

Walking Adventure Through Green Istria

A-7 or 8 day walking tour

Code tour: CRO01W



Imagine walking through green countryside full of vineyards, olive trees, rivers and forests, full of authentic Croatians villages and medieval towns. Indeed, it is like walking in a dream, which came true! Enjoy this walking adventure through green Istria. Discover its natural beauty opening before you step by step along every winding of the road. During this tour, you will learn about the culture and heritage of Istria and visit small picturesque towns, built on the hilltops. It is a tour with beautiful sceneries, which offer 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. You will see the best of Istria, walking through Učka Natural Park, which contains a great diversity of flora and fauna. Finally yet importantly, you will taste the delicious flavours of the local Istrian delicacies and wines.

Highlights of this tour:

- The hilltop towns Grožnjan, Motovun and Buzet
- Visiting Hum, the smallest town in the world,
- Hiking in Učka Nature Park
- Exploring the rich cultural heritage and local culinary delicacies
- Parenzana, railway of an of a great historical significance for Istria

Period: Daily from March until November

Participants: minimum 1 person

Level 2,5: a walking tour with choices between longer walks (lev. 3) and shorter walks lev. 2,5 with significant differences in level. For walkers with experience and good physical condition.



Program in short 7 day tour:

- Day 1: Individual arrival in Buje area
- Day 2: Brtonigla - Buje (15 km / 10 mi)
- Day 3: Groznjan -Motovun (26 km / 16 mi or 20 km /12 mi)
- Day 4: Oprtalj-Buzet (19 km-11 mi or 8 km/5 mi)
- Day 5: Buzet -Hum -Buzet (26 km/ 16 mi or 14 km / 8 mi)
- Day 6: Mount Učka - Lovran (12 km/7 mi)
- Day 7: Departure after breakfast

Program in short 8 day tour:

- Day 1: Individual arrival in Buje area
- Day 2: Brtonigla - Buje (15 km / 10 mi)
- Day 3: Groznjan -Motovun (26 km / 16 mi or 20 km /12 mi)
- Day 4: Loop walk in the surrounding of Motovun (17 km / 10 mi)

Day 5: Oprtalj-Buzet (19 km-11 mi or 8 km/5 mi)
Day 6: Buzet -Hum -Buzet (26 km/ 16 mi or 14 km / 8 mi)
Day 7: Mount Učka - Lovran (12 km/7 mi)
Day 8: Departure after breakfast



Program day by day 7 days:

Day 1 Arrival in Istria

Individual arrival in Istria. Briefing with our local representative at 7pm at the hotel reception. In this occasion will be handed over the tour package including hotel vouchers, maps and a road book, luggage tags.

Overnight stay in the Buje Area

Accommodation: *** stars Guesthouse or **** Hotels/***** wine residence

Transfer: to first hotel is not included

Day 2 Brtonigla to Buje

You have a short transfer to Brtonigla. Pathways that lead towards the meadows and woods cross the numerous acres of vineyards and olive groves. You walk surrounded by a vibrating nature, still intact and far away from the modern civilization. It is the area of the famous Istrian superior wines and extra-virgin olive oils. There are many family wine farmers and you will discover the authentic power of the local lifestyle and can make maybe a stop to taste these excellent wines. After 3 hours walking through vineyards, you reach Buje, a small town hilltop town. From the village you can enjoy the pretty view of terraced fields and arable land, vineyards and olive groves. Enjoy visiting this town full of history and culture. Walking along the ex-old railway, the route finishes in front of your hotel. Overnight in Buje area.

Overnight with breakfast in Buje area

Accommodation: *** stars Guesthouse or **** Hotels/***** wine residence

Transfer: 10 minutes transfer included

Walking distance: 15 km / 9,3 miles

Ascent/Descent: + 323m - 313m.

Walking Time: 4/5 hours.



