

ADRIATIC TO ALPS MOTORCYCLE TOUR

This is the perfect holiday for those who enjoy riding scenic roads. Starting along the spectacular Dalmatian coastline with its beautiful crystal clear waters you will visit the Adriatic islands, explore world heritage sites, ancient cities and ride the best mountain roads in Europe. Visit Slovenia, the hidden jewel of Europe, ride to Venice, one of the most beautiful romantic cities in the world. Enjoy coffee at Piazza San Marco before riding on to the Italian Dolomites.

Top class hotels, with magnificent beachfronts to mountain retreats await at the end of each day. Situated in quaint historical sites, you can enjoy the rich local culture, quality regional dishes, and sample fine local wines. Join us for an unforgettable ride.



TOUR AT A GLANCE

START/FINISH: Split - Croatia

FLY IN/OUT: Split International Airport, Croatia

DURATION: 15 days, 14 nights, 13 riding days

ROUTE: Total distance: 2,600km (1,615miles).

The entire route runs on good asphalt roads.

REST DAYS: 3: Venice, Arabba, Ljubljana

HIGHLIGHTS: Istrian Peninsula, Italian Dolomites, Julian Alps, Lake Bled, Ljubljana, Jeruzalem wine region, Kornati National Park, 6 UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Split, Trogir, Škocjan Caves, Plitvice Lakes National Park, Venice, Šibenik

ACCOMODATION: 4*, 5*; best in the area

TOUR DATES 2017:

• July 1 - 15, 2017

• Jul 22 - Aug 5, 2017

MOTORCYCLES: BMW and HAREY DAVIDSON

TOUR PROGRAM DAY BY DAY:

Day 1: ARRIVAL SPLIT

You will be met at Split airport by a member of the Happy Tours Team and given an initial brief of the area. The tour starts officially at 3.30 pm in the hotel lobby, with a briefing and a small amount of paperwork. This is an opportunity to meet with other riders and view the motorbikes you will ride. The day will end at a traditional Croatian restaurant with a special welcoming dinner.

Day 2: SPLIT - PAG ISLAND

We will start our tour in Split and head north, following the coastal road to Pag Island, stopping at the most seductive town on the Dalmation coast, Trogir, an old-town with clusters of palaces, belfries and cobbled alleys radiating out from its medieval square. One of the largest UNESCO World Heritage Sites in the World, abounds in beauty and history. The scenic road continues, and you cannot miss the sheep, there are eight thousand people living on Pag Island looking after three times as many sheep. Looking, towards the Adriatic islands, you will see the clearest blue waters in Europe. Then onto our hotel, nestling in it's own vineyards. A most enjoyable evening is ahead, with fine dining and sampling the best wines of the region.

Day 3: PAG ISLAND - PORTOROŽ

Continuing along the scenic Adriatic road to the ferry terminal, we take a quick crossing to the mainland. The first part is a glorious winding road, with breathtaking views of the Kvarner Bay, then we turn inland to enjoy the enchanting beauty of the quaint Istrian peninsula. Charming, crumbling villages and towns, look from another century, half abandoned ancient stones poised high above rich green pastures and forests, is an area of rare and disarming beauty. Motovun, an artist colony, is perhaps the most famous of the Istrian hill towns, renowned as the center of the famous truffle industry. Tasting these hidden treasures is possible. Later, we cross the border to Portoroz, Slovenia's, major beach resort.

Day 4: PORTOROŽ - VENICE

The start of the day takes us to the world heritage site of the famous Skocjan caves, an experience not to be missed. You may have seen caves before but nothing prepares you for the sheer size of these underground caverns. The largest known underground canyon in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage site. The natural phenomenon of these caves ranks alongside one of the wonders of the world. After lunch, a short ride to the small Slovenian town, Lipica, famous for the rare and aristocratic Lipizzaner stallions.

Day 5: VENICE Rest day

Rest day Venice, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Situated on a lagoon, Venice is one of the most interesting and appealing places in the world. It has not changed for over six hundred years, which adds to its special charm. Explore this medieval jewel on your own.

