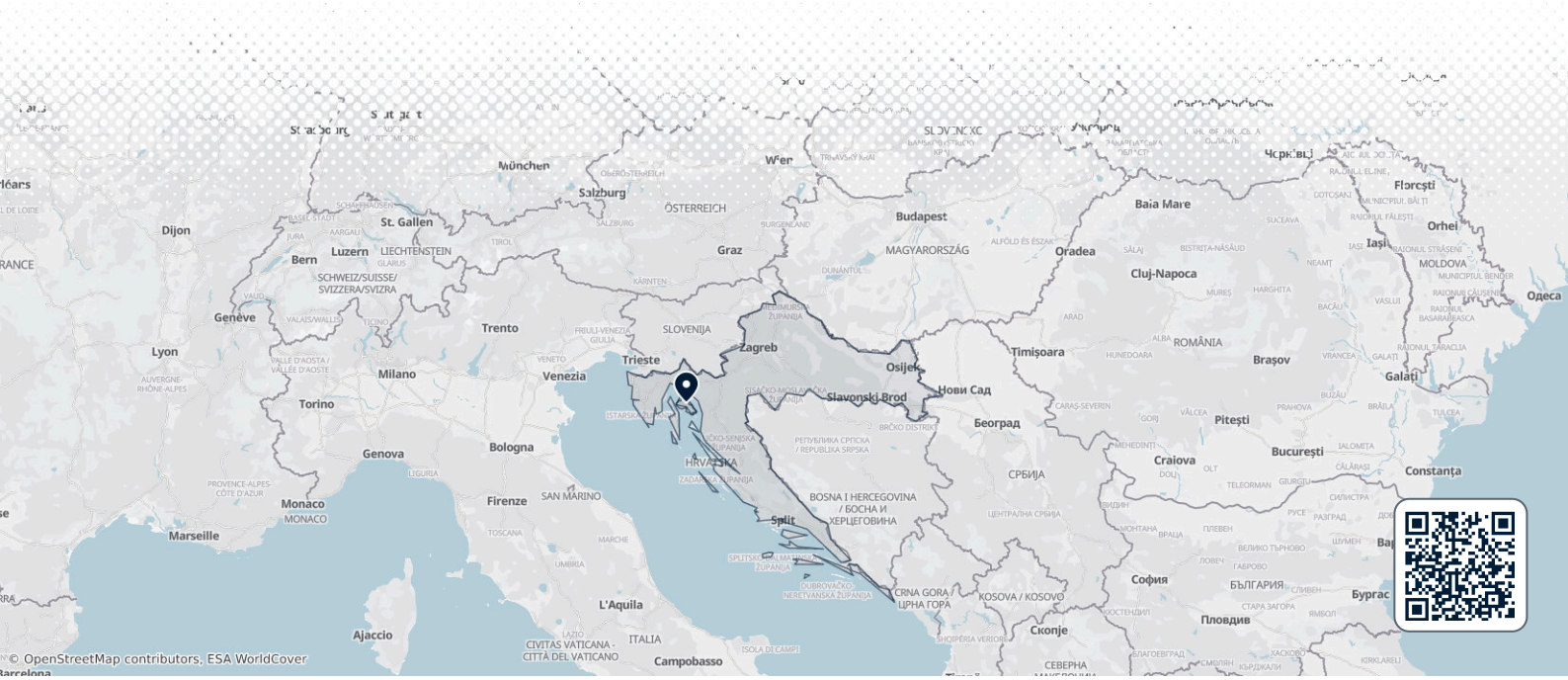


Krk

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Overview

Krk is one of the largest islands in the Adriatic. About 20,000 people live here. A road bridge connects it to the mainland, so it is an easy first island for many visitors. The island suits a relaxed beach holiday with some history on the side.

Krk has old stone towns, quiet villages and many pebble beaches. Its Roman, medieval and Glagolitic heritage is easy to see, and the white wine from Vrbnik is the best-known local product. It works well for families, couples and drivers who want to explore at their own pace.

When to visit

Summer is the main season. The sea is warm enough for swimming from June to September, and most hotels, restaurants and boat trips are open. July and August are the busiest months.

