

Cycling Safaris

CROATIA

Southern Dalmatian Islands from/to Trogir 2018

Guided Tour

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



Our cycle tours in Southern Dalmatia, which is the smallest and most sparsely populated region of Croatia, will take us past unique little towns and the beautiful island countryside.

These tours will let us experience the beautiful island of Korčula with its picturesquely situated old township, the island Vis – located far outside at the sea – and the beautiful lavender island of Hvar. Stroll around Hvar town with its mighty fortress and enjoy the calmness of the artist's town Stari Grad. Our tour guide explains us the towns of Trogir, Hvar, Stari Grad and Korčula, which are almost all protected under UNESCO's World Heritage list.

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 (Sat) Trogir (Embarkation) – Island Brač

We suggest you arrive as early as possible in Trogir to give yourself some time to explore this lovely port town on your own. Reminiscent of Venice, you could spend hours exploring — but do make sure you find our boat at the pier before you start to wander! After check-in at 2 pm, our motorized boat will take you on the first short cruise from Trogir to Brač Island. Overnight stay in sedate harbour of Milna.

Day 2 (Sun) Island of Solta & Hvar (Cycle route approx. 12.5 mi. / 20 km + 12.5 mi. / 20 km)

After crossing over to Stomorska on the island of Solta we commence our first tour. Walled fields, numerous olive groves, locust bean and fig trees line the roads. The herbal scent of lavender and rosemary accompanies us along our tour across the island. Our visit to a local beekeeper offers an interesting impression into the production of local honey. After cycling around the island we return to our ship in Stomorska and cross over to the lovely natural harbour of Stari Grad. Our afternoon cycle on the Island Hvar leads us through the quaint harbours of Jelsa and Vrboska. Afterwards, we return to Stari Grad, which has become a Mecca for artists and art lovers in the past few years.

Day 3 (Mon) Islands Hvar and Korčula (Cycle route approx. 14 mi. / 22 km)

Today's tour leads us along the almost traffic free pass road through nicely small villages to the islands capital, Hvar, where we visit the magnificent Renaissance Square and enjoy the view from the Spanish Fortress, situated high above the city. After today's tour the boat takes us to the Island of Korčula. Overnight stay in Vela Luka

Day 4 (Tues) Korčula Island (Cycle route approx. 38 mi. / 62 km)

Today we discover the island of Korčula by bicycle and enjoy our lunch break in one of the local restaurants. The calmness and remoteness of the vast vegetation and cypress gardens have given the shape to the probably most beautiful Dalmatian island. Our cycle tour leads us via the village of Blato, like Rome built on seven hills, along a pass road across Pupnat bay and finally to Korčula town, where we have time to take a walk through the wonderful old town with its narrow “fishbone like” alleys. We stay overnight in Korčula town.

Day 5 (Wed) Brač Island (Cycle route approx. 17 mi. / 27 km)

Today we cruise to the island of Brač, which is famous for its radiant marble that was, among others, used for the White House in Washington or the Reichstag building in Berlin. After an extended swim break followed by lunch, we start our cycling trip in Sumartin, leading us to Selca and on to the picturesque harbour town Pučišća.

Day 6 (Thurs) Omiš - Split (Cycle route approx. 15 or 27 mi. / 15 or 44 km)

After a morning crossing to Omiš we cycle through the valley of the Cetina River which is surrounded by steep rocks. After 11 mi./18 km we have the choice to take part on a four hours rafting tour on the Cetina River (not included in the tour price) and afterwards a small cycle tour of about 4 mi./ 7 km back to the boat – or to expand the cycling tour (no rafting) to 27 mi./44 km along small side roads and versatile landscapes until reaching Omiš and its pirate castles. In the afternoon our ship takes us to Split. The old town of Split, built adjoining the famous palace of the Roman Caesar Diocletian, is a world heritage site. Overnight stay in Split.

