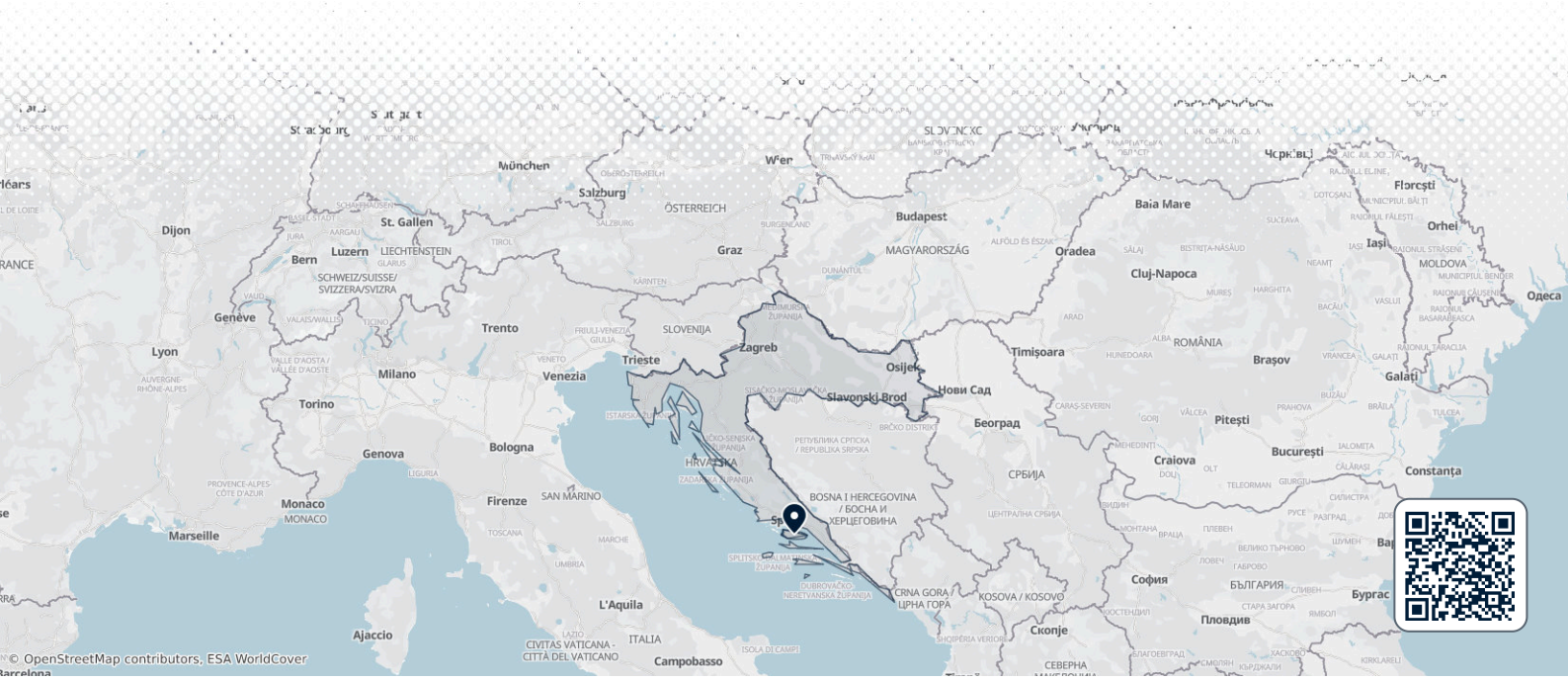


Brač

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TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Brač is the largest island in Dalmatia. It is a stone island: white limestone cliffs, dry hills, olive groves and small harbour towns. The island suits beach holidays, easy hiking and quiet days in old villages.

Most visitors stay in Bol on the south coast or in Supetar on the north coast. Bol has the famous pebble beach. Supetar is the main ferry port and the island's largest town. Inland, stone villages and a hermitage in the cliffs reward a day with a car.

