



# Gems of Croatia

Dubrovnik & Dalmatian Island Cycle Cruise  
10 nights

This trip is designed for active people who enjoy the outdoors. On the 7-night Dalmatian cruise you have the option of cycling or just cruising & exploring towns on foot.

## DAY 1 DUBROVNIK

On arrival in the “Pearl of the Adriatic” you will be transferred to our hotel. Rest of day free.

*Accommodation: Hotel Lero or similar – 2 nights*

## DAY 2 DUBROVNIK SIGHTSEEING

**B**

Free day to explore this amazing old town and surrounds. Included in your package is a 2-day Dubrovnik Pass which gives you free entry to many museums, and major attractions including walking the Dubrovnik Walls. The pass also includes free public transportation so you will be able to hop on the bus which stops outside your hotel and will be at the Old Town gates within 10 mins.

## DAY 3 DUBROVNIK – SPLIT

**B**

This morning you make your own way to the Dubrovnik Autobusni Kolovar (3km from hotel) and travel by public coach to Split. It is a short walk from the station to your hotel located within the walls of the **Diocletian's Palace** area. Check in, then get exploring in the **Old Town** – a hodgepodge of every possible historic and architectural style with different cultural influences. It is packed with Gothic and Renaissance mansions, small boutiques, coffee shops, bars and restaurant and is home to around 2000 local residents.

*Accommodation: Hotel Heritage Jupiter or similar – 1 night*

**DAY 4 DALMATIAN ISLAND CYCLE CRUISE****B,L**

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast, before checking out and walking to the ship. Depart from Split harbour at 1pm with lunch served onboard, as you get to know our fellow shipmates. On arrival in Brac, you will be fitted for your Ebike. The first ride begins as we cycle to **Bobovišća**, a small hamlet set on the western side of Brac just under the mountain top, overlooking the sea. Option to take a swim in the warm turquoise water, have a drink, or perhaps continue riding along the stunning coastline. Spend the night in the harbour of **Milna**, whose picturesque natural stone houses border the deep bay.

**Cycling**

- difficulty: Easy
- distance: 10km
- max altitude: 174m
- total ascent/descent: 200m
- surface: paved / gravel

*Accommodation: Small Ship Cruise - 7 nights Upper Deck Cabin*

**DAY 5 DALMATIAN ISLAND CYCLE CRUISE****B,D**

Today, embark on an exciting and fulfilling cycling adventure around **Brac** Island. Your journey kicks off with a climb to the hilltop, where you'll be surrounded by breathtaking local flora & views. Interestingly, the white stone found here was used to build the White House in Washington and the Reichstag in Berlin. At the 35km mark, you'll have the option to enjoy a traditional lunch of peka and local wine (own expense). The panoramic views of the neighboring island of Hvar make the climb truly rewarding. Afterward, we'll coast down to **Bol**, where you can explore the famous **Golden Horn beach**, take a refreshing swim, or wander through the charming streets. We'll spend the night anchored in Bol, with dinner served onboard.

**Cycling**

- difficulty: Hard
- distance: 48km
- max altitude: 580m
- total ascent/descent: 890m
- surface: paved / gravel

**DAY 6 DALMATIAN ISLAND CYCLE CRUISE****B,L**

This morning, set sail for **Hvar** Island, renowned for its vibrant fields of rosemary and lavender. Our first cycling stage will take us through charming villages along both paved and gravel roads. Start in **Jelsa**, then cycle towards **Vrboska** before heading down to **Stari Grad**, one of Croatia's oldest towns, dating back to 385 BC, where you can take a refreshing break. From there, continue towards Hvar Town, passing through **Grablje**, famous for its wine and olive oil. We'll wrap up the

day in the historic town of **Hvar** for overnight. This beautiful old town offers a variety of waterfront restaurants to enjoy.

option A:

- difficulty: Easy
- distance: 20km
- max altitude: 85m
- total ascent/descent: 188m
- surface: paved / gravel

option B:

- difficulty: Hard
- distance: 20km
- max altitude: 410m
- total ascent/descent: 250m
- surface: paved / gravel

## DAY 7 DALMATIAN ISLAND CYCLE CRUISE

**B,L**

This morning, set off for the stunning island of **Korčula**, famously believed to be the birthplace of Marco Polo. After lunch, begin your ride from **Racišće to Lumbarda**, known for its excellent wine production. The tranquil gardens of cypress trees lining the route make cycling on Korčula truly unforgettable. Your journey will lead us to the medieval town of Korčula, renowned for its charming narrow streets. There's plenty of dining options in this cool town, and if you have the energy the nightlife is also excellent.

