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# **Bike & kayak tour from Split to Dubrovnik**

(8 days)



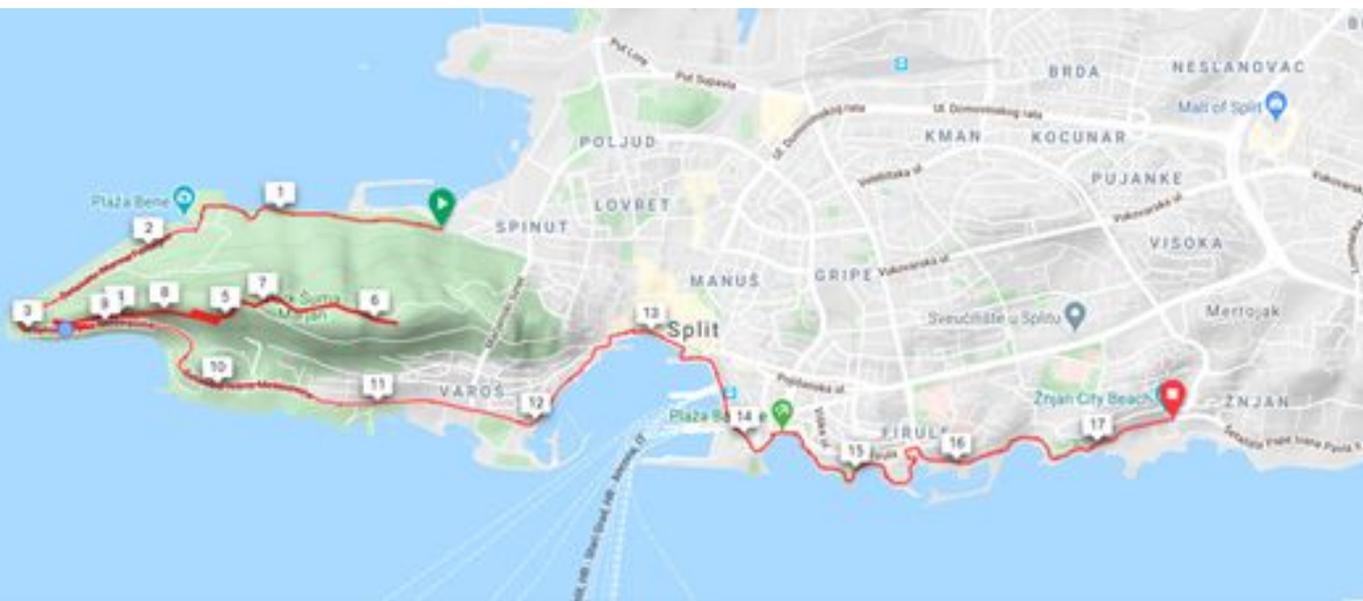
Enjoy cycling and kayaking, discover amazing routes and cultural sights and taste the Mediterranean cuisine with this eight-day trip!

Spend two days in Split, a city in the center of which is more than 1700 years old Diocletian's Palace – part of UNESCO's World Heritage Site. On the island of Hvar, discover the field of Stari Grad, which is another UNESCO site, go through the small island towns and bike along the lavender field to reach Hvar town. You'll have a kayak experience at the Pakleni islands – a well-known tourist destination that contains about twenty small islands and cliffs. Another sea kayaking tour will take place around the Korčula archipelago. Discover its natural beauties, monasteries, gastronomy, old fisherman villages and ancient stone architecture. Continue exploring and cycling along the peninsula Pelješac, before you reach your final destination, Dubrovnik, and end this adventure.

