

## Croatia: Cruise on two wheels – Deluxe Edition (M-ID: 4126)

<https://www.motourismo.com/en/listings/4126-croatia-cruise-on-two-wheels-deluxe-edition>



**from €3,399.00**

Dates and duration (days)

On request

8 days

06/01/2024 - 06/08/2024 8 days

### **Guided motorcycle tour of Croatia with overnight stays on a small deluxe cruise ship incl. half-board. Every night in the same hotel room - but always in a different port!**

The start of the "deluxe edition" of our "Croatia cruise on 2 wheels", is the seaside resort of Opatija on the northern Croatian Adriatic coast. We ride our motorcycles directly to the port of Opatija and park there in front of our "floating hotel", which will be our home for the next week. We have our dinner on the ship and enjoy the sea air and our first night on board.

The very next morning our guided tour of Croatia begins:

After breakfast we say goodbye to the captain and crew, get on our bikes and ride together along the coast towards the south. While we make a small detour into the mountains near the coast, our ship is already on its way by sea to the next meeting point.

At noon we have a relaxing break with the possibility to eat something and taste the specialties of the "experienced region".

We then take the ferry to the island of Rab, where our ship is already waiting for us when we arrive at the port of the island's capital of the same name. We park the motorcycles directly in the harbor and retire contentedly to "our rooms" to freshen up for the evening. After dinner, which the ship's cook has conjured up for us, we can explore the small harbor and the old town, have a leisurely drink, and already look forward to the next day: there the route takes us to Dalmatia, to the city of Zadar.

And so every day we ride a beautiful, detailed selected route on mostly excellent road surfaces between coastal road, hinterland, and island roads and spend the night every night in a different port, but always in our own cabin. Annoying suitcase packing is therefore unnecessary for the whole week and we can enjoy the beautiful tours through

incredibly impressive and constantly changing landscapes without travel luggage on the bike.

The daily stages range from 110 km to a maximum of 240 km. The total mileage during the tour is about 1,100 km.

Experienced top tour guides lead the tour and show us some of the most beautiful and exciting roads in Croatia. And they also make sure that no one gets lost: for safety's sake, there is also a support vehicle ready to take a broken-down bike to the next port.

Remote beaches and bays, picturesque coastal and mountain roads, idyllic villages, and impressive medieval towns - all this is waiting for YOU!

Our floating home is a small cruise ship of the DELUXE category with a length of just under 40 meters. Built in 2017, the ship has 19 fully air-conditioned guest cabins, either with double beds or two separate single beds. All cabins are of course equipped with private bathrooms and toilets, regardless of whether they are located on the main deck or the lower deck.

Cabins "on deck" are cabins on the main deck (the deck where you enter the ship), and cabins "below deck" are cabins in the hull of the ship. All cabins are outside cabins. The advantage of cabins on deck is that you have direct access from the main deck and more fresh air, while cabins below deck are often quieter. Cabins below deck have portholes, of course.

Breakfast and dinner are taken in the "dining room", the bar and lounge area are also available for socializing in the evening.

The country we are visiting has many special features to offer us: Croatia is not a large country, but it is at the same time the Mediterranean and Central European, mountainous and flat, maritime and continental. In a relatively small area, we can find landscapes that would otherwise have to be sought in far-flung regions of Europe and the world: thus, in Croatia, we find a forested, indented coastline with a multitude of islands, well-preserved old Mediterranean towns with narrow streets and stone houses, but also green pastures along the coast with dry stone walls. The mountainous regions are adorned with vast forests, romantic lakes, and picturesque villages like in the Alps, but also rough, bare limestone cliffs with deep gorges, the hill country is crowned with vineyards, medieval castles, and fortresses. And we will see some of it.....!

Croatia Bike Cruise - You have the luxury of a great cruise ship and the experiences of a motorcycle tour. All this without having to pack your suitcase every day - your "hotel" is going with you!

#### Itinerary:

DAY 1: The arrival day Independent arrival to Opatija.

Already during the Danube monarchy, the "Curort Abbazia" belonged to the fashionable seaside resorts on the Adriatic and still inspires today because of its beautiful parks and houses in Art Nouveau style. If you want to come by car and motorcycle trailer: No problem! We can reserve guarded parking spaces near the harbor. Embarkation takes place in the early afternoon, the rest of the afternoon can already be used for an exploration trip or even just a short walk to the nearby center of Opatija. First dinner together and the first night on board.

