6 day Self Guided BikeTour

Cycling from Split to Dubrovnik





SELF GUIDED BIKE TOUR ITINERARY SPLIT TO DUBROVNIK



Cycle along the most beautiful areas of the Croatian coast!

Spend two evenings in Split, discover beautiful Diocletian palace, once great and important roman site, with historical sites dating back to 300 A.C.

Join locals in traditional "konoba" / tavern and enjoy a glass of local "vino" or "pivo".

Discover stone quarries, ancient villages and coastal roads of island Brac, UNESCO world heritage site of Stari Grad plain and bike along lavender fields to reach famous and trendy town of Hvar. Ride along Korcula island and experience its natural beauties, monasteries, churches, old fisherman villages, ancient stone architecture and wine cellars.

Continue biking along peninsula Peljesac, before you reach your final destination; Dubrovnik - the pearl of Adriatic.

Overnight in Split, Hvar and Korcula, the most beautiful Adriatic towns.

Day 1 - Diocletian's palace and Split town

Welcome to Split! Depending on your arrival time we will fit bikes, have briefing and suggest easy loop ride along Marjan hill starting from your hotel, located in the very center of town. In the evening we urge you to explore 1700 years old Palace of Diocletian, inscribed into UNESCO World heritage list, the Peristyle, Romanesque houses, experience every day's life, ancient fish market and fishermen...

Distance biked: 20 km, extra 80 km

Overnight: Split

Highlights: Diocletian's palace, Marjan hill, Split

Day 2 - Coastal and inland rides on Island Brac

Today you take 45 min ferry ride to Island Brac, located just in front of Split. Various riding options and distances, from easy 25 km to big 80km+ loop rides, visiting Greece and Roman ruins, fisherman villages, wine cellars and art galleries. Island Brac is famous for its stone – the White house in Washington and Diocletian's palace are just some sites that were built with that stone! All the ancient villages and towns on Brac are kind of an exhibition of fine stone work! Return to Split with the late afternoon ferry.

Distance biked: 0-80 km

Overnight: Split

Highlights: Island Brac, ancient inland villages and coastal towns, art galleries and museums, laid back

island lifestyle

Day 3 - Lavender roads, UNESCO sites and Venetian Hvar

Welcome to island Hvar! For the morning ride we suggest easy ride around the UNESCO site of Stari Grad. Stari Grad (Old town) is an ancient Greek colony dating back to 400 B.C. Besides historical sites you will discover quite charming towns and roads where you will be biking, passing next to private gardens, along the coast and olive groves. For the afternoon bike ride, take the famous and probably most beautiful road along the lavender fields to reach town Hvar.

Distance biked: 20-60 km Overnight: Hvar town

Highlights: Jelsa, Vrboska and many small villages, Stari Grad, UNESCO site of Stari Grad plain, museums,

beaches, lavender fields, Hvar town

Day 4 - Speed boat to Korcula island

After the private boat transfer, start with your bike ride on Island Korcula, about 46 kilometers to the town of Korcula. Island was very early populated; even before Greek times and evidences can bee see on you ride! During the history it was chosen by Venetians as a spot to build their important walled city on the northern shores of the island. Therefore, nowadays, thanks to that, we have most magnificent walled Korcula old town still preserved and almost intact for centuries where you sleep for next 2 nights. Enjoy the scenic south side of the island, with amazing views on beautiful hidden beaches and coves, ride along the small villages and hamlets and stop in some of the few great local Konoba (taverns) for most amazing locally prepared food!

Distance biked: 46 km, extra ride 10km

Accommodation: Korcula town

Highlights: private boat ride, Korcula town, island Korcula, coastal ride, charming little villages, vineyards,

local restaurants

Day 5 - Korcula's beaches and unique vineyards

As you stay for another day in Korcula take a chance to explore the island of Korcula; its hidden coves, beautiful old towns, unique small villages and dark pine forests that cover the island. There are few loop options today. Whatever you choose, you will be making your way past vineyards, olive groves and along beautiful coast of the island. Taste the traditional food; like home made gnocchi, homemade macaroni, pasticada....and other meals which have been traditionally prepared by the locals for centuries.... Some of the best Croatian white wines are produced on this island, which will just add flavor to your lunch or dinner. Did we mention Marco Polo was born here, and has started his life journey from Korcula?

Distance biked: 0-36 km, extra ride 20km

Accommodation: Korcula town

Highlights: Korcula town, island Korcula, coastal ride, charming little villages, vineyards, local restaurants

and wineries

Day 6 - Wine roads of Peljesac and Dubrovnik

Today, for your final ride, you will be cruising along Peljesac peninsula. You will be riding along vineyards of Dingac and Postup, made from the Plavac Mali vines, close cousin to Zinfandel of California and Primitivo from Calabria. There are many vineries which can be visited along the ride. Enjoy the great views Peljesac is offering you, Mljet and Korcula island on your right and mainland on your left. The ride today has a couple of hills, coastal rides, vineyards... Your final bike destination is Ston, from where you will be transferred to Dubrovnik. Ston, salt producing village on Peljesac peninsula was built in the 14th century town and has with the longest fortified walls in Europe – 5.5 km. Ston was important town for Dubrovnik Republic, which was the strongest and most prosperous in the 14th century which you are about to see!

