



LIFESTYLE HOLIDAYS - CROATIA

Bike & Boat tour around Kvarner Bay – 8 days ex Omisalj



Explore Kvarner Bay and the Adriatic by Mountain bike and Yacht. Kvarner Bay in northern Adriatic offers countless islands in crystal clear water, deeply fissured cliffs, picturesque beaches and numerous small bays. Every island is different. Each has its own history. Spend the week discovering the landscape and people of this unique island-world by bike - independently and with the aid of knowledgeable tour guides. We cycle off after a hearty breakfast. At midday meet the ship at a harbour for lunch. And, in the evening the ship will be waiting in the next harbour so that we can enjoy fantastic cuisine as the sun sets, followed by a stroll through the historic harbour town. Finally, settle down in our cabins to sleep - or stay on deck under a thousand stars...

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Easy-going biking:

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Fully catered on board a romantic motor yacht:

Our accommodation or floating hotel is on-board a motor yacht. The cabins have air conditioning and private bathroom facilities. Our on-board chef is a member of the crew and will prepare breakfast and one to two warm meals daily. Catering is provided from the evening meal on check-in to the breakfast on departure day.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1. Omisalj to Cres

We depart from Omisalj, a small harbour village on the island of Krk. If you are arriving by car, we can organise a safe parking place for you. We board the yacht from 11am and around 1pm we sail to the island of Cres, a journey of about four hours. From the town of Cres you have the option of cycling to the village of Predoscica situated 350m above sea level or joining a short, guided tour along the harbour bay. In the evening you join a tour to explore the old town of Cres.

Meals: Dinner

Cycling: 25 km (16 mi.)

Day 2. The Islands of Cres & Losinj

In the morning our yacht will take us to Martinscica. We cycle on the east side of the island among pine, fig and laurel trees to Osor, which is known as an artist's town. On our way, we pass Vrana lake, the geologically remarkable freshwater reservoir with a depth to below sea level. After lunch onboard the boat there will be time for a swim in the bay before setting off again. We leave Osor, crossing over a swing bridge to reach the island of Losinj. We cycle along the panoramic road to Mali Losinj, an old seafaring and health resort. The boat will be waiting for us in this large harbour which boasts numerous cafés and colorful houses. This is where we will spend the night.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Cycling: 45 km (28 mi.)



Day 3. The islands of Losinj and Molat

Along a coastal track we cycle to the south of Losinj where we meet the boat for lunch. In the afternoon we cross over to the island of Molat, for one more short bike ride. Our overnight stay is in the quiet harbour of Molat.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Cycling: 40 km (25 mi.)

Day 4. The island of Dugi Otok

As we eat breakfast on board, the boat will cruise past many small islands to the 'spice island' of Dugi Otok. Today's biking will start in the bay of Bozava, which is surrounded by pine, agave and tamarisk trees, where you will cycle on a road with very little traffic. Along the way we have a short stop in Brbinj, a village with a 'thick-towered' church, which beckons us with excellent espresso, pancakes and fresh figs. In the harbour of Savar we'll meet the boat for lunch before cycling to the fisherman's village of Sali, where we'll have impressive views of the deep blue sea and the surrounding islands.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Cycling: 45 km (28 mi.)

Day 5. The island of Pag

After a morning cruise, we reach the island of Pag, with its harsh but delightful landscape boasting many fig and olive trees. Over the centuries the inhabitants have built numerous stonewalls for protection against the wind. We will bike along the narrow peninsula until we reach the sea, where the boat will be waiting to take us

to the island of Rab, which is one of the sunniest places in Europe. The town of Rab, the fortified capital of the island, was built in the middle ages on a wedge-shaped headland, and marks one of the highlights of the trip. The four famous bell towers are the symbol of the adorned beauty of the town. After dinner we can explore the narrow alleys with numerous cosy cafés.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Cycling: 35 km (22 mi.)

Day 6. The island of Rab

We cycle along the coast to the east side of the island, an area with virtually no vegetation, where the rough and cliffy rocks remind us of a lunar landscape. The road will lead us to a bay with a sandy beach, which is rather typical for the Kvarner islands. At lunchtime the ship will be waiting for us in the harbour directly in front of the old town of Rab. After a swim in the Ocean, the ship will take us to the neighbouring island of Krk, where we'll spend the evening in the historical town of Krk.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Cycling: 40 km (25 mi.)



