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Croatia - Walking Adventure Through Green Istria Hiking Tour (2024)
Individual Self-Guided
8 days / 7 nights



Imagine walking through green countryside full of vineyards, olive trees, rivers and forests, full of beautiful villages and medieval towns situated on hills. Indeed it sounds like a dream. This dream can come true! Join us on a walking adventure through green Istria. Learn about the natural beauty that will open before you every step of the way, and with every new winding of the road. Learn about the culture and heritage of Istria and visit picturesque towns on the hills with unforgettable views which will leave you breathless. Visit Hum, the smallest town in the world and experience the spirit of the past in Motovun and Grožnjan, the town of artists. To get to know the best of Istria, walk through Učka Nature Park which contains a wealth of life and, finally, round off this green adventure with the delicious flavors of indigenous Istrian delicacies and wines.

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Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Istria

Info meeting with tour representative at 7 pm at the hotel reception area where we will provide you with the package including hotel vouchers, maps and a road book, luggage tags. Overnight in Buje area



Day 2: Hiking Brtonigla to Buje 15 km + 323 m – 313 m

Short transfer to Brtonigla. The numerous acres of vineyards and olive groves are surrounded by pathways that lead towards meadows and woods, deep into the center of vibrating nature that lives intact, far away from the modern civilization. It is also a place where you can find superior wines and olive oils - many family cellars and tasting premises invite the travelers to discover the authentic power of the local lifestyle. After three hours walking through vineyards we reach Buje, a small town hilltop town. From the top of the hill you can enjoy the pretty view of terraced fields and arable land, vineyards and olive groves. Enjoy sightseeing in this town full of history and culture. The route finishes in front of your hotel where you will get to by the former old railway. Overnight in Buje area.

Day 3: Grožnjan - Motovun 26 km + 455 m – 478 m Alternative shorter walk 20 km

After breakfast you are ready to start exploring Istrian villages and hidden paths. After a ten minute transfer the walking stage starts on the former railway Parenzana. Parenzana was a narrow gauge Austrian railway connecting Trieste with Poreč through a series of Istrian small towns, 123 kilometers long. The railway was in function from 1902 until 1935, and today, the track has been rearranged for cycling and hiking paths winding through Istrian hills. Grožnjan will be your start point. After you see its galleries and viewpoints you can pass through magnificent rolling landscapes and lively Istrian vineyards. After passing through several tunnels and over old bridges you can stop on many fascinating view points before reaching the village of Livade, the truffle center of the world where you can taste and buy some products with truffles. In front of Livade on a hill is the town of Motovun where is your hotel. Overnight in Motovun.

Day 4: Hike Around Motovun 17 km + 429 m – 429 m

On today's hike you will start from your hotel descending from the hilltop to the walking trail which guides you through vineyards to the small village of Brkač where you can have Istrian lunch in local tavern. On Parenzana trail you are heading back to Motovun. On the way back you can stop in small winery where you can taste local wines. Overnight in Motovun.





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Day 5: Oprtalj - Buzet 19 km + 622 m – 866 m

After breakfast short transfer to Oprtalj, a picturesque little town deeply in Istrian peninsula from where the Istrian Mountain Trail starts. The route goes downhill into the forest and passing Sv. Ivan (St. John) village. The next village is St. Lucija with a very beautiful church. Through a few more villages you will get to control point where you will also see one of the best views on river Mirna valley. The trail is passing by the Pietrapelosa castle and leads down in the valley. After passing an aqueduct the trail goes on the hill towards the village of Mali Mlun and a few more villages opens a beautiful view on the town of Buzet. Through a forest and fields the trail will get you to Buzet. Overnight in Buzet.



Day 6: Buzet - Hum - Buzet 25 km + 534 m – 534 m Alternative shorter walk 13 km

The path from Buzet to Hum can be a circular trail or one way if you start from Hum. The trail starts by the river and turns into the forest, passing over a shallow river or riverbed if it is dry. It is passing by some waterfalls with lakes. Nice, and not too steep, the trail leads you all the way to Korita, the water springs with natural pools and an old watermill. The trail continues following the riverbed and it is passing through Benčići, an abandoned village where you can see traditional Istrian stone houses. From there you'll see Hum and its recognizable church tower in the distance. When you get to Hum, take a walk and you will understand why it

is the smallest town in the world. In Hum you can eat in the local "konoba", a word from the local dialect that means restaurant. The "konoba" in Hum offers you nothing but traditional Istrian dishes. The "way of mistletoe" will lead you all the way back to Buzet. It takes about three hours of hiking in one way. Overnight in Buzet.

Day 7: Mount Učka – Lovran 12 km + 452 m – 1400 m Alternative shorter walk 6 km + 90 m – 390 m

Transfer to Poklon, a saddle between two hills from where trail starts. It goes on the top of Učka Mountain which is biggest mountain in Istria with altitude of 1401 m. From the top it goes all the way down on sea level in Lovran. The path is covered by oak and chestnut forests that give pleasant freshness in hot summers. The very summit of Učka (Vojak) is worth climbing on for stunning panorama. The panorama of Kvarner bay includes sea and coastal towns, as well as the mountains in background: Obruc, Snjeznik and Risnjak. The western side the whole Istria peninsula lies in front of you. Sometimes, if visibility is good, there is a view towards to Venice and on Alps on the north side. Overnight in 4* hotel in Lovran.

