



R I D E & S E E K

Join us on an island hopping cycle
adventure from Venice to Dubrovnik.
This tour has Marco Polo's spirit at
its heart.



VENICE TO DUBROVNIK | (SEPTEMBER 18 - SEPTEMBER 30 | 2022)

Marco Polo Overview

TOTAL DISTANCE:
766km | 476mi

ELEVATION:
10,346m | 33,945ft

DURATION:
13 DAYS
12 Nights



ITALY



CROATIA



ITALY



CROATIA



BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

VENICE

Porec

Labin

Nerezine

ZADAR
(rest day)

Sibenik

Split

HVAR
(optional rest day)

Korcula

DUBROVNIK

LONGER ROUTES
ARE AVAILABLE
THROUGHOUT THE TOUR
FOR THOSE WANTING
MORE DAILY RIDING
AND ELEVATION

MAKE IT
EPIC



MARCO POLO

GRADING:



MARCO POLO | VENICE to DUBROVNIK

Ride Day	Destination	Distance (kilometres)	Elevation (metres)	Distance (miles)	Elevation (feet)
1	 Venice	20	82	12	269
2	 Porec	55	855	34	2805
3	 Labin	70	1027	44	3369
4	 Nerezine	86	1336	53	4382
5	 Zadar	91	948	57	3109
6	 Zadar	Rest Day			
7	 Sibenik	104	1147	65	3763
8	 Split	115	1530	71	5020
9	 Hvar	57	931	35	3053
10	 Hvar	Optional Rest Day			
11	 Korcula	57	871	35	2858
12	 Dubrovnik	111	1620	69	5315
TOTALS		766	10346	476	33945
AVERAGES		10 ride days	77	48	3394



LONGER ROUTES
ARE AVAILABLE
THROUGHOUT THE TOUR
FOR THOSE WANTING
MORE DAILY RIDING
AND ELEVATION

**TOTAL
DISTANCE:**
766km | 476mi

ELEVATION:
10,346m | 33,945ft

DURATION:
13
DAYS
12 Nights

Our ultimate adventure in the footsteps of Marco Polo.



Island hopping down the Dalmatian Coast in the spirit of the Venetians

Our Epic Adventures are all created with a sense of discovery at their core and this tour fulfils that in abundance. Marco Polo is one of the great travellers in history and in many ways he embodies the spirit of the tours we run. The historical focus provides the context and runs in tandem with the cultural and gastronomic immersion we always seek to provide.





First day guidance

For meeting at the start please come dressed in regular clothes. Look out for the guides at the appointed time in their Ride & Seek attire or simply ask at the hotel reception where to find the group and they will direct you accordingly. The usual first day format involves grabbing a bite to eat together and the guides talking about the tour. We then focus on fitting bikes and set a time to meet in bike gear for a warm-up ride before catching up for pre-dinner drinks with the rest of the group.

Tour conclusion

Monday 30th September

The official end of the tour is after breakfast on Monday 30th September. The hotel we are staying in is **Hotel Rixos Premium** – which a lovely place to extend your stay in Dubrovnik. The exit airport is Dubrovnik airport, also referred to as Čilipi Airport, which is situated about 20km from the city, a 30 minute taxi ride.

Venice to Dubrovnik

Thursday 18th September – Monday 30th September

For Stage 1 and Epic riders we will meet you at 12:00, Saturday 18th September, at the **Hotel Panorama on Venice Lido**. The hotel is conveniently located opposite the Venice Lido passenger ferry terminal. The primary gateway for this tour is Venice Marco Polo airport from where you can catch a water taxi directly to Venice Lido. For arrivals from other airports, or for those already in Italy, we recommend using the train links to Venezia Santa Lucia station. The Italian fast train network provides regular services to this station and from here you can catch a water taxi to Venice Lido.



Marco Polo | Venice to Dubrovnik



Venice to Dubrovnik

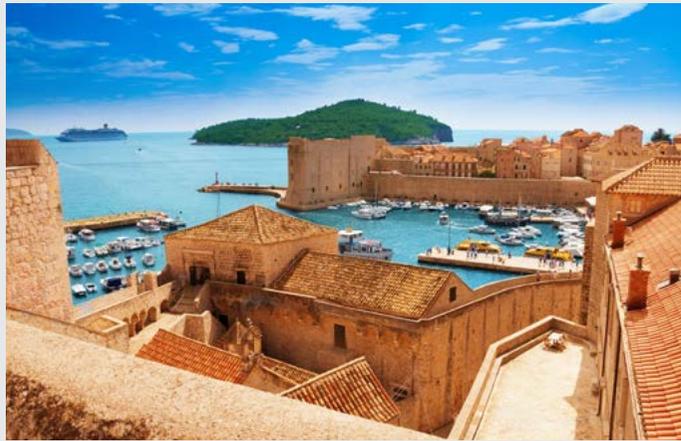
Our journey takes us from Venice across to the Adriatic Sea before heading down the Dalmatian coast to the wonderful city of Dubrovnik. On this tour we island-hop between harbours and place our own mark on an already well-trodden route.



