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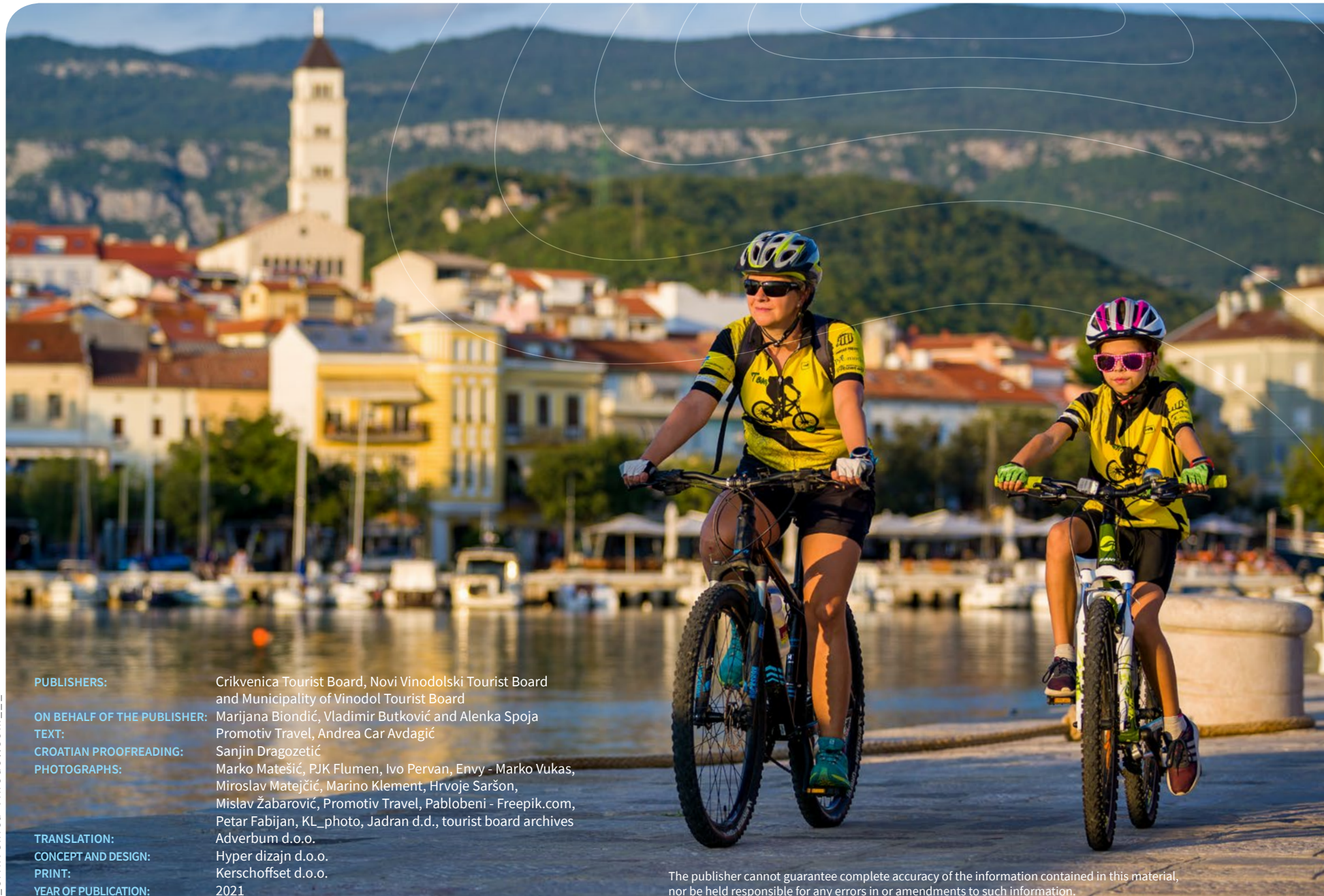


