



Natural Croatia

Your Adventure in Nature!

Wild Mountain Adventure in Croatia

Guided Trekking Tour,

Wild mountain adventure discovers Top 3 most beautiful trails in Croatia: Vihoraški trail, Plitvice Lakes trail and Premužić trail. Be ready to take real adventure, hike & trek for 5 days and experience remarkable beauties of Croatian nature!

Starting from Zagreb, this tour takes you into the wild deep mountains and trail leading through restricted reserve area of White and Samarske rocks. Legendary trail "Vihoraški put" by the mountaineers the most beautiful but also technically the hardest trail in Croatia! After 2 days deep in the mountain and sleeping in mountain shelter situated in the rocks we come back closer to civilisation for a day and visit the most beautiful lakes and waterfalls in Croatia. UNESCO protected Plitvice lakes. Next day early start takes us back into the green mountains, to Northern Velebit National Park. Hiking starts with an easy trail that gives you magnificent views on Croatian islands at the top. Unforgettable sunsets can be seen just in front of the Zavižan mountain hut where we stay overnight. Next day we go deeper in the mountain following famous Premužić trail to next mountain hut Alan. After one more night in mountain hut, our transport is waiting for us and taking us to Zadar, magic city on the coast, where we have all day for city tour or just a relaxation. Zadar is famous for its most beautiful sunset in the world, a Sea Organ and Greeting to the sun. Late evening we go more south on the coast to the small city Tučepi, where we relax for one more day. Last day is goodbye in Split, with a possibility to do a city tour and visit UNESCO protected Diocletian palace.

Highlights

- Vihoraški trail hike!
- Plitvice Lakes!
- NP Northern Velebit
- Premužić trail
- Sunset in Zadar
- Relax by the sea
- Split

Includes

- 3 Top trails in Croatia
- 2 National parks
- 2 UNESCO sites
- 3 nights mountain hut
- 3 nights apartment
- 7 breakfasts
- 4 lunches & dinners
- 5 days hiking tours

In Short/Days

1. Zagreb
2. Vihoraški trail
3. NP Plitvice Lakes
4. NP Northern Velebit
5. Premužić trail
6. Rest/ tour in Zadar
7. Relax by the sea
8. Goodbye in Split

Day 1 Zagreb arrival

Evening meeting in city centre. Meeting the team, and briefing for tomorrow and next 7 days.

Day 2 White rocks and Vihoraški trail

Early start today 6:30, to catch all the sunlight for Vihoraški trail.

Breakfast on our way while we transfer (2h) to the starting point of hike to wild strict natural reserve White rocks (hr. *bijele stijene*).

Leave all the things that you do not need for next 2 days in the car, and take only the necessary. Sleeping bags and mats, food and drinks are distributed at this moment, so keep in mind to have

backpack for carrying all of this (or make a note for us to prepare it).

Climb to white rocks lasts around 1,5h. Scrambling to the top of the rocks (available cable and wedge to help the climb), and taking in the magnificent view from the top. After a short break, follows trekking Vihoraški trail. Depending on the group condition and technical capabilities level, trekking the trail takes from 4 to 6 or 7 hours. Picnic lunch during the trekking, and snacks when we have low energy feeling. Vihoraški trail is the wildest, the hardest and the most beautiful trail in Croatia. Trail goes between the rocks, through narrow passages in the rocks, and includes a lot



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of scrambling – climbing short distances on the rocky area.

When not on rocks, trail goes through magic green meadows and valleys with astonishing views on surrounding shining white rocks and blue sky. This is true wilderness, with a high chance to see a snake or some other wild animal, so please take care to where you put your feet, hands and where you sit! Final destination of this magic wild trek is romantic shelter located in the rock, very special and unique.

Here we will rest and cook our dinner. No bathroom facilities available here, mobile signal is rare, and no electricity. Water is available from a rain collected water tank. Use it sparingly! **(B, L, D)**

Day 3 National Park Plitvice

After breakfast, 1-2h trekking back to our car and 2,5h transfer to National Park Plitvice. National park Plitvice is Croatian most famous UNESCO Natural World Heritage site. It consists of several lakes connected with waterfalls. Plitvice hike includes breath-taking views on the park, astonishing photos under the waterfall and walk near the lakes. Total walking is around 4-5 hours. Here we enjoy also tasty and rich local food!

