Experience the uniqueness of Croatia and the Dalmatian Coast on a luxury bicycle tour and vacation.

Trek Travel delivers with a tour along the Dalmatian Coast, where the clear blue waters of the Adriatic Sea offer an ever-present and inspiring view. From the start, you'll lose your heart to captivating, historic Dubrovnik, whose centuries-old city walls and fortresses surround an enchanting, romantic Old Town. As you move along to the unforgettable port of Split, you'll visit sun-kissed islands and ride along ancient stone terraces carpeted in lavender. Enjoy the unspoiled beaches of Korcula, discover tiny hamlets ringed by olive trees and vineyards, and explore deserted coves near chic, glamorous Hvar Town.

TRIP WOWS
Discover the stories and history of Dubrovnik And Korcula on two private walking tours with our favorite local guides.
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.
Luxuriate on your private charter boat Cruises to Hvar and Split.
Enjoy a traditional Croatian feast At a family-owned “konoba” or tavern in Korcula.

From $4699
Rider Type
Active / Recreational
Hotel Style
Luxury
Duration
6 days | 5 nights
Start | End
Dubrovnik, Croatia | Split, Croatia
Dates
2018/Apr/May/Sep/Oct
TODAY’S ACTIVITY:
Walking Tour of Dubrovnik

DESCRIPTION:
Welcome to your Croatian adventure! Your guides will spend some time fitting and familiarizing you with your Trek bike for the week. Choose to take your new bike for a test spin or take some time to relax with your new friends before the day’s activities. You’ll enjoy an afternoon walking tour of Dubrovnik with Trek Travel’s handpicked local guide. Discover this magical walled town with its marble streets and historic Baroque buildings. This evening, you and your newfound friends will 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:
Social Hour | Dinner
**Day 2**

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

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

**AVID OPTION:**
Brijesta 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, your Trek Travel guides will discuss the rules of bike safety and specific tips for riding along the Croatian Coast. From there, you’re off to discover the Pelješac Peninsula as you ride to Trstenik. Stop for lunch at a small bistro in the picturesque fishing village of Trstenik before continuing on to Orebic. Here, you’ll hop aboard a ferry 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

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**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. 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

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**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

**INCLUDED MEALS:**
Breakfast
**Day 5**

**TODAY'S RIDE:**
Hvar to Jelsa Loop with Shuttle
Approximately 45 miles with 4,000 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

**Day 6**

**TODAY'S RIDE:**
Hvar Loop
Approximately 13 miles with 1,500 feet of climbing

**TODAY'S ACTIVITY:**
Ferry to Split

**DESCRIPTION:**
This morning, choose to go on a short spin to stretch your legs one last time along the scenic coastal roads or alternatively, you can sleep in and linger over breakfast as the waves lap against the shore. Explore Hvar Town once more for last minute pictures and souvenirs before saying goodbye to your guides and your Croatian vacation of a lifetime. At 11:30 AM you will board a private boat to Split. We recommend you not book travel before 3:00 PM from Split.

**INCLUDED MEALS:**
Breakfast

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

We Include More

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. See more

**Activities**
- Gratuities for all scheduled special events, restaurants, hotels, local guides and transportation during your trip.
- Private tours
- Entrance fees to all group events/activities
- All luggage transfers
- All transportation during the trip, including private coaches

**Lodging**
- 5 nights of accommodation
- In every region we travel, we uncover the area’s best, and most delightful accommodations. On our Croatia & Dalmatian Coast trip, you will stay in some of the finest and most interesting hotels of the region, including a chic boutique hotel in Hvar and a recently restored small palace in Korcula.

**Dining**
- Daily breakfast, 2 lunches, 3 social hours, 4 dinners, and all snacks and drinks for each day
- On our Croatia & Dalmatian Coast trip, seafood is plentiful, always fresh, and usually served simply char-grilled, brushed with local olive oil and fresh herbs. Fresh produce is usually biodynamically farmed and always local. Meats—Croatian favorites such as
suckling pig and spit-roasted lamb to pork, veal, chicken and duck are also popular.

**Support**

- The knowledge, support, and camaraderie of experienced guides
- Daily route support
- Paper route guides also available upon request
- Comprehensive trip literature

**Gear**

- The use of a Trek Domane SL 7 carbon road bike with Shimano Di2 electronic shifting, or Trek 7.6 FX Hybrid bicycle
- Trek Electric Assist XM700+ also available in a limited quantity
- The use of GPS cycling computer
- The use of Bontrager bike helmets and other gear and equipment to make your ride comfortable
- Trek Travel water bottles
- Coupon valued up to $500 off a new Trek Bicycle. Contact us for details.
- Trek Travel Bontrager RL jersey and cycling socks

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.
- Gratuities for your Trek Travel Guides may be given at your discretion in response to their professionalism and leadership. Industry standard is for each individual guest to tip the guide team 7.5-10% of the trip price.

