

## Biking along Mura and Drava 8 days / 7 nights



### OVERVIEW

Peace of greenery, hills with rivers, vineyards and picturesque villages where tradition and customs are still alive and carefully preserved. All this awaits you on this unforgettable cycling adventure through unexplored areas of continental Croatia. Explore new places and beautiful nature with the bike at a pace that suits you, stop whenever you want to enjoy the scenery and get in touch with the locals who still live their traditional lives today and cherish old customs. The two-wheeled journey begins in the Zagorje region, which will enchant you with its natural and cultural beauty. Visit Baroque Varaždin and Trakošćan, considered by many to be one of the most beautiful castles in Croatia. Cycle further enjoying the beauty of the Drava and Danube rivers, as well as in the plains of Slavonia and other numerous places along the idyllic landscape. Kopacki Rit Nature Park will enchant you with the richness of the world of water, flora and fauna, while the city of Osijek will do the same with its rich history and Slavonian soul. Enjoy local traditional food, local wines and experience a variety of traditions and everyday customs.

Trip style:	Guided cycling tour	Duration:	8 days / 7 nights
Start / finish:	Varaždin – Vukovar	Departures:	upon request
Total distance:	464 km		
Group size:	6 – 16 persons		
Transportation:	9-seater vans or 20-seater minibus		

**Grade:** Distances on this holiday are bit longer with ascents and descents which require good level of fitness. This trips is perfect for those who are active and can enjoy in longer rides. Daily distance is 70 km to 88 km.

## **ITINERARY:**

### **DAY 1 ARRIVAL**

Arrival to Zagreb and transfer to Varazdin. Varazdin is one of the oldest and most beautiful cities in Croatia, a baroque city known for its music and flowers. Visit the old town's beautiful fort, which dates from the 12th century. It has survived through Croatia's turbulent history and today is a part of the city museum of Varazdin. See Varazdin cemetery, created by the visionary Herman Haller - not only a place for the dead, but also an architectural jewel. Welcome dinner and overnight.

**Accommodation:** Hotel Varaždin 3 \* in Varaždin

**Meals:** dinner

### **DAY 2 FROM CASTLE TO CASTLE**

Today we will start with biking from castle to castle. Trakoscan castle dates from the 16th century and has been renovated in the neo-Gothic style. The castle is a museum with a gallery, collection of weapons and antique furniture. Enjoy your time in the castle and explore the surrounding park and lake. Another castle, Veliki Tabor was built during the 15th and 16th centuries and is one of the best-preserved medieval fortified cities in continental Croatia. Its most famous owners were the Counts of Celje and Ratkajevi. Visiting this castle, you will have a chance to explore the museum and hear many legends connected to the castle's owners and people from nearby places. Today we will end on rural household where our host will teach us how to prepare Zagorski štrukli, popular traditional Croatian dish served in households across Hrvatsko Zagorje. Dinner and overnight.

**Accommodation:** Hotel Varaždin 3 \* in Varaždin

**Meals:** breakfast, dinner

**Distance:** 82 km

### **DAY 3 VARAŽDIN VIA LEGRAD TO KOPRIVNICA**

From Varaždin, the route takes us partly along Lake Varaždin, then through picturesque villages to the next lake, Lake Dubrava. In Prelog, there are two note-worthy locations: the baroque church of St. James and the Hortus Croatiae Museum with a rich collection of Croatian naive art. Our ride ends in Koprivnica.

**Accommodation:** Hotel Zrinski 3 \* in Koprivnica

**Meals:** breakfast, dinner

**Distance:** 72 km

### **DAY 4 KOPRIVNICA VIA PITOMAČA TO VIROVITICA**

This route passes through the territories of the Regional Park Mura-Drava and Transboundary Biosphere Reserve Mura-Drava-Danube, protected by the UNESCO since 2012. We will be riding by the river, over hanging bridge until we reach small village where we will have a traditional lunch with local family. In afternoon we reach Virovitica where we spend the night.

