

## **Half-day excursion: Protected Nature of Southern Istria – JU KAMENJAK**

**09th of October**

<https://kamenjak.hr/en>



Cape Kamenjak is Istria's southernmost point, and it is a peninsula of picturesque and deeply indented coastline that is about four kilometers long. The archipelago also includes up to 30 bays and 11 uninhabited islets. Covered in low vegetation and maquis, with a small pine forest and agricultural land, it has a typical Mediterranean climate. Cape Kamenjak was declared a protected area in 1996, not only for its remarkable natural assets, but also to protect it as efficiently as possible from degradation, and it was managed by the state entity Natura Histrica.

The Cape's uniqueness is heavily influenced by its flora and fauna. There are up to 600 plant species on Kamenjak, the majority of which are medicinal and aromatic, with orchids standing out in particular. Except for the fall zasukica, which blooms in the autumn, there are approximately thirty orchid species that flower in the spring. All of them are legally protected; 13 are strictly protected, and two are endemic species, meaning they can only be found in Kamenjak. The fauna keeps up with the vegetation, with 50 butterfly species documented, as well as numerous reptiles, amphibians, and birds. Cape Kamenjak's land and sea are home to a diverse range of plant and animal species, including algae, shellfish, and Mediterranean monk seals. The Mediterranean monk seal, along with the long-billed horse, noble periska, fingerling, and others, are all strictly protected species.

**DURATION OF THE EXCURSION: 4 HOURS**

**DEPARTURE BY BUS FROM HOTEL HISTRIA: 8:30 AM**

**RETURN BY BUS TO HOTEL HISTRIA: 12:30 PM**

**Rate per person: 42 €**

**Rate based on minimum of 20 person includes: bus transfer from hotel to Kamenjak and back, entrance ticket, lunch.**