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# The pulse of life

on the blue & green riviera

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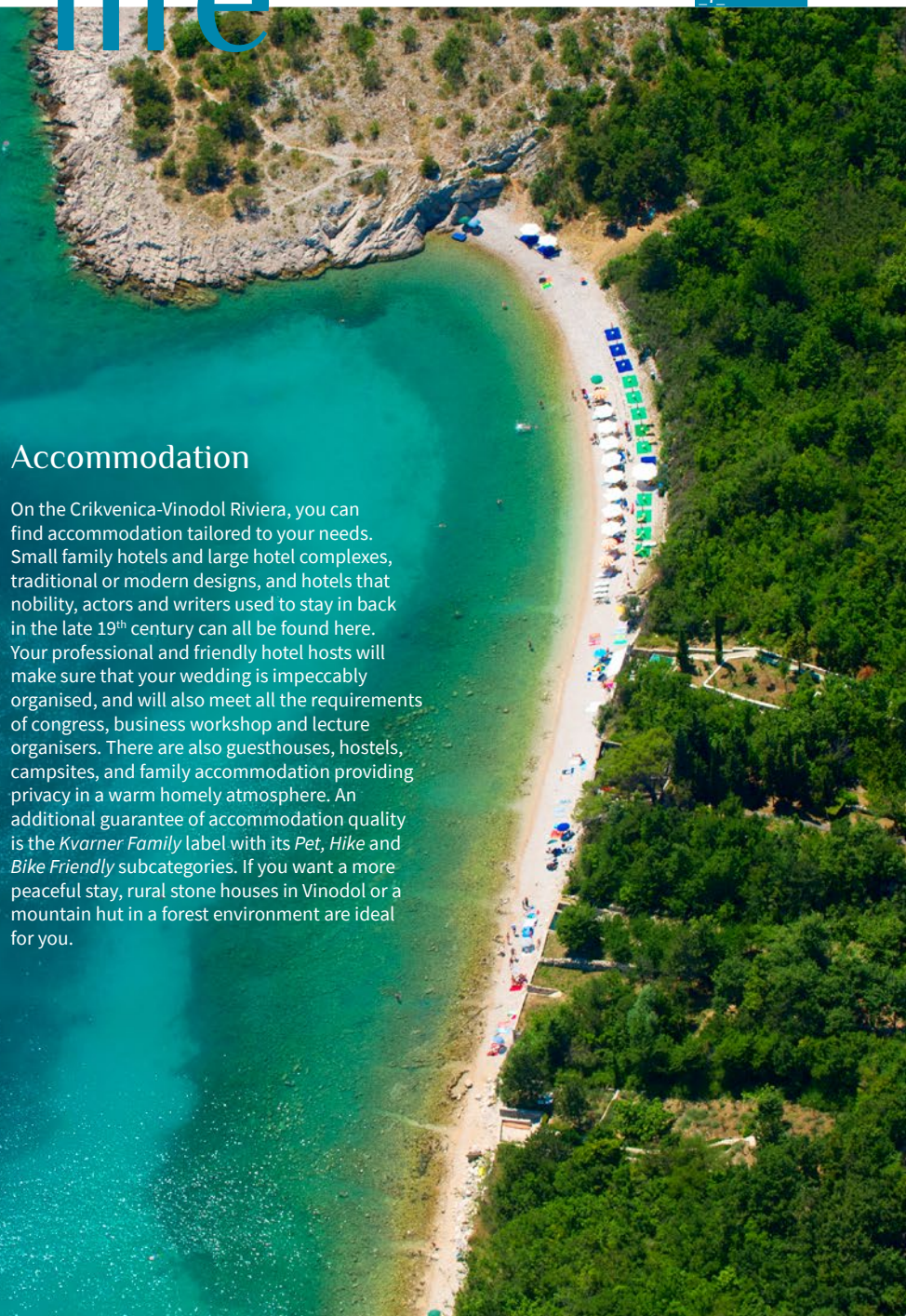
Are you looking for a holiday rich in experiences, one you can see, hear, taste and touch, a holiday where you can soak up the destination and feel its primordial pulse of life?