Accommodation is in classic local guesthouse in room or apartments, bathroom facilities included. **(B, L, D)**

Day 4 NP Northern Velebit: Oltari - Zavižan

After delicious breakfast, we head to next national park Northern Velebit. Transfer takes us about 2h to the starting point of the trail, and again here we leave our things in the car and take only necessary for next 2 nights in the mountain! The same rule applies; we carry all the food, water for one day and sleeping equipment with us. Today we trek a trail that takes us to the Zavižan mountain hut. Here famous Ante will greet us. Ante can offer us strong alcoholic brandy, homemade and local beer called the same as the mountain "Velebitsko pivo". We prepare lunch and dinner. Zavižan mountain hut is in the same time weather station and

Ante and his family is for generations working there for meteorological and hydrological service. We can observe the weather station and instruments.

Optional trail visits around Zavižan to nearby mountaintops, and at the evening unforgettable sunset with sea view on Croatian islands. An exceptional experience! **(B, L, D)**

Day 5 Premužić trail: Zavižan - Alan

Early start today again!

Today we hike Premužić trail. Top rated and most beautiful trail in Croatia, built in 1930 using special local drywalls technique without any machines! It is a true natural heritage and represents a local knowledge and architecture incorporated in nature.

Interesting fact about Premužić trail is that it is an easy trail to walk; even an unexperienced person can do it! It is wide enough and does not have high elevation changes.

Other special thing is that it gives you true wild mountain experience with unique views changing all the way! With all this, we take our trip that lasts between 6 and 8 hours to next mountain hut Alan. Here we prepare dinner and have a rest. **(B, L, D)**

Day 6 Zadar tour / rest day

Today is a rest day, needed after few days of intensive hiking. After breakfast 2,5h transfer to Zadar, where we have free time until the evening.

Recommended is a walking tour of Zadar. Do not miss visiting "The greeting to the Sun", "Sea organ" and the sunset from that place!

After beautiful sunset in Zadar, 2h transfer to small village Tučepi. **(B)**

Day 7 Villa Ban relaxation

A relaxed day in magnificent Villa Ban near the sea. To recover our energy we enjoy the view from the terrace or optionally take a walk in the village centre. **(B)**

Day 8 Split and goodbye

After breakfast, we prepare to leave this magic place and have a 1h transfer to Split city centre. Optional transfer to airport or optional city tour in Split. **(B)**



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INFO

No of persons: Min 2 Max 8

Available departures: Every week

Accommodation is in

- mountain huts: group beds, or rooms with 4-6 persons beds
- Apartments: 4 or 6 persons in apartment.

Included

- 3 nights mountain shelter/hut
- 4 nights private apartments (3*)
- All transfers noted in program
- All meals noted in program (B-breakfast, L-Lunch, D-dinner)
- Snacks in the mountain
- Professional guide
- Water for tours
- Insurance

Not included

- Flights
- National park entrance fees (cca 20€ total)
- Meals not stated in program
- Drinks (if not stated in program)
- Optional city tours
- Transfers not stated in the program
- Gratuities (optional)

ACTIVITY LEVEL: 4-5 -"Moderate to Strenuous"

Backpacking style trip NOTE

This tour is backpacking style. Please be aware that mountain huts and shelter do not have bathroom facilities!

If you will bring your backpack, please note that you need to have enough space to carry sleeping bag, sleeping mat, water and food for 2 days in it.

Pack your reserve clothes in closed plastic bags to keep it safe from the rain.

Notify us in advance, if you need a backpack and walking sticks.

Gear checklist

- High trekking shoes
- Long hiking pants
- Windproof jacket
- Headlamp
- Small packed personal hygiene set
- Wet wipes
- Hat and Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Small packable raincoat
- Bathing suit (summer tours)
- Backpack (available on request)
- Photo camera - for your memories!

NOTE

Please check your visa requirements for Croatia. EU citizens do not require visa, only identification card.

It is possible to organize accommodation and transfer for day earlier /later in the case of earlier arrival or longer stay – please request this in advance.

IMPORTANT

All activities outdoor, and are subject to weather conditions. If your guide evaluates that there is too high risk to perform activity, the schedule might change, or activity might be cancelled if impossible to replace.

Please note in advance any special diets (vegetarian, vegan or similar) and also possible allergies it is for your own security!

***** VERY IMPORTANT ****

This is a tour activity level 4-5. All participants require to be in good health and good shape to be able to take part in this tour. It is possible that your guide evaluates you are not capable for making this trip and for your own security denies you participation.

Available is optional transport from Split to Zagreb