

Half-day excursion: NP BRIJUNI - visit to Veliki Brijun

09th of October

<https://www.np-brijuni.hr/en>



After 15 minute boat ride to the Island, the journey begins with one-hour tourist train excursion down the coast to the north of the island, where the Safari Park is located. On the way, visitors can witness a golf course, a castle, and old farm buildings built in the early twentieth century by the Austrian Kupelwieser family.

When you arrive at the safari park, which covers roughly 9 hectares, you will be able to encounter approximately 80 herbivores, primarily from Africa and Asia, but also increasingly autochthonous species. During the interval, visitors can interact with the animals or have refreshments at the caffe-bar Sony and Lanka.

During the journey, visitors are surrounded by low, evergreen shrubs known as maquis. The islands include over 400 listed plant species, ranging from rare holm oak and laurel woods to stunning wild orchids and exotic trees such as pine, cedar, and redwood.

After the private villa zone, you'll notice the Austro-Hungarian fortification Tegetthoff on the higher portion, followed by the empty pools of the zoo, which existed until 1995. In compliance with the law, all of the animals were relocated to zoos in Zagreb and Osijek, and only herbivores now reside here and roam freely. Before proceeding to the next stop, you will see the remnants of a Roman villa near Verige Bay.

The schedule also includes a hike in Brijuni National Park and a visit to the following exhibitions: Exhibits include copies of paintings and Glagolitic inscriptions from Istria and Kvarner in the church of St. Germana, pictures of Josip Broz Tito in Brioni, From the Memory of an Old Austrian, and a natural history show. The path leads to the Čamčarnica (House for Boats) interpretation and teaching center, where visitors can learn about the islands' cultural, historical, and environmental history. With that, the journey across the Brijuni area and time is gradually drawing to a close.

DURATION OF THE EXCURSION: 6 HOURS

DEPARTURE BY BUS FROM HOTEL HISTRIA: 09:00 AM

RETURN BY BUS TO HOTEL HISTRIA: 03:00 PM

Rate per person: 62 €

Rate based on minimum of 20 person includes: bus transfer from hotel to Fažana and back, ticket for the NP (boat transfer, one-hour ride on the tourist train, Safari Park and museum visit), local guide.