Day 7. The island of Krk

We cycle over the ridge of the island, which is covered by fragrant macchia, to a valley of vineyards, and then onwards to the small museum town of Vrbnik in the northeast. The town, built on a 50m high cliff and surrounded by vineyards, is the home of the famous white wine, Zlahtina. Another peculiarity that Vrbnik has to offer; is it has the narrowest alley in the world. The trail takes us across the island through old villages and rich vegetation to Omisalj, where Rijeka will be within view. On the way, we can take time out for a refreshing swim in the bay of Soline. We spend the last night in Omisalj.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Cycling: 50 km (31 mi.)

Day 8. Omisalj (Departure)

Check out will be after breakfast at 9am.

Meals: Breakfast

Cycling: None

Accommodation - MV THEODOR KOERNER

MS Linda (shower/toilet in every cabin). Captain Damir's Linda is a spacious wooden motor yacht. She was built in 1955 and renovated in 2004/2005. Being 31m long and 6m wide, the Linda is among the bigger boats in the Croatian fleet. The spacious saloon can accommodate 32 guests, and the middle sundeck is constructed in a way that meals can also be served outside. The upper deck measures 40 square metres and is large enough for sunbathing. Three cosy cabins below deck are equipped with double beds and two portholes each. Another one has a double bed with an additional bunk bed above, so they can sleep three people. On deck there are ten double cabins. Four of those have a double bed and the others have twin beds. All cabins have air-conditioning.



MS Tarin (shower/toilet in every cabin). MS Tarin is a new two-masted yacht (23m long and 6m wide) that was built in 2003/4. All of her 10 cabins are above the water level. Five cabins have a double bed (140cm/55" wide) and three of those feature have an additional bunk bed. The other cabins have two separate beds that may be aligned beside each other or on two levels. The front sundeck measures 40m² and the upper deck 60m². Together with the large saloon, captain Nevio's "Tarin" offers ample space to her passengers.

MS Adonis (shower/toilet in every cabin). "Adonis" is a 24-metre-long and 6-metre-wide two-masted yacht that was built in 1975. Captain Tihomir rebuilt the ship for cruising in 2002/2003, and each of the 12 cabins was furnished with a shower and a toilet. There are 8 cabins on deck, each of which has a door that opens to the outside. Captain Tihomir's crew offers excellent service and cuisine with delicious typical Croatian food. If you'd like to be shown the most beautiful bays for swimming, Tihomir is a proven specialist, because he knows waters of the Kvarner bay like the back of his hand. The cozy saloon invites you to spend some time with new friends. On the covered rear deck of the ship is an inviting table situated where you can enjoy your meals. 100 square metres of sundeck offers enough room for enjoying the sun while under way.

Tour Information

Included in the tour price:

- 7 nights on a motor yacht in a below deck double or twin cabin with ensuite (single travellers can request a twin share cabin)
- Meals as per the itinerary
- Bed linen and towels
- Bike hire: 21-speed trekking bike with pannier
- English-speaking tour guide (for 7 guided cycling tours)
- Cycling maps for each day's tour available on board

Tour Grade

This tour is graded 3/4 moderate (on a scale of 1-10 with 9/10 being extreme)

Bike Hire:

Our 21-gear-trekking-bikes are basic bicycles that are available in four different frame sizes: 46 cm and 52 cm for ladies, 56 cm and 60 cm for men. All bicycles are equipped with a Shimano drive chain, Shimano V-brakes with strong "bite", 28 inch hollow chamber rims with quick release, safety mudguards and a comfortable Selle Royal touring saddle. For the duration of the tour we supply you with a waterproof saddle bag by Ortlieb, a practical way of carrying drinks, bathing gear, camera etc.

Not included in the tour price

- International Flights and/or Travel Visas (where applicable) or Travel Insurance
- Surcharge for above deck cabin: (see NZD price insert)
- Single surcharge for cabin below deck: (see NZD price insert)
- Single surcharge for cabin above deck: (see NZD price insert)
- Car parking (to be paid on-site in Euro's)
- Visitor's tax and local charges € 20 (to be paid to the captain on site)
- Drinks & snack bars on board
- Tips for the tour guides and crew

Fitness on Tour

An average level of fitness is required; you will need to be doing some form of exercise two-three times a week on the build up to this tour.

Language on Tour:

Croatia's inbound tourism is predominantly made up of German nationals, so our tours are generally catered for in German as the first language and English secondary. If you are English speaking please do not be alarmed, as English is widely spoken by our crew and most German nationals. One of our guides is available on the daily tours to translate into English for non-German-speaking tour participants.