## DAY 1

# Split town & Diocletian's Palace

Upon your arrival in Split, we will have a meeting where our guide will briefly explain the tour and give you all the information and materials you need – bike routes, maps, list of restaurants, wineries, museums, ferry schedules and similar. Depending on your arrival, you can enjoy an easy, car-free 17 km bike ride or go for a 40 km inland loop. We recommend a ride along the beautiful Marjan Park Forest. Marjan has always been a symbol of Split – close to the waterfront and densely populated downtown, and on the other side peninsula of beautiful nature and fresh air. You can climb to the top of it, from where you will enjoy a unique view of Split and surrounding islands. Upon returning to the city center, you will have an opportunity to try some fresh Mediterranean food at one of the top restaurants by the sea or inside the Diocletian's palace which is more than 1700 years old. Diocletian's palace, as one of the best-preserved monuments of Roman architecture in the world, is part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site, the nucleus on which the city of Split was built, whose center you can explore as well. The central part of the city is swirling with narrow stone streets, ancient monuments and medieval buildings. Later you can enjoy an evening walk, feel the magnificent history, but see that the city still lives a full life.



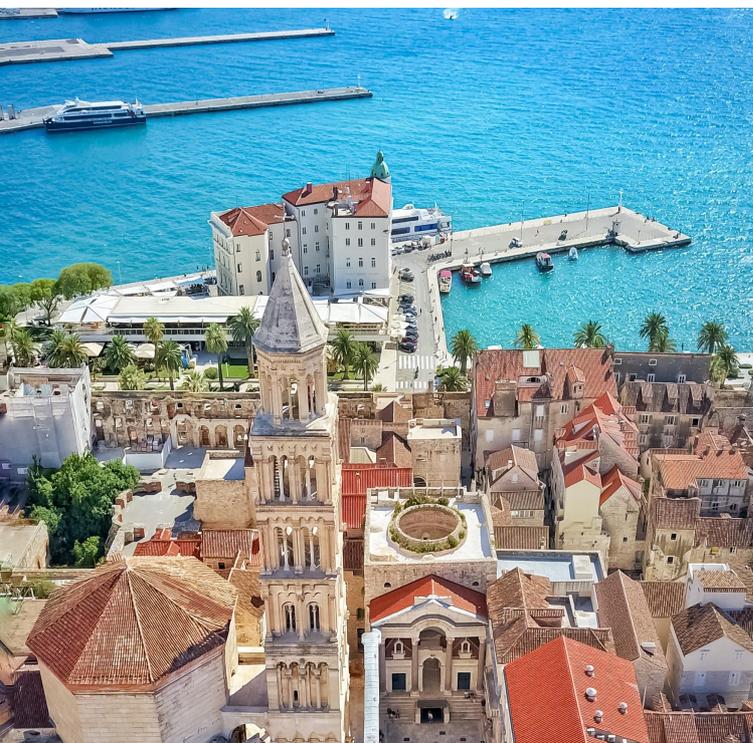
**Meals:** -

**Distance biked:** 17 km

**Long option:** 60 km, unsupported cycling (easy bike routes)

**Overnight:** Split

**Highlights:** Split, Diocletian's Palace, coastal roads of Marjan hill



## DAY 2

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# Sea kayaking in Split

Today you will have some fun on the sea on this guided kayaking tour with stops for snorkeling and relaxation. The best way to see Split is from the sea, so take this opportunity to enjoy the stunning views of surrounding islands and hills, the sparkling blue sea and Marjan Hill cliffs and beaches. As we stop for a swim and snorkeling, take some of the best photos of your Croatian holiday! You don't need any experience, just an adventurous spirit and a desire to have fun and explore! You will be paddling around Marjan hill, from Bene to Kašjuni beach. Along the way you will stop for swimming, cliff jumping and snorkeling and on Kašjuni beach you will have a break for some beach relaxation. There is also a beach bar where you can get refreshing drinks. After this stop, we will circle back around the hill to Bene beach where you can stay after the tour to have lunch or coffee in a beautiful deep shade of Dalmatian pines.

