

CROATIA – THE COAST OF DALMATIA

8-day / 7-night centre-based – one-hotel group guided walking tour – a choice of walk levels each day



With dramatic mountains as a backdrop, and sea views never far away, Croatia's beautiful **Dalmatian Coast** is ideal for walking and relaxation. On this guided walking holiday you'll enjoy a great selection of coastal and inland walks that will enable you to fully appreciate this fascinating country regarded by many as 'old Europe'.

The peaceful seaside village of **Baška Voda** enjoys wonderful views across to the island of Brač and of the mountains behind it is an attractive base from which to explore the local area. The town itself is centred along the promenade and harbour, where you'll find a good selection of shops, bars and cafés. Immediately behind the town rises the dramatic Biokovo Mountains, the foothills of which form the basis of many of our daily walks.

Cost per person: \$1125 per person twin share Single room supplement: \$265

Departs: 14th, 21st, 28th April, 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th May, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th September, 6th, 13th October 2012

Tour includes: 7-nights in comfortable hotel room with ensuite bathrooms where available, with 7-breakfasts, 7-dinners, services of experienced walks leaders, 5-guided walks and a free-day for sightseeing or other activities.

Not Included: Other meals and drinks not mentioned in the itinerary and personal expenses. Airport transfers from Split are not included but they can be pre-booked at extra cost and we recommend you take these. From Split airport the onward couch journey to Baška Voda takes approximately 1¼-hours.

Accommodation: The **Hotel Bacchus** is a modern 4-star hotel situated beside the beach in the attractive harbour village of Baška Voda. Friendly staff and excellent meals make it a relaxing and popular base for this holiday. There are 27 bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms, many rooms with superb views of the sea or the mountains (an upgrade to a sea view room may be available from \$20 per person per night twin share, please request this when making a reservation). Hotel facilities include restaurant, bar, sun terrace, spa pool and sauna.



There are several little supermarkets, bakers, cake shops and newsagents within a few minutes walk of the hotel from which ingredients for a packed lunch can be easily obtained. Reasonable exchange rates can be obtained at the bank a short walk along the front.

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Suggested itinerary:

Day 1: Arrival day – transfers from specific flights into Split Airport can be pre-booked or make your own way to the hotel at Baška Voda in time for dinner.

Day 2: Ascend from Baška Voda to the traditional stone-built village of Bast, and from here follow a panoramic route along the base of the Biokovo mountains to the popular resort town of Makarska.

Day 3: Take a boat trip to the enchanting island of Brač where we can enjoy walks through beautiful unspoilt scenery to sleepy fishing villages, seemingly untouched for generations.

Day 4: Admire the stunning views of the Dalmatian coast as we follow a balcony path to the botanic gardens at Kotišina, or venture higher into the amazing limestone landscape of the Biokovo Natural Park.

Day 5: Free day - perhaps take an excursion to the fascinating medieval cities of Split and Trogir, or take a relaxing boat trip along this splendid stretch of coastline or visit the spectacular waterfalls of the Krka National Park.

Day 6: Starting from a remote hilltop village, descend through fields and terraces into the narrow limestone canyon of the Cetina Gorge, and then complete the journey by boat to the coastal town of Omiš.

Day 7: Enjoy circular walks from Baška Voda ascending the aromatic hills above the town before returning via neighbouring Brela and the beach promenade.

Day 8: Tour ends

Tour arrangements end after breakfast – airport transfers are available (at extra cost)

Please Note: The suggested itinerary should give you a feel for the walks at this resort but is subject to change. Each year we listen carefully to the views of our guests and make improvements to our walking programmes. Further information will be sent to you prior to your holiday; however the final selection of walks each day will be made by your walking leaders.

Local transport to and from walks: Local transport is not included in the cost of your holiday. Please allow 450 Kunas (approx \$130) per week for transport during the week, excluding your free day - payable locally.

Footpath information



Easier Walks: 8 to 10km generally on good paths and tracks with @ 300 to 450 metres of ascent. Admire the views right along the Dalmatian Coast on walks to the neighbouring resorts of Brela and Makarska, and also from the balcony path that runs beneath the Biokovo mountains to the botanical gardens at Kotišina. A highlight of the week is the boat journey to the beautiful island of Brač.



Harder Walks: 12 to 17km on steeper and rougher terrain @ 300 to 750 metres of ascent. The dramatic cliffs of the Biokovo mountains tower over Baška Voda and we can follow the elevated path at their base to Makarska, with superb sea views throughout. We'll also spend a day on Brač, venture higher into the limestone scenery of the National Park, and descend into the narrow canyon of the Cetina Gorge.

Similar guided or self-guided walks are available in other regions of France, Italy, Spain & in most destinations within Europe & many areas in the UK such as the popular **Coast to Coast** trail. We also offer many great pilgrimage walks such as the **Camino de Santiago** or the **Via Francigena**, the pilgrims 'road to Rome' - ask for details of see our website.

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