

# Island of Pag Must See & Do

## Learn to love the Pag lace and learn about it!

UNESCO protected Pag lace is a finely crafted product of beauty and delicacy that many grateful owners frame and regard as artwork. Thanks to the nuns of the local Benedictine monastery, who were the first to start perfecting and teaching fine-thread ornamental lacemaking in the 15<sup>th</sup> century, Pag lace has been an important source of income for many skilled and industrious local women ever since. Some of them were even invited to the court of Empress Maria Theresa to hand-weave for her exclusively! Fully learning the craft of Pag lacemaking is a lengthy and complex process. However, you can also test your skills by enrolling in the beginner course under the guidance of some of the most experienced and talented lace-makers on the entire island.

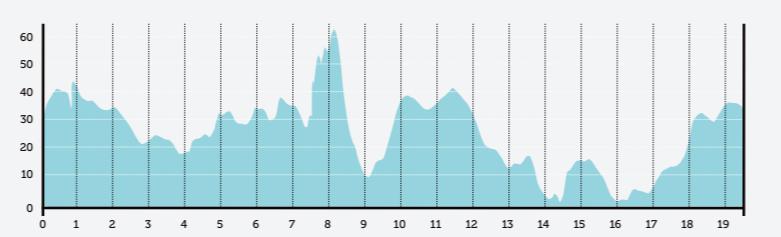


## T&F 17

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**Start/Finish** Povljana  
**Via** Velo Blato Lake - Smokvica  
**Length** 19.6 km  
**Physical Difficulty** 1/3  
**Elevation** 131 m

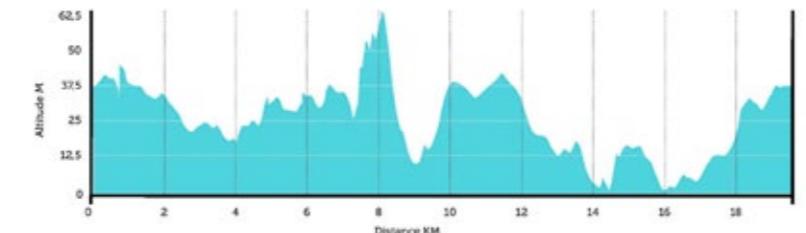


## MTB 44

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This trail can also be called the "green oasis trail" which goes through the middle of the extremely rocky island of Pag. It is intended for MTB and trekking riders in basic physical condition and leads through the traditional rocky landscape of Pag, with a constant view of the Velebit mountain and the sea. This is a great chance to visit ornithological reserves Veliko and Malo blato, and Smokvica - one of the most beautiful beaches on Pag. Make sure to bring enough liquids because the trail is mostly in the sun.

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**Via** Velo i malo blato - Smokvica  
**Length** 19.6 km  
**Physical Difficulty** 1/3  
**Technical Difficulty** 1/3  
**Elevation** 353 m

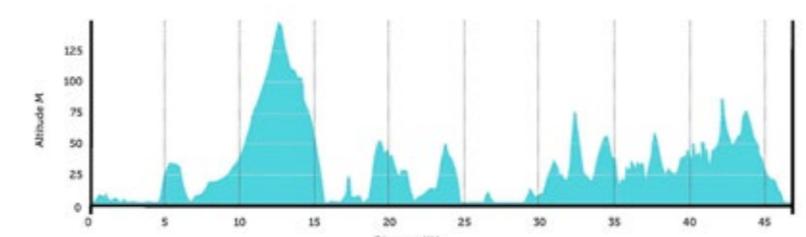


## MTB 45

### Pag 1

The island of Pag is very often compared to the surface of the Moon. This impressive trail mostly goes through the typical rocky terrain, but also crosses into the Kolanjsko polje, the only fertile area on the island. A ride along the salt-works and salt pools makes it very interesting from the tourist point of view as well. The trail is intended for MTB and trekking riders in moderate physical and technical condition, but because of its diversity, we would recommend it to everyone.

**Start/Finish** Pag  
**Via** Simuni - Dubrava Hanzina reservation  
**Length** 46.9 km  
**Physical Difficulty** 2/3  
**Technical Difficulty** 2/3  
**Elevation** 590 m



## If you are looking for the perfect beach, come to Pag.

Pag has many lovely coves and stunning beaches, wedged between the unique moonlike landscape of the rugged island and the crystal-clear coast of the calm Adriatic Sea. Ideal for enjoyment, leisure and all sorts of fun activities, they range from larger bustling locations to smaller private havens of both sandy and gravel texture. Make sure to visit exceptionally beautiful beaches in Kolan and Povljana and relish the nature of the island.

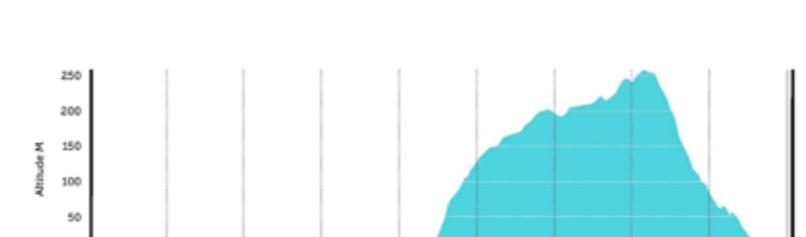


## MTB 46

### Pag 2

Although not very long and demanding, this trail is recommended for MTB riders in moderate physical and technical condition. It starts with a flat part near Pag saltworks and salt pools and continues with windmills and the view of the whole Velebit mountain, which makes it very interesting. Make sure to bring enough liquids because the trail is mostly in the sun.