**Accommodation:** Hotel Kurija Janković 3 \* in Virovitica

**Meals:** breakfast, lunch, dinner

**Distance:** 88 km

### **DAY 5 VIROVITICA TO DONJI MIHOLJAC**

Today we will keep riding by the river Drava. On the way to Donji Miholjac we will stop at Pustara Višnjica, an old farm surrounded by lime, chestnut and pine trees, where you can see horses, the mouflons and fallow deer. Here is also the biggest production of batat (sweet potatoes) in our country. After delicious lunch we ride to Donji Miholjac for overnight.

**Accommodation:** Hotel Slavona 3 \* in Donji Miholjac

**Meals:** breakfast, lunch, dinner

**Distance:** 70 km

### **DAY 6 BARANJA TO OSIJEK**

After breakfast we are going to explore wonderful Baranja, enjoying beautiful wines, the wild world of Nature Park Kopacki Rit, food in one of the traditional restaurants in Baranja villages and taking a pottery workshop.

**Accommodation:** Hotel Vila Ariston 3 \* in Osijek

**Meals:** breakfast, lunch, dinner

**Distance:** 72 km

#### **DAY 7 OSIJEK TO VUKOVAR**

After breakfast we start our last day of biking which goes through to the city of Ilok – the most eastern Croatian city. Our biking adventure will finish with a visit to a famous wine cellar and an introduction to wine production.

**Accommodation:** Vila Vanda 4 \* in Vukovar

**Meals:** breakfast, lunch, dinner

**Distance:** 80 km

#### **DAY 8 DEPARTURE**

After breakfast transfer back to Zagreb.

#### **PRICES AND AVAILABILITY**

Prices are available upon request, based on the number of passengers and period.

#### **WHAT'S INCLUDED**

- Local English-speaking cycling guide
- Support van
- All accommodation as described in the trip dossier
- 7 breakfasts, 7 packed lunches, 7 dinners
- E-bike rental
- Refreshment and snacks during cycling
- Airport transfers

#### **WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED**

- Travel insurance
- Visas
- Airport taxes
- Extra activities and excursions not part of the itinerary
- Tips for local staff
- Miscellaneous personal expenditure

#### **LIST OF PREFERRED HOTELS USED ON THIS TOUR:**

##### **Hotel Varaždin 3 \***

Located in Varaždin, a 20-minute walk from Gradski Varazdin Stadium, Hotel Varazdin has accommodations with a restaurant, free private parking, a bar and a terrace. Among the facilities at this property are a 24-hour front desk and room service, along with free WiFi throughout the property. At the hotel, all rooms include a desk. Complete with a private bathroom equipped with a shower and a hairdryer, all rooms at Hotel Varazdin have a flat-screen TV and air conditioning, and selected rooms also offer a seating area. Guest rooms feature a closet. Guests at the accommodation can enjoy a buffet breakfast. The nearest airport is Zagreb Franjo Tuđman Airport, 52 mi / 83 km from Hotel Varazdin.

##### **Hotel Zrinski 3 \***

Hotel Zrinski in Koprivnica provides adults only accommodations with a garden and a bar. Among the facilities of this property are a restaurant, a 24-hour front desk and room service, along with free WiFi. Rooms come with a patio. At the hotel, all rooms come with a desk. Complete with a private bathroom equipped with a bidet and a hairdryer, all guest rooms at Hotel Zrinski have a flat-screen TV and air conditioning, and selected rooms will provide you with a seating area. The rooms feature a closet. The accommodation offers a continental or à la carte breakfast. Varaždin is 30,5 mi / 49 km from Hotel Zrinski. The nearest airport is Pleso Airport, 58 mi / 93 km from the hotel.

##### **Hotel Kurija Janković 3 \***

Located in Lukač, Hotel Kurija Janković features a bar, shared lounge, garden, and free WiFi throughout the property. Featuring room service, this property also provides guests with a playground. The property provides a 24-hour front desk, a shared kitchen and luggage storage for guests. At the hotel, each room has a desk. Complete with a private bathroom equipped with a shower and a hairdryer, guest rooms at Hotel Kurija Janković have a flat-screen TV and air



conditioning, and selected rooms come with a seating area. All guest rooms include a closet. Guests at the accommodation can enjoy a continental breakfast. The closest airport is Hévíz–Balaton 57 mi / 92 km from the hotel.