Highlights

- Explore La Serenissima (Venice) from the relative island sanctuary of the Lido di Venezia
- Sail away from Venice to the historic city of Porec and embrace the seafaring spirit of Marco Polo.
- Be seduced by the natural beauty of Hvar which is nestled in the Adriatic Sea and is our home for a night.
- Savour a cuisine, with its strong seafood focus that encompasses the best of the Mediterranean diet.
- Marvel at Diocletian's Palace which takes up almost half of the old town of Split and is testament to the areas strong Roman heritage.
- Visit Korčula, where Marco Polo is reputed to have been born. There is even a house there that pertains to be his birthplace.
- Explore the enchanting city of Dubrovnik with our wonderful local guide Diana who peels away the layers of history to reveal the secrets of the city.

 [CLICK to see the Ride & Seek website for details of tour dates and prices](#)



We carefully select the places where we stay based on their personality and the hospitality of our hosts.

There is a coastal vibe to the accommodation we use on this tour starting in Venice and meandering our way down the Dalmatian coast to the beguiling city of Dubrovnik.



Hotel Panorama, Venice

Our first tour hotel is perfectly located opposite the ferry terminal on Venice Lido. With wonderful views across the lagoon, our hotel is family-run and exudes a wonderful charm.

Hotel Amfora, Hvar

This upscale and contemporary resort hotel is a short stroll from the centre of Hvar. The views from the rooms are stunning as you look out to the Paklinski Islands in the Adriatic Sea. It is a great spot to spend a couple of nights on the island of Hvar.

Hotel Bastion, Zadar

Situated in the heart of the historic centre of Zadar our 4 star hotel was built on the remains of the 13th century Venetian medieval fortification. The city's main monuments, including the Sea Organ and Greetings to the Sun, are within walking distance. This classy establishment is the perfect base from which to explore the city.

Hotel Riviera, Poreč

Our first hotel in Croatia provides a wonderful introduction to our journey down the Dalmatian coast. Situated in the historic centre of Poreč and right on the waterfront our 4 star hotel is wonderfully positioned to explore this picturesque town.

Hotel Bellevue, Sibeni

Our spa hotel in Sibeni is modern and spacious and yet situated within easy walking distance of the old town on Sibeni. Situated on the waterfront this refined hotel has always been a popular stop on the tour.

We choose our restaurants because they are exceptional and unique.

The Balkans are a wonderful melting pot of cultures and history which is reflected in the extraordinary richness to be found in their culinary traditions. There are a myriad of different tasty recipes that cover the many different seafood specialities on the coast and the more meat focused inland areas.



Osteria al Mercà, Lido di Venezia

Situated in the old fish market of Lido di Venezia this wonderful restaurant hosts us whenever one of our tours passes through Venice. With a strong reputation for seafood and a wicked vodka sorbetto it is a great place to start our tour.

Above 5 Rooftop, Dubrovnik

We first ate in this restaurant 5 years ago and it became an instant favourite. With panoramic views, an opportunity to reserve the entire rooftop just for our guests, and a cuisine which is among the best in the city, this is a great spot to celebrate the end of the tour.

Konoba Mate, Korcula

Run by our friend Ana and her family this restaurant is found in the interior of the island in the village of Pupnat. With a focus on local produce from their farm this meal is a real tour highlight. From the homemade bread and desserts to the choice of peka dishes it never disappoints.

Restaurant Kastel, Zadar

A sophisticated Dalmatian restaurant experience situated in the remains of a 13th century fortress. Chef Marijo Čepek endeavors to combine the rich heritage of Zadar cuisine while seeking to reinterpret it to make it modern and creative.

Berti's Restaurant, Hvar

Our restaurant is very much off the beaten track in an abandoned village just outside Hvar. Berti and his family have established an eatery that pays homage to the Dalmatian peak dish and is an undoubted culinary highlight of the tour.

