

ADRIATIC RIVIERA TOUR

9 days / 7 Riding Days



Adriatic Riviera Tour is a great way to start or finish the season. On the Adriatic coast summer begins early and ends late. Temperatures are perfect, roads are empty, and the beaches are not packed with tourists. All this combined makes Croatia's azure coast perfect for riding.

A tour for serious riders as well as connoisseurs of culture and history. This adventure includes two nights in Dubrovnik and Hvar, which are worth a voyage across the Atlantic all by themselves. This spectacular mix of coastal and mountain riding, crystal-clear seas, delicious Mediterranean food, unspoiled fishing villages, beaches, medieval walled cities, Roman ruins and lush islands make Croatia a traveller's paradise.

TOUR MAP



● One-night stop
Ⓡ Rest day

CULTURE

ROADS

LANDSCAPE



GENERAL OVERVIEW

DATES in 2010

April 26 - May 3

September 24 - October 2

or any time May - Oct for Self guided tour

COUNTRIES

Slovenia, Croatia

TOUR STARTS / ENDS

Ljubljana

REST DAYS

2; Dubrovnik, Hvar Island

ROUTE

Mileage: 1.600 km (1.000 miles)

Daily rides: 200 - 430 km (125 - 265 miles).

The whole tour runs on asphalt.

HIGHLIGHTS

Adriatic coastal road, Hvar & Pag Island, 3 UNESCO World Heritage Sights: Plitvice National Park, Dubrovnik, Split.

ACCOMMODATION

Very comfortable, middle-class hotels, often the best in the area. 3 or 4 star.

DAY BY DAY

Day1: Arrival in Ljubljana

Day2: Ljubljana - Plitvice nat. park

Day3: Plitvice nat. park - Dubrovnik

Day4: Rest day in Dubrovnik

Day5: Dubrovnik - Hvar Island

Day6: Rest day on Hvar Island

Day7: Hvar Island - Pag Island

Day8: Pag Island - Ljubljana

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DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival in Ljubljana

Dobrodošli!
Welcome to Slovenia!

Your tour guide will pick you up from the airport and bring you to your hotel in Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia. After we get you settled in the hotel and you become acquainted with your bike, just take it easy - rest in the hotel, see the town or take a short introductory ride with the guide to get accustomed to the bike (starts at 3 PM, takes about 2 hrs). In the evening we meet for a special welcome dinner and have an informal chat to discuss the format of the tour.

Day 2: Ljubljana - Plitvice nat. park

From Ljubljana we head south through wine growing area of Bela Krajina, "White March" of south-eastern Slovenia, which takes its name from the endless stands of birch trees. Riding around here is pure joy. Our destination for today is Plitvice National Park, the most known Croatian national park, which is listed in the UNESCO Register of World Natural Heritage. Sixteen little lakes interconnected with waterfalls created by deposition of travertine, a special kind of limestone, constitute the main attraction of this unique park. We'll spend the afternoon strolling wooden footbridges that follow the lakes and streams over, under and across the rumbling water for an exhilaratingly damp 18km.

Day 3: Plitvice nat. park - Dubrovnik

We continue our trip south-east riding past historical town of Knin, which was once seat of the throne of Croatian kings, and moon-like surface of Biokovo mountains. In the afternoon we'll reach Dubrovnik, the city of world-famous cultural heritage and beauty. Dubrovnik is situated in Southern Dalmatia, the most beautiful part of the Adriatic coast. Rich vegetation, beautiful lakes, rare islands, white pebble beaches and the crystal clean sea, all make this region to an unforgettable experience for every visitor.

Day 4: Rest day in Dubrovnik

Take a walk on top of Dubrovnik's thick stone walls, watch the street action from a café on Placa, or stroll marble-paved squares and steep cobbled streets. Also very interesting is a full day boat trip to Mljet island, which of all Adriatic islands may be the most seductive. The highlight of the island is a lake with an islet on which there is a Benedictine monastery. If you feel like riding, Montenegro is within easy reach. So whether you stay around town for the whole day or you just have dinner in one of excellent restaurants, remember, you are in Dubrovnik!

