# Cycling Safaris

# **CROATIA**

# Highlights of the Dalmatian Islands PLUS 2025 From Dubrovnik to Split

#### **Guided Tour**

Guide cycling with group | 206 km/128 mi | 7 nights / 8 days

If you would like to experience the region of South Dalmatia in all its glory as well as Dubrovnik with its amazing city walls, this e-bike and boat tour is an excellent choice for you! Discover this sparsely populated area of Croatia on board a charming motor yacht. Breath-taking scenic experiences and cultural attractions await you. The highlights of the trip include the town centre of Dubrovnik and Split, both of which are listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites. We cycle the islands of Mljet, Vis, Korčula, Hvar, and Brač and get the opportunity to experience sea and land, culture and nature firsthand.

This tour expands our Plus-Program, matching activity with comfort. Our proud motor yacht Harmonia is your home for this unforgettable week. We have also extended our fleed with the luxury first class ship Bellezza. Welcoming, roomy cabins with private bathrooms, a comfortable sundeck as well as a stylish salon are all at your disposal onboard the ship.

The direction of this tour alternates each week.



#### **TOUR ITINERARY**

#### Day 1 Dubrovnik (Embarkation)

Individual journey to Dubrovnik. Check-in on board starts between 2 and 2.30 pm at Gruž, the town port. At about 4.30 pm, a guided tour through Dubrovnik is offered, where we hear some interesting details of the town's history and visit the most impressive sites. The boat will spend the night in Gruž providing the opportunity to experience Dubrovnik's nightlife.

# Day 2 Dubrovnik – Island Šipan (aprx. 7 mi./11 km)

Today is the perfect day to acclimatize to your holiday. In the morning we enjoy breakfast and a cruise towards the Island of Sipan with the possibility along the way for a swim directly from the boat. Šipan is the largest of the Elaphiti Islands, yet still humble in size. What it lacks in size, it makes up for in charm. The perfect place for our first bike tour and to get used to riding in a group. After a lot of firsts, the evening can be enjoyed in the peaceful island atmosphere. The night is spent on Sipan.

# Day 3 Island Mljet – Island Korčula (aprx. 20 mi./33 km)

A short morning cruise brings us to Sobra on the green Island of Mljet. Green because 70 % of its landmass is covered by woodland making it the most forested island in the Mediterranean region. Homer mentioned this lovely island in his epic poem "Odyssey". He made it a home for the Nymph Calypso and the legendary Greek king Odysseus, who could not resist Calypso and stayed on Mljet for seven years. Our tour stretches almost the entire length of the Island from Sobra to Pomena where our ship awaits. We hop on board and enjoy a relaxing cruise to the picturesque town of Korčula with its fishbone alleyways. This small town competes with Venice for the honor of being the birthplace of the famous explorer Marco Polo. It is here that we spend the night and enjoy a guided city tour packed with fascinating anecdotes concerning the history of the city and the island.

# Day 4 Korčula Island: Korčula town - Vela Luka (apprx. 37.5 mi./60 km)

Today's cycle tour leads us across the charming island of Korčula. A wonderful opportunity to enjoy the mild Mediterranean climate amid a broad variety of different vistas including beautiful views across the deep blue sea to neighboring islands. Dinner is served on board to replenish our strength after another active day. Overnight mooring in the sheltered bay of Vela Luka.

## Day 5 Island Vis: (aprx. 20 mi./32 km)

In the morning we leave the island of Korčula behind and enjoy a breakfast cruise to the island of Vis with a possible swim stop from the boat before arrival. Vis is the furthermost inhabited island from mainland Croatia. A Greek colony called Issa settled on the island 2,300 years ago. Due to its strategic location it was a military zone until 1995 and prohibited for foreign tourists. In the afternoon we have the opportunity to explore the lovely island by bicycle. From the town of Vis we cycle once around the entire island with a coffee stop in the harbour of Komiža . The night is spent in the harbour of Vis.

# Day 6 Island Hvar: Hvar Town – Stari Grad (aprx. 12 mi./20 km + 12 mi. / 20 km)

The day starts with a relaxing cruise to Hvar town on the island of the same name. Make use of the time before the bike tour begins to go for a little stroll through the city. Standing on the magnificent Renaissance Square you can enjoy a view up to the Spanish Fortress towering high above the city. Today's bike tour takes us from the Hvar town up a steady climb through small villages and lavender fields to the harbour town of Stari Grad on the opposite side of the island. The descent down to Stari Grad offers breath-taking views. After Lunch on the boat, we have the opportunity for a second, more leisurely ride to the town of Jelsa and back. Here we have time for an Ice cream and coffee before our ride continues through the picturesque town of Vrboska and through the ancient Greek plains, now a protected UNESCO heritage site, back to the artistic village of Stari Grad. The night is spent in Stari Grad.

