



## **Magical Croatia plus 2 Tour**

The tour is 15 days/14 nights with 11 days riding. Approximately 2500kms. This includes three rest days, in the magnificent city of Dubrovnik, Sarajevo and the island of Hvar.

### **2023 Tour Date: 06 September to 20 September 2023**

This ride is an exciting combination of roads, accommodation, European food and world-famous attractions in the stunningly beautiful country of Croatia and the Balkans.

You will be accompanied by us, Karel and Howard (Joe), and our local Croatian Guide and his assistant. We are 100% focussed on making this a truly unbelievable adventure that you will never forget!

We are both riders, we know what riders want and like. We have designed this ride with that in mind, it is not a bus tour on motorcycles, it is a fantastic bike ride for people who love riding, with some stops (which we all need when riding), at interesting places.



For you it's about having fun with likeminded people and not having to worry about any of the logistics. There are lots of jokes, great camaraderie and you may well make some new riding friends for back in NZ.

### **About the Ride**

Along with Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, and Montenegro have a lot to offer and the tour around these three countries will be the most memorable ride you can imagine. Croatia is well known for its Adriatic coastal roads, the historic city of Dubrovnik and the UNESCO Plitvice Lakes. Bosnia & Herzegovina has come through the war in the 1990's, with Sarajevo becoming a modern city now. Montenegro is the smallest but definitely the most untamed of the three countries, with its national parks, huge canyons, mountains and bays. Our ride takes us into some of the local backroads where we will enjoy everything this interesting region has to offer.

### **The Roads**

You will be riding fantastic roads and experiencing the amazing scenery with castles and fortresses that are centuries old. There is a mixture of the exquisite beauty of the Adriatic coast and rugged mountainous high country. Some of the walled cities and castles in Croatia were also used as sets for the Game of Thrones TV Series, and are about 800 years old.

### **The Bikes we ride:**

Being in Europe, the choice of bikes are from the BMW range, and there are low seat and low suspension options available (limited number, so first come, first served).

The bikes come with a top box (40 litre, medium size) which is suitable for your daily needs. With the VIP luggage service, you won't need extra luggage space on the bike.



### **Accommodation:**

Lovely 4 or 5 star hotels and resorts, with pools and individual air-conditioned rooms await you every night. Your room is twin share, but a single room upgrade is available.

### **Support Vehicle:**

We have a support van that carries a spare bike, your luggage and anything you purchase along the way. It can also carry two passengers, if the pillions need a break.

### **VIP Luggage Service:**

Our support van will carry your luggage bag for you, so you can ride with just a few essential things in your top box and enjoy arriving at the hotel each day, with your luggage already in your room. The next morning, your bag will be collected from your room and will be transported to the next hotel.



### **The Weather:**

It is late summer in September and while there are less tourists around, the weather is still perfect for riding. There will be times when the overnight temperature may drop, but overall it is the best time to be riding a bike in Croatia and the Balkans.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

This is a very challenging ride – it is a ride for experienced and confident riders. We will need to ensure that everyone’s riding skills are suitable for the ride. We reserve the right to accept or decline participants. We may also recommend that riders participate in specific activities as part of the requirement to meet a minimum skill level (this may be various training courses or rides) This is to safeguard both your welfare and our H & S requirements.

## **Itinerary**

### **Day 1: Zagreb- Capital of Croatia**

Arrival day (meet & greet around 5PM) Enjoy a dinner together and a ride briefing.

### **Day 2: Plitvice Lakes**

The first day of riding, we head to this UNESCO heritage park that has an incredible amount of stunning lakes and waterfalls.

### **Day 3: Mostar - Bosnia & Herzegovina**

Mostar with its old Ottoman bridge is very interesting.

### **Day 4: Sarajevo – Bosnia & Herzegovina**

We enjoy a bit of sightseeing before we head off for the day. There is a really cool museum in Konjic, Tito’s bunker.

### **Day 5: Sarajevo rest day**

No riding; option to go on a guided walking tour, relax for the rest of the day.





