Croatia and the Dalmatian Coast are the European darlings of luxury destinations. Here, the clear blue waters of the Adriatic Sea offer an ever-present and inspiring view. Combine that with our world-class luxury, accommodations and special excursions, and you’ve got a vacation sent from the heavens above. From a private chartered boat to local, private feasts, to a special, dedicated walking tour, to the unspoiled beaches of Korcula, every moment will be a new surprise. You’ll see why the rest of Europe loves this historic and extravagant destination, but more importantly, you’ll also see it in a whole new way.

TRIP WOWS

Enjoy a private walking tour of Korcula with our favorite local guide
Taste some locally made olive oil and jams and enjoy lunch at our friends’ farm and olive oil mill
Get up close to the seven-century old walls of the fortress of Hvar and take in scenic views from the port’s natural bay
Bask on your private charter boat and enjoy a first-class cruise to Hvar and Split
Day 1

**TODAY’S RIDE:**
Cilipi Loop
Approximately 28 miles with 2,000 feet of climbing

**DESCRIPTION:**
Welcome to your Croatian adventure! After some initial introductions, your guides will spend some time fitting and familiarizing you with your Trek bike for the week. We’ll hop on a brief shuttle out of the city and begin our ride in the Konavle valley. This little known valley close to the Bosnia-Herzegovina and Montenegro borders is densely forested with cypress and pine trees as well as vineyards, olive groves, tangerine, figs, and mulberry trees. Today’s ride begins in Cilipi and meanders through a protected nature reserve before stopping for lunch at Konavski Dori, a traditional restaurant with water mills dating to the Dubrovnik Republic. Continue riding to your heart’s content through this stunningly beautiful landscape dotted with tiny villages and hamlets. After we return to Dubrovnik, take some time to soak up your surroundings at the hotel pool or at the beach before you and your newfound friends gather for drinks and learn about all that is in store for you in the week ahead. You’ll then enjoy your first rousing dinner together, a multi-course feast featuring the bounty of fresh local fare from both land and sea.

**HOTEL:**
Hotel Bellevue Dubrovnik

**INCLUDED MEALS:**
Lunch | Social Hour | Dinner
### Day 2

**TODAY’S RIDE:** Ston to Viganj  
Approximately 35 miles with 3,000 feet of climbing

**SHORT OPTION:** Ston to Trstenik with Shuttle  
Approximately 17 miles with 1,800 feet of climbing

**AVID OPTION:** Ston to Viganj with Nakovajn Climb  
Approximately 43 miles with 3,700 feet of climbing

**DESCRIPTION:**  
Today you will shuttle to the region of Ston, a salt-producing area, where we get on bikes and start riding along the Croatian Coast. From there, you’re off to discover the Pelješac Peninsula as you ride to Viganj. Stop for lunch at a small bistro in the picturesque fishing village of Viganj before hopping aboard a private boat for Korcula Island, the sixth largest island in the Adriatic. Korcula Town is a medieval Dalmatian village and your home for the next two nights, at the Lešic Dimitri Palace. Explore this red-roofed city, situated on the tip of a peninsula which juts dramatically over the enchanting Adriatic. This evening you’ll dine together at the divine Lesic Dimitri Restaurant.

**HOTEL:**  
Lesic Dimitri Palace

**INCLUDED MEALS:**  
Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

### Day 3

**TODAY’S RIDE:** Korcula to Lumbarda Loop  
Approximately 33 miles with 2,500 feet of climbing

**SHORT OPTION:** Korcula to Racisce Loop  
Approximately 22 miles with 1,500 feet of climbing

**DESCRIPTION:**  
Korcula’s vast and lush woods, hidden coves and forested hills are yours to discover by bike today. Explore the interior of the island as you make your way past vineyards, olive groves, villages and coastal hamlets. Continuing your ride, you’ll encounter the small coves and beaches of the steep southern coast, which are a dramatic contrast to the flat northern coast and its natural harbors. You’ll pedal through a colorful history founded by the Trojan hero Antenor, according to legend. Korcula has changed hands many times over the ages, including an era of Greek rule in the 6th century BC, the Roman conquest in the 1st century, and the takeover by the Venetians in 1000 AD. Lunch today is at our friends’ organic olive grove where you’ll taste the family’s olive oils, enjoy a delectable lunch and some homemade preserves for dessert. This afternoon, we’ll explore the town of Korcula together and learn its secrets and history with our local guide. Tonight your taste buds will reign supreme as you enjoy another meal together. Dinner will be at a charming traditional family bistro using only local ingredients from their garden. These brothers specialize in Peka, a dish of meat and vegetables slowly roasted under a cast iron bell. This succulent dish pairs wonderfully with a deep ruby glass of Plavik Mali wine.

