



RIDE EUROPE

ROUTE 1. STAGE 3. DAY 3.

OPATIJA TO ZADAR CROATIA

APPROXIMATELY 160 MILES (260KM)

Leaving Opatija, you'll follow the scenic non-motorway route to Rijeka, where you'll join one of Europe's finest coastal roads – the legendary Adriatic Highway, known locally as Jadranska Magistrala (State Road D8). The road is carved into the rocks of the Velebit Mountain Range, while hugging the Adriatic coastline on the other side – serving up breathtaking vistas and sweeping bends all the way to Zadar. As you ride the Adriatic Highway, you'll pass Crikvenica Riviera with its bustling waterfront and vibrant café culture. While further on sits the historic town of Senj; nestled beneath Mount Vratnik, it features the impressive Nehaj fortress. At the small port of Prizna, you'll have a choice of two routes. There's the Island of Pag route – perfect if you like an island-hopping adventure and would enjoy exploring a striking lunar landscape. Otherwise continue south along the spectacular Adriatic Highway, taking you through Tribanj before turning inland towards Zadar.

Whichever route you choose, the distance is almost identical, so the decision comes down to the experience you're looking for.

You have just enjoyed one of Europe's finest motorcycle routes. So, it seems fitting to the end day in the coastal city of Zadar – a jewel of the Dalmatian coast offering ancient Roman and Venetian heritage that blends beautifully with innovative contemporary design. And it's here that you can settle in to watch one of the Adriatic's famous sunsets.

WHERE TO STAY

There's only one campsite located near the city; most others are within a 30-minute ride.

Falkensteiner Camping Zadar is a five-star beachfront site offering premium camping facilities located five minutes from Zadar Old Town.

falkensteiner camping.com/en/zadar



Zadar has almost 4,000 types of accommodation – ranging from five-star hotels to private rentals and B&Bs

A booking site such as [booking.com](https://www.booking.com) is a good option, allowing you to filter options to fit your criteria.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Adriatic Highway
- Crikvenica
- Senj
- Pag Island – if you take this detour from Prizna
- Zadar – the Roman Forum and Sea Organ installation



ROUTE MAP



Scan the QR code or click here to view the route

FOR THE COASTAL HIGHWAY ROUTE DEPART FROM OPATIJA

	Road	Direction
Pick up and follow		Split/Rijeka
Then, pick up and follow	*403 (non-motorway)	Rijeka
In Rijeka, pick up and follow Known as the Adriatic Highway or Jadranska Magistrala. Marked as state road D8 and part of the toll-free E65	**D8/E65	Kostrena/Crikvenica/Senj/Split
At Islam Latinski, pick up and follow		Poličnik/Murvica/Zadar

*This is a newly opened road, so ensure you follow signs for the non-motorway/local lanes to avoid getting funnelled onto the A7 toll highway bypassing the city.

**As the D8/E65 shares names with sections of the major A1 highway network in European routing maps, always keep the GPS set to "avoid tolls".

Disclaimer: These are suggested routes only and we cannot be held responsible for the condition of the roads, the weight of traffic or any detours. Fuel stations can be few and far between in some rural areas of Croatia. Make sure you start each day with a full tank and top up when you can.

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