

Rusk bread from the Island of Pag

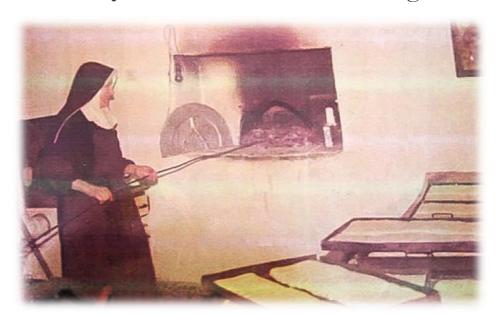
Intangible Cultural Heritage

According to records, baškotin has been around since the 16th century, and it is still made today.

- Its tradition is closely linked to **St Margherita's monastery of the**

Benedictine order on the Island of Pag.

 Baškotin is considered to be an important part of the cultural heritage of the Island of Pag thus also playing a significant role in the social identity of the inhabitants of Pag.







Preparation

The recipe is rather **simple**. However, in order to make it properly, it is essential to be familiar with the ratios and the method of preparation. Therefore, in order to master the craft of making it, in addition to knowing what its ingredients are, oral lore and hands-on experience are essential.

Preparation

In a nutshell, flour is mixed with a leavening agent, sugar is boiled in water, and some oil and salt are added. The dough is then worked until smooth and elastic, and until it stops sticking to the bowl and fingers. The dough is then cut into pieces, which are formed into cylindrical shapes which must be of a particular size.



Baking Process

After baking the pieces in trays in an upright position one next to another, they are dried in a horizontal position at a lower temperature, first on one side, then on the other **until evenly golden on both sides**.







Taste of Heritage

Its particular flavor and a long used by date has made it an **important part of any family feast** and special occasion, a nice gift for people we **care** about and **respect**, and a **delicious bite**.



Tradition of Manufacture

The baking of *baškotin* has always been one of the **main sources of income** of the Benedictine community of Pag.

Baškotin is kept in **baskets** covered with white cotton or linen cloth. Big woven baskets are **still used** as "containers" for keeping it.



Promotional baškotin bags

- Nowadays, when there is a great
 emphasis on tourism in Pag,
 baškotin is also used for
 promotional purposes.
- Since 1992 paper bags with Logo have been used.