Day 3 Grožnjan -Motovun

After breakfast, you start with exploring Istrian villages and hidden paths of this magnificent area. After a short transfer of 10 minutes your walk starts along the ex railway Parenzana. Parenzana was an Austrian railway line of 123 km long, connecting Trieste with Poreč and passing small towns. The railway was in function from 1902 until 1935, and today, the track has been taken in use again as a cycling and walking path through the Istrian hills. Grožnjan will be your starting point. You pass through galleries, old bridges and will have nice viewpoints along your walk. You reach the village of Livade, a famous truffle centre. Here you can taste and buy some products with truffles. On the other side of Livade, built on a hill is the town of Motovun, where you will have your overnight stay.

Overnight with breakfast in Motovun.

Accommodation: *** stars B&B or 3 stars Hotel / **** Hotel

Transfer: 10 minutes transfer + luggage transfer included

Longer route:

Walking distance: 24 km / 15 miles

Ascent & Descent: + 455m – 478m.

Walking time: 5-6 hours.

Shorter route:

Walking distance: 20 km / 12,5 mi

Walking time: 5-6 hours.



Day 4 Oprtalj-Buzet

After breakfast, you will have a short transfer to Oprtalj, a picturesque little town, in the hearth of the Istrian peninsula. From here starts the Istrian Mountain Trail, a route that goes downhill into the forest and passing Sv.Ivan (st.John) village. The next village is St. Lucija with also a very beautiful church. Then you come to a point where one of the best views on river Mirna valley is. The trail passes the Pietrapelosa castle and then leads down into the valley. After passing an aqueduct, the trail goes uphill towards the village of Mali Mlun and after some more villages; it opens a beautiful view on the town of Buzet. Through a forest and fields, the trail will get you to Buzet.

Overnight with breakfast in Buzet.

Accommodation: *** stars hotel / **** stars hotel

Transfer: 15 min transfer + luggage transfer included

Longer route:

Walking distance: 19 km / 12 miles

Ascent & Descent: + 622m - 866m

Walking time: 5/6 hours.



Shorter route:

Walking distance: 8 km / 5 miles

Walking time: 2/3 hours.



Day 5 Buzet -Hum -Buzet

Today there is a ring walk to Hum or you can choose for a shorter route. The trail starts at the river and you follow it into the forest. You pass some waterfalls and small lakes. The route is not too steep and will lead you to Korita, where water sources make natural pools and here we find also an old watermill. The trail continues following the riverbed and passes through Benčići, an abandoned village where you still can see traditional Istrian stone houses. Then you will have the first view of Hum and its typical church tower. When you get to Hum, take a walk and you'll understand why it's called 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 good traditional Istrian dishes. The «way of mistletoe» will lead you back to Buzet. It takes about 3 hours of hiking in one way.

Overnight with breakfast in Buzet.

Accommodation: *** stars hotel / **** stars hotel

Transfer: not included

Longer route:

Walking distance: 26 km / 16 miles;

Ascent & Descent: + 534m - 534m.

Walking time: 7-8 hours.



Shorter route:

Walking distance: 14 km / 8 miles;

Walking time: 3/4 hours.



Day 6 Mount Učka to Lovran

Transfer to Poklon, where your walk of today will start. It goes uphill to the top of Učka Mountain, which is highest mountain in Istria with altitude of 1401 m. From the top it goes all the way down till you reach sea level in Lovran. The path crosses oak and chestnut woods that give a pleasant freshness in hot summers. The climbing to the summit of Učka (Vojak) will be rewarded with a stunning panorama over Kvarner bay, sea and coastal towns, as well as the surrounding mountains: Obruc, Snjeznik and Risnjak... the Western side the whole Istria peninsula lies in front of you. Sometimes, if the visibility is good, you can view till Venice and the Alps in the north.

Overnight with breakfast in Lovran.

Accommodation: **** stars hotels

Included Transfer: 30 min transfer from Buzet to Poklon (Start point) + luggage transfer

Longer route:

Walking distance: 12 km / 7,5 miles

Ascent & Descent: + 452m - 1400m

Walking time: 5 hours.



Shorter route:

Walking distance: 6 km / 3,7 miles

Ascent & Descent: + 90m - 390m

Walking time: 2 hours.



