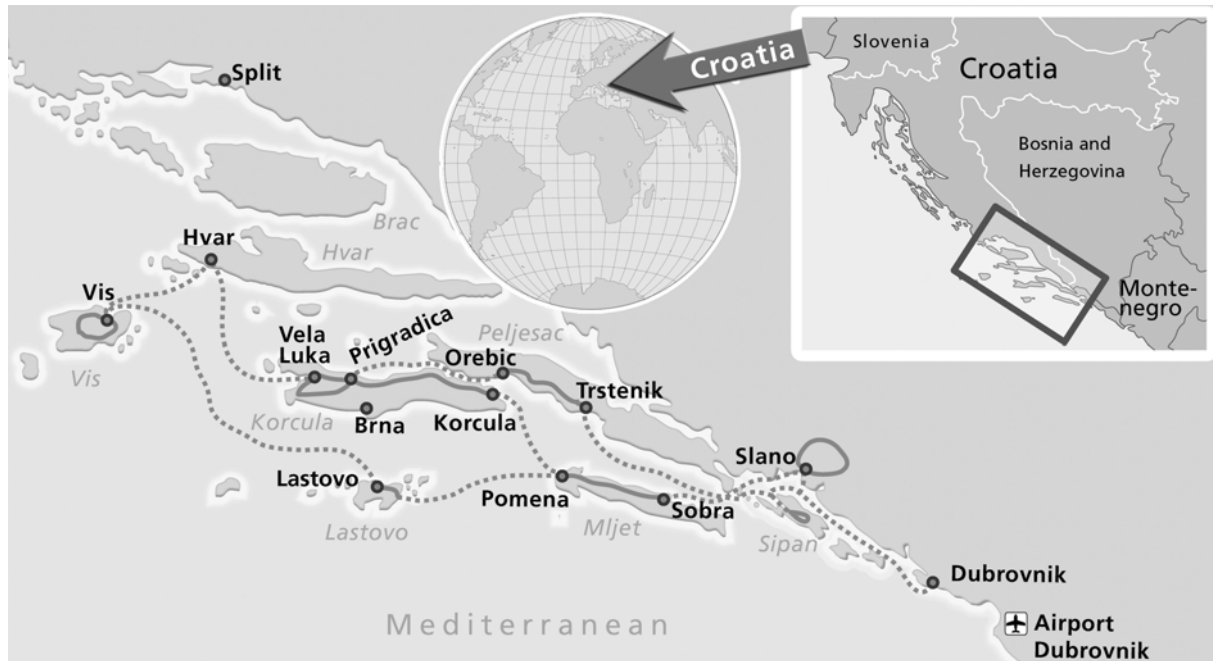


Cycling Safaris

CROATIA Dalmatian Islands 2010 From Dubrovnik



Popular with sailors from all over the world, Croatia boasts over 1000 islands dotted in a spectacular turquoise sea lapping along a breathtaking landscape of mostly untouched coastline. Our tour by bike and boat is the perfect way to experience the numerous inlets, bays and medieval towns set against a magnificent mountain backdrop.

Accompanied by our charming, floating accommodation we set off on a cycling adventure that explores the Dalmatian region and its islands in the gorgeous Adriatic Sea. You will get to know this sparsely populated part of Croatia including the stunning coasts on Korčula Island, Hvar with its beautiful medieval town, the peaceful National Park on Mljet Island, and the tiny Lastovo Island with its untouched scenery. A highlight of the trip is the UNESCO listed Dubrovnik, arguably one of the most picturesque destinations in the Mediterranean with its marble-paved squares, narrow cobbled streets and imposing city wall rising from the sea. During the daily scenic island crossings you can sit back, rest your legs and enjoy the scenery from the ship while our private chef spoils us with delicious freshly made local cuisine.

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 Sunday Embarkation at Dubrovnik and Sipan Island 10 km / 6 mi. by bike

We meet onboard the ship at **1pm** and begin the tour with lunch and a welcome chat.

Please note that the boat departs from Dubrovnik at 2pm.

After lunch, our journey begins with a short cruise to the quiet island of Sipan, the largest of the Elefithian islands. A pleasant afternoon cycle takes us through varied countryside – we pass luxurious villas, through green forests, fertile valleys and subtropical parks. We spend the night on Sipan, away from the tourist crowds.

