

Hiking Croatia's Coast & Canyons 8 days / 7 nights



OVERVIEW

Northern Croatia with its Adriatic Coast, offers one of the most undiscovered and scenically dramatic walking landscapes in Europe. The country's Northern coastline, with its relaxed Mediterranean ambience, offers an area rich in stunningly beautiful medieval towns, and villages, fantastic food, lush national parks, cascading waterfalls and sunshine! This spectacular walking holiday explores the very best of the Northern Adriatic Coast and its areas of outstanding natural beauty, including the national parks of Plitvice and Krka with their superb lakes, spectacular waterfalls and rich fauna. We start in the colorful capital Zagreb, with its busy market square, old quarter and stunning cathedral before exploring UNESCO Plitvice National Park with its cascading waterfalls and wooden walkways. As we head to the coast, we'll walk in the spectacular and undiscovered Velebit Mountains before heading to Paklenica National Park, a wild landscape of deep canyons and rugged mountains overlooking the islands of Pag, Rab and Kornati National Park, the second largest archipelago in the Mediterranean. After the splendour of the mountains we arrive on the stunning Adriatic Coast, with time to soak up the beauty of Krupa Canyon, before enjoying the laid-back atmosphere and beautiful architecture in Zadar and UNESCO Split, two of the Mediterranean's most welcoming towns with their busy harbours, laid-back pavement cafes, elegant promenades and excellent local restaurants. This Croatian walking holiday offers a chance to experience a totally different side to one of Europe's most spectacular destinations!

Trip style:	Guided walking/hiking tour	Duration:	8 days / 7 nights
Start / finish:	Zagreb / Split	Departures:	September 05-12, 2020
Total distance:	57km / 35 miles		October 03-10, 2020
Group size:	6 – 16 persons		May 15-22, 2021
Transportation:	9-seater vans or 20-seater minibus		September 04-11, 2021
			October 02-09, 2021

Grade: Distances on this holiday are bit longer with ascents and descents which require good level of fitness. This trips is perfect for those who are active and can enjoy in longer walks. Daily distances are 14 km to 21 km.

ITINERARY:

DAY 1 ARRIVAL ZAGREB

Arrival in Zagreb airport and group transfer to our hotel in Zagreb. After brief orientation meeting with our guide and start our adventure with walking tour of Zagreb old town followed by a dinner together.

As the political, economic and cultural capital of Croatia with 770,000 inhabitants, the city throbs with energy but has retained a good deal of old-world graciousness. Austro-Hungarian buildings in the centre house elegant restaurants and fashionable boutiques. The Lotrščak Tower was built in the middle of the 13th century in order to protect the southern city gate. For the last hundred years a cannon has been fired every day at noon commemorating an event from Zagreb's history. The tower may be climbed for a sweeping 360-degree view of the city. Near the tower is a funicular railway, which was constructed in 1888, and connects the Lower and Upper Towns. Maksimir Park is a peaceful wooded enclave covering 18 hectares opened to the public in 1794. It is the oldest public cultivated park in Europe with alleys, lawns and artificial lakes. We visit the Zagreb Cathedral, whose twin spires soar over the city. The sacristy still contains a cycle of frescoes that date from the second half of the 13th century. The side altar features a triptych by Albrecht Dürer. Our walk through the old town takes us to colourful St. Mark's Church, with its unique tiled roof constructed in 1880. The tiles on the left side depict the medieval coat of arms of Croatia, Dalmatia and Slavonia, while the emblem of Zagreb is on the right side. Welcome dinner in local restaurant. Overnight at the hotel in Zagreb.

ACCOMMODATION – Hotel Jadran 3* in Zagreb or similar in double/twin rooms with en-suite facilities

MEALS: welcome dinner in local restaurant

WALKING / HIKING: orientational walk in Zagreb

TRANSFER: single time group transfer from Zagreb airport to hotel in Zagreb, approx 30 minutes drive

DAY 2 PLITVICE LAKES

This morning we drive through the highlands of Croatia to one of the most magnificent natural sites in Europe, the Plitvice Lakes. Here sixteen lakes cascade from one to another in a series of waterfalls. Surrounded by dense woods, the region is a UNESCO World Natural Heritage Site. We wander the paths and wooden boardwalks which follow the succession of lakes and waterfalls where streams burst out of the rocks. Overnight at the hotel in Plitvice area.

