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# PATHS AROUND IZOLA

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## THE LONGER UPHILL PATH CIRCULAR PATH P2

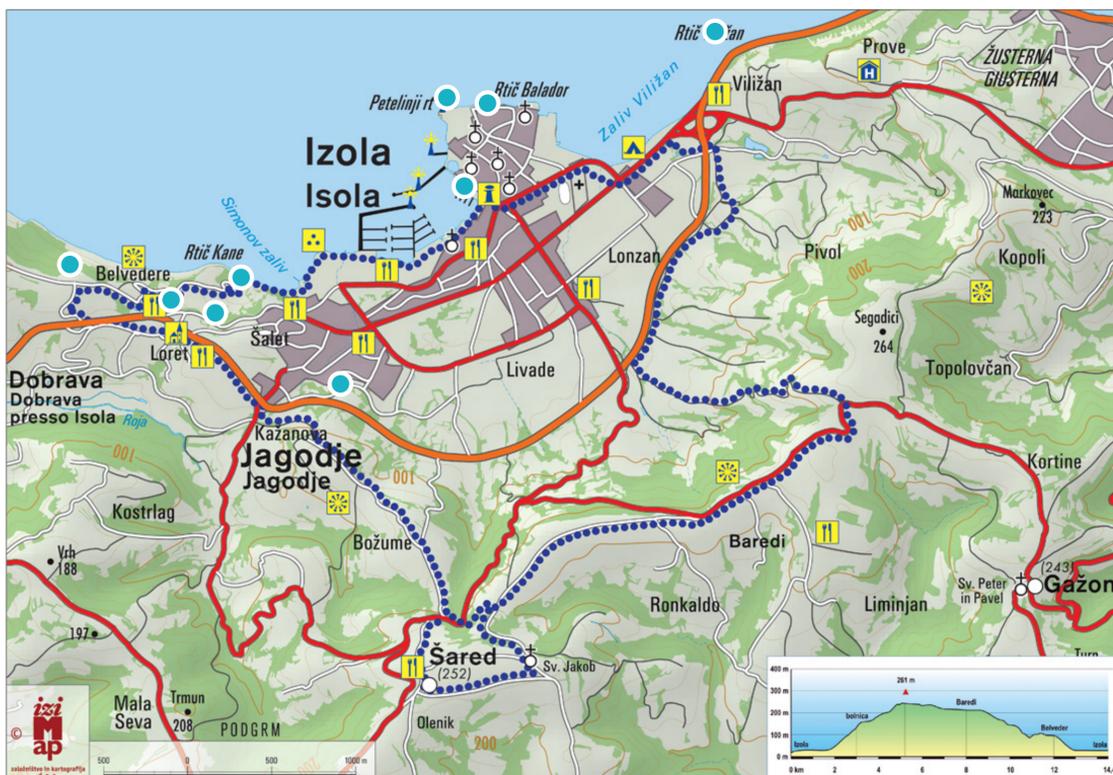
Start walking from the Tourist Information Centre in Izola, or from the car park, and go in the direction of the roundabout in the centre of Izola at the square called Trg Republike. Continue walking along the tree-lined road called Cankarjev drevored. Pass by the cemetery and go along to the junction with the road called Prešernova cesta, where you can see the old locomotive from the railway that connected Trieste in Italy with Poreč in Croatia. Cross over the road and walk along the pavement to the right in the direction of Koper. Immediately after the Jadranka campsite, turn right and take the path to Polje after using the subway under the motorway. When coming out of it, turn right and walk up to the bridge over the highway. Then walk on the right along the highway to the flyover in the direction of Korte. Turn left and walk more steeply uphill towards the yellow-greenish house. Here the asphalt road turns into a concrete path and becomes even steeper amongst the olive groves and vineyards in a South-Easterly direction. Towards the top of the hill the concrete path turns into macadam leading to the ridge and towards the asphalt road running from Gažon to Baredi. Go straight on to the next junction where the road starts descending downhill. There is a road-sign bearing the sign 5 T, the yellow and red sign of the path E6, turn left and go straight on to the ridge. Here there are magnificent views of the sea, as well as of the hinterland of Slovene Istria, with the peaks of the hills in the region called Čičarija in the distance. The macadam road runs alongside the olive groves and vineyards. Before coming to the beginning of the steep asphalt part leading uphill, turn right by the olive-grove wall bearing the sign E6, then turn left and take the narrow path that is, in parts, badly in need of repair. Descend to the road running from Izola to Korte by the sign posted Šared. On arrival there turn left, and at the next junction, after approximately 50 metres, turn right and take the asphalt path downhill. If you would like to take the longer tour, walk uphill to St. Jacob's church

