

Venice - Rovinj - Piran – Venice

All tours are offered with English speaking guides. The length of the tours and time spent on the sites is given as an indication as it may vary depending on the road, weather, sea and traffic conditions and on the group's pace. Minimum number of participants indicated per coach or group.

Walking tours in Croatia can only be guided in one language.

The level of physical fitness required for our activities is given as a very general indication without any knowledge of our passenger's individual abilities. Broadly speaking to enjoy activities such as hiking, biking, snorkelling, boating or other activities involving physical exertion, passengers should be fit and active. Passengers must judge for themselves whether they will be capable of participating in and above all enjoying such activities.

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ROVINJ

Porec & Wine tasting

Transport by air-conditioned motor coach and on foot

Minimum 20 participants, maximum 30

Duration 4 h30

€60

You will drive in air-conditioned comfort to one of Croatia's best loved tourist resorts. Porec is a historical and cultural jewel, dating from Roman times (50 BC). It is a typical example of Roman town planning with two main intersecting streets, Cardo and Decumanus, forming the backbone to the old town.

The tour includes an outside visit to the 6TH century Episcopal complex of the Euphrasian Basilica, an important monument which is a designated Unesco World Heritage site. You will also see Marafor, the oldest part of town, with the remains of two temples dedicated to Neptune and Mars, the House of Two Saints, the Istrian Parliament Building and the Leoni and Zuccato Palaces. There will then be some leisure time so that you can explore this charming little town on your own before the scenic drive to the Istrian hinterland.

After a short drive through the countryside we will arrive at Kruncici village and the Matosevic wine cellar. You will spend some time with the Matosevic family and get the opportunity to sample the fruit of their labours: red, white and dessert wines, as well as Grappa, accompanied by homemade cheese, Istrian Prsut (smoked ham) and Fritule (Croatian fritters), before returning to the port.

Upon arrival in Rovinj, your guide will take you on a short walking tour of this picturesque little town, so that you can get your bearings.

45 minute drive to Porec where you will spend about 1h45

30 minute drive to Kruncici village to taste some local wine

30 minute drive back to Rovinj

Lim Fjord Sea Kayaking

Transfer by motor coach

Minimum 10 participants, maximum 16

Duration 4h15

€ 90

A coach will be waiting to take you on a scenic drive to the Lim Fjord, our point of departure.

The sea kayak adventure starts in Lim bay, a protected area. You will enjoy paddling along the bay with its steep banks and passing by Mussel beds as you carry on to the end of the bay. During the trip we will stop at an isolated unspoilt beach for some swimming and snorkeling.

Afterwards there will be time for some more kayaking along the Lim Fjord before returning to the departure point and going back to the ship.

You will be offered a refreshing drink during your free time at the beach.

The drive to Lim takes 30 minutes

First part of your kayaking adventure in Lim fjord is 5km

After a break you will return same way (5km)

Participants must be able to swim



RIB Boat Sea Adventure

Duration 4h30

Minimum 8 participants, maximum 16

€146

The Rovinj archipelago and coastline are listed as “Landscapes of Outstanding Value” and once you have seen them you will understand why. The rugged coast with its holm oak and pine forests is enchantingly pretty. The protected area spans from St. John’s Cape to Barbariga and encompasses all twenty Rovinj islands and islets and the coastal area up to a distance of 500 m from the coastline.

Red Island is comprised of two artificially connected islands in the Adriatic Sea. This is a popular destination for day trippers as these car - free islets, covered in pine forest and Mediterranean scrub, also boast several stony beaches and rocky coves.

Lim fjord, a sunken canyon valley in karst, is one of the most beautiful natural sites in Istria and one of the most stunning fjords outside Norway, with many secluded spots to delight visitors. The water in the fjord is more brackish and less salty than the open sea due to the many fresh water springs, and temperatures fluctuate. The water contains a lot of plankton and oxygen, so flora and fauna are abundant.

