

Cycling Safaris

CROATIA

Southern Dalmatian Islands from/to Trogir 2024

Guided Tour

Guide cycling with group | 169 km/107 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 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.

This tour is occasionally offered parallel to the mountain bike cruise in Southern Dalmatia on the same boat. In this case one tour guide will cycle with the mountain bikers while the other will accompany the hybrid cyclists. Due to changing wind and weather conditions as well as organizational requirements the tour could be conducted in reverse order.

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 (Fri) Trogir (Embarkation) – Island Solta

Individual arrival by car to Trogir or by plane to Split Airport, located about 3.5 mi./6 km away from the harbour of Trogir. After checking in on the motor yacht between 2 and 2:30 pm, the first cruise from Trogir to the island of Šolta begins at 3 pm. The first night is spent in a quiet harbour on the island of Solta with the opportunity to take a swim after a day of travel.

Day 2 (Sat) Island Vis (aprx. 20 mi./31 km)

This morning we enjoy a cruise during breakfast to the Island of Vis. Vis is the furthestmost inhabited island from mainland Croatia. A Greek colony called Issa inhabited 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. We have plenty of time to enjoy the island and spend the night here.

Day 3 (Sun) Island Korčula (aprx. 18.5 mi./30 km)

In the morning we leave the island of Vis by boat and navigate to the harbor town of Vela Luka on the Island of Korčula. Along the way we throw the anchor for a refreshing swim stop. Korčula is regarded as one of the most scenic islands in the Adriatic, abundant in scenic impressions and quaint villages nestled in the green. Once we arrive in Vela Luka we can enjoy a round tour from Vela Luka to the village of Blato and back again. The night is spent in Vela Luka.

Day 4 (Mon) Island Hvar: Hvar Town – Stari Grad – Jelsa – Stari Grad (aprx. 14 mi./22 km + aprx. 12 mi./20 km)

The day starts with a relaxing cruise to Hvar town on Hvar Island. Make use of the time before the cycle tour starts and 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 city of Hvar through small villages and lavender fields to Stari Grad on the opposite side of the island. The descent to Stari Grad offers breathtaking views. After a lunch break we continue start off on a second cycling tour through the green planes of the island to the seaside town of Jelsa. After a break for coffee and ice cream, we continue the round trip back to Stari Grad where we spend the night.

Day 5 (Tue) Brač Island: Milna – Postira (aprx. 18 mi./29 km)

In the morning we cruise to the island of Brač, famous for its radiant, precious limestone that was, among others, used for the White House in Washington and in the construction of the German Reichstag building in Berlin. Once we have arrived on Brač, we start our bike tour from Milna to the picturesque harbor town of Postira. At first we cycle inland through small villages and past local architectural relics before hugging the coast with spectacular views across the channel to the mainland. On arrival in Postira there are many ways in which to enjoy the rest of the afternoon. The night is spent in the quiet harbor of Postira. 6th Day (Wed) Day (Wed) City of Split (Rafting in Omiš) (aprx. 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 6 (Wed) City of Split (Rafting in Omiš) (aprx. 10 mi./17 km)

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Day 7 (Thu) Šolta Island - Trogir (aprx. 12.5 mi./20 km)

In the morning, we once more cruise to the island of Šolta, where there will be the opportunity to take part in a bike ride to the local beekeeper Goran. Goran has a true passion for bees and has worked with them his whole life. He teaches about the importance of bees allows all his guests to try the delicious bee products. We cycle past walled fields, numerous olive groves, locust bean, and fig trees which line the roads. The scent of rosemary accompanies us along our tour around the island. After our bike ride, we return to the ship to enjoy our last crossing, past the cliffs of Čiovo Island and back to Trogir. Once we arrive, there will be plenty of time to visit the Old Town of Trogir, listed as a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site. The last evening aboard is celebrated in traditional fashion in the company of our fellow travellers and guides.

Day 8 (Fri) 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.

2024 TOUR DATES & COSTS – Departs on Fridays

Premium Ship San Snova (Fridays)

April 26

May 10,

June 21

July 5

August 23

€1490 per person sharing below deck cabin **low season 1**

€1590 per person sharing below deck cabin **low season 2**

€1690 per person sharing below deck cabin **mid season**

€1790 per person sharing below deck cabin **high season**

+ €200 per person sharing above deck cabin on all seasons

+ €500 single supplement below deck cabin on all seasons

+ €700 single supplement above deck cabin on all seasons



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

Please email our office for the price on third person (approx 50% discount on basic tour price)

THE BOAT

Premium Ship SAN SNOVA (all cabins with shower/toilet)

At 31 x 8 m the MS San Snova is a 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

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

Not included in the tour price / Opional Extra's:

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

€85 21 speed touring bike with water bottle cage, lock and a small pannier bag
€230 Electric - bike

- Journey to Trogir
- Flat rate for bottled water and tourist taxes €60 per adult or €30 for children up to age 16 (to be paid to the captain)
- Drinks onboard (Tally sheet, to be paid to the captain).
- Meals and beverages ashore
- Entrance fees for sights that are not included in the tour price
- Cetina river rafting (to be paid on site)
- Tips for crew and tour guides
- Taxi from Split airport to the ship in Trogir (approx €20.00 one way) only on arrival and departure date
- 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)

Hybrid bikes are an additional €85



Those choosing to rent a hybrid bike will receive a reliable, low maintenance, aluminum frame bike in the suitable size. Our hybrid bikes are equipped with 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. All components are selected based on our twenty years of experience in bike tourism, insuring that they fulfill the necessary criteria to provide the rider with an uncompromised cycle experience.

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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 pedelec, 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.

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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 cycle tours require at least 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 650 m above sea-level. The day tours from 12 mi. to 37.5 mi. (20 to 60 km) will take us through hilly and mountainous terrain and will 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 bicycles. We traverse mostly asphalted roads, which are rarely travelled on outside the holiday seasons. You are free to set aside a half or full day to swim or spend on board the boat, instead of taking a planned cycle tour.

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.