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## ISTRIA TOUR

5 days / 4 nights

*Discovering Slovenian coast and top sites of Croatian Istria*

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Piran, Slovenian little Adriatic treasure
- Get in touch with history in Porec, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Enjoy Rovinj, one of the most “photogenic” towns in the Mediterranean
- Walk through the smallest city in the world
- Find out why Opatija is called “Adriatic Beauty”



## GENERAL INFORMATION

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### SLOVENIA

The country of Slovenia lies in the heart of the enlarged Europe. It has a border with Italy, Austria, Hungary and Croatia. The capital Ljubljana is a modern, fresh, young, creative and surprising city.

Slovenia, a green and diverse country between the Alps and the Mediterranean, boasts all the beauties of the Old World. When you want to experience Europe in one stroke, come to Slovenia. In just 20,273 square kilometres there are snow-covered mountains, a sea coast bathing in the Mediterranean sun, beautiful karst caves and thermal springs, narrow white-water canyons and wide slow moving rivers, high mountain lakes and lakes that disappear mysteriously underground at the start of summer, ancient villages and medieval cities, the antique castles and modern entertainment, countless vineyards with top quality wines, and the only primeval forest in Europe. Here in this small and easily covered area, where hundreds of birds migrating south make a briefly stop and where dozens of unique indigenous plants find their home, more diverse experiences await you all year round than can be found anywhere else.

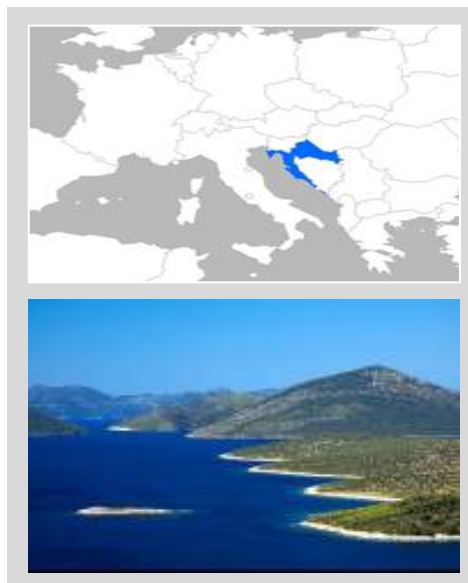
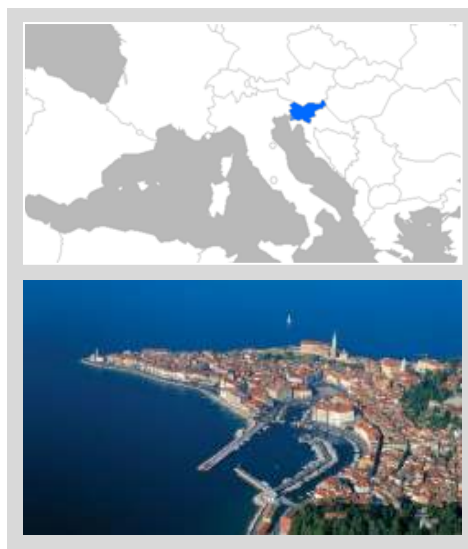
### CROATIA

Travelling through Croatia, Dalmatia or Dubrovnik Region offers immense and rich experiences to every visitor. From the coastal to the continental parts, Croatia's rich cultural heritage, combined with its magnificent natural beauties, make it the perfect place to spend your vacation at.

The capital of Croatia is Zagreb, a charming medieval city of exceptional beauty known for its spirit and architecture, with a population of approximately 1 million.

The uniqueness of Croatia lies in its diversity. Situated between the Alps and the Adriatic Sea, Croatia provides visitors with the opportunity to ski in the winter and swim during the summer months, all within driving distance. With its 1,185 islands, islets and reefs, it is the most diverse coast on the Mediterranean.

There are seven national parks in Croatia, three being in the mountainous regions (Risnjak, Paklenica and Plitvicka Jezera), and four in the coastal regions (Kornati, Brijuni, Krka and Mljet). To mention a few, Croatia is home to the Old City of Dubrovnik, Diocletian's Palace in Split, Euphrasies Basilica in Porec, and many others. Croatia boasts the largest number of developed settlements in southeast Europe, in addition, many of which date back to Roman and medieval times. Rarely can you find so many examples of cultural and historical significance from different periods in such a small region.



# SUGGESTED ITINERARY

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## DAY 1

Arrival to Ljubljana airport  
Meet and greet at the airport and drive to Savudrija (154km)  
Check-in to a hotel  
Dinner at a local restaurant  
Overnight in Savudrija

### SAVUDRIJA

Savudrija is a village at the most western point of Croatia, which is decorated with natural stone beach and 35 m high lighthouse from 19th century. The coast around Savudrija is surrounded by pine trees and specific rocky beaches. Due to the favourable climatic conditions is the favourite destination of surfers who are in a perpetual quest for the right winds. Savudrija beach is pebbly with some rocky parts that you can accommodate your chairs. Above the beach is a camping village with several catering facilities, sports facilities and swimming pools.



