

Island of Pag Must See & Do

Learn to love the Pag lace and learn about it!

UNESCO protected Pag lace is a finely crafted product of beauty and delicacy that many grateful owners frame and regard as artwork. Thanks to the runs of the local Benedictine monastery, who were the first to start perfecting and teaching fine-thread ornamental lacemaking in the 15th century, Pag lace has been an important source of income for many skilled and industrious local women ever since. Some of them were even invited to the court of Empress Maria Theresa to hand-weave for her exclusively! Fully learning the craft of Pag lacemaking is a lengthy and complex process. However, you can also test your skills by enrolling in the beginner course under the guidance of some of the most experienced and talented lace-makers on the entire island.

Not to sound cheesy, but you will fall in love with this cheese!

Pag has a long and proud tradition of artisan cheese making and its sheep-milk type is considered one of the best in the world! Pag cheese is regularly awarded and included on various top lists of prominent experts and food critics. It is often proclaimed the best in many categories, even ahead of the most outstanding French cheeses. It is usually rather hard and has a very distinctive flavour which comes from resilient sheep grazing on the aromatic shrubs of sage and thyme covered by sea salt scattered by the gusts of the strong bura wind. Famous Pag dairies are awarded around the world and offer exciting educational and tasting tours to its numerous visitors who get a chance to try exceptional cheese. Find out more about its greatness and fall in love with it at first bite!



If you are looking for the perfect beach, come to Pag.

Pag has many lovely coves and stunning beaches, wedged between the unique moonlike landscape of the rugged island and the crystal-clear coast of the calm Adriatic Sea. Ideal for enjoyment, leisure and all sorts of fun activities, they range from larger bustling locations to smaller private havens of both sandy and gravel texture. Make sure to visit exceptionally beautiful beaches in Kolan and Povljana and relish the nature of the island.

The Town of Pag might be small, but it has a long history.

The Town of Pag, the largest settlement on the eponymous island, is a typical medieval town built in the 15th century according to the project of George the Dalmatian, an ingenious master builder, hired by the Venetians who ruled the area. The first cornerstone was laid in 1443. In accordance with what were the latest ideas in town planning back then, the main streets and the cross streets intersect at right angles and lead to four city gates. The sober central square, the Petar Krešimir Square, includes the Church of St. Mary and the Ducal (Rector's) Palace. In the 15th century, Dalmatian began working on the city walls but only the Skrinanac tower of the nine original towers remains. The best way to get to know the town is to take a walk through it and create your own history.

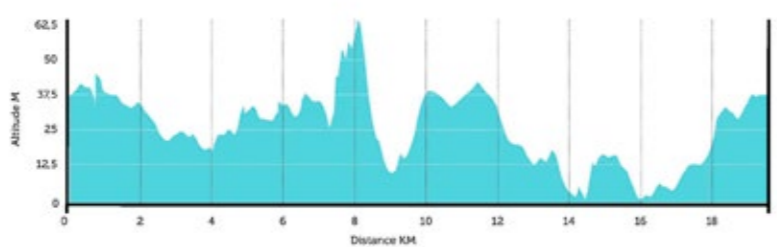


MTB 44

Povljana

This trail can also be called the "green oasis trail" which goes through the middle of the extremely rocky island of Pag. It is intended for MTB and trekking riders in basic physical condition and leads through the traditional rocky landscape of Pag, with a constant view of the Velebit mountain and the sea. This is a great chance to visit ornithological reserves Veliko and Malo blato, and Smokvica - one of the most beautiful beaches on Pag. Make sure to bring enough liquids because the trail is mostly in the sun.

Start/Finish	Povljana	Length	19.6 km
Via	Velo i malo blato - Smokvica	Physical Difficulty	1/3
		Technical Difficulty	1/3
		Elevation	353 m

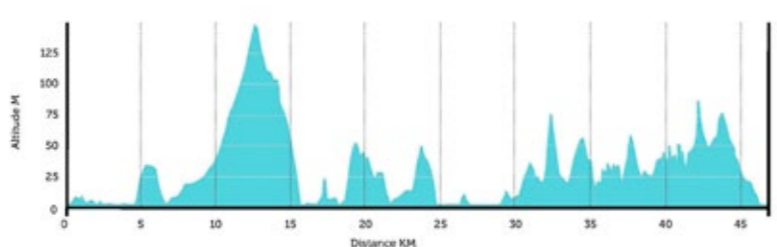


MTB 45

Pag 1

The island of Pag is very often compared to the surface of the Moon. This impressive trail mostly goes through the typical rocky terrain, but also crosses into the Kolanjsko polje, the only fertile area on the island. A ride along the saltworks and salt pools makes it very interesting from the tourist point of view as well. The trail is intended for MTB and trekking riders in moderate physical and technical condition, but because of its diversity, we would recommend it to everyone.

