

CROATIA – THE SPECTACULAR DALMATIAN COAST

8-day / 7-night one-hotel GUIDED walking tour with a choice of easy to challenging guided walks daily



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: **\$3910** per person twin share Single room supplement from: \$875

2024 Departures: 13 & 20 May, 3 & 10 June, 9, 16, 23 & 30 September 2024

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 Split 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 ensuite 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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Trip Grading: Walk moderate to longer distances on well-defined paths. Sections of hilly or upland areas and may have sections of rough or steeper terrain. Will require reasonable fitness. Choice of easier walks of 8-11km with ascent up to 330m or harder walks of 11-16km with up to 660m ascent in a day.

A typical European centre-based walking holiday offers a choice of up to two guided walks each day. You choose the walk that best suits your ability and fitness. Walks leaders make the final decision on which routes are offered; each evening they will brief you about the walks for the next day and answer questions you may have.

Suggested itinerary (Routes are determined by the walk leaders each day and are subject to change):

Day 1: Arrival day - Transfer at set times from Split 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 Brač - We travel by boat to enchanting Brač 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 with the option to visit the Veliki Kaštel, a 17th century fort built into the cliffs.

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: 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 7: 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 8: Departure day - Tour arrangements end after breakfast. Airport transfers at set times to Split are available at extra cost; please ask for details when booking.



Outdoor Travel offers guided or self-guided walks in most destinations within Europe, including the **Cinque Terre** and **Amalfi Coast** in Italy, **Provence** and the **French Riviera**, the **Cyclades Islands** in Greece and in many areas in the UK such as the popular **Coast to Coast** trail, the **Yorkshire Moors**, **Cotswolds**, **Scottish Highlands**, **Snowdonia** in Wales or the English **Lake District**. Pilgrimage walks are available on the **Camino de Santiago** from Le Puy to Santiago de Compostela in Spain, or the **Via Francigena**, the 'road to Rome'.

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