



Bike Odyssey

VENETIANS

Exceptional. Cycling. Adventures.

1220 km
708 mi

18,100 m
59,400 ft

14 Days
13 Nights

Venice to Dubrovnik



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THE WORLD'S BEST CYCLING ODYSSEYS

Venice, one of the most romantic cities in the world with its unique architecture, bustling canals and magical feel. The Venetian Empire lasted just over 1100 years: 697 - 1797. The location of Venice spurred creativity, imagination and exploration, and was also home to one of the most famous explorers, Marco Polo.

Marco Polo was not the first European to travel to Asia, but he was the first to chronicle his adventures and share it with the rest of the world. In the spirit of adventure, we will also explore the former Venetian Empire through food, wine, and travel.

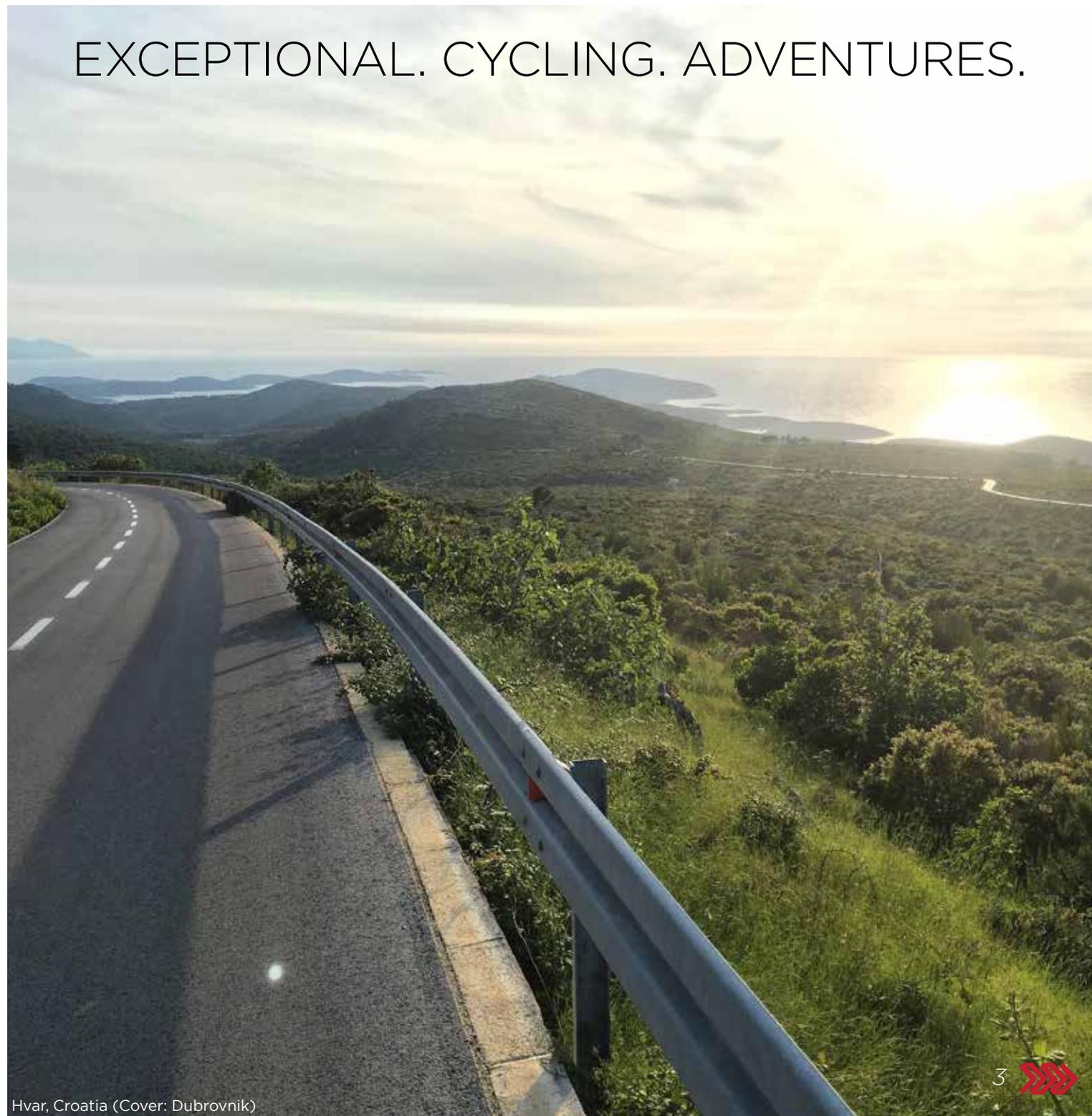
Our journey will have us circumnavigate the Adriatic Sea heading north out of Venice, with its series of islands, marshy lagoons, and intriguing architecture. See for yourself why people claim this to be the most scenic coastline in the world.