Start/Finish	Pag	Length	46.9 km
Via	Šimuni - Dubrava Hanzina reservation	Physical Difficulty	2/3
		Technical Difficulty	2/3
		Elevation	590 m

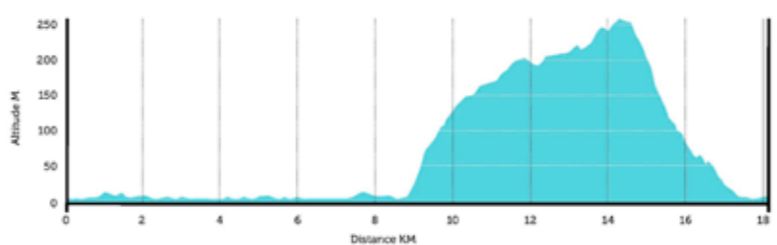


MTB 46

Pag 2

Although not very long and demanding, this trail is recommended for MTB riders in moderate physical and technical condition. It starts with a flat part near Pag saltworks and salt pools and continues with windmills and the view of the whole Velebit mountain, which makes it very interesting. Make sure to bring enough liquids because the trail is mostly in the sun.

Start/Finish	Pag	Physical Difficulty	1/3
Via	Solana/Salt pans	Technical Difficulty	1/3
Length	18 km	Elevation	245 m

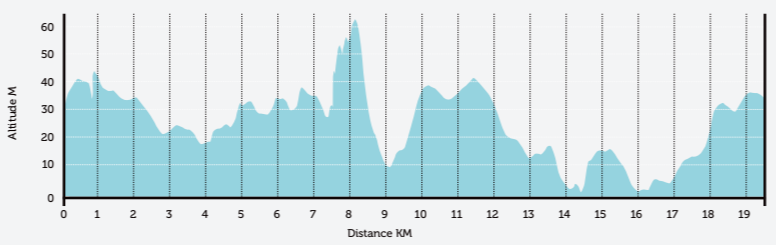


T&F 17

Povljana

This southeastern part of the Island of Pag represents a typical stone landscape of the island with beautiful view over the massive Velebit mountain. Undemanding circle trail rounds the unique area of Veliko blato lake. An ornithological reserve and a last resort for many swamp birds is an important part of the tourist offer of the island, especially for birdwatching. An info board gives this route an additional educational character. For visiting the Ornithological Reserve Veliko blato, you need to buy a ticket at a local Tourist Office. The trail is constantly exposed to sun, so you should wear adequate clothes and bring enough liquids.

Start/Finish	Povljana	Length	19.6 km
Via	Velo Blato Lake - Smokvica	Physical Difficulty	1/3
		Elevation	131 m

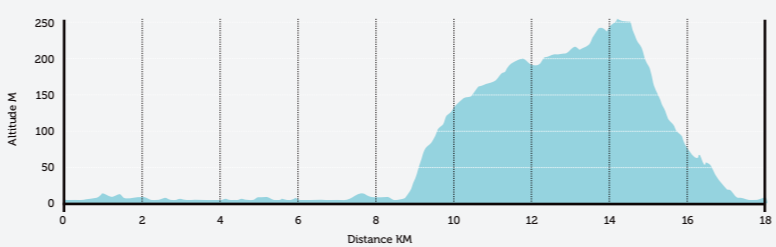


T&F 18

Pag

The medieval town of Pag, embossed in stone by influence of bora wind and the sea, is the starting point for this circular trekking route intended for recreational bikers. After 9 km of totally flat terrain, in the immediate vicinity of Pag saltworks and salt pools built in Roman times, an ascent starts to the elevation of 250 m above the sea level from where a panoramic view of the northern part of the island of Pag and the Velebit mountain stretches. There is a steep descent for the last 3 km before returning to Pag.

Start/Finish	Pag	Length	18 km
Via	Salt pans	Physical Difficulty	1/3
		Elevation	245 m

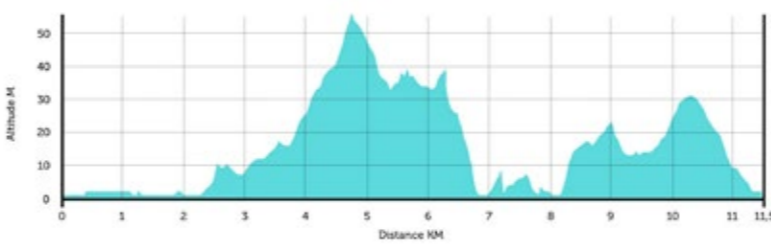


T&F 21

Pag 2

Shorter and not so demanding route, ideal option to explore the surrounding of Novalja. It goes through the camping sight Straško, the town of Gajac and popular beaches - Zrće and Caska - which both have quite opposite day look from their night look. On your way back you pass the field of Novalja and a gentle descent straight into the centre of Novalja.