DAY 2: Opatija - Rab, (200 km)

We leave our ship and the friendly Opatija and ride past Rijeka, along the Croatian coastal road "Jadranska Magistrala" towards the south. Near Senj, we make the first detour into the Croatian hinterland and the Velebit Nature Park. Here we are surprised for the first time how the landscape changes so much within a few kilometers. We are also looking forward to the first great curvy stretch in the mountains with many, many curves and some hairpin bends until we reach the Magistrala again. Then we take the car ferry across the Velebit Channel to Rab. Overnight stay in Rab.

DAY 3: Rab - Zadar, (190 km)

We take the car ferry back to the mainland and follow the coastal road to Karlobag, where we make our second detour into the hinterland and over the mountains. On a great developed overland road, we cruise up to almost 950 m above sea level (we start at 0 m!), that is already the first highlight of the day! On this day tour, we cross the Velebit Nature Park towards the north and are amazed by the change of landscape as soon as we are through the mountains. On the way back, there are again some curves ahead of us as we head towards our destination for the

day: Zadar is located on a narrow tongue of land on the Adriatic Sea and the Zadar Channel and is separated from the mainland by a moat. The harbor is located directly at the culturally and historically important old town.

DAY 4: Zadar - Pag-Mandre, (110 km)

Today we will have a very comfortable and quiet day to rest. After a short detour to the island of Vir, we pass the bridge from the mainland to the island of Pag and cross half the island to our overnight port today: Mandre. We board our ship and have a nice afternoon excursion along the coast of Pag, enjoying the flair and air of the Adriatic coast. If you are brave enough, you can take out your swimsuit and swim around the boat! In any case, the locals say that you can already swim in the Adriatic Sea from May...

DAY 5: Pag - Krk, (240 km)

Freshly rested, we set out on the longest leg of the trip: We pass once again the bridge from Pag back to the mainland and then follow the entire Magistrala from the southern end of the Velebit Channel up to the bridge connecting the island of Krk with the mainland. Just under 150 km of curve party along with one of the most beautiful coastal roads in the world! We will remember this day for a long time. After crossing the Krk bridge, we ride directly to the port of the town that bears the same name as the island: Krk.

DAY 6: Krk – Cres – Rabac 180 km

Ever done island hopping by motorcycle? Today we will ride 3 islands! From Krk (1) we will take a car ferry to Cres (2), the longest of the islands in Kvarner Bay. And at noon we will stop for a break in a small fishing village on the island of Lošinj (3). Then we return to Cres and take another car ferry to Istria, the large peninsula in the west of Croatia. Overnight stay in the port of Rabac.

DAY 7: Rabac - Opatija, (140 km)

We have saved one of the biggest highlights for the last day: If you like medieval castles and towns, you'll get your money's worth today! We move away from the coast again and head straight to the center of the Istrian hinterland, to the capital of Istria County, Pazin. After a stop with a view of the Mitterburg Castle, first mentioned in the 10th century, our route takes us on to the truffle stronghold of Istria, the town of Buzet. The old town of Buzet is situated on the top of a hill and is home to one of the most famous truffle restaurants in Istria. If you like, you can indulge in truffles here for lunch. The highlight (in the truest sense of the word) is crossing the Učka Mountains, to which Opatija owes its evening freshness due to the fall winds from the lushly forested slopes. Through narrow serpentines, we return to the Opatija Riviera, which we follow for the last few kilometers to our starting point, the port of Opatija. Last night together in Opatija.

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#### DAY 8: Disembarkation Farewell and departure

Unfortunately, our extraordinary journey comes to an end today. After breakfast, we will disembark the ship and start our journey home with many new memories and new friends. Additional nights in Opatija are possible on request!

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Riding and sailing route changes are expressly reserved, especially for weather-related reasons! In addition, the captain of the ship reserves the right to change the route in case of bad weather conditions.

Countries	Croatia
Category	Motorcycle Tour
Terrain	Onroad
Vehicle	your own motorcycle motorcycle rent optional
Tourguide / Coach	yes (guided)
Accommodation	Hotel / B&B or similar 5 star hotel
Flight to / from	no, not incl.
Ferry	yes, incl.
Bus to / from	no, not incl.
Support vehicle (luggage/service)	yes
Level of difficulty	medium difficult
Customer payment protection	yes
* PRICING	Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

## Pricing

Per person in a two-bed cabin on the lower deck\*. €3,399.00

\*Early bird price until 30.06.2023, from 01.07.2023 3.599,00 €

Surcharge two-bed cabin on deck €400.00

Surcharge single cabin per person €999.00

Rental motorcycle can be booked on request: Harley-Davidson Pan America, Benelli TRK 502 X, Royal Enfield Himalayan. Please inquire if you are interested.

