

Hiking

Dalmatian coast is separated from the countryside by a long chain of mountains. Multiple paths can be discovered just a short drive from Split.

1. Kozjak – easy/medium

Kozjak mountain is located over Kaštela and Solin town. The altitude difference is not very high and includes hiking along the ridge, while you are able to see the city of Split from bird's perspective. The mountain is visible from most parts of Split, as a long rocky formation with a cliff decorating top all along.

Start of the tour is about 20 minutes away from Split, and hiking itself can last from 2 to 3,5 hours, depending which route you take.



Easy

The easy option is starting from the Malačka passage, where you walk first through the forested area to a small lake and then proceed to the top called St. John, or Biranj by locals. There you will see all of the Split area from Mosor on the east and far behind Trogir on the west, with all central Dalmatian islands (even small island-rock Jabuka 90 km away is sometimes visible). On the other side, looking to the north, you will see Dalmatian Zagora, countryside area separated from the sea by mountain chains, mostly consisting of Kozjak, Mosor, and Biokovo.

If you are not afraid of heights, we will go back closer to the edge of the cliff. If this is not an option for you, we can go back the same way that we used to get to the top.



Medium

This tour is passing the eastern part of Kozjak, starting from the Solin suburb of Rupotina. From the road, you go uphill, quickly leave houses behind and enter the forest. The first part is not steep, you circle around trees, and get to the viewpoint. Don't be surprised if you see someone flying above you, because this is also the closest zip line area for Split.

The hike continues after viewpoint to bit steeper area, and we will walk up the top. After a break we continue a walk which will take about 45 minutes. There is also an option to prolong this trip by returning along the cliff, which can be organized by the agency upon request.

OVERALL:

Driving from Split: 20 min

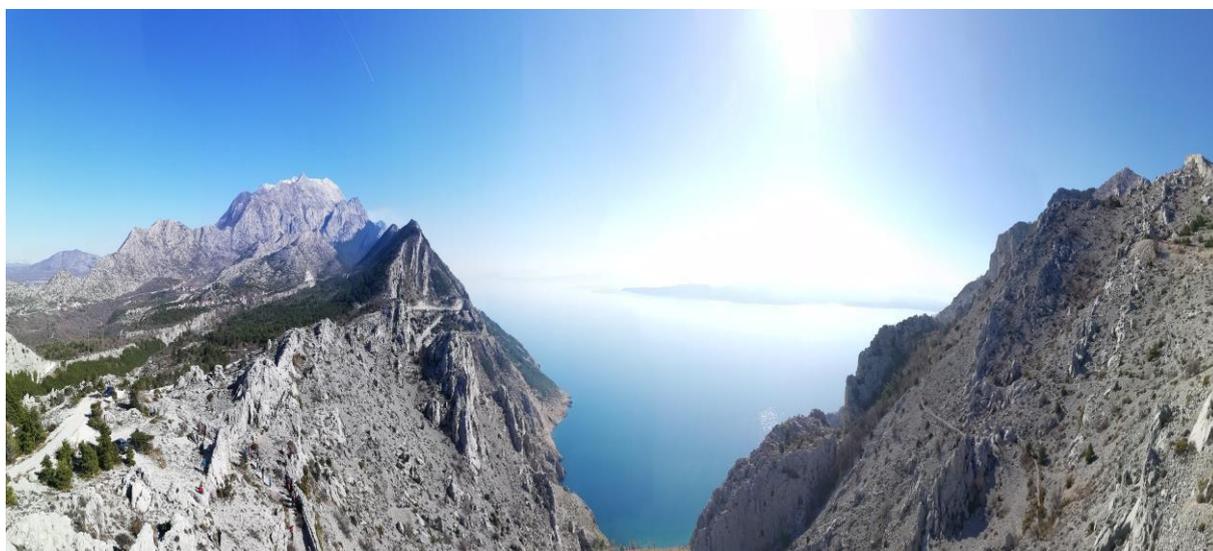
Hiking duration: 2 hours for EASY option, 3,5 hours for MEDIUM option

Difficulty: Easy or Medium

Elevation gain: 150 m for EASY option, 450 m for MEDIUM option

2. Omiška Dinara (Put Života) – medium

A mountain Omiška Dinara has an excellent mix of forested and open hiking paths above the Adriatic Sea. It is located between Omiš town and Biokovo mountain, separated from Mosor on the north by the canyon of Cetina river. Omiš was used by pirates as a fortified stronghold, and even mouth of Cetina river was blocked by an underwater wall, with a gap for pirate ships to pass into the river and hide after more or less successful plunder on the sea. Banks of the river were blocked by the city fortifications.