Start/Finish	Novalja	Length	11.5 km
Via	Gajac - beach Zrće - Caska	Physical Difficulty	1/3
		Elevation	99 m



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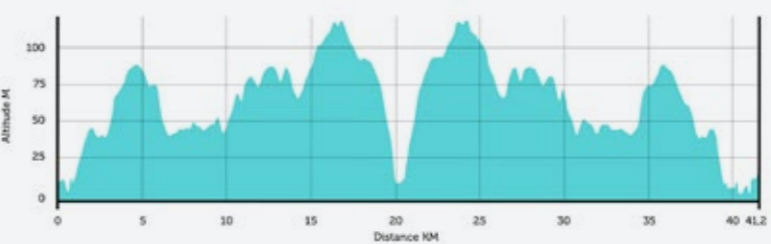
Breathtaking scenery of the northern part of the island of Pag is impossible to compare with anything else on the planet because it most resembles the Moon. Or at least the photos of the Moon that we've seen. The bare rock certainly owes its uniqueness to wind Bura that during the winter descends to the mainland blowing so fast that it carries the sea all the way up to the tips of the island. Salt from the sea is devastating for the vegetation so only the most persistent species can survive to serve as food to sheep, whose milk has a distinctive taste and of which one of the world's most famous cheeses is being produced. And that's just one of the stories of the island of Pag. In cycling terms it is unique but diverse, ideal for a long day on a bike.

Road 22

Pag 1

This very route belongs to a locals' choice category. So, there is a good chance to meet someone along the way. Route goes over the crest of an island with many shorter ascents and descends, what makes it appropriate for a training or a slower recreational ride. Short break and a coffee in picturesque town of Tovarnale is a must for most of the riders. The return is slightly faster for a different ground configuration.

Start/Finish	Novalja	Length	41.2 km
Via	Lun	Physical Difficulty	1/3
		Elevation	508 m



