



# **Kvarner Bay** · Croatia

#### **Route**

from Omišalj / to Omišalj

#### **Duration**

8 days / 7 nights

#### **Distance**

approx.195 km

Level 2-3

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### Discover Croatia's hidden island treasures by bike and boat

Protected by the towering Velebit mountain range in the east and embraced by the Istria Peninsula in the northwest lie the Kvarner Bay islands. Quiet coves with crystal clear water surround the dramatic landscapes of the Kvaner Bay. Green hills and rocky moon landscapes give way to small harbour towns rich in both history and culture. Discover the charm of the Adriatic Sea by bike and boat on board one of our charming motor yachts. Be it the medieval city of Rab, the car-free road in the sky on Dugi Otok or the contemplative life of the dwellers on the flower island of Molat, each day brings with it something new to discover. Evenings are mostly spent in picturesque harbour towns with winding alleyways where a great range of bars and cafes provide the perfect spot for a relaxing evening.

NEW FROM 2025: On this trip, we offer you the option of either joining your guides on the cycle tours or completing the cycle routes individually at your own pace using the free RideWithGPS route app for your smartphone as well as GPS tracks and maps.



# **Itinerary**

## 1st Day Omišalj (Embarkation) - Cres

Individual arrival in Omišalj, a wonderful, small harbour village on the island of Krk. If you're planning on arriving by car, we will organize a safe parking space for your vehicle for the week. Check-in on the motor yacht between 2 and 2:30 pm. The ship leaves the harbour at about 3 pm, taking us to the island of Cres (about four hours). On Cres, we take an evening walk through the Venetian old town.

## 2nd Day Islands of Cres and Lošinj(aprx. 18 mi./28 km)

After breakfast we start our tour from the city of Cres to Martinšćica. The boat awaits our arrival and lunch is served during the cruise to the island of Lošinj. If the weather is good, the captain will arrange a swim stop along the way before tying off in the harbour town of Mali Lošinj. The port with its colourful facades and numerous cafes offers its visitors a welcoming atmosphere for a relaxed evening.

## 3rd Day Islands of Lošinj and Molat(aprx. 12 + 6 mi./20 + 10 km)

We cycle along the seaside promenade to the south of Lošinj and visit the picturesque small harbour town of Veli Lošinj before reaching the ship for lunch. In the afternoon, we cross over to the island of Molat where we can enjoy another short cycling tour. We spend the night in a peaceful and secluded port on the island.

#### 4th Day Islands of Dugi Otok and Zadar(aprx. 20 mi./32 km)

During breakfast, the ship leaves Molat taking us past numerous small islands to the "spice island" of Dugi Otok. Our bike tour starts in the bay of Božava, which is surrounded by pine woods, agaves, and tamarisk trees. We cycle along an almost traffic-free road to the northernmost point of the island, where the light house of Veli Rat stands proudly, fulfilling its duty guiding sailors safely on their way since 1849. A ride along the island's "Road in the Sky" brings us to the peaceful harbour of Savar or Bribinj. There will be ample time for a swim break in the afternoon before we continue on to Zadar. Zadar has been the political, cultural and spiritual centre of Dalmatia for centuries. 3000 years of history have left their imprint on the character of this town and there are many things to be admired: the mighty fortified walls with their bastions, the loggia and the early Romanesque St. Donatus Basilica. In the evening our tour guide takes us on an extensive walk through the lively city centre.

## 5th Day Island of Pag - Rab (aprx. 21 mi./34 km)

After a morning crossing, we reach the island of Pag. We cycle through the harsh yet delightful landscape, passing fig and olive trees along the way. Over the centuries, the people living here built numerous stone walls for protection against the wind. Starting in Mandre, we cycle on the narrow peninsula until we reach the sea once more. From here, the ship takes us to of Rab Island, one of the sunniest places in Europe. The town of Rab, the fortified capital of the island, was built in the Middle Ages on a wedge-shaped headland and is undoubtedly one of the highlights of the trip. The four famous bell towers are just one example of the town's beauty. There is plenty of time to explore the narrow alleys with their numerous cosy cafés in the evening.

## 6th Daylsland of Rab and Krk (aprx. 15 mi./25 km)

Today we enjoy a round tour through diverse landscapes on the Island of Rab. Starting from the old town, our tour

takes us through alternating landscapes from coastal promenades, to shaded forests and secluded bays. After returning to the boat we start our cruise towards the island of Krk. Along the way we hope to stop for a refreshing swim from the boat. We spend the evening in the historical town of Krk.

## 7th day Island of Krk (aprx. 28 mi./45 km)

On our last full day, we cycle over the ridge of the island, covered by fragrant macchia, to a valley of vineyards and then onwards to the small museum town of Vrbnik in the northeast. The town, built on a 50-meter-high cliff and surrounded by vineyards, is home to the famous white wine Žlahtina. Another peculiarity that Vrbnik has to offer is the second narrowest alley in the world. The tour leads on across the island through old villages and rich vegetation to Omišalj. Along the way we have a chance to swim in the bay of Soline. A cheerful evening meal on board the boat gives us time to celebrate the wonderful week with fellow travellers and tour guides.

