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PUNAT 

STARA BAŠKA
Island of Krk Croatia

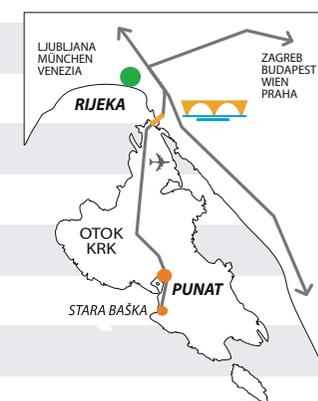
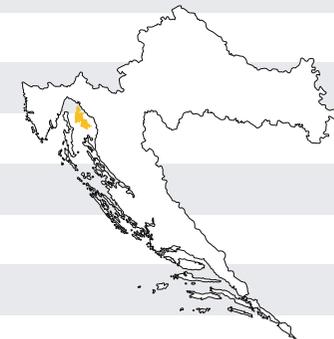
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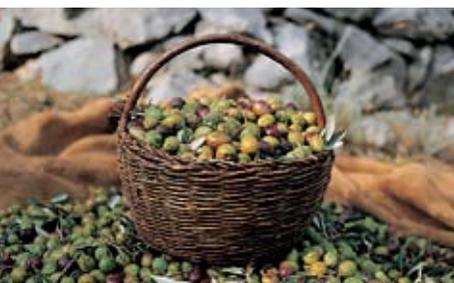


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Welcome to the Mediterranean, to Punat on the Island of Krk. The Island of Krk is the northernmost island in the Mediterranean and the closest one to the European continent. The close proximity of European centers (Ljubljana 180 km, Vienna 550 km, Budapest 530 km, Munich 600 km, Milan 550 km), accessibility any time of the year whether by air, road or sea, and the mild Mediterranean climate make this island an ideal holiday destination. Make your long-desired dream come true here, in the shade of olive and fig trees, with Mediterranean cuisine and a clear blue sea. The healthy food and healing olive oil will make you vigorous, the clean sea and sandy beaches will make you strong, and the golden sun will make you beautiful... Are you still thinking about it?!







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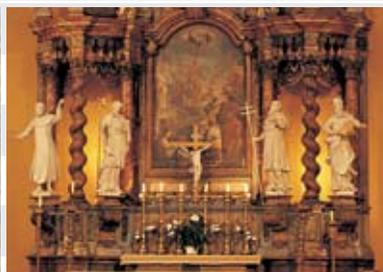
The small town of Punat is situated in one of the most-protected bays on the Adriatic Sea, a paradise for navigators and surfers in Punat Bay on the south side of the Island of Krk, between the blue sky and sun-bathed olive groves. As one of the newest settlements on the island (the earliest written records date back to the year 1377), Punat features seaside architecture with distinctive doorways, stairways and the Vela Placa and Mala Placa squares as the former town center. The development of Punat expanded the old town core with new buildings surrounded by gardens, olive groves and landscaped areas exuding the aromas of Mediterranean vegetation. In addition to the popular marina, most of the credit in Punat's promotion goes to the islet of Košljun situated in the very heart of Punat Bay – it was discovered when the members of the Austrian imperial family visited there back in 1826. The high-quality extra vergine olive oil from Punat is one of the essential products supplementing the tourist offering, becoming increasingly appreciated thanks to the Days of Olives event, a gastronomic & business project.







Stara Baška is a small town 9 km from Punat, having a long-standing fishing tradition, and presently providing numerous tourists with the experience of staying in intact nature. The clear blue sea washes the golden sandy beaches, and the high cliffs add to a surreal ambience of wilderness. Pleasant accommodation is available in private rooms, apartments and bed & breakfast facilities, and nature enthusiasts will find their piece of heaven in the well-equipped auto-camp. Gourmets will have a field day with homemade lamb and sheep cheese or fresh fish, calling for a glass of homemade wine.



