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TOUR ITINERARY

RIDING LEVEL 3

Europe / Croatia

Croatia Bike Tour

Pearls of the Dalmatian Coast and Islands

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel back in time at Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in the heart of Split
- Reach the historic island town of Hvar by boat, home to seventh-century fortifications, a Venetian *loggia*, historic *piazzas*, and the oldest municipal theater in Europe
- Board a private boat to Paklinski Islands for a memorable dinner set in a stunning bay
- Discover the white wines of Korčula and reds from the ancient wine-producing plains of Stari Grad, a UNESCO World Heritage Site









ARRIVAL + DEPARTURE

Arrival Details

- **Airport City**: Split, Croatia
- **Pick-Up Location**: Hotel Cornaro
- **Pick-Up Time**: 9:30 am

Departure Details

- **Airport City**: Dubrovnik, Croatia
- **Drop-Off Location**: Hilton Imperial Dubrovnik
- **Drop-Off Time**: 4:00 pm

NOTE: DuVine provides group transfers to and from the tour from the pick-up and drop-off locations stated on the itinerary. In the event your train, flight, or other travel falls outside the arrival or departure times or locations, you may be responsible for extra costs incurred in arranging a separate transfer.

Emergency Assistance

For urgent assistance on your way to tour or while on tour, please always contact your guides first. You may also contact the Boston office during business hours at +1 617 776 4441 or **emergency@duvine.com**.

Travelers Take Note

Lešić Dimitri Palace, the final hotel of the tour, is a converted 18th-century palace in old town Korčula. In keeping with the character of its historic architecture, accommodations are apartment-style—meaning that all guest rooms are comprised of private bedrooms and ensuite bathrooms while common living spaces are communal.



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Tour By Day

PRE-TOUR

Split Pre-Night (Optional)

Arrive in Split and settle into the Cornaro Hotel, a centrally located property just a short walk from the old town walls, where you'll stay for the next few nights. The next day, enjoy your included breakfast before meeting your DuVine guides in the hotel's lobby.

Inclusions: Hotel, Breakfast
Accommodations: **Cornaro Hotel**
Price per person in double occupancy: $350
Price in single occupancy: $600

DAY 1

Welcome to Split!

Your guides will meet you in Split where your bike tour begins! After our bike fitting and safety review, we'll set off to ride along a quiet coastal road and be treated to our first glimpse of the stunning Adriatic. After a leisurely warm up, we'll return for an exclusive guided walking tour of Diocletian's Palace, built at the turn of the 4th century BC, the magnificent harborside complex offers a fascinating glimpse into this era of local history. Tonight we'll enjoy a true Croatian feast at a local restaurant that is a true hidden gem.

Meals: Lunch / Dinner
Destinations: Split, Marjan Hill
Accomplished: 11 miles / 17 km, elevation gain: 922 feet / 281 meters
Accommodations: **Cornaro Hotel**

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DAY 2

Brač Island

This morning, board a speedboat en route to Brač, the largest island in Dalmatia. Our ride starts on the coastal roads alongside olive groves and vineyards. The precious white marble seen here was excavated and used in the building of the White House, Diocletian's Palace, and the Budapest Parliament. After lunch, stop into the Jakšić family gallery. The family is proud to keep ancient stonecutting traditions alive, and eager to share their personal style that keeps their craft timeless. Each Jakšić specializes in their own craft: Lovre is the master sculptor, Ida is a clothing and jewelry designer, and Dina is the resident painter. After our visit, bike back to Supetar where we catch a speedboat back to Split. Your guides will provide you with a number of great dining options for you to choose from. *Dobar tek!*

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch
Destinations: Island Brač, Split, Supetar
Accomplished: 23 miles / 36 km, elevation gain: 2,050 feet / 625 meters
Longer Option: 35 miles / 56 km, elevation gain: 3,445 feet / 1,050 meters
Accommodations: **Cornaro Hotel**

DAY 3

Split and Hvar Island

Set off on a breathtaking boat ride to Hvar Island and start cycling in Stari Grad, passing endless rows of lavender and olive groves before reaching the water's edge. Weave in and out of small, crystal-blue coves of the Adriatic before arriving in the colorful seaside villages of Vrboska and Jelsa. For lunch today we learn to prepare traditional foods that represent the island's history. After lunch, loop back to Stari Grad: from here, you may continue riding all the way back to Hvar or catch a lift in the van. Tonight's dinner in town is full of fresh and vibrant Mediterranean flavors.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner
Destinations: Split, Stari Grad, Hvar Town
Accomplished: 23 miles / 38 km, elevation gain: 1,640 feet / 500 meters
Longer Option: 35 miles / 57 km, elevation gain: 3,051 feet / 930 meters
Accommodations: **Palace Elisabeth** or **Hotel Adriana**

DAY 4 The Hvar Lavender Road

After enjoying a relaxing breakfast, you'll gear up to enjoy another stellar ride with unbelievable views of the seas that surround us. Today's ride takes us through abandoned villages that historically were prominent producers of the lavender products and oils that were once a trademark of Hvar Island. Soar down to the Stari Grad Plain, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and visit Dubokovic—one of Croatia's leading boutique wineries where we'll sip some standout pours. From here we will transfer back to Hvar town. Tonight our private boat will take us to the Paklinski Islands, where we will enjoy dinner in one of the most beautiful bays, overlooking endless blue seas.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner
Destinations: Hvar, Stari Grad, Jelsa, Paklinski Otoci
Accomplished: 20 miles / 32 km, elevation gain: 1,807 feet / 551 meters
Accommodations: **Palace Elisabeth** or **Hotel Adriana**

DAY 5 The Vineyards of Korčula

Today our private boat takes us across blue waters to Korčula, an ancient Greek colony dating back to the 4th century BC. Landing on the west coast in Vela Luka, we'll bicycle across the island to Korčula town. Passing through miles of vineyards, we'll stop for a homemade pasta lunch prepared by the Puc family and sample some of their local products. Arriving at the fortified town of Korčula, the birthplace of Marco Polo, we'll have the afternoon to explore the pedestrian-only streets or relax at our last hotel. Tonight we'll meet in Korčula town for our final dinner at a Michelin star restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast / Picnic Lunch / Dinner
Destinations: Vela Luka, Korčula
Accomplished: 35 miles / 56 km, elevation gain: 2,801 feet / 854 meters
Accommodations: **Lešić Dimitri Palace** or **Aminess Younique Liburna Hotel** or **Aminess Younique Korčula Heritage Hotel**

DAY 6

Korčula to Dubrovnik

En route to Dubrovnik, we'll discover some of the secrets of the Pelješac peninsula—home to Croatia's best-known red wines: Dingač and Postup. Stops along the way include a tasting of fresh oysters and a visit to the town of Ston, known for the longest fortified city wall in Europe and ancient salt works. After lunch in Ston, we'll transfer to the stone walls of Dubrovnik, one of the world's most beautifully preserved medieval cities. From here, your guides will send you off to to meander the narrow streets of Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque architecture on your own, marking the end of our week together.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch
Destinations: Pelješac, Ston, Mali Ston, Dubrovnik