ACCOMMODATION – B&B Villa Angy in Plitvice lakes or similar in double/twin rooms with en suite facilities

MEALS: breakfast, packed lunch

WALKING / HIKING: around 4-5 hours hiking in NP Plitvice, 11km, ascent 250, descent -250m

TRANSFER: from Zagreb to Plitvice lakes aprox 2 hours drive

DAY 3 THE NORTHERN VELEBIT NATIONAL PARK

Travel by vehicle from Plitvice to the Zavizan mountain refuge high in the Velebit Mountains. Near the refuge is a small botanical garden (botanički vrt) where you can observe a number of indigenous and endemic plant species before setting off on a hike along the scenic and superbly engineered Premužić Trail (Premužićeva staza). You'll be hiking through the core of Croatia's North Velebit National Park (Nacionalni park Sjeverni Velebit) on your way to the Alan mountain refuge where today's hike ends. The trail winds through the limestone high country of the Velebit Mountains full of domed peaks, craggy pinnacles, and sinkholes—all characteristic features of karstic landscapes. Drive to Licko Lesce for an overnight.

ACCOMMODATION – Hotel Gacka 3* in Ličko Lešće or similar in double/twin rooms with en-suite facilities

MEALS: breakfast, packed lunch

WALKING / HIKING: 6 hours, 15km, ascent 430m, descent -580m

TRANSFER: from Plitvice lakes ot Zavižan aprox 2,5 hours drive and from Velebit to Licko Lesce aprox 1 hour drive

DAY 4 VELIKO RUJNO TO RAMIĆI

After breakfast 1,5 hour drive to Starigrad-Paklenica. Our luggage will be stored in the hotel since we take a 1hour transfer to the high grassy plateau of Veliki Rujno. At a height of 900m, lies the small church of Our Lady of Rujno built in the past for local inhabitants who lived from cattle breeding, and spent most of the year in mountain hamlets taking their cattle out to graze. Over time, the church became too small and in 1930, due to the dedication of a local priest and enthusiastic mountaineer Don Ante Adžija, a new church was built using masonry from the old church. An annual procession held in August, sees hundreds of pilgrims make their way up the mountain to the chapel for mass. From here we start a hike to the Ramići where we overnight in a simple rural house in the hamlet of Ramici. Despite the lack of facilities and dormitory rooms, we are guaranteed a warm welcome and delicious home cooked dinner.



REMARK: clients will store their luggage at the hotel or in the vehicle and will carry just a backpack with toiletries and some spare clothes. Bed linen will be provided at the mountain hut.

Accommodation: overnight in rural house in Ramici village in dormitory room with common shower/WC

Meals: breakfast, picnic lunch, dinner

Walking/hiking: 3-4 hours, 5,7km, ascent 258m, descent -585m

Transfer: 2 hour transfer from Licko Lesce to Starigrad, 50 minutes transfer on mountain road

DAY 5 VELIKA PAKLENICA TO STARIGRAD

Inhabited since prehistoric times, the dramatic landscape of the Paklenica National Park gained national park status in 1949, due to its unique natural features and magnificent forests. A dramatic mountain range that appears to fall directly into the sea will be our host along its high trails for the next two days. We'll enjoy spectacular views across to the lunar landscape of the islands of Rab, Pag and the Kornati National Park. We start our walk through the canyon of Velika Paklenica, surrounded by huge walls and the remains of old water mills. These ancient buildings, built in the 19th century and still in use up until the 1960s, are well preserved cultural monuments and maintained by the national park authorities. We return to the coastal town of Starigrad-Paklenica. The rest of the afternoon is free to enjoy a walk along the sea or just relax with a drink in one of the many pavement cafes or local bars.

Accommodation: Hotel Vicko 3*, Starigrad-Paklenica or similar

Meals: breakfast, picnic lunch

Walking/hiking: 4-5 hours, 8,5km, ascent 235m, descent -703m

Transfer: local transfer to the hotel

DAY 6 KRUPA CANYON

One of Croatia's prettiest rivers is probably exactly tiny Krupa. Located just under the steep slopes of Velebit, this beautiful river stretches from the lovely spring all the way through a deep canyon where it meets Zrmanja – another beautiful karst river. Arriving to Golubic village we visit a local sheep and goat farm. After tasting local cheese and drinks we take a short walk down the hill to Kudin most – or The Bridge of Kuda – is one of the nicest places in the hinterland of Zadar. Actually, the place is called Deveterci for the 9 small cascades that make the place so magical. Kudin bridge has been built at the turn of the 18th to 19th century. Legend says that a young guy called Kuda wanted to be closer to his loved one at the other bank of the river. So he built the bridge from 12 arches out of travertine blocks, and just as many pillars. The last two arches are now damaged but Kudin bridge still stands despite time and high waters in the winter.

