



Croatia - Istria by Bike and Boat Tour 2018
Guided or Individual Self-Guided
8 days / 7 nights



“The heart of Europe” is what the Istrians call their peninsula. This is where Central Europe and the world of Mediterranean meet. On this one week tour we explore the most popular part of the Croatian coast. Fall in love with the Adriatic Sea on this tour. Relax while being on a romantic motor sailor - your floating home. Get on your bicycle after an invigorating breakfast, enjoy your lunch break ashore or meet your ship in one of the pretty harbors for a crossing. Enjoy the outstanding cuisine aboard after getting to the next harbor while watching the sunset or stroll around historical harbor towns before going to sleep under the stars... either on deck or in your cabin.



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Itinerary Day to Day

Day 1: Pula (Round trip) – Pula (Embarkation) 15 km

Individual arrival at Pula. The secret capital of Istria with its town full of impressive remains of its Roman past awaits your visit. Around 2 pm/2:30 pm check-in on the motor yacht. Afterwards a first cycle tour starts at 3 pm and takes us in a large circle around Pula and back to the ship. You might get the chance to have a closer look of the famous Amphitheatre. After your cycle tour you go on your first cruise just a couple of miles north to a bay for your overnight stay.



Day 2: Vrsar - Poreč 35 km

In the early morning (before breakfast) we go on a very scenic, approx. 3 h cruise to Vrsar, the town where lady killer Casanova found temporary refuge from lovers pursuing him. Starting from Vrsar, we cycle along the Limski canal to Klostar in the hinterland. After a break, long enough to taste some fresh suckling pig, our route takes us to Poreč. On a guided walk, we encounter the evidence of the town's eventful past at every step along the way. While strolling through the charming historical center, with its beautiful buildings of many different periods as well as the bustling shopping lanes, we will not miss the famous Euphrasian Basilica, with its gorgeous early Christian mosaics.

Day 3: Poreč – Višnjan – Umag 50 km

Today's cycle tour takes us from Poreč through extensive vineyards to Visnjan, home of the famous white Boskarin Cattle. After a coffee break we continue cycling through the gentle hills of the hinterland to Vizinada. After a lunch break we cycle back to Poreč. We will not miss a visit to Baredine Cave on our cycle tour. Our excursion takes us through five amazing halls which are beautifully illuminated. It leads us 60 m under ground to a subsurface lake and if we are lucky we'll meet a native – the famous amphibia (Proteus anguinus): the olm. This little cave dweller is a unique one. It is endemic to this karst area. Back at the ship we hop on our boat and enjoy a lovely cruise to Umag.



Day 4: Umag – Grožnjan – Novigrad 55 km

After breakfast we start our cycling tour to the north starting at the headland and further on along the coastline. After a climb we get to the artist's village of Grožnjan. Strengthened by a long relaxing stop we continue cycling to Novigrad passing the river valley of Mirna. The Mirna river valley is well known as an area where white truffles can be found. A gourmet's heart will jump for joy. Getting to Novigrad we find the impressive battlement of the city wall as well the 7th century Pelagius Basilica. Around the pretty harbor we find many cafes and bars, where we can end the day. Dinner on board.



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Day 5: Novigrad – Poreč – Rovinj 25 km

After breakfast we leave Novigrad and cycle along the coast all the way to Poreč. There is time to take a stroll through the beautiful old town and to enjoy the regional cuisine for lunch. The boat awaits you in the harbour of Poreč and will take us to Rovinj. Overnight stay in Rovinj.



Day 6: Rovinj 20 km

From Rovinj we start today's cycle tour which allows ample time for a refreshing swim in the Adriatic Sea. You got time in the afternoon to stroll through the winding alleyways of this picture perfect town. It'll leave you enchanted. The night is spent in Rovinj.

Day 7: Rovinj – Barbariga - Vodnjan - Pula 35 km

A longer crossing takes us to Barbariga. We get ashore, have some lunch and hop on our bicycles. Our cycle tour leads us via Vodnjan back to Pula to our port of departure. There is enough time to take a walk through the town and to visit the many heritage sites which the city has to offer. A celebrative evening meal with guests, guides and crew brings a fantastic week to a happy end.

Day 8: Pula (Disembarkation)

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





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Route



Technical Characteristics:

Route Profile: Easy. The cycle tours require a basic level of fitness from participants, which they should have acquired from steady cycling. The tours will take us up to a height of 300 m above sea level. The day tours from 25 km will take us through hilly terrain and will be completed without any time constraints. We traverse mostly asphalted roads, which are rarely traveled on outside the holiday seasons. Unpaved or gravel roads will be cycled at times, during which participants are, however, also permitted to push their bicycles. 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. Helmet use is mandatory on all cycle tours. You are strongly encouraged to bring your own (well-fitted) helmet. Rental helmets are available in limited numbers (reservation requested).

Distance: 240 km

Travel Season: Departure dates: April 15; April 22; April 29; May 6; May 13; May 20; May 27; June 3; June 10; September 2; September 9; September 16; September 23; September 30; October 7 and October 14, 2018

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Price per Person:

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| Basic price double occupancy all departures | €990.00 |
| Surcharge Double Cabin for Single Use Above Deck | €400.00 |
| Bike rental 21 gear hybrid Ortlieb with pannier | €80.00 |
| E-bike (i:SY Flyer Eco) 8 hub gear with Ortlieb pannier | €160.00 |
| Insurance against theft and damage for 21 gear bike | €10.00 |
| Insurance against theft and damage for 21 E-bike | €20.00 |
| Reductions: | |
| Children up to age 16 (not combinable with the 50 % discount) | 25% off basic price |
| 3 rd person in a cabin (regardless of age)* | 50% |

*These cabins are furnished with a double bed and a single bunk bed above. If the cabin is situated on deck, we will not charge the above deck surcharge for the third person.

Services Included:

- 8 day trip on a motor yacht with crew
- 7 nights in a double cabin below deck with shower/toilet (above deck surcharge is included in the basic tour price)
- 7 x half board
- Guided cycling tours and sightseeing as described in the itinerary
- Overview/maps for the daily tours (on board)
- Bed linen and towels
- English speaking tour guide

Not Included:

- Journey to Pula
- Flat rate for bottled water, Visitor's tax and local charges 40 Euro for adults or 20 Euro for children up to age 16 (to be paid to the captain)
- Beverages on board (tally sheet; to be paid to the captain)
- Meals and beverages ashore
- Entrance fee for sights are not included in the tour price
- Tips for crew and tour guides

Ship Tarin (Comfort)



The Tarin is a 22 meter long and 6.2 meter wide motor sailer with two mast and was built in 2003/2004. All ten cabins are on deck. Three of them are equipped with a double bed (140 cm) and an additional single bed; another two of them with a double bed (140 cm) and four with single beds either bulk beds or beds next to each other. Another cozy cabin is situated below deck and equipped with 2 beds next to each other as well as a two portholes and a wooden desk. All bathrooms are tiled and equipped with shower, sink and toilet. Lounging mattresses on the large sun deck and shaded tables for outside dining guarantee a cozy and relaxed time on board.





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Bikes

Four frame sizes insure optimum riding comfort for all of our guests between 1.50m – 1.90m. Our women's bikes are available in 46 or 52cm frame sizes, the men's bikes are available in 56 and 60cm frame sizes. 21 Gears.

Ladies Hybrid



Men's Hybrid



E-Bike 28"



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