May, June and September are good for sightseeing and hiking. Many seasonal businesses close from late autumn to spring.

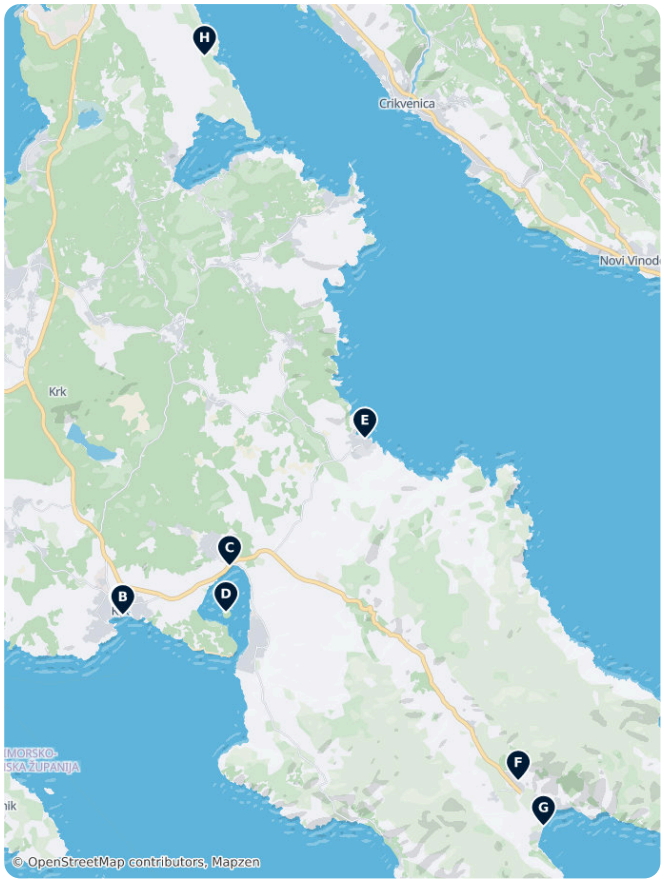
Vrbnik hosts food and wine weekends in July and August, including the Žlahtina Festival.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for watersports	7° / 12° Feels like 3°	1° / -5°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
February	Poor Poor for sightseeing	8° / 13° Feels like 4°	2° / -5°	Dry air
March	Fair Fair for hiking	11° / 17° Feels like 8°	4° / -2°	12 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
April	Good Good for hiking	15° / 21°	8° / 3°	Dry air · Calm winds
May	Great Great for sightseeing	19° / 25°	12° / 8°	Dry air · Calm winds
June	Great Great for sightseeing	24° / 30°	16° / 12°	Calm winds
July	Great Great for watersports	27° / 32°	19° / 15°	Calm winds
August	Great Great for watersports	27° / 33°	19° / 15°	Calm winds
September	Great Great for sightseeing	21° / 27°	15° / 10°	Dry air · Calm winds
October	Good Good for hiking	17° / 22°	11° / 5°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
November	Fair Fair for hiking	12° / 17° Feels like 9°	7° / 1°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
December	Poor Poor for watersports	8° / 13° Feels like 4°	3° / -4°	13 rainy days · Dry air

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

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

Top sights



- A Krčka katedrala stands above the harbour in Krk town. It is mostly Romanesque, from the 11th and 12th centuries, and was built over an early Christian basilica.
- B Frankopanski kaštel is a medieval fortress at the edge of Krk's old town. It recalls the *Frankopan* nobles, who ruled the island in the Middle Ages.
- C Church of St Dunat is a small domed church at the head of Punat Bay. It is one of the oldest churches on the island.
- D Košljun Franciscan Monastery sits on a tiny island in Punat Bay. Franciscan friars live there. Take a boat from Punat to see the church, a small museum and the monastery library.
- E Klančić is an extremely narrow lane in Vrbnik. Vrbnik itself stands on a cliff above the sea and is the home of Žlahtina wine.
- F Crkva svete Lucije in Jurandvor is where the Baška tablet was found. The tablet is a stone text from around 1100 in Glagolitic script, one of the oldest texts in Croatian. A replica is in the church. The original is in Zagreb.
- G Plaža Baška is a long pebble beach in Baška, about 1.8 km. Hills rise behind it, which makes it one of the island's best-known beaches.
- H Špilja Biserujka is a stalactite cave near Dobrinj. Visits are by guided tour. It is cool inside, so bring a light jacket.

