CROATIA & DALMATIAN COAST
DUBROVNIK, KORCULA, HVAR AND SPLIT

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

From $4599
Rider Type Active / Recreational
Hotel Style Luxury
Duration 6 days | 5 nights
Start | End Dubrovnik, Croatia | Split, Croatia
Dates 2019/Aug/Sep/Oct 2020/Apr/Aug/Oct
Day 1

TODAY’S RIDE:
Cilipi Loop
Approximately 35 miles with 3,000 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 Excelsior Dubrovnik

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

**TODAY’S RIDE:** Ston to Viganj with Shuttle  
Approximately 35 miles with 3,200 feet of climbing

**SHORT OPTION:** Ston to Dingac with Shuttle  
Approximately 17 miles with 2,100 feet of climbing

**AVID OPTION:** Ston to Viganj to Orebic  
Approximately 40 miles with 3,500 feet of climbing

**DESCRIPTION:**
Today you will shuttle to the region of Ston, a salt-producing village with the longest fortified wall in Europe (3.5 miles). After you check out the 14th century town walls, you will start riding along the Croatian Coast. From there, you’re off to discover the Peljesac 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 | Social Hour | Dinner

**Day 3**

**TODAY’S RIDE:** Korcula to Zrnovo Loop  
Approximately 36 miles with 3,600 feet of climbing

**SHORT OPTION:** Korcula to Racisce Loop  
Approximately 19 miles with 1,510 feet of climbing

**AVID OPTION:** Korcula to Zrnovo to Lumbarda Loop  
Approximately 46 miles with 4,200 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 Plavac 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:** Korcula to Vela Luka  
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  
**HOTEL VARIATION ON SELECT DATES:** Little Green Bay  
**INCLUDED MEALS:** Breakfast
TODAY'S RIDE:
Hvar to Jelsa Loop with Shuttle
Approximately 45 miles with 4,000 feet of climbing

SHORT OPTION:
Hvar to Jelsa Return with Shuttle
Approximately 22 miles with 1,900 feet of climbing

AVID OPTION:
Hvar to Vrisnik to Jelsa Loop
Approximately 45 miles with 4,600 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

HOTEL VARIATION ON SELECT DATES:
Little Green Bay

INCLUDED MEALS:
Breakfast | Social Hour | Dinner

TODAY'S ACTIVITY:
Hvar Cove Kayak

TODAY'S ACTIVITY:
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 10:00 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

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
• 3 social hours of drinks and hors d’oeuvres
• Ride a Trek Domane SL 7 disc, Trek’s newest Electric-Assist, or a Trek 7.6 FX Hybrid
• 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 7.6 FX Hybrid bike
• Trek Electric Assist XM700+ also 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 EXCELSIOR DUBROVNIK
DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

Housed in a former 1913 royal villa and built to take full advantage of a west-facing view of the glorious Old Town, Hotel Excelsior Dubrovnik enjoys the most enviable location of any hotel. Some of its illustrious guests are Queen Elizabeth II and Elizabeth Taylor. Enjoy its strolling in its tranquil gardens or its private beach.

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.

LITTLE GREEN BAY | HOTEL VARIATION
HVAR, CROATIA
In a secluded bay, this restored
farmhouse is now a small boutique
guest house. Made of wood, stone,
and glass, the structure blends in
harmoniously with its surroundings.
Enjoy the spa or the glistening
Adriatic from the comfort of the
private beach. **You will stay at
this hotel in place of Hotel
Adriana on select 2019 dates.**

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### MEETING & DEPARTING

#### 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.

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#### Meeting Time And Location

Your Trek Travel guides will meet you at the Excelsior Hotel (Frana Supila 12,
Dubrovnik) at 9:00 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 their
names and contact details. If you cannot reach them, please call our first hotel,
Excelsior Hotel (+385 (0)20 353 000), 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 10:00 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. Ferry times
from Hvar Island vary by season, there is a 1:45 PM ferry in high season and a 5:30
PM option from Stari Grad. Your guides can assist you in selecting the ferry you
need.

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### 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

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**KAZBEK HOTEL**

This small recently renovated hotel is set in a 16th century castle. Each of the 13
rooms is furnished with handmade furniture and is uniquely decorated. Three
restaurants, one indoor and two outdoor, serve Croatian specialties from the
various regions.

www.KazbekDubrovnik.com | ~$510

**HOTEL MORE**

Newly constructed on the Lapad seafront, the More offers well-equipped,
luxurious rooms, most with panoramic views of the blue Adriatic.

www.Hotel-More.hr | ~$290
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. We recommend the following accommodations for your pre-trip hotel:

**IMPERIAL HOTEL**

This hotel boasts views of Dubrovnik's charming old town. Enjoy the comforts of American amenities such as ice machines on each floor. Dine on the terrace and relax in the sunlit indoor pool.


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**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](www.MarmontHotel.com) | ~$290

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**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.


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**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](www.VestibulPalace.com) | ~$305

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

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**FAQS**

**What Are The Daily Rides Like?**

- Rider Type | 2/3 - Recreational/Active
- Average Daily Mileage | 27
- Terrain | Hilly
- Average Daily Elevation | 2,517 feet
- Total Miles | 164
- Total Elevation | 15,100 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

**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**
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 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. 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 trip experience.