Prices for rider and passenger are the same

## Included

7 nights onboard a small cruise ship (19 cabins) of the Deluxe category in air-conditioned double cabins of the desired cabin type

- Equipped with shower, toilet, wardrobe, desk, chair, safe, hairdryer, LCD TV.
- Breakfast (buffet) and dinner (3-course menu + salad and cheese buffet) on board
- Captain's Dinner with aperitif and live entertainment
- Drinking water free
- Oiven oil tasting on the ship
- Wine tasting on the ship

- Fresh fruit and snacks daily
- Daily cabin cleaning and towel change
- Bed linen is changed in the middle of the week
- Bathroom equipment with shampoo, hair lotion, body lotion, etc.
- Free wifi
- Air-conditioned dining room with LCD TV
- Heated whirlpool

Port fees & visitor's tax

Tour escort by 2 experienced motorcycle guides in two groups

Escort vehicle with motorcycle trailer

All ferry crossings as per itinerary for riders and passengers

Luggage transport to/from Opatija from/to our travel agency in A-8502 Lannach (1 piece of luggage p.p., max 90x60x30 cm, max. 20 kg)

1 exclusive tour T-shirt

Customer money protection in accordance with the European Package Travel Regulation

## **Not included**

Gasoline

Oil

Parking fees in the ports

Travel and all expenses related to the operation of the motorcycle

Expenditure of personal needs

Drinks on board

Catering for trips

Entrance fees

Tips

Travel insurance

Furthermore, all services that are not expressly listed as included, included services

## **More details**

Total distance: Approx. 1,100 km from/to Opatija.

Tour Characteristics: With mountain passes, switchbacks, coastal roads, city crossings, and ferry crossings. Not recommended for beginners or bikers with little experience.

Difficulty level: medium to difficult.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: We recommend that you take out travel insurance with Allianz Travel.

## LUGGAGE TRANSFER FROM/TO APARTMENT DOOR TO OUR OFFICE:

From Austria: Kofferbutler.at Price per suitcase per route: from € 35 Booking directly via [www.kofferbutler.at](http://www.kofferbutler.at)

From Germany: Tefra Travel Logistics GmbH, price per suitcase per route: from € 65 Booking directly via [www.tefra-log.de](http://www.tefra-log.de).

From Switzerland: Both providers on request.

Please inform us in time if you want your luggage sent to our office! When arriving, the luggage must be at our office 3 working days before the start of the tour. Pick up at the end of the tour the day after the tour ends.

Parking fees in the ports (as of 2021: free for motorcycles, may be subject to change:

- Opatija: car: € 10 per day, motorcycle trailer € 10 per day; VW buses or similar € 12 per day).

## MINIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:

24 persons, divided into 2 motorcycle groups. If the minimum number of participants is not reached, the tour operator reserves the right to cancel the trip up to 4 weeks before the start of the trip, or to carry out this with only one guide. The number of participants is limited! Registrations will be considered in the order of arrival. The trip can only be booked as a package.

## TRAVEL CONDITIONS:

All guests on the ship must abide by the ship's rules (to be seen in writing on the ship), especially concerning the instruction not to bring drinks on board. Otherwise, the captain reserves the right to ask the guest to leave the ship.

Due to special conditions and requirements for mooring boats in some Croatian ports, vessels can be moored right next to each other, so guests have to step from one vessel to another to get ashore, with distances between vessels to be expected. In such cases, guests must pay special attention and do so at their own risk. Assistance from the crew is available upon request.

A frank word among bikers:

We do not do a riding course on our trip, but a challenging and varied motorcycle tour. On guided motorcycle tours with your own motorcycle, riders and passengers from different countries of origin and with different motorcycles meet for a joint trip. As different as the participants are, as different will usually be the motorcycles, which makes for a fun and interesting trip.

As with all group activities, these trips also require a certain team spirit and a certain adaptation of the individual to the group. If you let yourself go for it, you will surely "experience" a great tour, meet new friends, and have a lot of fun because the common experience of riding dynamics and curve magic in charming landscape connects. And on this trip, the focus is on motorcycling in the unique and sensational landscape.