Culture

Numerous features in the area of cultural heritage take us back to early Middle Age. The area called Dunat has the small Church of St. Donat (9th century). At the very entrance to Punat, behind Hotel Kanajt, are the excavations of three Churches of St. Peter (6th century) built one within the other. The entire area is abundant with crosses and small churches. Each historical remain has its own story and a reason why it was built at a specific spot. In Stara Baška, we come across the beautiful remains of the Church of St. Jerome, an excavation of a former military fort at the Mir locality (6th century), and the somewhat younger Church of All Saints in the town center. The Parish Church of Three Saints (1777) in Punat dominates the area, featuring an interesting wooden polyptych dating back to 1749. The Way of the Cross above Punat at the Three Crosses locality is also an inevitable landmark, with stations bearing carved names of Punat families.



Košljun

The central position in Punat Bay is reserved for the islet of Košljun with a Franciscan monastery (Benedictine until the 15th century), a true nature park with over 400 plant species, and a cultural heritage jewel with a valuable ethnographic collection and a library with over 30000 editions, some of them being true rarities. The Košljun museum also has very interesting natural-history and numismatic collections, and a very rich sacral collection. Sacral buildings: The Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary with its polyptych by Girolamo Da Santa Croce (16th century) and the “Heaven, Purgatory, Hell” painting by Francesco Ughetto (17th century). In addition to the central altar, the church has six more altars and a statue of St. Anthony of Padua, which is particularly worshipped among the Franciscans and celebrated on 13 June, St. Anthony’s Day. The Chapel of St. Bernard dates back to the Benedictine era, and the Franciscans renovated it in 1980 and converted it into a sacral museum area. The Chapel of St. Francis dating back to 1654 was renovated in 1965. The Chapel of St. Cross/St. Jerusalem dating back to the 16th century, surrounded by the Way of Cross built three centuries ago, was built by an unknown friar from Košljun.



Hotels

The highest quality of accommodation in any tourist resort is provided by hotels – those in Punat are surrounded by green olive and pine trees, and offer a sea view. An almost family atmosphere prevails in all three hotels, offering a total of 650 beds in quality 3-star accommodation facilities.

Situated in a peaceful, olive covered area away from the daily crowd, Hotel KANAJT features luxuriously equipped rooms, a restaurant and an olive oil tasting facility, offers a range of sporting activities including sailing, water skiing and tennis, plus the premium restaurant MARINA within the marina, providing a view of numerous sails and the islet of Košljun in the distance.

Hotel OMORIKA has been recently renovated in a modern fashion, and contains the large a la carte Restaurant BULIN. In addition to modernly equipped rooms, the hotel's offer includes a children's playground, a nearby beach, and bike rental.

Situated in the very center of the town and exuding a domestic atmosphere, Hotel PARK is part of the big FALKENSTEINER Hotels & Resorts family, providing special benefits for family holidays. Special emphasis is put on animation, including a mini club for children and numerous interesting events for guests, especially in October during the olive harvest.







Private accommodation

Staying in a pleasant ambience remains a fond memory for a long time. The landscaped areas with plenty of greenery, the smell of sea and the hospitable atmosphere in Punat will ensure your stay in a private accommodation facility remains a dear memory. If we add the neat and equipped rooms, apartments or bed & breakfast accommodation options of your choice, a successful and pleasant stay is guaranteed, which is confirmed by the guests returning to Punat year after year. The traditional hospitality of the locals guarantees you will meet a nice person or make a new friend while staying here.





Maslinik



Pila

The Camps in Punt are situated by the seashore and surrounded by olive trees, especially the Maslinik Camp – it is part of an olive grove, providing a family atmosphere, and the hosts will make sure your stay there is an unforgettable one. Camp PILA is situated almost in the center of Punt, with just a row of aromatic tamaris separating it from the sea and the shade of pine trees providing shelter from summer heat. In addition to the shops, the catering offer and the friendly staff, the modernly equipped bathroom facilities including a laundry room, kitchens, bathrooms for the disabled, separate showers for pets, and the mooring options, will fulfill all your needs.



Konobe



Škrila

Situated only 3 km from Punat, the Naturist Camp KONOBE blends into the terraced shore of the bay bearing the same name covered with evergreen oak, fig trees and olive trees. The sandy beach provides a magnificent view of the nearby islands, creating a special feeling of cohabitation with nature. In addition to a friendly staff, the modernly equipped bathroom facilities, shop, catering facilities, sporting areas and mooring options will make your stay in nature complete. In addition to the standard accommodation services, Camp ŠKRILA provides its guests with the delight of swimming at a kilometer-long gravelly beach, a part of which is reserved for undressed tourists.







