

## "Blue Pearl" Adriatic Sea - round trip through 8 countries (M-ID: 2169)

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from €2,290.00
Dates and duration (days)

# Are you looking forward to an extraordinary journey along the Adriatic Sea? This fascinating motorcycle tour takes us via dream roads through eight countries. It will let us experience breathtaking landscapes and cultural highlights from the most beautiful perspectives.

We start in Bad Aibling and ride over the mountains of the Austrian "Tauern" to Carinthia. Through the Julian Alps, we then enter Slovenia, and over the Vršič Pass, we reach Croatia. The ride along the Adriatic coastal road, also called Jadranska Magistrala, enchants us with its Mediterranean flair. Dubrovnik, the former medieval trading city listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is our host for two days. Over unique and adventurous motorcycle routes we ride through Montenegro and Albania to Greece. Greece, the land of the gods, offers us not only world-famous cultural monuments but also spectacular pass crossings and adventurous motorcycle routes. From Greece, we take the ferry to Italy (Venice). With a firework of curves through South Tyrol, we return to the starting hotel. Be curious about an extraordinary trip that combines riding fun, adventure, and culture uniquely. Most of the hotels are 4\*\*\*\* stars and there is an escort vehicle to transport your luggage.

#### Tour itinerary:

Day 1: Arrival in Bad Aibling near Rosenheim (from the Ruhr area approx. 720 km).

Individual arrival at the start hotel for the first overnight stay (or in small groups according to agreement and place of residence). Since this arrival day is a Saturday, the "half" Friday is suitable to ride the route in two stages if necessary. Welcome, dinner, and overnight stay on Saturday evening in Bad Aibling.

Day 2: From Bad Aibling via the "Nockberge" (Ö) to Kranjska Gora (SVN) (approx. 355 km)

Today we ride along the beautiful national park "Hohe Tauern" over the "Tauernpassstraße" towards the south.

The famous "Nockalmstraße" (2.042 m) offers us unique views of impressive mountain giants, green alpine valleys, and crystal clear lakes. Afterward, we will cross the historic Wurzen Pass into Slovenia. In Kranjska Gora at the edge of the Triglav National Park, we will move into our quarters. Overnight stay and dinner in Kranjska Gora.

Day 3: From Kranjska Gora (SVN) to the Adriatic Sea to Selce (HRV) (approx. 316 km)

In the early morning, we start winding through the Triglav National Park located in the Julian Alps, named after the 2,864 m high mountain of the same name. Here, the highest mountain pass in Slovenia, the Vršič Pass (1,611m), awaits us. After passing the border with Croatia, we ride through the Risnjak National Park. We cross this paradise on fascinating biker roads with countless curves and finally reach the Jadranska Magistrala, as the coastal road along the Adriatic Sea is called. Overnight and dinner in our first hotel by the sea in Selce-Crikvenica.

Day 4: From Selce along the coast to Vodice (HRV) (approx. 320 km)

Today the day starts directly with a constant view of the blue, clear sea. On the coastal road, we head south. We enjoy the magnificent panorama and the Mediterranean flair, while Croatia's islands Krk, Rab, and Pag pass us by. Great photo motifs are presented to us by this coastal road, which is considered one of the most beautiful roads in the world. We leave this dream scenery for a short detour to the Velebit National Park. The 145 km long Velebit massif, in which the Vaganski Vrh with its 1,757 m forms the highest point, was also the filming location for some Karl May movies. Extremely curvy, on a serpentine road cut into the rock, it goes back down to the coastal road. This

determines the route for many more kilometers. In the afternoon we reach our hotel, which is located directly by the sea. Overnight stay and dinner in Vodice.

Day 5: From Vodice (HRV) through Bosnia-Herzegovina (BIH) to Dubrovnik (HRV) (approx. 320 km)
Today is characterized by changing views of the sea and small detours into the hinterland. Along the Dalmatian coast of Croatia, we first head towards Split, whose center we ride around, to then visit the forest restaurant "Radman Mühlen" in the heart of the Cetina Gorge near Omis. Strengthened, we continue to the border of Bosnia and Herzegovina. This country has a small coastal strip on the Adriatic Sea. After ten kilometers we enter Croatia again. The further course of the route is given by the Biokovo mountains and the Adriatic Sea and leads us curvaceously to Dubrovnik. Overnight and dinner in our beautiful hotel in Dubrovnik, where we will spend 2 nights.