Your first encounter with the Crikvenica-Vinodol Riviera will leave you feeling enchanted by its relaxing combination of sea, lakes, valleys, forests and mountain peaks. An endless interplay of blue and green landscapes will follow you every step of the way, but the thing that will probably delight you the most is the fact that such diversity is so close at hand! Here, you can laze on a sandy beach, go for a walk in the woods or explore the area's exciting history, and then have an evening out on the town – all on the same day! A favourable location in Kvarner, a healthy climate and microclimate, clean air and sea, scenic beauty, and a fascinating cultural and historical heritage are just some of the highlights of this area, whose tradition in tourism dates back more than 140 years. Whichever place you choose for your stay, you can rest assured that you'll enjoy it. The charming coastal towns of Crikvenica, Dramalj, Jadranovo and Selce are part of the riviera, which became famous for health tourism as early as the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and which is still today a leading destination in Croatia. The green of Vinodol and the picturesque villages of Bribir, Grižane, Tribalj and Drivenik will provide you with a peaceful atmosphere away from the crowds and everyday hustle and bustle. You must definitely see Novi Vinodolski, home of the Law Code of Vinodol, one of the most important medieval legal documents in Europe, its coastal neighbours Povile, Klenovica, Smokvica and Sibirj, and its 'protectors' in the hinterland: Breže, Krmpote, Donji and Gornji Zagon and Ledence.

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## Accommodation

On the Crikvenica-Vinodol Riviera, you can find accommodation tailored to your needs. Small family hotels and large hotel complexes, traditional or modern designs, and hotels that nobility, actors and writers used to stay in back in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century can all be found here. Your professional and friendly hotel hosts will make sure that your wedding is impeccably organised, and will also meet all the requirements of congress, business workshop and lecture organisers. There are also guesthouses, hostels, campsites, and family accommodation providing privacy in a warm homely atmosphere. An additional guarantee of accommodation quality is the *Kvarner Family* label with its *Pet*, *Hike* and *Bike Friendly* subcategories. If you want a more peaceful stay, rural stone houses in Vinodol or a mountain hut in a forest environment are ideal for you.





## Activities

If you cannot decide whether you prefer sports and activities on land, at sea, or in the air, don't worry, for you're in the right place for all of them. The Crikvenica-Vinodol area has 425 km of cycling trails and more than 300 km of hiking trails and promenades along the coast and in the hinterland that are suitable for both recreationists and active athletes alike. The exciting and romantic Love Path is just one of the many routes on which you can pursue recreational activities but also get to know interesting cultural and historical sights. Divers will love their unforgettable encounters with the marine flora and fauna, boating and sailing enthusiasts will find a favourite spot in the two marinas in Novi Vinodolski, while those interested in fishing can put out to sea or head for the lake in Tribalj. The picturesque hinterland is ideal for paragliding and horseback riding, while the Celestial Labyrinths in the hinterland of Novi Vinodolski and the Mediterranean Labyrinth of Love in Crikvenica are perfect for those in search of silence and meditation. A series of viewpoints called *The Eyes of Vinodol* in the surroundings of Novi Vinodolski and Vinodol offer magnificent views and provide a special feeling of freedom and connection with nature. There are also facilities where you can play football, basketball, handball, volleyball, tennis and many other sports. A number of professional athletes have chosen this area to relax and prepare for new sporting challenges.

## Climate & health

The best part is that you can come here any time, because it has been proven that the area offers favourable climatic conditions for outdoor activities almost all year round. Natural healing factors that can help treat various illnesses and improve quality of life, such as the clean sea and mountain air, have been known for centuries, and the health tourism tradition in the Crikvenica area is today continued by renowned health clinics providing top-quality services, such as *Thalassoterapia Crikvenica* and the *Terme Selce* polyclinic. Round off your stay with a variety of wellness and spa options and cosmetic treatments which will pamper all your senses.