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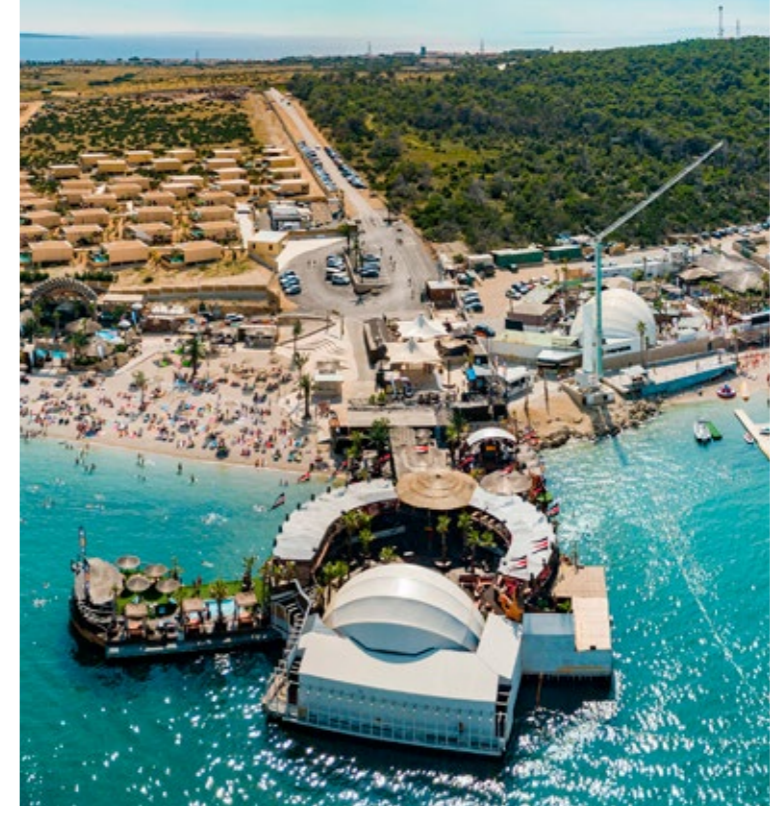
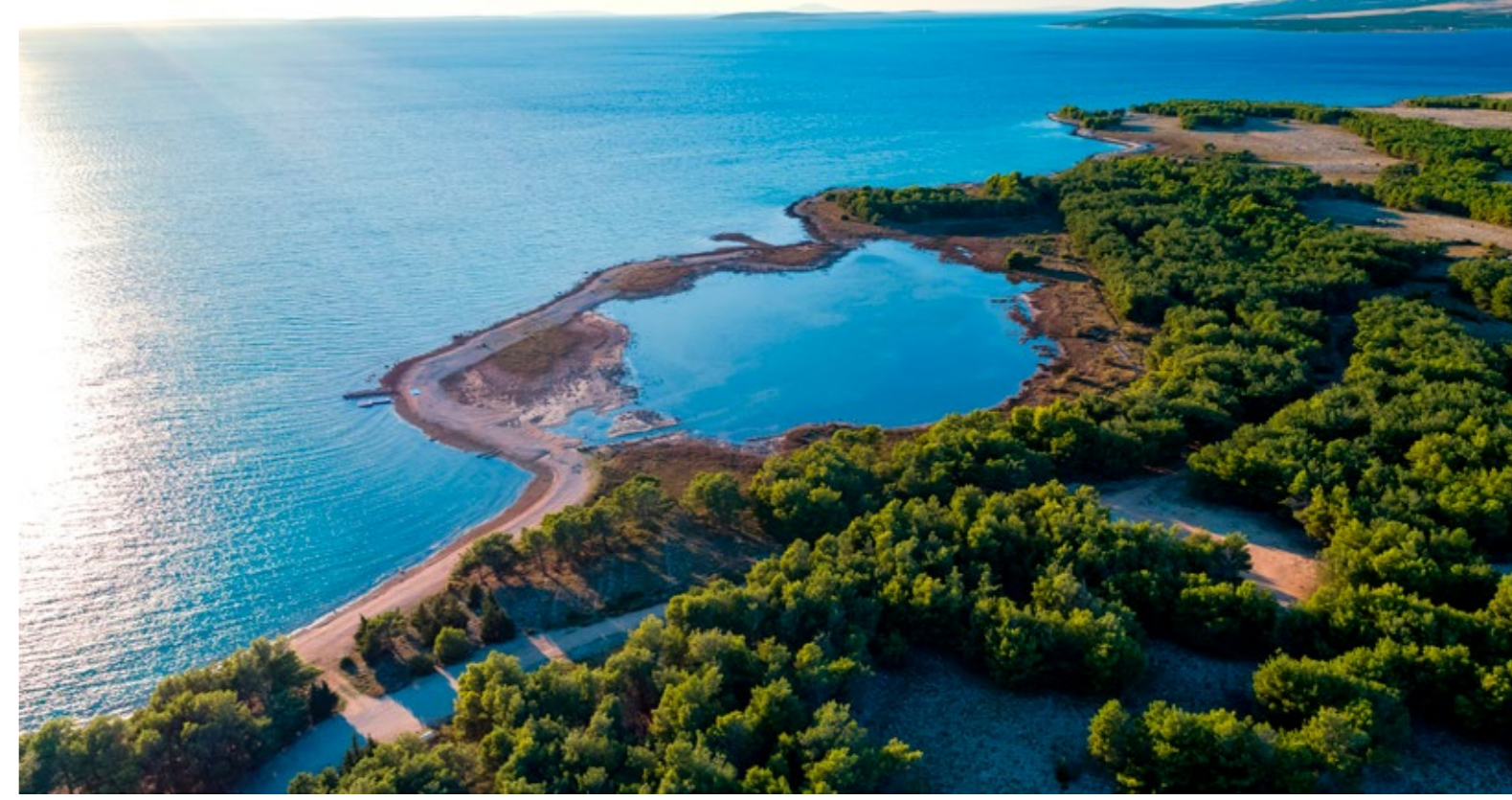
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The sacred triangle trail
 The Sacred Triangle of Pag is a very popular tourist site that links three sacred spots where the Christian churches were built on the foundations of pagan places of worship. This rugged inaccessible area poses quite a challenge to all those who love to hike and presents a unique adventure, while offering wondrous views of the surroundings from the highest point of the island.

Party heaven
 Pag is home to several traditional festivals that faithfully promote intangible heritage of the area. However, it has gained a global attention because of its spectacular dance music festivals. Over the last 15 years, the Zrće Beach hosted countless universally acclaimed and globally popular DJs and it has acquired a lasting reputation of the place to be, with over a million partygoers visiting each year!

Try the Pag salt
 Pag salt has always played a very important role in the lives of the local people. There is evidence that organized production by natural evaporation started one thousand years ago! Visitors can learn more about its rich history in a lovely onsite museum that is the largest manufacturing plant of its kind in entire Croatia today.

Birdwatching all day long
 Kolanjsko blato is the most extensive area of low marshy and sandy coastline and shoals, wide shallow bays, lagoons and protected straits in Croatian littoral.

Legend

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