Day 6: DAY OF REST - at leisure in Dubrovnik

Today the day is at your free disposal. Most famous in Dubrovnik is the characteristic Old Town, which is surrounded by a massive stone wall completed in the 16th century. Store and eat ice cream, take a boat ride or just relax at the beach or pool. According to your "well-being"...

Day 7: From Dubrovnik via Montenegro (MNE) to Albania (ALB) (approx. 297 km)

Today a route through 3 countries awaits us. In the southernmost tip of Croatia, we will reach the border of Montenegro in the morning. Montenegro, once the smallest republic of the former Yugoslavia, is a Balkan state with medieval villages and narrow stretches of beach along the Adriatic coast. In the Bay of Kotor, which resembles a fjord, we take a small ferry to the other side. Over the breathtaking serpentine road of Kotor, we will go to Lovćen National Park. On the small very steep road we wind our way up the rock face, while numerous places offer an opportunity for a photo stop or just to enjoy the view. The Bay of Kotor is a Unesco World Heritage Site, it is an almost 30 km long, strongly winding fjord-like bay of the southeastern Dalmatian-Montenegrin Adriatic coast, lined by high and very steep mountainsides. In a large arc through the interior of the country, we return to the coast. Another piece of coastal road to Perovac and we turn curvy towards the National Park Skadarsko Jezero. Parallel to Skadarsko Lake, we approach the Albanian border. We will stay in a hotel in Shëngjin-Lezha on the Adriatic Sea. Overnight stay and dinner in Shëngjin-Lezha, Albania.

Day 8: From Shëngjin through the mountains of Albania to Pogradec (ALB) (approx. 350 km)

Today's tour through Albania takes us first to Kukes, near the border with Kosovo. On the way there, we follow a spectacular road that leads us through vast mountain scenery. The roads in Albania's hinterland are narrow and winding, and the asphalt is not always the best. But still, every kilometer through this untouched and beautiful landscape is worth it. For hours we ride through wild and scarcely populated areas, interrupted only by outdoing viewpoints that invite us to a photo stop. Passing the entrance to the famous Valbona Valley, we reach Kukes, the northernmost point of our tour today. Heading south, we follow the course of the SH31 for a few kilometers, with the Black Drin River as our companion. At the junction with

the Drin Valley, the road turns into a gravel road. We decide to take the asphalt road to Peshkopi and then on to the border with northern Macedonia. Not far and we reach Lake Ohrid, which is shared by Albania and North Macedonia. It is the second-largest lake in the Balkan Peninsula and one of the oldest in the world. Our hotel is located directly on the shore of the lake on the Albanian side. Overnight and dinner in Pogradec, Albania.

Day 9: From Lake Ohrid (ALB) over the Katara Pass to Kalambaka (GR) (approx. 370km)

Today brings us after a short ride to the Greek border. After the necessary customs checks, our first stage destination is Lake Kastoria in the region of Western Macedonia. Via winding country roads through the hinterland and past the peaks of the Pindos Mountains we reach the Katara Pass. The Katara Pass (1.709 m) can easily compete with an alpine pass, snow depths of two meters are not uncommon in winter. We follow the E92, which brings us to Kalambaka. The town is located at the foot of the Meteora monasteries in the northwestern part of Thessaly. The Meteora monasteries are a UNESCO World Heritage Site and are built on sandstone cliffs up to 500 meters high. We take the time to ride over a small road relatively close to these fantastic photo motifs. A few more kilometers and we reach our hotel in Kalambaka. Overnight stay and dinner in Kalambaka, Greece.

