



Croatia - Istria by Bike and Boat Tour (2025)
Guided or Individual Self-Guided
8 days / 7 nights



Istria, also referred to as the “green heart of Europe” by the locals, is Croatia’s most famous peninsula and travel destination and its popularity is not without good reason. You can experience the highlights of Istria from multiple perspectives on this week-long trip; from the maritime perspective on board and on land you explore the beautiful coastlines, the fruitful hinterlands and the fascinating harbor towns such as Pula, Poreč and Rovinj. There is so much to discover along the way! Medieval villages, ancient monuments, picturesque wineries and impressive caves are to be discovered along the way. During the guided bike tours, you will learn all about the region from our knowledgeable and friendly guides. Back on board the boat local specialties are prepared in the galley and you can enjoy all the benefits of a mobile accommodation. The floating hotel eliminates the need to pack your bags each day as you travel from one highlight to the next and you have the possibility to enjoy a refreshing swim directly from the boat in the crystal clear waters of the Adriatic Sea. or a refreshing swim directly from the boat in the

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crystal clear waters of the Adriatic Sea. Arriving at the next port, picturesque old towns entice you to take an extended stroll. Vacation pure! What more could you want?

Day by Day

1st Day (Fri) Omišalj (Embarkation) - Cres

Individual arrival to Omišalj, a charming pirate's nest on the island of Krk. If you decide to arrive by car, we can gladly organize a secure parking space for your car for the week. If you are arriving from Zagreb, we can also arrange a transfer for you to the harbor of Omišalj. Check-in on board is possible from around 2pm. Once we have made ourselves comfortable in our cabins, we enjoy the first crossing to Cres. Our destination is the island capital of the same name, where we spend the night. The Venetian-influenced old town of Cres, with its beautiful alleys and many churches, entices you to take an extensive evening stroll.

2nd Day (Sat) Cres – Pula (approx. 17 mi./28 km by bike)

In the morning we enjoy our breakfast on board with a pleasant morning cruise to Pula. In the afternoon we explore some picturesque places in and around Pula. Via Galizana we go to Vodnjan and further through the fishing village Fazana before coming back to Pula where we can take part on an inspiring guided city tour before enjoying our evening exploring the town further at our leisure. The night is spent in Pula.



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3rd Day (Sun) Pula - Vrsar – Poreč (aprx. 25 mi/40 km by bike)

In the morning we enjoy our breakfast on board with another pleasant morning cruise this time to Vrsar. It is in Vrsar that the heartbreaker Casanova is believed to have sought temporary refuge from the husbands of his lovers. From here we cycle along the Limski Canal to Kloštar in the rural hinterland to our destination of Poreč. The town has a lively vibe with its long promenade and shopping streets. A visit to the famous Euphrasius Basilica with its magnificent early Christian mosaics is worth a visit and there is also plenty of time to go for a swim and relax in the afternoon. The night is spent in Porec.

4th Day (Mon) Poreč – Novigrad (aprx. 36 mi/59 km)

In the morning we follow the "Parenzana", an abandoned railroad line, which leads us to the famous artists' village of Groznjan. The picturesque artists' village is a medieval jewel in the Istrian hinterland. It awaits us with romantic alleys, flower-filled squares and diverse galleries that have made their home in old natural stone houses. In the afternoon, we bike through rural Istria via Buje to Novigrad, where we can enjoy the evening and spend the night.



5th Day (Tue) Rovinj (aprx. 12 mi/20 km)

In the morning, during breakfast, the boat takes us to Rovinj, the starting point of today's cycle tour. You leave the town and follow an old railroad line to the Lim Canal. Near the town, the vast green wilderness of the local park is the perfect backdrop for an optional extension to the cycle tour past picturesque bays where you can stop for a refreshing swim. After a pleasant

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morning on your bikes and on the beach, you return to the ship and in the afternoon, accompanied by a knowledgeable guide, you have plenty of time to discover the secrets of the town of Rovinj, often called the “Pearl of Istria”.

6th Day (Wed) Rovinj – Fažana – Rabac (aprx. 20 mi/32 km)

Our morning bike ride takes us near the coast, mostly on natural forest paths to Fažana, with its quaint little harbor and promenade lined with colorful houses. We board the boat and enjoy a cruise along the coast to Rabac. Here, located on a picturesque bay on the east coast of Istria, we can enjoy gorgeous white pebble beaches, crystal clear waters and a beautiful harbor. Not to be missed is an evening cocktail in a local bar.

7th Day (Thu) Rabac – Njivice - Omišalj (aprx. 23 mi/38 km)

In the early morning, we cross to the island of Krk, where a final cycling stage awaits us. The route will lead us from Njivice to Omišalj. The largest island in Croatia and home of the delicious Zlahtina white wine impresses with its diverse landscapes. Don't miss the opportunity to cover yourself in the mineral rich mud in the bay of Soline – it will not only leave you looking ten years younger, but also makes for a wonderful holiday memory! Back in the harbor of Omišalj, our boat awaits us with a delicious last evening meal on board which can be spent in great cheer in the company of the fellow travelers, crew and guides.