We will experience the charm of the Istria Peninsula, the amazing sunsets of the Dalmatian Islands, and the unique cities of Venice, Split, and Dubrovnik. This odyssey encompasses scenic cycling routes, exquisite and local food, wine, cheese, and olive oils, along with amazing UNESCO Cities. Get the real feel from the saddle, and experience why the Venetian Empire lasted for 1100 years.



WHY BIKE ODYSSEY ?

EXCEPTIONAL. CYCLING. ADVENTURES.



Hvar, Croatia (Cover: Dubrovnik)

We don't run typical bike tours, we run epic cycling adventures. Our trips are always across continents and through multiple countries. This challenge and the accomplishment which it brings is central to our tours.

Our journeys are chosen by history. Whether this be riding in the footsteps of a famous (or infamous) figure or tracing the history of a region or period, this context brings genuine atmosphere and purpose to our trips.

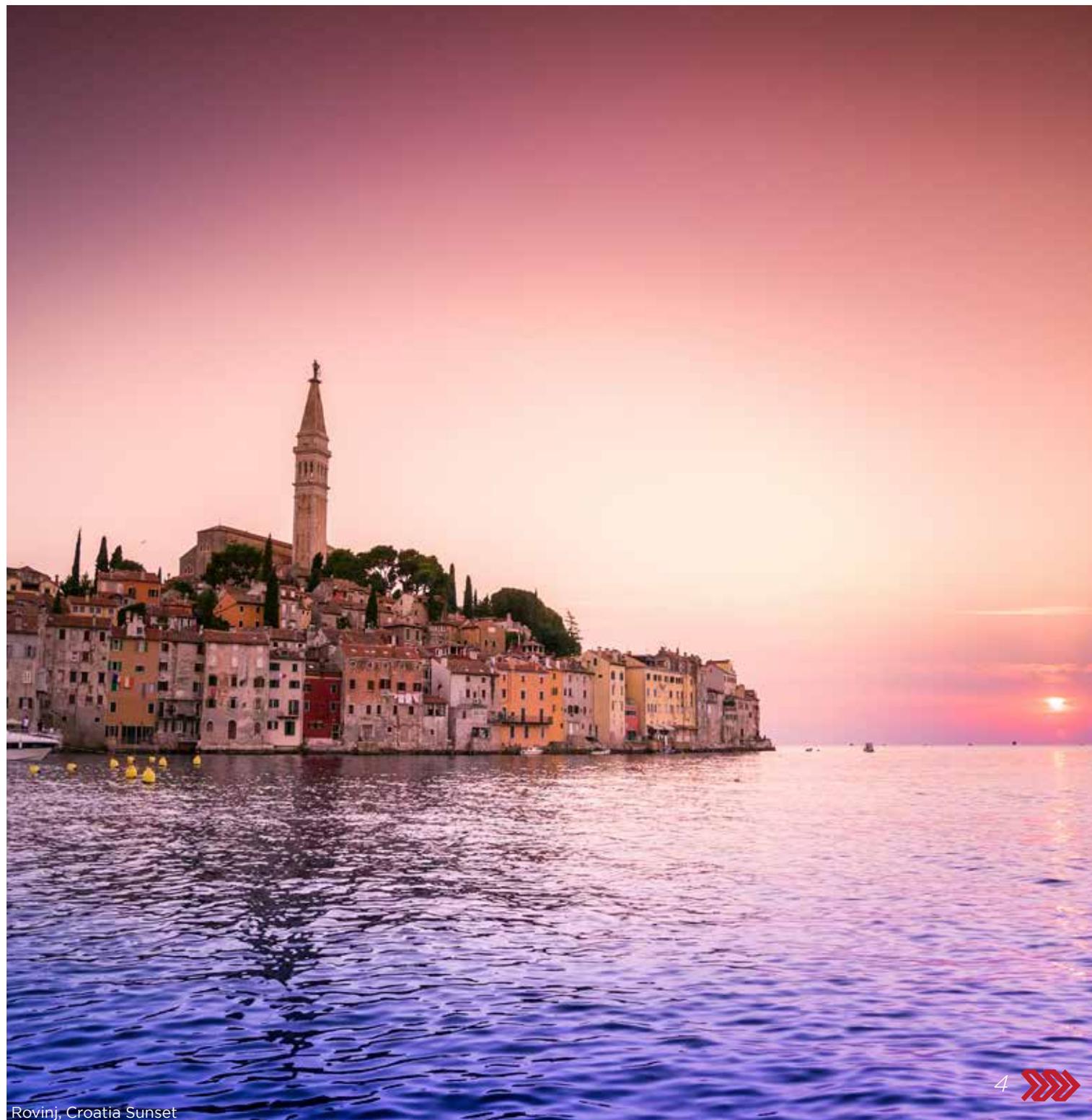
As for the more 'usual' aspects of the trip. We always ride the road less traveled, the places we stay are unique and the food and drink we consume is chosen with care and enthusiasm to be local and exceptional. Along with this we provide a level of expertise, practicality and comfort that no other cycling company matches. From our specialist guides to our team soigneur, let us take you on an exceptional journey you will never forget.