#### **Hotel Slavona 3 \***

Hotel Slavona is located at the main road connecting Croatia with Hungary, close to the city center. All of the 9 luxurious rooms include air conditioning, telephone and SAT TV. A hotel restaurant has 120 seats, offering a rich and tasty mix of international cuisine and slavonian traditional specialties. This hotel is 600 m away from the bus station and the closest airport Osijek is 42,5 mi / 68 km away from the property.

#### **Hotel Vila Ariston 3 \***

Hotel Vila Ariston is located in the center of Osijek, just steps away from the Zrinjevac Park. The property is located 200 m from the Main Bus Station and 400 m from the Central Railway Station. Free WiFi access is available throughout the property. All rooms are equipped with a flat-screen satellite TV, air conditioning and a phone. Decorated in floral tones, each room bears its nickname based on a flower, and all furniture was handcrafted in Italy. The bathrooms provide bathrobes and slippers. The 24-hour front desk is at guests' disposal, and there is an on-site bar. Osijek Citadel is 0.9 mi / 1,5 km from Hotel Vila Ariston. The nearest airport is Osijek Airport, 12 mi / 19 km from Hotel Vila Ariston.

#### **Vila Vanda 4 \***

Built in March 2013 across the town park of Vukovar, Pansion Vila Vanda is an energy efficient property which provides free WiFi. Some rooms have an LCD satellite TV and a furnished balcony or patio. Free parking is provided for all guests. Villa Vanda also has its own restaurant where guests can sample local specialties by one of the leading chefs of Croatia. Floor heating and internet protocol telephones are featured at the property. Free private parking is provided on site. Town center featuring a charming promenade by the Danube is about 951 m away. The charming historic town of Ilok and its wine cellars are 22 mi / 36 km away, while the city of Osijek with its airport is at the same distance to the north-west.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Fiore tours that operates within the company Fiore d.o.o., travel agency, Mate Vlašića 6, 52440 Poreč, Croatia, corporate ID number: 040009121, VAT number: HR58088454926.

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The general conditions of business are part of the contract between a travel agency Fiore tours that operates within Fiore d.o.o., and the traveler who accepts the offered arrangement. By agreeing to the service (i.e., concluding a contract), the guest confirms that he is fully familiarized with these general terms and that he will adhere to them in their entirety.

#### **BOOKING PROCEDURE**

A booking for a trip with Fiore Tours can be made by first checking price and availability and then sending booking form and a deposit. A deposit is 30% of the total price. A booking is confirmed once we receive the booking form and the 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 online 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.

#### **TRAVEL PACKAGES**

The combination of travel services offered to you is a package within the meaning of Directive (EU) 2015/2302.

Therefore, you will benefit from all EU rights applying to packages. Company FIORE d.o.o., travel agency, will be fully responsible for the proper performance of the package as a whole.

Additionally, as required by law, company FIORE d.o.o., travel agency has protection in place to refund your payments and where transport is included in the package, to ensure your repatriation in the event that it becomes/they become insolvent.

More information on key rights under Directive (EU) 2015/2302 (to be provided in the form of a hyperlink).

Following the hyperlink the traveller will receive the following information:

#### Key rights under Directive (EU) 2015/2302

- Travellers will receive all essential information about the package before concluding the package travel contract.
- There is always at least one trader who is liable for the proper performance of all the travel services included in the contract.
- Travellers are given an emergency telephone number or details of a contact point where they can get in touch with the organiser or the travel agent.
- Travellers may transfer the package to another person, on reasonable notice and possibly subject to additional costs.

