## Summer holiday tip: Pine Beach Pakoštane



Croatia has long been a very popular destination among Slovak tourists, who often travel by car to the Adriatic coast.



Pakoštane is located between the largest lake, Lake Vrana, and the strait near the island of Pašman. On the outskirts of the village, there is a large area called Pine Beach, which is carefully integrated into the pine forest environment. In addition to pine trees, there are olive trees and plenty of other greenery.

The resort concept is very interesting and quite unique. Instead of large buildings, there are many small, individual cottages located among the trees. Great emphasis has been placed on ecological and sustainable solutions with a low carbon footprint. The majority of the structures are made of wood with thatched roofs, and predominantly natural materials have been used throughout the resort.



There are two types of cottages available for guest accommodation. Bungalows with thatched roofs have 2–5 beds and basic amenities. The shared sanitary facilities for the bungalows are located in sanitary boxes at 8 locations within the area. Visitors can thus experience a holiday in close contact with nature, with a touch of adventure.

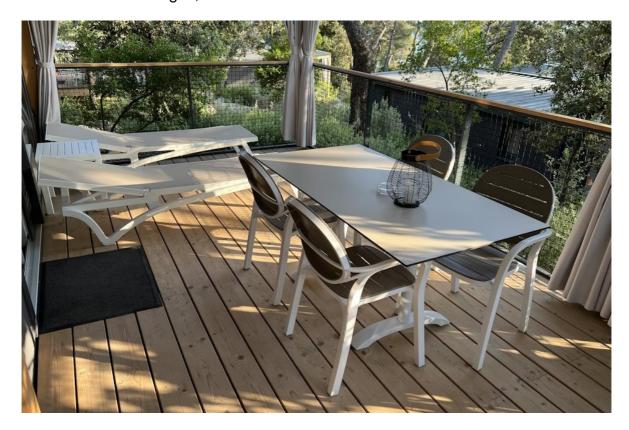
In addition to the bungalows, there are also mobile homes with terraces. These are truly unique wooden structures with shallow metal roofs that are movable and do not have traditional foundations. Their facilities meet a standard between 3 and 4 stars. They are essentially apartments with two bedrooms, two bathrooms with toilets, and a common room with a fully equipped kitchen. They are suitable for 2–4 people.



We chose the second option. Our week-long stay in a mobile home surrounded by greenery was pleasant. The interior is well-furnished and efficiently utilized, and a bonus is the large wooden terrace with curtains, deck chairs, and seating areas. Each mobile home has air conditioning and its own Wi-Fi network with a speed of 20/20 Mbps.



Dining is provided in a centrally located dining hall, where guests can take advantage of the all-inclusive light package. The food is served in self-service buffet style. The selection is varied, ranging from seafood to vegetarian products. There is also a wide range of vegetables, fruits, desserts, and frozen treats. In addition to non-alcoholic beverages, local wine and beer are also available.



The resort concept is primarily focused on young people who want to spend their holidays or school vacations actively among their peers. The area offers numerous sports facilities, and visitors have the opportunity to try various water activities. This is also one of the reasons why international summer camps for young people have been held here for several years.

During our stay at Pine Beach, we had the opportunity to experience many programs for young people. The place is also suitable for families with children, as a friendly environment has been created for them. The beach is beautifully maintained. Around the shallow bay, there is a sandy shoreline, while in other areas, it is rocky with terraces. There are plenty of sun loungers available. The water is clean and transparent.



The extensive area with cottages situated in a natural environment among the trees gives a slightly exotic feel to Europeans. Carefully constructed paths and walkways allow only pedestrian movement and the use of small electric vehicles for transporting visitors and luggage. The parking area at the beginning of the resort is also integrated among the trees. Everything is clean, and guests have the overall feeling of being part of a nature camp. Each visitor is responsible for maintaining cleanliness in the cottages and mobile homes.



Pine Beach Resort is primarily aimed at a mentally young clientele. It is especially suitable for active people who don't mind a livelier atmosphere and value an ecological approach to their vacation. It is an extraordinary concept to spend leisure time by the sea, something we had not experienced before. We found a great place to relax, and we recommend it to those who want to try something unusual.

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