**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.
HVAR, CROATIA

Tucked away in a tranquil bay and surrounded by a lush pine grove, Amfora features contemporary designed rooms with breath-taking views of the Paklinski Islands, spectacular cascading pool with lounge area and diverse amenities such as the Sensori Spa wellness center.

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.

Bellevue Hotel or Hotel Dubrovnik Palace | Dubrovnik, Croatia

Your Trek Travel guides will meet you at the Bellevue Hotel (Pera Cingrje 7, Dubrovnik) or the Hotel Dubrovnik Palace (Masarykov Put 20, Dubrovnik) at 1:00 PM on the first day of the trip. Once everyone has arrived, 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. Choose to take your new bike for a short test spin or take some time to relax with your new friends before the day’s activities. Then you’ll depart for a private walking tour of the Old Town. You’ll definitely want comfortable shoes and your camera for the tour of the historic walled city of Dubrovnik, where you will take in the sights of a city that George Bernard Shaw called “heaven on earth.”

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 start with their names and contact details. If you cannot reach them, please call our first hotel, Bellevue Hotel Dubrovnik (+385 (0)20 330 000), and leave a message with your expected arrival time and contact details. If you arrive late to the pick-up location, you can still meet the group in Dubrovnik.

Departing Time And Location

Split Harbor | Split, Croatia

You will say farewell to your guides at 11:30 AM at the Hvar Harbor. At this time, you can embark on a private boat to Split or you may choose to spend more time in Hvar, taking a later boat to Split on your own. The private boat transfer to Split will take approximately an hour, 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.

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.
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. We recommend the following accommodations for your pre-trip hotel:

**HOTEL MORE**

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

Kardinala Stepina 33, Dubrovnik | +385 (0)20 494 200 | www.Hotel-More.hr | ~$290

**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.

Marijana Blazica 2, Dubrovnik | +385 (0)20 320 320 | www.Hilton.com | ~$400

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**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 a 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.

Zadarska 13 | +385 (0) 21 308 060 | 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.

Grljevacka 2A, Podstrana | +385 (0)21 500 500 | 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.

Iza Vestibula 4 | +385 (0)21 329 329 | 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**

**Trip Changes**

Our itineraries are an approximation of our trips. Trek Travel strives to offer each and 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.

**What are the daily rides like?**

- Rider Type | 2&3
- Average Daily Mileage | 35
- Terrain | Hilly
- Average Daily Elevation | 2,900 ft.

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. 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 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. The terrain is a mix of rocky coastline, plains, and hills. The winding roads offer some gorgeous views! See Itinerary for specific daily ride distance and elevation options.

What is the weather going to be like?

The Croatian coast enjoys a warm, Mediterranean climate. Expect average daily temperatures to range from a low of 68 to a high of 78, with generally sunny days. Rain is always a possibility, so be prepared with layers. The weather can be cool at night, so please bring a light jacket and walking shoes for our short evening walks to and from dinner.

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. See Included In The Trip Price for more information. 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

If I book a tour, can I be guaranteed that it will run?

If you're going we're going on almost all our trips. Trips with 1 guest booked are guaranteed to run. Select trips like Cross Country, Race and Special Edition trips require a minimum number of guests to run and are not guaranteed until that number is reached. Contact your Trip Consultant for more details.

In the event that a departure has low enrollment, we will notify guests at 60-90 days before departure to give the option to select a different date with more guests booked. Please do not reserve airfare before confirming your Trek Travel trip.

What kind of information is provided?

When a trip is booked, a guest confirmation letter is immediately sent out. One week prior to the trip start you will receive an email containing a trip start meeting location reminder and any last minute information that you will need to know before your trip. Once you arrive at your destination Trek Travel staff will brief you on the day-to-day plan for the trip and provide you with daily route guides and a detailed map allowing you to ride with complete confidence and independence.

What should I pack?

Please review our packing list page for more details.

What if I have to change or cancel my trip?

We understand things happen in life and sometimes you have to cancel or change your bike tour. We want to make it as easy as possible to do so and below you will find our timeline. If you ever have a question, just give us a call, 866 464 8735. Read our cancellation policy.

General FAQs

Didn't find what you were looking for? Check out our General FAQs section. You will find answers to all the most common questions that don't necessarily pertain to a specific trip.