Tour starts in the town of Pisak a few kilometers after Omiš and ends at the same place. The beginning of a hike is a bit steep, but it becomes easier along the way. All of the path, with breaks, takes around 6 hours. On the way, you also pass part of old Napoleonic road, built during brief French rule of Dalmatia at the beginning of the 19th century. On the passage between Biokovo and Omiška Dinara, road proceeds from the coastal area to the countryside. That scenery was also used in famous show Game of Thrones in the fourth season, when Daenerys marches with her army to the city of Meereen and speaks with Daario Naharis prior to approaching the city walls. We also pass next to old Yugoslavian military infrastructure, signal towers and bunker entrances. The last part is the most beautiful, with a path leading us behind and between the cliffs, and you can see steep coastline rising from the sea into the mountains.

OVERALL

Driving from Split: 40 minutes

Hiking duration: 6 hours

Difficulty: Medium

Elevation gain: 500 m

3. Mosor (Vickov Stup) – easy/medium

Mosor is a high karst mountain dominating the area between Split and Omiš and offering spectacular views of open sea and islands. It is separated from Kozjak by a deep saddle. The highest summit, Veliki Kabal, is 1 339 m high and the total length of the mountain is 25 km. The backbone is an extremely rocky ridge, made of limestone, which slopes sharply on both sides. Due to its karstic features, water is scarce, except for some rare areas around isolated springs and water ponds.



Our tour today starts with a pick up at your accommodation and transport to the village Sitno Gornje on Mosor (about 35 min drive). From here we start our climb first to “Umberto Girometta” mountain lodge and we make first stop. From here you have two options.

Easy

The easy mode will take you to Gajna meadow and back to the mountain lodge. The circle will take just about an hour. On the way, you will see a meadow with a deep pit on the edge, and hear a story about the tragic faith of the area around it.

Medium

The medium mode will take you over a ridge above mountain lodge and then further up towards the Vickov stup shelter at the elevation of 1 332 m (just under the Veliki Kabal summit). From the mountain lodge to Vickov stup is steep mountain path, and altitude difference between the two is about 450 m. Enjoy the most amazing views before we descend back to the mountain lodge where you can rest, have a cup of tea made of local mountain herbs and order simple but a delicious lunch.



We will then head down to village Sitno Gornje and drive back to hotel.

OVERALL

Driving from Split: 35 minutes

Hiking duration: 3 hours for Easy option, 5 hours for Medium option

Difficulty: Easy or Medium

Elevation gain: 300 m for Easy option, or 700 m for Medium option

4. Biokovo (Vošac) – advanced

In the morning, we say goodbye to Split and make our way south, to the beautiful Makarska Riviera. Once there, you will see the amazing Biokovo mountain you'll be conquering today. Some say Biokovo is both the most beautiful and the roughest Croatian mountain. It covers the surface of 196 square km, and the highest summit is Sv. Jure (St. George) at 1762 m. Biokovo's inhospitable peaks of over 1 700 m rise so steeply and so close to the sea, a site you will rarely see anywhere else in the Mediterranean. So many different landscapes and geological formations can be found here, as well as historical sites from the times when shepherds roamed this difficult terrain. Every hike to Biokovo is a different experience. To protect this richness, the mountain was protected as Nature park in 1981.



On today's tour, we will drive to village Makar, our starting point to the Vošac summit. Vošac is at 1 422 m elevation and the hike up will take us about 4 hours. The first half of the hike will be steep uphill and the second one will be with more flat terrain and much easier. Once you reach the summit, you will be rewarded with some of the most spectacular views. You can have your packed lunch here and rest a bit before we begin the descend in direction village Kotišina. Just above the village, at the elevation 350-500 m, there is a botanical garden spread over 16 ha. It is not your typical botanical garden, but more a fenced and protected area where many indigenous species exist in their natural habitat. You will have some free time to explore, before heading down to the village Kotišina where our bus will be waiting to take us back to the hotel.



