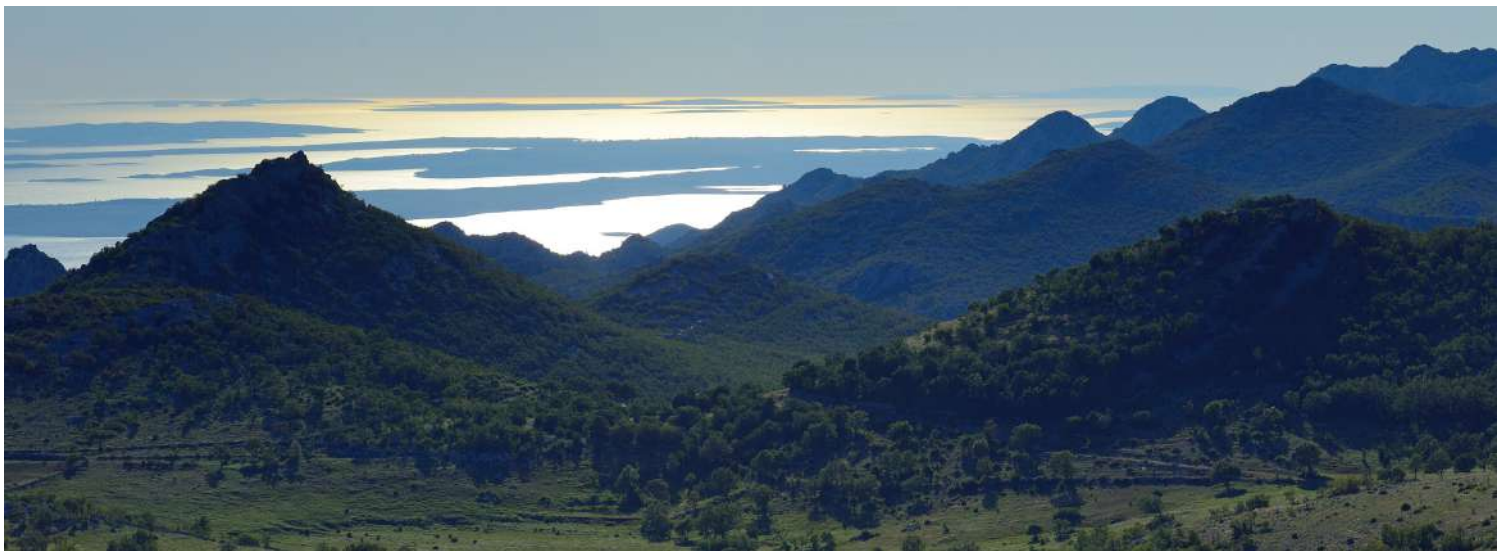




CROATIA

A deep natural experience in the Velebit Mountains

A privately guided experience on horseback and by foot. Learn about wildlife deep in the magical Velebit Mountains of Croatia



AN IDEAL PLACE FOR ADVENTUROUS TRAVELLERS LOOKING FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT

A four-night bespoke **guided experience through the Velebit mountains**, both on horseback and on foot. This is a unique exploration of the area, its wildlife and the impact of rewilding. Support rewilding activities in the area through bear tourism.

Take days out to **explore the area on horseback**, enjoying delicious local cuisine in Megi's Michelin recommended restaurant and hospitality while discovering the area and its captivating wild nature.

All your activities and expert hosting are provided within a **ranch-style setting** at Linden Tree Retreat&Ranch. Comfortable and unique accommodation with outdoor heated swimming pool, hot tub, library and badminton court, amongst other facilities. All this is rounded off by an opportunity to see bears from a photography hide in the mountains.



DAY TO DAY PROGRAMME

Day 1

Arrival after 3pm. Welcome drinks and program familiarization. Dinner at the Ranch. Accommodation at the Ranch.

Day 2

Breakfast. Day ride to Ghost town. Lunch at Ghost town. Dinner at the Ranch. Accommodation at the Ranch.

Day 3

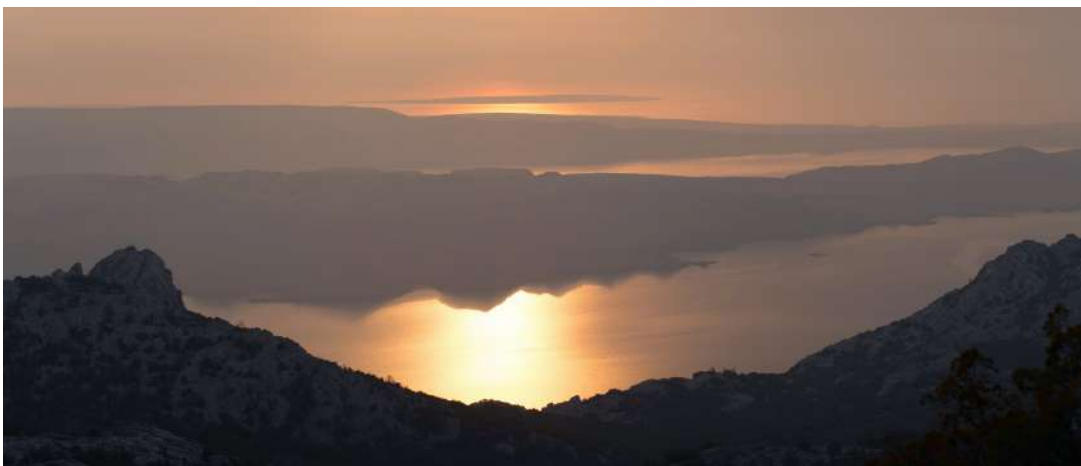
Breakfast. Premužić trail day hike. Lunch at the Ranger's station on the mountain. Lazy afternoon at the Ranch. Dinner at the Ranch. Accommodation at the Ranch.

