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# Walking green Istria short break

SELF GUIDED WALKING TOUR



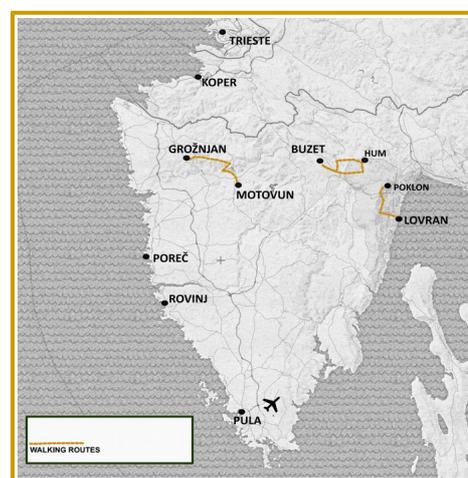
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## **TOUR FACTS AT A GLANCE**

<b>TOUR NAME:</b>	<b>Walking green Istria short break</b>		
<b>TOUR TYPE:</b>	<b>Self guided walking holidays</b>		
<b>LENGTH:</b>	<b>4 nights</b>		
<b>WALKING DAYS:</b>	<b>3 days</b>		
<b>TOTAL WALKING DISTANCE:</b>	<b>shorter option</b>	<b>34 km / 21 miles</b>	
	<b>longer option</b>	<b>59 km / 36 miles</b>	
<b>DATES:</b>	<b>from 1st March to 30th November</b>		
<b>PRICE:</b>	<b>EUR 530 – 590 per person depending on season</b>		

Day	Programme	Daily KM / MILES
1	Arrive in Motovun	
2	Grožnjan to Motovun	25 / 15 or 16 / 10
3	Buzet to Hum	24 / 14 or 13 / 8
4	Poklon to Lovran	11 / 7 or 6 / 4
5	Onward Travel	



## **OVERVIEW**

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.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Visit 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 great historical significance for Istria

## **DAILY ITINERARY**

### **DAY 1 ARRIVE ISTRIA**

Arrive in Istria. Info meeting with Fiore representative at 7pm 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 Motovun.

Accommodation: Hotel Kaštel 3\* or Villa Borgo 3\*in Motovun or similar

Meals: not included

Walking distance: none

Transfer: not included, can be organized from any town/station, airport

### **DAY 2 GROŽNJAN - MOTOVUN**

After breakfast you are ready to start exploring Istrian villages and hidden paths. After 10 minute transfer walking stage starts on ex railway Parenzana. Parenzana was a narrow – gauge Austrian railway connecting Trieste with Poreč through a series of Istrian small towns, for 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 saw its galleries and viewpoints you can pass through magnificent rolling landscapes and lively Istrian vineyards. After passing through several tunnels, over old bridges you can stop on many fascinating view point 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.

Accommodation: Hotel Kaštel 3\* or Villa Borgo 3\*in Motovun or similar

Meals: Breakfast included

Transfer: 10 minutes transfer + luggage transfer

Walking distance: Ascent: 546m. Descent: 609m. Distance: 24 km / 15 miles. Time: 5-6 hours.

Alternative shorter walk is available at approximately 16 km / 10 miles, taking 3-4 hours

Highlights: Parenzana ex railway line, Tunnels and bridges, Grožnjan the city of artists, Livade the truffle center of the world, Motovun

### **DAY 3 BUZET – HUM – BUZET**

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 shallow river or riverbed if it's dry. It's 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's 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'll understand why it's 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 offer you nothing but traditional Istrian dishes. The «way of mistletoe» will lead you all the way back to Buzet. It takes about 3 hours of hiking in one way. Overnight in Buzet.

Accommodation: Hotel Vela Vrata 4\*, Buzet or similar

Meals: Breakfast included

Transfer: not included

Walking distance: Ascent: 553m. Descent: 560m. Distance: 24 km/ 15 miles. Time: 7-8 hours.

Alternative shorter walk is available at approximately 12 km / 8 miles. Time: 3-4 hours.

Highlights: Mirna river canyon, Nature, Old mill on the river, Kotli (natural pools), Hum the smallest city in the world

#### DAY 4 UČKA

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. Path is covered by oak and chestnut forests that give pleasant freshness in hot summers. The very summit of Ucka (Vojak) is worth to climb 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 Western side the whole Istria peninsula lies in front of you. Sometimes, if visibility is good, view towards to Venice and on Alps on the north side. Overnight in 4\* hotel in Lovran.

Accommodation: Hotel Park 4\* in Lovran or similar

Meals: Breakfast Included

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

Walking distance: Ascent: 452m. Descent: 1386m (optional 452m descent). Distance: 11 km / 7 miles. Time: 4-5 hours.

Alternative shorter walk is available at approximately Ascent: 90m. Descent: 390m. Distance 6 km / 4 miles. Time: 2 hours.

