

# Island Hopping in Croatia September 5-12, 2020





Experience Croatia's beautiful Southern Dalmatia archipelago. Sail across the Adriatic, relax on deck before hopping off to cycle the islands of Hvar, Korcula, Solta and Brac.

Roam the ancient UNESCO harbours and alleyways of Trogir and Stari Grad. Succumb to the pristine beaches of Solta and cycle the dramatic Cetina Gorge. Pedal the lavender scented roads of Hvar and freewheel along some of Croatia's finest coastline in Brac and Korcula. Return each evening to the comfort of your boat, to rest and unwind ahead of the next day of Dalamatian discovery.





# **Daily Itinerary**

## Day 1 Arrive Trogir, Sail Solta

Easily reached from Split Airport, Trogir Harbour is only a 6km taxi journey. After a meeting your crew and fellow cyclists, it's up anchor for an afternoon sail to the islandwhere you're free to discover the historic old centre, cafes and popular market.

Boarding is between 2.00pm-2.30pm as the boat sails at 3.00pm. Early luggage drop is available if required.

Overnight: Solta Island

#### Day 2 Hvar & Solta Islands

Hop into the saddle and cycle along olive and fig tree lined road as you ease yourself into the first day of cycling. Returning to the boat, head across the waters to Hvar. Cycling across Hvar visit the quaint harbours of Jelsa and Vrboska before returning to the local artists hang-out of Stari Grad.

Cycle: 40-45 km

Overnight: Hvar

#### Day 3 Hvar & Korcula

A morning ride through the sleepy roads of Hvar eventually leads to the grandeur of Hvar's Renaissance Square. Here head to the panoramic viewpoint at the Spanish Fortress, high above the city. Later, it's off the bikes and back to relaxing on deck as the boat sails towards the island of Korcula.

Cycle: 25 km

Overnight: Korcula

### Day 4 Korcula Island

Steeped in age-old traditions, sandy coves and dense woodland, today you'll discover the rich offerings of Korcula. Cycling the coastline to Pupnat, there is time for a quick dip before heading inland pedalling to the hilly village of Blato. The last stop of the day is the narrow, cobbled streets of Korcula Old Town.

Cycle: 60 km

Overnight: Korcula

#### Day 5 Brac Island

Sailing to Brac, today we stretch the legs a little further today a steady. A simple climb leads across the shimmering island of Brac, known for its white marble. Take in panoramic view points across the Adriatic before enjoying sweeping descents through fig, olive and kiwi groves. After lunch cycle via the traditional fishing village of Povlja and if there is time, Pucisca.

Cycle: 30 km

Overnight: Brac Island

#### Day 6 Cetina Canyon & Split

After a short morning sail to Omis, hop off the boat and onto the bikes as you pedal through the spectacular limestone Cetina Gorge. Carving through the karst mountains, the River Cetina has produced some outstanding rock formations, most of which you will see at Omis. Later in the afternoon, rejoin the boat and sail to the old town of Split where you can explore the palace of Caesar Diocletian and enjoy relaxing at a pavement café.

**Cycle**: 25 or 45 km

Overnight: Split

#### Day 7 Split - Trogir

The last morning ride ascends the rewarding Mount Marjan above Split. Offering far reaching views across the old town and the rugged Dinaric Alps, the descent back to the boat is an easy freewheel. The it's up anchor and an afternoon sail past the cliffs of Ciovo before arriving into Trogir harbour. Here you can further relax on board or head out on foot to explore Trogir.

Cycle: 15 km

Overnight: Trogir Harbour

#### **Day 8 Departure**

After a leisurely breakfast, you may have time to explore Trogir some more, or alternatively, the crew are happy to advise on travel arrangements to the airport.

#### The Ship: Romantica



At 32 x 7.6 m the Romantica was launched in 2007 and is a shapely two mast motor sailor which combines seafarer 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 up scale 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 off ers plenty of space to settle back and enjoy the sun.

The 16 guest cabins are spacious and air conditioned including shower and WC. The bathing platform at the stern enables easy admittance for a swim in the Adriatic Sea.

# **PRICES**

\$1650. Lower Deck per person double occupancy \$1750 Upper Deck per person double occupancy Single occupancy additional 50%

#### Included

- Bike Hire
- 7 night en-suite cabin
- 4 Full Board, 3 Half Board
- Detailed route notes with maps
- Optional guided rides

#### **Excluded**

- Travel to/from Trogir
- 2 meals
- Bike helmet
- Drinks, snacks
- Travel Insurance
- Local port fees (€40)

#### **Extras**

- E-bike Upgrade
- Additional hotel nights, Trogir

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