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**Via** Solana/Salt pans  
**Length** 18 km  
**Physical Difficulty** 1/3  
**Technical Difficulty** 1/3  
**Elevation** 245 m

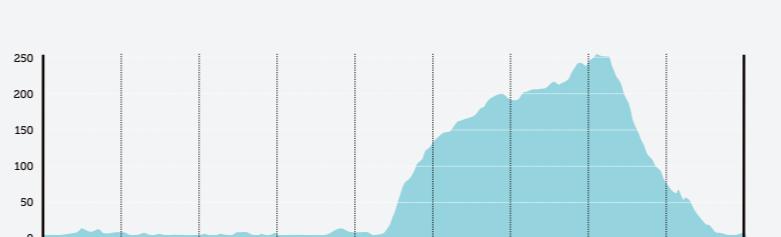


## T&F 18

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The medieval town of Pag, embossed in stone by influence of bora wind and the sea, is the starting point for this circular trekking route intended for recreational bikers. After 9 km of totally flat terrain, in the immediate vicinity of Pag saltworks and salt pools built in Roman times, an ascent starts to the elevation of 250 m above the sea level from where a panoramic view of the northern part of the island of Pag and the Velebit mountain stretches. There is a steep descent for the last 3 km before returning to Pag.

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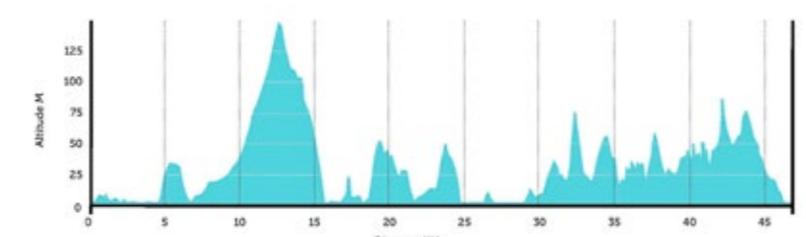


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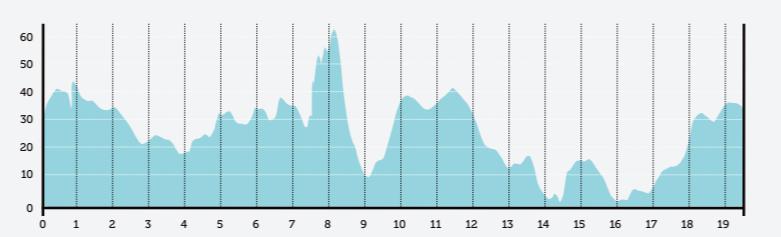


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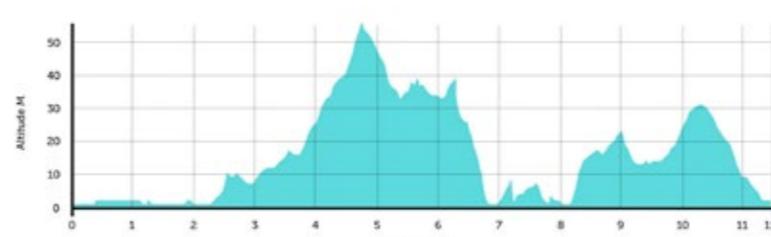


## T&F 21

### Pag 2

Shorter and not so demanding route, ideal option to explore the surrounding of Novalja. It goes through the camping sight Strško, the town of Gajac and popular beaches – Zrće and Caska – which both have quite opposite day look from their night look. On your way back you pass the field of Novalja and a gentle descend straight into the centre of Novalja.

**Start/Finish** Novalja  
**Via** Gajac - beach Zrće - Caska  
**Length** 11.5 km  
**Physical Difficulty** 1/3  
**Elevation** 99 m

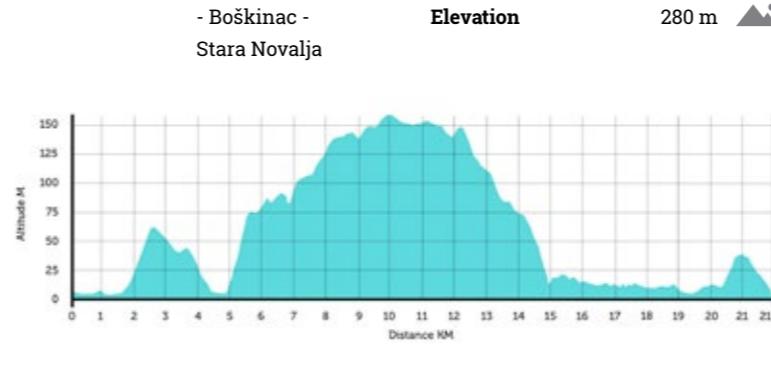


## T&F 22

### Pag 3

Starting from a centre of Novalja, route takes you over the fertile fields to the rugged terrain, typical for an island of Pag with a fantastic panorama of Velebit mountain and other islands in a distance. In a return you'll pass over a popular Planjka beach as a chance to recover. Technically not demanding, this route is a good choice for recreationists to meet non touristic side of an island while enjoying the great landscape.

**Start/Finish** Novalja  
**Via** Gaj - Stara Novalja - Boškinac - Stara Novalja  
**Length** 21.8 km  
**Physical Difficulty** 1/3  
**Elevation** 280 m



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