



# Gems of Croatia

Dubrovnik – Dalmatian Island Cycle Cruise – Plitvice Lakes - Zagreb  
13 days | 07-19 Sep 2025

This trip is designed for active people who enjoy the outdoors. On our 7-night Dalmatian cruise you have the option of cycling or just cruising & exploring towns on foot.

## DAY 1 – 07 SEP DUBROVNIK

On arrival in the “Pearl of the Adriatic” you will be transferred to our hotel. Rest of day free.

*Accommodation: Dubrovnik 4\* Hotel - 2 nights*

## DAY 2 – 08 SEP DUBROVNIK SIGHTSEEING

**B**

We'll begin our day with a scenic drive to the top of **Mt. Srd**, where you'll enjoy unique views of the Old Town and the beautiful Elafiti Islands. Afterward, we'll be dropped off just outside the **Old Town** for a walking tour of this UNESCO World Heritage Site, featuring charming squares and centuries-old red-roofed buildings. The tour will wrap up around 1pm, giving us time to find a place for lunch. Then, we'll walk the ancient **Dubrovnik Walls**, which offer a completely different perspective of this stunning city. The walk covers approximately 2 km.

## DAY 3 – 09 SEP DUBROVNIK - SPLIT

**B**

This morning we will transfer by road to Split. On arrival, check in to our hotel located right in the **Old Town** - a hodgepodge of every possible historic and architectural style with different cultural influences. It is packed with Gothic and Renaissance mansions, small boutiques, coffee shops, bars and restaurant and is home to around 2000 local residents. This afternoon we're on a walking tour of the **Diocletian's Palace**, former retirement home of the roman emperor Diocletian. We will also visit the Substructure of the Palace (aka the Basement Halls) - one of the

best preserved and most impressive Roman monuments in the world. The tour then continues into the **Peristyle** where we visit the Cathedral and the Temple of Jupiter.

*Accommodation: Split 4\* Hotel – 1 night*

**DAY 4 – 10 SEP      DALMATIAN ISLAND CYCLE CRUISE      B,L**

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast, before checking out and walking to the ship. We depart from Split harbour at 1pm with lunch served onboard, as we get to know our fellow shipmates. Once we arrive, you will be fitted for your Ebike. Our first ride begins as we cycle to **Bobovišća**, a small hamlet set on the western side of Brač just under the mountain top, overlooking the sea. Option to take a swim in the warm turquoise water, have a drink, or perhaps continue riding along the stunning coastline. We spend the night in the harbour of **Milna**, whose picturesque natural stone houses border the deep bay.

Cycling

- difficulty: Easy
- distance: 10km
- max altitude: 174m
- total ascent/descent: 200m
- surface: paved / gravel

*Accommodation: Small Ship Cruise – 7 nights*

**DAY 5 – 11 SEP      DALMATIAN ISLAND CYCLE CRUISE      B,D**

Today, we'll embark on an exciting and fulfilling cycling adventure around **Brač** Island. Our journey kicks off with a climb to the hilltop, where you'll be surrounded by breathtaking local flora & views. Interestingly, the white stone found here was used to build the White House in Washington and the Reichstag in Berlin. At the 35km mark, you'll have the option to enjoy a traditional lunch of peka and local wine (own expense). The panoramic views of the neighboring island of Hvar make the climb truly rewarding. Afterward, we'll coast down to **Bol**, where you can explore the famous **Golden Horn beach**, take a refreshing swim, or wander through the charming streets. We'll spend the night anchored in Bol, with dinner served onboard.

Cycling

- difficulty: Hard
- distance: 48km
- max altitude: 580m
- total ascent/descent: 890m
- surface: paved / gravel

**DAY 6 – 12 SEP      DALMATIAN ISLAND CYCLE CRUISE      B,L**

This morning, we'll set sail for **Hvar** Island, renowned for its vibrant fields of rosemary and lavender. Our first cycling stage will take us through charming villages along both paved and

gravel roads. We'll start in **Jelsa**, then cycle towards **Vrboska** before heading down to **Stari Grad**, one of Croatia's oldest towns, dating back to 385 BC, where we'll take a refreshing break.

From there, we'll continue towards Hvar Town, passing through **Grablje**, famous for its wine and olive oil. We'll wrap up the day in the historic town of **Hvar**, where we'll spend the night. This beautiful old town offers a variety of waterfront restaurants to enjoy.

option A:

- difficulty: Easy
- distance: 20km
- max altitude: 85m
- total ascent/descent: 188m
- surface: paved / gravel

option B:

- difficulty: Hard
- distance: 20km
- max altitude: 410m
- total ascent/descent: 250m
- surface: paved / gravel

## DAY 7 – 13 SEP

## DALMATIAN ISLAND CYCLE CRUISE

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This morning, we'll set off for the stunning island of **Korčula**, famously believed to be the birthplace of Marco Polo. After lunch, we'll begin our ride from **Račišće to Lumbarda**, known for its excellent wine production. The tranquil gardens of cypress trees lining the route make cycling on Korčula truly unforgettable. Our journey will lead us to the medieval town of Korčula, renowned for its charming narrow streets. There's plenty of dining options in this cool town, and if you have the energy the nightlife is also excellent.