Navigation

One of the largest marinas on the Croatian coast, and certainly the oldest one, MARINA PUNAT is situated in the naturally protected Punat Bay. Building on the Punat tradition of timber shipbuilding, the marina began to operate in 1964. Today, it is proud of being one of the largest and best-equipped marinas in the Adriatic. Since 1996, a Blue Flag has stood at the entrance to the marina as evidence of quality, which is also confirmed by an ISO certificate. The marina has a capacity of 780 moorings in the sea, and 500 ashore. Boats bearing flags from across the world are safeguarded here, and the efficient hosts provide a wide range of services to satisfy even the most demanding guests, including boat sales, maintenance, painting and servicing, a nautical equipment shop, a market, rental, cleaning and polishing. The integration of the marina and the shipyard enables lifting of vessels weighing up to 100 tons. The marina area contains the a la carte Restaurant Marina and Pizzeria 9 bofora. In addition to the marina, mooring for visitors is available in the local Punat Port and the small port in Stara Baška.





Beaches

Punat, and especially Stara Baška, is known for its natural beaches either situated in the immediate vicinity of the town or accessible by boat only. The town beach in Punat is suitable for children and seniors with its accesses to the sea, shallow water and protective barriers for the bathers.

The area called Punta de Bilj, situated at the entrance to Punat Bay, offers gravelly beaches where bathers will always be able to find their spot and spend their leisure time in the catering facilities or fill it with sporting options available on the beach (aquagun, parachuting, beach volley, etc.).



The area called Punta de Bilj at the entrance to Punat Bay offers gravelly beaches where a bather will always find their spot. As for leisure time, you can spend it in one of the catering facilities or use the sporting facilities offered on the beach (aquagan, parachuting, beach volley, etc.). The beaches between Punat and Stara Baška, with secluded sandy beaches and clear sea, will be more interesting to guests coming to Punat by boat. These beaches are also reachable by a taxi boat from the port. Peace and quiet of intact nature prevails here. Make sure you take a swim in the early morning, when the first sunrays shine upon the crystal clear sea. An unforgettable experience.



Culture & entertainment

It is always merry in Punat, thanks to the daily events. The entertainment events at the beginning of the tourist season have been associated with the International Regatta CROATIAN CUP for twenty years – it is traditionally held in late May, concurrently with the beginning of the art exhibition season in Toš Gallery, going on until the olive harvest in late October.



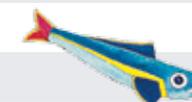
The Summer Events include the promenade concerts given by harmony-singing groups, majorettes and brass bands on the quay, classical music concerts on the islet of Košljun and in the Parish Church, folklore evenings featuring culture & art associations from Croatia and abroad, theater plays and harmony-singing groups' concerts on Placa Square, public festivals such as fishermen's nights, summer carnivals and «barufe va dragi», and pop music performances including the summer guitar school.





Restaurants

The islanders do not need lessons in healthy food, which becomes clear when you glance at a menu. Fish, sheep cheese, lamb, asparagus and olive oil - need we say more? Healthy food has been part of the traditional lifestyle in the area, available to you as well. Seafood restaurants, a la carte restaurants, inns, taverns, grill patios, pizzerias and small bistros, almost each of them situated by the sea or providing a view of the bay, offer a diverse choice of food. The islanders' food relies on sea and seafood. Fish and seafood specialties are prepared in a variety of ways: boiled, roasted, brodetto-style, grilled or in salads... always spiced with original extra-quality virgin olive oil of Punat, which has made Punat a renowned olive-growing center. Handmade pasta Šurlice is a local specialty, normally prepared for formal occasions such as weddings. If you prefer meat, we recommend the lamb and sheep cheese from Stara Baška. Of course, all these delicacies should be accompanied with the popular quality local wine.