OVERALL

Driving from Split: 70 minutes

Hiking duration: 6 hours

Difficulty: Advanced

Elevation gain: 1 200 meters

5. Velebit (Staza Malog Princa) – advanced

Two hours driving north from Split, you come to Velebit mountain. It is home to two national parks, one nature park, and one strict reserve area. A few years ago, a group of enthusiasts has broken a path to the previously inaccessible area in the southern part of Velebit and named it “Staza Malog Princa”, or “Path of little Prince”, named after the famous novel by Antoine de Saint-Exupery. The landscapes that you pass around are indescribable, from hidden valleys to peaks above the forest, and narrow paths between the rocks. The path is long and tiring, but the reward is worth the effort.



From start to the end, hiking lasts about 4 hours. First, you have to ascend to small mountain shelter Crnopac. From here, the magic starts, as you start circling in the labyrinth between cliffs, on the same places not even one meter wide. The hike is technically demanding and the terrain is quite rough. Volunteers have installed various infrastructure that helps you pass, and climb the rocks. We will pass over installed ladders, steel ropes, suspended bridge made of steel wires. After a 1,5-hour walk, we get back to the mountain shelter, before going back to our starting

point on the road. Keep in mind that difficulty level is based more on the technical complexity of the hike, rather than the duration of walking and gained elevation difference.

OVERALL

Driving from Split: 2 hours

Hiking duration: 4 hours

Difficulty: Advanced

Elevation gain: 550 m

6. Velebit (Paklenica) – easy/advanced

Two hours driving north from Split, you come to Velebit mountain. It is home to two national parks, one nature park, and one strict reserve area.

We prepared two options for exploring Paklenica national park – one easy, or “mainstream”, and one that is for advanced hikers and will take you off the beaten path to places not revealed to many visitors to this national park. For both options, you start from Split, and come to the entrance of National Park Paklenica in Starigrad after less than two hours driving.



Easy

You start from the main entrance to Paklenica in the canyon of Velika Paklenica, and proceed through the canyon on the sightseeing path. On the way, you will enter bunker built for ex-Yugoslavian dictator Tito. The bunker is recently renovated and turned into the visitors center, with halls for indoor climbing and exhibitions about flora and fauna inside the national park. After the tunnel, we continue uphill next to Velika Paklenica stream, which provides a bit cooler temperature even in hot summer months. After 6 km and 2,5 hours from the entrance, we will reach the mountain lodge Paklenica. There you have an opportunity to eat typical mountain dishes like bean soup and sauerkraut. After rest, we continue back downhill towards the entrance of the national park and drive back to Split.

The overall duration is about 4,5 hours.

OVERALL

Driving from Split: 2 hours

Hiking duration: 4,5 hours

Difficulty: Easy

Elevation gain: 400 m

Advanced

For Mala Paklenica canyon we go to a different entrance, not far from the main one, and start hiking. Pretty soon rocks on the side will turn into high and steep cliffs, with occasional ponds between them, or a stream, depending on intensity and duration of the previous rain. The canyon is a lot narrower than Velika Paklenica (hence the name, Velika-big, Mala-little). The hike is long, but not very steep at the beginning. Later we start to ascend to the central ridge between two canyons and descend back to the entrance for a drive back to Split. All of the hiking will take about 7 hours.

OVERALL

Driving from Split: 2 hours

Hiking duration: 7 hours

Difficulty: Advanced

Elevation gain: 700 m

Grading difficulty

On our hiking tours, you can choose from EASY, MEDIUM or ADVANCED option. Easy and medium options can be accessed by everybody with low and middle fitness level, but advanced is more demanding and will put your legs to real test along the way.

Keep in mind that, if the tour exceeds any of the requirements (walking or elevation gain), it automatically switches to a higher level of difficulty. Also, if the tour has any technical difficulties (a lot of rough terrain, or steep parts), it switches to a higher level of difficulty.

Easy

Walking distance is not more than 10 km and elevation gain not more than 400 m.

Medium

Walking distance is not more than 15 km and elevation gain not more than 700 m.

Advanced

Walking distance can exceed 15 km and elevation gain can be from 700 to 1200 m.

On all our tours you will be accompanied by one or more local mountain guides and they will be more than happy to answer everything about mountain, ascent, and people around it.