

Half-day hiking tour on western part of Papuk Mountain

Departure: Daruvar town



What to Expect?

From the bottom of a former Pannonian Sea, the largest Slavonian mountain Papuk rose. Its volcanic origin and rocks, today are preserved and about 400 million years old. Of many famous trails that allow us walks through dense forests, still, one part of western Papuk is unexplored. Join us in a unique hiking adventure at Bjelovar-bilogora County.

Discovering the beautiful nature of West Papuk mountain, meeting point is at the geomorphological site called Vranjevina (just about 3 km from Daruvar town). Treat yourself with a morning snack while you meet the local guide and then, full of energy, embark on a medium-demanding hiking tour through an 11-kilometer-long adventure. Find out more about Daruvar town, its vineyards, healing water springs, an interesting past dating back from Roman times. While hiking, our path leads us through the forest, across the meadows to the hamlet of Ječmenica, and all the way to the wonderful viewpoint on the highest peak of Slavonia. Along the way, we have a company of green surroundings and small stream cascades from Toplica river – a true forest wellness! Arrival at Petrov peak (614 ASL) is our end of the adventure, time to enjoy a well-deserved meal and relaxed chat at the mountain hut.

Hiking trail level: 3/5 **Path:** macadam, forest road and asphalt **Length:** 11 km **Duration:** 4 hours hiking

Included: local licensed hiking guide, breakfast snack, lunch, organization services, travel agency liability and guarantee insurance.

Good to know: You can participate as individual, with your co-workers, business partners, and/or, better yet, you can join us on a regular departure dates with small groups and get the opportunity to meet local and like-minded people.

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Your First Hiking Experience on Mysticaly Bilogora hill

Departure: Maglenča village (near Bjelovar town)



What to Expect?

Bilogora is a gentle hill know for hidden small villages, family farms, viewpoints, and a ground covered by rich plant mantle. If you are up for an easy hiking trail and eager to get the nature escape experience, then Bilogora hill is a great place to start.

Hiking adventure via “Bilogora trails” starts from mountain hut called “Kamenitovac” situated in small Maglenča village, located on 242 meters ASL. Just before the hike, you’ll receive a Hiking-beginner-diary which you’ll fill up with stamps at checkpoints along the trail. With guidance from a local hiking guide, you embark on an 11,5 kilometres long walk through Bilogora hill landscapes. You have the opportunity to see hidden viewpoints of picturesque villages, rural surroundings, meadows as well as enjoying relaxing sounds of leaves falling from trees in the rhythm of a light breeze. While relaxing in nature, you will hear interesting stories about Bilogora mythological beings and their co-living with local people. Along the way, you’ll visit one of the family farms and meet domestic animals such as horses, ducks, as well as taste organic products for example mare’s milk. Our rural and hiking fairy-tale experience will end at the “Kamenitovac” hut with a nice lunch and “rakija” (domestic plumb shooter). On your way back home, we recommend visiting Bjelovar town, the city of Empress Maria Theresa, or maybe going for a ride through the open road sculpture gallery called “Svijetle pruge”.

Hiking trail level: 1/5 **Path:** macadam, forest road and asphalt **Length:** 11,5 km **Duration:** 4 hours hiking

Included: local licensed hiking guide, breakfast snack, mare’s milk tasting at “Bilogora magic-estate”, lunch, hiking diary “Bilogora trails” & hiking badge, organization services, travel agency liability and guarantee insurance.

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Hiking on Moslavina hill

Departure: Podgarić village



What to Expect?

Moslavina region is a small rural area beautifully covered with agricultural fields, vineyards, and rustical houses. Among all, Moslavina hill is settled in the middle of the region. In the past, it was a favorite place among ancient Greek and Roman writers. Today, it is the home of several medieval fortresses, and one of them is especially popular among locals.

The beginning of the tour starts from a village called Podgarić where you'll meet your guide, have a chat along with a cup of coffee, tea, and morning snack. When we're ready, we start our hike via green forests, fresh air, and a soothing murmur of water. An easy climb leads us towards a well-preserved archaeological site called Garić-grad. This medieval fortress surprises everyone with its existence and sustainability. Once owned by the infamous Countess Barbara of Cilli and known as The Black Queen, today is a reminder of a distant time, legends, and medieval social customs. Our walk continues towards the highest peak on Moslavina hill called Humka (489 ASL) and a way back to Podgarić village by crossing the "hill" which locals like to call "Mrcina" because of its ascent and challenging descent. When we are back, a well-deserved lunch is waiting for us.

Hiking trail level: 2/5 **Path:** macadam and forest road **Length:** 12 km **Duration:** 4 hours hiking

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