



Tour: Walking Croatia's Coast & Canyons
Season: 2024

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 ambiance, 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 splendor 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 harbors, 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!

ITINERARY

DAY 1 - Meet at group hotel in Zagreb.

Independent arrival in Zagreb. After check in time to explore Zagreb on your own. Welcome dinner in a hotel restaurant. Zagreb is small and welcoming with a colourful mixture of Austro-Hungarian grand buildings, pavement cafes, museums, galleries, a cathedral and funicular railway connecting the Lower and Upper towns. The cathedral has twin spires soaring over the city and frescoes dating from the second half of the 13th century. The colourful church of St Mark has a 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. The 13th century tower of Lotrščak offers a sweeping bird's eye view of the city whilst for the past hundred years a cannon is fired at noon to synchronise church clocks. For people watching, Trg Bana Jelacica is a hive of activity so why not grab a table at one of the many pavement cafes. Here you'll see flower sellers mingle with local people jumping on and off the city's trams.

ACCOMMODATION –Hotel Canopy by Hilton4* in Zagreb or similar hotel 3* in double/twin rooms with en-suite facilities

MEALS: welcome dinner in local restaurant

DAY 2 – Transfer to UNESCO Plitvice Lakes. Full day to explore the waterfalls and beautiful park on foot.

After an early breakfast, we transfer (2hrs) through the rolling hills of Croatia to one of the most outstanding natural aquatic landscapes in Europe, Plitvice Lakes. Granted UNESCO status in 1979, Plitvice is famed for its sixteen lakes, interlinked by cascading waterfalls, all set in a rich wooded area populated by bears, wolves, deer, wild boar and rare bird-life. Lying at the base of the Mala Kapela Mountain range, and only 60kms from the sea, this incredibly diverse national park is home to beech, spruce and pine trees plus over 1,200 plant species, including the rare Lady's Slipper orchid. Plitvice is one of the most important natural habitats in Europe and we'll explore the park via the fantastic wooden walkways that cover the park. These bridges enable us to get a close-up of the lakes, whilst keeping our eyes open for the local brown trout. We'll also head deep into the richly wooded area hoping to spot deer or one of the 157 bird species that live in the park. Tonight we overnight in a hotel in the Plitvice area.

ACCOMMODATION – Villa Angy 3* in Korenica or similar hotel 3* on Plitvice region in double/twin rooms with en suite facilities

MEALS: breakfast, packed lunch, dinner

ASCENT +250 m

DESCENT -250 m

DISTANCE 11 km, 4-5 hours

DAY 3 – Transfer to the Velebit National Park and walk part of the spectacular Premuzic Trail.

Today we leave the greenery of the Plitvice area and head towards the dramatic Northern Velebit National Park. Our transfer (1.5hrs) takes us to the Zavizan mountain refuge next to a small botanical garden. We'll have time to wander through a variety of indigenous and endemic plant species before walking along part of the spectacular Premuziceva staza or the Premužic Trail. The Northern Velebit National Park is a protected reserve and visitors can only pass through the park on designated trails. The spectacular Premuzic Trail is a 57km long footpath mapped out in the 1930s, by lifelong Velebit enthusiast Ante Premuzic. Snaking its way from one side of the Velebit's central ridge to the other, the path provides a superb taste of the mountain's varied geography, with lush deciduous woodland alternating with pine forests and arid rocky slopes. The trail was engineered to provide easy walking with gentle gradients and today we get to enjoy part of it, whilst experiencing the wild landscape of this dramatic mountainous area. After end of our walk, we drive to Otočac or nearby town, where we overnight.

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

MEALS: breakfast, packed lunch, dinner

ASCENT +430 m

DESCENT -580 m

DISTANCE 15 km, 6 hours

DAY 4 - Spectacular walk from Veliki Rujno to Ramici village-Paklenica

After breakfast 1,5 hour drive to Stoarigrad-Paklenica. Our luggage we will store in the hotel and 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 – Homestay (mountain hut) Ramića dvori – accommodation in dormitory style room with common shower/WC. 1 room with 8 beds, 1 room, with 7 beds, 1 shower with hot water, 2 WC's, 1 room with 5 beds with shower/WC.

MEALS: breakfast, packed lunch, dinner

ASCENT +258 m

DESCENT -585m

DISTANCE 5,7 km, 3-4 hours

DAY 5 – Transfer to Paklenica National Park. Walk through the canyon of Velika Paklenica.

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, we'll spend the next two days on high trails, which offer 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 beside the sea or just relax with a drink in one of the many pavement cafes or local bars.



ACCOMMODATION – Hotel/Guesthouse Vicko 3* in Starigrad-Paklenica or similar in double/twin rooms with en-suite facilities

MEALS: breakfast, packed lunch

ASCENT +235 m

DESCENT -703 m

DISTANCE 8,5 km, 4-5 hours

DAY 6 – Morning walk through the dramatic Krupa Canyon. Afternoon transfer to the beautiful town of Zadar.

