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PATHS AROUND IZOLA

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THE PATH IN THE SUN CIRCULAR PATH P3

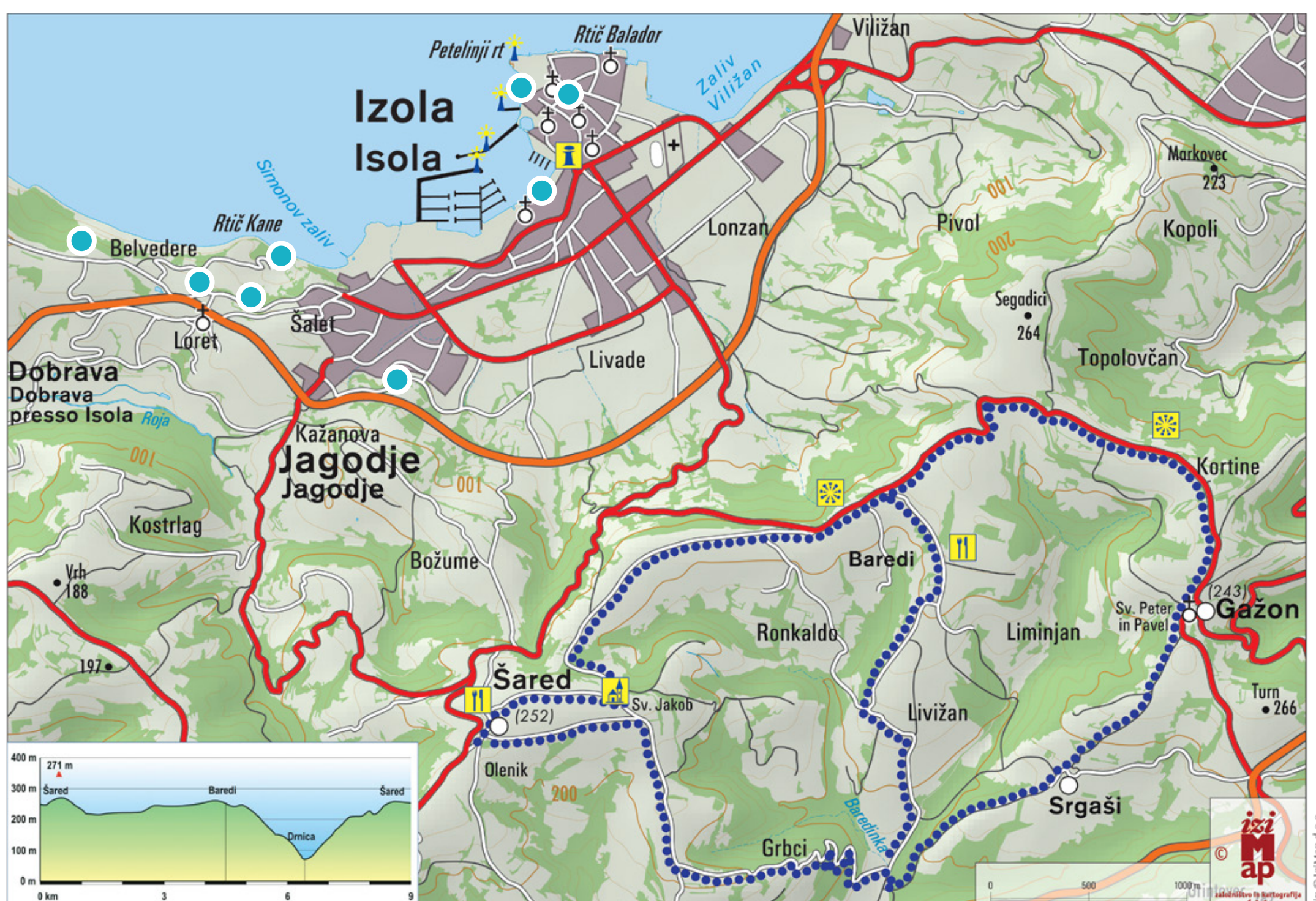
From the car park in Šared walk in a South-Easterly direction, along the road between the houses. The road is fairly horizontal and slowly turns to the left after about 200 metres towards a junction by a highly-damaged wall. There turn right and walk uphill past the playground and the water tank, approaching the panoramic ridge where magnificent views in all directions open up. At St. Jacob's church turn left, and start descending towards the lower wide-plateau with olive groves and vineyards. Continue walking along the fairly horizontal macadam road, leading to the asphalt road running from Izola to Baredi. Here you need to turn right and walk for about 400 metres to the junction, where you may decide to take the longer path to the left through the village called Gažon. If wanting to take the shorter path, go straight on in the direction of the valley called Drnice. If famished and thirsty, we recommend paying a visit to the Baredi tourist farm. The path continues along the ridge and towards a junction after about 750 metres. Here turn right and immediately afterwards left to the edge of a vast area of vineyards. A slight descent leads to the settlement called Livžan. Turn left, past the houses and walk along the macadam road through the vineyards descending into the valley. At a field-hut on the left, the road levels off and after 300 metres there is a stream and a junction. The country lane to the right goes into the village of Srgaši. The longer path leads to the crossing at Baredi. When walking along this asphalt road, you can enjoy wonderful views of Izola, as seen deep-down on the left, or the views of the villages and hills of Slovene Istra. Pass the football pitch within the vicinity of the village of Gažon and enjoy the opening-up view of Koper and its hinterland with the Julian Alps in the distance. The almost horizontal road leads to Gažon, past the church and straight on to the left-hand bend by the War Heroes Monument. Walk straight on along