[Click here](#) to read about Bike Odyssey's Sam Wood who started the historical bike tour genre with the BBC documentary 'On Hannibal's Trail' currently showing on National Geographic and Viasat worldwide.

VENICE - SPLIT - DUBROVNIK HIGHLIGHTS

- > Start in Venice, Europe's most famous city of canals.
- > Immerse yourself in the Istria Peninsula with its ancient history and towns with marble stone streets.
- > Roll through the gorgeous Dalmatian Islands of Cres & Losinj.
- > Explore the historical city of Sibenik & St. Michael's white walled Fortress with views of the bay.
- > Ride through the historical town of Trogir (Trau by the Venetians).
- > Enter Split passing the fortress of Klis, a stronghold for over two thousand years.
- > Enjoy and stay in Diocletian's Palace - a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- > Climb the highest peak of the Adriatic coast on the Island of Brac.
- > Explore the ancient theatre in Hvar, along with its storied bay.
- > Cruise through the Adriatic by boat with its exceptional topaz coloured sea.
- > Explore Korcula Island, claimed to be the birthplace of Marco Polo.
- > Try the unique and delicious tastes of Dalmatia from Peka to Olive Oil and Wine.
- > Finish your journey in Ragusa, or now known as Dubronik, and witness for yourself why this is one of the most beautiful cities in the entire world.



Rovinj, Croatia Sunset

THE TEAM

OUR GUIDES ARE EXPERTS IN THEIR FIELD AND WE PICK OUR TEAMS CAREFULLY SO WE HAVE EVERYTHING COVERED - LOCAL KNOWLEDGE, LINGUISTICS, BIKE MECHANICS, HISTORY AND CULTURE AND OF COURSE FOOD AND WINE. WE ALSO TRAVEL WITH A SOIGNEUR WHEN OUR GROUP IS OVER 18 PEOPLE.

Tour Leader Jonathan Hershberger

Jonathan has spent the last 20 years in the tourism industry. Six years ago he began exploring the Croatian coastline and fell in love with the people, their culture, and the country. He loves cycling, connecting with others, and feels that there is no better way to explore the world than by bike, which makes him the perfect host for our Venetian trip.



Soigneur

There is nothing quite like riding a challenging day and arriving in a beautiful hotel knowing you have your own personal Soigneur waiting to massage your weary legs! We believe every cyclist should experience this care and once you do it will be hard to go without!



Sommelier

For all our sake we have one of sommelier guides join us on this tour. It is the perfect trip to taste your way across Europe. Having an expert talk us through the regions adds both entertainment and education to each nights tipple!



ACCOMMODATION

A KEY ELEMENT IN ANY GREAT TRIP IS MEMORABLE, UNIQUE ACCOMMODATION. EVERY NIGHT WE STRIVE TO ENSURE THAT YOU DON'T FORGET (FOR GOOD REASONS!) YOUR NIGHT'S STAY. SO, OUR FAVORITE PLACES TO STAY ARE CASTLES, MONASTERIES, PARADORS AND COUNTRY LODGES AND WE AVOID CHAIN HOTELS.