When to visit

June to September is the main season. The sea is warm, days are long and the weather is mostly dry. July and August are the busiest and hottest months. Late May and September are good choices for swimming with fewer people.

Spring and autumn suit walking and sightseeing, but the sea is cooler. Winter is quiet. Many restaurants and rooms close, and ferries run less often. Rain and strong wind are common from October to March.

Ferry timetables change by season.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Fair Fair for hiking	11° / 14° Feels like 6°	7° / 2°	12 rainy days · Dry air
February	Good Good for hiking	11° / 15° Feels like 7°	7° / 1°	Dry air
March	Good Good for hiking	13° / 16° Feels like 9°	9° / 4°	Dry air
April	Great Great for hiking	16° / 20°	12° / 7°	Dry air
May	Great Great for sightseeing	20° / 24°	16° / 13°	
June	Great Great for sightseeing	24° / 28°	20° / 16°	Humid air · Calm winds
July	Great Great for watersports	27° / 30°	23° / 19°	23 sunny days · Muggy, humid air · Calm winds
August	Great Great for watersports	27° / 30°	23° / 20°	22 sunny days · Muggy, humid air · Calm winds
September	Great Great for sightseeing	23° / 27°	19° / 15°	
October	Great Great for sightseeing	19° / 23°	16° / 11°	Dry air
November	Fair Fair for hiking	16° / 20° Feels like 12°	12° / 6°	15 rainy days · Dry air
December	Fair Fair for hiking	12° / 16° Feels like 8°	8° / 3°	13 rainy days · Dry air

Best months: May, June, July, August, September, October

Climate data: NASA POWER + Copernicus ERA5-Land and ERA5 · 1996–2025

Top sights

- A Golden Horn is the island's best-known beach. It is a long pebble spit that points into the sea at Bol. Wind and currents slowly change its shape.
- B Vidova gora is the highest peak on the Adriatic islands, at about 780 m. It rises above Bol. Come for the wide view over the sea and the neighbouring islands.
- C Blaca Hermitage is a hermitage built into a cliff. Monks lived here for about four centuries until 1963. Today it is a museum with a library and an old telescope collection. You can reach it only on foot, about 40 minutes uphill from the bay. The path is steep and rocky. The museum opens in season. Bring water, as nothing is sold there.
- D Zmajeva špilja is a cave above Murvica with a carved dragon, made by a monk in the 15th century. Other reliefs show the moon and human figures.
- E Muzej Otoka Brača is in Škrip, the oldest settlement on the island. The museum holds Roman and early medieval stone carvings and a display of local farming and stonemasonry.
- F Mausoleum of the Petrinovic Family stands in the cemetery in Supetar. It was designed by the sculptor *Toma Rosandić* and is protected as heritage.



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What to experience

- **Windsurf at Bol**: the town is known for windsurfing. You can watch the sails from the beach even if you do not sail.
- **Take a boat to Blaca bay**: boats run from Bol to the bay below the hermitage. The walk uphill from the bay takes about 40 minutes to Blaca Hermitage.
- **Drive the inland villages**: roads cross the hills past stone houses, olive groves and dry-stone walls. Stop for a drink in a village square.

Day trips

Brač itself fills several days. For a day away from the island, the choices are mainly by boat.

- A Split: about 50 minutes by car ferry from Supetar. Good for the old town and the Roman palace, which is built partly of Brač stone.
- B Hvar: a fast catamaran links Bol with Hvar in summer. Jelsa and Stari Grad on Hvar have a link from Bol all year.
- C Makarska: a car ferry runs from Sumartin on the east end of Brač. Check the timetable and book a car space early.



Where to explore

- Općina Bol is the town on the south coast, near the main beach.
- Split is the mainland gateway to Brač, with ferries to Supetar and Bol.
- Hvar is the neighbouring island to the south, linked to Bol by catamaran in summer.
- Makarska is a coastal town with a car ferry to Sumartin on Brač.

