

Istrian Delights private tour 5 days / 4 nights



OVERVIEW

Istria is a carefree combination of an active and quiet holiday destination and don't be surprised if it wins you over with its charm. Should you choose Buje, Buzet, Motovun, Groznjan, you will find privacy and the silence of medieval towns and fortresses and familiarize yourself with the gastronomy and wine making. Motovun is a small town in the Istrian inland, a green Istrian landscape with wine roads that host many film festivals. Buzet is an authentic Istrian town that was settled in ancient history and is known as the town of truffles.

Trip style:	Culinary & wine tours	Duration:	5 days / 4 nights
Start / finish:	Rovinj	Departures:	upon request
Total distance:	-		
Group size:	2-8 persons		
Transportation:	private car or 9-seater vans		

Grade: No special skills are requested for this trip.

ITINERARY:

DAY 1 ARRIVAL TO ISTRIA

Independent arrival to Istria. Meet your guide and have an orientational walk around Rovinj. Overnight in Rovinj.

Accommodation: Angelo d'Oro 4 * or similar

Meals: -

Transportation: not included, transfer from any airport/station/town can be organized with supplement

Visit included: visit Rovinj

DAY 2 ISTRIAN HILLTOP TOWNS AND WINES OF ISTRIA

Transfer to Groznjan to explore a town filled with history and art, known as the city of artist. In 1950's Groznjan was almost a ghost town when a group of painters, musicians and artists decided to renovate the houses and started to live in the town. Today, most of inhabitants are artists and there are almost 200 of them. In the narrow, cobbled alleys you'll find numerous galleries and art studios with handmade jewelry and souvenirs. Beautiful view spreads

from the sea on one side to the Istrian inland and Mirna river valley on the other side. Grožnjan is surrounded by endless vineyards and winemakers so tasting some local wine would be a perfect closure for today. We also visit a traditional Istrian "stancija" and one of the best wine producers Kabola to enjoy in local Istrian flavors with perfect view. Drive back to your hotel. Overnight in Rovinj.

Accommodation: Angelo d'Oro 4 * or similar

Meals: breakfast, wine tasting with snack

Transportation: in private car/van

Visit included: visit Grožnjan and Oprtalj

DAY 3 TRUFFLE HUNT AND GRAPPA BREWERY

Today we meet our truffer and his dogs at one of the family farms. Culinary agree only on one thing – truffle in gastronomy is on top level. Unusual underground hidden bulb, with no stem above the ground is very difficult to find. Only, a well-trained dog can sniff them. Truffles grow in grey soil, in woody humid area of Motovun and Buzet in the valley Mirna. Exactly that is where we go with a truffer and with his well-dressed dogs seeking his majesty –truffle. During our 1 hour walk through the forest the truffer will tell us all the secrets and particulars about truffles. After that hour he will also prepare light lunch with truffles and local wine. After delicious lunch we drive to Hum, according to Guinness book of record, the smallest town in the world. On the way back to the hotel we stop in Buzet to visit Grappa brewery where you will acquainted with grappa production and have the opportunity to taste different grappas. Overnight in Rovinj.

Accommodation: Angelo d'Oro 4 * or similar

Meals: breakfast, light lunch with truffles and wine, grappa tasting

Transportation: in private car/van

Visit included: visit Hum

DAY 4 THE ROMAN EMPIRE IN ISTRIA

In the morning we are exploring the town of Poreč. The old city has preserved the structure of old Roman castrum. The main streets, Decumanus and Cardo Maximus, are still preserved in their original forms. Decumanus connected the square Marafor in the western part of the old city with city gates at its eastern end. Roman Forum with temples to Roman gods was located on the Marafor square. Still today, a Romanic house and a few beautiful Venetian gothic palaces remind us of that period. The Istrian Assembly Hall, originally a 13th century gothic Franciscan church, was remade in baroque style in the 18th century. Porec was surrounded with fortification walls from 12th to 19th century. Three defense towers still exist at the entrance of the old city. The most important cultural monument of Porec is the complex of Euphrasian Basilica dating from the 5th century. The original church was extended in the 6th century under Byzantine Empire and bishop Euphrasius. The interior of the basilica is ornamented with unique mosaics. From 1997 Euphrasius basilica is protected by UNESCO as a world heritage site. After exploring Poreč we are going to visit the family homestead from the 14th century, a producer of high-quality cheese, situated in Štancija Kumparička next to Pula. Their products are made in complete harmony with nature, respecting and promoting the true taste and smell in gastronomy. Later we are exploring Pula, the largest town of the Istrian county with a lot of great monuments like Arena- Amphitheater (UNESCO), the most important monument in Istria from the Roman antiquity, erected in the 1st Century AD. When strolling around the Old Town, you will see the grandeur of Pula's impressive monuments, such as The Arch of Sergii, Hercules's and the Double Gates. Drive back to your hotel. Overnight in Rovinj.