After breakfast we take a short transfer (45mins) to the pretty area of the Krupa River and canyon. Situated under the steep slopes of Velebit Mountain, this picturesque river stretches from a small spring through the deep Krupa Canyon until it reaches the River Zrmanja. A rich karst area, this whole landscape hides underground caverns and caves, and is dotted with tiny hamlets. We start in the village of Golubic, we walk to the bridge of Kudin built at the turn of the 18th century. Legend has it that a local boy wanted to be closer to his young love and built the bridge

from 12 arches. Despite high waters and many years, almost all the bridge is still standing. From Krupa we drive (1hr) to the picturesque town of Zadar. After arriving at the group hotel and freshening up, the rest of the afternoon will be at leisure to wander the streets of Zadar. Feeling more like a large village than Croatia's 5th biggest town, Zadar is a vibrant, warm place enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. The city walls, mostly built under Venetian rule, are home to four old city gates - the Gate of St Rok, the Chain Gate, the recently renovated Land Gate and the Port Gate, the latter two both sporting winged lions, the symbol of the Venetian Empire. Zadar has two

wonderful and quirky attractions designed by local artist Nikola Basic. Firstly the Sun Salutation, a 22m wide circle filled with 300 multi layered glass plates that collect solar energy all day, transforming it into a light show from sunset to sunrise. Attracting locals and tourists, each evening people take a stroll to see this unusual spectacle. This ingenious piece of art generates enough energy to power the front lighting system of the entire harbor! Nikola Basic's second masterpiece is the Sea Organ, a unique system of pipes set into steps which creates whistles and sighs from the movement of the water. It's a great place to sit and enjoy the "music" which changes with the passing of ferries and boats. St Donatus' Church and the Franciscan Monastery are both beautiful pieces of architecture. Dating from the 9th century, St Donatus' is an unusual circular Byzantine church and only one of a handful of buildings that survived the Mongol invasion of the 13th century. The Franciscan Monastery houses a Gothic church from 1280 and a small treasury. If you prefer to sit and watch the world go by, then People's Square is the place to go. This pretty little square is traditionally the center of town and there is a constant buzz to the place from the many popular pavement cafes

ACCOMMODATION – Hotel Mediteran 3* in Zadar or similar in double/twin rooms with en suite facilities

MEALS: breakfast, packed lunch

ASCENT +200 m

DESCENT -200 m

DISTANCE 4 km, 2-3 hours

DAY 7 –waterfalls in Krka National Park. Transfer to UNESCO Split

After breakfast, we leave Zadar for a short transfer (1hr) to the beautiful Krka National Park. Created by the Krka River, and described as the most picturesque river in Croatia, this stunningly beautiful national park can only be described as a limestone phenomenon. We start off by exploring the park on foot before taking a memorable boat ride through the Krka canyon passing cascading falls to the spectacular Roski Slap. In the afternoon we drive to Split, Croatia's second largest city and known as Spalato in Italian. This atmospheric city, located on the Dalmatian Coast, is an exciting mixture of modern buildings, UNESCO palaces, old city walls, a beautiful promenade (the Riva) and a spectacular mountainous backdrop. More of a living museum, the UNESCO heart of Split or the Diocletian's Palace, is one of the most imposing Roman ruins in Europe and is more of a place to wander rather than plan a rigid visit! A melting pot of cafes and restaurants, alongside a military fortress, winding back streets, an imperial residence and fortified town, the Diocletian's Palace is hardly a palace but a living museum! Along with the Cathedral, town museum and cosmopolitan promenade, Split is a beautiful town with a breathtaking backdrop and sweeping sea views. After regrouping in the evening, you'll head out for a farewell dinner in a local restaurant.



ACCOMMODATION – Hotel Art 4* in Split or similar 3* hotel in Split in double/twin rooms with en-suite facilities

MEALS: breakfast, packed lunch, farewell dinner in local restaurant

ASCENT +316 m

DESCENT -258 m

DISTANCE 12 km, 4-5 hours

DAY 8 – Departure Day

Trip in Croatia ends after breakfast

MEALS: breakfast

PRICES

Rates in EUR per person	18-25 May 2024	07-14 September 2024	10-17 October 2024
In double/twin room (gross)	2070	2195	2070
Supplement single room (net)	260	300	260

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- English-speaking local guide
- A single timed return airport transfer



- All accommodation as described in the trip dossier
- Meals as detailed in the Meal Plan
- 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

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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The general conditions of business are part of the contract between a travel agency Fiore tours that operates within Fiore d.o.o., and the traveler who accepts the offered arrangement. By agreeing to the service (i.e., concluding a contract), the guest confirms that he is fully familiarized with these general terms and that he will adhere to them in their entirety.

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 price of the total price. A booking is not confirmed before we receive the booking form and 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 d.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

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.

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.

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

LIABILITY INSURANCE

Fiore has concluded with the insurance company Triglav osiguranje d.d. a Liability Insurance Contract for damages caused to a guest by failure to meet obligations or by partially or inconsistently meeting obligations. In the event of insured case, the guest should as fast as possible contact the insurer:



Triglav Osiguranje d.d., Antuna Heinza 4, Zagreb, OIB: 29743547503, Phone +385 52 526402. Policy number: 990007051413

CANCELLATION BY YOU

Cancellations must be made in writing. The following charges will apply:

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

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

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

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

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