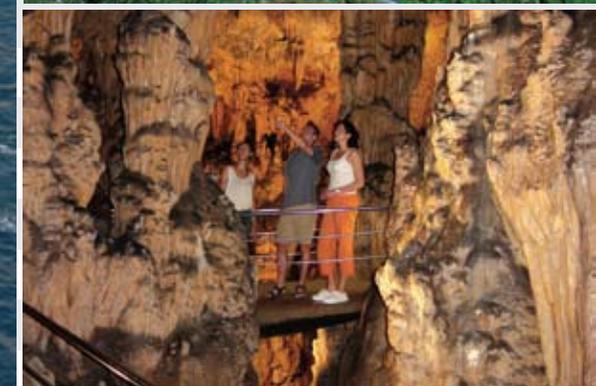






Sport & recreation

Sport enthusiasts will not be deprived of engaging in their favorite sports. Punat offers various sporting options such as water skiing on a cable or by a speedboat, parachuting, sailing, windsurfing, aquagan and beach volley. Various vessels and vehicles are available for rent – from pedal boats, rowboats and sea scooters to regatta sailboats, bikes, motor scooters and quads. There is also the option of attractive nighttime and daytime fishing, scuba diving school, visiting the nearby hills on marked hiking and biking trails, and organized olive picking in late October. In addition to the sea activities, there are tennis, soccer, handball and basketball courts, as well as table tennis and mini golf. Punat Bay is a favorite and safe destination for windsurfers, resisting the gusts of the bora wind.



Excursions

Punat offers a variety of daily excursions to nearby towns and the broader surroundings, whether independently or via local travel agencies and boat operators. Whether by land or sea, you can choose between the inevitable islet of Košljun, sightseeing around the town walls and Krk Cathedral, the Baška Tablet in Jurandvor, wine cellars in Vrbnik, exploring the Biserujka cave, daylong trips to nearby islands, and organized excursions to one of the national parks: Risnjak, Učka, Velebit, Plitvice Lakes.





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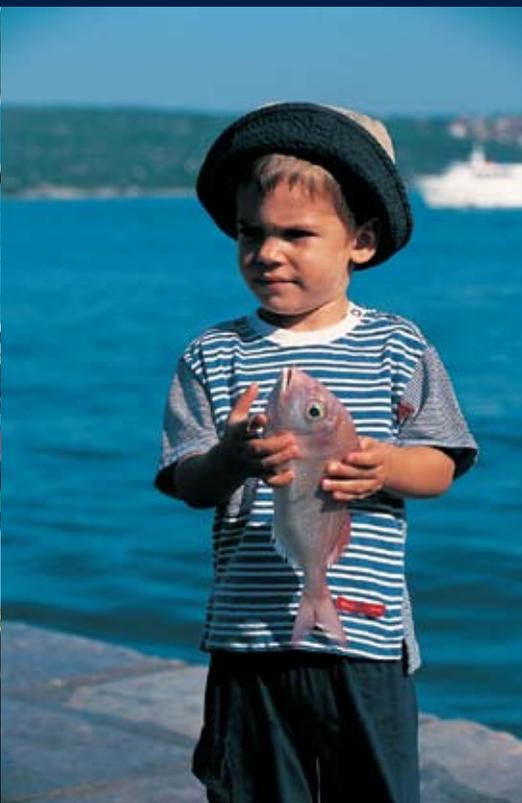
Friendly Nature and Culture!

The natural beauties and cultural heritage of Punat and the surrounding area were recognized by visitors as early as the 19th century, primarily thanks to the famous islet of Košljun. In the mid-19th century, the visitors to Punat and Košljun recorded in Franciscan files included members of the Viennese imperial family. In the early 20th century, societies were established in both Punat and the neighboring towns, engaging in decorating the town, organizing receptions for visitors, and creating conditions for their pleasant stay in the respective towns. In 1908, the Bathing Society has become active in Punat, dealing in particular with the issues regarding the town bathing resort and its development.

Today, the century-old tourist tradition makes Punat a tourist destination distinctive primarily as a nautical tourism center. On the other hand, Punat is among the few tourist destinations offering all four accommodation categories: hotel, private and camping accommodations, and the most developed nautical accommodation that practically has no competition on the Croatian coast.

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