## DAY 2

Breakfast in the hotel  
Drive to Pula (93km)  
Walking tour of Pula with a visit of Amphitheater  
Continue to Rovinj (36km) with lunch at a local restaurant  
Visit of Rovinj  
Transfer to Umag (68km) for a dinner at a local restaurant  
Return to the hotel  
Overnight in Savudrija

### PULA

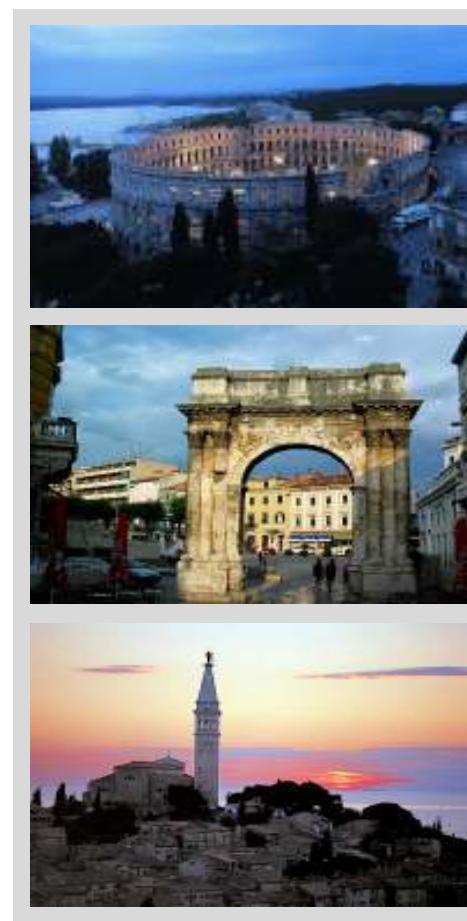
Pula is the largest city in Istria and due to its historical charm the most interesting destination for tourists. The most important and attractive buildings are found in the city centre, and the largest is definitely Roman amphitheatre, the famous "Arena" where gladiators used to fight. Today it is a stage where concerts are often held, as well as film screenings and performances by the greatest Croatian and global artists.

Like the rest of the region Pula is known for its mild climate, tame sea with kilometres of beaches, and unspoiled nature. The city has a long tradition of winemaking, fishing, shipbuilding, and of course tourism.

### ROVINJ

One of the most 'photogenic' towns in the Mediterranean, once a fishing town, is today a tourist resort. At a distance of some 40 kilometres from Pula, Rovinj has long been known as the town with favourable and beneficial climatic features. So, today the local people are still proud of this long tradition and 'fight' for the title of 'healthy town'. The rest is nature's work. The entire coastline, with its twenty-two islands is an area of protected natural heritage.

A visitor can feel the enchantment of the town in its narrow medieval streets and warm Mediterranean setting. The main Church of St. Euphemia keeps relics of the saint and presents one of the most beautiful Baroque achievements in Istria. From the church plateau there is a wonderful view of the open sea and numerous islets in the distance.



## UMAG

A small town and port on the north western coast of Istria, presents 'Croatia's gateway to Europe'. It also has the reputation of being the Istrian sports centre since it has attracted numerous top world tennis players of the ATP tournament, which is hosted in Umag for many years now.

Its beneficial features were already recognized by the Romans who turned it into their summer residence. The magnificence and splendour of those times today is reflected in the many Venetian houses in the old part of Umag. At a distance of only 40 kilometres from Trieste, 150 from Ljubljana - the capital of Slovenia and 50 NM from Venice, Umag is one of the best holiday destinations with extraordinary excursion possibilities. Umag's hinterland also offers newly discovered tourist attractions like mountaineering, caving and other chances for adventure enthusiasts.



## DAY 3

Breakfast in the hotel  
Drive to Porec (50km)  
Walking tour of Porec including a visit of Euphrasian Basilica  
Lunch at a local restaurant  
Continue to Opatija (83km) with a short stop in Hum  
Return to the hotel and some time for refreshment  
Dinner at a local restaurant  
Overnight in Savudrija

## POREC

Porec is a town and municipality on the western coast of the Istrian peninsula. It is almost 2,000 years old, and it is set around a harbour protected from the sea by the small island of Sveti Nikola (St. Nicholas). Its major landmark is the 6th century Euphrasian Basilica, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1997, though tourist infrastructure today is intentionally dispersed along the 37 km long coastline, between the Mirna River and the deep Lim valley. In the high season, the area's temporary population can exceed 120,000. Porec's heritage can be seen in the historic town centre, in museums and galleries hosted in houses and palaces, many of them still private homes as they have been for centuries.



