

Family cycling holiday in Istria 8 days / 7 nights



OVERVIEW

Immersed in the sparkling blue of the Adriatic Sea and known for its wonderful food and warm, sunny days, there is something magical about the Croatian peninsula of Istria. Home to meandering country lanes, hidden coves, hill top villages, old railway lines and plenty of places serving delicious ice cream, Istria is the perfect place for a family cycling holiday. We've mixed cycling routes with cave visits, a spot of snorkelling, plenty of time for swimming in the warm sea, tasty picnics and some family friendly sea kayaking in the beautiful Limchannel.

We'll cycle on undulating roads and tracks which take us through vineyards and olive groves, plus pedal along the old railway track Parenzana. With it's pretty views, hilltop towns and picturesque rivers, Parenzana railway also hides secret tunnels which we'll discover. A holiday highlight is sea kayaking in the calm waters of Lim channel where we'll stop at some wild beaches to swim and snorkel. Based in the seaside resort of Porec and the beautiful Venetian town of Rovinj, we really get to experience the very best of Istria including its excellent food. Evening meals will be spent in local restaurants or outside on piazzas, with plenty of family friendly menus - everything from pizzas and pasta to local Istrian specialities - alongside excellent wines that the region is famous for.

Based at only two places means less packing and unpacking and more time for activities and relaxing. If you're looking to cycle with your family and make new friends, plus have all the cycling routes and activities taken care of, then this wonderful Croatian family adventure holiday won't disappoint.

Trip style:	Guided cycling tour	Duration:	8 days / 7 nights
Start / finish:	Vrsar / Rovinj	Departures:	May 30 -June 06, 2021 July 25 – August 01, 2021 August 08 - 15, 2021
Total distance:	93 km		
Group size:	6 – 16 persons		
Transportation:	9-seater vans or 20-seater minibus		

Grade: Distances on this holiday are most suitable for active school kids with families, all with good level of fitness. For younger kids please discuss options with our sales team. Daily distances are 8 to 30 km.

ITINERARY:

DAY 1 ARRIVAL

Arrival to Pula airport and group transfer to our hotel. Brief orientation meeting with your guide and a welcome dinner together. Overnight in Poreč or Vrsar.

Accommodation: Hotel Poreč 3*, Poreč or Hotel Vista 3*, Vrsar

Meals: welcome dinner

Activity: -

Transfer: group transfer from Pula airport to Rovinj, transfer from other airports possible with supplement

DAY 2 OLD RAILWAY LINE PARENZANA

Our family holiday starts with cycling on flat trails away from any traffic. Known as the wine railway (parents will be pleased to know!), Parenzana Railway was built to link Porec, here on the Croatian coast with Trieste in Italy, and was operational between 1905 and 1935. Today it's a great cycling path with interesting tunnels and old bridges until you reach an old train station! We start at the pretty, medieval hilltop village of Groznjan, after a 50-minute transfer, which overlooks the valley of the Mirna River. Dating from around the year 1100., Groznjan is known today as a center for artists and artisans. We will explore its timeless streets on foot, where it looks like every doorway leads to an artist's studio. We have our picnic lunch with us and will find a suitable spot to eat along the route with some nice views and shade. Our ride is eastwards through rolling countryside above the Mirna River, to the truffle center of Livade, where we visit a truffle shop and have a chance to taste this much sought-after delicacy. We have time to stop at one of the pavement cafés for an ice-cream or coffee. We cycle a little further to the village of Motovun and here we meet our vehicle and transfer back to our hotel in Vrsar.

Accommodation: Hotel Poreč 3*, Poreč or Hotel Vista 3*, Vrsar

Meals: breakfast, picnic lunch

Activity: biking 21 km, ascent +29m, descent -292m

Transfer: -

DAY 3 CYCLING POREČ AND CAVE BARELINE

Starting out in Porec after 20-minute drive we bike on rural roads on a mix of tarmac and gravel, along coast and bays with beautiful views out across the sparkling sea. If we have time, we can stop for a cool drink in one of the seaside cafés. Leaving the sea, we go through olive groves to the village of Tar. It is incredibly peaceful and relaxing ride. After Tar we cycle south-west and head down another rural road until we reach Baredine cave where we stop to explore this interesting site. Our tour of the caves explores several chambers and tunnels down to 132m underground. They are well lit and maintained paths. In the caves we might be able to see the rare 'cave olm', a small salamander which is endemic to this Dinaric Karst region. Leaving the cave, we hop on our bikes again and cycle along rural paths back to Porec and then our hotel. We will have time to enjoy swimming in the sea on our return, before your guide suggests a place for dinner.

