pm at Trogir our first cruise starts at 3 pm leading us to Rogoznica - a village on a small island which is connected to the mainland by a dam. Here we also spend our first night.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> day (Sun) Rogoznica – Primošten – Šibenik - Skradin (approx. 13 mi./20 km by bicycle)**

In the morning we cycle from Rogoznica to Primošten. From there the boat takes us to the city of Šibenik to the spot where the Krka River flows into the Adriatic Sea. After visiting the famous cathedral and the lovely old town we set off again. On the cruise we pass the lower course of the river Krka following the river bend until we reach Skradin. In the port of the village we spend our night.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> day (Mon) National Park of Krka - Šibenik - Vodice (approx. 12 mi./20 km by bicycle)**

The magnificent port of Skradin is today's starting point for our excursion by boat and on foot to the most famous part of the Krka National Park with its unique waterfalls. In the early afternoon our boat takes us to the harbour of Vodice, a well-known holiday town on the Dalmatian mainland. From here we mount the bicycles again for a round trip.

### **4<sup>th</sup> day (Tue) Vodice - Island of Murter - Nature Park Telašćica (approx. 27 km/16 mi. by bicycle)**

In the morning we cycle from Vodice to Murter Island that is connected to the mainland by the lift bridge at Tisno. We pass the bridge and cycle along the water front, passing by two very old coastal villages, until we reach a small landing place from where the boat takes us on a cruise through the National Park Kornati, an archipelago in crystal clear water which is known for its rich aquatic realm. Our destination is the Nature Park Telašćica. In the evening a walk through the park leads us along the stunning cliffs of the island. The famous Silver Lake - known by movies of Winnetou - is also located in the Nature Park. Overnight stay on the Island of Dugi Otok.

### **5<sup>th</sup> day (Wed) Island of Dugi Otok – Zadar (approx. 19 mi / 30 km by bicycle)**

After breakfast and a short crossing to Sali, today's cycling tour leads us along a virtually traffic-free and panoramic road. We ride across the whole island. During the ride we're treated to countless unforgettable vistas of the islands in the deep blue sea. We meet our ship for a crossing to Zadar, which, for centuries, was the political, cultural and spiritual centre of Dalmatia. Our tour guide takes us on an extensive walk through the lanes of the lively old centre. 3,000 years of history have left their imprint on the character of this town and there are many things to be admired: the mighty fortified walls with their bastions, the loggia but also the early Romanesque St. Donatus Basilica.

### **6<sup>th</sup> day (Thu) Islands of Ugljan and Pašman – Island of Zlarin (approx. 20 mi/33 km by bicycle)**

During breakfast the boat crosses to the island of Ugljan at the channel of Zadar. Today we have a lot of time to explore both of the islands Ugljan and Pašman by bicycle. They have been connected by a bridge. We cycle along the East Coast, always with beautiful views to the mainland and the ocean. Afterwards our boat cruises to the coral island of Zlarin.

### **7<sup>th</sup> day (Fri) Island of Solta (approx. 9 mi./15 km by bicycle)**

In the morning our motor yacht takes us to the island of Solta. Olive and fig trees and farmland surround the streets. The spicy smell of lavender and rosemary will follow us throughout the whole tour around the silent island until we reach the village Grohote. During mid day our last cruise takes us back to Trogir. Here we have enough time to visit the world cultural heritage old town. After dinner it is time to say good bye to crew and travel guides.

### **8<sup>th</sup> day (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

### Comfort Ship Kapetan Jure Departures (Saturdays)

May 5, 19  
June 2, 16  
August 18  
September 1, 15, 29  
October 13

€1070 per person sharing cabin below deck  
€1170 per person sharing cabin on deck  
€1370 per single cabin below deck  
€1470 per single cabin on deck



### Premium Ship Romantica Departures (Saturdays)

April 14\*, 28\*  
May 12\*, 26  
June 9, 23  
July 7, 21  
August 4, 11, 25  
September 8, 22  
October 6\*

€1270 per person sharing cabin below deck  
€1420 per person sharing cabin on deck  
€1770 per single cabin below deck  
€1970 per single cabin on deck  
\*€100 reduction on these departure dates



It is possible for a third person in a cabin on the Romantica ( double and single bed ).  
Please email our office for the price on third person ( approx 45% discount )

### Premium Ship San Snova (Saturdays)

June 30

€1270 per person sharing cabin below deck  
€1420 per person sharing cabin on deck  
€1770 per single cabin below deck  
€1970 per single cabin on deck

It is possible for a third person in a cabin on the San Snova  
( double and single bed ).  
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## THE BOATS

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

At 27 x 7 m the Kapetan Jure built in in 2000, counts as one of the smallest ships of our Croatian fleet. The fine details etched into the wooden ship mirrors the seafaring affection of its captain. The spacious salon is decorated with shells, amphorae and showcases full of sailor's knots. At the bow a mermaid keeps watch for the safe navigation of the ship. The Kapetan Jure provides 15 cosy guest cabins each with air conditioning, shower and WC. A spacious living room suite on the quarterdeck and sundeck with cushioned sleeping mats play a part in contributing to the welcoming atmosphere.

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

At 32 x 7.6 m the Romantica was launched in 2007 and is a shapely two mast yacht which combines seafaring romance with the spirit of the age, style and comfort. One of the most important things for the captain is the smart appearance of his ship. Both salon and exterior have upscale facilities with a lot of fine details: the salon tables are decorated with noble intarsia, the corresponding benches are covered with precious, sun yellow leather. The large sundeck on the Romantica offers plenty of space to settle back and enjoy the sun.

### Premium Ship San Snova (shower/toilet in each cabin)

At 31 x 8 m the MS San Snova is our most modern wooden motor yacht launched in 2009 and was made exclusively for Islandhopping cruises. This ship, constructed entirely of oak, was built by the Serka family over three years in their own carpentry as a family project. The wooden boarded salon spreads a cosy atmosphere accentuated by the various outdoor lounging areas and the meadow of sunning mats on the top deck. The 14 spacious cabins are air conditioned and fitted with shower and toilet. The crew and the captain care for an immaculate appearance and a fun loving atmosphere on board the ship.

## WHAT THE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

### Services included:

- 8-day-trip on a motor yacht with a crew of 4 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. 15 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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## 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).

### 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. For children with a body height of minimum 1,20 m (4 ft.) special children bicycles are offered. Children that are younger than 16 years are obliged to wear a helmet by the Croatian law.

### 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.