

## VENICE TO DUBROVNIK MOTORCYCLE TOUR

Venice and Dubrovnik are among the most beautiful cities in the world, sometimes called »the pearls« of the Adriatic. Did you know that the coastal road between them is one of the most beautiful roads to ride in Europe?

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## TOUR AT A GLANCE

**START:** Venice - Italy / Dubrovnik - Croatia

**FINISH:** Dubrovnik - Croatia / Venice - Italy

**FLY IN / OUT:** Marco Polo International Airport Venice, Italy /

Dubrovnik International Airport, Dubrovnik, Croatia

**DURATION:** 8 days, 7 nights, 6 riding days

**ROUTE:** Total distance: 1230 km (765 miles).

The entire route runs on good asphalt roads.

**REST DAYS:** 1: Hvar

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Venice, Piran, Plitvice National Park, Zadar, Trogir, Split, Hvar, Dubrovnik

**ACCOMODATIONS:** 4\*, 5\*; best in the area.

**MOTORCYCLES:** BMW or Harley Davidson

## TOUR PROGRAM DAY BY DAY:

### Day 1: ARRIVAL TO VENICE

Venice is an extraordinarily beautiful city, captivating, fabulous, breathtaking, an unique artistic masterpiece, and there are not enough words to give it full justice. With every step, there is an aspect of the city which is worth admiring. The ancient waterway of the Canal Grande, impressive Basilicas, and the Piazza of San Marco known as St Mark's Square, are some of the city's most famous attractions.

Happy Tours Team will meet you at Venice airport, and on the way to the hotel there will be a short introduction to the area. We then meet at 3.30 pm in the hotel lobby, and officially start the tour with a briefing and a small amount of paperwork; you will meet the other riders, and view the motorcycles you will ride. The first day will end in a traditional Italian restaurant with a special welcoming dinner.

### Day 2: VENICE - PIRAN

The start of the day takes us to Slovenia to visit small Slovenian town, Lipica, famous for the rare and aristocratic Lipizzaner stallions. World famous Lipizzaner stallions are named by this village. After lunch, a short ride to the world heritage site of the famous Škocjan 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 on the world and a UNESCO World Heritage site. The natural phenomenon of these caves ranks alongside one of the wonders of the world. After the visit we ride to Piran and stay in Portoroz, Slovenia's, major beach resort and main accommodation area for visiting Piran.

## **Day 3: PIRAN - PLITVICE LAKES NATIONAL PARK**

The first part of the day we 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 is perhaps the most famous of the Istrian hill towns, renown as the center of the famous truffle industry. Tasting these hidden treasures is possible. Continuing along the scenic Adriatic Coast is a glorious winding road, with breathtaking views of the Kvarner Bay with Cres and Krk Islands. Late afternoon we turn inland to Lika Region where we end our day in Plitvice National Park. Dinner and overnight.

## **Day 4: PLITVICE LAKES NATIONAL PARK - ZADAR**

After breakfast we go for a walk to see Plitvice National Park. With 16 lakes and waterfalls this walk and boat ride on the way is a MUST. After early lunch we start riding back to the coast. Stop in Senj, an old town lying exactly on a 45th parallel north. From there we are riding one of the best roads in the region, like race track following the sea for 60 km, best riding, super scenic, beautiful views on the Islands. We continue heading south following the coastal road to Zadar.

## **Day 5: ZADAR - HVAR ISLAND**

After breakfast we follow the coastal road to Split. Looking towards the Adriatic islands, you will see the clearest blue waters in Europe. We stop at the most seductive town on the Dalmatian 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 on the World abounds in beauty and history. We continue with a short stop in Split where we take a ferry to Hvar Island, famous for its small old towns, beautiful nature with 300 days of sunshine.

## **Day 6: HVAR ISLAND Rest day**

Rest day in Hvar. Whatever you want to do on your rest day, you may find here on this Island, which is considered to be one of the 10 most beautiful Islands in the world. Night life and cultural attractions of cosmopolitan Hvar town, boat excursions to Pakleni Islands, sandy beaches near Jelsa, the ancient town Stari Grad in which past centuries mingle modern tourist facilities, heavenly beaches under pine trees in Zavala, exotic atmosphere of south cliffs in Ivan Dolac, Sveta Nedjelja or Milna, the "little Venice" ambient in Vrboska, ride through and sense lavender fields near Zastrazisce, Gdinj and Bogomolje, peaceful secluded bays near Sucuraj...this is just a fraction of it...you need to explore it.

## **Day 7: HVAR ISLAND - DUBROVNIK**

77km of twisty road will bring you to the ferry terminal where you take a short ferry ride back to the mainland. We follow the scenic coastal road heading down to Dubrovnik. Along the coast we ride for 24 kilometers through Bosnia and Hercegovina, Bosnian little piece of Adriatic Coast. After quick lunch there we continue to Dubrovnik. Afternoon we explore compact and beautifully preserved medieval fortifications of Dubrovnik's UNESCO-listed Old Town. Take in the terracotta-roofed townhouses and centuries-old stone monuments; from the 17th-century Rector's Palace to the Baroque Cathedral. Take a walk of the City Wall for spectacular views of the Old Town or just sit on Stradun, its vibrant main street and enjoy coffee and Dubrovnik's hospitality. You can take a cable car to the hill above Dubrovnik and be amazed by the breathtaking views of the Old City, the crystal clear Adriatic Sea and the numerous islands. Farewell dinner.

## Day 8: DEPARTURE DUBROVNIK

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

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

## Tour Options

### Guided Motorcycle Tours

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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 8 day Venice to Dubrovnik Tour guided tour includes:

ALL INCLUSIVE TOUR!

#### Inclusions:

- Experienced tour guide on a motorcycle
- Late model 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 ferry rides according to our tour program
- All lunches with soft drinks except on a rest days (6)
- All dinners except on a rest days (6)
- All gasoline
- All breakfasts
- 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

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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.

### The 8 day Venice to Dubrovnik Tour self-guided tour includes:

#### Inclusions:

- All accommodation like listed on the program in great 4 and 5 star hotels (best in the area)
- Airport transfers on arrival and departure ( first and last day of the tour)
- New model of BMW motorcycles with 3 BMW cases for luggage
- BMW Navigator V navigation with preprogrammed daily riding routes
- 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"

## DEPARTURE DATES:

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<b>DEPARTURES from VENICE to DUBROVNIK:</b>	<b>DEPARTURES from DUBROVNIK to VENICE:</b>
Apr 1-8	Apr 8-15
Apr 15-22	Apr 22-29
Apr 29-May 6	May 6-13
May 13-20	May 20-27
May 27-June 3	June 3-10
June 10-17	June 17-24
June 24-July 1	July 1-8
July 8-15	July 15-22
July 22-29	July 29-Aug 5
Aug 5-12	Aug 12-19
Aug 19-26	Aug 26-Sept 2
Sept 2-9	Sept 9-16
Sept 16-23	Sept 23-30
Sept 30-Oct 7	Oct 7-14
Oct 14-21	

## 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](mailto:rozle.verhovc@happytours.eu)

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