## Beaches

The area's natural and landscaped pebbly, sandy and rocky beaches that stretch along the coast for several kilometres offer a wealth of entertainment, sports and recreational facilities for children and adults. There are also beaches for your four-legged friends: Podvorska Beach in Crikvenica, the best dog beach in Croatia, and a dog beach in the cove of Mala Draga.





## Gastronomy

Spice up your culinary journey across the riviera with traditional specialities such as *Crkveniške rupice*, *Bribirski pršnac*, *pogačica* made of medicinal wild herbs, or the delicious Frankopan Cake, all of which can be washed down with a glass of local Žlahtina wine from the Vinodol Valley.





## Tradition and heritage

Tradition forms the basis of many events, such as the winter and summer carnival, (*Srjetno Selce*, *Okolotorno*, *Vinodol Summer Evenings*, and *Fishermen's Week*, and is also present in the streets and squares, museums, galleries and religious edifices, important archaeological sites, and beautiful buildings. Explore the area's rich tangible and intangible heritage and discover the castles and fortifications built during the centuries-long reign of the powerful Frankopan princes, or the picturesque islet of San Marino with its Gothic church just off Novi Vinodolski. Visit Klović House in Grižane, dedicated to Juraj Julije Klović, one of the greatest painters of the Renaissance and the most famous miniaturist in the world. Learn more about the brothers Ivan and Josip Skomerža, whose innovations contributed to Crikvenica becoming one of the leading fishing centres in the Adriatic in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

## Events

Every season here has its own charm and offers interesting events. Winter is warmer and more cheerful with the area's Advent and carnival programmes. Spring is characterised by a wealth of aromas and flavours during food festivals and a great atmosphere at sporting and recreational events. Summer days are full of activities, fun and music. You can participate in numerous events, such as the *Rose of Vinodol* (*Ružica Vinodola*) selection of the best grape picker, or the oldest swimming marathon on the Adriatic coast, the one between Crikvenica on the mainland and Šilo on the island of Krk, which has been held since 1910. The colours of autumn are even more beautiful when celebrating the Feast of St. Martin, or participating in the *Adria Advent Marathon*, an international running event along the coast and towards the Vinodol Valley.

## Air

The moment you get to the Crikvenica-Vinodol Riviera, stop for a moment and take a deep breath. You'll be overwhelmed with the combination of beneficial drops of sea salt and the essential oils of Mediterranean plants, understanding why many generations have fallen in love with this magically beautiful corner of Kvarner at first sight. You'll feel the eternal pulse of life on the riviera that will become part of your fondest memories. Fall in love today.