## Day 7 Brač Island: Milna – Postira (aprx. 18 mi./30 km)

In the morning we cruise to the island of Brač, famous for its radiant, precious limestone that was used in part for the White House in Washington as well as for the construction of the German Reichstag building in Berlin. Once on Brač, we start our bike tour from Milna to the picturesque harbour town of Postira. Our boat awaits us for lunch and the final cruise of the week to the UNESCO world heritage city of Split. On a guided city tour, we get the opportunity to see inside the former Palace of Emperor Diocletian and learn about its transformation into the city it is today. A cheerful evening meal on board the boat gives us plenty of time to celebrate the wonderful week with fellow travellers and tour guides.

## Day 8 Split: (Disembarkation)

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

E-bike tours suitable for cyclists with a good basic level of fitness. The tours and the elevation gain are very manageable with an e-bike (25-60 km and 400-700 m of elevation per day)

#### Itinerary changes

We reserve the right to make changes to the planned itinerary due to changing wind and weather conditions as well as organizational requirements.

#### 2025 TOUR DATES & PRICES

|                                 | Tour price Deluxe Harmonia     | Tour price Bellezza            |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Per person sharing – below deck | €1820 below deck - low season  | €2320 below deck – low season  |
|                                 | €2020 below deck - mid season  | €2520 below deck – mid season  |
|                                 | €2220 below deck - high season | €2720 below deck – high season |
| Per person sharing – main deck  | + €250                         | +€250                          |
|                                 |                                |                                |
| Single supplement – below deck  | €2730 below deck - low season  | €3480 below deck – low season  |
|                                 | €3030 below deck - mid season  | €3780 below deck – mid season  |
|                                 | €3330 below deck - high season | €4080 below deck – high season |
| Single supplement – main deck   | +€375                          | +€375                          |

Tour start for the 1<sup>st</sup> class ship Bellezza: May/June departures Saturday – Saturday August/September/October departures Friday – Friday

Tour start for the deluxe ship Harmonia:

Friday to Friday for all tour dates

| Dubrovnik to Split Tour dates                             |  | Split do Dubrovnik Tour dates            |   |
|---|--|--|---|
| Deluxe Harmonia   | 1st class Ship Bellezza                  | Deluxe Harmonia                          | 1st class Ship Bellezza                     |
| April <mark>25</mark>                                     | June <mark>7</mark>                      | April <mark>18</mark>                    | May <mark>31</mark>                         |
| May <mark>9, 23</mark>                                    | September <mark>5, 19</mark>             | May <mark>2, 16, 30</mark>               | August <mark>29</mark>                      |
| June <mark>6, 20</mark>                                   | October <mark>3</mark> , <mark>17</mark> | June 13, 27                              | September <mark>12</mark> , <mark>26</mark> |
| July <mark>4</mark> , <mark>18</mark>                     |  | July <mark>25</mark>                     | October <mark>10</mark> , <mark>24</mark>   |
| August <mark>1</mark> , <mark>15</mark> , <mark>29</mark> |  | August <mark>8</mark> , <mark>22</mark>  |   |
| September 12, 26  |  | September 5, 19                          |   |
| October <mark>10</mark> , <mark>24</mark>                 |  | October <mark>3</mark> , <mark>17</mark> |   |

#### Reduction (limited offer):

With 3 people in a cabin €200 per person reduction / with 4 people in a cabin €400 per person reduction Children up to age of 16 receive a discount of €200

#### WHAT THE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- 8 days onboard a motorized yacht with crew
- 7 nights accommodation in a twin bed cabin below deck with shower/toilet
- Bed linen and towels
- 2 x full board (breakfast, lunch & dinner), 5 x half board (breakfast & dinner)
- Overview maps for the daily routes (on board)
- Guide cycling with the group
- Sightseeing entrance as described in itinerary
- City Tour in Dubrovnik, Korcula and Split

#### Note that bike hire is not included in the tour price

€260 Electric - bike with water bottle cage, lock and a small pannier bag

€215 Road bike or Gravel bike with water bottle cage, lock and pannier bag (if bike has a rack)

#### Not included in the tour price:

- Journey to Dubrovnik
- Flat rate for bottled water and tourist taxes €60 for adults or €30 for children up to age 16 (to be paid to the captain)
- Special dietary request (lactose free, vegan, gluten free) €70 (must be communicated in advance, payment on board)
- Meals ashore
- Lunch during excursion to Mostar
- Taxi from Dubrovnik airport to Dubrovnik (approx €40 one way)
- Taxi from Split airport to harbour (approx. €20 one way)
- Insurance against theft and damage of rental E-bike (€30) or road bike (€25) / week (not insured deliberate damages)
- Tips for tour guides and crew
- Entrance fees for sights not included in the tour price

#### 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
- sunglasses/ cap/ swimming costume
- extra towel for swimming
- soap/insect repellent/ sunscreen
- own helmet

# GROUP, GUIDE AND BACK-UP SERVICE

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 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.