8th Day (Fri) Omisalj (Disembarkation)

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

Itinerary changes

We reserve the right to make changes to the planned itinerary due to changing wind and weather conditions as well as organizational requirements.



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Route



The cycle tours require a basic level of fitness from participants, which they should have acquired from steady cycling. The day-tours (20 km to 60 km and 656 ft./200 m to 2624 ft./800 m of elevation gain) will take us through hilly terrain and will be mainly on asphalt roads. Up to 30% of the tours offered will take place on forest paths and gravel roads. Pushing your bike is allowed. 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. **Group riding pace:** On our regular cycling tours, the cyclists on regular bicycles determine the pace. We ask guests who have reserved an e-bike to be mindful of this and to acknowledge that the regular cyclists need time to rest and take longer to climb the hills. We thank you for your understanding.

Requirement to wear a helmet Helmets are mandatory on our bike tours. It is advised to bring your own, well fitted, helmet with you as our rental helmet numbers are limited (reservation required).

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Dates and Prices All prices in Euros, per person double occupancy and subject to confirmation on booking

Dates	Notes	Basic tour price per person in a twin cabin below deck
April 18	Linda	999
May 2	Linda	999
May 16	Linda	1149
May 30	Linda	1149
June 13	Linda- no MTB tour	1299
June 27	Linda	1299
September 5	Linda- no MTB tour	1299
September 19	Linda	1299
October 3	Linda	1149
October 17	Linda	1149
April 25	PLUS tour- Andela Lora	1799
May 9	PLUS tour- Andela Lora	1999
May 23	PLUS tour- Andela Lora	1999
June 6	PLUS tour- Andela Lora	2199
June 20	PLUS tour- Andela Lora	2199
June 20	PLUS tour- Andela Lora	2199
July 4	PLUS tour- Andela Lora	2199
July 18	PLUS tour- Andela Lora	1799
August 1	PLUS tour- Andela Lora	1799
August 15	PLUS tour- Andela Lora	1999
August 29	PLUS tour- Andela Lora	2199
September 12	PLUS tour- Andela Lora	2199
September 26	PLUS tour- Andela Lora	2199
October 10	PLUS tour- Andela Lora	1999
October 24	PLUS tour- Andela Lora	1799
Surcharge for a cabin above deck		250 Euros per person
Surcharge for a double cabin for single use below deck		50%
Surcharge for a double cabin for single use above deck		50% x base price and above deck
Hybrid bike rental- Linda		80 Euros/ week
Gravel bike rental -Adela lora		
e-bike rental		245 Euros/week
Insurance for bike		Hybrid 20 Euros/ E-bike 30 Euros



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Special diet lactose free, gluten free, vegan		70 Euros
transfers		On request

Included services

8-day-trip on a motorized yacht with crew

- 7 nights in a twin cabin with shower/toilet
- 2 x full board and 5 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

Guided tours in Pula and Rovinj

Not included

- Journey to Pula
- Flat rate for bottled water and tourist taxes , 60 euro for adults or 30 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
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On all the above dates on Linda we also operate our trip Istria Highlights MTB Standard parallel to the regular hybrid bike tour. One guide cycles with the MTB group whilst the other guide leads the hybrid cyclists on the road. If you are interested in the additional itinerary, we can gladly provide you with it.

The itinerary of the Istria Highlights tour is the same as the itinerary of the Istria Highlights PLUS tour, making the PLUS tour on board the Deluxe ship a great alternative.

On this trip, we offer you the option of either joining your guides on the cycle tours or completing the cycle routes individually at your own pace using the free RideWithGPS route app for your smartphone as well as GPS tracks and maps.

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Comfort Ship LINDA (all cabins with shower/toilet)



At 31 x 6 m, the Linda is a sleek wooden motor yacht rebuilt as a passenger ship in 2006. There are 14 friendly guest cabins each with a private shower and WC. The spacious and tastefully furnished salon with its wooden tables and upholstered benches provides a welcoming atmosphere. The large sundeck and the two shaded decks at the stern are furnished with sun mats and comfortable lounge furniture. Perfect to unwind for a relaxing cruise.

Catering

The on-board chef is a member of the crew and prepares the breakfast and one or two warm meals a day. The catering consists of 2 x full board and 5 x half board. Catering starts with the dinner on the arrival day and ends with the breakfast on the departure day.

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Deluxe Ship ANDELA LORA (all cabins with shower/toilet)- PLUS Tours



At 40 x 8.5 m the Andela Lora is an extraordinary, elegant steel ship, built in 2012. With its impressive length it is one of the largest ships in our Croatian fleet. The 17 spacious guest cabins are air-conditioned and include a shower and WC. The Andela Lora also offers a cozy salon on the top deck and numerous comfortable spaces on deck to relax. At the stern of the ship, a swimming platform provides effortless access to the sea.

Catering

The on-board chef is a member of the crew and prepares the breakfast and one or two warm meals a day. The catering consists of 2 x full board and 5 x half board. Catering starts with the dinner on the arrival day and ends with the breakfast on the departure day.

This is a partner tour contact us for more information and for bookings