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What to experience

Many local events follow the seasons. Some happen only once a year.

- Join the food and wine weekends in Vrbnik in July and August. Šurlice (hand-rolled pasta) and Žlahtina wine have their own days.
- Watch Razgon in Vrbnik, a shepherds' custom held in early July.
- Go to the Evening of Ancient Cuisine in mid-July at Roman Forum at Fulfinum, Mirine, the Roman site near Omišalj.
- Try the cheese days in Malinska around 15 August.
- Watch the Šilo–Crikvenica swimming marathon on 15 August.
- Walk Baška's hiking trails in spring or autumn. The area has 16 trails.

Day trips

Krk is a base for short trips to the mainland and to nearby islands. Ferries leave from Valbiska on the west coast. Drive times are from Krk town.

- A Rab: take the ferry from Valbiska to Lopar. Rab has a historic old town.
- Cres: take the ferry from Valbiska to Merag, about 25 minutes. Cres has a small harbour town.
- Crikvenica: a seaside resort on the mainland, about 1 hour by car over the bridge. It has a long promenade and beaches.
- Rijeka: Croatia's third-largest city, about 1 hour by car, 1 hour 20 minutes by bus. It is a working port with a historic centre.
- B Opatija: a historic seaside resort, about 1 hour 15 minutes by car.



Where to explore

Places linked to Krk:

- Općina Omišalj in the north of the island has the Roman site of Fulfinum and is close to Rijeka Airport.
- Prvic is an uninhabited island southeast of Krk. It is a nature reserve.
- Kvarner Gulf is the wider sea area around Krk, with Cres, Rab and Lošinj.

Getting there

- **By air**: Rijeka Airport is on Krk itself, near Omišalj in the north. Flights are mostly seasonal, to cities in Germany and elsewhere in Europe. Krk town is about 30 minutes by car, so a rental car or taxi is the usual transfer. Bigger airports are in Zagreb (about 3 hours by car), Pula (about 2 hours) and Trieste in Italy (about 2 hours).
- **By car**: the Krk Bridge links the island to the mainland. It is 1,430 m long and free to cross. Strong bora wind can close it to some vehicles, and sometimes to all traffic.
- **By bus**: buses run from Rijeka to Krk town, Malinska and Baška.
- **By ferry**: ferries leave from Valbiska on the west coast. They go to Merag on Cres and to Lopar on Rab. Check timetables on Jadrolinija.

More planning help is on the Island of Krk Tourist Board site.

Getting around

- **Car**: the easiest way to see the island. Distances are short, about 20 km from Krk town to Baška.
- **Bus**: local buses link the main towns.
- **Boat**: small boats run from Punat to Košljun.
- **On foot and by bike**: the old centres of Krk town and Baška are compact. Roads between villages are hilly. Baška has many marked hiking trails.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

Moderate

The old centres of Krk town and Baška are compact and walkable. Villages are spread out and roads are hilly, so most visitors also use a car.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

Quiet roads and coastal routes suit confident cyclists, but the terrain is hilly.

Driving

- **Is a car worth it?** Yes. A car is the best way to reach villages, beaches and the cave.
- **Parking**: car parks sit at the edge of the old centres of Krk town, Baška and Vrbnik. In July and August, arrive early.
- **Bridge and wind**: check the status of the Krk Bridge before you travel in strong bora wind.
- **Old towns**: streets in Vrbnik and the old centres are narrow, so leave the car outside.

Food & drink

Look for local lamb, hand-rolled šurlice pasta, olive oil and cheese. Vrbnik is the home of Žlahtina, a dry white wine.

For a meal, walk the harbour front and lanes of Krk town. Baška has restaurants along its beach and harbour. Vrbnik has small konobas (family taverns) in the old town above the sea.