**Meals:** breakfast

**Activity:** guided sea kayaking

**Distance biked:** optional

**Overnight:** Split

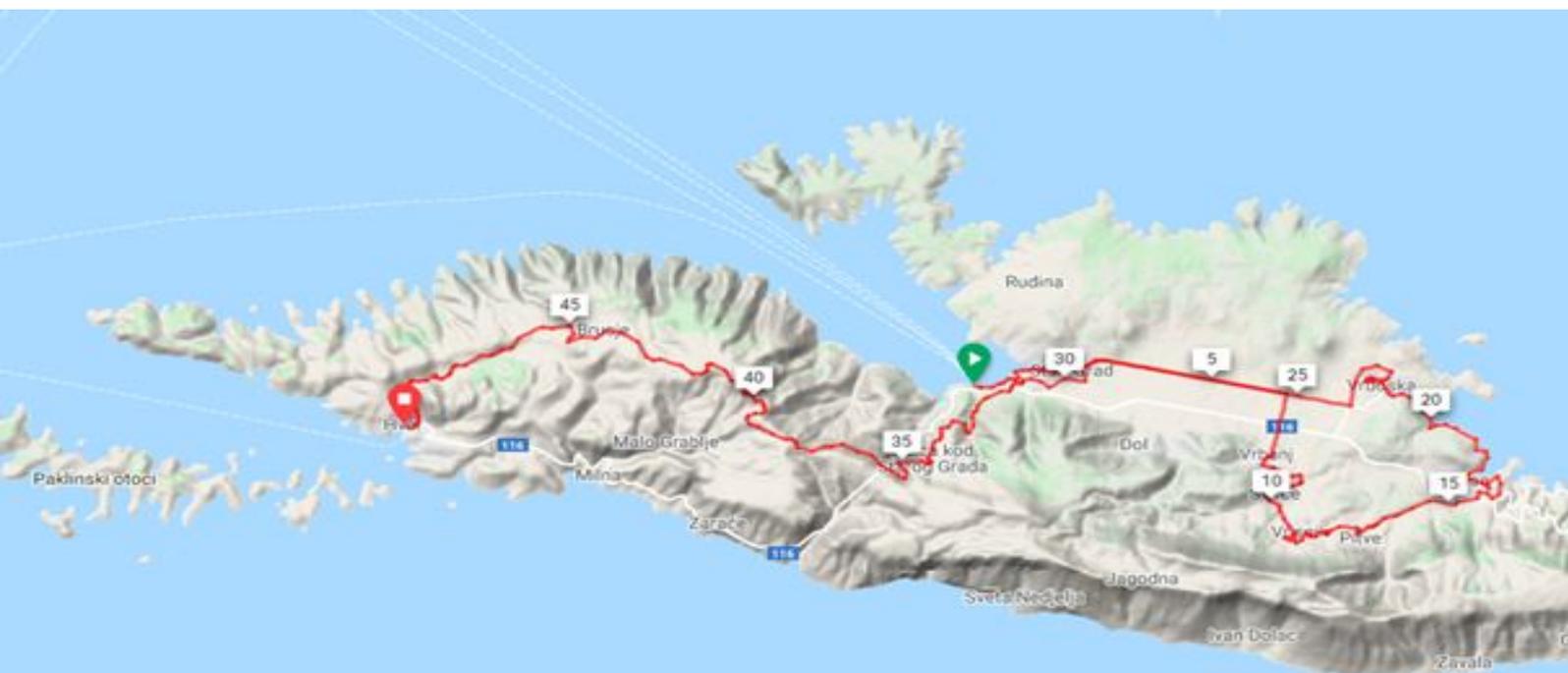
**Highlights:** Split sea kayaking



## DAY 3

# Hvar island and the Lavender road

Your today's destination is one of the most popular and most beautiful islands in the world – the island of Hvar. It is located on the Dalmatian coast near Split and with 2700 hours of sunshine per year, is considered the sunniest Croatian island. In the morning you depart from the ferry port of Split to Starigrad – a historic jewel of the island of Hvar, a city also under UNESCO protection. From Starigrad you begin your biking tour and, along local roads, will discover dense pine forests with fertile vineyards from which world-known Hvar wines are made. You will also see numerous green olive groves and trees of other indigenous fruits and vegetables. Biking through the island of Hvar you will have an opportunity to see the islands that surround the island of Hvar, such as Korčula, Vis, Brač, Pakleni islands and Lastovo. After these beautiful scenes, we recommend you a break for lunch and tasting traditional Dalmatian dishes. For the afternoon bike ride, take the famous and probably most beautiful road along the lavender fields to reach town Hvar. Many cultural and historical sites will be found in the town of Hvar, including the oldest theater in Europe, and it is also attractive because of the numerous narrow stone streets that you definitely should walk through, enjoy a coffee or beer and watch the world go by.



