



Island Hopping Croatia September 5-12, 2020





Island hopping Dalmatia

This guided cycling tour in Dalmatia starts and ends in Split exploring amazing coastlines, medieval towns, old villages and picturesque bays. Highlights include great beaches, vineyards, pine woods, cycling across the historic islands and exploring Mljet National Park. Croatia is a land of stunning islands, rich history, Mediterranean vegetation and a mild climate. Without doubt, the best way to explore it is by bike.

The Ship: Eos



MAX NO. OF PERSONS 42/45

LENGTH 39 m

WIDTH 7.8 m

BUILT IN 2008

ENGINE 550 HP

SPEED 10 NM

DIESEL TANK 10 t

WATER TANK 45 t

WARM WATER Yes

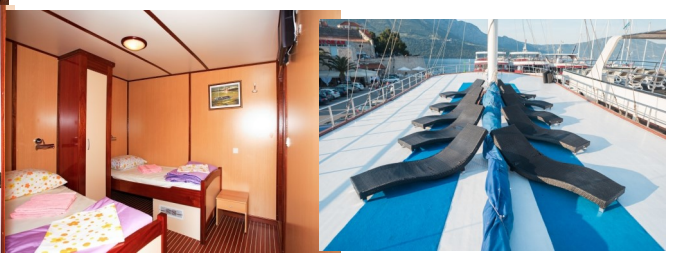
SUN DECK 150 m²

Cabins

TOTAL NO. OF CABINS 21

UPPER/MAIN/LOWER DECK:
7/6/8

PRIVATE SHOWER/TOILET
Yes



Daily Itinerary (tentative)

Saturday Split - Supetar - Pučišća (L) Bike Course: - BIKE: Supetar - Pučišća Length: 25 km

Total ascend: 380 m Highest point: 90 m Surface: 100% paved road Difficulty level: 2/5

Arrival in Split and check in till 13:00. Departure with lunch and meet your fellow passengers and the crew. Upon arrival in Supetar you will cycle the coastal road to the northern part of the island of Brač. We are passing the fishing villages Splitska and Postira and arrive in one of the most beautiful small settlements in Europe - Pučišća. Free afternoon for sightseeing this charming place well known for its long stonemason tradition. Overnight in Pučišća.

Sunday Pučišća - Pokrivenik - Sućuraj – Lovišta (B,L,CD) Bike Course: Pokrivenik - Sućuraj Length: 32 km

Total ascend: 450 m Highest point: 350 m Surface: 100 % paved Difficulty level: 3/5

Breakfast and morning sail towards the longest Croatian island - Hvar with the view on Biokovo mountain. Our starting point is a small picturesque bay Pokrivenik. Starting with ascend to the highest point of the route and descend to the eastern point of Hvar island - Sućuraj, where the boat is waiting. After lunch on board, sail towards the second biggest Croatian peninsula Pelješac and a charming settlement Lovišta. Optional Captain's dinner on board. Overnight in Lovišta.

Monday Lovišta – Trstenik (B,D) Bike Course: Lovišta – Trstenik Length: 45 km

Total ascend: 800 m Highest point: 411 m

Surface: 100% paved Difficulty level: 4/5

The third-day ride we can call the wine-panoramic route. After breakfast we start riding towards Orebić, the city of seafarers and captains. First few kilometers of ascending and then descending with the unique viewpoints on Korčula archipelago. After Orebić ascend to the area where the most famous varieties of Croatian wine succeed. We cross the tunnel Dingač to the south side of Pelješac and continue riding through vineyards to Trstenik.

Overnight in Trstenik.

Tuesday Trstenik - Mljet – Korčula (B,L) Bike Course: National park Mljet

Length: 18 km

Total ascend: 120 m Highest point: 45 m

Surface: 80 % paved, 20% macadam Difficulty level: 1/5

Cruise during breakfast from Trstenik to Mljet island, the lush green island also known as Honey-island. Mljet National park (entrance fee to be paid on the spot approx. 16 EUR per person) is a beautiful area of unique charm featuring two connected salt water lakes, a lush flora, a unique appearance of indented coastline, cliffs and numerous islets as well as always green plants of the surrounding hills. We cycle around the saltwater-lake, inside which there is another island with the Benedictine monastery from the 12th century. Refreshment in saltwater lakes and return to lunch on board. Sail to Korčula. Free afternoon for exploring the town of Marco Polo. Overnight in Korčula.



