

CROATIA – THE SPECTACULAR DALMATIAN COAST

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. This guided walking holiday offers 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 from: \$2010 per person twin share Single room supplement from: \$310

Departs: 13th, 20th, 27th April; 4th, 11th, 25th May; 1st, 8th June; 31st August; 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th September; 5th, 12th, 19th October

Tour includes: 7 nights in comfortable hotel room with ensuite bathrooms, 7 breakfasts, 7 dinners, experienced walks leaders offering a choice of two levels of guided walks on 5 days with one free day midweek, local transport to/from the walks.

Not Included: Meals and drinks not mentioned in the itinerary, personal expenses, transport or activities on your free day. Airport transfers from Dubrovnik at set times are not included but they can be pre-booked at extra cost – we recommend you take these, please ask for details.

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 with superb views of the sea or the mountains (an upgrade to a sea view room may be available at extra cost, please enquire when making a reservation). Hotel facilities include restaurant, bar, sun terrace, spa pool and sauna.



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Footpath and walking information:



Easier Walks: 8 to 11km generally on good paths and tracks with up to 330m of ascent in a day. Admire the views along the Dalmatian Coast on walks to neighbouring resorts, Brela or Makarska, and from the balcony path beneath the Biokovo mountains to the botanical gardens at Kotišina.



Harder Walks: 11 to 16km on steeper and rougher terrain, with up to 670m of ascent in a day. The cliffs of the Biokovo mountains tower over Baška Voda and we follow the elevated path at their base to Makarska, with superb sea views throughout. We'll also spend a day on Bra , venture higher into the limestone scenery of the National Park, and descend into the narrow canyon of the Cetina Gorge.

Suggested itinerary: *the final selection of walks each day will be made by your walking leaders*

Day 1: Arrival day - Transfer at set times from Dubrovnik Airport can be pre-booked, or make your own way to the hotel at Baška Voda in time for dinner.

Day 2: Hillside villages - From the traditional stone-built village of Bast we follow a panoramic route at the base of the Biokovo mountains to the popular resort town of Makarska. The views along the coast and across to the islands are superb throughout. We earn our afternoon refreshments at a harbourside café in bustling Makarska.

Day 3: The Island of Bra - We travel by boat to enchanting Bra Island, where we walk through beautiful unspoilt scenery, past secluded bays, to sleepy fishing villages, seemingly untouched for generations.

Day 4: Foothills of the Biokovo Mountains - Admire the stunning views of the Dalmatian coast from the foothills of the Biokovo Mountains. We discover the contrasts between traditional village life at the base of the mountains and the modern facilities of our resort. We visit old churches and botanical gardens along the way.

Day 5: Free day - No walks are organised. Perhaps take an excursion to the fascinating medieval cities of Split and Trogir, take a relaxing boat trip along this splendid stretch of coastline, or visit the spectacular waterfalls of the Krka National Park.

Day 6: Cetina Gorge - From a remote hilltop village we 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: Coast around Baška Voda - Enjoy circular walks from Baška Voda ascending the aromatic hills above the town before returning via neighbouring Brela and the beach promenade. We may have an opportunity to have a refreshing swim at one of the small beach resorts on our return to Baška Voda.

Day 8: Departure day - Tour arrangements end after breakfast. Airport transfers at set times to Dubrovnik are available at extra cost; please ask for details when booking.



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