and then straight on along a slightly descending road and then turn right into the village Šared. You may want to order some refreshments at the Šaredin Café, about 100 metres on the left. To continue the walk, turn right and then walk steeply downhill to the road connecting Izola and Korte. Walk along this road past the bus stop and at the next junction turn sharp-left, and again join the shorter tour. Take the asphalt road downhill towards Dobrava. At the foot of the hill, turn right and walk uphill for about 100 metres towards the road to Piran. Keep on the left pavement passing the traditional Slovene pub called Gostilna Jasna at Dobrava and go on to the small church of St. Mary from Loret. Take the asphalt road downhill and take the second, rather low, subway passage under the motorway. Enter carefully and then turn left along the country lane to the first house. Turn right here and take the asphalt road to the ridge with a panoramic view. Again turn right and walk to the hotel resort called Belvedere. The sign »Plaža« (the beach) can be seen on the vine to the left and points to the hotels on the right. Take the panoramic road downhill to the car park by the sea. Walk down the steps leading to the beach and pass a spring of water surrounded by a low wall. Turn right and take the cobbled path under the steep cliffs, past two water springs, and walk on to the beach by the hotels at Simonov zaliv (St. Simon's Bay). Walk along the path by the sea and past high water slides to the Marina in Izola. There is a good view of the moorings for boats and yachts. Walk across a small, narrow metal bridge that takes you past the old 'šker', where a small shipyard used to be in the past. Pass by the Secondary School of Catering and Tourism and continue walking by the old marine called 'mandrač' towards the car park and the Lonka Market Place. At the starting point, at TIC, the path finishes. Hopefully, you will be tired but happy about the pleasant experience of taking the panoramic walk and enjoying the wonderful views.

<b>STARTING POINT</b>	TIC (Tourist Information Centre) Izola, the car park by the Lonka Market Place.
<b>ITINERARY</b>	Izola-Viližan-Baredi-Šared-Dobrava-Belvedere-Simonov zaliv (St. Simon's Bay)-Izola
<b>LENGTH</b>	14.4 km or 16.6 km long, if you take the detour through the village called Šared
<b>ALTITUDE</b>	The starting point is 1 metre above sea level, the highest point is at 261 metres, the uphill walk is 430 metres in length.
<b>DIFFICULTY LEVEL</b>	Technically the path is fairly easy, the total amount of walking is up to 4 hours, or 5 hours if you make use of the roads and country lanes. Sports gear or light-weight mountaineering boots are recommended. The path may be walked during all seasons except in extreme heat or on those days when the strong North-Easterly wind called burja (bora) is blowing. The path has a solid foundation and it can also be walked on rainy days, but with extra care.
<b>CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PATH</b>	The landscape varies and is extremely picturesque, even in the suburban parts. On clear days there are magnificent views of the Istria hinterland (Istria), the coast, the Gulf of Trieste, the Julian and Carnic Alps, and even the Dolomites from the highridge. In the autumn the yellow, orange, and reddish colours are particularly attractive.
<b>ATTRACTIONS ALONG THE PATHWAY</b>	The old locomotive called Parenzana, Loret – a small church from 1634 dedicated to St. Mary's birth, St. Jacob's church that used to be a pilgrimage site and reminds us of the days when the inhabitants of Istria (Istria) visited the Saint's grave in Santiago, Galicia, Spain. In St. Simon Bay there are the remains of an Old Roman Coastal Villa and a port from the beginning of that era, the remains of a pier and wave-breakers under the sea's surface. Olive groves, vineyards, springs of water, the coast itself, and the steep cliffs are just some of the attractions that can be viewed when walking this path.
<b>TOURIST FACILITIES</b>	The Šaredin Café, a traditional Slovene pub called 'Gostilna Jasna' at Dobrava, The Belvedere Hotels, San Simon Resort, The Delfin Hotel (ZDUS - a hotel for the retired).
<b>INFO</b>	TIC (Tourist Information Centre) Izola, tic.izola@izola.si, www.visitizola.com



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