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# BAŠKA VODA

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## LOCATION AND CLIMATE

Baska Voda is a small town and port in the central part of the Croatian coast, 9,5 km north-west of Makarska, situated at the foot of the Biokovo mountain.

The climate is Mediterranean - winters are mild, and summers warm, dry and sunny. The average temperature in July amounts to 24,3 °C, and in January to 8,3 °C. Baska Voda has approximately 2700 sunny hours per year and is one of the sunniest destinations of the northern Mediterranean. The „Jugo” (south-eastern wind) and „Bura” (north-eastern) winds blow throughout the whole year, but especially in the wintertime, whereas in the summertime the iMaestrali (during the day)

and iBuriñi winds (during the night) are quite frequent.

## HISTORY AND SIGHTS

First traces of settlement in Baska Voda date from the early Bronze Age. Upon the arrival of the Romans, a settlement with defence walls was established. In the 7<sup>th</sup> century, the Croats inhabited the area, but withdrew further towards the Biokovo mountain (because they were threatened by pirates), where they stayed for nearly 1000 years. When the threat from the pirates ceased, the inhabitants returned on the coast, where they established the modern Baska Voda. The first public building was the church of St. Lawrence from the year 1750, whereas



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the church of St. Nicholas was built in 1889. At the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, when the quay was built, Baska Voda became the most significant port in the area, and in mid-20<sup>th</sup> ct. tourism started to develop, which also led to the building of hotels.

### BASKA VODA TODAY

Baska Voda developed into a modern tourist destination with all the contents and characteristics of a small Mediterranean town. Apart from the sea and sun, swimming and sunbathing, pleasant strolls, historical monuments and museum, Baska Voda offers attractive cultural as well

as entertainment performances. Religious celebrations are also very interesting - especially the one on Good Friday and the St. Nicholas' Day on 6<sup>th</sup> December, who is said to be the patron saint of Baska Voda. On St. Lawrence's Day (10<sup>th</sup> August) the festival of harmony-singing groups of the Makarska littoral takes place.

There are many sports-recreational contents: tennis, football, handball, table tennis, mini golf, fishing, hiking, etc. In the evening, you can visit bars or night clubs, whereas many restaurants and taverns offer home-made specialities. Apart from that, various trips are organized.



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## HOW TO ARRIVE?

### By plane

If travelling by plane, you can use the Split airport, from where you can reach Baska Voda by car or bus.

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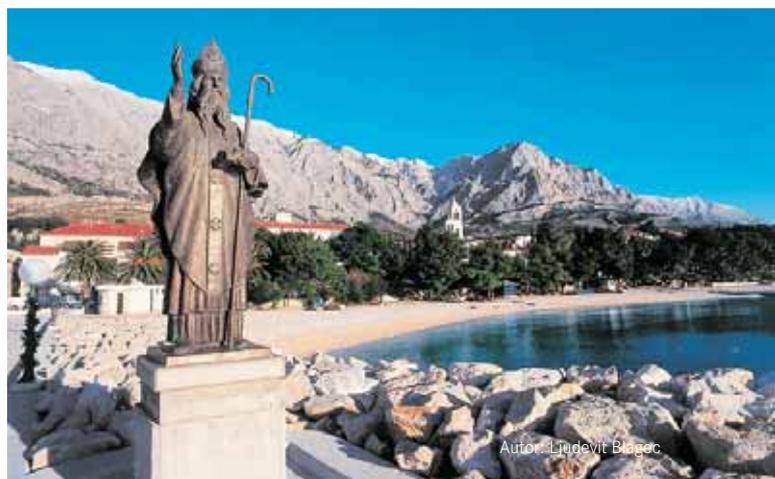
If arriving from the direction of Austria or Hungary via Zagreb, you can use the highway Zagreb-Split; if arriving from the direction of Italy via Rijeka, you can also use the same highway. From Split you can reach Makarska via the Adriatic highway (just follow the guidelines for Makarska). If travelling by bus, you can reach Baska Voda from every bigger Croatian city via Split.

### By train

There are regular train connections from Zagreb to Split, from where you can continue toward Baska Voda by bus.

### By ship

There are regular ferry lines from Rijeka and Ancona toward Split, from where you can reach Baska Voda by bus.



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Distance / km	Zagreb	Rijeka	Split	Dubrovnik	Trieste	Ljubljana
<b>Kotor</b>	438	385	54	160	463	503