Highlights: Učka nature park, Highest mountain in Istria (1401 m), Beautiful 360° view on surrounding Kvarner bay islands and Istrian inland.

#### DAY 5 DEPARTURE

After breakfast departure.

Accommodation: not included

Meals: Breakfast included

Transfer: not included, can be organized to any town/station, airport

Walking distance: none

Highlights: none

## PRICES AND AVAILABILITY

This tour is available to start on any day of the week from 15th of March to 15th of November.

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

Periods	In double/twin room	Supplement Half board	Reduction for 3rd person on additional bed	Supplement single room (with other clients)	Supplement Solo traveler
01.03.-28.05.2018. 28.09.-30.11.2018.	530	120	50	100	180
29.05.-27.06.2018. 29.08.-27.09.2018.	550	120	50	120	200
28.06.-28.08.2018.	590	120	50	120	200

## INCLUDED

- Info meeting with Fiore representative
- 2 x overnight in guesthouse / hotel 3\*in Motovun

- 1 x overnight in guesthouse / hotel 4\*in Buzet
- 1 x overnight in guesthouse / hotel 4\*in Lovran
- 4 x breakfasts
- Information package including detailed route description (maps and route notes), guide book about Istria, luggage tags and vouchers for hotels.
- luggage transport from hotel to hotel
- local transfers to start point during walking
- 24/7 emergency number

### **EXCLUDED**

- travel insurance
- arrival and departure from Istria
- transfer from airport to hotel and return
- lunches, dinners and drinks,
- GPS Garmin Oregon 450 or Etrex 35 rental for 6 days EUR 50,-

### **ACTIVITY LEVEL – IS IT FOR ME?**

This tour is rated easy to moderate, with a choice of shorter or longer walks. 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.

### **TRAVEL INFORMATION**

#### **Getting to Motovun**

##### **By Air**

The most convenient airports are Pula and Trieste.

##### **By Bus**

Buses connections to Motovun are very restricted

##### **By private transfer**

We can arrange airport transfers (supplement applicable) and take you directly to your accommodation in Motovun. Price for transfer from Pula airport to hotel in Motovun is EUR 70 for 1-3 person and from Trieste airport EUR 130for 1-3 person. Prices from other airports on request.

##### **By own car**

Parking available at the first hotels.

**From Trieste to Porec** - We recommend you pre-book airport transfers as public transport is very limited.

## Getting back to airport

**From Lovran to Pula airport** (End of Trip) - There are local buses from Lovran to Pula , or again we can arrange airport transfers for you if pre-booked.

**From Lovran to Triest airport** - We recommend you pre-book airport transfers as public transport is very limited.

**From Lovran to Motovun** – if you left your car at the first hotel we recommend to book private transfer as local transport is very limited.

## **BOOKING TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **Booking procedure:**

A booking for a trip with Fiore Tours & Adventure can be made by reading all the information in this brochure or on our website [www.fiore.hr](http://www.fiore.hr) and then booking securely online. A deposit is 30% 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 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. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact us by phone+385 (0)52 431397 or email: [adventure@fiore.hr](mailto:adventure@fiore.hr).

### **Cancellation policy by us:**

We reserve the right to cancel the trip for reasons beyond our control. A full refund will be made but we accept no responsibility for further compensation. If such cancellation is due to 'force majeure' (inclusive of war, terrorism, civil or political unrest and natural disasters) reasonable expenses we have incurred will be deductible from any refund. Any compensation and refund is strictly limited to monies paid to us. We are not liable for any expense you have incurred as a result of your booking.

### **Cancellation policy by you:**

Cancellations received 61 days or more prior to the tour start date will incur a loss of EUR 100; cancellations received between 60 and 30 days prior to the tour start date incur a loss of 30 percent of the tour price; cancellations received between 29 and 15 days prior to the tour start date incur a loss of 50 percent of the tour price; there are no refunds within 14 days of the tour start date. You may transfer your reservation, depending on availability, from one trip to another (in the same calendar year) by notifying us in writing 61 days prior to the trip with no surcharge, after which time our cancellation policy applies. Cancellations must be made in writing.

### **Financial Security**

In accordance with "The Package Travel Regulations" all passengers booking with Fiore tours Ltd are fully protected for the initial deposit and subsequently the balance of all monies paid to us, including repatriation if required (this insurance will not cover repatriation to the country of origin for the passengers outside of the EU), arising from cancellation or curtailment of your travel arrangements due to the insolvency of Fiore tours Ltd.

### **Responsible travel**

Fiore tours and adventure is a company committed to its responsible tourism policy, and takes seriously its obligation to operate in a responsible way. We are working hard to improve our procedures, policies and our impact on the environment that we work in, so further information about responsible tourism policy you can find on our website: <http://fiore.hr/about/responsible-travel/>

IF YOU ARE READY TO PROCEED WITH YOUR BOOKING, YOU CAN DO IT ON FOLLOWING LINK:

## BOOK NOW!

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