Drive to Zadar, the ancient capital of Dalmatia. The marble, traffic-free streets follow the old Roman street plan and still contain some Roman ruins and several medieval churches. Massive 16th-century fortifications still shield the city on the landward side, with high walls running along the harbour. Zadar was part of Italy until 1947, and, though fast diminishing, one still finds Italian influence. We also see the Roman Forum which was constructed between the 1st Century BC and the 3rd Century AD, and the circular 9th Century Church of St Donat, one of the most outstanding monuments in Dalmatia. The sarcophagus of St Simeon is a masterpiece of medieval goldsmith work. Commissioned in 1377, the coffin is made of cedar and covered inside and out with finely executed gold-plated silver reliefs. Dinner on your own, guide will help with suggestion. Dinner on your own. Overnight at the hotel in Zadar.

Accommodation: Hotel Mediteran 3*, Zadar or similar

Meals: breakfast, picnic lunch

Walking/hiking: 2-3 hours, 4km, ascent 200m, descent -200m

Transfer: From Starigrad-Paklenica to Krupa approx 45minutes, from Krupa to Zadar approx 60 minutes drive

DAY 7 NP KRKA & SPLIT

Breakfast, we drive from Zadar to national park Krka, the most beautiful karstic river in Croatia that occupies the area between Knin and Skradin with deep canyons carved in limestone plateaus. First we hike among many waterfalls, up to Skradinski Buk, then we take a boat to waterfall Roski Slap. Visovac Lake and the Franciscan monastery are situated in between these two magnificent waterfalls, right on the spot where the river enters the lake. From Roški slap we hike up to Ožidana pećina and then to Stinice. Drive to Split where we will spend our last night of Croatian hiking tour. After check in to the hotel we take a walking tour of old town. Farewell dinner. Overnight at the hotel in Split.

Accommodation: Hotel Art annex 3*, Split or similar

Meals: breakfast, picnic lunch, farewell dinner

Walking/hiking: 4-5 hours, 12 km, ascent 316m, descent -258m

Transfer: from Zadar to Krka approx. 60 minutes, from Krka to Split approx. 60 minutes drive

DAY 8 DEPARTURE SPLIT

After breakfast organized group transfer to Split airport.

Accommodation: not included

Meals: breakfast

Walking/hiking: -

Transfer: group transfer from hotel to Split airport, approx. 30 minutes drive

PRICES AND AVAILABILITY

Prices are in EUR per person, sharing a double/twin room.

Rates in EUR per person	September 05-12, 2020	October 03-10, 2020	May 15-22,2021	September 04-11, 2021	October 02-09,2021
In double/twin room	1430	1390	1390	1430	1390
Single room supplement	180	180	180	180	180

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Local English-speaking hiking guide
- Group return airport transfer at fixed time
- All accommodation as described in the trip dossier
- All breakfasts, 6 packed lunches, 3 dinners
- All land transport required by the itinerary
- National park entrance fees

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Travel insurance
- Visas
- Airport taxes
- Airport transfers other than group transfers
- Some meals as detailed in the meal plan
- Extra activities and excursions not part of the itinerary
- Tips for local staff
- Miscellaneous personal expenditure

NET PRICES FOR PRIVATE TRANSFERS (IN EUR PER CAR/VAN)

Zagreb airport to hotel in Zagreb

1-3 pax EUR 50

4-8 pax EUR 60

Split hotel to Split airport:

1-3 pax EUR 50

4-8 pax EUR 60

LIST OF PREFERRED HOTELS USED ON THIS TOUR:

Hotel Jadran 3*

Hotel Jadran, a modern Bed & Breakfast located in the centre of Zagreb, only a few minutes' walk from Zagreb Cathedral and Ban Jelačić Square, between Upper and Lower Town and close to all major city attractions. It offers an excellent breakfast full of healthy seasonal foods within its restaurant. It has 49 modern rooms (A/C, WiFi, hairdryer, SAT TV, phone) and is a perfect blend of long-standing tradition and contemporary ambience. Just 200 m from Jadran Hotel there is a public parking garage. Cvjetni Square is a 10-minute walk from the hotel while Zagreb Cathedral 600 m away. Zagreb Airport is 12 mi / 20 km from the property.

