

# TREASURE ISLANDS, CROATIA



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AN E-BIKE TRIP!**

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**GROUP SIZE** 14 to 26 | **DURATION** 7 nights, 8 days | **SKILL & FITNESS LEVEL** Level 1-2 | **TYPE** XC / all-mountain

## THE BOAT & CABINS

Launched in 2009, the MS San Snova is an entirely oak ship that stands at 101-feet long. All 13 spacious cabins (eleven above deck, three below deck) feature air conditioning, private bathroom with shower and hair dryer. Cabins are 30 to 45 square feet in size. Two-person beds are 200 X 140 cm (slightly bigger than a double size), single beds are 200 X 80 cm.

## THE RIDING

Excluding the first ride, each day will feature two guided ride distances. Riders can expect mostly singletrack but also some doubletrack, gravel roads and some quiet asphalt sections. The riding on the Dalmatian Islands is generally rocky, but there will be some buffed sections also.

## WHY BIG MOUNTAIN?

### Professional Leaders

Mountain bike trips to far-away places requires local knowledge. We work with the best guides in all destinations, many since 2001.

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### Your Safety

Our guides have first-aid certification, our trips have safety management plans and our riders' wellbeing is the number one priority on all of our trips.

### Groups that Work

All riders complete a detailed Rider Questionnaire to ensure that they are well matched for the trip physically and technically and with the rest of the group. We almost always have optional rides just in case.

### Preparation is Key

We offer excellent pre-trip support and all departures include a detailed Preparation Guide specific to the destination. Of course we've been on every trip that we offer.

### Expert Trip Design

We know how to create exceptional mountain bike trips. And, we're constantly reviewing and improving itineraries if we feel that it's needed.

### Piece of Mind

Travel & Medical Insurance is mandatory on our trips and Big Mountain Bike Adventures Ltd. has commercial general liability insurance.

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# ITINERARY

## TREASURE ISLANDS

The following is a 'general' outline for the Treasure Islands trip. Big Mountain reserves the right to make alterations and substitutions to the itinerary as weather or terrain conditions dictate or as necessary to improve the trip quality or to accommodate the comfort, convenience, and well-being of our guests.



### DAY 1

#### Welcome to Split, Croatia. Sail to Šolta Island. Warm-up ride.

The boat will be anchored in the historic town of Trogir, a small island conveniently located 10 mins. from the Split International airport. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Sight Trogir is a perfect town to start our adventure. After building bikes (or fitting rental bikes) we'll check-in to the yacht at 2:00 PM and set sail to Šolta Island. Before dinner we'll head out on a warm-up ride past kilometers of dry stone walls, olive groves, locust bean and fig trees. The smells of sage and rosemary fill the air. We'll make a stop to visit the charismatic Goran, the local bee keeper, who will give us a tour of his impressive honey making operation. Then it's downhill to the sea and the ship where we'll spend the evening in a charming harbor town. **Distance:** 6 km. ⚡ 180 m.

### DAY 2

#### Sail to Brač Island. Ride Brač Island.

After a short sail while we eat breakfast we'll head out on our first big ride along the coast of Brač Island. We'll ride past fish farms, old submarine bunkers and secret coves and then climb up to a high mountain ridge with magnificent views of the neighboring islands of Hvar, Vis, Šolta and the mainland. Those who are interested can visit the former monastery, Blaža with its interesting relics. Then it's downhill on challenging singletrack (optional easier route available) and further to the small village of Dol for a cappuccino break, and continue to the charming harbour of Postira. With good weather conditions we will enjoy one of the most amazing sunsets of the trip. **Distance group 1:** 37 km. ⚡ 850 m. **Distance group 2:** 15 km. ⚡ 200 m.

### DAY 3

#### Sail to Pučišća, ride to Bol. Sail to Vis Island.

During breakfast we sail down the coast of Brač Island to Pučišća, often listed as one of the prettiest villages in Europe. From here we start the queen's stage to the highest point of all Adriatic islands. The path leads us past olive trees, herb meadows and typical karstic formations. The view from the 780 m high Vidova Gora is spectacular down to the Zlatini Rat beach, often listed as one of the top beaches in Europe. Today's big descent to the beach can be via technical singletrack or gravel road with sweeping views. After a swim we'll sail off with a deerved cold beverage in hand to beautiful Vis Island. **Distance group 1:** 30 km. ⚡ 700 m. **Distance group 2:** 29 km. ⚡ 900 m.