Accommodation: Hotel Poreč 3*, Poreč or Hotel Vista 3*, Vrsar

Meals: breakfast, picnic lunch

Activity: biking 30 km, ascent +307m, descent -307m, 1-hour visit cave

Transfer: 20 min drive from hotel to Parenzana

DAY 4 SEA KAYAKING, SWIMMING AND SNORKELING AT LIM CHANNEL

Today we take a break from cycling and are enjoying another activity in this beautiful region. We do some sea kayaking along Lim channel. Not geographically a fjord, but locally called this way, because it is not carved from glacial ice and it does not have steep sides, just gentle green undulating ones and warm turquoise waters. This channel is 35km long, connecting the sea and the Pazincica river. It is a government protected area, so no motorized boats are allowed on the waters, making it an ideal place for us to kayak along. There are lots of places to stop on our journey today down the channel. We might have lunch at a remote beach, only accessible from the channel, where we can enjoy some snorkeling and swimming. In the afternoon we are transferred to our new hotel base in Rovinj. Here we can enjoy an ice-cream or a glass of wine as we unwind. Fresh fish (combined with a glass of Malvasia) is a popular choice at dinner this evening.

Accommodation: Hotel Villa Lili 3* or B&B Baron Gautsch 3* in Rovinj

Meals: breakfast, picnic lunch

Activity: sea kayaking 6-10km – different options available

Transfer: short transfer to Lim channel

DAY 5 FREE DAY

Today is a free day for you to enjoy whatever you find interesting.

Accommodation: Hotel Villa Lili 3* or B&B Baron Gautsch 3* in Rovinj

Meals: breakfast

Activity: -

Transfer: -

DAY 6 BIKING ROVINJ RIVIERA

We set off this morning on the bikes again and cycle south-westerly along the coast, and through pretty little villages. Again, today the route is almost all flat. The area of Palud Cove, which is just 8km away, is the first and only ornithological reserve in Istria, providing habitat for over 200 bird species. Motor vehicles are not allowed into the reserve, but we can explore the trails on our bikes. It is a very peaceful area and there is a small rocky beach where we can have a swim and enjoy our picnic. We then return along the coast to the medieval town of Bale. From here we transfer back to Rovinj. Back in Rovinj we might have some time to visit another beach before we find another restaurant for tonight's dinner.

Accommodation: Hotel Villa Lili 3* or B&B Baron Gautsch 3* in Rovinj

Meals: breakfast, picnic lunch

Activity: biking 22,5 km / 13 miles, ascent -265 m, descent +140m, walking 1 hour

Transfer: -

DAY 7 BIKING CAPE KAMENJAK AND AQUARIUM IN PULA

After a short transfer this morning we reach the most southern point of Istrian peninsula, the Cape Kamenjak; surrounded by a coastline of 30km, including bays, white beaches and crystal-clear blue waters. From this stunningly beautiful spot we cycle to the village of Medulin. Along the way we stop for some swimming and ice cream or refreshment. Nearby you have opportunity to see 22 orchid species, fossilized dinosaur footprints and an ammonite preserved on the flat rock. To enhance the experience there is a model dinosaur lurking in the bushes along the trail which will be adored by kids! After our bike ride, we get transferred to Pula, the largest city in Istria. It has an incredible Roman amphitheater and a long history of wine-making. We have some free time to explore this city, or have an optional visit to the Pula Aquarium located in an old fort of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy. We return to Rovinj at the end of the day. Tonight, your guide will suggest a nice restaurant for a farewell dinner in this glorious and peaceful part of Mediterranean Europe.

Accommodation: Hotel Villa Lili 3* or B&B Baron Gautsch 3* in Rovinj

Meals: breakfast, picnic lunch

Activity: biking 19,5 km, ascent +242m, descent -240 m, snorkeling and swimming

Transfer: short transfer to Cape Kamenjak

DAY 8 DEPARTURE

After breakfast, group transfer to Pula airport.

Accommodation: -

Meals: breakfast

Activity: -

Transfer: group transfer from Rovinj to Pula airport

PRICES AND AVAILABILITY

Prices are in EUR per person, sharing a double/twin room.

