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## 8 Days Cycling The Dalmatian Coast

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## TOUR ITINERARY

### DAY 1

Destination	Split [Ferry] Hvar
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Start Split; ferry transfer to Hvar.

Start Split; If arrival times allow, there will be time to look around the old quarters of the city and a visit to the UNESCO Diocletian Palace, we may have time for dinner or a snack before we get back to the Split ferry port to take an evening ferry to Stari Grad on the island of Hvar. We then continue by road to Hvar town where we spend the first two nights.

Please note: the ferry leaves at 20.30. The group flight varies per departure and the itinerary will be adjusted accordingly.

### DAY 2

Destination	Hvar
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Circular ride exploring the island of Hvar, including Hvar town and a 8km climb.

Our first cycle is a circular ride exploring the island of Hvar. We start with a transfer to Stari Grad where we do our bike fitting before we start cycling along an old Roman road to Vrbovska and then follow the coastal road towards the village of Jelsa. Here we take a break before heading back to Stari Grad for an optional lunch. After lunch, we continue our cycle back to the town of Hvar. We will cycle up a challenging hill to a viewpoint overlooking the island of Brac with breathtaking views. When we return to Hvar, we will have a chance to wander around the narrow streets of this quintessential Dalmatian town. Rather like a mini Venice, the streets of Hvar are marbled and there are elegant gothic palaces and cathedrals inside the city walls.

Meals included: Breakfast

Distance covered: 47 km / 29 miles

### DAY 3

Destination	Hvar 🚲 Jesla [Bicycle] Sucuraj [Ferry] Drvenik 🚲 Orebic [Ferry] Korcula 🚲 Lumbarda
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Ride east along the island to port of Sucuraj; ferry via mainland to Korcula.

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Today we start with a transfer to Jelsa and we ride east along the narrow part of the island with views of both coasts as we head to the port of Sucuraj. The road is generally quiet and there are a couple of challenging climbs today to get you warmed up, however, the support vehicle will be available for anyone who doesn't want to cycle up the hills. Heading east, we have wonderful views of the mountainous mainland and the turquoise waters and we pass small villages, olive groves and tiny vineyards on our way to Sucuraj. From Sucuraj we take a ferry to Drvenik on the mainland, transfer by bus to Orebic, then catch another ferry to Korcula which is the historic centre of the island and in a lovely setting on the Peljesac Channel. It is also known for its outstanding cultural and historical heritage with a long tradition of seafaring, shipbuilding and stone-masonry, as well as being the birthplace of the adventurer and traveller Marco Polo. Once on Korcula, we have a short 15min transfer to the small town of Lumbarda which will be our base for the next three nights.

From June to September a ferry runs from Ploce to Trpanj, and from here we will take the bus to Orebic and then the ferry to Korcula. This shortens the time spent on the bus travelling from Drvenik to Orebic and makes the journey a bit more fun and picturesque.

Meals included: Breakfast

Distance covered: 44 km / 27 miles

### DAY 4

Destination	Lumbarda
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Free day in Lumbarda; optional visit (with bikes) to picturesque island of Mljet.

Today we have a free day to relax in Lumbarda, go for a swim at the sandy beach on Przina or explore the charming town of Korcula at your own pace. There is an optional visit (with bikes) to the picturesque island of Mijet. Those choosing to explore Mljet and its famous national park will take a boat ride to Pomena, which is also the entrance for the Mljet National Park. Here you can enjoy a very scenic but short ride around the two lakes.

Meals included: Breakfast

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### DAY 5

Destination	Lumbarda 🚗 Vela Luka [Bicycle] Brna 🚗 Pupnat [Bicycle] Lumbarda
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Scenic ride on forested island of Korcula, from Vela Luka to Korcula town and on to Lumbarda. After breakfast we will start our circular ride on the forested island of Korcula. We start with a transfer to Vela Luka and from here we ride to the pretty village Brna near Smokvica before transferring to Pupnat where we will have lunch. From here we get back on the bikes and cycle all the way back to Lumbarda after a great exploration of the island. Today is a busy day and there are some hills, but we will use the support vehicle where necessary.

Meals included: Breakfast  
Distance covered: 45 km / 28 miles

### DAY 6

Destination	Lumbarda [Ferry] Peljesac Peninsula [Bicycle] Zuljana 🚗 Dubrovnik
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Ride through the vineyards of Peljesac Peninsula towards the mainland; transfer to Dubrovnik. After a short ferry ride (approx 20 minutes) to the Peljesac Peninsula we follow this narrow and rugged finger of land. The route passes through olive groves, quiet villages and the famous vineyards hugging the steep slopes descending to the clear waters of the Adriatic. We complete our ride along an easy unpaved track to the tiny cove at Zuljana. From here the traffic levels increase so we take our support vehicle to Dubrovnik. En route there is a short stop at the small historic settlement of Ston, a beautiful example of a fortified town and Dubrovnik-style architecture. We should arrive in Dubrovnik in the late afternoon. We spend two nights in a lovely hotel which is a 10-minute public bus ride from the old town of Dubrovnik. This evening we will have a guided tour of the Old Town of Dubrovnik.