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

Krk is very safe for visitors. Petty crime is rare. Lock your car and keep valuables out of sight at beach car parks.

- **Sea**: sea urchins live on rocky shores. Water shoes help.
- **Sun**: summer sun is strong. Bring shade and water for hikes.
- **Wind**: strong bora wind can close the bridge and cancel ferries.
- **Health care**: Krk town has a tourist clinic in summer. For serious problems, call 112. The nearest hospital is in Rijeka.

History

People have lived on Krk since ancient times. Romans built a town called Fulfinum in the north, and the ruins of its forum, Roman Forum at Fulfinum, Mirine, can still be seen. In Krk town, the cathedral was built over an early Christian basilica.

In the Middle Ages the *Frankopan* family ruled the island. Their fortress in Krk town is Frankopanski kaštel. Venice took control later. Around 1100, the Baška tablet was carved in Glagolitic script. It was found at Crkva svete Lucije. Vrbnik became a Glagolitic and administrative centre, with its own statute in 1388.

In 1980 the Krk Bridge opened and replaced the old ferry from the mainland. Tourism grew fast after that.

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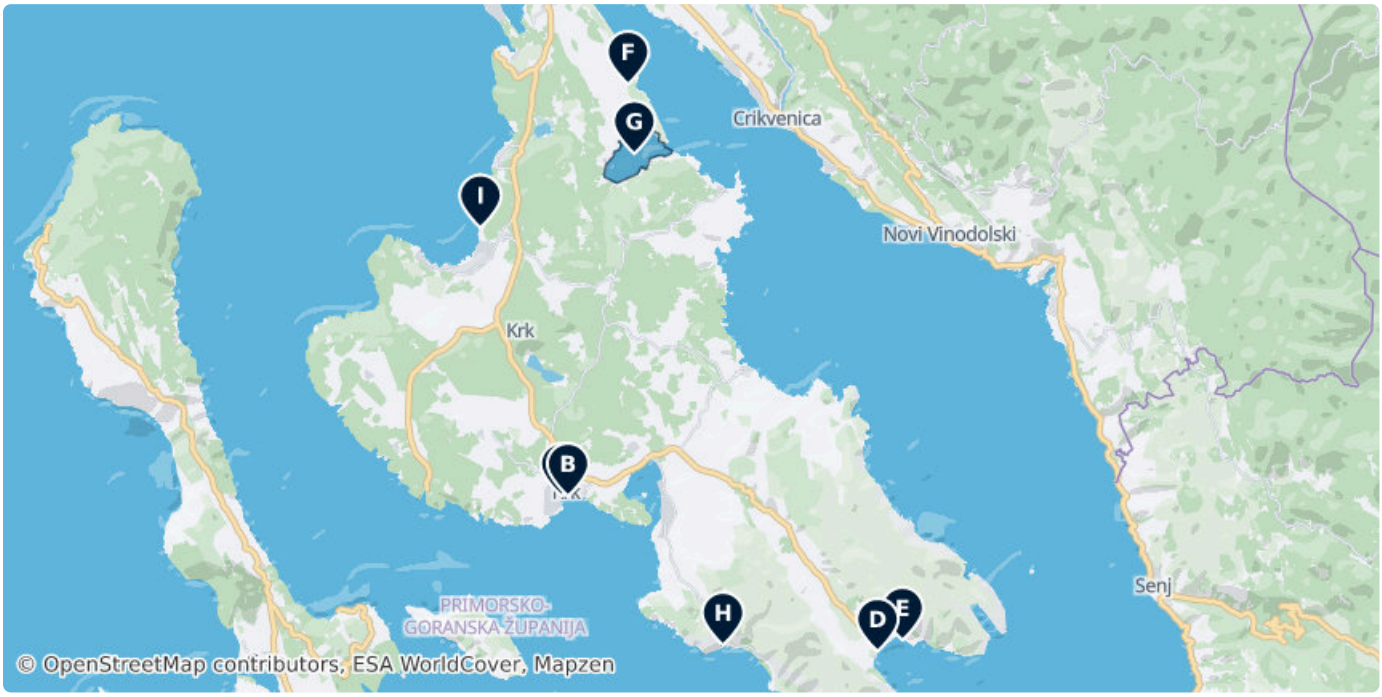
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LANGUAGES
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TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Krk's Absolute Essentials