Distance biked: 60 km

Accommodation: on your own in Dubrovnik

Highlights: Peninsula Peljesac, Ston and Dubrovnik

2016 prices per person in EUR (in double rooms):

GUESTHOUSE (B&B)	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
Min. 2 persons traveling	1255	1375	1380	1470	1470	1375	1310
Single supplement when traveling with others	210	210	220	270	270	220	210
Single supplement traveling alone	900	900	915	975	975	910	920

CLASSIC (3* accommodation)	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
Min. 2 persons traveling	1385	1520	1602	1720	1720	1645	1540
Single supplement when traveling with others	190	220	300	380	380	315	228
Single supplement traveling alone	885	940	1040	1090	1090	995	935

EXCLUSIVE (4* and 5* accommodation)	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
Min. 2 persons traveling	1976	2225	2405	2611	2611	2600	2315
Single supplement when traveling with others	760	825	900	1040	1040	1020	825
Single supplement traveling alone	1470	1550	1620	1760	1760	1745	1550

The price includes:

- 5 day accommodation (bed & breakfast in 2 bedded rooms) in Split (2 nights), Hvar (1 night), Korcula (2 nights)
- 6 day bike rental (road, hybrid or tandem bike) + lock, pump, spare tube, helmet and patch kit, rear rack bag
- Our assistance which consists of bike fitting, detailed briefing with description of places you will be visiting en route, lunch options, marked map with options for shorter or longer route
- All the ferry tickets and private boat transfers
- Luggage transfers
- On Day 6 transfer from Ston (Peljesac) to your accommodation in Dubrovnik

The price does not include:

- Travel insurance,
- Shuttles during the riding time
- All lunches and dinners
- Tips or any kind of gratitude
- Airport transfers (can be organized at additional cost)
- Accommodation in Dubrovnik (Day 6)

HOTELS

Please note, if there are no rooms available in the period of your trip we will provide accommodation of same standard in the same area.

We can adjust accommodation and tour itineraries in accordance with your preferences. Feel free to send us your customized requests!

Please note there are just few good hotels along the Dalmatian coast and Islands and they do intend to fill up early in the season so your early inquiry will be appreciated!

EXCLUSIVE

Hotel Marmont, Split - <u>www.marmonthotel.com</u>

Hotel Adriana, Hvar - <u>www.suncanihvar.com/adriana-hvar-spa-hotel.html</u>

Hotel Lesic Dimitri, Korcula - <u>www.lesic-dimitri.com</u>

CLASSIC

Vila Baguc, Split www.baguc.com or Hotel Slavija, Split www.hotelslavija.hr Hotel Palace, Hvar www.suncanihvar.com/the-palace-hvar.html Hotel Korcula www.korcula-hotels.com/en/hotels/hotel-korcula.ph

GUESTHOUSE / B&B

- various private accommodation

START/END OF BIKE TOUR

This tour can start any day during the whole year.

It starts in Split town, which has international airport 25 km away from the very centre. We highly suggest spring (end of March till mid June) and fall (mid September till beginning of November) for serious biking (daily distance of 50 km or more). If biking is not the only reason for choosing this tour, the swimming season usually starts late in May and can last till middle of October. Even in the high season months of July and August, you will be able to find your own little private beach on the islands you will be visiting. The tour ends in Dubrovnik. International airport is 25 km away.

Please note that Split or Dubrovnik airport shuttles/transfers are available at extra cost.

RATING

Medium to high. The Dalmatian islands are known for its hills. Each day, if you are doing loops longer than 30 km, you will have a climb over approximately 400 meters.

From riding days, 1st, 2nd and 5th day are loop ones and you can chose your daily distance, from 0 to 45 or more kilometers daily.

The other 3 days you can expect rides from 20-60 km and climbs over 450 meters.

Daily distances: 0 – 80 km per day.

Total distance biked: 130-700 km in 6 days

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Booking procedure:

A booking for a trip with Fiore Adventure can be made by first checking price and availability and then sending a signed booking form and a deposit, with the insurance premium if applicable to the address

shown below. A deposit is 30% of the price of the total price. A booking is not confirmed before we receive the booking form and deposit at which point a receipt and invoice for the final balance will be issued. The balance is due four weeks before departure. Full payment is required for a booking made less than four weeks before departure. Payment can be accepted with bank transfer or by credit card. If the balance is not paid at the specified time, unless previously arranged with us in writing, we reserve the right to cancel the booking.

Cancellation by us:

We reserve the right to cancel the trip for reasons beyond our control. A full refund will be made but we accept no responsibility for further compensation. If such cancellation is due to 'force majeure' (inclusive of war, civil or political unrest and natural disasters) reasonable expenses we have incurred will be deductible from any refund. Any compensation and refund is strictly limited to monies paid to us. We are not liable for any expense you have incurred as a result of your booking.

Cancellation by you:

Cancellations must be made in writing. The following charges will apply:

- 59 29 days before departure 30%
- 28 15 days before departure 50%
- less than 14 days before departure 100%