

The Best of the Dalmatian Coast

Trip style: Guided Walking Holidays

Destination: 📍 Croatia

Trip code: BVD07-LCL09

Grades: 1, 2 & 3

Carbon Footprint: 🚲 790kg CO2



HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

The warm waters of the Adriatic lap the southern coast of Croatia and the 1,000 or so islands which lie just offshore. From our base in the small coastal town of Baska Voda, enjoy marvellous walking options along the mainland coast, on the delightful island of Brac, and around the yawning chasm of the Cetina Gorge. There's also a boat trip to the coastal town of Omis and walks in the foothills of the Biokovo Mountains.

WHAT YOU'LL LOVE

- Walking through the Cetina Gorge
- Taking a boat trip to the town of Omiš
- Stopping at charming coastal resorts for a dip in the Adriatic Sea
- Welcoming hotel on the Makarska Riviera
- Exploring the coves on the island of Brač

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from London Gatwick, including baggage and transfers (flights available from other airports - price may vary)
- A choice of 2 guided walks per day with local leaders (on walking days)
- Local Tour Manager who leads walks and sightseeing
- 7 nights' accommodation in Baška Voda
- 7 breakfasts & 7 dinners
- All in-destination transport

TRIP SUITABILITY

This is a level 2 and level 3 graded Activity, Easier walks: 5 to 7 miles (8 to 11km) generally on good paths and tracks. Up to 1,100 feet (330m) of ascent in a day, with descent up to 1800 feet (540m). Harder walks: 7 to 10 miles (11 to 16km) on steeper and rougher terrain. Up to 2,200 feet (660m) of ascent in a day, with descent up to 2450 feet (740m).

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival day

Welcome to the Dalmatian Coast. Unpack and settle in.

Day 2: Hillside villages to Makarska

Today's walks use panoramic elevated paths in the foothills of the Biokovo Mountains. The views along the coast and across to the islands are superb throughout. Both walks will visit Vepric Shrine, a wooded Catholic pilgrimage site, before following the coastline along promenade to finish in Makarska.

Day 3: The Island of Brač

The island of Brač lies approximately four miles offshore from the mainland, and is about the same size as the Isle of Wight. The island's coastline has a series of attractive harbour villages, two of which will be visited on our walks. We travel to Brač by boat from Baška Voda harbour. We will arrive at Sumartin harbour and from here walk to a secluded cove and through olive groves to the equally attractive harbour at Povelja. Here our boat will be waiting for the return trip.

Day 4: The foothills of the Biokovo mountains

Both walks will start at the village of Makar, which sits on the hillside not far from Makarska, commanding superb views of the coast below, making their way via differing routes to Tučepi.

Day 5: Free day

Each week there is a free day when no guided walks are offered. This is an ideal opportunity to relax around the hotel, walk independently or visit local places of interest. Later this afternoon (approx 1500), we will offer an included boat trip to Makarska, so you can relax and enjoy the views, with some time to explore before getting back to Baska Voda in time for our evening meal. Some alternative options for your free time today may include:

Makarska: Walking along the coast to Makarska. This is a generally straightforward walk, taking around two hours, with plenty of opportunities for swimming along the way. In Makarska you may want to have lunch in one of the waterfront cafés.

Split: Split is the capital of the region and is located 50km northwest of Baška Voda. At its heart is an enthralling old town of narrow streets and ancient buildings. The principal sights are the cathedral of St Domnius and the remains of Diocletian's Palace with its spectacular gates, museum and temple. Your leaders will organise this if there is sufficient interest.

Trogir: A little further away is the equally impressive city of Trogir. Built on an island, this beautiful walled city has a maze of narrow medieval streets, elegant waterfront cafés, a wide waterfront promenade and dramatic fortifications. The city is also the best example of Croatian cultural life on the Dalmatian coast. The magnificent cathedral inspired UNESCO to name the town a World Heritage Site in 1997.

Day 6: Villages and coast around Baska Voda

Today our walks start and finish at the hotel to enjoy the foothills of the Biokovo Mountains which rise above the village. After exploring the foothills, both groups will descend to the coast. We will then follow the coastline on a

promenade through small beach resorts with the opportunity to pause for a drink or swim on our way back to Baska Voda.

Day 7: Cetina Gorge

The Cetina Gorge is an impressive natural feature that has been carved through the limestone of the Biokovo Mountains. We start inland at the village of Kostanje, behind the coastal mountain range.

Day 8: Departure day

We hope to see you again soon.

Hotel Villa Bacchus, Baška Voda

Set on the stunning Dalmatian Coast, the charming Hotel Villa Bacchus is perfectly placed for both relaxing by the sea and exploring the beautiful Biokovo Mountains. This welcoming property has a cosy bar and stylish breakfast restaurant with alfresco terrace seating, as well as a small indoor pool, Jacuzzi and sauna. Just steps from a Blue Flag pebble beach and a short promenade walk into the centre of Baška Voda, this is a wonderful retreat for our stay in Croatia's Makarska Riviera region. In the evenings, our group will walk together to a nearby restaurant, where we will enjoy a buffet-style dinner.

Vaccinations & health information - SHARED WITH ALL EU NEW 2026

Before booking, you should check with your doctor to see whether any health precautions are needed for your trip. Health advice and requirements can change, so we recommend doing this in good time before travel. As a general rule, travellers should ensure they are up to date with routine UK vaccinations and boosters, including, for example, MMR and diphtheria, tetanus and polio. Some countries may require you to have specific vaccinations such as Malaria, Rabies and Yellow Fever. Please check with your GP if you are unsure. Please note that the use or possession of some common prescription or over-the-counter medicines is restricted or banned in certain countries. If you will be carrying medication, you should check with the relevant embassy or consulate before travelling. As an extra precaution, we recommend keeping medication in its original packaging, carrying a copy of your prescription, and, where possible, asking your pharmacist to provide the medication name in the language of the country you are visiting. For further country-specific health advice, visit www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk or www.traveldoctor.co.uk. If you are travelling from outside the UK, please consult your own doctor and check local entry requirements.

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Packing list - Overseas Guided Walking

It's best to be prepared for all weather conditions. To make it easier, here is a list of items you should consider packing. Essentials Walking boots Waterproof jacket Waterproof trousers Insulated jacket/top Walking clothing Walking socks (plus spares) Sunhat Gloves/mitts and warm hat Water bottle (minimum 2 litre capacity) Headtorch High-factor sunscreen (minimum SPF 30) Sunglasses with a dark lens Rucksack (15-30 litres) Mobile phone Personal first aid kit (containing your medication, blister plasters, etc.) Passport Visa (if applicable) Copy of

your travel insurance policy UK Global Health Insurance Card (formerly known as EHIC) Recommended Collapsible walking poles Swimwear and travel towel Snacks Dry bags Rubbish bags Insect repellent Optional extras Camera Sit mat Flask for hot drinks Durable lunch box Gaiters GPS device (excluding Bhutan, Georgia and India)