**Meals:** breakfast

**Distance biked:** 45 km

**Short option:** 20 km, car/van support (during the climb)

**Overnight:** Hvar town

**Highlights:** Jelsa, Vrboska, UNESCO site of Stari Grad plain, beaches, lavender road, Hvar town



## DAY 4

# Sea kayaking Hvar & Pakleni islands

After breakfast, it's time to take a kayak to the Pakleni Islands, an archipelago of unique natural beauty and numerous crystal clear bays and beaches. There you will find many idyllic bays and hidden pebble beaches with pine trees providing refreshing shade even during the hottest summer days. Explore vibrant underwater life while snorkeling or just enjoy your time relaxing on the beach. Returning back to Hvar around 2 pm or the tour can be enriched by lunch in some of the islands' famous restaurants. Overnight in Hvar town.

**Meals:** breakfast

**Activity:** guided sea kayaking

**Distance biked:** optional 20 km

**Overnight:** Hvar town

**Highlights:** Hvar sea kayaking,  
Pakleni islands



## DAY 5

# The island of Korčula

After the private boat transfer, start with your bike ride in the birthplace of Marco Polo – the island of Korčula. Korčula is one of the most wooded islands and is known for top-quality wines, such as Pošip and Rukavac, and for its olive oil. Just passing through the fields of vines, olive trees and other autochthonous species, you will get to know an island that is full of the natural beauty of the special attraction. Korčula, just as Hvar, hides many beaches and bays, but it is still not so popular and that gives it a whole new dimension worth exploring. You can use your lunch time to try a traditional meal with local produce of fruits, vegetables, olive oil and local wine varieties. In the afternoon you should arrive at an unavoidable place on the island that certainly deserves everyone's attention – the town of Korčula, carved in stone and surrounded by thick pine forests. The following is a time for sightseeing, relaxation in the city and evening walk. Walking through Korčula is a special experience, you will enjoy the wonderful sights as well as the many souvenir shops, local shops and places for entertaining.



**Meals:** breakfast

**Distance biked:** 46 km, car/van support today for the bike ride

**Overnight:** Korčula town

**Highlights:** private boat ride, Korčula town, Island Korčula, charming stone villages, vineyards, local restaurants



## DAY 6

# Sea kayaking Korčula

Today take a chance to explore the island of Korčula from the sea, experience it in this unique and special way, with the professional guide who will take you to the secret caves and beaches which can be reached only by sea. Enjoy different angles of Korčula islets and those pleasant places that in the past witnessed some of the major naval battles. Today it's all about fishermen, nature lovers and sea kayakers seeking their special spot in this magical archipelago. As for the cycling, there are few loop options today. Whatever you choose, you will be making your way past vineyards, olive groves and along the beautiful coast of the island. You will spend the evening in the town of Korčula, which many people call Little Dubrovnik because of its walls and fortifications that surround it. You can grab some local specialties at one of the many island restaurants. Some of the best Croatian white wines are produced on this island, which will just add flavor to your lunch or dinner.