Getting there

- **By air**: Brač Airport near Bol has limited flights in summer. Split Airport (SPU) on the mainland is the main option. From there, travel to the Split ferry port and cross to Brač. Allow extra time for the transfer.
- **By ferry from Split to Supetar**: a car ferry takes about 50 minutes. It runs every day all year, at least 9 times a day. Foot passengers and cars do not need an advance ticket on this line.
- **By ferry from Split to Bol**: a fast catamaran runs from Split to Bol, about 1 hour. Times change by season.
- **By ferry from Makarska to Sumartin**: a car ferry runs daily. Book ahead if you bring a car, as space is limited.
- **From the port to your town**: Supetar to Bol is about 35 km, around 40 minutes by car. Buses and taxis also run between them.

Check sailing times and book on the Jadrolinija site.

Getting around

- **Buses**: buses link Supetar, Bol and other towns, with fewer runs outside summer.
- **Taxi**: taxis are the easy option for a one-way trip, for example from Supetar to Bol. Book ahead in the high season.
- **On foot**: Bol, Supetar and the other harbour towns are small and easy to walk. Distances between towns are too long to walk.
- **Cycling**: roads are hilly. Cycling suits fit riders more than casual ones.

Official information for Bol is on the Bol tourist board site.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

Moderate

Harbour towns are small and walkable, but the island is large and hilly, so you need transport between towns.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Low

Roads are hilly and often narrow, so cycling suits fit riders.

Driving

- **Is a car worth it?**: yes, if you want to see more than one town. The island is large. If you stay in Bol or Supetar and only want the beach, you can manage without one.
- **Ferry**: cars travel on the car ferries only. Book the Makarska to Sumartin ferry ahead.
- **Parking**: space is tight near Bol's beach and harbour in July and August. Arrive early or walk in from the edge of town.
- **Road**: from Supetar to Bol is about 35 km, around 40 minutes. Inland roads are narrow in places.

Food & drink

Brač food is simple and local. Look for lamb, local olive oil and fish. Brač olive oil has a protected designation of origin. The island also makes *varenik*, a sweet syrup from a local grape variety. It is used in desserts.

Good eating clusters along the harbour fronts in Bol and Supetar. For a quieter meal, try a *konoba*, a family-run tavern, in one of the inland villages. Ask in advance for slow-roasted dishes such as *peka*.

What to eat & drink

LUNCH

Ćevapi · Ćevapčići
Grilled minced-meat sausages, usually served in flatbread with onions and ajvar.

DINNER

Pašticada
Beef slow-braised for hours in a rich wine, vinegar, and prune sauce, traditionally served with gnocchi; a classic Dalmatian celebration dish.

Black Risotto · Crni rižot
Risotto colored and flavored with cuttlefish ink, a Dalmatian coastal staple.

Istrian Truffles · Tartufi
Both white and black truffles are foraged in inland Istria and served shaved over pasta, eggs, or steak.

Peka
Meat, seafood, or octopus slow-roasted with vegetables under a metal dome covered in embers; usually needs ordering in advance.

SNACKS & STREET FOOD

Burek
Flaky filo pastry filled with minced meat or cheese, a common breakfast or on-the-go food.

Dalmatian Prosciutto · Dalmatinski pršut
Air-dried, lightly smoked ham cured along the Adriatic coast, often served with local cheese and olives.

SWEETS & DESSERTS

Fritule
Small fried dough balls, often studded with raisins and citrus zest, especially popular around Christmas and Carnival.

DRINKS

Rakija
A strong fruit brandy (often grape, plum, or herb-infused) commonly offered as a welcome drink.

Pelješac and Istrian Wine · Vino
Plavac Mali reds from the Pelješac peninsula and Malvazija whites from Istria are Croatia's best-known wine styles.