## HUM

According to Guinness is Hum the smallest city in the world. It is located in the heart of Istria, and lies on the place spanning 100m x 30m wide, in altitude 339 m and 14 km from Buzet. The total population of the city is 17 people. Hum is a sight in itself, and it is worth visiting the whole, it's not so difficult, because there are only about three blocks of houses and two rows of streets. Fortified settlement is entirely preserved medieval urban image. Location in old documents was first mentioned in 110.

For Hum also ends the so-called "Glagolitic Alley", a complex of 11-quiet memorials, which starts in the village Roc and run along the 7 km long road to Hum.



## OPATIJA – Adriatic beauty

Situated below mountain and Natural Park Ucka, Opatija is a great choice for vacation in summer and winter season. Beautiful nature, parks, old Austrian villas, seaside promenade and beaches have attracted tourists from Europe and world for more than 160 years. Opatija is leading tourist destination in Republic of Croatia in congress organization. Along with festivals, concerts, exhibits and other cultural and sport events Opatija offers attractions worth to visit during the whole year.





## DAY 4

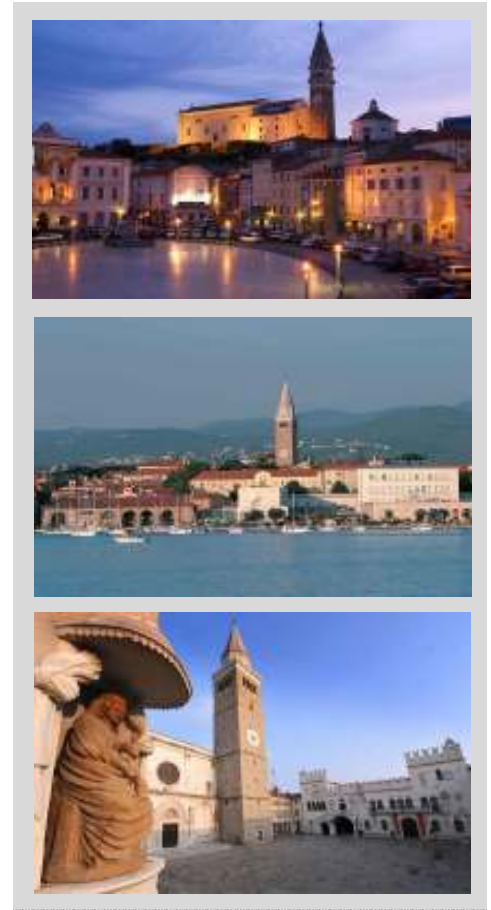
Breakfast in the hotel  
Drive to Slovenia  
Stop in Piran (25km) for a visit and lunch at a local restaurant  
Continue to Koper (17km) for a walking tour  
Return to the hotel and some free time  
Dinner at a local restaurant  
Overnight in Savudrija

### **PIRAN- historical gem on Slovenian coast**

Piran, a typical Mediterranean town designated by a lovely St. Georges Church and square, named after Piran's most famous citizen - musician Giuseppe Tartini. It is situated at the cape of the Piran peninsula on the Northern side of Istria. The town is actually one large museum with the medieval architecture and rich culture heritage. Narrow streets and tight houses form a special charm of the town. Piran is also an administrative centre of the local area and important Slovenian tourist centre.

### **KOPER - Mediterranean as it used to be**

Carved grey Istrian limestone, eight squares situated at the outer edge of the town covered with a carpet of white stone, eleven other squares, remnants of an ancient city wall, narrow intertwining streets leading to the main square, boasting the largest cathedral in Slovenia - all this narrates the story of the past and of the present moment. Step by step the facades of the buildings and their interiors reveal the millennial history of Koper, once Iustinopolis, Capris, evoke the era of the Venetian Republic, the golden age of the Gothic and Renaissance - up to the present moment.



## DAY 5

Breakfast in the hotel and check-out  
Drive to Ljubljana airport for your departure flight

# SERVICES

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## SERVICES INCLUDED:

### TRANSFERS:

Air conditioned comfortable vehicle through the whole tour

### ACCOMMODATION (in DBL or SGL room, breakfast included):

4 nights in 4\*/5\* hotel in Savudrija

### GUIDES:

English speaking guide through the whole tour including meals and accommodation + local guides where obligatory

### ENTRANCE FEES:

Euphrasius Basilica in Porec, Amphitheater in Pula

### MEALS:

As per program

### OTHER:

Organization of the tour and VAT

## SERVICES EXCLUDED:

- Services not mentioned in the program
- Porterage
- Drinks during the meals
- Tips