**HOTEL:**  
Lesic Dimitri Palace

**INCLUDED MEALS:**  
Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

### Day 4

**TODAY’S RIDE:** Korcula to Vela Luka  
Approximately 35 miles with 2,800 feet of climbing

**SHORT OPTION:** Pupnat to Vela Luka with Shuttle  
Approximately 26 miles with 1,600 feet of climbing

**DESCRIPTION:**  
After a morning ride to Vela Luka, you’ll travel by boat to Hvar, the most glamorous of the Dalmatian islands. After lunch on your own, explore chic Hvar Town, where the 16th-century Citadel towers over the yacht-filled harbor. While today it is considered a hot vacation spot, Hvar was once a Venetian capital on the key east-west trade routes. That influence lives on in a collection of Renaissance buildings including the Citadel; the 17th century Arsenal, which housed the oldest theater in Croatia and one of the first in Europe; and St. Stephen’s Cathedral, complete with a classically Venetian campanile. Explore the main square, Pjaca, paved in marble and lined with outdoor bars and boutiques, or walk through the old town, heading up the hillside to discover understated architectural gems hidden in the narrow lanes and alleys. If you’d rather, head for the beach! It’s your vacation—you decide! Tonight, choose from the many restaurants in Hvar for your dinner.

**HOTEL:**  
Hotel Adriana

**INCLUDED MEALS:**  
Breakfast
Day 5

**TODAY'S RIDE:**
Hvar to Jelsa Loop
Approximately 40 miles with 3,800 feet of climbing

**SHORT OPTION:**
Hvar to Jelsa Return with Shuttle
Approximately 18 miles with 1,800 feet of climbing

**DESCRIPTION:**
Today, pedal through a landscape like no other—this is a ride that you will remember forever! As you cycle along the limestone ridge of the island, a stunning vista unfurls with ancient white stone walls terracing green valleys, set against the blazing blue of the ever-present sea. Centuries ago, these walls were built by farmers clearing the land so that crops could be planted. Today, the stones remain and in between are gnarled vines, silver tipped olive trees and lush vegetables. You'll then descend into the valley and pedal quiet roads bordered by vineyards and olive groves. You'll cycle to the seaside port of Jelsa then continue on narrow roads toward Stari Grad, the original capital of Hvar until the Venetians declared the nearer Hvar Town more convenient. Tonight, you'll dine at a renowned restaurant in town and celebrate an amazing week.

**HOTEL:**
Hotel Adriana

**INCLUDED MEALS:**
Breakfast | Social Hour | Dinner

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Day 6

**TODAY'S ACTIVITY:**
Kayaking on Adriatic Sea
Private boat to Split

**DESCRIPTION:**
This morning, choose to explore the coast on a guided kayak expedition or alternatively, you can sleep in and linger over breakfast as the waves lap against the shore. Say goodbye to your guides and your Croatian vacation of a lifetime at 11:00 AM when you will board a private boat to Split. We recommend you not book travel before 1:30 PM from Split.

**INCLUDED MEALS:**
Breakfast

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**WHAT'S INCLUDED**

For us, the details matter most
Every moment of a Trek Travel bike trip has more than you could have ever dreamed. More romance. More scenery. More choice. It's the little additions to every Trek Travel cycling vacation that make it truly special. And that's how we help you create more memories.

**What's Included**

- 5 nights of accommodation at handpicked hotels
- Two experienced guides to provide local knowledge, support, and camaraderie
- Daily route support with both guides and our support van
- Daily breakfast, 4 lunches and 4 dinners
- 2 social hours of drinks and hors d'oeuvres
- Ride a Trek Domane SL 7 disc or Trek Electric-Assist Verve+
- Up to three daily route options on riding days
- Snacks and drinks for each day's ride
- Trek Travel Bontrager cycling jersey and socks to keep
- Trek Travel water bottles to keep
- Cinch sack day bag to keep
- Each bike is equipped with a Garmin Edge 1030 GPS computer, flat pack, front and rear Bontrager Flare R lights, a Bontrager saddle and pedals (Shimano clipless road pedals, Shimano clipless mountain pedals, caged or flat pedals)
- Bontrager WaveCel helmets
- All gratuities for drivers, local experts and hospitality staff
- All luggage transfers and transportation during your trip
- A personalized photobook of your trip
- Entrance fees for all activities, private tours and events