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Safety & health

Brač is safe for visitors. Petty theft is rare. Take normal care with bags on busy ferries and in crowded town centres in summer.

- **Sun and heat**: summer days are hot and shade is limited on beaches and trails. Bring water and sun protection, especially for Blaca and Vidova gora.
- **Sea urchins**: rocky shores have sea urchins. Water shoes help.
- **Wildfire**: dry summers bring a fire risk. Do not light fires outside.
- **Ferries**: strong wind can cancel sailings. Keep some time spare before a flight.
- **Medical help**: the island has small clinics. Serious cases go to the mainland. Call 112 in an emergency.

History

People have lived on Brač since prehistory. In Roman times the island's white stone was cut for buildings. It was used in Diocletian's Palace in Split. You can see old stonework in the Muzej Otoka Brača in Škrip.

In the Middle Ages the island was ruled by several powers, including Venice. The administrative centre moved from Nerežišća to Supetar in 1827.

Monks settled in the cliffs in the 16th century. They built Blaca Hermitage, where they lived until 1963. Many islanders left from the late 19th century, and the population fell from about 24,000 in 1900 to about 14,000 today. Today tourism, stone, olive oil and farming support the island. Pučišća has a stonemason school.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Croatia at a glance:

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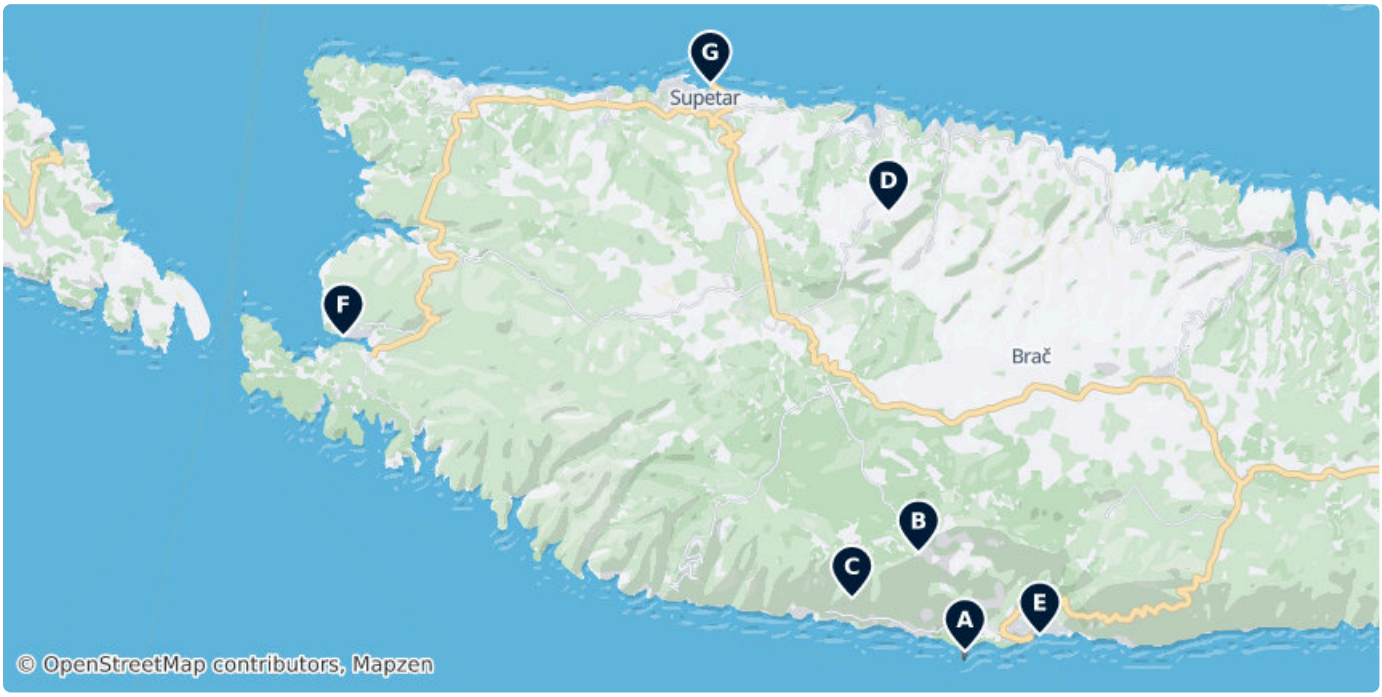
Croatian