A tour with stunning views of the Adriatic allows us to hear the sea and experience the best sunsets from our chic and luxurious hotels. Here are some of the places where we will stay...

RELAIS & CHATEAUX, MENEGHETTI, CROATIA

Nestled inland near the town of Bale, this stunning white walled Relais & Chateaux mansion will allow us to relax by the sounds of crickets and the breeze blowing through the olive trees and vineyards.



VESTIBUL PALACE HOTEL, SPLIT, CROATIA.

In the heart of the Roman Emperor Diocletian's own original residence, we will get to experience the grandiose of the palace he built from its epicentre.



LESIC DIMITRI PALACE, KORCULA, CROATIA.

What could be better than exploring the hometown of the great Venetian Explorer Marco Polo, then staying near to his home? The LD Palace is a true example of luxury apartments themed after Marco Polo travels.



FOOD AND WINE

GREAT FOOD AND WINE IS ESSENTIAL TO ANY SPECIAL TRAVELLING EXPERIENCE. SO EVERY MEAL ON TOUR IS CHOSEN CAREFULLY, WHETHER IT BE A 5 COURSE DEGUSTATION OR AT A LOCAL TRATTORIA. WE ALSO HAVE SOMMELIERS ON OUR GUIDE TEAM SO AS YOU RIDE THROUGH THE VINEYARDS OR SIT DOWN FOR AN APERITIF YOU'LL HAVE THEIR EXPERTISE AT HAND.

Following in the footsteps of the Venetian Empire, the food will leave you salivating for more! Starting off with amazing coffee and gelato in Italy, we will then begin to explore the heart of Dalmatia with its amazing and award winning cheese, wine, and olive oil. You will enjoy the fresh fish and unique dishes of the Adriatic Sea, along with ancient traditional dishes.

RANC MAHA, ZRNOVO, CROATIA

In the heart of Korcula island, we will experience a true Dalmatian delicatessen, Peka. The Dalmatian hospitality and food at this family run konoba will leave you wanting to return again and again.



PARADOX WINE BAR, SPLIT, CROATIA

Nestled on a small side street in Split, this small wine bar will allow you to experience wines from all over Croatia, along with the various cheeses and honey that have placed this country on the foodie map.



LUKA'S ICE CREAM & CAKES, SPLIT, CROATIA.

Always in search of the best Gelato & Ice Cream, we have found one that leaves the rest behind. Unique flavours, fresh ingredients, and perfect on a warm summer's night, find out why Luka's has become the most popular ice spot in Croatia.