Krk features a diverse landscape ranging from the medieval fortifications of the Frankopan Castle and the Romanesque architecture of Krk Cathedral to the subterranean formations of Biserujka cave. The island is home to the shallow, mud-rich waters of Soline Bay and the pebbled shores of Baška and Oprna. For those interested in modern history, the ruins of the Haludovo Palace Hotel offer a glimpse into the island's mid-20th-century tourism boom.





A Grad Krk

The town hall and administrative center of Krk, located on the historic Vela Placa square. The building is characterized by its prominent clock tower and central position within the medieval old town.

Trg bana Josipa Jelačića, 51500 Krk, Croatia (45.02577, 14.57265)

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B Frankopan Castle

Frankopan Castle is a castle located on the southwest coast of the island Krk, in the ancient town of Krk, which is one of the oldest towns...

1 Trg Kamplin, Krk 51500, Croatia (45.02574, 14.57636)



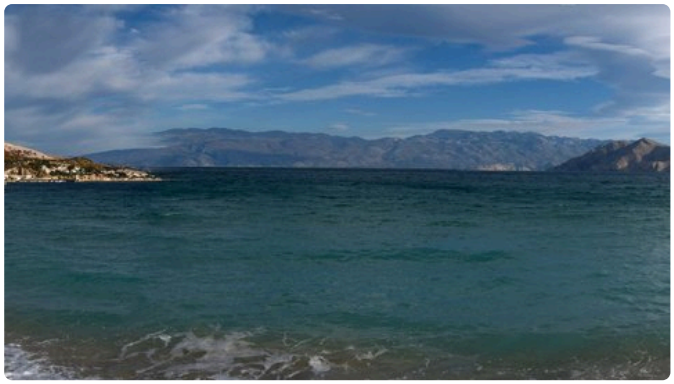
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D Baska Beach

A delightful strip of pebbles lined with restaurants, cafés and all you would expect on one of Croatia's busiest beaches.

(Unnamed Road), Baška 51523, Croatia (44.96465, 14.74857)



E Baška

A maritime transport hub at the southern end of the island, serving as the primary ferry terminal for connections between Baška and Lopar on the island of Rab.

87 Palada, Baška 51523, Croatia (44.96906, 14.76253)



F Biserujka cave

Biserujka is a cave located 6 km northeast of Dobrinj, in the village of Rudine, above the Slivanjska Bay, in the island of Krk, Croatia.

Underground path of Cave Biserujka, 51264 Općina Omišalj, Croatia (45.18746, 14.60980)

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G Zaljev Soline

A shallow bay known for its warm water temperatures and the medicinal mud found at Meline beach. The area historically served as a site for salt production during the Middle Ages.

51514 Klimno, Croatia (45.16020, 14.61321)



H Oprna

A secluded pebble and sand beach located near Stara Baška. The bay is primarily accessible via a steep, narrow footpath from the road above or by boat.

51500, Croatia (44.96713, 14.66257)