TAP WATER

Safe to drink

Brač Unmissables

Brač is home to Vidova gora, the highest peak of the Adriatic islands, offering panoramic views over the surrounding archipelago. The island is famous for Zlatni rat, a shifting pebble beach near Bol, and its long history of olive oil production, preserved in the village of Škrip. Cultural landmarks include the Dragon's Cave with its 15th-century reliefs. Coastal hubs like Supetar, Milna, and Bol serve as the primary maritime gateways, connecting the island to Split and Hvar.

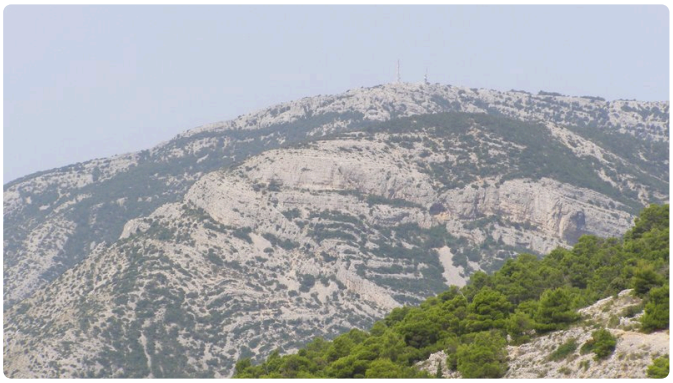




A Golden Horn

One of Croatia's best beaches and a favourite one amongst surfers. The golden shingle is simply heavenly.

21420, Croatia (43.25728, 16.63430)



B Vidova gora

Vidova gora is the highest peak on the Croatian island of Brač, and also the highest peak on all Adriatic islands.

Gornje Podbarje, 21400, Croatia (43.27966, 16.61978)



C Dragons cave

Drakonjina špilja, also known as Zmajeva pećina, is called so because of the mysterious relief of a dragon found inside.

21420, Croatia (43.26933, 16.59903)

otok-brac.info/lokacije/zmajeva_spilja.htm



E Port of Bol

A maritime hub on the southern coast providing catamaran connections to Split, Hvar, and Korčula. The harbor area serves as the primary arrival point for visitors to the nearby Zlatni rat beach.

(Unnamed Road), Bol 21420, Croatia (43.26108, 16.65760)

G Supetar

The island's main ferry port and administrative center, providing the primary car ferry link to Split. The waterfront features a 19th-century church and the Neo-Byzantine Petrinović mausoleum.

(43.38588, 16.55487)

D Museum of Olive Oil

Located in Škrip, the island's oldest settlement, this museum is housed in an 1864 oil mill. It displays traditional stone presses and equipment used for processing olives, documenting the local history of oil production.

Put Ploča, 21400, Croatia (43.35682, 16.61045)