**Meals:** breakfast

**Activity:** guided sea kayaking

**Distance biked:** optional 36 km

**Overnight:** Korčula town

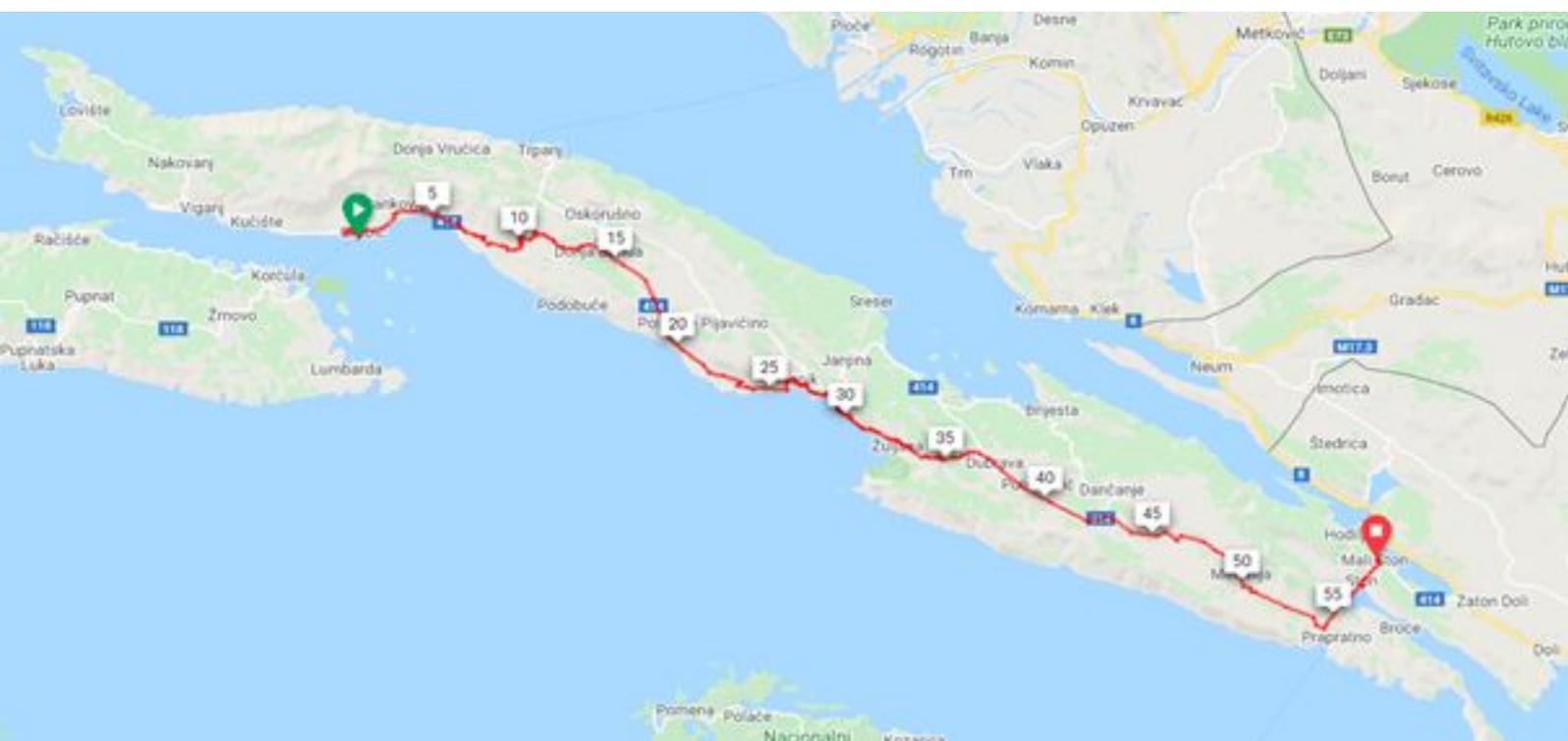
**Highlights:** Korčula sea kayaking



## DAY 7

# Pelješac peninsula & Dubrovnik town

You will spend your last day riding along the Pelješac peninsula, the Mediterranean paradise of Southern Dalmatia. Pelješac is dominated by a great Mediterranean climate that has made it the perfect climate for growing vineyards and making top-quality wines like Dingač, Plavac Mali, and Postup. There are numerous vines on the peninsula and wineries which can be visited along the ride, as well as cultivated olive groves and southern fruit trees: figs, almonds, oranges, pomegranates, tangerines, and low sea level makes it possible to grow shells as well. You will get to know these fields and trees as you pass through local roads and see them from various viewpoints from where the picturesque landscapes open. Enjoy the great views Pelješac is offering you, Mljet, and Korčula island on your right and the mainland on your left. You will also visit Ston, the city with the longest walls in Europe and the second-longest in the world, just after the Chinese Wall, and the place with the oldest saltworks in a world that is still operating. In the town of Ston, your biking tour ends, after which you will be transferred to Dubrovnik.



