

Croatia

CRUISE EXPERIENCE

2013

7 CYCLING ROUTES ON FOUR ISLANDS

- 8 days / 7 nights cruise
- Half board
- En-suite bathrooms
- 7 guided bike tours of varying difficulty
- Handpicked excellent Tour Guides

EXPERIENCE

breathtaking beauty of Croatian islands

BRAČ, HVAR, VIS AND KORČULA



ZLATNI RAT Golden Horn beach, BRAČ ISLAND
The most famous Croatian sandy beach in Bol



Croatia CRUISE EXPERIENCE

Our Croatia Cruise Experience takes you from Split to the magnificent islands of Brač, Hvar, Vis and Korčula over a week, for a vacation that brings cruising, cycling and relaxing in ideal balance. During one week, you will be able to choose whether you want to stay on board and simply relax or go for a swim off the beach or join one of the cycling tours. You can join all the cycling tours or none, the choice is yours.

In the morning over breakfast you will sail to a new destination, where the boat will drop you and the bikes off for a ride across the island. Those who decide to stay on board will be cruising to a secluded bay where the captain will drop the anchor and you can swim off the back of the boat surrounded by genuine Mediterranean scenery.

Boat will then pick up the ones cycling on the other side of the island and take you to the port of call for the night, where you can explore and enjoy the atmosphere of Croatian coastal towns. During one week there is a total of 7 cycling routes of varying difficulty and before each of them, our Tour Director will explain what to expect so you can decide whether to join or not. During the cruise you will experience magnificent landscape and stunning views, exciting life on board a small cruise boat and the calm atmosphere of Dalmatian small towns you will be docking at. You will also get to know fellow travelers from all over the world. 8 days after the start of your adventure you will be back in Split with lots of memorable experiences and newly forged friendships.



HVAR

View from the fortress Spangola above the town of Hvar, overlooking the harbor and the Pakleni islands archipelago

CRUISE

Itinerary from

Split

MAP



1. Split
2. Supetar
3. Bol
4. Stari Grad
5. Jelsa
6. Hvar
7. Vis
8. Komiža
9. Vela Luka
10. Korčula
11. Omiš

DAY 1 - Saturday

Sailing from Split to island of Brač.

Check in starts at 11 AM and lasts until 1 PM when the ship departs. Upon departure, welcome drink will be served and your dedicated Tour Guide will familiarize you with the boat, equipment, ship's crew and tell you more of the cruise and itinerary. Your first destination is the island of Brač, the third largest island in the Adriatic, known for its stunning hilly landscape and its perfectly white limestone.

1. Bike route, approx. 20 km: Supetar - Postira - Supetar (difficulty level: LIGHT)

Upon arrival at Supetar, you will mount your bike for the first time for a ride along the coast. You will be passing through a small village Splitska to a town Postira. There you will stop for a swim and a cup of coffee. You will then ride back to Supetar, right on time for dinner - your first meal on board. You will spend the night at the harbor of Supetar, getting to know your crew and fellow travelers.

If you decide to stay in Supetar, you will have an opportunity to explore its narrow alleys, soak in the Dalmatian atmosphere and relax.

DAY 2 - Sunday

Sailing from island of Brač to island of Hvar.

This day your destination is the famous coastal village Bol with one of the most beautiful beaches of the Mediterranean area, the famous Zlatni Rat (the Golden Horn).

2. Bike route, approx. 25 km: Supetar - Ložišća - Milna (difficulty level: MEDIUM) Bike route extension, approx. 47 km: Ložišća - Bol (difficulty level: HEAVY)

As the boat leaves for Milna you will follow the boat, cycling westward through Mirca and Sutivan to Ložišća. Those of you who don't feel like tackling the hill are welcome to continue to Milna and travel by boat to Bol. If you feel like some more cycling, the route continues through picturesque villages and hamlets of Dračevica, Nerezisća, Praznice and Gornji Humac. After a climb to a height of approximately 500 meters above sea level, if you will be aiming even higher you can venture all the way up to the Mount of Vidova Gora - the highest mountain on all of the islands of Adriatic with its height of 778 meters above sea level. For that extra effort you will be rewarded with a magnificent view over the islands of Brač, Šolta, Hvar and Korčula, the peninsula of Pelješac and the "Golden Horn" beach. After your descent to Bol, bikes will be loaded on the boat and you will set sail to Stari Grad, on the island of Hvar.