Day 10: From Kalambaka to Patras to the port (GR) (approx. 370 km)

To get to our destination today, the ferry port in Patras, we have to cross the Pindos Mountains again. The east-west passage we have chosen leads us through the Tymfristos massif, a protected area with an average altitude of 1,700 m. Passing the highest mountain of the region, the 2.313 m high Tymphrestos, we reach the pass road between the Tymfristos Pass and the Karpnesi Pass. The latter is exactly on our route in the western direction. First, we climb higher and higher until we reach the top of the Karpnesi Pass at 1,250 meters. The descent after that is with numerous serpentine combinations the beginning of a true orgy of curves. On the next 60 km to lake Trichonida, one curve after the other follows. We are extremely challenged because the routing requires concentration and condition. Passing the lake, we now head for a masterpiece of bridge building: the cable-stayed bridge of Rio-Andirrio. It is a toll road bridge over the strait of Rio-Andrirrio, which forms the entrance to the Gulf of Corinth. Opened in 2004, the bridge connects Andirrio on the northern shore with Rio on the Peloponnese. Eight kilometers further on we reach Patras, where we will check in for our ship to Venice this evening.

Day 11: A relaxing day at sea. Ferry crossing from Patras to Venice

Just enjoy the crossing from Patras (Greece) to Venice (Italy) and review the experiences.

Day 12: From Venice through the Dolomites to South Tyrol (IT) (approx. 320 km)

This morning Venice lies at our feet. We leave the port quickly in the direction of Padua, cross the lowlands, and at the town of Bassano del Grappa, we enter the mountains. Monte Grappa, at 1,775 meters, is the highest point of the Grappa range, the southernmost group of the Dolomites. It lies as an advanced mountain massif between the rivers Brenta and Piave. A little further north we find ourselves in the middle of the "Parco Regionale Dolomiti". In a firework

of curves, we climb one after the other the passes Rolle 1.989 m, Valles 2.032 m, San Pellegrino 1.918 m and finally the very famous Passo Sella 2.218 m (Sella Pass), before we move into our penultimate hotel in Sterzing. Overnight stay and dinner in Sterzing.

Day 13: From South Tyrol over the Timmelsjoch (Ö) to Bad Aibling (approx. 300 km)

After breakfast, we take the last stage together under the wheels. The route takes us once again over the most beautiful roads through the mountains. To warm up, the Jaufenpass with 2.094 m is on the program. In a free ride, we travel over the border pass Timmelsjoch, 2,474 m back into Austria. Through the Ötztal, over the Kühtaisattel, and along the Tegernsee we ride back to our starting hotel in Bad Aibling. Here ends a very varied motorcycle trip, with an unspeakable number of impressions and experiences from 8 countries and the "blue pearl Adriatic". We enjoy the last evening together and let it end happily and with great memories! Overnight stay and farewell dinner in Bad Aibling.

Day 14: From Bad Aibling we go home (to the Ruhr area approx. 720km)

Unfortunately, today after breakfast it is time to say goodbye and we will start our journey home individually. Come all well home!

Please always pay attention to our notes on "riding ability" and level of difficulty!

Program, hotel, and route changes are reserved!

Countries Albania

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Germany

Greece

Italy

Croatia

Montenegro

Austria

Category Motorcycle Tour

Terrain Onroad

Vehicle your own motorcycle

Tourguide / Coach yes (guided)

Accommodation Hotel / B&B or similar

3 star hotel

4 star hotel

Flight to / from no, not incl.

Ferry yes, incl.

Support vehicle (luggage/service) yes

Level of difficulty medium

difficult

Customer payment protection yes

\* PRICING Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

### **Pricing**

per rider in shared/double room (Only available for a booking of two persons. Single €2,290.00 travelers need to choose the single room surcharge.)

€2,210.00

per pillion passenger in shared twin/double room (pillion passengers cannot book without an accompanying rider)

per person single room, incl. single "inside" cabin (surcharge - only available with an

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additional selection of the basic price "per rider in shared twin/double room")

€540.00

Optionally bookable for ferry passage Patras-Venice:

per person 2-bed "outside" cabin (Surcharge) €30.00

per person single "outside" cabin (surcharge) €120.00

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Booking of 1/2 double room or TWIN room (single beds) possible!