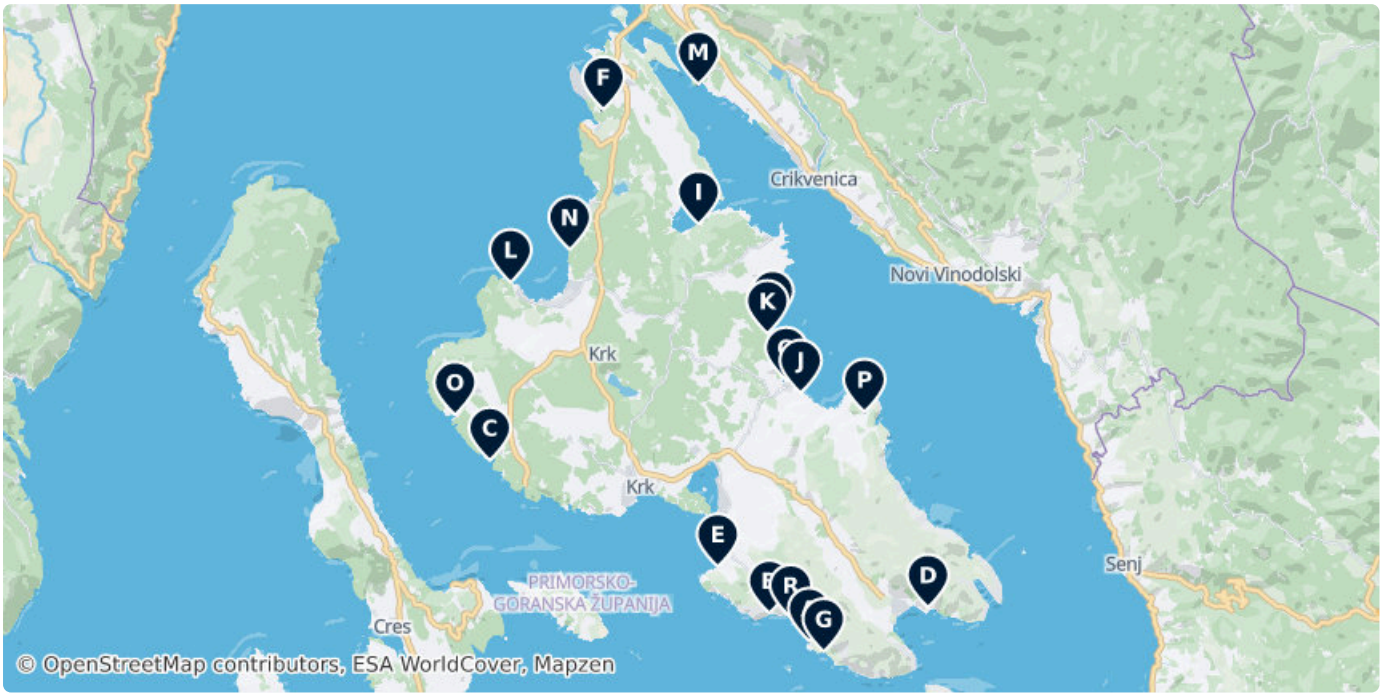
I Haludovo Palace Hotel

The Haludovo Palace Hotel is an abandoned resort hotel on the Croatian island Krk north of Malinska. The hotel is named after a nearby beach.

Malinska 51511, Croatia (45.13113, 14.52759)

Croatian Beaches

Krk, Croatia's largest island, offers a diverse coastline ranging from the rare sandy shores of Sv. Marek to the steep cliffs of Vrbnik. This collection features Blue Flag beaches like Jert and Pesja, alongside secluded natural coves such as Oprna and Pod Kovač. The island is also known for its well-established naturist (FKK) spots, including Bunculuka and Konobe. Visitors can find a variety of terrains, including fine gravel, pebbles, and rocky plateaus, many of which are accessible via coastal hiking trails or by boat.



A Town beach

Centrally located beach in Krk town featuring paved sunbathing areas and pebbled sections, with easy access to the historic center and local amenities.

241 Stara Baška, Stara Baška 51500, Croatia (44.95386, 14.68960)



B Oprna

Natural pebble and sand beach located in a deep bay near Stara Baška, primarily accessible by boat or via a steep hiking trail from the main road.

51500, Croatia (44.96713, 14.66257)

C Jert

Pebbled beach in Pinezići awarded the Blue Flag for water quality, offering shaded areas under pine trees and ramp access for people with disabilities.

(Unnamed Road), 51500, Croatia (45.04008, 14.47367)

D Naturist Camp Bunculuka

Established FKK beach located in a rocky cove near Baška, surrounded by pine forests and featuring a pebbled shore within a naturist campsite.

(44.96987, 14.76986)

E Camping Naturiste Konobe

Naturist beach south of Punat stretching over 1,500 meters of indented coastline, featuring several small coves and rocky sunbathing plateaus.