# Your perfect holiday

on the move





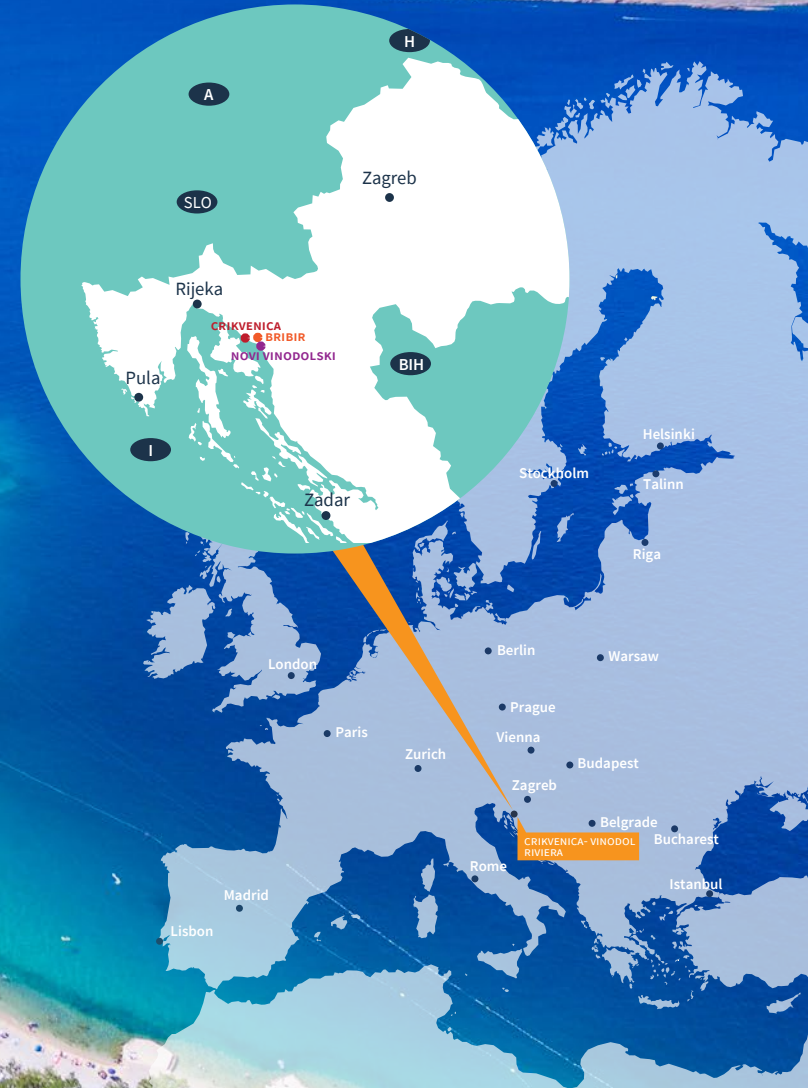
# Geographical location

and climate

Only thirty kilometres away from Rijeka, the administrative centre of Kvarner, you can find tourist destinations on the Crikvenica-Vinodol Riviera dotted along the coast like pearls on a necklace, protected in the hinterland by the fertile Vinodol Valley. The riviera is characterised by a pleasant Mediterranean climate that provides dry and warm summers and mild winters. It can be easily reached from Central Europe, and thanks to its excellent geographical position and good road connections, it enjoys a century-long tradition of tourism.

### DISTANCE FROM MAIN EUROPEAN CITIES

Ljubljana	150 km
Budapest	505 km
Vienna	520 km
Munich	525 km
Bratislava	555 km
Rome	780 km
Prague	795 km
Berlin	1140 km
Warsaw	1195 km
Paris	1360 km





# Getting here

■ The Crikvenica-Vinodol Riviera is easily accessible by car, bus, train, or airplane.

■ By car: the Republic of Croatia has a network of fast modern roads; the riviera can be reached by the main road along the coast.

■ By train: you can reach Rijeka by train, and then take a local bus, taxi or rented car to get to your destination.

■ By bus: all the places on the riviera can be reached by bus from the nearby city of Rijeka.

■ By plane: the nearest airport is on the island of Krk (Rijeka Airport), from where there is a shuttle service to Crikvenica.

## AIRPORT DISTANCES:

Rijeka Airport	20 km
Zagreb Airport	175 km
Pula Airport	140 km
Zadar Airport	210 km
Ljubljana Airport	170 km



# Cycling

adventure on two wheels

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- An exceptional geographical position, a mild and pleasant climate that allows sports activities almost all year round, and a network of attractive bike trails make the Crikvenica-Vinodol Riviera an ideal destination for cycling enthusiasts, regardless of whether you are a professional or recreational athlete.
- The multifaceted nature of the terrain, the diversity of surfaces and the magnificent vistas of Kvarner Bay allow cyclists to enjoy every kilometre of distance and every metre of elevation.

