



NORTHERN VELEBIT National Park

3 days sample program for couples



Day 1

Meeting in front of **Northern Velebit NP headquarters, in Krasno**. Local guides will present Northern Velebit National park, which is the youngest national park in Croatia. Its beauty consists of untouched nature, wild life and rare plants. Whether we are hikers or just nature enthusiasts one thing is for sure, promise the local guides, we will wish to come back again. Then we will attend a **degustation of local products and a “herbal” workshop**, which includes picking and selecting herbs for preparation of our own tea and liqueurs. Before lunch, we will take a look of **Eco etno house**. It is a traditional ethnological collection where we will see the old usable objects, characteristic for Velebit region. **Traditional lunch** at local bistro. We will continue with the sightseeing of **Shelter for young bears Kuterevo**, which mission is to provide shelter for bear orphans, protect bear habitat and promoting sustainable life and traditions of the local community. Our last visit today will be the **Sanctuary and Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Krasno**. Above the village strands the church from 18th century and is well known place of pilgrimage, where every year, on August 15, a large number of believers from all over the Croatia come here for the celebration of the Assumption Day. **Traditional dinner** with lamb, roasted on scrove is the speciality we will enjoy. Accommodation in Hotel Degenija.

Day 2

After breakfast with local products, we will take a short bus drive to the starting point for our **hiking tour**. Zavižan, one of the most popular localities within the Northern Velebit NP, which views are leaving visitors breathless, will be our first stopping point. Here is also the oldest mountain meteorological station in Croatia, founded in 1953. In close proximity is the **Velebit botanical garden**, founded in 1967 and located at 1480 m asl. In its central part is the Balinovačka ponikva karst sinkhole surrounded by a 600 m long stone path. After the visit we continue our hike at **“The Premužić trail”**, which is considered to be a construction masterpiece as it is built of drystone, and laid in such a way as to lead us near the roughest and craggiest parts of the Northern Velebit - Hajdučki i Rožanski kukovi – in a very easy way. At Rossi's hut (Rosijeva koliba), we will have **backpack snack** and some time for relaxation. Then we will hike from Rossi's hut to Shepherd dwellings (huts) at Alan's. The new huts were made on remains of shepherd dwellings, which were in the past used as a summer destination of shepherds and their families. We will prepare our own **traditional dinner** with Lika's potato halves and bacon, like shepherds did in the past. Overnight.

Day 3

After breakfast we will return to Krasno, where is Northern Velebit NP headquarters and have s **degustation of products from family run dairy Runolist**. They respect the tradition of cheese production, use only the best quality home-made milk from cows and sheep grazing on ecologically clean pasture lands, and apply only traditional recipes. Then we will visit **Forestry Museum Krasno**, which was opened in 2005 on the 240th anniversary of existence of Forestry Krasno. **Lunch** at local tavern in Krasno and some free time to relax. Before we say goodbye to Northern Velebit, we will be involved in the **wool processing workshop and have s small degustation of local product. Farewell.**

Net price for tour operators: 267 EUR per person / group of minimum 8 persons

• The price includes:

- Local transport by vans
- English speaking local guides
- 2 BBs (bed and breakfast); 1 at Hotel Degenija, 1 at dwellings (huts) at Alan's
- 2 lunches and 1 lunch package
- 2 dinners
- Workshops, tastings, sightseeing and entrance fees according to the program
- Organisation

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