



## Croatia – Highlights of Dalmatia by E-Bike and Boat Tour (2024)

Guided or Individual Self-Guided

8 days / 7 nights



If you would like to experience the region of South Dalmatia in all its glory as well as Dubrovnik with its amazing city walls, this e-bike or hybrid bike and boat tour is an excellent choice for you! Discover this sparsely populated area of Croatia on board a charming motor yacht. Breath-taking scenic experiences and cultural attractions await you. The highlights of the trip include the town centre of Dubrovnik and Split, both of which are listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites. We cycle the islands of Mljet, Lastovo, Korčula, Hvar, and Brač and get the opportunity to experience sea and land, culture and nature firsthand. The proud motor yacht Harmonia is your home for this unforgettable week. Welcoming, roomy cabins with private bathrooms, a comfortable sundeck as well as a stylish salon are all at your disposal onboard the ship.

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**Day by Day** *The direction of this tour alternates each week.*

**1st Day (Fri) Split (Embarkation)**

Individual journey to Split. Check-in on board starts between 2 and 2:30 pm at Split harbour. On a guided city tour at 4:30 pm, we get the opportunity to see inside the former Palace of Emperor Diocletian and learn about its transformation into the city it is today. The boat overnights in Split offering the guests an opportunity to experience Split's nightlife.



**2nd Day (Sat) Split - Insel Brač: Pučišća – Bol – Island Hvar: Jelsa (aprx. 14 mi./23 km)**

In the morning we cruise to the island of Brač, famous for its radiant, precious limestone that was used in part for the White House in Washington as well as for the construction of the German Reichstag building in Berlin. Once on Brač, we cycle from the picturesque harbour town of Pučišća, known internationally for its stone masonry college, across the island to Bol. Close by lies the famous “Golden Horn”, a popular Croatian beach famous for its unique shape. Water lovers can enjoy a swim here before we continue on by boat to Jelsa on the island of Hvar.

**3rd Day (Sun) Hvar Island: Jelsa – Stari Grad - Hvar – Island Vis (aprx. 22 mi./35 km)**

Today's cycling tour on the Island of Hvar leads us first from Jelsa to Stari Grad. After a short break we continue on by bike through lavender fields and small villages to the island's capital, Hvar, on the opposite side of the island. Marvel at the magnificent Renaissance Square and enjoy a view up to the Spanish Fortress, towering high above the town. Make sure to take the time to go for a little stroll through Hvar town before boarding the boat for the next crossing. From Hvar we continue by boat to the island of Vis where we spend the night.



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**4th Day (Mon) Island Vis – Island Korčula (aprx. 20 mi./32 km)**

Vis is the furthestmost inhabited island from mainland Croatia. A Greek colony called Issa settled on the island 2,300 years ago. Due to its strategic location it was a military zone until 1995 and prohibited for foreign tourists. Today we have the opportunity to explore the lovely island by bicycle. From the town of Vis we cycle once around the entire island with a coffee stop in the harbour of Komiža and a possibility for a



traditional lunch along the way before returning to the boat. After the tour, the boat takes us to the harbour of Vela Luka on the Island of Korčula where we spend the night.

**5th (Tues) Day Korčula Island: Vela Luka - Korčula town (aprx. 37.5 mi./60 km)**

Today's cycle tour leads us across the charming island of Korčula all the way to Korčula town. A mild Mediterranean climate and a vast variety of different landscapes await us on this spectacular island. Take your time and don't forget to take a break to enjoy the view over the deep blue sea and neighbouring islands. The picturesque town of Korčula competes with Venice for the honour of being the birthplace of the famous explorer Marco Polo. Spend the evening wandering through the fishbone alleyways and soak up the atmosphere of this stylish town. A guided city tour will give you an overview of the city and its history.

**6th Day (Wed) Island Korčula – Pelješac Peninsula: Orebić – Trstenik – Island Mljet (aprx. 16 mi./25 km + up to 18 mi./30 km)**

During breakfast a short cruise brings us to the harbour of Orebić on the Pelješac Peninsula. Pelješac can be recognised from far away with its impressive 3280 ft./ 1.000m high Sv. Ilija mountain range. The famous local wines named Plavac and Dingač originate from this unique wine region where vineyards can be found firmly rooted into the steep mountainside. Today's bicycle ride takes us along the coastline from Orebić to Trstenik where the boat will wait for us with a delicious lunch (a short 4km distance of the tour is ridden on gravel roads to avoid the traffic of the busy main road). With lunch on board we set off towards the green island of Mljet where we can enjoy an afternoon bike tour or a hike through the Mljet National Park with its two salt lakes. The night is spent in the harbour of Pomena.

**7th Day (Thurs) Mljet Island – Dubrovnik (aprx. 17.5 mi./28 km)**

From Pomena, we cycle the length of the island to Sobra. With 70% of its landmass being covered by woodland it is the most forested island in the Mediterranean region. Homer mentioned this lovely island in his epic poem the "Odyssey", making it the home of the Nymph Calypso and the legendary Greek king Odysseus, who, unable to resist Calypso, stayed on Mljet for seven years. Boarding the boat in Sobra, we

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can look back on an eventful week whilst enjoying our last cruise to our final highlight of the week: the city of Dubrovnik! After our arrival in Dubrovnik there is plenty of time to explore the UNESCO World Heritage city and to take part on a guided city tour. A cheerful evening meal on board the boat provides plenty of time to celebrate the wonderful week with fellow travellers and tour guides.

