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NORTHERN CROATIA BIKE CRUISE

This guided cycling tour around the stunning Kvarner Bay starts on Krk Island and ends on Cres Island exploring amazing coastlines, medieval towns, old villages and picturesque bays on the route. Highlights include great beaches, vineyards, pine woods, cycling on the historic islands and exploring memorable coastal towns and stunning hilltop views. Croatia is a beautiful country with beautiful islands, rich history, Mediterranean vegetation and a mild climate. Without a doubt, the best way to explore it is by bike. **SWIMMING BREAKS:** In good weather and depending on timings we will have regular swim stops while the vessel anchors in secluded bays or after the cycling before departure to the next island. **CYCLING ROUTE:** The length of the daily cycling routes is estimated and depends on local information and various detours or shortcuts that can be done en route. Sailing and cycling routes may be changed on the spot due to weather conditions and the capacity of the respective cyclists on board. Departure is during the morning hours, mostly after breakfast. **BICYCLES:** bike rental possible on request; The cruise company is not responsible for any damage which may occur to personal bicycles during bike tours and transportation from land to the vessel and vice versa. A repair kit for personal bikes is obligatory. **FOOD:** Continental breakfast and either lunch or dinner. During our cycling routes, we recommend stops at local restaurants where you can sample the local specialties. These meals are not included in the price of the trip and are paid for by the customers. There is a possibility to book a captain's dinner, which is paid directly on the spot and is offered by the captain and your tour guide.



ITINERARY

Day 1 OPATIJA - ISLAND KRK (L)

Bike Course: Krk - Punat - Krk Length: 18 km Total ascend: 120

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m Highest point: 50 m Surface: 100% paved road Difficulty level: 1/5 Arrival in Opatija and check-in at Opatija harbour from 11:00. Departure at 13:00 followed by lunch on board on the way to the island of Krk. During the cruise, you will have the opportunity to meet your fellow passengers and the crew. Easy ride from the town Krk to the village of Punat and back to Krk town. Overnight.

Day 2 ISLAND KRK (B, D)

Bike Course: Krk - Dobrinj - Vrbnik - Baška Length: 48 km Total ascend: 660 m Highest point: 315 m Surface: 90% paved road, 10% macadam Difficulty level: 4/5 Today you will cycle through Mediterranean scented vegetation, olive groves and fig trees to the village of Dobrinj - a real town-museum, a synthesis of past and present. Ride through the dry-stone walls and flocks of sheep to the biggest field on the island - Vrbnik's field with its famous golden-yellow wine - the Žlahtina. You will rest in Vrbnik while tasting wine, cheese and prosciutto. Continue to the saddle Treskavac with the wonderful view to Punat valley and the small island of Košljun with Franciscan monastery dating from the 12th century. Downhill through Baška Draga to Baška, exploring the sculptures of Glagolitic letters. Dinner on board with an overnight in Baška. Remark: In case of bad weather conditions (bura wind), end of the tour and overnight in Krk.

Day 3 ISLAND OF RAB (B, L)

Bike Course 1: Lopar - Rab Length: 22 km Total ascend: 160 m Highest point: 90 m Surface: 100% paved road Difficulty level:

2/5 Bike Course 2: Rab - Sv. Mara - Rab Length: 21 km Total ascend: 150 m Highest point: 90 m Surface: 95% paved road, 5% macadam Difficulty level: 2/5 During breakfast, the ship cruises to Lopar on the island of Rab - the second greenest Croatian island. Our bike tour will lead us to a famous sandy beach bay. We then cycle through the interior of the island, past wonderful Supetarska Draga in the direction of the ancient walled city of Rab with its four famous bell towers situated on an arrow-shaped spit of land. After lunch on board, we will cycle more to the nature reserve 'Dundo' forest - one of the few surviving forests in the Mediterranean, which extends over the Kalifront peninsula. Swimming break in the picturesque bay St.Mara. Overnight in the port of Rab.