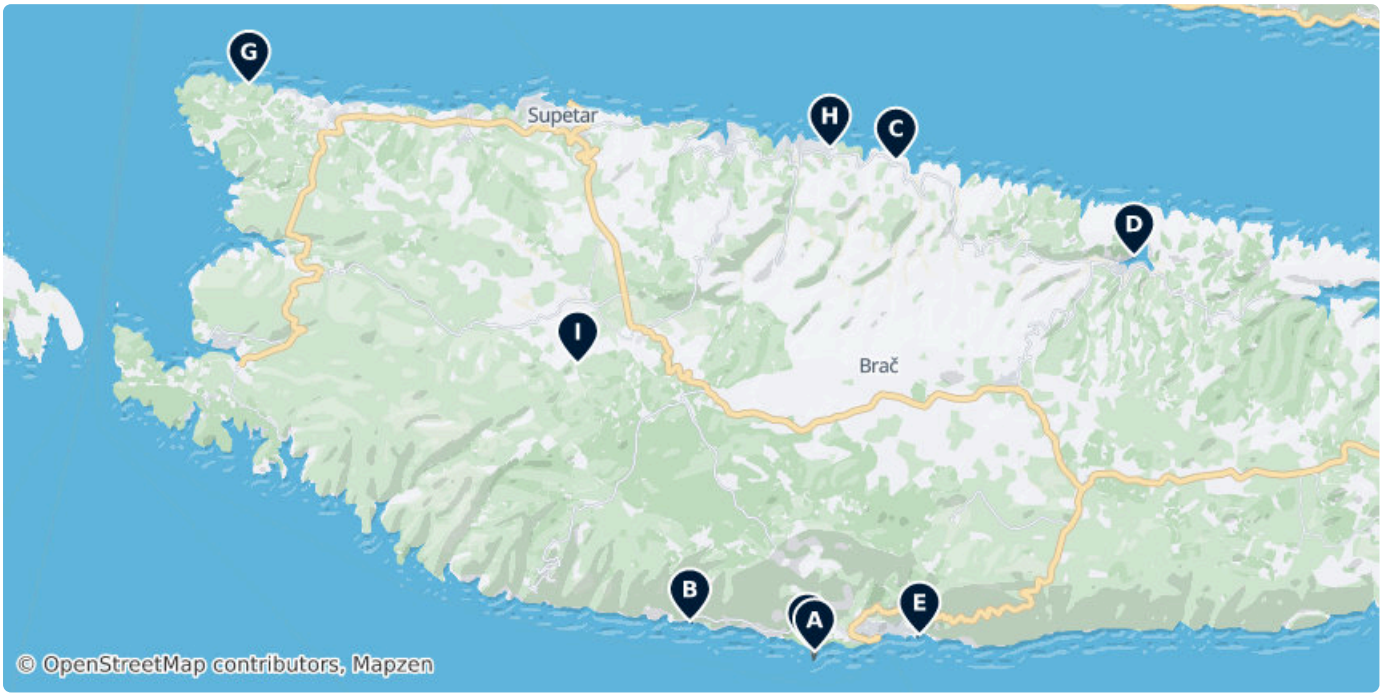
F Port of Milna

Situated in a protected bay on the western coast, this port serves as a marina and ferry stop. It connects the island to Split and Hvar via high-speed catamaran lines.

(43.32870, 16.44043)

Croatian Coastline Gems

Explore the diverse shoreline of Brač, ranging from the shifting pebble cape of Zlatni Rat in Bol to the rare sandy shores of Lovrečina Bay, which houses the ruins of a 5th-century early Christian basilica. This selection features secluded naturist coves like Paklina, the gravel beach of Mala Lozna in Postira, and the shores of Martinica situated beside a 15th-century Dominican monastery. The list also includes the Koloč natural stone arch, a unique geological formation located inland near Nerežišća.





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21420, Croatia (43.25728, 16.63430)



B Murvica

Pebble beach located below Murvica village, offering access to the nearby Dragon's Cave hiking trail.

21420, Croatia (43.26437, 16.59414)

C Lovrecina

Deep sandy bay on the northern coast featuring the archaeological remains of a 5th-century early Christian basilica.

(Unnamed Road), 21410, Croatia (43.37219, 16.66054)



D Sv. Rok

Pebble beach in Sutivan featuring a stone pier and proximity to local amenities.

8 Ulica svetog Roka, Pučišća 21412, Croatia (43.34991, 16.73713)

E Martinica

Pebble beach located adjacent to a 15th-century Dominican monastery on the eastern side of Bol.