Day 4

Breakfast. Jeep Safari with animal tracking. Lunch on the mountain. Bear watching at Lagosta bear hide. Dinner in town. Accommodation at the Ranch.

Day 5

Breakfast and departure.



DETAILS

Days

5 days/ 4 nights

When

All year round

Accommodation

Linden Tree Retreat & Ranch

Guide

Dr. Bruce Yerkovich

How to get there

You can easily reach Zagreb or Gospić by train and then get a bus to Senj. If you decide to catch a plane, the closest airport is Zagreb, and in summertime Zadar. You can rent a car from the airport for an easy 3 hr drive to the Velebit Mountains.

Languages

English, Croatian



PRICES

Private tour, flexible dates

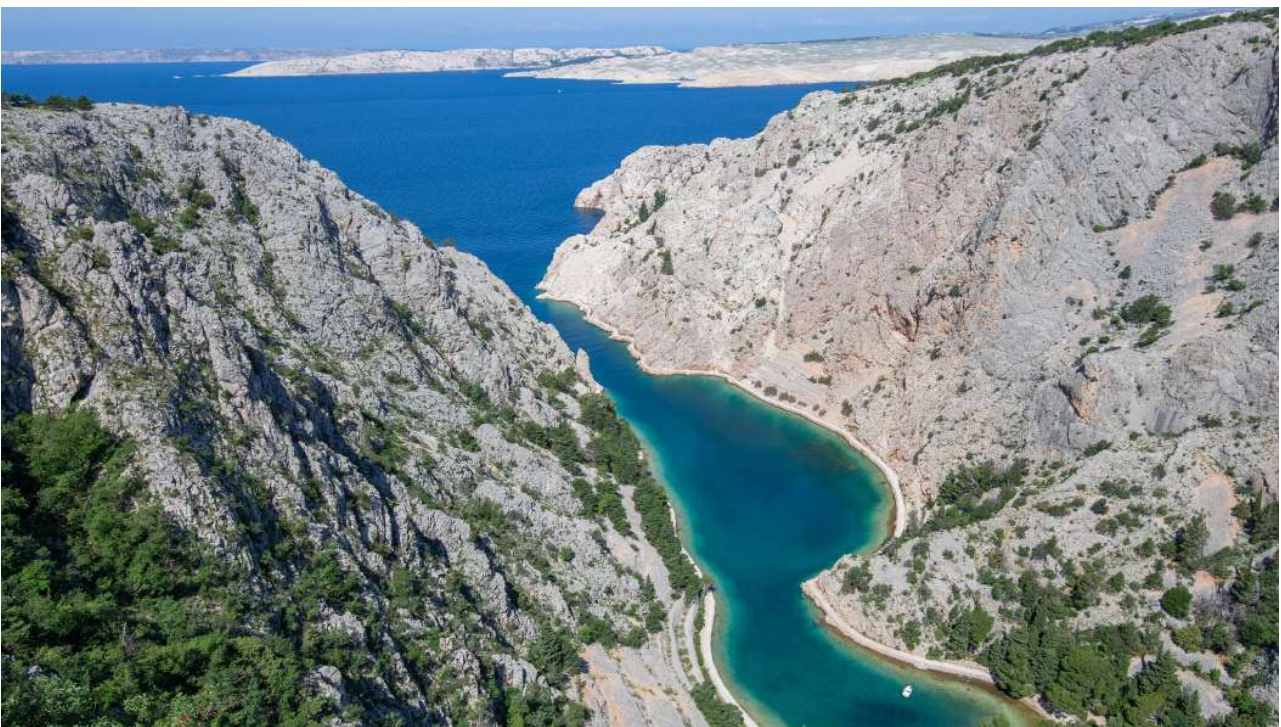
- €1690 per person (when travelling with 2 people)
- Min 7 years to participate
- 20% discount for 13-17 kids

Price includes

- 4 nights at Linden tree Retreat & Ranch, single or double room
- Private local guide: Bruce Yerkovich
- A visit to the bear hide on day 4
- 5% rewilding levy
- Fee for bear hide
- All-inclusive of meals
- Horse riding
- hiking and other facilities at the ranch: outdoor heated swimming pool (available during summer season only), Japanese ofuro hot tub, movie theatre, library, badminton, volleyball, archery, bocce ball, horseshoe pit, bicycles, evening entertainment, free satellite Wi-Fi.

The cost does not include

- Flights
- Transfer from airport/train station to Linden Tree
- Drinks and personal extras
- Insurance



OUR RESPONSIBILITY

Due to the huge growth in coastal tourism in Croatia over the last 10-15 years, many local inhabitants have moved out of the Velebit area towards the coast. As a result, many areas of this beautiful region are now characterised by land abandonment, rural exodus and fading cultural tradition. Rewilding Europe is **working with local partners** to transform these challenges into opportunities. This has seen the establishment of the 23,000-hectare Velebit Nature Reserve.

A new wildlife watching venture saw the construction and opening of two wildlife hides in this reserve in 2016. These will **benefit the local community** through job opportunities and boosted tourism income. They represent the first step in developing the area's vast potential as a sustainable nature tourism destination.

Two unique forests in the Rewilding Velebit area were recently added to the **UNESCO World Heritage** List. Rewilding Europe is working to promote this model across Europe.

Read more about our work in the Velebit Mountains [here](#)



WHAT TO BRING

We recommend you to dress in layers.

CHECKLIST

- Hiking shoes
- Sun hat
- Water bottle
- day pack
- Long pants
- Hat and wool gloves
- Jacket
- Raincoat or poncho
- Sun protection cream
- Non-smelling mosquito/tick repellent and camp shoes (sandals)
- Personal toiletries/medicines and ...
- a **sense of adventure!**