Day 7 Departure after breakfast or possibility to extend your stay

The 8-day tour has an extra night in Motovun. You make a loop walk through the vineyards of this wine area. You pass the village of Brkač, where you could make a break to enjoy a delicious Istrian lunch. The Parenzana trail will bring you back to Motovun. During the hike there are opportunities to taste wines in a local winery.

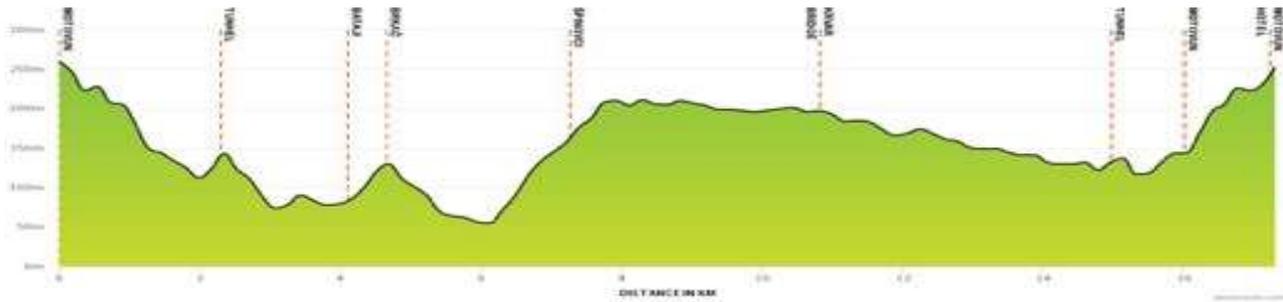
Overnight with breakfast in Motovun.

Accommodation: *** stars B&B or 3 stars Hotel / **** Hotel

Walking distance: 17 km / 10 miles

Ascent & Descent: + 429m - 429m.

Walking time: 3-4 hours.



Prices per person 2022 for the 7 day tour:

Standard Hotels

15/03 - 19/04

In double room € 650

In single room € 830

Solo traveller € 950

20/04 - 19/06 & 20/09 - 15/11

In double room € 710

In single room € 890

Solo traveller € 1.010

20/06 - 19/09

In double room € 750

In single room € 930

Solo traveller € 1.050

Half board supplement € 210

Superior Hotels:

15/03 - 19/04

In double room € 890

In single room € 1240

Solo traveller € 1360

20/04 - 19/06 & 20/09 - 15/11

In double room € 980

In single room € 1330

Solo traveller € 1450

20/06 - 19/09

In double room € 1.040

In single room € 1.390

Solo traveller € 1.510

Prices per person 2022 for the 8 day tour:

Standard Hotels

15/03 - 19/04

In double room € 730
In single room € 930
Solo traveller € 1.050

20/04 - 19/06 & 20/09 - 15/11
In double room € 780
In single room € 980
Solo traveller € 1.100

20/06 - 19/09
In double room € 830
In single room € 1.030
Solo traveller € 1.150

Half board supplement € 240

Superior Hotels:

15/03 - 19/04
In double room € 980
In single room € 1360
Solo traveller € 1480

20/04 - 19/06 & 20/09 - 15/11
In double room € 1.150
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Solo traveller € 1.700

20/06 - 19/09
In double room € 1.250
In single room € 1.510
Solo traveller € 1.830

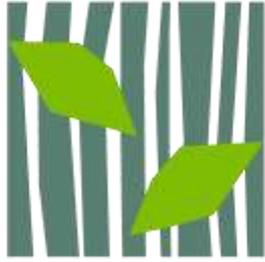
Included in the tour:

- Info meeting with local representative
- Overnight stays in in guesthouse or hotel 3* or 4*
- Breakfast
- Information package including detailed route description (map and road book), luggage tags and vouchers
- App for offline navigation
- Luggage transport from hotel to hotel
- Local transfers as described in the program to start point during walking
- 24/7 emergency number

Not included:

- Travel insurance medical/ luggage or cancellation that we highly recommend

- Arrival and departure from Istria
- Transfer from airport to hotel and return
- Lunches, dinners and drinks
- GPS Garmin (Etrex 35) rental for 5-6 days EUR 50,-
- Hiking poles -EUR 10,- for 1 week



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