Cycling

- difficulty: Moderate
- distance: 28km
- max altitude: 78m
- total ascent/descent: 360m
- surface: paved

## DAY 8 DALMATIAN ISLAND CYCLE CRUISE

**B,L**

While breakfast is served onboard, sail to the stunning island of **Mljet**, often referred to as Honey Island. This beautiful destination features two picturesque lakes: the Great Lake and the Small Lake. In the 12th century, Benedictines established a monastery in a secluded area, surrounded by lush pine and oak forests. Today, this region is a national park and a highlight of any Dalmatian tour. You'll have the opportunity to cycle around the park's saltwater lake, which even has another island within it. After lunch, feel free to explore more of the island by bike, or enjoy a swim or kayak in the Small Lake. We'll spend the night in the port of **Pomena**.

Cycling

- difficulty: Easy
- distance: 12km
- max altitude: 43m
- total ascent/descent: 198m
- surface: paved / gravel

**DAY 9 DALMATIAN ISLAND CYCLE CRUISE****B,L**

This morning, cruise to the **Pelješac Peninsula**, where you'll begin a ride from either **Kučište** or **Viganj**, cycling through this renowned wine-growing region towards **Orebic**. There is a challenging climb, but the breathtaking views make it so worthwhile! Reconvene with the boat in **Lovište**, where a delicious lunch will be served onboard. Relax on the sun deck with a cool beverage as you cruise on to the charming town of **Makarska**, nestled at the base of the impressive Biokovo mountain range.

**Cycling**

- difficulty: Hard
- distance: 26.5km
- max altitude: 283m
- total ascent/descent: 479m
- surface: paved

**DAY 10 DALMATIAN ISLAND CYCLE CRUISE****B,L**

After breakfast onboard, embark on our final bike ride to **Radmanove Mlinice**, where the "Winnetou" movies were filmed, following the scenic valley of the **Cetina River** beneath the mountains. In **Omis**, you'll have the chance to visit the Mirabella Fortress, which provides stunning views of the Adriatic. Enjoy lunch onboard as you sail back to **Split**, reflecting on your incredible journey. A night out in Split's vibrant old town is an option, or you might prefer to relax onboard.

**Cycling**

- difficulty: Hard
- distance: 27km
- max altitude: 296m
- total ascent/descent: 663m
- surface: paved

**DAY 11 end SPLIT****B**

After breakfast, bid farewell to your shipmates and disembark. Tour ends in Split.

**Date**

Every Wednesday between Apr-Oct

**Price**

NZ\$5,930 per person twin/double share

Single supplement on application

*Price subject to change until confirmed and paid in full.*

## **Includes**

- 3-nights 4\* hotels
- 7-night Dalmatian Cruise – Premium Ship ensuite cabin (Upper deck)
- Meals as indicated B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner
- 2-day Dubrovnik Pass
- Coach transfer Dubrovnik-Split
- Guided cycling tours as per itinerary
- Flyer 28" E-Bike
- Arrival transfer

## **Excludes**

- Airfares to/from Croatia
- Travel Insurance (including damage to Ebike)
- Refreshments and meals not included
- Items of a personal nature – eg. laundry, optional tours
- Local tourist tax at hotels (approx. EUR10)
- Port taxes (approx. EUR50)
- Departure transfer

## **Important Notes**

Daily itinerary may change due to availability or local conditions.

\$500 non-refundable deposit is required to secure your place. Balance due 2 months prior departure.

Price is subject to change until paid in full.

Travel Insurance is compulsory and should be taken out at the time of booking to cover you for cancellation leading up to the tour, and to cover you whilst you are travelling in Europe.



EBIKE IS INCLUDED IN PRICE

## NAVIGATOR SMALL SHIP

34-36 passengers – ensuite cabins. Upper Deck cabin included in tour price.

*Note – ship name is allocated nearer time of departure*