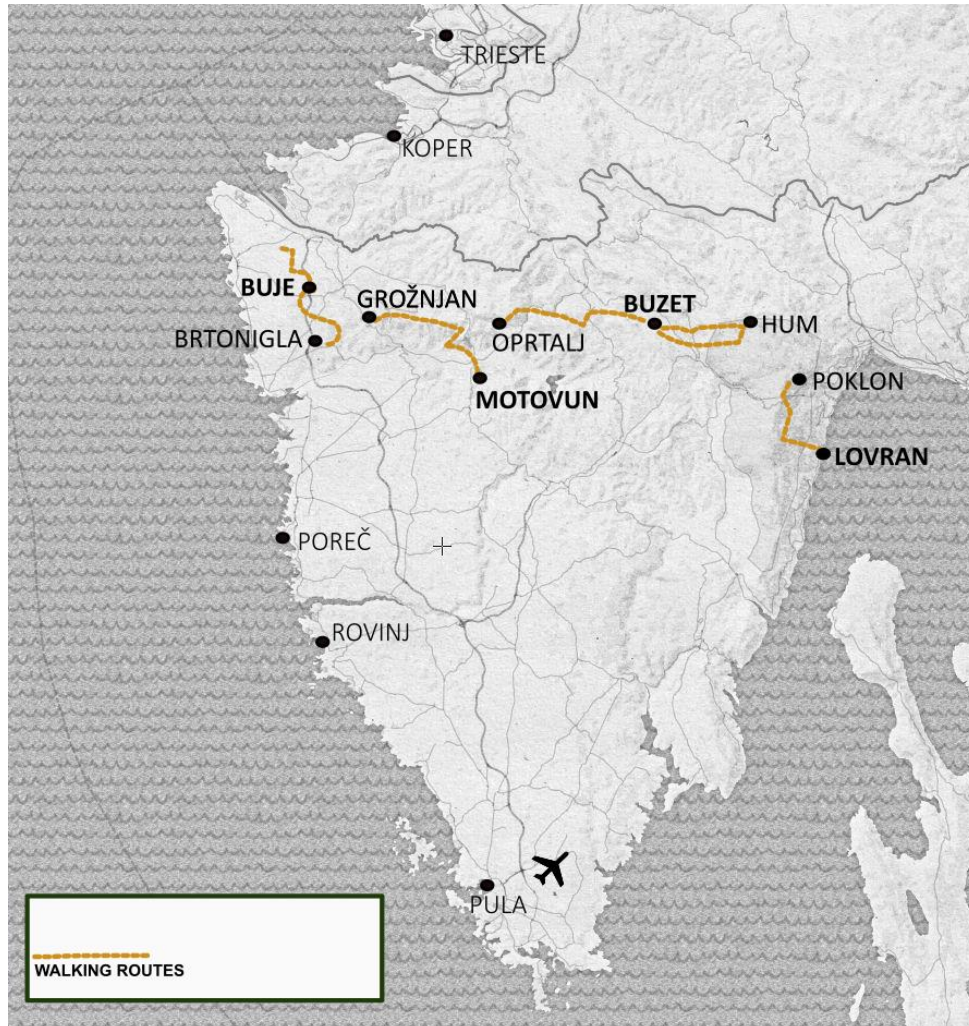
Day 8: Departure or Possibility for Extended Stay

After breakfast departure



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Route



Technical Characteristics:

Route Profile: Average. The terrain varies from paved and cobblestone streets (during village exploration) to single-track trails with loose stones or gravel, rocky paths, ancient ruins, and sets of ancient stone steps. The trails are often exposed to the sun.

Total Distance: 91 - 115 km

Travel Season: Daily departures from March 15 to November 15



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Prices per person in Euros- all prices subject to confirmation on booking

| | March 15 – April 19 | Apr 20 –June 19 Sept 20 – Nov 15 | June 20-Sept 19 |
|---|---------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Double Occupancy Classic Hotels | €910 | €990 | €1060 |
| Supplement Single Room Classic Hotels | €340 | €370 | €390 |
| Supplement Solo Traveler Classic Hotels | €480 | €510 | €530 |
| Double Occupancy Premium Hotels | €1160 | €1290 | €1490 |
| Supplement Single Room Premium Hotels | €610 | €690 | €820 |
| Supplement Solo Traveler Premium Hotels | €750 | €830 | €960 |

Accommodation:

Classic Hotels: Selection of 3* and 4* hotels

Premium Hotels: Selection of 4* hotels

Included:

- Info meeting with tour representative
- 2 x overnight in in Buje area/Brtonigla
- 2x overnight in Motovun
- 2 x overnight in Buzet
- 1 x overnight in Lovran
- 7 x breakfast
- Information package including detailed route description (map and road book), luggage tags and vouchers
- Luggage transport from hotel to hotel
- Local transfers to start point during walking
- 24/7 emergency number
- Use of app for offline navigation and information about points of interest

Not Included:

- Travel insurance
- Arrival and departure from Istria
- Transfer to and from airport to hotel
- Lunches, dinners and drinks

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