#### Included

Start/finish hotel in Bad Aibling

- 11 x accommodation in very good 3\*\*\* and 4\*\*\*\* hotels (country category) on the whole trip
- 2 x overnight ferry passage in 2-bed cabins "inside
- 11 x extended breakfast or buffet in the hotels
- 2 x breakfast on ferry crossing Patras Venice
- 1x ferry passage Patras (GR) Venice (IT) incl. motorcycle passage (incl. fuel surcharge + port tax) incl. half board
- 11 x 3-course menu or evening buffet in the hotels
- 11 x elaborated day tours during the trip (without arrival and departure) with at least (!) 2 tour guides

Luggage transport in the escort vehicle

max. 8-10 motorcycles per tour guide

Route plans

Travel insurance certificate

Commemorative T-shirt (polo shirt available for an additional charge)

#### Not included

Everything that is not specified under services

We do not organize parking for cars and trailers at the hotels or in guarded parking lots.

#### More details

Total kilometers from/to Bad Aibling: approx. 3,700 km. The kilometer data are "approximate kilometers according to our route planning", a deviation is not excluded.

Daily stages on site: approx. 270 - 370 km (except arrival and departure stages)

Road conditions: Mostly well-built and asphalted curvy roads. In Montenegro and Albania, some of the asphalt may not be in such good condition. On this tour, we ride partly on very narrow and steep roads.

Riding skills: The motorcycle should be controlled on winding roads absolutely (!) safe. The corresponding condition must also be absolutely available for this tour. Not suitable for beginners and returning riders! Due to the narrow roads and switchbacks, supersport and choppers are only conditionally recommendable.

Climate: Mediterranean climate, between 16° - 30° possible. In June it can sometimes be very hot. On the high passes above 2,000m sometimes also very cool.

Minimum number of participants: 15 people, with at least 2 tour guides (travel safety) + luggage transport!

On this tour we have many hotel changes

Free luggage transport in the support vehicle

Sufficient, preferably new tires are absolutely necessary for the trip!

Tick fees for ferry crossings (e.g. Kotor approx. 5,-1) are to be paid on site by the respective traveler.

City tax, visitor's tax, bed tax or other local fees must be paid by each participant at the hotel reception upon departure. Likewise, any tolls or parking fees, as well as entrance fees are to be paid by the respective travel participant.

On the ferry passage Patras - Venice we spend 2 nights

A freeway vignette is not required on this tour.

The identity card or passport must still be valid for at least 3 months at departure !!!

We strongly recommend international, vehicle and health insurance + travel cancellation insurance!

Special features: In Slovenia, Croatia, Montenegro and Greece, the euro is the legal tender. In Albania, the Albanian "LEK" is the currency. In Greece, the 0.0 per mille limit applies to motorcyclists.

Ferry: the motorcycles must be well-lashed. The employees of the ferry company do not necessarily handle the motorcycles very "carefully"! Belts are not always sufficiently available on the ships, so we strongly recommend taking two own belts (e.g. with a small ratchet from Louis) — If a vehicle falls over during the crossing, it will be difficult to make the ferry company responsible for it. Sometimes there are even signs posted that no responsibility is taken for securing motorcycles! We recommend packing a "small carry-on" for the ferry, as it is difficult and cumbersome to walk with motorcycle cases in the narrow aisles.

Please note that the ferry times of the shipping companies are published only at the end of December or the beginning of January. Therefore, the departure times are still subject to change and the route to Italy may have to be adjusted.

Entry Requirements and Medical Information: At this time, there are no Corona travel restrictions.

The entry and vaccination regulations for the destination and transit country corresponding to the citizenship of the individual travel participants also apply. The regulations applicable to German citizens can be found on the pages of the German Foreign Office.

Hotels: We stay during the trip exclusively in very good 3\*\*\* and 4\*\*\*\* hotels according to the country's category. Parking facilities for motorcycles are available at all hotels. Partly with chargeable garages or parking spaces.

Don't forget bathing suits, because almost everywhere we have a pool or swimming pool available in the hotels. Besides, the sea is often very close.