The price of the package may only be increased if specific costs rise (for instance, fuel prices) and if expressly provided for in the contract, and in any event not later than 20 days before the start of the package. If the price increase exceeds 8 % of the price of the package, the traveller may terminate the contract. If the organiser reserves the right to a price increase, the traveller has a right to a price reduction if there is a decrease in the relevant costs.

- Travellers may terminate the contract without paying any termination fee and get a full refund of any payments if any of the essential elements of the package, other than the price, are changed significantly. If before the start of the package the trader responsible for the package cancels the package, travellers are entitled to a refund and compensation where appropriate.
- Travellers may terminate the contract without paying any termination fee before the start of the package in the event of exceptional circumstances, for instance if there are serious security problems at the destination which are likely to affect the package.
- Additionally, travellers may at any time before the start of the package terminate the contract in return for an appropriate and justifiable termination fee.
- If after the start of the package, significant elements of the package cannot be provided as agreed, suitable alternative arrangements will have to be offered to the traveller at no extra cost. Travellers may terminate the contract without paying any termination fee, where services are not performed in accordance with the contract and this substantially affects the performance of the package and the organiser fails to remedy the problem.
- Travellers are also entitled to a price reduction and/or compensation for damages where the travel services are not performed or are improperly performed.
- The organiser has to provide assistance if the traveller is in difficulty.
- If the organiser or, in some Member States, the retailer becomes insolvent, payments will be refunded. If the organiser or, where applicable, the retailer becomes insolvent after the start of the package and if transport is included in the package, repatriation of the travellers is secured. Fiore .o.o. has taken out insolvency protection with Triglav osiguranje d.d. (the entity in charge of the insolvency protection, e.g. a guarantee fund or an insurance company). Travellers may contact this entity Triglav Osiguranje d.d., Antuna Heinza 4, Zagreb, OIB: 29743547503, Phone +385 52 526402. Policy number: 990007051412 if services are denied because of Fiore d.o.o. insolvency.

Directive (EU) 2015/2302 as transposed into national law : <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/HR/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32015L2302>

#### **INSURANCE**

##### 1) INSURANCE IN CASE OF CANCELLATION OF RESERVATION

If during the reservation, the traveler expects he could cancel the reservation for some reason, Fiore tours recommends Cancellation insurance. Cancellation insurance can't be paid afterwards, only during initial request for the travel.

##### 2) TRAVEL INSURANCE

The cost of travel does not include the package of travel insurance. Fiore advises their guests to pay the travel insurance: insurance against risks of accidents and diseases, travel insurance from loss or damage of luggage as well as health insurance during travel and stay abroad and insurance to cover the costs of assistance and return of passengers to the starting place in case of accidents and illnesses.

##### 3) INSURANCE IN THE EVENT OF PAYMENT INCAPABILITY OR BANKRUPTCY OF THE TRAVEL ORGANIZER



Fiore has concluded with Triglav d.d. a Contract on Insurance in Case of Insolvency or Bankruptcy of the Fiore, where the travel service might not be performed, or for the refunding the cost of the Guest's way back to the place of departure. In case of occurrence of the insured event, the Guest should contact the Insurer as soon as possible: Triglav Osiguranje d.d., Antuna Heinza 4, Zagreb, OIB: 29743547503, Phone +385 52 526402. Policy number: 990007051412

#### 4) LIABILITY INSURANCE

Fiore has concluded with the insurance company Triglav osiguranje d.d. a Liability Insurance Contract for damages caused to a guest by failure to meet obligations or by partially or inconsistently meeting obligations. In the event of insured case, the guest should as fast as possible contact the insurer:

Triglav Osiguranje d.d., Antuna Heinza 4, Zagreb, OIB: 29743547503, Phone +385 52 526402. Policy number: 990007051413

#### **CANCELLATION BY YOU**

Cancellations must be made in writing.

The following cancellation fee will apply:

from reservation – 60 day before departure: 10% of the total trip cost

59 – 29 days before departure: 30% of the total trip cost

28 – 15 days before departure: 50% of the total trip cost

less than 14 days before departure: 100% of the total trip cost

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