- Whether you drive past wonderful beaches, picturesque medieval towns, magnificent Frankopan castles, or above the steep cliffs of Vinodol, a bike tour of the riviera is always an enjoyable experience.
- Road, trekking or mountain bike? It doesn't matter! Ten attractive, interconnected cycling routes will provide you with an unforgettable adventure on two wheels.

**INFO** Ask for a map of cycling routes with a detailed description of each trail in the tourist information centre. GPS tracks are available for download from the destination's website.





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# Hiking

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- A walk along the coast, through a pine forest right by the sea, or in the green hinterland along fragrant, eye-pleasing hiking trails is an additional reason to visit the Crikvenica-Vinodol Riviera. The network of trails and promenades will inspire you to explore the destination because each of them hides its own secret and provides a special experience. Enjoy a day spent in great natural surroundings and reward yourself with beautiful views of the coast, islands, and the green expanses of Gorski Kotar. Take a map of hiking trails and promenades on your hiking adventure, and for easier navigation with your smartphone or navigation device, download the GPS track from the website. If you want to be accompanied by local mountain guides for safety reasons, contact the Strlež hiking club.



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# Walking

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from the sea to the mountain peaks

- On some sections of the hiking trails, you will come across the signs of the Rijeka Hiking Trail (RT), Kapela Hiking Trail (KPP) and Gorski Kotar Hiking Trail (GPP). Croatia has two long-distance hiking trails: the Via Dinarica and Via Adriatica. They connect the most attractive Croatian mountains, peaks and viewpoints using the infrastructure of the most popular Croatian hiking trails. Section no. 3 of the Via Adriatica and the *White Trail* of the Via Dinarica pass through the Crikvenica-Vinodol hinterland.  
**NOTE:** Wear appropriate clothes, especially because of sudden weather changes at higher elevations. Sturdy hiking boots and walking poles are recommended. Take enough water to drink!





# Running

# Trail

energy for new challenges

# running

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- Put on your running shoes and go running along the numerous hiking trails and roads, enjoying the scenic beauty that surrounds you, and the silence and fresh sea air. Or why not take part in the Adria Advent Marathon, a top running event which takes place at the beginning of the Advent season.

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# Climbing

breathtaking heights

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**INFO** Before climbing on long sports and climbing routes, we recommend that you find out more about the condition of equipment on the website or from local climbers.



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- Above the Vinodol Valley, there are high and steep rocks called *griče*, from which the village of Grižane takes its name. Looking from the valley, these rocky barriers seem rather impenetrable, but in the past people used to pass through here for trade, carrying grapes, figs and cherries in exchange for grain, potatoes and beans. Today, these vertical rocks are an attractive spot for climbers and alpinists.
- There are two main climbing locations: Klamaruša and the barrier above Bribir. The vertical steep cliffs of Klamaruša, which rise above the villages of Antovo and Baretići, represent a real climbing challenge. Here, you can find the Antovo sports climbing area, with routes from 4b to 6c+ that are up to 30 m long, while on the surrounding cliffs there are several alpine and sports climbing routes longer than 150 m. The rocky barrier above Bribir contains two other attractive long sports climbing routes: *Prisnac direkt 6a* (145 m long), and *Infleksija 7a+* (112 m long).

Climbing in these locations is recommended only in the colder part of the year (October to April) due to the lush vegetation, southern orientation of the rocks, and the presence of snakes.

#### ■ Getting there

- 📍 Antovo Sports Sector: parking at the hamlet of Antovo (45.218954 S, 14.706279 I), and a 5-minute walk uphill along the path.
- 📍 Klamaruša long routes: parking at the hamlet of Baretići (45.216550 S, 14.709321 I), and a 15-minute walk eastwards.
- 📍 Barijera Bribir: parking in the hamlet of Dragalj in (45.170334 S, 14.760312 I), and a 20-minute walk uphill in a north-easterly direction.