(Unnamed Road), 51500, Croatia (44.98931, 14.62783)

F Pesja

Gravel beach located at the end of Omišalj Bay, protected by a dense pine forest and holding a Blue Flag status for cleanliness.

Croatia (45.20719, 14.55053)

G Zala

Gravel and stone beach situated near Stara Baška, known for its clear water and lack of commercial infrastructure, accessible by a narrow road.

(Unnamed Road), 51500, Croatia (44.94878, 14.69942)

H Sveti Marek Uvala

One of the few naturally sandy beaches on Krk island, located near Risika, featuring a shallow entry and nearby ruins of a small chapel.

(Unnamed Road), 51500, Croatia (45.10535, 14.66492)

I Komoriška

Small sandy beach located in the Klimno Bay area, characterized by shallow, warm waters and the presence of medicinal mud in the vicinity.

Klimno, Klimno 51511, Croatia (45.15268, 14.61484)

J Silent Beach

Secluded pebble beach located in the Glavotok area, known for its quiet environment and Mediterranean vegetation providing natural shade.

(Unnamed Road), 51500, Croatia (45.07228, 14.68380)

K Melska Uvala

Small pebble beach on the northeastern coast near Risika, accessible by car and offering views across the Vinodol Channel.

(Unnamed Road), 51500, Croatia (45.10058, 14.66132)

L FKK Porat

Naturist swimming area located at the end of the promenade in Porat, featuring rocky plateaus and small gravel patches.

(45.12496, 14.48777)

M Plaža Havišće

Cobblestone beach located near Jadranovo on the mainland, offering clear waters and views across the sea toward the island of Krk.

Croatia (45.21928, 14.61470)



N FKK Rajska cesta

Naturist beach situated along the Paradise Road (Rajska cesta) between Njivice and Malinska, consisting of several small, rocky coves.

51511, Croatia (45.14057, 14.52771)

O Zgribnica (Vrbnik)

The main town beach of Vrbnik, featuring concrete sunbathing platforms and a small pebble area tucked between steep coastal cliffs.

(Unnamed Road), 51500, Croatia (45.06181, 14.45022)

P Uvala Sršćica

Remote pebble beach located in a deep cove, accessible only by boat or via a long hike through the rocky terrain of the island's southern part.

51523, Croatia (45.06317, 14.72686)

Q Pod Kovač / Secret Beach

Hidden pebble beach located beneath high cliffs near Vrbnik, accessible via a narrow rock passage.

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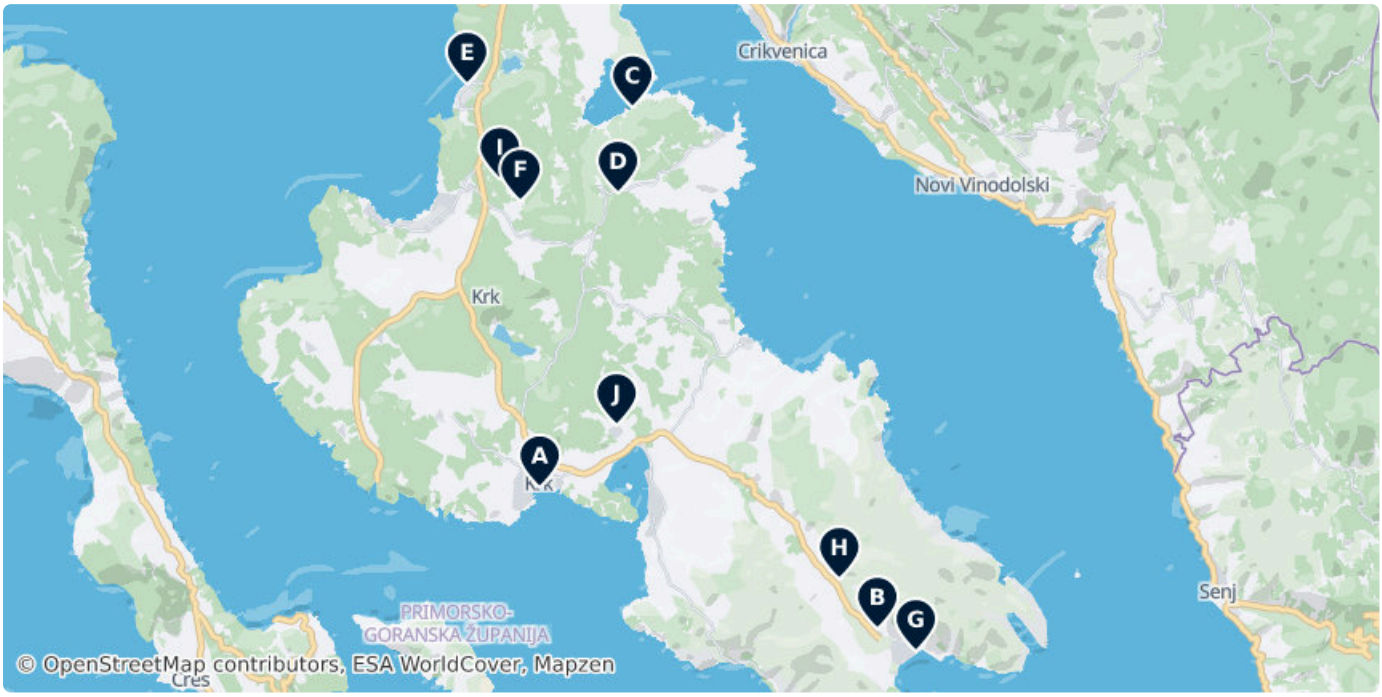
R Nudist beach (FKK)