### 8th Day Split (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.

### Route





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**125 mi./200 k**

Our cycle tours fit for both: hybrid and e-bikers. You have to decide beforehand, which bicycle you like to rent, if you decide to rent one. You are free to set aside a half or full day to swim or to spend time 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). The tours will take us up to a height of 200 - 500 m above sea-level. The day-tours up to 28 mi./45 km will take us through hilly and mountainous terrain and will be completed without any time-constraints. Participants will also need to master longer climbs, during which they are, however, also permitted to push their bicycles. We traverse mostly asphalted roads, which are rarely frequented outside the holiday seasons.

**2024 Dates and Prices** – *all prices per person double occupancy in Euros and subject to confirmation on booking*

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Dates	Comments	Basic tour price per person in a twin cabin below deck
April 12	Split – Dubrovnik	1,690 euro
April 19	Dubrovnik – Split	1,690 euro
May 3	Dubrovnik – Split	1,690 euro
May 10	Split – Dubrovnik	1,890 euro
May 17	Dubrovnik – Split	1,890 euro
May 24	Split – Dubrovnik	1,890 euro
June 7	Split – Dubrovnik	1,890 euro
June 21	Split – Dubrovnik	1,890 euro
July 5	Split – Dubrovnik	1,790 euro
July 12	Dubrovnik – Split	1,790 euro
July 19	Split – Dubrovnik	1790 euro
July 26	Dubrovnik – Split	1,790 euro
August 2	Split – Dubrovnik	1,790 euro
August 9	Dubrovnik – Split	1,790 euro
August 16	Split – Dubrovnik	1,990 euro
August 23	Dubrovnik – Split	1,990 euro

This tour takes place in two directions, either from Dubrovnik to Split or from Split to Dubrovnik. In the schedule above the dates of both directions are listed. The detailed itinerary of the Split - Dubrovnik tour (1) can be sent on request.

### 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. It starts with the dinner on the arrival day and ends with the breakfast on the departure day.

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### **Additional optional services**

- Shared twin cabin (on request)
- Surcharge per person for a cabin above deck: 250 euro
- Surcharge for a double cabin for single use below deck: 600 euro (limited, on request)
- Surcharge for a double cabin for single use above deck: 800 euro (limited, on request)
- Rental bike with Ortlieb pannier if bike had rack r: e-bike: 225 euro/week; gravel or road bike: 180 euro/week
- Insurance against theft and damage of the rental bike: 25 euro/week; (not insured: grossly negligent damages)
- Private airport transfer between Dubrovnik airport and Gruž harbor/Split harbor and Split Airport: price on request

### **Included**

- 8-day trip on a motorized yacht with crew
- 7 nights in a twin cabin below deck with shower/toilet
- 2 x full board and 5 x half board
- Guided cycling tours as described in the itinerary
- Overview-maps for the daily tours (on board)
- City tour in Dubrovnik, Korčula and Split
- Bed linen and towels
- English speaking tour guide

### **Not included in the basic tour price**

- Journey to Dubrovnik/from Split
- 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 not included in the tour price
- Taxi ride from Dubrovnik airport to the ship (aprx. 40 euro/ride)/from ship to Split airport (aprx. 20 euro/ride)
- Travelling by car: public guarded parking (Dubrovnik/prices displayed on site)
- Tips for crew and tour guides

**Price reductions** With three or four people sharing a cabin, we allow a 50 % discount on the basic tour price for the third and fourth person, regardless of age. Children up to age 16 receive a discount of 25 % on the basic tour price (not combinable with the 50 % discount); Surcharge for single cabin use will be added.

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### Deluxe Ship Harmonia



At 38 x 8.3 meters the MY Harmonia is an elegant, pearly white motor yacht. This two masted beauty meets the highest expectations with her 16 luxurious guest cabins including tiled bathrooms with shower cabins/WC. The salon and numerous sun mats and beds on deck are at the guest's disposal. With the bathing platform at the stern, taking a dip in the sea is uncomplicated – unrestricted swimming fun is guaranteed. The experienced crew and the captain offer a warm-hearted and considerate service, leaving no wish unattended to.







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### Bikes



All e-bikes are high quality pedelecs, most of which are fitted with Bosch motors with extra battery range. They are characterized by their relatively light weight and great components. Some of our fleet are equipped with other motor systems. With an Islandhopping e-bike, you will be able to climb almost any hill with ease. They are a true set of wings for anyone who needs a little 'tail wind' to make their ride that little bit more enjoyable.



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### Gravel/Road bikes



Cyclocross and gravel bikes can be ridden over a variety of terrain. These bikes run perfectly on smooth asphalt surfaces as well as on gravel trails. The frames are extremely robust while still light. The relatively wide tires provide good traction when cycling on loose surfaces. Cyclocross bikes allow for adventurous rides without compromise.

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