Day 6: VENICE - ARABBA

Leaving Venice behind and heading north to the Italian Dolomites, the roads initially follow the lowlands before winding its way through unspoiled mountainous terrain to Arabba. This area is one of the top destinations in Europe. Bikers from all over the world come to enjoy some of the best mountain roads Europe has to offer. Seriously twisty, exhilarating roads to thoroughly enjoy.

Day 7: ARABBA Rest day

Rest day in Arabba. There is an option, to ride as much as your heart (head, legs, and arms included) desires. If, by chance, riding is not on your itinerary, then you can opt to hike the surrounding mountain paths, and enjoy the magical atmosphere in unspoiled nature, or take an easy stroll and just relax at the hotel spa.

Day 8: ARABBA – BLEED

Having reached our westernmost point of the tour, we will turn east to enjoy roads you have dreamt of, a breathtaking day riding through the Dolomites, on to, the Slovene Julian Alps and through the incredible beautiful Soca Valley, known worldwide for whitewater rafting. Then on over Slovenia's highest mountain pass, Vrsic, 50 flowing switchbacks traverse the mountain to the town of Kranjska Gora, before heading back on a small road to Lake Bled, passing fairytale villages with charming rustic architecture and crystal clear rivers. Reaching Lake Bled, you will fully understand why Bled is 'the pearl of Slovenia.

Day 9: BLED - LJUBLJANA

A full day of Slovene's pearls and jewels, the most scenic parts of Slovenia. Leaving Lake Bled, we ride through the Sava Bohinjka river canyon to Lake Bohinj, peppered with sites of breathtaking natural beauty. It is hard to keep your eyes on the road, as it will fill you with awe, panoramic views, rolling hills, fast flowing rivers. A fabulous mountain road leads to the small medieval town of Skofja Loka for a pit stop of coffee and cake, before reaching Slovenia's capital city, Ljubljana.

Day 10: LJUBLJANA Rest day

Rest day in Ljubljana. Optional tours for the day includes, visiting Europe's most famous karst cave, Postojna. On the other hand, you may like to explore this small interesting city, enjoy a coffee or two, walk along the flowing river or take the funicular to the castle, for spectacular views over the city. Ljubljana can be explored on your own in just a few hours.

Day 11: LJUBLJANA - JERUZALEM

Leaving Ljubljana, we head back to the mountains, stopping for coffee at a beautiful alpine lake, before riding a short stretch to Austria and then back into Slovenia along the famous Logarska Valley, the largest glacial valley in the Kamnik-Savinja Alps. Wide, lush and green the Kamnik-Savinja mountains tower above, only 35 people are allowed to live in the protected valley on isolated farms. A traditional lunch will give us the energy we need to continue the ride. As the mountains give way, to a hilly wooded landscape, the road weaves through villages, and forests to the beautiful Ptuj castle, the oldest town in Slovenia. Just a few miles further on, we ride through some of Slovenia's finest wine-producing regions and another hidden jewel. The beautiful tranquil hotel, renowned in the area for its legendary hospitality and exquisite wines is our final destination for the night.

Day 12: JERUZALEM - NOVO MESTO

Starting off from Jeruzalem, we will head southwest towards the southeastern Slovenia. On the way, we will have the opportunity to enjoy the rolling landscape, medieval castles and much more. We will spend the night at one of the best luxurious accommodation options in Slovenia. We should arrive there relatively early, and have enough time to take a stroll around the beautiful estate, feel the peaceful nature or go for a relaxing dip in the nearby spa.

Day 13: NOVO MESTO – NACIONALNI PARK PLITVICE

Leaving Novo Mesto behind we head southwest back towards Croatia, a relatively slow ride to the border, but most enjoyable. After crossing the border, we will put pedal to metal, arriving at Plitvice Lakes, National Park. After a small break, there is a short walking tour. You are not expected to walk all sixteen lakes, but it is well worth the effort to see some of them, breathtaking waterfalls, caves in this famous UNESCO World Heritage site.

Day 14: NP PLITVICE - ŠIBENIK - SPLIT

A unique combination of landscapes, ranging from the main land deciduous trees to the rocky scenery typical of the Mediterranean, leads to ŠIBENIK, another picturesque and unforgettable World Heritage site. Followed by a boat tour to the breathtaking archipelago islands of Kornati National Park, before riding the coastal road back to our base in Split, for a farewell dinner.