# Paragliding

sail through the air

# Hang-gliding

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- Soar up the Vinodol Valley and experience the area from a bird's eye view. Hang-gliding and paragliding are one of the main reasons for visiting Vinodol. A flight from Tribalj take-off site will reward you with a unique view of the Crikvenica-Vinodol Riviera, the golden island of Krk, and the entire Kvarner Bay.
- The ridge is twenty kilometres long, and its steep rocky slopes allow for good thermals and ease of flying. Thermal activity is stronger in the middle of the day, while the afternoon hours are more suitable for comfortable and calm flying, which means that this site is ideal for flying for both beginners and advanced pilots. If you have no experience, you can be accompanied by licensed guides.
- The flight must be announced in advance to the take-off site operator. Due to the proximity of Rijeka Airport, the permitted zone and altitude must be respected.
- Relax, spread your wings, become a bird for a while and sail through the air above the beautiful Vinodol Valley!

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# Adrenalin park

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outdoor adrenaline experience

- Are you eager for a rush of adrenaline and looking for great fun for all ages? Visit Adrenalin Park Crikvenica, which is located near the Hotel Omorika, only 50 m from the sea. Tree climbing, paintball, cage football, sumo wrestling, and aerotrim spinroller are just some of the activities that will give you a unique experience for all your senses.
- Enjoy an unforgettable outdoor adventure and spend a fun-filled day with friends, colleagues or loved ones!

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# Horseback riding

discover untouched nature

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- Become one with the untouched nature in the hinterland of Novi Vinodolski and explore a wonderful valley located between the sea and wooded mountains riding on a horse. Choose a tour that will take you through the forest and meadows, and along a stream and lake all the way to the mountains.

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# Fishing

an oasis of peace and quiet

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■ Fishing is not just fun; it has been a way of life since ancient times. Recreational fishing at sea or in freshwater provides a true feeling of peace and relaxation.

■ The Adriatic coast is a paradise for fishermen due to its richness of different white and oily fish species. To engage in recreational fishing at sea, you need a daily, monthly or annual permit (both for fishing from the shore and from a boat) that you can obtain from the relevant Ministry or through a sales representative. You can also take part in local sport fishing competitions.

■ If you head towards the hinterland of Crikvenica, only a few kilometres away, you will come across Lake Tribalj, where fishing is allowed throughout the year. This lake, 41 hectares in size, with an average depth of 4 m, is home to fish species such as carp, grass carp, catfish, zander, eel, and others. There are 24 fishing locations marked along the lake from which fishing is allowed. A simple strike will be enough for you to catch and then release a fish.

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# Diving

exploring the secret depths of the sea

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- To dive under the surface to the seabed of the indented coastline, get to know the impressive geological and biological richness of the flora and fauna, and explore the numerous underwater caves and the wrecks of sunken ships – this is the dream of every diver.
- Are you an active diver or would you just like to try it? The waters off the Crikvenica-Vinodol Riviera provide an ideal opportunity to explore the magical underwater world.
- The seabed of the riviera is truly special. For a full experience, we recommend not going on an underwater adventure alone but in the company of professionals. Explore the underwater world of Kvarner and you'll be enchanted by what you see.

**INFO** Diving courses, diving boat trips, diving equipment rental and other services are available in the area's diving centres.

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wind & waves

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People have sailed in this area since time immemorial, mainly out of necessity. In the past, the main professions were related to fishing, boats and sailing. It is not surprising, therefore, that sailing is today a popular and widespread sport that allows us to relax in the breeze, watch the sea and sky, and explore the hidden coves and beaches of Kvarner. The scenic Mediterranean landscapes surrounded by crystal clear sea are reason enough to get to know the riviera from the sea while sailing.



# Swimming

a positive impact on health

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- Would you like to swim, either competitively or just for pleasure, but don't know how to begin? There are swimming clubs in Crikvenica and Novi Vinodolski, which organise swimming courses, programmes for non-swimmers and a water polo course during the summer months, as well as swimming and water polo competitions throughout the year.

