



PUNAT

ISLAND KRK

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LOCATION AND CLIMATE

On the southern part of the island Krk, connected with the mainland by a bridge, in a well secluded bay, a small town, port and marina Punat is situated. Mild Mediterranean climate, with favourable winds, enables all sea enthusiasts an unforgettable experience of sailing along the northern Adriatic as well as along the whole Croatian coast. The average air temperature from May to July amounts to 22°C, and the insolation to 2400 hours annually.

HISTORY AND SIGHTS

The area of Punat was formerly inhabited by the Illyrians, Greeks and Romans. The name Punat derived from the Latin word Pons, meaning bridge, which used to connect the narrow creek of Punat with the coast. From the older buildings and monuments, the following should be emphasized: the old mill for olives from the 18th century, the Baroque parish church of the Holy Trinity where the late Gothic wooden sculpture of St. Anne from the 15th century is placed, along with the Maggiotto's picture from the year 1750 on the main altar. In the surrounding area

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of Punat, there is an interesting pre-Romanesque church of St. Donat, and on the nearby island Kosljun you can visit the Franciscan monastery built in the 16th century on the remains of the Benedictine abbey. In the museum of the monastery many icons, pictures, national costumes of the island Krk, etc. are kept, and its archive and library contains rare examples of the Glagolitic manuscripts and incunabula.

PUNAT TODAY

Beautiful beaches, rich vegetation, hotels, pensions, weekend houses, the possibility of sports and recreation (tennis, mini golf, bowling, diving, sailing, surfing), and particularly the marina, open throughout the whole year, Croatian specialities offered in pensions and restaurants as well as the cultural offer make Punat an extremely attractive tourist destination. Little houses, taverns that preserve excellent wines, pebbled beaches in the surrounding area, vineyards and olive-groves give an exceptional charm to this simple little town.

The Punat night as well as the Fishermen's day (in August) are regularly celebrated in Punat, and the monastery on the Kosljun islet offers many cultural performances that take place throughout the whole year, and especially in the summertime.

The economy is based on agriculture, grape and olive growing, fishing, shipbuilding industry and tourism (especially nautical - Punat is one of the leading centres of nautical tourism on the Croatian coast).



HOW TO ARRIVE?

By plane

If arriving by plane, the Rijeka airport is the nearest, located precisely on the island Krk. The Pula airport is also nearby, and the airports in Zagreb, Ljubljana, Trieste and Venice, from where you can reach Punat by bus or rented car, are connected with most of the European and world centres.

By car or bus

If arriving from the direction of Zagreb, just follow the highway Zagreb - Rijeka until you reach the exit for Crikvenica and island Krk.

If arriving from the direction of Italy and Slovenia, after you cross the border at Pasjak and Rupe, continue driving towards Rijeka, i.e. island Krk. The Krk bridge is only 35 km far away from Punat.

Via Rijeka, Krk is connected with every bigger Croatian and European city by bus lines.

By train

Via Rijeka, Punat is connected with every bigger Croatian city as well as that of the neighbouring countries by railway.

By ship

If travelling by ship, you can take every ferry line that goes to the ferry port in Rijeka.



Photo: Tourism Office Punat

Distance / km	Zagreb	Rijeka	Split	Dubrovnik	Trieste	Ljubljana
Punat	182	61	350	540	139	185

