



Lubenice

# CRES

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## LOCATION AND CLIMATE

The town of Cres is situated in the north-eastern part of a large and well shielded bay which abounds in spacious and attractive bathing areas. It is situated in the western part of the island bearing the same name, by size the first island in the northern bay of Kvarner. The coast is 248 km long and indented - its western and southern part have many bays and pebbled beaches, whereas its northern and eastern part abound in steep cliffs. The island is also well known for the lake of Vrana, huge nature reserve of potable water that supplies the inhabitants of the islands Cres and Losinj with water for many years.

The average winter temperature amounts to 7°C, and the average

summer temperature to 28°C.

## HISTORY AND SIGHTS

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Renaissance churches and monasteries, palaces of noble families and remains of city fortresses. The most significant cultural and historical buildings are the following: three town gates (Bragadina, Marcela and the gate of St. Mikulo from the 16<sup>th</sup> century), the tower in the north-western part of the town, the church of St. Isidor from the 12<sup>th</sup> century, a number of Gothic, late Gothic and Renaissance churches, the most remarkable of them being the church of Our Lady of Snow from the 16<sup>th</sup> century with the tower bell dating from the 18<sup>th</sup> century, municipal loggia with a pillory, the Franciscan monastery from the beginning of the 14<sup>th</sup> century, a Benedictine monastery from the 15<sup>th</sup> century, the

palace of the family Petris from the 15<sup>th</sup> century, which houses a museum and a number of Renaissance palaces of noble families from Cres.

### CRES TODAY

Nowadays, Cres is a significant tourist destination with its medieval city nucleus as well as its vast bay surrounded by cliffs. Excellent climate conditions, wonderful nature and sea with beautiful long beaches and rich accommodation offer (hotels, apartments, camps) make Cres a high quality tourist destination.

Sports enthusiasts and recreationists are offered the following: diving school, tennis, minigolf, table tennis and water sports & sailing, surfing, underwater fishing.

The famous Cres-CUP regatta also takes place in Cres.

The cultural and entertainment programme takes place once per week, and the manifestations are the following: welcoming the old vessels (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> July), the season end (31<sup>st</sup> August), the exhibitions and the famous Lubenice musical nights.

Village Orlec, only 12 km far away from Cres, is a well known habitat of griffon vulture, rare and protected species.

### HOW TO ARRIVE?

#### By plane

If arriving by plane, the nearest airports are in Rijeka and Pula, as well as Losinj that only takes small- and medium-size airplanes up to 30 passengers.



**By car and bus**

The transport company Autotrans Rijeka takes care of the connection of the island with the mainland by bus lines. There are direct bus lines on a daily basis from Rijeka and Zagreb to the islands Cres and Losinj.

**By ship**

If travelling by car, you can use two ports to access the island from the mainland Đ Valbiska on the island Krk and Brestova in Istria. There are regular ferry lines on a daily basis, and during the summer time ferries operate more frequently - even non-stop without schedule, if necessary. Apart from the two regular lines, during the season it's also possible to reach the island by ferries from Pula, Zadar and Rijeka, as well as from Venice and Ancona twice per week.



Distance / km	Zagreb	Rijeka	Split	Dubrovnik	Trieste	Ljubljana
<b>Cres</b>	216	63	400	605	120	166