

# Cycling Safaris

## CROATIA

### Southern Dalmatian Islands **PLUS** from/to Trogir 2024

Guided Tour

Guide cycling with group | 194 km/120 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.

This tour belongs to our “Plus” tours offering deluxe or first class motor sailor. On our South Dalmatia Plus Tour we will show you the beauty of the South Dalmatian coastline and island world in company of our deluxe ship, the majestic Magellan or of our first class ship Melody.

Highlights of the tour such as the Diocletian Palace in Split, the picturesque old town of Korčula and the lavender island of Hvar along with many other scenic islands make this journey an unforgettable experience. Culture does not fall by the wayside.

This tour is in many ways similar to our regular South Dalmatia tour, making the Plus Tour a great alternative should your dream tour date in South Dalmatia already be booked out. Depending on wind and weather we reserve the right to run this tour in reverse.

## TOUR ITINERARY

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### **Day 1 (Fri) Trogir (Embarkation) – Hvar Island**

Individual arrival by car to Trogir or by plane to Split airport, which is about 5 km away from the harbor of Trogir. After check in on the motor yacht between 2.00 and 2:30 pm the first cruise starts about 3 pm from Trogir to Hvar Island. Stari Grad is the second largest settlement on the Island of Hvar and well known for its important harbor. Overnight stay in Stari Grad.

### **Day 2 (Sat) Islands of Hvar and Vis (approx. 12.5 mi. / 20 km)**

After breakfast we set off on a bike from Stari Grad to the capital city of Hvar. We will have plenty of time on arrival to visit the magnificent Renaissance Square and enjoy the view at the Spanish Fortress which is situated high above the city. Back on board again and cross over to Vis Island. Overnight stay on Vis.

### **Day 3 (Sun) Vis Island (approx. 20 mi. / 32 km)**

Vis is the furthest island from mainland Croatia. A Greek colony called Issa was on the island 2,300 years ago. Due to its strategic location it was a military zone until 1995 and prohibited for foreign tourists. Today we have the opportunity to explore the lovely island by bicycle. Alternatively, there is a possibility to participate in a three hour jeep tour around the Island (about 35 euro). After cycling the boat takes us to the Island of Korčula. Overnight stay in Vela Luka.

### **Day 4 (Mon) Korčula Island (approx. 37.5 mi. / 60 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 (Tues) Brač Island (approx. 28 mi. / 45 km)**

Today we cruise to the island of Brač, which is famous for its radiant, precious limestone 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 Pučišća. With an initial climb we will be rewarded with fantastic views over the neighboring islands before descending to the harbor of Postira. From here we take the coastal road back to the boat in Pučišća where we spend the night. The quaint harbour town is home to the most famous stone mason schools in Croatia and the works of the students can be seen on display throughout the town. The night is spent in Pučišća.

### **Day 6 (Wed) City of Split (Rafting in Omiš) (approx. 10 mi./17 km)**

During breakfast the boat brings us to the city of Split. The old town of Split, built adjoining the famous palace of the Roman Caesar Diocletian, is a UNESCO world heritage site. Today we have the choice either to take a bus transfer to go rafting through the Cetina Canyon (not included in the tour price) or to explore the wonderful Marjan forest Park in Split by bike. The rafting group will be picked up from the boat by a bus and are taken to Omiš for the excursion. From here they will follow the river downstream in the rafts gaining a unique perspective of the canyon and its flora and fauna. Participants of the rafting trip are brought back to the boat in the bus after the activity. Cyclist will enjoy a short but scenic bike tour through the green heart of Splits accompanied by an extensive swim break at a local beach. In the afternoon we can explore the bustling city of Split again together as one group. Overnight stay in Split.

### **Day 7 (Thurs) Šolta Island (approx. 12.5 mi. / 20 km)**

After crossing over to Stomorska on the island of Šolta we commence our last cycle tour. Walled fields, numerous olive groves, locust bean and fig trees line the roads while the herb smells of lavender and rosemary accompanies us along our tour through this island. We load the bikes onto the ship in Maslinica and enjoy our last crossing back to Trogir where, if time permits, we can take a tour of the old town which is a world heritage site. The last evening aboard our ship follows a nice tradition. While enjoying the communal dinner in a cosy atmosphere you will have the chance for a last get-together with your crew and your tour guides.

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

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

#### **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.

## 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 m<sup>2</sup>

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.



## 2024 TOUR DATES & COSTS

Tour dates	Per person sharing Below deck	Extras
April 19		
May 17, 31	€1690 low season 1	Per person sharing – above deck : + €250
July 12, 19	€1790 low season 2	Single supplement– below deck : + €600
August 2, 16, 30	€1890 mid season	Single supplement– above deck: + €800
September 20	€1990 high season	
October 18		

## WHAT THE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- 8 day trip on a motor yacht with crew
- 7 nights accommodation on the boat in a cabin with private shower
- Bed linen and towels
- 2 x full board, 5 x half board (breakfast and lunch OR dinner)
- Maps for the daily routes (on board)
- English/German speaking guide cycling with the group
- Sightseeing entrance as described in itinerary
- Bed linen and towers

### Not included in the tour price:

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

€185 Gravel bike with water bottle cage, lock and a small pannier bag

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

- Journey to Trogir
- Flat rate for bottled water and tourist taxes, €60 adults or €30 for children up to age 16 (to be paid to the captain)
- Drinks onboard (Tally sheet, to be paid to the captain)
- Entrance fee for sights are not included in the tour price

### Optional Extra's

- Taxi from Split airport to the ship in Trogir ( approx €20.00 one way )
- Tips for crew & tour guide
- Cetina river rafting (to be paid on site)
- Insurance against theft and damage of the rental 21-speed hybrid bike €15 / per week or 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 plus shoes for use on deck only
- sunglasses/ cap/ swimming costume
- extra towel for swimming
- soap/ insect repellent
- own helmet (helmets are available on request only)

***Cyclocross bike €185***

Our cyclocross and gravel bikes can be ridden over a variety of terrain. These bikes run perfectly on smooth asphalt surfaces as well as on gravel trails. The frames are extremely robust while still light. The relatively wide tires provide good traction when cycling on loose surfaces. Cyclocross bikes allow for adventurous rides without compromise.

***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 and 400-700m of elevation per day 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

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### 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](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.