

Cycling Safaris

CROATIA 2024

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

Guide cycling with group | 185 km/115 mi | 7 nights / 8 days



With our first class ship you can experience the greenest part of Croatia for one week: Not only are the famous National Parks of Dalmatia such as Krka and Kornati and the nature park of Telašćica 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 trip combines active vacation with extreme comfort. Our elegant motor yachts, the Magellan or Yolo, act as floating home for the week. The cabins are wonderfully spacious and lovingly furnished, the private bathrooms have both shower and toilet. There are plenty of places to sit or lie back and relax on deck while the communal salon offers a stylish area indoors to unwind and enjoy a drink.

TOUR ITINERARY (tour starts on a Friday)

Day 1 (Fri) Trogir (Embarkation) - Rogoznica

Individual arrival by car to Trogir or by plane to Split airport, which is about 3 mi./ 6 km away from the harbour of Trogir. After checking in on the motor yacht (between 2.00 and 2.30 pm) we leave Trogir around 3.00 pm. to cross to Rogoznica – a village on a small island that is connected to the mainland by a dam. Along the way we stop for a swim directly from the boat. Dinner and first night in Rogoznica.

Day 2 (Sat) Rogoznica – Vodice – Slanica – Nature Park Telašćica (apprx. 17 mi./27 km)

In the morning the boat takes us to Vodice where we go for our first cycle tour starting at the popular resort and crossing the bridge to the island of Murter. In Slanica, in the Northwest of the island we reboard our boat and 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, the local nature park, where the Mir salt lake is situated. At the end of the day we can take a short hike to the impressive cliffs that fall steeply into the blue sea below. In the bay of Telašćica we can spend the evening swimming from the boat and the night is spent in the peaceful setting of the Telašćica Nature Park.

Day 3 (Sun) Island Dugi Otok - Zadar (apprx. 28 mi./45 km)

After breakfast we start our bike tour from the Telašćica Nature Park along the almost traffic free island of Dugi Otok. The ride is wonderfully panoramic and our destination is the budding village of Božava, surrounded by pine forests, Tamarisks and Agaves. In Božava the boat awaits our arrival and we cast off for Zadar which for centuries was the absolute political, cultural and intellectual center of Dalmatia. The guide takes us on a walk through the lively city explaining the fascinating history of this extraordinary outdoor museum, with its colorful past spanning 3000 years. Overnight stay in Zadar.

Day 4 (Mon) Zadar - Island Ugljan and Pašman - Vodice (apprx. 21 mi./33 km)

While enjoying breakfast the boat takes us to Preko on the island of Ugljan where we will cycle to Tkon on the island of Pašman. The two islands are connected by a bridge from which the first of the Kornati Islands can be seen. We cycle along the eastern coastline of the island with views of the mainland. Once we arrive in Tkon, we board the boat and cross over to Vodice, a popular mainland Dalmatian holiday destination where we will spend the night.

Day 5 (Tues) Vodice – Skradin - Krka Waterfalls (apprx. 22 mi./35 km)

A scenic tour leads us from Vodice along quiet roads through quiet villages into the Dalmatian hinterland and the beautiful city of Skradin at the foot of the Krka Canyon. In the afternoon, we take a small boat to the Krka National Park where we have plenty of time to explore the unique and truly spectacular Krka Waterfalls on foot. The night I spent in the postcard town of Skradin

Day 6 (Wed) Skradin – Šibenik - Primošten

During breakfast the boat departs Skradin and makes its way down the Krka River back towards the sea and the city of Šibenik. Here we have time to explore the city, home to the Cathedral of St. Jacob, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the most beautiful sacral building on the Adriatic coast. Afterwards, we board the ship once more and enjoy a swim stop and lunch during our crossing to Primošten where we spend the night.

Day 7 (Thur) Primošten – Rogoznica – Trogir (apprx. 25 mi./40 km)

In the morning our last bike tour for the week takes us from Primošten inland past rural villages to Trogir. The cycle will offer us numerous magical views of the town and the island of Čiovo. In the afternoon we have the chance to stroll through the UNESCO world heritage city of Trogir. A cheerful evening meal on board the boat gives you time to celebrate the success of the week with fellow travelers and tour guides.

Day 8 (Fri) 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 planned route due to changing wind and weather conditions, and where required by organizational necessities. The tour can also be operated in reverse order.

2024 TOUR DATES & COSTS

Deluxe Ship Magellan (Departures Fridays)

Size: 35 x 7,50 m Capacity: 18 cabins, 36 beds



The Magellan is an elegant double masted motor yacht that remains pleasantly steady even when sailing through heavier swells. On board you will find spacious guest cabins with air-conditioning and a personal shower/WC. The beautifully furnished saloon and bar as well as the covered aft deck are fitted out with comfortable seating areas. On the spacious sun deck, you will find deckchairs, enticing you to lie back, relax and enjoy the warm sea breeze. The swimming platform at the stern ensures easy access to the glistening waters for a refreshing dip.

Delicious cuisine is particularly important on the Magellan: The ship's owner is a member of the cooking academy for traditional Dalmatian cuisine and the owner of a restaurant on the island of Hvar, known far beyond the borders of Croatia for its excellent dishes. It goes without saying that he also implements these high culinary standards on his motor yacht. Meals on board can likewise be enjoyed with an exquisite selection of Croatian wines.

Special Features

Year of construction: 2010

Cabin size: 10 - 12 m²

Cabin features: Air-conditioning, safe, tiled bathroom with hairdryer, mirror, shower cubicle, washbasin & WC

Beds: double 200 x 160 cm,

single and twin: 200 x 90 cm

Service: cabin service, mid-week towel change

Extras: steel ship with elegant interior, spacious saloon, large sun deck, swimming platform at the stern, free internet.

Tour dates

May 10, 24

June 21, 28

July 5, 26

August 9, 23

September 27

October 11

Per person sharing

Below deck

€1790 low season

€1890 mid season

€1990 high season

Extras

Per person sharing – above deck : + €250

Single supplement– below deck : + €600

Single supplement– above deck: + €800



WHAT THE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- 7 nights accommodation on the boat in a cabin with private shower/toilet
- Bed linen and towels
- 2 x full board, 5 x half board
- Overview maps for the daily routes (on board)
- English/German speaking guide cycling with the group
- Sightseeing entrance as described in itinerary
- Plus-tour specials

Not included in the tour price:

Note that for 2024 bike hire is separated out / not included in the tour price

€230 Electric - bike with water bottle cage, lock and a small pannier bag

€185 Gravel- or Road bike

- Journey to Trogir
- Water flat rate and tourist tax €60 or €30 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 €20.00 one way)
- Tips for crew & tour guide
- Insurance against theft and damage of the rental E-bike €25 / week (not insured deliberate damages)

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 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.

Electric bikes are an additional €230



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.

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).

The Bike tours require basic level of fitness from participants, which they should have acquired from steady cycling. The day tours from 20 – 60km 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 able 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.

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 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.

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 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.