## 8th Day Omišalj (Disembarkation)

After breakfast disembarkation until 9 am and individual trip home or extended stay in Croatia.



## **Linda** · Comfort

## **Port of Embarkation**

from Omišalj (Kvarner Bay)

#### Size

31 m x 6 m

## **Capacity**

14 cabins, 28 beds



## Year of construction

1955 - complete reconstruction 2006

#### Cabin size

7 - 8 m<sup>2</sup>

#### **Cabin features**

A/C, hair dryer, tiled bathrooms with a mirror, all-in-one shower and WC

#### **Beds**

double: 200 x 160 cm, <br/>br>single and twin: 200 x 80 cm

## Service

cabin service, mid-week towel change

## **Extras**

quiet generator, sunning mats on the sundeck, large table with chairs on deck in the shade, free Wi-Fi Fahrradgarage, kostenfreies Internet

## Linda

The wooden motor yacht, Linda, was reconstructed in 2006 especially for Islandhopping and all of our know-how was invested in the project. Wooden clad cabins, of which three are below deck and eleven above deck, as well as a spacious and functional saloon with wooden tables and upholstered benches give the Linda a homely atmosphere.

The various decks provide a generous amount of space for the guests to relax on board. The sundeck is fitted with comfortable sunning mats so that the panoramic view from the top of the boat can be enjoyed to the fullest. Good weather offers the opportunity to set the outside table for meal times.

The crew on board have worked together for many years and are a well-practiced team. Their smiles and helpful attitudes characterize the atmosphere on board.

# **Dates, Prices & Services**

#### **Included services**

- 8-day trip on a motorized yacht with crew
- 7 nights in a twin cabin below deck with shower/toilet
- 2 x full board and 5 x half board (option to have a picnic for lunch)
- Guided cycling tours and sightseeing as described in the itinerary
- Access to RideWithGPS app for individual cycling (if desired)
- Bed linen and towels
- English speaking tour guide

## Not included in the basic tour price

- Journey to Omišalj/Krk Island
- Flat rate for drinking water and tourist taxes 60 euro per person for children up to age sixteen 30 euros (to be paid to the captain)
- Beverages on board (tally sheet; to be paid to the captain)
- Meals and beverages ashore
- Tips for crew and tour guides
- SGR Insolvency protection (5€ per person)

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A safe parking space

(to be paid on-site to the tour guide)

☐ SGR Insolvency protection (mandatory consumer contribution SGR insolvency protection guarantee scheme: € 5 per person - will be specified separately on the booking confirmation)

## **Prices for Additional Optional Services 2025**

Surcharge for a cabin above deck (limited)	250 euro
Surcharge for a double cabin for single use below deck (limited)	+50%(on the tour base price)
Surcharge for a double cabin for single use above deck (limited)	50% surchargeon the above deck cabin price (tour base price + above deck surcharge x 1,5)
Rental bikewith Ortlieb pannier	Hybrid bicycle:80 euro/week E-bike:245 euro/week (limited)
Limited liability protection for rental bikes (theft and damage) (not covered: grossly negligent damages)	Hybrid bicycle:20 euro/week E-bike:30 euro/week
Special dietary requests (Vegan / Gluten free/ Lactose free)	70 euro (payment on board)

Motorcycle:40 euro/week

Car up to 6 m in length:80 euro/week

Collecting transfer between Rijeka train station and Omišalj (on embarkation and disembarkation days only; reservation requested; please note, that it is not possible to take your own bike in trains)	Prices on request
Transfer between Rijeka airport and Omišalj (on embarkation and disembarkation days only)	Prices on request
Collective transfer between Zagreb and Omišalj (on embarkation and disembarkation days only - minimum 2 persons; reservation required two weeks in advance, booking incl. complete transmission of flight details)	, ,
Exclusive transfers	Prices on request
Additional nights on the Island of Krk	Prices on request
Extension programs	Prices and information see: <u>Extension Program Zagreb</u>

## **Discounts 2025**

- With three persons sharing a cabin (limited availability), we offer a 200 euro discount per person on the tour base price (not combinable with other discounts).
- Children up to the age of 16 receive a discount of 200 euro on the tour base price (double occupancy, not combinable with other discounts). When travelling with children, we recommend our Multi-Adventure Tours in Greece and Croatia which are specifically curated for families and offer family-friendly pricing.
- If this is your second Islandhopping tour booked directly with us, you will receive our Welcome-back-discount of 3% on the basic tour price.
- If this is your third or more Islandhopping tour booked directly with us, you will receive our Loyalty-discount of 5% on the basic tour price.