Alterations:

We reserve the right to make alterations to the planned route due to changing wind and weather conditions, and where required by organizational necessities.

TOUR DATES (Sunday departures)

May 2, 9, 30
June 13, 20
September 5, 26
October 10

TOUR PRICE

€1,060.00 per person sharing cabin below deck.

€1,110.00 per person sharing above deck

Single cabin (only above deck available): €1,510.00 (on request)

WHAT THE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- 8 Days onboard the ship with crew
- 7 nights accommodation in a double cabin with bathroom
- Full Board (breakfast and two warm dishes per day).
- Bike hire
- Towels (shower and hand towel)
- Overview maps of the daily tours
- Entrance fee to the National Park and guided excursions
- English and German speaking guides cycling with the group

Not included in the tour price:

- Visitor's tax and local charges €20 (to be paid to the captain).
- Drinks onboard (Tally sheet to be paid to the captain).
- Taxi from airport to Dubrovnik

THE BOAT - SAN SNOVA

For this tour we are using the ship San Snova ("Dream of Dreams"), a brand new wooden motorboat constructed entirely of oak. The ship, 31 m long and 8 m wide, meets the highest expectations in regard to comfort, elegance and style, combining romantic seafaring with modernity and functionalism.

The roomy sun deck offers comfortable mats for relaxing and lounge chairs are found on the afterdeck. Two one-man canoes for swim stops are also part of the equipment.

CABINS: The cabins are either above or below deck (subject to availability). All cabins have their own bathroom with shower and toilet and are equipped with an individually controlled air-conditioner.



BIKE / FITNESS



Bike hire is included in the tour package (Male and female frames available).

This tour requires a moderate level of fitness from participants, we would recommend that you do try to do some cycling before the tour in order to make your trip more enjoyable, if possible do it on varied terrain and include some hill climbing.

As maritime harbours are located at sea level, a climb is to be expected at the start of every trip. However, there is no rush and you have plenty of time to complete the daily distance even if you push your bicycle uphill! Once you are at the top, the route mostly undulates along the ridge before you are rewarded with a long and often spectacular descent to the next harbour where you meet the ship.

We will cycle on mostly asphalted roads, which are rarely travelled on outside the holiday seasons. Each day you can either decide to bike alone, using the information and maps provided, or join the two tour guides or other participants.

If you feel like a break from the saddle you are of course free to set aside a half or full day to swim or spend on board the boat.

WHAT TO BRING

Specialised cycle clothing may be handy but not strictly necessary. What you do need (among other things) is the following:

- shorts/ long trousers/ track suit/ leggings
- shirts/ sweater/ rain clothing
- good shoes
- sunglasses/ cap/ swimming costume
- extra towel for swimming
- soap/ insect repellent

GROUP, GUIDE AND BACK-UP SERVICE

On this tour there will be 2 guides cycling with the group. You can cycle at your own pace, and there will always be one guide at front and one at the back of the group. There is no support vehicle available on this tour, but there is no time pressure to finish the stages. You also have the option to stay on the boat if you wish.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Meals

The cook that travels along is a member of the crew and prepares breakfast and two warm dishes a day which take into account the requirements of active cyclists. The ample breakfast comprises bread, butter, jam, cheese, sausages, coffee, and tea as well as some extras.

For lunch, the cook will generally prepare a light meal and for dinner you can expect an great menu of several courses that often includes fish or seafood as its central dish. Please let us know beforehand if there are any foods you may or will not eat, and we will do our best to accommodate your wishes and to provide alternatives.

Arrival to tour start

- ❑ It is possible to fly to Dubrovnik Airport, which is about 15 km from your port of embarkation. From the airport you can take a taxi to the ship (Harbour Dubrovnik, approx. 15 km/40 euro).
- ❑ Other possible airports are:
 - Split (distance to Dubrovnik: 4,5 hours)

Dubrovnik airport is easy accessible from Dublin Airport and London.

Aer Lingus fly direct from Dublin and British Airways provide a direct service from London Gatwick Airport.

The tour starts with lunch at 1pm onboard our ship.

Please note that the boat departs from Dubrovnik at 2pm on the arrival day.

When arriving at Dubrovnik Airport you can take a bus all the way to Cruz Harbour where the ship is docked. Bus journey time is approx. 30 minutes. The ship is situated close to the central bus station of Dubrovnik and only 3 km away from the historical Old town.