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# Other sports

activity holidays

## at sea

- Spice up your holidays on the riviera with a water adventure, put out to sea and have fun with some of the most attractive summer sports.

- Numerous sports centres offer a wide choice of popular water sports such as water skiing, SUP, kayaking, jet skiing, parachuting, pedal boating or adrenaline-fuelled tube and banana rides. If you want to spend a day away from the bustle of the city, you can rent a boat and head to one of the hidden coves of the riviera.

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## on land

■ A wide selection of sports facilities allows for sports activities all year round. Professional athletes will find ideal conditions for training and achieving top results, while recreational athletes can take part in some of the many outdoor activities.

- Play a game of tennis, five-a-side football, handball, table tennis, beach volleyball, minigolf, badminton, basketball, streetball, rugby on grass or bocce at one of the sports centres on the riviera. Fitness enthusiasts will love the outdoor gyms located in attractive locations. The sports pitches on artificial grass are also suitable for training purposes.

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# Activity holidays

with pets

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- Are pets also part of your daily responsibilities and activities? Take them with you on your holiday, because the Crikvenica-Vinodol Riviera is a pet-friendly destination. Enjoy being together on a dog beach where your four-legged friends can swim in the sea and play on the beach. After that, you can embark together on an adventure and explore the area's hiking trails and promenades.





# Events

- Marathon swimmers can participate in the most famous and oldest marathon on the Crikvenica-Vinodol Riviera: the Šilo-Crikvenica Swimming Marathon. Other similar events include the Vrbnik-Novi Vinodolski Swimming Marathon in memory of Veljko Rogošić, the demanding XCM Crikvenica cycling marathon, and the Adria Advent Marathon, the only marathon in Europe that is run right along the coast.
- If you want to learn more about health and a healthy lifestyle, visit the sports events in Crikvenica and Novi Vinodolski and put yourself in the hands of experienced experts.



We suggest participating in the following top outdoor events:

MONTH	OUTDOOR EVENT	LOCATION
May	XC Marathon Crikvenica	Crikvenica-Vinodol
May	FIT4NOVI	Novi Vinodolski
August	Swimming Marathon Šilo-Crikvenica	Šilo - Crikvenica
August	Swimming Marathon in memory of Veljko Rogošić	Vrbnik - Novi Vinodolski
September-October	Experience Crikvenica	Crikvenica
October	Panorama of Vinodol	Crikvenica-Vinodol
December	Adria Advent Marathon	Crikvenica

**INFO** You can find a schedule of events in the destination on the websites of local tourist boards. Remember that a stay on the riviera cannot be boring because every day is a new experience!



# Accommodation

- You deserve a quality rest after your activities! Don't worry about accommodation, because the Crikvenica-Vinodol Riviera offers many hotel and private accommodation options, and your friendly hosts will make your stay unforgettable. High category hotels, rural holiday homes decorated in the local style, modern apartments and well-equipped campsites will satisfy the needs of even the most demanding guest.

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- EUROPEAN EMERGENCY NUMBER **112**
- CROATIAN MOUNTAIN RESCUE SERVICE **112**
- NATIONAL HEADQUARTER FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE AT SEA - MRCC Rijeka **195**

### ■ TOURIST HEALTH CENTRES

- TOURIST HEALTH CLINIC, Kotorska 13, Crikvenica
- KATUNAR POLYCLINIC, Dr. Ivana Kostrenčića 10, Crikvenica
- TOURIST HEALTH CLINIC, Jurkovo bb, Novi Vinodolski

### ■ DON'T FORGET

- ! Protect nature   
- ! Use only marked trails
- ! Take enough water to drink
- ! Ensure your clothing and equipment is suitable for different types of weather and activities
- ! Make sure that the length and level of difficulty of the selected tour is acceptable
- ! Respect other participants when doing outdoor activities

More information about the outdoor offer can be found on the website [crikvenica-vinodol.com](http://crikvenica-vinodol.com)







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