B&B Vila Angy 4*

Vila Angy is situated below the former medieval fortress Mrsinj-city and Prozor-city, in Lika - a quiet and beautiful location in the National Park Plitvice Lakes. The newly opened private hotel Angy is situated only 15km away from the entrance 2 of the National Park Plitvice Lakes and 3 km from the center of Korenica and has 21 comfortable and modern equipped rooms and 2 bedroom apartments, reception, lobby, restaurant, wireless Internet access throughout facility, and private parking. Bihać is 23 mi / 37 km from B&B Villa Angy, while Slunj is 24 mi / 39 km away. The nearest airport is Zadar Airport, 78 mi / 125 km away.

Hotel Gacka 3*

Set in the village of Ličko Lešće, 10 km from Otočac and the nearest access to the A1 Motorway, Hotel Gacka has its own restaurant and offers rooms and apartments with free Wi-Fi and free parking. River Gacka is 300 metres away. It is renovated in an antique rustic style and it has 18 rooms, 2 suites, a restaurant with 160 seats, indoor and outdoor terrace and souvenir shop. Each of the rooms and apartments at the Gacka Hotel has a telephone line and a bathroom with shower. Unspoiled nature, pleasant temperatures by day and by night, many recreational opportunities and excellent cuisine are just some of the reasons to visit. Rijeka airport is the closest, 47 mi / 75 km away.

B&B Ramića dvori

In a preserved old house in the beautiful mountain environment of the National park "Paklenica", we offer dwelling – sleeping for 19 persons, during the whole year. There are 4 rooms and a separated chamber with open fireplace (grill, baking lid etc.) at your disposal. House is equipped with kitchen utensils and cutlery. There is a possibility to make an agreement for varied kinds of arrangements -one-day picnic or more-days excursions, just sleeping or full board... The house is located in the hart of the National park, only 10 minutes walk from the Mountaineering house, and house could be a base for the mountaineering tours through Velebit.

Hotel Vicko 3*

Hotel Vicko is located in Starigrad Paklenica, 2 km from the entrance of the National Park Paklenica. Hotel Vicko has 58 beds in single and double rooms. Classic rooms are equipped with shower and toilette, A/C, phone, SAT TV, safe and park view. Maritime rooms are equipped with all the basics but also have a balcony with sea view. The hotel guests have a 24 hours guarded parking lot, an exchange office and beach with chairs, sunshades and shower available. À la carte restaurant „4 FERALA“ offers local dishes of the traditional Dalmatian cuisine, ancient recipes based on herbal plants from Velebit, vegetarian and diet dishes as well as classical dishes prepared by the caring hands and big heart of the chef. The ancient city of Zadar is 31 mi / 50 km away with the closest airport.

Hotel Mediteran 3*

Hotel Mediteran is a 10-minute walk from the beach and 2.5 mi from the historic center of Zadar. It offers 6 comfort rooms and 22 standard rooms with free Wi-Fi and a balcony overlooking the sea or the grounds. The air conditioned rooms have classic décor and carpeted floors. They provide satellite TV, minibar and bathroom with hairdryer. The on-site restaurant serves Dalmatian and international cuisine. Drinks and cocktails can be enjoyed at the bar. The Mediteran Hotel offers free private parking, including a garage for motorbikes. The main local attractions can be reached with the bus that stops 300 m away. Zadar airport is 7 mi / 11,5 km away.

Hotel Art annex 3*

Featuring a health club and on-site restaurant, Art Hotel Depandansa is close to the historic center of Split, only 10 minutes on foot from the Diocletian's Palace and other cultural and business locations. Spa facilities include Finnish sauna and a steam bath. All rooms feature LCD TVs and free Internet access. Laptops are available upon request. Guests can relax in the hotel's lounge bar. Art Hotel Depandansa is in the vicinity of cafés, restaurants, major shopping malls and other tourist attractions. The Split International Airport is located 20 minutes by car from the hotel. The ferry terminal can be reached within a 10-minute walk and the town beach is located 20 minutes walking or 10 minutes by car from the hotel.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Fiore tours that operates within the company Fiore d.o.o., travel agency, Mate Vlašića 6, 52440 Poreč, Croatia, corporate ID number: 040009121, VAT number: HR58088454926.

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BOOKING PROCEDURE

A booking for a trip with Fiore Tours can be made by first checking price and availability and then sending booking form and a deposit. A deposit is 30% of the total price. A booking is confirmed once we receive the booking form and the deposit at which point a receipt and invoice for the final balance will be issued. The balance is due four weeks before departure. Full payment is required for a booking made less than four weeks before departure. Payment can be accepted with bank transfer or online by credit card. If the balance is not paid at the specified time, unless previously arranged with us in writing, we reserve the right to cancel the booking.