After arrival and dinner you will have a unique opportunity to explore the historical core of Stari Grad (called the "Old Town" in Croatian) a settlement whose foundations were laid back in the age of Ancient Greeks.

DAY 3 · Monday

Sailing from Stari Grad to Hvar.

3. Bike route, approx. 24 km, Stari Grad - Jelsa - Stari Grad (difficulty level: LIGHT)

Bike route extension, approx. 22 km, Stari Grad – Hvar (difficulty level: HEAVY)

Today you will again be able to decide on how much you wish to cycle on Hvar, an island also known as the “Sunniest island in Croatia”, since in average Hvar has 7.7 hours of sunshine per day. Your first route will take you from Stari Grad to Jelsa and then back to Stari Grad, through the ancient Stari Grad Plain, a UNESCO Protected World Heritage Site, an agricultural landscape set up by the ancient Greek colonists in the 4th century BC. There you will have a break for a cup of coffee or a scoop of ice cream. You will then return to Stari Grad, where you can load your bikes on the boat and sail to the town of Hvar, or if you feel fit and eager, you can enjoy the hilly road to the town of Hvar that meanders through fields of best Croatian lavender and rosemary, passing the town of Selca on the way. In the afternoon, you will have an opportunity to explore the town of Hvar, known for its exceptional beauty. You can even climb the fortress built on a hill above the town for a panoramic view of the town of Hvar, its marina and the surrounding archipelago of islands. As the sun sets down, you can dress up and enjoy the bustling nightlife, since Hvar is also famous for its bars and clubs open late into the night.

DAY 4 · Tuesday

Sailing from Hvar to island of Vis.

After breakfast you will leave Hvar behind and set sail towards the small, tucked away island of Vis.

4. Bike route, approx. 35 km, Vis – Komiža – Vis (difficulty level: MEDIUM)

Upon arrival at the port of Vis you continue by bike to the second biggest town on the island – Komiža. In Komiža you will have free time for a lunch and to enjoy the peaceful atmosphere of a town that has only 1677 occupants, and then you will ride back to Vis. In the evening, dinner will be served on board and the boat will stay in the harbor for the night.

DAY 5 · Wednesday

Sailing from Vis to island of Korčula.

In the morning the boat will leave Vis and steer for the nearby island of Korčula, known for its oak forests, famous white wine and excellent olive oil.

5. Bike route, approx. 52 km, Vela Luka – town of Korčula (difficulty level: HEAVY)

After docking at Vela Luka harbor, you will mount the bikes and cycle across the island past the towns of Blato, Smokvica, Čara, Pupnat and Žrnovo to the town of Korčula, enjoying the magnificent landscape studded with olive trees and vineyards. At the end of the route the town of Korčula awaits, the alleged Marko Polo's birthplace also known as “Dubrovnik's Little Sister”, with its beautiful medieval fortifications and stunning sunsets. Boat stays for the night in the harbor, allowing you to explore the town and its surroundings.



DAY 6 · Thursday

Sailing from Korčula to Omiš.

The next day you will sail northwest along the Pelješac peninsula, around its tip and towards the mainland, passing the islands of Hvar and Brač. Your destination for that day will be Omiš, the town of pirates situated in the amazing landscape of cliffs and rocks, where river Cetina meets the Adriatic.

6. Bike route, approx. 13 km, Omiš – Radmanove Mlinice (difficulty level: LIGHT)

Bike route extension, approx. 12 km, Radmanove Mlinice – Podaspilje (difficulty level: MEDIUM)

After docking at the port of Omiš, we will mount the bikes and ride into the canyon of the emerald green river Cetina. Our first destination is “Radmanove Mlinice”, an old mill on the river built in the 17th century where you can decide to have a swim off the river beach into the exceptionally pure river water or decide to cycle on and up to the village of Podaspilje, for a fantastic view over the canyon and the river Cetina. You will then return to Omiš for an opportunity to explore its narrow streets and alleys, or even climb one of the fortresses on the cliff above the town. The boat will stay in the harbor for the night.