The Travels of Marco Polo

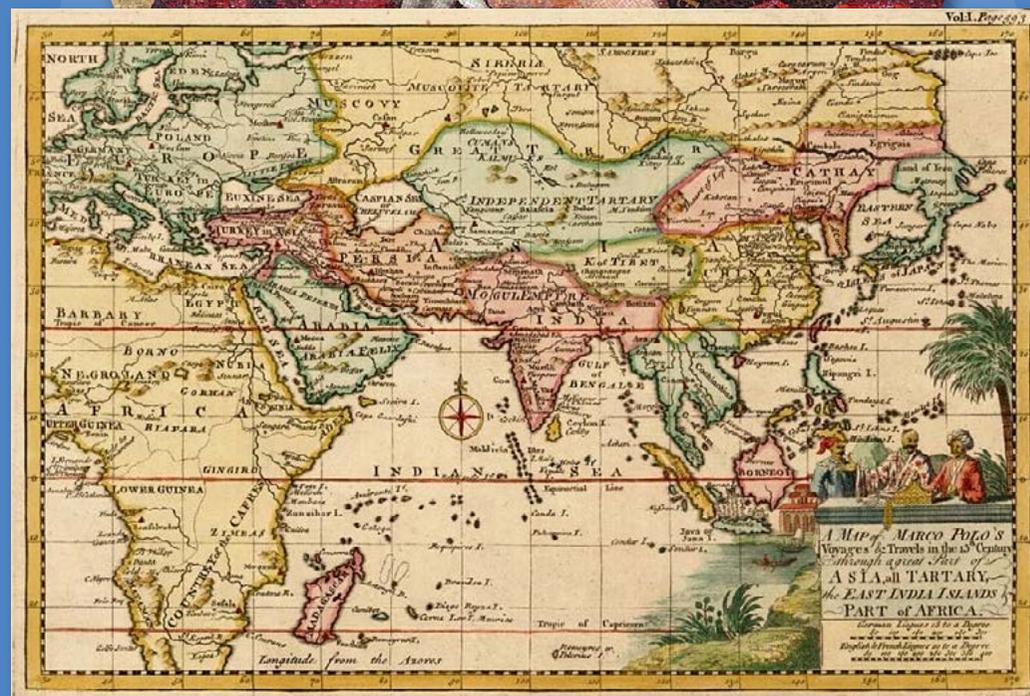
Marco Polo (1254-1324) was a Venetian merchant who journeyed across Asia at the height of the Mongol Empire. He first set out at age 17 with his father and uncle, travelling overland along what later became known as the Silk Road. Upon reaching China, Marco Polo entered the court of powerful Mongol ruler Kublai Khan, who dispatched him on trips to help administer the realm. Marco Polo remained abroad for 24 years.

Beyond the image presented in 'The Travels of Marco Polo' (Rustichello da Pisa/ Marco Polo) the historical character of Marco Polo fits perfectly into the reality of his time. In the 13th century Venice offered a stable commercial empire, rooted in the Mediterranean but always looking further afield and to the Levant.

The mercantile world was fluid and constantly evolving with a merchant class increasingly central to geopolitical events, gradually freeing itself from the mistrust dictated by medieval legacies. At the same time on the other side of the world there was a renewed interest in the development of trade routes, the most famous of which is undoubtedly the Silk Road.

All this was facilitated by the Pax Mongolica, an era of stabilisation in the Eurasian territories paradoxically achieved through conquest. In this great dynamism that crosses the two continents Marco was a key figure in the integration of two seemingly very distant and irreconcilable cultures.

The legend of Marco Polo provides a wonderful blueprint with which to create this cycling tour with a sense of discovery and adventure sitting at the core. There is much conjecture as to the path of his journey or even for that matter if he ever visited the court in Beijing. Within this conjecture though lie the bones of a journey have inspired us like no other.



What our guests have to say...

www.rideandseek.com



The routes and roads travelled are spectacularly planned by the experts at Ride & Seek. However, what makes their tours so memorable are the warm, hospitable guides and genuinely lovely fellow guests their tours attract. Positivity breeds positivity which makes the riding fun!

Deanna C



A truly memorable ride in a gorgeous setting. The Ride and Seek team go out of their way to handle every detail to make the tour a seamless experience. I look forward to future trips!

Julia H



Definitely a trip you will never forget. Ride your bike while you are pampered by first-class guides, beautiful scenery, fine food and great lodging... Plus, an added bonus of understanding the local history. Ride & Seek take care of all the details so you can relax and have fun. If you're looking for an active adventure exploring different parts of the world Ride & Seek is the company for you! They are true professionals in every sense of the word and always have a smile on their face.

Jeff D



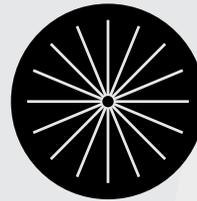
WANT MORE INFORMATION?

[Click here to go to our website](#)



Find out more information, a recommended reading list, testimonials and much more.

Alternatively, [Email us](#)



R I D E & S E E K



Marco Polo Overview