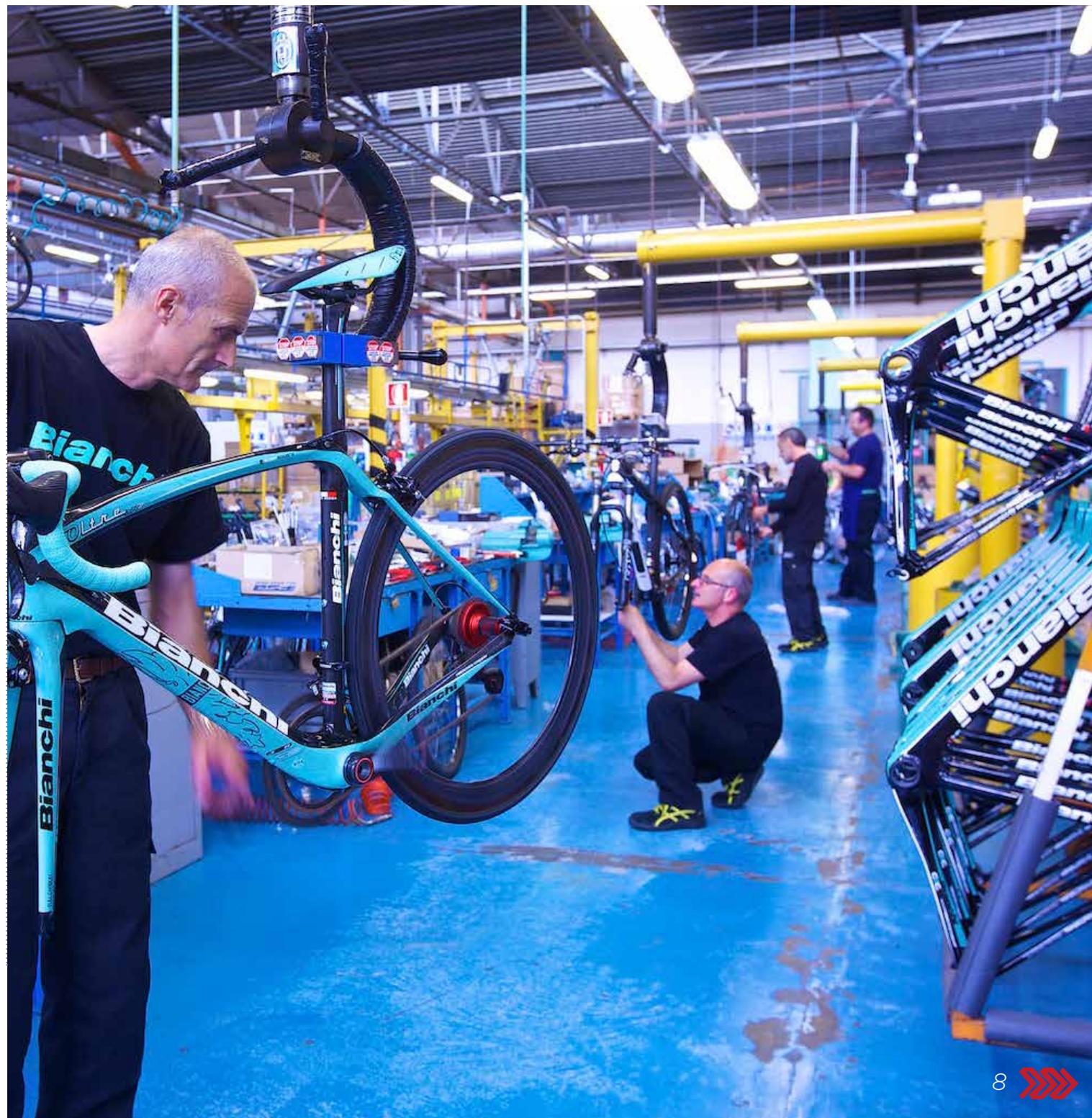


THE STEEDS

WE HAVE TAKEN A DIFFERENT TACK (AGAIN!) WITH OUR BIKES FROM MOST TOURING COMPANIES.

We run exceptional tours. However what we have learnt is that there are a plethora of companies across Europe who hire exceptional bikes. So we stick to our tour expertise and rather than own a tired fleet of bikes we engage with the best of these companies to provide you the best options possible and not just one choice. Therefore if you choose to hire a bike from us this ensures you have a choice of the latest models on of the best brands in the business.

On our European tours we have chosen Bianchi. We made this decision as we have exclusive access to their latest models straight off the factory floor! So before each odyssey we drop into Trevaglio where these historic and beautiful machines are built and pick up our fleet! It is a perfect relationship which gives us access to the best and most modern bikes year in year out.



HISTORY

GONDOLAS GLIDING THROUGH TRANQUIL CANALS, THE MELODIES OF GONDOLIERS FILLING THE AIR, ALL WITH THE BACKDROP OF BAROQUE ARCHITECTURE SLOWLY PASSING. THIS IS VENICE. CONSIDERED ONE OF THE MOST ROMANTIC CITIES IN THE WORLD. VENICE HAS BEEN WOVEN INTO THE HISTORIES AND IMAGINATIONS OF GENERATIONS.

The Venetian Empire began with the formation of Venice on the 25th of March, 421 A.D. and flourished for the next 1100 years. The strategic position of Venice not only provided the city with an ideal location for trade through the Mediterranean, but it also protected the city from invasions by land and sea. As the Venetian Empire flourished, its territory grew and expanded. The Lion of San Marco could be seen through most of the Adriatic and even into the Aegean Sea as far east as Athens, Crete, and even Cyprus.

The Venetian Empire gave us notable characters and household names such as Marco Polo, Casanova and Titian. The sun began to set on the Venetian Empire when the new world was discovered and the trade routes began to shift. This allowed for the opportunistic and strategic mastermind, Napoleon, to close the door on one of the world's longest running empires.





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