(Unnamed Road), Bol 21420, Croatia (43.26123, 16.66806)

F Paklina

Naturist beach west of Zlatni Rat characterized by rocky sections and pine forest shade.

Put Zlatnog rata, 21420, Croatia (43.25861, 16.63201)

G Naturist Beach

Secluded naturist spot located on the northern coast near Supetar.

(43.39012, 16.45219)

H Mala Lozna

Gravel beach in Postira featuring a beach bar and natural shade from pine trees.

33 Molo Lozna, 21410, Croatia (43.37521, 16.63917)

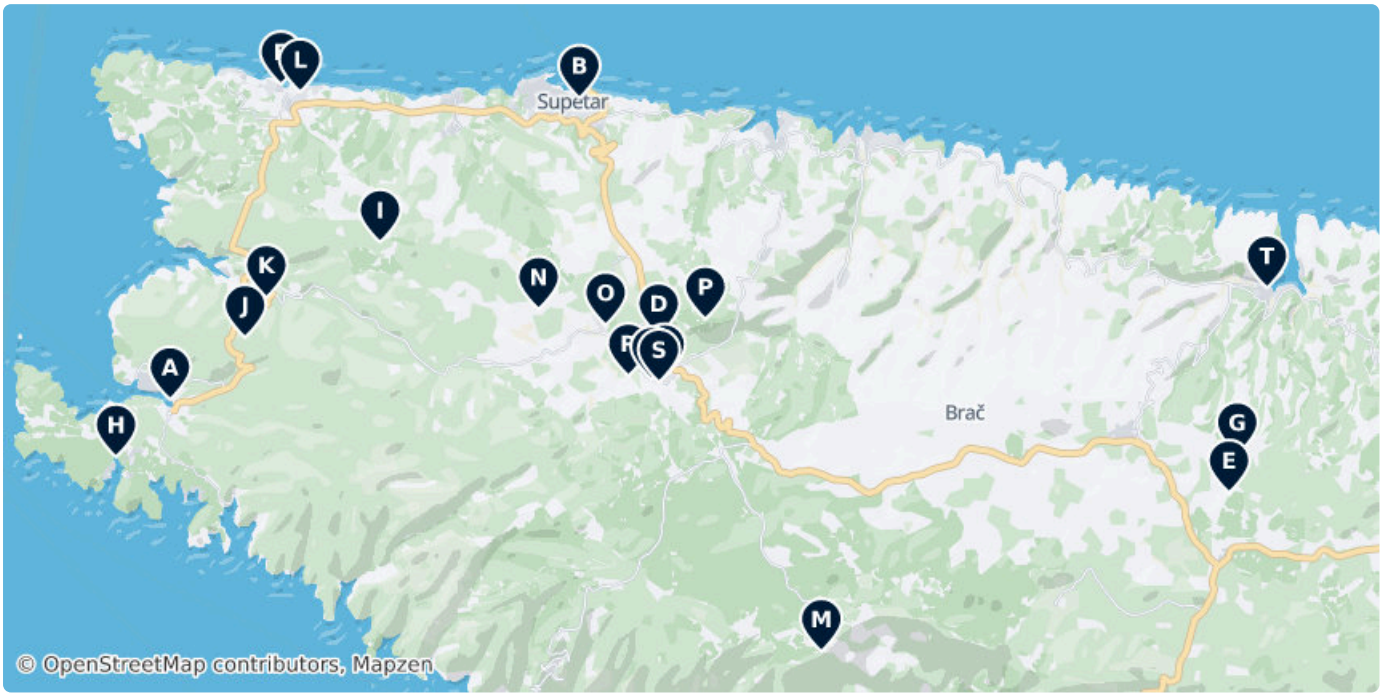
I Koloč

Natural limestone arch and geological monument located near the village of Nerežišća.