Rates in EUR per person	May 30 -June 06, 2021	July 25 – August 01, 2021	August 08 - 15, 2021
Adult in double/twin room	1315	1315	1315
children 7-12 years in triple or family room	1070	1070	1070

AVAILABLE ACCOMMODATION:

Single rooms
Double/twin rooms
Triple rooms
Family rooms for 4 persons

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Local English-speaking hiking guide
- All accommodation as described in the trip dossier
- All breakfasts, 6 picnic lunches (picnic lunch or in local tavern), 1 welcome dinner
- Group transfer from Pula airport to Poreč/Vrsar and from Rovinj to Pula airport
- Luggage transport between accommodations
- Sea kayak rental with equipment
- Visit Aquarium in Pula and cave Baredine
- Bike rental

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Travel insurance
- Visas
- Airport taxes
- Airport transfers other than group transfers
- Travel and bike insurance,
- Lunches, dinners and drinks if not listed in the itinerary

LIST OF PREFERRED HOTELS USED ON THIS TOUR:

Hotel Poreč 3*

Hotel Poreč, located directly beside the Marina of Poreč, takes only a short walk to the city center or the town beach. The parking is located in front of the hotel, a garage for motorcycles and bicycles is available for guests. Rooms, 54 of them, are modernly decorated, air-conditioned and have a balcony and a private bathroom with a shower. Satellite TV, a minibar, a safe and a free WI-FI internet are available. A breakfast buffet is served in a restaurant with possibility to book lunch or dinner at the reception desk. Pula airport is 28 mi /44,3 km away, while Trieste airport is 42 mi / 67,5 km away.

OR

Hotel Vista 3*

Offering panoramic views of the Vrsar Marina from most rooms, the Hotel Vista is located a 5-minute walk from the Old Town and the beach. Free WiFi access is available throughout the hotel. All of the Adriatic-inspired themed rooms are air-conditioned and feature parquet flooring, a private bathroom and a flat-screen satellite TV. You can start the day with a buffet breakfast and enjoy drinks, smoothies and snacks at the bar or on the garden terrace of the Vista hotel. At the beach you can find children's playground and lots of bars and restaurants. A tourist train rides

every 30 minutes and takes you to all attractions in and around Vrsar. Parking is located off site. Pula airport is 23 mi / 37,5 km away, while Trieste airport is 47 mi / 75,7 km away.

Hotel Vila Lili 3*

Located a 15-minute walk from Rovinj's historic center and a 10-minute walk from the seafront, this bright villa offers a restaurant and a cafe-bar with summer terrace. Facilities include a sauna. Hotel Vila Lili is located in a quiet area close to the marina, about one kilometer from St. Euphemia's Basilica. Its air conditioned rooms are equipped with flat-screen satellite TV, a minibar and free Wi-Fi. They all have hypoallergenic pillows and bathrooms with shower and hairdryer. The restaurant at Vila Lili serves Mediterranean specialties and there is a large summer terrace where guests can enjoy a drink from the bar. Guests can also relax in the sauna or visit the hotel's library. The nearest airport is Pula Airport, 25 mi / 29,5 km from the property.

OR

B&B Villa Baron Gautsch 3*

Set in a quiet residential area of Rovinj, Villa Baron Gautsch provides air-conditioned units and free WiFi. Guests can benefit from the sun terrace and a common lounge area with a fireplace. Each room at this bed and breakfast is air conditioned and has a flat-screen TV with satellite channels. All rooms have a private bathroom with shower. Ecomuseum Casa della Batana and St. Euphemia Church can be reached within a short walk. A variety of dining options, bars and shops can be found in the vicinity. Main Bus Station is only 50 m away. The nearest airport is Pula Airport, 25 mi / 40 km from the property.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Fiore tours that operates within the company Fiore d.o.o., travel agency, Mate Vlašića 6, 52440 Poreč, Croatia, corporate ID number: 040009121, VAT number: HR58088454926.

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The general conditions of business are part of the contract between a travel agency Fiore tours that operates within Fiore d.o.o., and the traveler who accepts the offered arrangement. By agreeing to the service (i.e., concluding a contract), the guest confirms that he is fully familiarized with these general terms and that he will adhere to them in their entirety.

BOOKING PROCEDURE

A booking for a trip with Fiore Tours can be made by first checking price and availability and then sending booking form and a deposit. A deposit is 30% of the total price. A booking is confirmed once we receive the booking form and the deposit at which point a receipt and invoice for the final balance will be issued. The balance is due four weeks before departure. Full payment is required for a booking made less than four weeks before departure. Payment can be accepted with bank transfer or online by credit card. If the balance is not paid at the specified time, unless previously arranged with us in writing, we reserve the right to cancel the booking.

TRAVEL PACKAGES

The combination of travel services offered to you is a package within the meaning of Directive (EU) 2015/2302.

Therefore, you will benefit from all EU rights applying to packages. Company FIORE d.o.o., travel agency, will be fully responsible for the proper performance of the package as a whole.