the narrower road towards the houses at the edge of the village, where a view of the Drnice valley and the villages above it opens up. Here you can enjoy views of the villages of Padna, Nova vas, and Šmarje. At the olive grove surrounded by a wall, turn left. The cobbled path is almost ruined as it gets steeper and descends into the village of Srgaši. At the renovated house overgrown by poison ivy, turn right past the chapel with its two cypress trees. The road running through the village descends slightly and the asphalt vanishes. There is an interesting spring of water, extremely valuable in the drought-prone area of Istra. At the vast vineyard on the left, the path is gentler and leads to a junction. Take the left cobbled, almost ruined path descending to the stream called Drnica. Cross the stream and after 30 metres take the macadam road running through the huge area of vineyards at the bottom of the valley. Turn right and after 70 metres, before the stream, turn left. Here those of you who took the longer path re-join the shorter track of the path again. First the path runs through the vineyards and then the forest, along a damaged pebbled road lightly ascending to the settlement called Grbci. Most of the houses are sadly falling apart, which unfortunately can be seen in numerous Istrian villages and settlements. They have been deserted since the locals moved away in search of a better life in the coastal towns. The macadam road ascends to the vineyards on the ridge and levels off. It joins the asphalt road connecting Šared and the Drnice valley. Turn right in a Northerly direction and ascend slightly to a V-shaped junction surrounded by oak trees. Turn left and amongst the scattered houses walk to the car park in Šared, where the path started. Having walked for so long, your legs may be tired, but we hope you will be happy to have seen the wonderful views that may be enjoyed when taking this panoramic round trip through the hinterland of Izola.

STARTING POINT	The car park at the Šaredin Cafe in the village called Šared (take the road from Izola to Korte, 4.5 kilometres from Izola)
ITINERARY	Šared-St. Jakob-Baredi-Gažon-Srgaši-the valley called Drnice-Grbci-Šared
LENGTH	The path is 9 kilometres long or 11.7 km if you walk through Gažon
ALTITUDE	The starting point is 246 metres above sea-level, the top 271m, the ascent is 265m long.
DIFFICULTY LEVEL	Technically the path is fairly easy. The total walking time along roads and country lanes is 2.5 hours or 3.5 hours if passing through Gažon. Sports-gear or light-weight mountaineering boots are recommended. The path may be walked in all seasons except in extreme heat or on days when the strong North-Easterly wind called 'burja' (bora) is blowing. The foundation of the path is solid and can also be walked on rainy days, but with extra care.
CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PATH	The landscape varies and is extremely picturesque, and the hills called 'Šavrinsko gričevje' stretch almost into the suburbs of the town. On clear days there are magnificent views from the ridge. You can view the hinterland of Istra (Istria), the Bay of Koper, the Gulf of Trieste, the Julian and Carnic Alps, the Dolomites and, in autumn, the vegetation offers a wonderful palette of yellow, orange, and red hues.
ATTRACTIONS ALONG THE PATHWAY	St. Jacob's church is a reminder of the pilgrimages that used to be taken by the inhabitants of Istra (Istria) to the grave of the Saint in Santiago, Galicia, Spain. There are typical Istrian villages with, on the one hand, renovated houses, and on the other hand, several ruins. There are also the spring of water, the village of Srgaši, other churches and chapels, olive groves, vineyards, and oak coppices.
TOURIST FACILITIES	The Šaredin Cafe, the Baredi tourist farm, and a wine cellar.
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