# **Dates**

Date	Accommodation	Start City	End City	Base Price
11.10.2024 - 18.10.2024	Linda	Omisalj	Omisalj	1.240,00 €
17.05.2024 – 24.05.2024	Linda	Omisalj	Omisalj	1.290,00€
14.06.2024 – 21.06.2024	Linda	Omisalj	Omisalj	1.290,00€
28.06.2024 - 05.07.2024	Linda	Omisalj	Omisalj	1.240,00 €
12.07.2024 - 19.07.2024	Linda	Omisalj	Omisalj	1.240,00 €
26.07.2024 - 02.08.2024	Linda	Omisalj	Omisalj	1.240,00 €
23.08.2024 - 30.08.2024	Linda	Omisalj	Omisalj	1.290,00 €
13.09.2024 – 20.09.2024	Linda	Omisalj	Omisalj	1.290,00 €
20.09.2024 – 27.09.2024	Linda	Omisalj	Omisalj	1.290,00 €
19.07.2024 – 26.07.2024	Linda	Omisalj	Omisalj	1.240,00 €
25.04.2025 – 02.05.2025	Linda	Omišalj	Omišalj	999,00 €
23.05.2025 – 30.05.2025	Linda	Omišalj	Omišalj	1.299,00 €
20.06.2025 – 27.06.2025	Linda	Omišalj	Omišalj	1.549,00 €
06.06.2025 – 13.06.2025	Linda	Omišalj	Omišalj	1.299,00 €
10.10.2025 – 17.10.2025	Linda	Omišalj	Omišalj	1.149,00 €
24.10.2025 – 31.10.2025	Linda	Omišalj	Omišalj	999,00 €
11.07.2025 – 18.07.2025	Linda	Omišalj	Omišalj	1.299,00 €
04.07.2025 - 11.07.2025	Linda	Omišalj	Omišalj	1.299,00 €
25.07.2025 - 01.08.2025	Linda	Omišalj	Omišalj	1.149,00 €
22.08.2025 – 29.08.2025	Linda	Omišalj	Omišalj	1.299,00 €

29.08.2025 - 05.09.2025	Linda	Omišalj	Omišalj	1.299,00 €
25.04.2025 - 02.05.2025	Linda	Omišalj	Omišalj	999,00€
23.05.2025 – 30.05.2025	Linda	Omišalj	Omišalj	1.299,00 €
20.06.2025 – 27.06.2025	Linda	Omišalj	Omišalj	1.549,00 €
06.06.2025 - 13.06.2025	Linda	Omišalj	Omišalj	1.299,00 €
10.10.2025 - 17.10.2025	Linda	Omišalj	Omišalj	1.149,00 €
24.10.2025 – 31.10.2025	Linda	Omišalj	Omišalj	999,00€

## **Arrival**

## Port of Embarkation Omišalj

The embarkation harbour for our tours in the Kvarner Bay is Omišalj, situated on the island of Krk, which is connected to the Croatian mainland by a bridge.

Embarkation, will take place between 2:00 and 2:30 pm. The boat will leave from Omišalj at 3 pm. Please do not book a flight that arrives after 2 pm without first consulting one of our office team members.

#### Contact us

## **Arrival by car**

Address for Navigation System:

Riva Pape Ivana Pavla II, 51513 Omišalj, Kroatien

We are happy to organise a secure parking place for your vehicle on private property in Omišalj. This must be arranged in advanced. Prices can be found under "additional bookable services".

If you have booked a parking place, please inform one of the Islandhopping tour guides on arrival. They will show you the parking place after unloading your car.

## Arrival by plane

Arrival to our journeys in the Kvarner Bay is possible via the Rijeka Airport (RJK), which like your port of embarkation Omišalj, is on the island of Krk.Please keep in mind, that your ship leaves the port at about 3 pm for the first cruise.

Another arrival alternative is to fly to Zagreb (ZAG) (transfer time to Omišalj: 2 hours). On embarkation and disembarkation day we offer a collective transfer from/to Zagreb airport or Zagreb city. Prices can be found under "additional bookable services".

## **Arrival by train**

Please note that there is no train connection to Omišalj. The nearest bigger railway station is in Rijeka.

On embarkation and disembarkation day we also offer a collective transfer from/to Rijeka railway station. See "Transfer Options".

## **Transfer Options**

Collective transfers must be reserved with our office team in advance (incl. transmission of your complete flight details).

Airport of Zagreb (ZAG) - Port of Embarkation

Departure times from Zagreb to Omišalj on embarkation day: 12:15 Uhr

Departure times from Omišalj on disembarkation day: 08:00 Uhr - Please make sure, that your return flight does not depart from Zagreb before 12:00 pm.

Airport of Rijeka (RJK) - Port of Embarkation

We can organize (taxi) transfers between Rijeka airport and the boat in Omišalj (on the day of embarkation/disembarkation only, reservation required two weeks in advance, incl. transmission of complete flight details).

Railway Station Rijeka - Port of Embarkation

We offer a collective transfer from Rijeka Station to Omišalj at 9.30 am on the day of embarkation. We also offer a collective transfer from Omišalj back to Rijeka in the early morning on the day of disembarkation (approx. 45 minutes travel time).