**Gear**
- Trek Domane SL 7 disc carbon road bike with Shimano Di2 electronic shifting or Trek Electric-Assist Verve+, available in a limited
quantity
- Trek Travel Bontrager cycling jersey and socks to keep
- Trek Travel water bottles to keep
- Shimano clipless road pedals, Shimano clipless mountain pedals, caged or flat pedals
- Bontrager WaveCel helmet
- Bontrager men's and women's specific saddles
- Bontrager front and rear Flare R lights and a flat pack
- Garmin Edge 1030 GPS computer
- Cinch sack day bag to keep
- Upgrade your bike to include carbon wheels (+$200)
- Coupon valued up to $500 off a new Trek Bicycle. Your coupon will be delivered via email prior to your trip.
- For the most comfortable ride, you may choose to bring your own pedals, saddle, and helmet on the trip. Your guides will install your gear on the first day during your bike fit.

THANK YOUR GUIDES, BY TIPPING

Gratuities for your Trek Travel guides are not included in your trip price. We recommend tipping 7.5-10% of your trip price for the guide team. Local currency is preferred and unless you want to tip separately, guides will divide tips amongst themselves. Please tip your guides at your discretion, based on their level of professionalism, guest care and service.

What's Not Included
- Airfare and transportation to and from the trip pick-up/drop-off locations
- Lodging before and after the trip
- Personal items purchased during the trip
- Optional activities not scheduled by Trek Travel
- On select trips some meals are not included. On these trips, Trek Travel invites you to explore the local cuisine at your leisure.

HOTELS

HOTEL BELLEVUE DUBROVNIK
DUBROVNIK, CROATIA
This hotel showcases views of the pristine Adriatic Sea nearly 100 feet above the Miramare Bay and is in walking distance to the Old Town. Enjoy breakfast on the terrace overlooking the Bay.

LESIC DIMITRI PALACE
KORCULA, CROATIA
A recently renovated 18th century Bishop’s palace and the finest hotel on the island of Korcula, Lesic Dimitri Palace is tucked away in the winding alleyways and next to Marco Polo’s home in Korcula Town. This heritage building is comprised of six luxurious apartments and five medieval cottages in the old palace. All but two apartments have more than one bedroom; so you will likely share common space with some of your fellow travelers, such as a living area and dining room.

HOTEL ADRIANA
HVAR, CROATIA
Adriana is Hvar’s premier boutique hotel and ideally located with sweeping views of the historic town and marina. Enjoy the rooftop saltwater pool, luxury Spa Oasis, and uniquely designed rooms. Adriana is a proud member of the Croatian Unique Hotels.

HOTEL VARIATION | HOTEL AMFORA
HVAR, CROATIA
Tucked away in a tranquil bay, surrounded by a lush pine grove and only a short ten-minute walk from the historic Amfora Hvar Grand Beach Resort is one the most exciting beach resorts in the Adriatic. This oasis with a cascading pool and range of spa services to provide the perfect setting for a relaxing stay on your cycling vacation. You will stay at
How To Get There

We suggest that you arrive at least one day prior to the trip start, which will enable you to adjust to the time zone and minimize the risk of missing the trip start due to flight-related delays. We recommend that you fly into Dubrovnik (DBV) for the trip start. Arriving two to three days in advance will give you more time to recover from the effects of a long international flight. The airport is 12 miles from the city center and can be reached by public bus, shuttle or taxi. Buses and shuttles generally run after each international flight arrival and cost approximately 35 kuna. A taxi ride should take approximately 25 minutes and cost between 180 and 250 kuna, depending upon your destination and the amount of luggage you have with you. Alternatively, our hotel in Dubrovnik will arrange transportation for you for an additional fee.

For departing flights, Split Airport (SPU) offers flights to many European cities where you can then connect with flights to North America.

Meeting Time And Location

Your Trek Travel guides will meet you at the Hotel Bellevue (Ul. Pera Čingrije 7, Dubrovnik) at 10:00 AM on the first day of the trip. After some brief introductions, your guides will perform personal bike fittings. If you have brought your own pedals, make sure to have them and your cycling shoes available so the guides can properly fit the bike. We'll then embark on a short shuttle out of the city to start our ride in the Konavle Valley.

If you will be late for the pick-up or are going to miss it altogether, please inform your guides. You will receive an email a week before the trip starts with your name and contact details. If you cannot reach them, please call our first hotel, Hotel Bellevue (+385 (0)20 330 000), and leave a message with your expected arrival time and contact details. If you arrive late to the meeting location, you can meet the group later in the day before social hour and dinner.