TRAVEL PACKAGES

The combination of travel services offered to you is a package within the meaning of Directive (EU) 2015/2302.

Therefore, you will benefit from all EU rights applying to packages. Company FIORE d.o.o., travel agency, will be fully responsible for the proper performance of the package as a whole.

Additionally, as required by law, company FIORE d.o.o., travel agency has protection in place to refund your payments and where transport is included in the package, to ensure your repatriation in the event that it becomes/they become insolvent.

More information on key rights under Directive (EU) 2015/2302 (to be provided in the form of a hyperlink).

Following the hyperlink the traveller will receive the following information:

Key rights under Directive (EU) 2015/2302

- Travellers will receive all essential information about the package before concluding the package travel contract.
- There is always at least one trader who is liable for the proper performance of all the travel services included in the contract.
- Travellers are given an emergency telephone number or details of a contact point where they can get in touch with the organiser or the travel agent.
- Travellers may transfer the package to another person, on reasonable notice and possibly subject to additional costs.
The price of the package may only be increased if specific costs rise (for instance, fuel prices) and if expressly provided for in the contract, and in any event not later than 20 days before the start of the package. If the price increase exceeds 8 % of the price of the package, the traveller may terminate the contract. If the organiser reserves the right to a price increase, the traveller has a right to a price reduction if there is a decrease in the relevant costs.
- Travellers may terminate the contract without paying any termination fee and get a full refund of any payments if any of the essential elements of the package, other than the price, are changed significantly. If before the start of the package the trader responsible for the package cancels the package, travellers are entitled to a refund and compensation where appropriate.
- Travellers may terminate the contract without paying any termination fee before the start of the package in the event of exceptional circumstances, for instance if there are serious security problems at the destination which are likely to affect the package.
- Additionally, travellers may at any time before the start of the package terminate the contract in return for an appropriate and justifiable termination fee.
- If after the start of the package, significant elements of the package cannot be provided as agreed, suitable alternative arrangements will have to be offered to the traveller at no extra cost. Travellers may terminate the contract without paying any termination fee, where services are not performed in accordance with the

contract and this substantially affects the performance of the package and the organiser fails to remedy the problem.

- Travellers are also entitled to a price reduction and/or compensation for damages where the travel services are not performed or are improperly performed.
- The organiser has to provide assistance if the traveller is in difficulty.
- If the organiser or, in some Member States, the retailer becomes insolvent, payments will be refunded. If the organiser or, where applicable, the retailer becomes insolvent after the start of the package and if transport is included in the package, repatriation of the travellers is secured. Fiore .o.o. has taken out insolvency protection with Triglav osiguranje d.d. (the entity in charge of the insolvency protection, e.g. a guarantee fund or an insurance company). Travellers may contact this entity Triglav Osiguranje d.d., Antuna Heinza 4, Zagreb, OIB: 29743547503, Phone +385 52 526402. Policy number: 990007051412 if services are denied because of Fiore d.o.o. insolvency.

Directive (EU) 2015/2302 as transposed into national law : <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/HR/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32015L2302>

INSURANCE

1) INSURANCE IN CASE OF CANCELLATION OF RESERVATION

If during the reservation, the traveler expects he could cancel the reservation for some reason, Fiore tours recommends Cancellation insurance. Cancellation insurance can't be paid afterwards, only during initial request for the travel.

2) TRAVEL INSURANCE

The cost of travel does not include the package of travel insurance. Fiore advises their guests to pay the travel insurance: insurance against risks of accidents and diseases, travel insurance from loss or damage of luggage as well as health insurance during travel and stay abroad and insurance to cover the costs of assistance and return of passengers to the starting place in case of accidents and illnesses.

3) INSURANCE IN THE EVENT OF PAYMENT INCAPABILITY OR BANKRUPTCY OF THE TRAVEL ORGANIZER

Fiore has concluded with Triglav d.d. a Contract on Insurance in Case of Insolvency or Bankruptcy of the Fiore, where the travel service might not be performed, or for the refunding the cost of the Guest's way back to the place of departure. In case of occurrence of the insured event, the Guest should contact the Insurer as soon as possible: Triglav Osiguranje d.d., Antuna Heinza 4, Zagreb, OIB: 29743547503, Phone +385 52 526402. Policy number: 990007051412

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CANCELLATION BY YOU

Cancellations must be made in writing.

The following cancellation fee will apply:

from reservation – 60 day before departure: 10% of the total trip cost

59 – 29 days before departure: 30% of the total trip cost

28 – 15 days before departure: 50% of the total trip cost

less than 14 days before departure: 100% of the total trip cost

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