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PATHS AROUND IZOLA

THE SHORTER UPHILL PATH CIRCULAR PATH P1

Start walking from the Tourist Information Centre or from the car park in the direction of the roundabout in the centre of Izola at the square called Trg Republike and go in the direction of the street called Pittonijeva ulica, second street on the right, then along the street called Bazoviška ulica to the crossroads with the road called Prešernova cesta. At the traffic lights cross-over the road, and then walk along the street called Kajuhova ulica, in a South Easterly direction. Go up a slight incline past the local shops (Hofer, Mercator, and the Ritoša Cycling Centre) in the direction of the motorway and then over the flyover. On the other side of the motorway turn left, and walk along the path parallel with the local road for about 200 m. Then take the right-hand exit and after 100 m turn left, up a steeper path in the direction of the yellow-greenish house. The asphalt road becomes concreted and steeper as you walk amongst the olive groves and vineyards. The walk continues up the hill in a South-Easterly direction. Look out for the ruins of a chapel on the left and continue walking uphill. The views of Izola and the sea become more panoramic and, on a clear day, hikers can see the monumental mountains behind the Gulf of Trieste and Grado Lagoon. At the top of the hill the macadam road leads to the ridge and the asphalt road running from Gažon to Baredi. When you have reached the highest point it means that the intensity of the climb is behind you. What follows is a walk along an almost horizontal panoramic ridge and a relaxed descent back to the starting point. Walk along the road and then turn right into the road connecting Izola and Baredi, signposted by the brown road sign, Izola is to the right. Keeping to the right, walk to the next junction. The road descends into the town, but if you wish to keep to the path, turn left by the road sign bearing the sign 5 T (the yellow and red sign of the European walking path E6). Continue straight on along the ridge and pass by the house where the asphalt road finishes. There are magnificent views of the sea and a panoramic view of Istra hinterland, all the way to the Croatian town of Buje, and the tops of the hills called Čičarija in the distance. Walking here is pure pleasure as you can also admire the summits of the hills called Slavnik, Kojnik and Žbevnica. The almost horizontal macadam road leads through olive groves and vineyards to a steep asphalted ascent. Do not go uphill, but turn right along the corner of the olive-grove wall, bearing the sign E6.

Then turn left towards the narrow path that later on becomes quite broken-up under foot. Descend to the road connecting Izola and Korte at the signpost reading Šared. Turn left and at the next crossroad, about 50 metres later, turn right and follow the asphalt road downhill. It is possible to choose the longer itinerary and go uphill to the church of St. Jacob, then walk straight on, going slightly downhill, and to the right towards the settlement called Šared. If you are tired and thirsty you may choose to call in at the Šaredin Café, located about 100 metres to the left. The walk continues to the right and later starts descending steeply to the road connecting Izola and Korte. Keep to the right, past the bus stop, take the next road sharply to the left and join the itinerary of the shorter path again. After a short, steep ascent the road levels off and after 450 metres there is a junction where two road mirrors are installed, and on the left there is a high wall with grey railings. At this point turn right onto the macadam road that starts to descend steeply and is partly covered by concrete. In front of the house marked Livade 10, there is a sign on the cypress tree reading »Izola 20 min« and pointing downhill to the left. Walk in that direction and, after a short asphalt section, the road turns into a rather damaged country lane, descending steeply to another concrete road running uphill from the valley. Turn right here and after about 150 metres go downhill to the road parallel to the motorway. Turn right again and after 170 metres go left through the subway passage into the vast area of vineyards in the part of the town called Livade. The path continues, descending slightly in a Southerly direction. Cross what remains of the old railway tracks called Parenzana and take the road called Južna cesta. Turn left here and walk along the pavement to the traffic lights at the crossroads in the part of the town called Jagodje. There is a pizzeria, a shop, and several cafes. To complete your walk, go straight on to the crossroad and turn to the left in the direction of the hotels. After about 30 metres, by the car park lined with pine trees, turn right and go to the beach called Simonov zaliv. Here are remains of the Old Roman Villa and the old port. Turn right and follow the path by the sea through the marina in Izola. It leads to the Lonka Market Place and the Tourist Information Centre, where your walk started. Hikers may be a bit tired, but hopefully pleased to have completed this marvellous panoramic tour.

STARTING POINT	TIC (Tourist Information Centre) Izola, the car park behind the market place called Lonka.
ITINERARY	Izola-Baredi-Šared-Livade-Jagodje-Izola
LENGTH	This path is either 10.4 km long or 12.6 km if you take the detour through Šared.
ALTITUDE	The starting point is 1 metre above sea-level, the summit of the hill 262m high, and the length of the ascent is 322m.
DIFFICULTY LEVEL	Technically the path is easy under-foot, and the total walking time is around 3 hours, but if you prefer to include some roads and country lanes, it could take up to 3.5 hours. Suitable sports-gear and light-weight mountaineering boots are recommended. The path may be taken during all seasons except for those days of extreme heat or windy weather when the strong North-Easterly wind called 'burja' is blowing. The path is firm under-foot, it can be walked also on rainy days, but please take extra care.
CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PATH	The landscape varies and is extremely picturesque, even the suburban areas. On clear days the views from the high-ridge are spectacular. The hinterland of Istra (Istria), the coast, the Gulf of Trieste, the Julian and Carnic Alps, even the Dolomites, can all be seen before you. In autumn the views are even more attractive with their yellow, orange, and red hues.
ATTRACTIONS ALONG THE PATHWAY	At Simonov zaliv (St. Simon's Bay) you can view the remains of an Old Roman Coastal Villa and a port from the beginning of that era. There was also a pier and the wave-breakers that still lie under the sea's surface. St. Jacob's church used to be a pilgrimage site and reminds us of the days when the inhabitants of Istra visited the Saint's grave in Santiago, Galicia, Spain. Olive groves, vineyards, springs of water, the coast itself, and the steep cliffs are just some of the attractions that can be seen when walking along this path.
TOURIST FACILITIES	There are shops and cafes in the street called Kajuhova ulica, the Baredi tourist farm, the Šaredin Cafe, the Primavera pizzeria, and some other cafes and restaurants in Jagodje.
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