

# Croatia Trek

Trek the spectacular Croatian National Parks



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## Discover Croatia on this amazing three day challenge

Croatia is famous for its dramatic coastline but it also boasts lots of mountains, canyons, lakes and forests that make Croatia a must for trekking!

This three day trekking challenge will open your eyes to the stunning sceneries and landscapes of three Croatian National Parks. The route takes you all the way from Croatia's inland mountain region to the Adriatic coast through three national parks Risnjak, North Velebit and Paklenica. All of these parks are renowned for their biodiversity and natural phenomena.



# Detailed itinerary

## Day 1: Depart London to Zagreb

Our adventure starts when we meet our guides at Zagreb airport. We will be transferred to Zvečaj Village, a small village by the Mreznica River. Tonight we will enjoy a traditional Croatian dinner before a full trek briefing about the challenge ahead. Overnight hotel.

## Day 2: Risnjak National Park

### Trekking hours: 4-5 hours

The Risnjak mountain range is located in Gorski Kotar, the most mountainous and heavily forested region of the country, about 15kms inland from the Adriatic Sea. This area is a spectacular landscape of green river valleys and forested hillside. Today's trek starts from Vilje where we will begin trekking towards Veliki Risnjak, the highest peak in the Risnjak National Park at 1,528m high. Today we will trek to Schlosser's mountain hut, situated 100m below the peak, one of the most beautiful mountain huts in Croatia. After having lunch and enjoying the spectacular views over the sea and even the Alps, we will descend slowly back to Vilje. Here we will transfer back to our hotel for dinner.

## Day 3: Northern Velebit National Park

### Trekking hours: 5-6 hours

After breakfast, we will transfer to Croatia's youngest national park – North Velebit. The area was designated a national park due to its richness of karst phenomena, outstanding biodiversity and exquisitely beautiful nature on a relatively small area. The Park is crisscrossed with numerous mountaineering trails. The most famous is the Premužić trail, named after its constructor who built it in the 1930's. The path runs through the most beautiful and the most interesting parts of the park. From the numerous peaks you have magnificent views on the Adriatic Sea, its islands and the continental side of the mountain chain. Tonight we overnight in Korana Village, a small idyllic place hidden away in a valley by the Korana River.



## Day 4: Paklenica National Park

### Trekking hours: 5-6 hours

Our final day of this incredible challenge! After breakfast we continue south to Paklenica National Park, part of a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve. This relatively small area is a trekkers paradise, combining craggy limestone gorges, dense pine forest and meadow-carpeted alpine uplands. The locals mostly engage in nomadic stock herding in this area, which can be seen by their mountain shepherd residences. Today we will trek to the Borisov Dom mountain hut. After descending all the way to the sea we drive to our overnight accommodation and enjoy a celebration dinner.

## Day 5: Depart Croatia

After breakfast we will be transferred to the airport for our flight back to London

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*This itinerary is complex and subject to change*

### Challenge grade

Moderate to tough

### Best time of year

April, May, June, September and October

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