

Walking on Croatia's Istrian Coast

Trip style: Guided Walking Holidays

Destination: 📍 Croatia

Trip code: ITA07-LCL09

Grades: 1, 2 & 4

Carbon Footprint: 🌱 752kg CO2



HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

Explore the vineyard-covered hills, pastel-coloured seaside villages, and scenic coastal paths of Croatia's Istrian peninsula. Located in the northwest corner of the country, this region has a fascinating past, plus a food scene similar to neighbouring Italy. Discover hilltop towns surrounded by vineyards and olive groves, be wowed by Bronze Age settlements and ancient Roman ruins, and enjoy free time to visit nearby gems such as Poreč's UNESCO-listed Euphrasian Basilica or the seaside town of Rovinj, known as the Pearl of Istria.

WHAT YOU'LL LOVE

- Visiting pretty hilltop towns and waterfalls
- Passing vineyards, olive groves and unspoilt green countryside
- Enjoying wonderful Istrian cuisine and wines
- Discovering historic Poreč and seascapes of the clear waters of the Adriatic
- Taking in the scenery around the Kamenjak National Park and peninsula coastline

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)
- HF Holidays Tour Manager
- 7 nights' accommodation in Poreč
- 7 breakfasts & 7 dinners
- All in-destination transport

TRIP SUITABILITY

This is a level 2 and level 4 graded Activity, Easier walks: 5 to 7 miles (8 to 11km) on good paths with some steep descents and rocky sections. Up to 1,200 feet (360m) of ascent in a day. Harder walks: 7.5 to 9 miles (12 to 14.5km) with some steep ascents and descents, and some very rocky sections. Up to 1,640 feet (500m) of ascent in a day.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival Day

Welcome to the Valamar Riviera Hotel. Unpack and settle in.

Day 2: Views of the Adriatic Coast

Day 3: On The Paths of History to Motovun

Day 4: Istria's Southernmost Tip – Kamenjak Peninsula and Pula

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. Options include: Poreč Discover the fascinating history of this ancient city. Alternatively, enjoy one of the many boat trips offered at the harbour. High-speed catamaran day trips to Venice are possible. Rovinj Known as the Pearl of the Istrian Peninsula, this is one of the Croatia's prettiest cities. It's home to romantic cobbled streets plus a charming harbour in the Old Town. Rovinj is around 40 minutes' drive by bus or taxi.

Day 6: Istria's Ancient Hill Towns

Day 7: Pazin Rocks and Waterfalls

Day 8: Departure Day

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK.

4-star Valamar Riviera Hotel

The Valamar Riviera boasts an enviable location on the picturesque promenade of Poreč, just steps away from bustling old town. Rooms have a refined elegance and come with all mod cons. Facilities include an outdoor terrace perfect for alfresco drinks. Our evening meals will be taken at the sister property, Valamar Hotel Isabella, on the nearby island of Sveti Nikola, with a complimentary shuttle boat departing from just outside our hotel. Guests can also use the shuttle to enjoy the pool and beach here too. Please note it is a 15-minute walk to the Hotel Riviera from the coach drop off point outside the historic centre.

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.

Passport & Visa information - SHARED FOR ALL EU NEW 2026

This information is for those travelling with a full 'British Citizen' passport; for all other nationalities or passport holders, please check with your local consulate for advice. **Passport Requirements** This information applies to travellers holding a full British Citizen passport. Entry requirements vary by destination and can change at short notice. For most EU and worldwide destinations, passports must be valid for the entire duration of your stay. Some countries also require a minimum period of validity remaining on your passport (often up to 6 months beyond your return date), even if you are not staying that long. We strongly recommend ensuring your passport has at least six months' validity remaining at the time of travel to avoid any issues. If you hold a different type of British passport or a passport issued by another country, you must check the requirements with the relevant embassy, consulate, or official government website. **Visa Requirements** Visa rules depend on your nationality, destination, length of stay, and purpose of travel, and they can change frequently. It is your responsibility to check whether you require a visa before travelling. British passport holders should check the latest entry, passport validity and visa requirements for their destination on the UK government's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) website: <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>

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)