Day 4 RAB - PAG - ILOVIK (B, L)

Bike Course: Tovarnele - Novalja - Mandre Length: 35 km Total ascend: 340 m Highest point: 120 m Surface: 100% paved road Difficulty level: 2/5 After a short crossing to the island of Pag, we start a bike tour along the island's beautiful moon-like landscape. The first stop is the village of Lun with thousand years old olive trees and many stone walls. Be careful when cycling on this island due to many wandering sheep. The island is famous for its Pag cheese. We highly recommend a break in a traditional 'konoba' tavern to taste the cheese. In the idyllic village of Mandre, we return to the ship and have lunch on board. We continue our cruise to the island of Ilovik, an island full of flowers, where we have the opportunity to walk, swim and relax. Optional Captain's dinner onboard with an overnight in Ilovik.

Day 5 ILOVIK - LOŠINJ (B,L)

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Bike Course 1: Mali Lošinj - ikat - Veli Lošinj Length: 20 km Total ascend: 180 m Highest point: 70 m Surface: 95% paved, 5% macadam Difficulty level: 1/5 Bike Course 2: Mali Lošinj - Sv. Ivan/ Providenca Length: 21 km Total ascend: 150 m Highest point: 90 m Surface: 95% paved, 5% macadam Difficulty level: 2/5 After breakfast, we leave for Mali Lošinj. Bike tour through the lovely ikat peninsula surrounded by pine trees and Mediterranean herbs with enjoying the beautiful beaches. Continue to the picturesque village Veli Lošinj and back to the ship for lunch. Afternoon easy ride to one of the beaches or to the Sveti Ivan hill (250m) or the theme viewpoint Providenca where you can enjoy fantastic view to the city and the southern part of the Lošinj archipelago.

Day 6 LOŠINJ - CRES (B, L)

Bike Course: M. Lošinj - Osor - Martinšica Length: 46 km Total ascend: 500 m Highest point: 190 m Surface: 95% paved road, 5% macadam Difficulty level: 3/5 After breakfast, we cycle through the pine and laurel trees towards Cres island (connected to Mali Lošinj by a small bridge) with our first stop in the artistic village of Osor and we take more strenuous cycling towards the fishing village of Martinscica where lunch will be served on board. We continue our cruise towards the historic town of Cres for a free evening and overnight.

Day 7 CRES - OPATIJA (B, L)

Bike Course: Mošeni ka Draga - Brse - Lovran Length: 27 km

Total ascend: 450 m Highest point: 325 m Surface: 100% paved road Difficulty level: 3/5 During breakfast, the ship departs for Mošeni ka Draga on the Opatija riviera. From there we cycle along the coastal road with spectacular views of the sea and the islands to the village of Brse, situated on a rock above the sea. After the break, we continue to cycle to St Jelena hill with the stunning panorama on Kvarner bay. Descend to Mošeni - a medieval town situated on the foot of Perun hill and further to Lovran where the ship is waiting. Lunch on board and sailing to Opatija, where you have a free evening to admire the enchanting city, walk through the parks or along the 12 km long sea promenade called Lungomare. Overnight in Opatija.

Day 8 OPATIJA (B)

An early breakfast before your final goodbyes to new friends and the crew. Legend: B - breakfast, L - lunch, D - dinner

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YOUR SHIP: CROATIAN 'COMFORT CLASS' CRUISER

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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

These 'comfort' cruises are run on a small variety of vessels, all of very similar standard, but the actual vessel isn't usually confirmed until 2 weeks before the cruise. All of the vessels are very comfortable, and the cabins have airconditioning and en-suite bathrooms. All the vessels carry around 40 passengers (maximum). Steel hulled vessels with modern traditional look offer accommodation in air-conditioned, spacious en-suite cabins with double or twin beds, hair dryer and safety deposit box. Ships are from 29 to 35m in length with cabins 8 to 14m² in size. Included services: buffet breakfasts, three course lunches, Captain's dinner, English speaking tour manager on board, one guided tour, daily cabin service, mid-week fresh set of towels and bed linen, luggage handling. The images here are examples of these vessels, and their cabins and decks. Most vessels have a few triple cabins. These either have a double bed and a single bed, or sometimes a double and a single bunk.





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