DAY 7 · Friday

Sailing from Omiš to Split.

In the morning the boat will leave the harbor and sail along the mainland to Split, to finish the full circle and to allow you enough time to explore the city of Split, the second biggest city in Croatia.

7. Bike route, approx. 20km, Marjan hill in Split (difficulty level: MEDIUM)

Upon arrival, you will ride up to the top of Marjan hill for a grand view over the city of Split. Marjan hill is a forest park much beloved by the locals situated close to the town center. On this last evening you will have time for some more souvenir and postcard hunting, but also for a peek into the ruins of the ancient Diocletian Palace, a UNESCO Protected World Heritage Site, around which the old town of Split is built. As you will notice, Split is a true Mediterranean city whose main promenade “Riva” comes alive with people as the sun sets down and the bars start opening. That is a perfect opportunity to have a drink, join the locals in people watching and reflect on the experience of the past seven days.

DAY 8 · Saturday

In the morning breakfast will be served, after which farewell follows and disembarkation by 9 AM.





RATES PER PERSON IN EUR BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY		
Guaranteed departures		
DEPARTURE DATES	May 25 June 1, 8, 15, 22 Sep 7, 14, 21	June 29 August 24, 31
Saturdays from Split		
Main Deck Cabin	890 EUR	950 EUR
Upper Deck Cabin	930 EUR	990 EUR
Single occupancy supplement	+30%	+30%
3rd bed reduction	-100 EUR	-100 EUR
Child reduction 10-12	-120 EUR	-120 EUR
Child reduction 2-10	-150 EUR	-150 EUR
Port and residence tax	25 EUR	25 EUR
Bike rental and port and residence taxes (hybrid bike equipped with water bottle carrier (0.5l), rear rack and service kit)	100 EUR / week	100 EUR / week

RATE INCLUDES:

- 8 days / 7 nights cruise on programed route
- Accommodation in a chosen category cabin with shower/toilet
- Half board: breakfast and 1 meal (lunch or dinner, depending on itinerary). First meal on board is dinner on 1st day; last meal is breakfast on 8th day.
- Bed linen and bathroom towels
- Towels change in the mid of the week
- Usage of the ship's equipment
- Professional and experienced English-speaking tour guide and 7 bike tours

RATE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Beverages from the ship's bar only
- Transfer from and/or to the ship
- Tips, entrances to museums or any other items of personal nature
- Bike rental and port taxes, 100,00 EUR per person
- Port and residence tax (without bike rental), 25,00 EUR per person, to be paid on board in cash

GOOD TO KNOW:

- If you would like to, you are welcome to bring your own bicycle.
- Bicycle equipment does not include trunk bags and panniers.
- You do not have to decide for cycling routes – you can simply relax on board and enjoy the cruise
- If weather and timing permits you will have regular opportunities for a swim, e.g. while the boat anchors in secluded bay, after cycling routes before departure to next port of call.
- Surfaces during cycling routes will be mostly paved, with occasional short gravel patches or shortcuts.
- Sailing and cycling routes may be changed on the spot due to weather conditions and capability of the cyclists on board, in agreement with the Tour Guide.
- Please note that it is not allowed to bring drinks on board. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks can be bought freely at the bar.

ITINERARY DEVIATIONS:

Every effort will be made to adhere to the itinerary as stated. However, due to the schedule changes beyond organizer's control, we reserve the right, without prior notice, to change route or alter shore excursions.

PLEASE NOTE:

Adria travel reserves the right to change the vessel provider in case the contracted services are not supplied according to previously agreed standards.



Island of VIS

Church of St. Juraj on a peninsula in the bay of Vis

BOL



OMIŠ

HVAR



KORČULA



VIS



SPLIT

