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GEMS OF ISTRIAN COAST

3 days / 2 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



GENERAL INFORMATION

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.

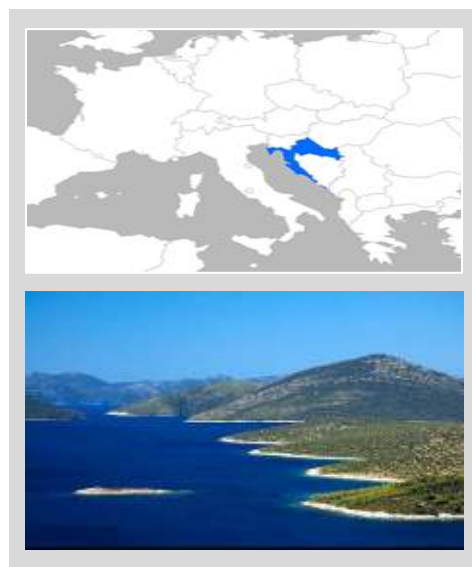
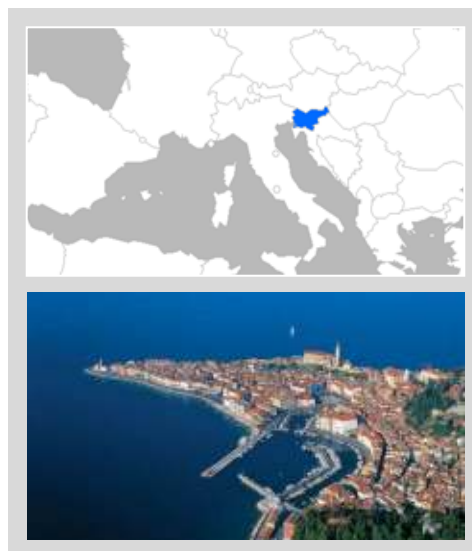
CROATIA

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

DAY 1

Arrival to Ljubljana airport
Meet and greet at the airport and drive to Portoroz (120km)
Stop in Piran for a walking tour
Transfer to Portoroz and check-in to a hotel
Dinner at a local restaurant
Overnight in Portoroz

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.

PORTOROZ – the Slovenian Monte Carlo

Sea, wind, salt, Mediterranean odours, palms, roses and evergreen plants, relaxation, entertainment and companionship are the words, with which we can easily introduce Portoroz, a seaside resort in the heart of Europe. The intermingling of various cultures and music expressions, nature, culinary delights and turbulent historical events, create an atmosphere, in which the everyday life stress and tensions disappear in a relaxed state of mind. The relaxing stroll on the shoreline, recuperating run on the beach, swimming in the sea and pools, beauty and health programmes in spas or sports and recreational activities, will fill you with new energy. Portoroz is a great departure point for the sailing in the Adriatic.



DAY 2

Breakfast in the hotel
Transfer to Croatian Istria
Stop in Porec (50km) for a guided tour
Short stop in Lim Fjord
Arrival to Rovinj (40km) and lunch at a local restaurant
Visit of Rovinj with a local guide
Return to Portoroz
Dinner at a local restaurant
Overnight in Portoroz

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.



LIM FIORD

It is one of the most beautiful natural resources of the Istrian peninsula. Lim Fiord is part of the 35 km long Lim Valley (Draga) that stretches almost to the center of Istria, to the town of Pazin. The Fiord itself is a little bit longer than 10 km, it is 30 meters deep and its widest part is around 600 meters wide. From both sides very steep mountains rise, in some parts even up to 100 meters. It is a true wonder of nature and paradise for plants and animals. It is also a well-known fish and oyster farm (oysters, mussels, gilthead, and sea basses.). All these delicacies can be tasted in two restaurants on the very coast of the bay.

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.

DAY 3

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



SERVICES

SERVICES INCLUDED:

TRANSFERS:

Air conditioned comfortable vehicle through the whole tour

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

2 nights in 4*hotel in Portoroz

GUIDES:

English speaking guide through the whole tour including meals and accommodation. Local guides for Porec and Rovinj

ENTRANCE FEES:

Euphrasius Basilica in Porec

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