Departing Time And Location

You will say farewell to your guides at 11:00 AM at the Hvar Harbor. At this time, you will embark on a private speed boat to Split. The private boat transfer to Split will take approximately an hour and thirty minutes, and land on the Split promenade or the first nearby dock, a 5-minute walk from the Main Ferry Terminal. If you would like to extend your time in Hvar, you may forego the included private boat transfer to Split and arrange a separate public ferry to Split later in the afternoon at your own expense. Ferry times from Hvar Island vary by season; there is a 2:45 PM ferry in high season and a 6:30 PM option from Stari Grad. Your guides can assist you in selecting the ferry you need.

Before: Dubrovnik, Croatia

Less than two decades ago, Dubrovnik lay in smoldering ruin, with two out of every three buildings damaged in the 1991 bombardment. Today the city sparkles, its walled old center a smooth medieval stone glory, with the sheer blue of the clear Adriatic immediately below. This captivating town provides endless opportunities for further exploration by history buffs, music lovers, romantics, those drawn to the sea and fans of the beach. Walk the palace walls, enjoy a symphony in the ancient cloister, dine in one of the many outdoor restaurants, or laze on a beach with a view of the city above—there’s no shortage of ways to enjoy this lovely town.
recommend the following accommodations for your pre-trip hotel:

**After: Split, Croatia**

Croatia’s second largest city has established itself as a vibrant destination in its own right, rather than just a launching pad for ferries to nearby Dalmatian islands. The Riva, the main promenade that runs along the harbor, boasts vivacious outdoor life from dawn until dusk; its cafes and restaurants are filled with exuberant revelers. But the real draw in this town is the former palace of the Roman Emperor Diocletian. This grand gutted shell is no atmospheric ruin, it is alive and brimming with houses, apartments, hotels, restaurants, shops and churches. The palace is filled with tiny streets and alleyways opening up into exquisite views of crumbling archways and ancient columns. We recommend the following accommodations for your post-trip hotel:

**HOTEL MARMONT**

Marmont is a small, contemporary hotel situated in the heart of the ancient city of Split, within the walls of the Diocletian Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

www.MarmontHotel.com | ~$290

**LE MERIDIEN GRAND HOTEL LAV**

Overlooking a marina on the Adriatic Sea, this 14-story luxury resort complex features contemporary architecture, award-winning gardens and a Spa and Wellness Center. It’s located five miles from the city center.

www.LeMeridien.com/Split | ~$425

**HOTEL VESTIBUL PALACE**

One of the few hotels within the Diocletian Palace, this tiny gem of a hotel adjoins the open-roofed vestibule of the palace. Luxurious furnishings and deluxe rooms add to the allure of its top-notch location.

www.VestibulPalace.com | ~$305

* Hotels listed above are local properties we love. We do not have special rates available.

**FAQS**

What Are The Daily Rides Like?

- Rider Type | 2/3 - Recreational/Active
- Average Daily Mileage | 30
- Terrain | Hilly
- Average Daily Elevation | 3,000 feet
- Total Miles | 200
- Total Elevation | 20,000 feet

Averages and totals are calculated from our “Today’s Ride” options.

The terrain is a mix of rocky coastline, plains, and hills. The winding roads offer some gorgeous views! Croatia & Dalmatian Coast is best suited for our Type 2&3 Riders. Our Trek Travel guides can also easily accommodate Type 1 Riders, who seek less mileage or fewer uphills, with a boost in the van. Those who wish to ride every mile but are concerned about their physical ability

What are the options for a non-rider travel companion?

On most Trek Travel trips, we offer non-riding options for riders who want to take the afternoon off, or travel companions who want to spend little or no time in the saddle. Some of these options may need to be scheduled before your trip—please contact one of our Trip Consultants for more information. Expenses and/or related transportation to these activities may not be included in the trip price. Some non-riding options on this trip are:

- Cruise the dazzling Adriatic Sea by boat
- Swim and relax on the beach
- Enjoy a walking tour of historic Dubrovnik, UNESCO World Heritage site
- Indulge in optional beauty or massage services at the glamorous spa at Hotel Adriana
- Shop at chic boutiques in Hvar Town

Trip Changes

See itinerary for specific daily ride distances and elevation options. On all of our vacations, Trek Travel strives to find quiet, paved secondary roads or bike paths to experience a region; busy roads are avoided as much as possible. Our itineraries are an approximation of our trips. Trek Travel strives to offer every guest a vacation of a lifetime on every trip. At times routes, hotels, activities, etc. listed here may change at the discretion of the trip designer or guides to improve the
may want to try our electric bike option—you still get a workout but can climb alongside even the strongest rider. Type 3 Riders will enjoy the extra mileage the avid route options offer.