



CROATIA

One day bear hide experience in the Velebit Mountains

Wildlife watching is a unique experience, allowing you a chance to witness some of nature's most elusive creatures. With specially designed features, the wildlife hides are ideal for photographers and nature enthusiasts.



SUPPORT REWILDING THROUGH BEAR RELATED TOURISM

Locally crafted and **designed to match the forested region**, each hide was placed in a specific location according to animal behavior and movement. The hides are well insulated and rather spacious inside, with comfortable director chairs, viewing windows and special camera ports. Each hide has two comfortable beds for the overnight experience, and a small toilet is also available if needed.

Great viewings of bear, red deer, wild boar and wolf have been recorded but with wild animals you never know. The area of Velebit has a **rich wildlife population** and these hides are helping in establishing a supporting structure to continue to protect them.



DAY TO DAY PROGRAMME

You will be picked up by our guide Nino around 15.00u at a pre-chosen location in the Gospic area. He will drive you to the Lagosta Reserve area and with a 4x4, you will continue to the location of the bear hide, deep in the forest.

Upon arrival, Nino will explain everything you need to know about the surroundings and the animals that live in this part of the Velebit Mountains. Then you wait for dusk, and hope bears and other wildlife will come to visit the area so you can observe it from the hide.

You will be back at your accommodation or car in the Gospic area around 21.00u.



DETAILS

Days

1 day (from 15.00u till 21.00u)

When

All year round

Accommodation

May - October

Guide

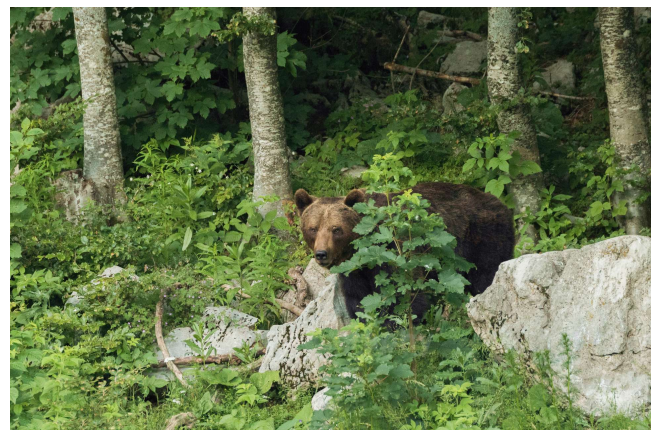
Nino Salkic

How to get there

You can easily reach Zagreb or Gospic 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

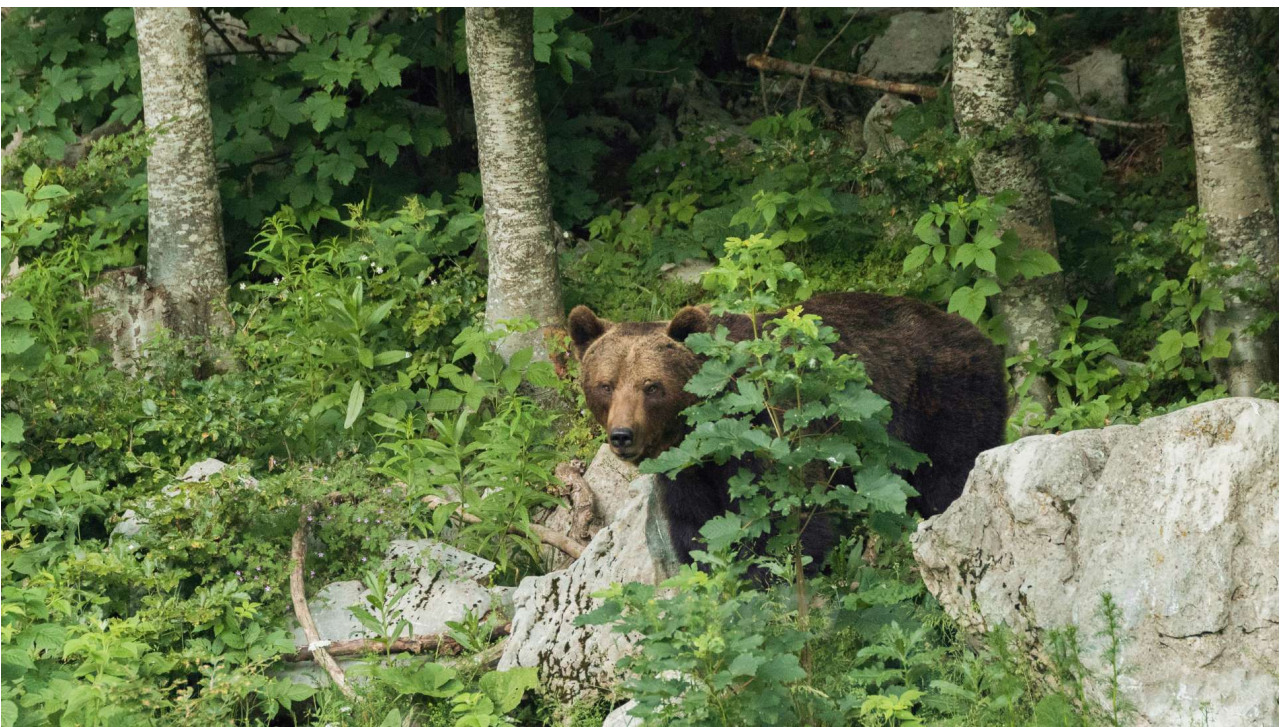
- €295 total for 1-4 people.
- Maximum 4 people

Price includes

- Pick up and drop off at Gospic area
- Transfer to the bear hide and a guided experience in and around the bear hide
- Nino Salkic ([link](#)) as your guide from 15.00u till 21.00u
- 5% rewilding levy
- Fee for bear hide

The cost does not include

- Flights
- Transfer from airport/train station to Gospic
- Food (you can bring snacks to the hide)
- Insurance and personal extras



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](#)