Wednesday Korčula - Vela Luka (B,D)

Bike Course: Korčula - Pupnat - Smokvica - Prižba - Blato - Vela Luka

Length: 55 km

Total ascend: 750 m Highest point: 340 m Surface: 100 % paved Difficulty level: 4/5

After breakfast we start with the longest route of the week in which we will cycle the whole island of Korčula. Ascend to Žrnovo village and then to the oldest settlement on the island - Pupnat, where is the highest point of the route. Descend to the south side of Korčula and road ride between one of the most beautiful bay on the island and the steep cliffs above it. We continue the ride through numerous olive groves and vineyards, one of the most famous grape variety Pošip. Short break in the charming place Smokvica on half the way. Descend to the sea and refreshment in one of the numerous pebble hidden beaches. Ascend towards the viewpoint above town Blato and final descend towards our goal - Vela Luka. Dinner on board and overnight in Vela Luka.

Thursday Vela Luka - Hvar - Stari Grad (B,L)

Bike Course: 1. Hvar - Stari Grad 2. Stari Grad-Jelsa-Vrboska-Stari Grad

BIKE 1:

Length: 23 km Total ascend: 450m

Highest point: 410m Surface: 100% paved Difficulty level: 3/5

BIKE 2:

Length: 22 km Total ascend: 110m

Highest point: 85m

Surface: 85% paved 15% macadam Difficulty level: 1/5

Early morning sail from Vela Luka to the town of Hvar, breakfast. Short sightseeing of Hvar, a fairy tale city with its architecture, beautiful nature and mild climate. Cycle from Hvar to the other side of the island - Stari Grad. We pass through numerous lavender plants and enjoy the view towards the neighboring islands and mainland. Lunch on board in Stari Grad. Easy afternoon ride up to two Hvar's pearls - Jelsa and Vrboska and through Stari Grad Plain where the ancient Greek land division has been preserved to these days like the system of road and plots. Overnight in Stari Grad.

Friday Stari Grad - Stomorska – Split (B,L) Bike Course: Stomorska - Maslinica

Length: 36 km

Total ascend: 450 m Highest point: 135 m Surface: 100 % paved Difficulty level: 2/5

The last day we start with cruise from Stari Grad to the island of Šolta. After breakfast, we start cycling from Stomorska to the highest point of the island - Gornje selo, enjoying the views on both sides of the island and the scents of Mediterranean plants. Continue to Maslinica on the west part of the island. Short break and return to Stomorska. Lunch on board and sail to Split. Free afternoon for sightseeing the Diocletian's city. Overnight in Split.

Saturday Disembarkation Split (B)

Breakfast followed by check out at 9:00 am.



Optional Pre Tour

Fly into Zagreb on Wednesday and enjoy Zagreb and the magnificent Plitvice Lake and a walking tour of Split. Board the boat Saturday afternoon

Itinerary

Zagreb - Plitvice Lakes - Split

WEDNESDAY: ARRIVAL ZAGREB

Arrival in Zagreb and transfer to hotel. Evening at leisure.

THURSDAY: ZAGREB WALKING TOUR

Morning city tour of Zagreb includes walk through the historic Upper Town, where, among other sites, visit the St. Mark's Church, the Cathedral, the Government Palace and the Lotrščak tower. Overnight in Zagreb.

FRIDAY: ZAGREB – PLITVICE LAKES – SPLIT

Morning departure towards the spectacular Plitvice National Park, consisting of 16 lakes, connected with a series of waterfalls. 3 hour walk in this wonderful environment enjoying a boat ride on the emerald green Kozjak Lake and walk back to the entrance. Drive to Split for overnight.

SATURDAY: SPLIT

Morning guided tour of Split and its famous Diocletian palace. End of tour.

Included: 2 overnights Zagreb, 1 overnight Split, half board and 2x bed and breakfast services, accommodation in 4* Hotel in Zagreb & Opatija/Split, entrance Plitvice lakes, Visitor's taxes, all transfers as per itinerary, guided sightseeing of Zagreb, Plitvice, /Split.

Price: \$695 double occupancy, \$850 single occupancy



Prices

Upper and middle deck cabins \$1595. *

Lower deck cabins \$1495.*

(*double occupancy, single add 55%)

Included:

7 nights en-suite cabin

7 Breakfasts 7 lunches or dinners

Bike Hire

Guided Bike Rides

Exclusions

Travel to/from Split

E-Bike Rental (\$100 additional)

Optional guided city tours and rafting

Drinks, snacks

Travel Insurance

Local port fees (€40)

Pre-Tour option; \$695. double occupancy, \$850. single



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