Cycling

- difficulty: Moderate
- distance: 28km
- max altitude: 78m
- total ascent/descent: 360m
- surface: paved

## DAY 8 – 14 SEP

## DALMATIAN ISLAND CYCLE CRUISE

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While breakfast is served onboard, we'll sail to the stunning island of **Mljet**, often referred to as Honey Island. This beautiful destination features two picturesque lakes: the Great Lake and the Small Lake. In the 12th century, Benedictines established a monastery in a secluded area, surrounded by lush pine and oak forests. Today, this region is a national park and a highlight of any Dalmatian tour. You'll have the opportunity to cycle around the park's saltwater lake, which even has another island within it. After lunch, feel free to explore more of the island by bike, or enjoy a swim or kayak in the Small Lake. We'll spend the night in the port of **Pomena**.

Cycling

- difficulty: Easy
- distance: 12km
- max altitude: 43m

- total ascent/descent: 198m
- surface: paved / gravel

**DAY 9 – 15 SEP      DALMATIAN ISLAND CYCLE CRUISE – MAKARSKA      B,L**

This morning, we cruise to the **Pelješac Peninsula**, where we'll begin our ride from either **Kučišće or Viganj**, cycling through this renowned wine-growing region towards **Orebic**. There is a challenging climb, but the breathtaking views make it so worthwhile! We'll reconvene with the boat in **Lovište**, where a delicious lunch will be served onboard. Relax on the sun deck with a cool beverage as we cruise on to the charming town of **Makarska**, nestled at the base of the impressive Biokovo mountain range.

Cycling

- difficulty: Hard
- distance: 26.5km
- max altitude: 283m
- total ascent/descent: 479m
- surface: paved

**DAY 10 – 16 SEP      DALMATIAN ISLAND CYCLE CRUISE      B,L**

After breakfast onboard, we'll embark on our final bike ride to **Radmanove Mlinice**, where the "Winnetou" movies were filmed, following the scenic valley of the **Cetina River** beneath the mountains. In **Omis**, you'll have the chance to visit the Mirabella Fortress, which provides stunning views of the Adriatic. Enjoy lunch onboard as we sail back to **Split**, reflecting on our incredible journey. A night out in Split's vibrant old town is an option, or you might prefer to relax onboard.

Cycling

- difficulty: Hard
- distance: 27km
- max altitude: 296m
- total ascent/descent: 663m
- surface: paved

**DAY 11 – 17 SEP      SIBENIK – VISOVAC – PLITVICE      B,D**

After breakfast, we'll bid farewell to our shipmates and meet our local driver/guide. Our journey takes us up the coast to the beautiful town of **Šibenik** for a guided walk through the historic old town. After lunch at a special local restaurant, we'll drive to **Visovac** and take a small boat to this tiny island home to a Franciscan monastery that houses a valuable collection of manuscripts and rare books. Afterward, we'll continue driving north to **Plitvice**, where we'll overnight just outside the National Park.

*Accommodation: Plitvice 3\* lodge – 1 night*

**DAY 12 - 18 SEP PLITVICE LAKES - ZAGREB****B,D**

Up early to beat the crowds and enter the **National Park**. Plitvice's exceptional beauty makes it one of Croatia's main attractions. The Park consists of 300 km<sup>2</sup> of forest and its 16 picturesque cascading lakes make up just 1% of the park. We'll spend a few hours roaming along the park trails and admiring the views. Later today, arrive in the capital **Zagreb** and have a short orientation walking tour of the city centre. Celebrate our last night together, with a farewell dinner & drinks.

*Accommodation: Zagreb 4\* Hotel - 1 night*

**DAY 13 - 19 SEP END ZAGREB****B**

After breakfast, check out. Transfer is available to the airport anytime today.

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**Date**

Departs Dubrovnik - 07 Sep 2025

Ends Zagreb - 19 Sep 2025

**Price**

NZ\$7,990 per person twin share

NZ\$10,980 single

Deduct \$400 if you are not intending to cycle

*Price subject to change until confirmed and paid in full.*

If you are travelling solo and would like to twin share, let us know and we'll find you a roommate (subject to availability)

**Includes**

- 5 nights Hotels
- 7-night Dalmatian Cruise in A/C ensuite cabin (Upper deck)
- Meals as indicated B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner
- Local English-speaking guides
- Sightseeing tours and entry fees in Dubrovnik, Split, Sibenik, Visovac, Plitvice, Zagreb
- Guided cycling tours as per itinerary
- Flyer 28" E-Bike
- Arrival and Departure transfers
- Tourist Taxes
- Port Fees & Bottled Water (as part of the cruise)
- Tipping
- Escorted by Marie from Roam Travel Adventures (minimum 7 guests)

## Excludes

- Airfares to/from Croatia
- Travel Insurance (including damage to Ebike)
- Refreshments and meals not included
- Items of a personal nature – eg. laundry, optional tours

## Important Notes

Daily itinerary may change due to availability or local conditions.

\$1500 non-refundable deposit is required to secure your place. Balance due 01/6/25.

Price is subject to change until paid in full.

Travel Insurance is compulsory and should be taken out at the time of booking to cover you for cancellation leading up to the tour, and to cover you whilst you are travelling in Europe.



EBIKE IS INCLUDED IN PRICE

## PREMIUM SMALL SHIP

34-36 passengers – air conditioned ensuite cabins. Upper Deck cabin included in tour price.

*Note – ship name is allocated nearer time of departure*