Meals included: Breakfast  
Distance covered: 18 km / 11 miles

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### DAY 7

Destination	Dubrovnik
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Free day to explore Dubrovnik.

Dubrovnik exudes old-world charm. Located right on the Adriatic, the fine religious buildings surrounded by heavily fortified walls and the jumble of red-tiled roofs make this a truly enchanting place. The shelling of Dubrovnik by Serb troops in 1991 and 1992 outraged the world. Fortunately over the last 15 years great care has been taken to re-build the damaged parts of Dubrovnik and the city has now returned to its former glory. The old town, or Stari Grad, is filled with cobblestone streets, fountains, churches, palaces and museums — all built from the same light-coloured stone. There are no motor vehicles in the quiet city, but at night the streets come alive as locals and visitors take an early evening stroll along the Stradun, the main street, covered in smooth shiny marble. Dubrovnik is famous for its fine seafood, and what better way to end our Croatian experience than splashing out on a feast of freshly grilled fish within Dubrovnik's city walls.

Meals included: Breakfast

### DAY 8

Destination	Dubrovnik
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

End Dubrovnik.

Trip ends in Dubrovnik.

Meals included: Breakfast

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### Inclusions

#### WHATS INCLUDED

Spectacular coastal cycling routes  
Explore the mainland and islands on two wheels  
Discover the UNESCO city of Dubrovnik  
Meals - All breakfasts  
Superior twin share accommodation  
Sightseeing and transportation as per the itinerary

### Fine Print

#### CABIN BEDDING AND UPGRADES

Bedding on board the cruise is restricted to the following configurations. If you wish to upgrade your cabin, the following amounts are payable in addition to the package price prior to travel:

Polar Outside Window cabin: INCLUDED. The Polar Outside cabins are primarily on the lower/middle decks with windows, they are spacious, have flexible sleeping arrangements (double or twin), TV and Ensuite for excellent and high standard accommodation.

Arctic Superior Balcony cabin: from \$2,000 per person (subject to availability) \*Great for wildlife photography\* Arctic Superior class cabins are comfortable and roomy accommodation and have balconies. They have flexible sleeping arrangements (double or twin), TV and ensuite and other features make this one of our most popular categories.

Suite cabin - from \$6,500 per person (subject to availability) \*Great for wildlife photography\* Suites feature a private balcony, top-high decks, ensuite, flexible sleeping arrangements, some with sofa bed, TV, minibar, amenity kit, bathrobe, kettle, tea and coffee, espresso maker. They have flexible sleeping arrangements (double or twin). Enjoy free access to the upscale Lindstrom restaurant for breakfast and dinner.

#### OPTIONAL TOURS

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### EXCLUSIONS

Airfares  
Personal Expenses  
Travel Insurance  
Optional activities  
Anything not mentioned in the itinerary or optional

### HOTEL LIST

The hotels used throughout the trip are of a good standard. All are clean and comfortable, most have air conditioning and swimming pools or are close to the beach allowing you to have a swim after a day on the bike. Croatia is not the cheap destination that some might expect and hotels can lack a little character, especially in the more popular destinations like Dubrovnik.

On Hvar, we stay in the vibrant town of Hvar.

On the island of Korcula, we stay in the small quaint fishing village of Lumbarda. The family run hotel offers warm hospitality, be sure to pack your swimming costume as there is a pool you can enjoy at the end of the day.

In Dubrovnik, we stay in Lapad Bay, next to many restaurants and close to a pebbly public beach. There is a supermarket nearby and the local bus for the Old Town of Dubrovnik is just in front of the hotel.

Please note: During the low season, some of the pools might be closed. However, when staying on Hvar and Korcula we are never far away from the sea if you fancy a swim.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however, any changes are beyond our control.

#### Single Supplement

A single supplement is available on all nights of this trip from an extra \$830 subject to availability.

#### Triple Share

Not available.

#### Children

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Children must be 5 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.

### Tour Documentation

Final documentation will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

### Group

Normally 4 to 16, plus local leader and driver.

Adult min age: 16

Min group size: 4

Max group size: 16

### Activity Level

This tour is classified Road: activity level 3 (Moderate)

4 days cycling (plus one optional days ride) with an average distance of 45km per day with full vehicle support.

The rides mainly follow tarmac roads, but where possible on the islands we will use the quieter older roads that tend to be hard gravel. The roads are quiet and there is less traffic on the islands than the mainland. The route will be generally undulating but there are a few challenging hills that can be tough in the warm weather. The trip is vehicle supported so it is possible to miss some of these harder sections if you prefer. At times the route will follow roads or tracks with a steep down slope to one side. Certain sections will not have a barrier.

No specific cycling experience required but you should be comfortable on a bike and have a reasonable level of fitness.

Following a review of all our trips we have categorised this trip as generally not suitable for persons of reduced mobility. However if you are a regular traveller on such trips, please contact customer services to discuss the trip and your personal condition.