Day 5: Dubrovnik - Hvar Island

In the morning we leave Dubrovnik and ride scenic coastal road up north-west. You can stop in Mali Ston, famous for

its defensive wall, the longest fortification in Europe, and the best seafood in Croatia. Short ferry will get us to Hvar Island, where we'll ride the twistiest road of the whole trip. Called the "Croatian Madeira", Hvar receives a total of 2.724 hours of sunshine each year, more than anywhere else in the country. Yet the island is luxuriantly green, with brilliant patches of lavender, rosemary and heather.

Day 6: Rest day on Hvar Island

Today is all about relaxing. Explore numerous sandy beaches on the island and swim in the crystal clear sea, do some water sports or take a boat trip to spectacular Blue Grotto - underwater opening in a coastal cave that fills with unearthly blue light every noon. The experience is unforgettable. Also worth exploring is medieval Hvar town with its marble streets and beautifully ornamented buildings, mostly built under Venetian rule. Restaurants and taverns in the town of Hvar offer excellent fish specialties, with exquisite local wines.

Day 7: Hvar Island - Pag Island

After breakfast we go for a ferry ride. Passing scenic islands of Brač and Solta we'll get to Split, famous for its Diocletian's Palace. On the way further up north you can stop in historical towns of Trogir, Primosten or Šibenik. Finally we reach Pag Island. A barren, rocky island with no trees, little vegetation, no rivers or streams, Pag nonetheless has a stark, ethereal beauty enhanced by a highly original culture. The sharp-flavoured cheese and intricate lace from Pag is renowned throughout Croatia.

Day 8: Pag Island - Ljubljana

Our seaside roller coaster ride continues along a narrow strip of land bound by imposing mountains and rugged coastline. The scenery here is truly remarkable when you have the Adriatic Sea on one hand and the steep hillsides of Velebit mountain range on the other. Winding through pristine forests of Lika we'll ride back to Slovenia and reach Ljubljana in the afternoon. There you will spend your last night to muse and remember all that you've witnessed on the adventure.

Day 9: Flight Home

In the morning you can stroll the old part of the city, including the colourful antique market. The quaint, narrow streets along the right bank of the Ljubljanica River, with its medieval bridges, are reminiscent of Prague - without the crowds.

Depending on the time of the flight back home, you may have time to climb up the staircase to 16th century fortification of Ljubljana Castle that dominates the town before heading out to the airport.

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2010 ADRIATIC RIVIERA TOUR MOTORCYCLE PRICES (per person in EUR)

Motorbike	Sharing a double room and riding the motorcycle two up.	Sharing a double room and riding the motorcycle solo.	Staying in a single room and riding the motorcycle solo.
Honda CBF 600 S Suzuki V-Strom 650	1.500	1.800	2.150
BMW F 650 GS Honda CBF 1000	1.560	1.900	2.250
BMW F 800 GS	1.680	2.070	2.420
BMW R 1200 GS BMW R 1200 R Yamaha FJR 1300	1.800	2.220	2.570
BMW R 1200 RT	1.940	2.450	2.800
Your Own Motorcycle	1.210	1.470	1.820
Self-guided tour	app 20% discount applies for tour prices above, contact us		

Group discounts available.

The 9 day Adriatic Riviera Tour includes:

- Late model motorcycle with lockable hard luggage and tank bags plus a Third party liability insurance and Comprehensive vehicle insurance.
- Competent guide on a motorcycle.
- Support van for luggage and 1 or 2 passengers.
- 8 nights accommodation in quality 3*** or 4**** hotels, each room with private facilities.
- 8 complete buffet breakfasts in the hotel.
- 6 dinners, mostly in traditional local restaurants.
- Airport transfers on arrival and departure.
- Highlighted maps of the region
- Extensive tour booklet.

Not included in the tour price:

Air ticket, dinners on rest days, most lunches, drinks, gasoline, tolls, personal spending, tips.