### DAY 4

#### Ride Vis Island. Sail to Korčula Island

Remote Vis is the furthest island from the Croatian mainland. Known for it's interesting history, good wines and excellent sea food, the island features fun singletrack and dirt roads for mountain biking. We'll load up the ship and set sail for our next amazing destination, beautiful Town of Vela Luca on Korčula Island. **Distance group 1:** 38 km. ⚡ 900 m. **Distance group 2:** 27 km. ⚡ 600 m.

### DAY 5

#### Ride Korčula Island. Sail to Hvar Island.

We start the day riding from Vela Luka on singletrack along the shoreline. Through olive groves and past stone terraces we make our way to the village of Blato for a coffee stop. Then we loop back to the boat on quiet side roads and flowy trails. Those who want to explore more can climb up to the viewpoint Hum, and then ride a technical trail back down to the harbor. Once back on the ship we set sail for Hvar.

**Distance group 1:** 47 km. ⚡ 1000 m. **Distance group 2:** 38 km. ⚡ 700 m.

### DAY 6

#### Ride Hvar Island. Sail to Split.

Wake up in the harbor of spectacular Stari Grad, one of the oldest towns in Europe and designated UNESCO World Heritage Site for it's Greek settlement Pharos, from 384 BC. Those seeking a bigger day will climb to the top of the pass on asphalt to descent on gravel paths and trails to the island's capital, Hvar town. Here we have the time to stroll through the streets, visit the Spanish fortress and watch the world go by from a café. The shorter ride option is a great loop around Stari Grad to villages of Jelsa and Vrboska. Then we board the yacht and cross over to the vibrant city of Split, famous for it's amazing Diocletian's Palace. **Distance group 1:** 38 km. ⚡ 1000 m. **Distance group 2:** 29 km. ⚡ 350 m.

### DAY 7

#### Ride Split. Sail to Trogir.

We spend the morning exploring the bustling city of Split, Croatia's second biggest city. Then we'll head out on a ride through the back alleys up to the trails of the Marijan; the local mountain overlooking the city. The last sailing takes us past the cliffs of the Čiovo peninsula where we'll stop and drop the anchor for a swim in a cove. Then we will have plenty of time to enjoy the World Heritage town of Trogir and its cafe.

**Distance group 1:** 20 km. ⚡ 400 m. **Distance group 2:** 15 km. ⚡ 200 m.

### DAY 8

#### Flights home, or travels on own.

This morning we'll disembark from the ship at 9:00AM for flights home, or to continue travels on your own. For earlier departures you can of course disembark earlier. We will help all riders with taxis to the Split airport.

# DETAILS

## BIKE AND EQUIPMENT

The perfect bike for this trip is a cross-country or all-mountain dual suspension bike with hydraulic disk brakes. You can bring your own bike, or opt for one of our high-performance dual-suspension rentals for €230 for the week. Also required: helmet, hydration pack and eye protection. We can also source e-mountain bikes on this trip for €290 for the week. Please inquire with us if you would like more information on the rental bikes available.

### SUGGESTED BIKE FOR THIS TRIP:

**TREK FUEL EX 9.8**



### WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Expert Big Mountain leader, two local leaders (3 ride guides).
- Daily guided riding groups (two distances) & daily ride briefing with maps.
- Basic tool kit & floor pump. Water & snacks for riding.
- Bike case storage during trip.
- Meals included: all breakfasts, three lunches, four dinners (starts with dinner on Day 1, ends with breakfast on final day).
- Crew (captain, several deck hands, full-time chef, maintenance person).
- On-board Registered Massage Therapist (RMT), massages additional cost.
- Linens and towels and daily cabin cleaning service.
- Welcome Reception with drinks & snacks.

### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED?

- Your bike & related equipment to ride (see rental bike details below).
- Four lunches, three dinners. (expect to pay €15-20 per person lunch, €30 for dinner. Drinks on board (cold beer & wine available on an honor system, to be paid to captain at end of trip).
- Entrance fees to sights not included with the trip.
- Flight to/from Split, Croatia, airport taxes and excess baggage charges (if any).
- Return taxi from Split Airport to port (approx. €15-20 one way).
- Optional tipping to local guides and boat crew.
- Energy supplements; gels, powders & bars.
- Personal travel & medical insurance.