Day 15: DEPARTURE SPLIT

The Happy Tours Team will transfer you to the airport or to any other place in Split, from where you will continue your travels.

Tour can be provided either on BMW or HARLEY DAVIDSON motorcycles.

Tour Options

Guided Motorcycle Tours

Happy Tours guided motorcycle tours have been carefully designed to give motorcycle riders fabulous rides. Stopping at the best cafes, restaurants and attractions; staying at the best hotels with a breathtaking view of the surrounding scenery. Tours are guided by our experienced guides with decades of experience in motorcycle touring. The roads are designed for bikers and you will want to return for more. The scenery is awe inspiring, from the glistening crystal blue sea of the Croatian coast, to the majestic Dolomites where you weave your way over mountain passes, then to the breathtaking scenery of Slovenia's rolling hills and the quiet beauty of Bosnia.

The 15 day Adriatic to Alps guided tour includes:

ALL INCLUSIVE TOUR!

Inclusions:

- Experienced tour guide on a motorcycle
- Late model BMW or Harley Davidson motorcycle with unlimited mileage
- BMW Navigator V / Garmin Zumo navigation with daily routes preprogrammed
- Support van - If there is only one or two motorcycles on the tour clients will carry their luggage on a motorcycle. For 3 and 4 motorcycles we provide support car for the luggage. For 5 or more motorcycles we provide support van for luggage with a spare BMW / HD motorcycle.
- All accommodation throughout the tour in great 4 and 5 star hotels
- Airport transfers on arrival and departure (first and last day of the tour)
- Happy Tours "Maximum 8 bikes on tour" policy, small groups
- Third party liability insurance and Comprehensive vehicle insurance
- All lunches with soft drinks except on a rest days (10)
- All dinners except on a rest days (11)
- All gasoline
- All breakfasts (14)
- All drinking water
- All entrance fees
- All road tolls
- All parking fees
- All city guided tours
- Extensive Happy Tours booklet with all maps with marked tour routes

Not Included:

- All international and regional flights and taxes
- Visas (if needed)
- Travel insurance

- Lunches and dinners on a rest days (1)
- Alcoholic drinks at the dinner
- Personal spending
- Riding gear
- Tips
- All not mentioned under “inclusions” above

Self-Guided Motorcycle Tours

If you like freedom and the flexibility to enjoy travel under your own steam, then our SELF-GUIDED TOURS are just for you. You can choose any of our guided tours and have the benefits of your accommodation pre-booked. We can organize tours tailored to your requirements, plan routes in the most spectacular areas and highlight the most exciting roads. For a stress-free adventure you can request a pre-programmed GPS, and if you really want to ‘go it alone’, then you can take charge of guiding yourself and enjoy a new adventure. We provide a full safety briefing and motorbike familiarization before you start your tour. Comprehensive tour maps are sent to you before the commencement of your tour, and a mobile phone for 24hour roadside assistance is available if required.

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- New model of BMW or Harley Davidson motorcycles with cases for luggage
- Airport transfers on arrival and departure (first and last day of the tour)
- BMW Navigator V / Garmin Zumo navigation with daily routes preprogrammed
- Third party liability insurance and Comprehensive vehicle insurance
- Briefing with a Happy Tours representative to go through the details of your tour
- Extensive Happy Tours booklet with all maps with marked tour routes (mini guidebook with details about the area and your tour with recommendations written by our experienced guided to help you when you are guide on your own)
- Complete buffet breakfast every morning
- 24 hour support on phone from Happy Tours in case you have a question or need to discuss some part of the tour with our experienced guide
- 24/7 BMW Roadside Assistance

Not included: All the rest not mentioned above under “Inclusions”

EXTRA ACCESSORIES:

The following extra accessories can be for surcharge hired when booking a tour: GPS BMW Navigator V, Helmet, Rain gear, Jacket

For special VIP treatments please contact our motorcycle tours specialist rozle.verhovc@happytours.eu

Tour dates written above have a guaranteed departure. For closed groups any date can be chosen on request.