Additionally, as required by law, company FIORE d.o.o., travel agency has protection in place to refund your payments and where transport is included in the package, to ensure your repatriation in the event that it becomes/they become insolvent.

More information on key rights under Directive (EU) 2015/2302 (to be provided in the form of a hyperlink). Following the hyperlink the traveller will receive the following information:

Key rights under Directive (EU) 2015/2302

- Travellers will receive all essential information about the package before concluding the package travel contract.
- There is always at least one trader who is liable for the proper performance of all the travel services included in the contract.

- Travellers are given an emergency telephone number or details of a contact point where they can get in touch with the organiser or the travel agent.
- Travellers may transfer the package to another person, on reasonable notice and possibly subject to additional costs.

The price of the package may only be increased if specific costs rise (for instance, fuel prices) and if expressly provided for in the contract, and in any event not later than 20 days before the start of the package. If the price increase exceeds 8 % of the price of the package, the traveller may terminate the contract. If the organiser reserves the right to a price increase, the traveller has a right to a price reduction if there is a decrease in the relevant costs.

- Travellers may terminate the contract without paying any termination fee and get a full refund of any payments if any of the essential elements of the package, other than the price, are changed significantly. If before the start of the package the trader responsible for the package cancels the package, travellers are entitled to a refund and compensation where appropriate.
- Travellers may terminate the contract without paying any termination fee before the start of the package in the event of exceptional circumstances, for instance if there are serious security problems at the destination which are likely to affect the package.
- Additionally, travellers may at any time before the start of the package terminate the contract in return for an appropriate and justifiable termination fee.
- If after the start of the package, significant elements of the package cannot be provided as agreed, suitable alternative arrangements will have to be offered to the traveller at no extra cost. Travellers may terminate the contract without paying any termination fee, where services are not performed in accordance with the contract and this substantially affects the performance of the package and the organiser fails to remedy the problem.
- Travellers are also entitled to a price reduction and/or compensation for damages where the travel services are not performed or are improperly performed.
- The organiser has to provide assistance if the traveller is in difficulty.
- If the organiser or, in some Member States, the retailer becomes insolvent, payments will be refunded. If the organiser or, where applicable, the retailer becomes insolvent after the start of the package and if transport is included in the package, repatriation of the travellers is secured. Fiore .o.o. has taken out insolvency protection with Triglav osiguranje d.d. (the entity in charge of the insolvency protection, e.g. a guarantee fund or an insurance company). Travellers may contact this entity Triglav Osiguranje d.d., Antuna Heinza 4, Zagreb, OIB: 29743547503, Phone +385 52 526402. Policy number: 990007051412 if services are denied because of Fiore d.o.o. insolvency.

Directive (EU) 2015/2302 as transposed into national law : <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/HR/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32015L2302>

INSURANCE

1) INSURANCE IN CASE OF CANCELLATION OF RESERVATION

If during the reservation, the traveler expects he could cancel the reservation for some reason, Fiore tours recommends Cancellation insurance. Cancellation insurance can't be paid afterwards, only during initial request for the travel.

2) TRAVEL INSURANCE

The cost of travel does not include the package of travel insurance. Fiore advises their guests to pay the travel insurance: insurance against risks of accidents and diseases, travel insurance from loss or damage of luggage as well as health insurance during travel and stay abroad and insurance to cover the costs of assistance and return of passengers to the starting place in case of accidents and illnesses.

3) INSURANCE IN THE EVENT OF PAYMENT INCAPABILITY OR BANKRUPTCY OF THE TRAVEL ORGANIZER

Fiore has concluded with Triglav d.d. a Contract on Insurance in Case of Insolvency or Bankruptcy of the Fiore, where the travel service might not be performed, or for the refunding the cost of the Guest's way back to the place of departure. In case of occurrence of the insured event, the Guest should contact the Insurer as soon as possible: Triglav Osiguranje d.d., Antuna Heinza 4, Zagreb, OIB: 29743547503, Phone +385 52 526402. Policy number: 990007051412



4) LIABILITY INSURANCE

Fiore has concluded with the insurance company Triglav osiguranje d.d. a Liability Insurance Contract for damages caused to a guest by failure to meet obligations or by partially or inconsistently meeting obligations. In the event of insured case, the guest should as fast as possible contact the insurer:

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CANCELLATION BY YOU

Cancellations must be made in writing.

The following cancellation fee will apply:

from reservation – 60 day before departure: 10% of the total trip cost

59 – 29 days before departure: 30% of the total trip cost

28 – 15 days before departure: 50% of the total trip cost

less than 14 days before departure: 100% of the total trip cost

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