## LODGING AND FOOD

The San Snova ship is very comfortable and the cuisine is prepared by our full-time on board chef. You can expect great home-cooked meals typical of Croatia.

## TRAVEL INSURANCE



**World Nomads**

Medical Insurance is mandatory on all Big Mountain Bike Adventures' trips and Travel Insurance is strongly recommended. Please [visit our recommended insurance provider World Nomads](#) to learn more.

## ACTIVITY LEVEL

The technical ability required for the Treasure Islands trip is rated as Level I-II. This trip is for those who have been riding consistently for at least a year (or more) and who are keen to improve their riding skills. In other words, you're comfortable on singletrack and motivated to improve. For fitness level this is a Level I-II trip. The accumulation of multiple, long days of riding will add up. The better shape that you're in, the more fun you'll have.

## CLIMATE

Depending on the time of the year you visit Croatia, it can be hot for riding. The best times to visit are late April through late June and September through early November. There can be rain but it's minimal.

## YOUR SAFETY

Our trips take place in remote to very remote regions with limited evacuation options available and there are always risks and hazards on the trails that we ride. If you choose to participate in our trips, it is up to you to ride well within your limits, to ride conservatively and to be safe as mountain biking is a dangerous sport. Participants must keep their bikes in good working condition, they must be hydrated and rested and alcohol and drugs are not permitted while riding. Our guides have basic first aid training and if a serious injury is suspected they will call helicopter search and rescue at the cost of the participant. Personal medical travel insurance is mandatory.

## THE NEXT STEPS

Call us toll free at 1-866-894-0220, or +1-604-902-1807 for international guests or email at [info@ridebig.com](mailto:info@ridebig.com) to confirm there's space on this trip. If Skype is preferred please send us an email to arrange a meeting. We like to speak to everyone interested in joining our trips. This helps ensure everyone signing up is well matched for the group!

Make sure you have read and understand our [Terms and Conditions](#) and also our [Waiver](#). Both found on our website under registration.

To confirm your spot please complete our secure online [Booking Form](#) found on our website.

Once your online registration form has been received, we'll send you detailed pre-departure information, for review, to ensure you're well prepared for the adventure ahead.

## DETAILS *cont.*



### PAYMENT

Once you've completed our online registration form and we've confirmed that we have the needed number of riders to proceed, we'll collect a \$750.00 CAD deposit that is refundable up to 14 days after registering (outside of 90 days before the trip departure), afterwards your deposit becomes non-refundable. At 90 days prior to the departure, the full trip balance will be collected. Please review our [Terms & Conditions](#) for full details on payment, cancelation and refund policies. Please note that while our land costs are quoted in the destination country's preferred currency, the balance and deposit are processed in Canadian dollars. The exchange rate is based on the daily rate quoted using the Bank of Canada. If you are paying with credit card and reside outside of Canada, you may incur a foreign transaction fee. If you wish, there's the option of paying with a wire transfer or you can also send us a cheque. Please contact us anytime to discuss your options.

### SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

The single supplement is an additional fee for solo travellers who wish to have their own rooms during the trip. If riders agree to share a room with someone of the same gender BM will pair you up. If there isn't another single participant of the same gender available, you will automatically have your own room and incur the additional single supplement fee.

### REFERENCES

We'll be happy to provide you with references of satisfied past travellers.

### QUESTIONS?

Feel free to call us at 1-866-894-0220 or email [info@ridebig.com](mailto:info@ridebig.com) if you have any questions or need any additional information. We are here to help!

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### OUR GUIDES

*Join our professional Big Mountain leader, two Croatian local mtb guides & boat staff of five on this amazing journey. Ride to your heart's content & be hosted by leaders who have a passion for this beautiful country.*



### WHY BIG MOUNTAIN IS YOUR CHOICE

*Since 2001 Big Mountain Bike Adventures is the pioneer of performance mountain bike adventures to destinations worldwide. Our itineraries are designed by local professional guides and Big Mountain travel experts and lead by the very best local leaders available. Our mission is to deliver safe, quality trips with the best customer service - ensuring a trip of a lifetime.*