21400, Croatia (43.32466, 16.55805)

Historic Churches and Religious Sites

This collection features the religious architecture of Brač island, spanning from early Christian ruins to Baroque parish churches. It includes significant sites like the hilltop St. Vitus ruins on Vidova Gora and the ornate bell towers of Ložišća and Milna. These locations showcase the island's long-standing masonry tradition, utilizing local white limestone to create enduring monuments that have served as community landmarks for centuries.



A crkva Gospe od Blagovijesti

Baroque parish church from 1783 featuring a monumental facade and an interior decorated with works by Venetian masters.

320 Milna, Milna 21405, Croatia (43.32665, 16.44882)

B Crkva Marijina Navještenja

18th-century parish church built over the remains of a 6th-century early Christian basilica, featuring preserved floor mosaics.

Kipara Ivana Rendića, Supetar 21400, Croatia (43.38345, 16.55496)



C Crkva Sv. Petra

Small stone church located near the Supetar waterfront.

Trg svetog Petra, 21400, Croatia (43.33045, 16.57367)



D Crkva Presvetog Trojstva

Pre-Romanesque church from the 11th century, situated on a hill overlooking the town.

21400, Croatia (43.33863, 16.57552)



E Crkva Sv. Jurja

Renaissance-Baroque church featuring a stone relief of St. George slaying the dragon.

21425, Croatia (43.30908, 16.72336)

F Crkva uznesenja bl. djevice Marije

16th-century church known for its prominent bell tower and Baroque altars.

27 Obala kralja Tomislava, Sutivan 21400, Croatia (43.38607, 16.47756)

G Crkva Sv. Klementa

Small stone chapel situated on the eastern side of Pučišća bay.

21412, Croatia (43.31623, 16.72555)

H Crkva Sv. Josipa

Small 19th-century church located in the harbor area.

1627 Milna, 21405, Croatia (43.31581, 16.43482)

I Crkva Sv. Marije (Stomorica)

Pre-Romanesque church featuring a distinctive bell gable and traditional stone masonry.

Ulica Radovana Vidovića, 21400, Croatia (43.35627, 16.50325)

J Crkva Sv. Martina

Pre-Romanesque church on a hill providing views of the Split channel and the island of Šolta.

21405, Croatia (43.33834, 16.46826)

K Crkva sv. Jurja

Parish church famous for its elaborate stone bell tower designed by sculptor Ivan Rendić in 1889.

89B Bobovišca, 21405, Croatia (43.34589, 16.47380)

L Sv. Ivan

Ruins of an early Christian basilica dating back to the 6th century.

3 Ulica svetog Ivana, Sutivan 21400, Croatia (43.38461, 16.48254)

M crkva Sv. Vida

Romanesque ruins located on Vidova Gora, the highest peak of the Adriatic islands.

21420, Croatia (43.27915, 16.61767)

N Crkva Sv. Ilije

Romanesque church built atop a prehistoric mound, with foundations dating to the 10th century.

21400, Croatia (43.34365, 16.54435)

O Crkva Sv. Fabijana i Sebastijana

Traditional stone church located in the center of the historic village.

23A Donji Humac, 21400, Croatia (43.34070, 16.56177)

P Crkva Sv. Jurja

Medieval church situated in the countryside between Postira and Škrip.

21400, Croatia (43.34182, 16.58761)

Q Crkva Gospe od Karmela

18th-century church featuring a simple stone facade and traditional interior.

2 Rokova, Nerežišća 21400, Croatia (43.33097, 16.57705)

R Crkva Sv. Jakova

Small medieval church located within the town's historical center.

(Unnamed Road), 21400, Croatia (43.33110, 16.56764)

S Crkva sv. Josipa

Small chapel situated adjacent to the main parish church.

Svetog Josipa, Nerežišća 21400, Croatia (43.32994, 16.57558)

T Crkva sv. Jeronima

16th-century church located near the local cemetery, showcasing Renaissance architectural elements.

1 Trg Branislava Deškovića, Pučišća 21412, Croatia (43.34768, 16.73321)

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