



GEMS OF CROATIA

20 – 31 Aug 2025

This trip is designed for active women who enjoy cycling, however if its just a Dalmatian cruise you crave, this trip is perfect. Cycling is not compulsory!

DAY 1 DUBROVNIK

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On arrival in the “Pearl of the Adriatic” you will be transferred to our group hotel. We will meet around 5 pm for drinks and introductions, followed by dinner.

Accommodation: Dubrovnik 4 Hotel - 2 nights*

DAY 2 DAY TOUR TO BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINIA

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Today will be a big day packed with history and intrigue. **Počitelj** is a medieval village on UNESCO's World Heritage List and we will make a short stop here for a stroll inside the ancient protective walls. Free time in the town of **Međugorje** to soak up the spiritual atmosphere. In 1981 several local children received an Apparition from Our Lady Mary, and ever since it has been a mecca for pilgrims from around the world. In the afternoon, we arrive in **Mostar** - known as a town where **East meets West**, with a myriad of mixed cultures and historical sites. The famous Old Bridge is a well-photographed symbol of Mostar and has been on UNESCO's World Heritage List since 2004. We'll have time to roam through the hypnotic labyrinth of cobblestone paths winding through the Old Bazaar, check out the craft shops and dine in a traditional restaurant. Return to Dubrovnik early evening.

DAY 3 | DUBROVNIK

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Free morning before checking out of hotel. Early this afternoon we board our small ship and get settled in. Later, we join a guided tour through Dubrovnik **Old Town**, where we hear some interesting details of the town's history and visit the most impressive sites. You will also have entry to walk the fabled **City Walls** – a worthwhile effort for a different perspective of this fascinating city. We will end the day with

a cocktail in a secret hidden bar in the Old Town, followed by dinner. The boat will spend the night in Gruž Port, Dubrovnik.

Accommodation: Small Ship Cruise - 7 nights

DAY 4 ELAPHITI ISLANDS - MLJET NP *cycle 11km + 30km* **B,L,D**

In the morning, we cruise to the nearby Island of **Šipan**, the largest of the **Elaphiti Islands**, yet still humble in size. A great place for our first bike tour and to get used to riding in a group. Later, cruise on to the green island of **Mljet** - green because 70% of its landmass is covered by woodland making it the most forested island in the Mediterranean region. This afternoon, we arrive in **Pomena** and enjoy a cycle through the **Mljet National Park**. The night is spent in the harbour of Pomena.

DAY 5 LASTOVO – KORČULA *cycle 28km* **B,L**

In the morning our ship takes us to the small island of **Lastovo**. Emperor Augustus appreciated the mild climate, and in Roman times it was named “Augusta Insula” after him. Today’s cycle tour takes us across this beautiful island. Be sure to sample the gold-coloured white wine ‘*Maraština*’ which is grown here. Back at the boat, we cruise across to the island of **Korčula**, regarded as one of the most beautiful islands in Dalmatia with its colourful buildings and fishbone alleyways. Enjoy a guided tour packed with fascinating historical anecdotes. The ship moors in Korcula overnight – we’ll find a local restaurant to dine in this evening.

DAY 6 KORČULA ISLAND *cycle 60 km* **B,D**

Today’s cycle tour leads us across the charming Island of **Korčula**. A mild Mediterranean climate and a broad variety of different landscapes accompany us on the tour today. Take your time and remember to take a break to enjoy the view over the deep blue sea and neighbouring islands. Dinner is served onboard to replenish our strength after an active day. Overnight stay in the sheltered bay of Vela Luka.

DAY 7 HVAR ISLAND *cycle 22 km* **B,L**

The day starts with a relaxing cruise to **Hvar Town**. Time for a stroll through the magnificent Renaissance Square with the Spanish Fortress towering high above the town. Today's bike tour takes us from the town of Hvar through small villages and lavender fields to **Stari Grad** on the opposite side of the island. The descent to Stari Grad offers breathtaking views. Back onboard for lunch. Free afternoon to explore the artistic seaside town and to visit the local galleries or museums. We dine and overnight in the town of Stari Grad.

DAY 8 HVAR ISLAND - BRAČ ISLAND *cycle 22 km* **B,L**

Scenic morning cycle from **Stari Grad** to the harbour of **Jelsa** and back. Jelsa is the perfect place for some ice cream and a coffee and on the way back to the boat we pass through the picturesque town of **Vrboska** and cycle through the ancient Greek plains which are now a protected UNESCO World Heritage Site. On arrival in Stari Grad, we board the boat for lunch and cruise to the Island of Brač. The island is famous for its radiant, precious limestone that was used for the US White House and the Reichstag building in Berlin. During the cruise, we stop for a refreshing swim off the boat before arriving in the harbour town of Milna where we moor overnight.

DAY 9 **BRAČ ISLAND – SPLIT** *cycle 29 km* **B,D**

Today we'll cycle along the northern coastline of **Brač** from **Milna to Postira** with beautiful views of the Dalmatian islands and across to the mainland. Our final night is in the UNESCO World Heritage city of **Split**. A guided city tour offers us the chance to see inside the **Palace of Emperor Diocletian** and to learn about its transformation into the city which it has become. A fun evening meal onboard the boat with new friends and our crew, to toast a memorable week.

DAY 10 **SIBENIK – VISOVAC - PLITVICE LAKES** **B,D**

After breakfast, we disembark and drive to the gorgeous town of **Sibenik** for refreshments and a guided walk through the old town. Later, we take a small boat out to **Visovac**, a tiny island housing a Franciscan monastery, and a historically significant collection of manuscripts and rare books. The oldest preserved parts of buildings date from the 14th century. We continue driving north to **Plitvice** where we overnight right outside the National Park.

Accommodation: Plitvice 3.5 Hotel – 1 night*

DAY 11 **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 km² 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. This evening we'll celebrate the end of a fantastic adventure with a special farewell dinner.

Accommodation: Zagreb 4 Hotel – 1 night*

DAY 12 **END ZAGREB** **D**

After breakfast, check out. Transfer is available to the airport anytime today. This tour can be combined with our Tuscany & the Italian Riverian Adventure.

Date

Departs | Dubrovnik 20 Aug 2025

Ends | Zagreb 31 Aug 2025

Price

NZ\$7,950 per person twin share

NZ\$9,890 single

Deduct \$350 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 room-mate (subject to availability)

Includes

- 4 nights Hotels
- 7-night Dalmatian Cruise in A/C ensuite cabin (lower deck with porthole)
- 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
- Hybrid E-Bike
- Overview maps for the daily tours (onboard cruise)
- 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
- Upgrade to Upper Deck with Opening Window (approx. \$250 pp twin share)

Important Notes

Daily itinerary may change due to availability or local conditions. Price to be confirmed once final pricing and availability for 2025 is received. \$700 non-refundable deposit is required to secure your place. 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.

PREMIUM SMALL SHIP

MS Romantica or similar

34 passengers in 16 ensuite cabins – all air-conditioned