**Meals:** breakfast

**Distance biked:** 60 km, van support today during the ride

**Overnight:** Dubrovnik

**Highlights:** Peninsula Pelješac, Ston and Dubrovnik



## DAY 8

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# Dubrovnik

It is the end of your cycling adventure that ends in Dubrovnik. Depending on the flight or the continuation of your trip, you can spend the day in the Old Town of Dubrovnik and explore its magnificent walls.

**Meals:** breakfast

### OVERVIEW

- Discover best of Croatian islands by bike and kayak
- Visit Croatian historical towns: Split, Hvar, Korčula, Ston and Dubrovnik
- Lavender road of Hvar, wine area of Korčula and Pelješac
- Guided sea kayaking tour from Split, Hvar with its Pakleni islands archipelago and Korčula
- Local knowledge
- **Number of nights:** 7
- **Tour starts:** Split, Croatia - between 9 and 11 AM (time can be adjusted)
- **Tour ends:** Dubrovnik, Croatia - after breakfast
- **Average daily cycling distance:** 30 km (supported upon previous agreement!)
- **Road Surface:** paved
- **Suitable for families:** yes

# PRICE

COMFORT BnB	1.4.-28.4.	29.4.-28.5.	29.5.-28.6.	29.6.-31.8.	1.9.-30.9.	1.10.-31.10.
Price per person	1845€	1975€	2060€	2265€	2130€	1905€
Single suppl.	340€	405€	480€	565€	520€	360€

CLASSIC	1.4.-28.4.	29.4.-28.5.	29.5.-28.6.	29.6.-31.8.	1.9.-30.9.	1.10.-31.10.
Price per person	2130€	2390€	2590€	2750€	2650€	2285€
Single suppl.	525€	735€	935€	1035€	870€	640€

PREMIERE	1.4.-28.4.	29.4.-28.5.	29.5.-28.6.	29.6.-31.8.	1.9.-30.9.	1.10.-31.10.
Price per person	2440€	2750€	3050€	3230€	3180€	2690€
Single suppl.	725€	955€	1195€	1405€	1315€	900€

EXCLUSIVE	1.4.-28.4.	29.4.-28.5.	29.5.-28.6.	29.6.-31.8.	1.9.-30.9.	1.10.-31.10.
Price per person	3065€	3395€	4015€	4070€	4050€	3380€
Single suppl.	1345€	1625€	2085€	2140€	2085€	1635€

## The price includes:

- 7-day accommodation and breakfast
- dinner the first evening
- bike rental (road, hybrid or tandem bike) + lock, pump, spare tube, helmet and patch kit, rear rack bag
- cycling shirts, bike water bottles, a small bike bag, and a helmet
- our assistance which consists of bike fitting, detailed briefing with a description of places you will be visiting en route, lunch options, marked map with options for shorter or longer route
- 3 guided sea kayak tours (sit-in or sit on top kayak)
- sea kayaking equipment (life-jackets, paddles, snorkeling mask, 1 waterproof bag per kayak)
- luggage transfers
- car/van support on days 3, 5 and 7
- all the ferry tickets and private boat transfers
- GPS navigation for setup on mobile phones (please note we do not provide mobile phone or phone adapter for the bike)
- travel planning assistance, pre-tour information, pre-post tour hotel/travel reservations or suggestions

## The price does not include:

- e-bike supplement (140,00 €)
- lunches and dinners
- airport transfers (can be organized at additional cost)
- travel insurance
- gratitude (at personal discretion)

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