#### Deluxe Boat Harmonia

At 38 x 8.3 m the MY Harmonia is an elegant, pearly-white motor yacht. This two masted beauty meets the highest expectations with her 16 luxurious guest cabins including tiled bathrooms with shower cabins/WC, The salon and numerous sun mats and beds on deck are at the guests disposal. With the bathing platform at the stern, taking a dip in the sea is uncomplicated – unrestricted bathing fun is guaranteed. The Harmonia is the second boat of the Serka family that enriches our deluxe fleet. The experienced crew and the captain offer a warm-hearted and considerate service, leaving no wish unattended.



#### Catering:

The cook on board is a member of the crew and prepares the breakfast and one or two warm meals a day. The catering consists of 2x full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner) and 5x half board (breakfast and dinner). It starts with the dinner on the arrival day and ends with the breakfast on the departure day.











#### First Class Ship Bellezza

The Bellezza is a luxury yacht built in the classic motor sailer style with a lot of charm, which impresses with its elegance and incomparable comfort. The 17 spacious guest cabins, which are spread over the main and lower decks, can also comfortably accommodate larger groups. The cabins, decorated in maritime white and blue, are equipped with comfortable beds at ground level, air conditioning and en-suite bathrooms with shower cubicle and WC. The bright and spacious salon with its designer furniture invites you to enjoy sophisticated meals in convivial company. The Bellezza's partially shaded outdoor area with its comfortable lounge chairs and sun loungers offers plenty of space to relax, unwind and enjoy the 360° view of the beautiful Dalmatian islands. A real



highlight is the jacuzzi on the upper deck, where you can relax to your heart's content. The bathing platform at the stern guarantees easy access to the sea. Every detail of the ship reflects the great love of seafaring of its owner and captain Ante, who has fulfilled a childhood dream with his "beauty", which is what the name Bellezza translates as. Together with his crew of nine, he personally ensures that you can experience an unforgettable week of island hopping in Croatia on the Bellezza.

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#### Electric bikes are an additional €260



Clients who wish to be supported by a tail-wind and seek to hire an e-bike will receive a high-quality cycle, powered mainly by a Bosch motor capable of covering long distances, and characterized by their light weight and great components. Alternative drive systems may also be used. Standard components of our e-bikes in varying frame sizes include, 28 inch hollow chamber rims with puncture-proof touring tires, high-quality derailleur gears and break systems, a carrier and a sturdy bike stand, touring saddle as well as mudguards and a pannier rack. With our e-bikes you will conquer the hills with a smile, they are a true declaration of independence for all who wish to cycle and seek the support of a little push. Unfortunately there is no possibility to reserve one particular bike-brand in advance.

#### Gravel bikes are an additional €215



#### Fitness level

E-bike tours suitable for Islandhoppers with a good basic level of fitness. The tours and the elevation gain are very manageable with an e-bike (18-37 mi./30-60 km) and 1312-2296 ft./400-700 m of elevation per day). All bike tours require participants to have a certain basic level of fitness and be able to ride their bikes safely. There is always enough time to complete the tours. Our tour guides will inform you in detail each day about the level of difficulty of the planned daily tour. These are primarily designed as guided e-bike tours. In general, nothing stands in the way of individual e-bike tours after prior consultation with our tour guides and the selection of a suitable route.

#### Requirement to wear a helmet

Helmets are mandatory on our bike tours. It is advised to bring your own, well fitted, helmet with you as our rental helmet numbers are limited (reservation required).

#### Guided group pace:

On our e-bike tour programs, the riding pace is determined by the cyclists on e-bikes. Guests who are taking part on these tours on a gravel bike should have the necessary physical condition to keep up with this pace. We thank you for your understanding.

#### Children

We believe that only children with a good physical condition and previous bicycle tour experience and a minimum age of 10 are able to master the cycle tours with their own strength. Please note that the minimum height for a rental e-bike is 1.50 m (4.9 ft.). Follow-me bikes, bike seats and bike Bungees can also be hired for accompanying children. Our reservation experts are happy to provide you with more detailed information on request.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### 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 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 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.

#### Arrival to tour start

- It is possible to fly to Dubrovnik Airport, which is about 15 km from your port of embarkation. From the airport you can take a taxi to the ship (Harbour Dubrovnik, approx. 15 km/40 euro).
- Other possible airport is Split (distance to Dubrovnik: 4,5 hours)

When arriving to Dubrovnik Airport you can take a bus all the way to Gruž Harbour where the ship is docked. Bus journey time is approx. 30 minutes. The ship is situated close to the central bus station of Dubrovnik and only 3 km away from the historical Old town.