Naturist pebble beach located in the vicinity of Stara Baška, offering a secluded environment away from the main tourist areas.

51500, Croatia (44.96499, 14.67707)

Krk's Religious Heritage

This collection highlights the architectural and historical diversity of Krk's sacred sites. It features the Romanesque Krk Cathedral and the Church of St. Lucy in Jurandvor, famous for housing the 12th-century Baška Tablet. From pre-Romanesque structures like St. Vitus near Dobrinj to 14th-century votive chapels in Klimno, these landmarks document the island's transition from early Christian roots to the Glagolitic tradition and later Baroque influences.





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B crkva svete Lucije

Romanesque church in Jurandvor, built around 1100. It is the discovery site of the Baška Tablet, one of the most important monuments of the Croatian language written in Glagolitic script.

Jurandvor, Jurandvor 51523, Croatia (44.97774, 14.73825)

C Crkvica sv. Klementa Klimno

Small votive church in Klimno dating back to 1381. It was built by local families as a thanksgiving offering and features a preserved Glagolitic inscription above the entrance.

18 Klimno, Klimno 51511, Croatia (45.15484, 14.62040)

D Crkva Sv. Vida

Early Romanesque church located near Dobrinj, dating to 1100. It features a distinctive massive stone bell tower added in front of the entrance during later centuries.

7A Sveti Vid Dobrinjski, Sveti Vid Dobrinjski 51511, Croatia (45.12582, 14.61346)

E Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Roman Catholic parish church located in the village of Poljica, serving as a center for local religious life.

(Unnamed Road), Njivice 51511, Croatia (45.16281, 14.54092)

F Crkva Uznesenja B. D. Marije

Parish church in the village of Vrh, representing traditional island ecclesiastical architecture.

62 Rasopasno, Rasopasno 51511, Croatia (45.12307, 14.56656)



G Sveti Trojice

Historic church located in the coastal town of Baška.

32 Dvori Narca, Baška 51523, Croatia (44.97015, 14.75676)

H Sv. Elizzabeta

Local place of worship situated in the Jurandvor area near Baška.

130A Draga Bašćanska, Draga Bašćanska 51523, Croatia (44.99472, 14.71993)

I Kapela Majke Božje od Uznesenja

Small religious chapel located in the vicinity of Vrh.

1 Sršići, 51511, Croatia (45.13051, 14.55665)

J crkva svetog Jakova

Church located in Kornić, featuring traditional stone construction and serving the local parish.

34 Placa, Kornić 51500, Croatia (45.04699, 14.61278)

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