Accommodation: Angelo d'Oro 4 * or similar

Meals: breakfast, cheese tasting and lunch

Transportation: in private car/van

Visit included: entrance to Euphrasius Basilica and amphitheatre Arena in Pula, visit Poreč and Pula

DAY 5 DEPARTURE

Departure after breakfast

PRICES AND AVAILABILITY

Price per person in a standard double/twin room in EUR:

2-3 person EUR 1.490

4-5 person EUR 1.140

6-9 person EUR 1.010

10 + person EUR 980

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Local English-speaking guide
- Transportation in private car/van
- Accommodation as described in the itinerary
- Visit wine producers with tasting and snacks
- Truffle hunt with truffle tasting and wine
- Visit grappa brewery with tasting
- Cheese tasting with lunch in Stancija Kumparička
- Entrance fees in Euphrasius basilica in Poreč, amphitheatre Arena in Pula

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Travel insurance
- Visas
- Arrival and departure from Istria
- Airport taxes
- Extra activities, meals and excursions not part of the itinerary
- Tips for local staff
- Miscellaneous personal expenditure

LIST OF PREFERRED HOTELS USED ON THIS TOUR:

Hotel Angelo d'Oro 3*

The Heritage Angelo d'Oro, formerly a Bishop's Palace from the 17th century, is an elegant boutique hotel in Rovinj's historic pedestrian center. The green-shuttered façade on the Via Svalbe street is typically Venetian and inside, vaulted ceilings and exposed stone walls create intimate spaces for dining and relaxation. A tiny rooftop loggia offers stunning views over the rooftops. Located in centuries-old building, rooms are unique in size, position and views - each comfortable and cozy in its own way. Every room has air conditioning, free WiFi, well stocked mini bar and en suite bathroom with a bath or shower. All beds are double but also twin setting is offered on request. Earth colors and natural materials are signatures of Angelo d'Oro brand. The nearest airport is Pula airport, 19 mi / 31 km from hotel.

Boutique Hotel Villa Tuttorotto 4*

Located in Rovinj Old Town, the boutique Villa Tuttorotto is set in a historic building and features air-conditioned rooms overlooking Rovinj harbour and the Adriatic Sea. Free WiFi is provided in all areas. Tastefully decorated 6 double and 2 single rooms and a suite feature antique details and consist of a mini-bar, a safe and a flat-screen satellite TV. Private bathrooms come with a shower, a hairdryer and free toiletries. Guests can start their day with a gourmet breakfast in the dining room or on the sunny balcony of the hotel bar. Villa Tuttorotto has a lounge area with comfortable sofas and a wide selection of local and international spirits. Pula Airport can be reached in 24 mi / 39 km.

Hotel Casa Garzotto 4*

Decorated with stone walls and old-style window shutters, Hotel Casa Garzotto is set in Rovinj's historical center, 300 m from St. Euphemia's Basilica. The nearest beach is a 5-minute walk away.

All accommodations units are equipped with air conditioning, a safe and satellite TV. Casa Garzotto provides laundry, ironing services, dry cleaning services and free bicycle rental. Guests can start their day with a rich and varied buffet breakfast, which is served in the tavern across the street. Casa Garzotto is 19 mi / 30 km away from Pula Airport and 50 mi / 80 km from Trieste in Italy. Rovinj is also connected to Venice by a 2-hour boat ride.

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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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:

Triglav Osiguranje d.d., Antuna Heinza 4, Zagreb, OIB: 29743547503, Phone +385 52 526402. Policy number: 990007051413

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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