Day 7 (Fri) Split Marjan (Cycle route approx. 9 mi. / 15 km)

In the morning we prepare for our last bike ride to Mount Marjan. A popular recreational site for the residence of Split, which offers fantastic views of the city and the surrounding islands. Afterwards we board the ship and enjoy the last crossing to Trogir past the cliffs of the Čiovo peninsula. There is still plenty of time to visit the Old Town of Trogir, listed as World Heritage site. The last evening aboard our ship is celebrated in traditional fashion. While enjoying the communal dinner in a celebrative atmosphere we will have the chance for a last get together with our crew and tour guides.

Day 8 (Sat) Disembark at Trogir

After our last breakfast reminiscing about the week's adventures, we will begin our journey homeward or beyond. (9 am individual departure or extended stay in Dalmatia)

Alterations:

We reserve the right to make alterations to the planned route due to changing wind and weather conditions, and where required by organizational necessities.

2018 TOUR DATES & COSTS

Comfort Ship Kapetan Jure Departures (Saturdays)

April 28
May 12, 26
June 9
August 25
September 8, 22
October 6, 20

€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

No Cabins for 3 available on the Kapetan Jure



Premium Ship Romantica Departures (Saturdays)

March 31*
April 7*, 21*
May 5*, 19
June 2, 16, 30
July 14, 28
August 18
September 1, 15, 29
October 13*

€1270 per person sharing cabin below deck
€1420 per person sharing cabin above 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)

April 21*, 28*
May 5*, 12*
June 2, 9, 16, 23
August 25
September 1, 8, 29

€1270 per person sharing cabin below deck
€1420 per person sharing cabin above 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 San Snova
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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 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 (all cabins with shower/toilet)

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

- 7 nights accommodation on the boat in a cabin with private shower
- Bed linen and towels
- 4 x full board, 3 x half board (option to have a picnic for lunch)
- Maps for the daily routes
- Bike hire – 27-speed hybrid bike with pannier bag
- English/German speaking guide cycling with the group
- Sightseeing entrance as described in itinerary

Not included in the tour price:

- Journey to Trogir
- Water flat rate, Visitor's tax and local charges €40 or €20 for children up to age 16 (to be paid to the captain)
- Drinks onboard (Tally sheet, to be paid to the captain).

Optional Extra's

- Taxi from Split airport to the ship in Trogir (approx €15.00 one way)
- E-bike available for an additional €80
- Tips for crew & tour guide
- 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)

If you wish to bring your own bike there is a reduction of €80



Bike hire is included in the tour package.

- **Frames** - 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 Top Touring tyre (easy turning and solid).
- **Gear change** - 27-gear derailleur, Shimano
- **Further Equipment** - Tektro alloy brakes with strong "bite", partly inclination-adjustable stern, carrier, comfortable touring saddle of Bontrager H1, and safety mudguards with releasing mechanism. Rear Ortlieb pannier bag rear rack, kickstand, and water bottle cage.
- **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 tours require basic level of fitness from participants, which they should have acquired from steady cycling. The tours will take us up to a height of 200 to 500 m above sea level. The day tours from 20 – 65km / 12 – 31 mi.) will take you through hilly and mountainous terrain and may be completed without any time constraints. Participants will also need to master long and steep climbs during which they are, however, also permitted to push their bikes. You are free to set aside a half or full day swim or spend on board the boat, instead of taking a planned bike tour. We will traverse mostly asphalted roads, which are rarely travelled on outside the holiday seasons. Each day you can either decide to bike alone, using the information and maps provided, or join the tour guides and other participants.

Helmet use is mandatory on all bike tours in Croatia. You are strongly encouraged to bring your own (well fitted) helmet. Rental Helmets are available on board in limited number (reservation requested).

Children

We believe that only children in a good physical condition and with a minimum age of 10 and previous cycling tour experience are able to master the cycle tours on their own strength. Please note that the minimum height for a rental bike is 1,20 m (4 ft). There is a helmet duty for all children up to age 16 in Croatia.

WHAT TO BRING

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 plus shoes for use on deck only
- sunglasses/ cap/ swimming costume
- extra towel for swimming
- soap/ insect repellent
- own helmet

GENERAL INFORMATION

Meals

The cook that travels along is a member of the crew and prepares breakfast and 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 a 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.

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 washing, 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.

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 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.