### **Day 6: Žabljak - Montenegro**

Highlight is the Sedlo mountain pass in Durmitor, one of the most scenic rides on the tour.

### **Day 7: Kotor**

This is a long, but highly rewarding days riding.

### **Day 8: Dubrovnik**

Some interesting sightseeing here, and some time in the morning to enjoy Kotor and it's walls; we can walk all the way up to the fortress.

### **Day 9: Dubrovnik rest day**

No riding; its worthwhile to do the guided walking tour to learn more about this world renown city and its history. Relax at the pool and cocktails in the evening. We stay 4km from the Old town of Dubrovnik. Taxies, water taxi or bus are great ways to get around.



### **Day 10: Hvar Island**

We ride through the stunning Peljesac Peninsula and onto the ferry for Hvar, which has the most sunshine hours in Croatia.

### **Day 11: Hvar Island - rest day**

Another stunning place to have a rest and enjoy the fascinating Island of Hvar. Staying near the old town, we can relax or enjoy sightseeing.

### **Day 12: Zadar**

We catch the ferry and then ride via the popular city of Split. It is one of the most beautiful parts of the trip for motorcycle riding and is famous around the world with bikers.

### **Day 13: Motovun**

We ride through the peninsula of Istria, also known as the Croatian Tuscany. Its famous for its vineyards, truffles and micro climate.

### **Day 14: Zagreb- Capital of Croatia**

Arrive back to the hotel, and enjoy a dinner with the group and the final night together.

### **Day 15: Departure day, no riding**

This is departure day as our tour is complete.





**Tour cost: \$NZD**

Bike	Price NZD\$	Standard Seat	Low Seat	Low Suspension
BMW F750 GS	15,955	Y	Y	Y
BMW F850 GS	16,440	Y		
BMW R1250 GS	17,035	Y	Y	Y
BMW R1250 RT	17,410	Y	Y	
Pillion	12,030			
Single room upgrade	1,765			

**Inclusions:**

- Airport transfers on arrival and departure
- Experienced guides– you will have 3 guides riding with you, (Howard and Karel plus their local Croatian guide)
- Photo & video memories’ package
- VIP Luggage service – we will carry your luggage and deliver it to your hotel room daily
- BMW motorcycle with hard/lockable case(s)
- Basic motorcycle insurance (your travel insurance will cover the insurance excess)
- Support vehicle that carries spare motorcycle, luggage and oversized purchases; can accommodate up to two passengers
- All accommodation for the tour (14 nights) in beautiful 4 and 5 star hotels/B&Bs on a twin share basis, a single room upgrade is available if required.
- All breakfasts (14) for the tour
- All dinners (10) except on rest days; most of them in traditional local restaurants
- All water and soft drinks during included dinners
- 10 Lunches with soft drinks
- Refreshment stops + water in the van throughout the tour
- All entrances to National and Nature Parks according to tour itinerary
- All ferry rides according to the tour itinerary
- Tour guidebook with descriptions, maps and highlighted routes by day

**Exclusions:**

Flights, Travel insurance, Alcoholic drinks, lunch/dinner on the rest days, fuel for the bike, tolls when on toll roads, rest day activities, personal spending.

**Extra luggage**

You will be able to leave your travel luggage bags in secure storage at the hotel in Zagreb while away on the ride, so you can just take what you need for that trip in a smaller bag. This will be transported by the Luggage vehicle each day, and it will be waiting for you in your hotel room when you arrive.



## **Ready to Book on?**

*If you want to join us, please let us know asap as places are limited.*

We will require a deposit of \$2000 per person to confirm your place. Please complete one booking form per person.

Full payment is required 8 weeks before the start of the Tour.

## **Cancellation policy**

Cancellations received 60 (and more) days prior to departure will be subject to a NZ\$1,000 per person cancellation fee.

For cancellations received less than 60 days prior to departure, cancellation fee (per person) is as follows:

59-30 days= 40% of tour cost

29-15 days= 70% of tour cost

within 14 days= 100% of tour cost.

*Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended.*

## ***Still not sure?***

Please feel free to ask any questions at any time. Phone or email is fine.

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