The area is a natural breeding ground for many species of fish, but is best known for its oysters which were praised by the celebrity chef Anthony Bourdain. There will be time for swimming and also for sampling some delicious local shellfish.

The tour includes a cruise around Rovinj archipelago and Lim fjord, a swimming break and some time at leisure at Red Island
Participants must be able to swim

This tour is not suitable for guests prone to motion sickness, guests with back and/or neck problems, guests with limited mobility

Guests are advised to wear a swimsuit under a cover-up with beach or boat shoes, and bring sun protection and a towel from the ship.

Guests must be at least 12 years old to participate on this tour.



PIRAN, SLOVENIA

Ljubljana on your own

Transport by air-conditioned motor coach

Minimum 10 participants, maximum 96

Duration 6 hours

€66

Lunch not included

Discover the delightful city of Ljubljana, Slovenia's largest and busiest metropolis.

After a scenic drive to the city centre, you will be taken on a guided walking tour.

Ljubljana bears the traces of five millenniums of history including the remains of the Roman settlement known as Emona, a medieval castle built to withstand Ottoman invasion and numerous Baroque buildings with richly decorated façades. Among the many attractions of the city are a series of unique and picturesque bridges crossing the Ljubljanica river, and Tivoli Park, a vast haven of greenery which extends to the city centre and combines leafy walks, ornamental flowerbeds and beautiful statues.

At the end of the tour you will have time on your own to explore the city, go shopping or just take a seat at one of the outdoor cafés and watch the world go by.

The drive to Ljubljana takes 1h30

The guided walking tour takes approximately 1 hour

Lipica Stud Farm

By air-conditioned motor coach

Minimum 10 participants, maximum 30

Duration 4h30

Show included afternoon only

€85

Lipica is situated in Slovenia's Karst region, close to the Italian border; a land of low lying shrubs, small pine forests and vineyards. The Stud farm itself is located in a lush green oasis, with venerable tree lined avenues. Renowned as the cradle of the famous Lippizzaner breed, it has been dedicated for over 400 years to improving and developing the blood lines of these splendid horses. In 1580 the Austrian arch duke Karl II established the stud and it was the property of the Austrian court until 1918. The Habsburg Empire needed horses that were sturdy, intelligent and eminently trainable and these elegant thoroughbreds were ideally suited to their requirements. Crowned heads thronged to admire these magnificent white stallions, fit for a king. In times of war and unrest the herd sought sanctuary in other countries, but always returned home to Lipica and they are now known as a national symbol of Slovenia.

These days Lipica is a tourist and recreation centre as well as a stud farm. A classical riding school showcases this unique breed with stunning performances of equine grace, and the site has an international reputation as a venue for prestigious equestrian events such as World Cup dressage competitions and the Lipica Stud days.

This tour is only operated on Tuesdays, Fridays and Sunday afternoon

Training sessions are held on Wednesdays and Saturday morning.

The site is closed on Mondays



Wine tasting and Truffles

By air-conditioned coach

Minimum 6 participants, Maximum 15

Duration 4h30

Brunch included

€90

The tour leaves directly from the pier and takes you on a one hour drive through Slovenian Istria known by the Romans as the "Terra Magica". The natural beauty of the countryside and the forest in Dragonia valley is literally breathtaking. During the drive your guide will tell you about the history of Slovenia and Istrian "gold", meaning the legendary white truffles hidden under the soil.

Your final destination is the Family owned Organic Winery Rodica, situated on a hill top with vineyards with a panoramic view of the surrounding countryside. It is surrounded by century's old oak and chestnut trees and an olive plantation. This unique location enjoys a Mediterranean and Continental climate which makes it possible for the vineyards to be cultivated organically, respecting nature and honouring tradition. It is one of the largest privately owned organic wineries in the region, and after a guided visit of the premises your host will invite you for brunch. The quality of the soil has an influence on the flavour of the wine and truffles which are both outstandingly aromatic, as you will discover for yourself.

Each dish will be accompanied by wonderful wines, produced locally, as well a selection of cold cuts, pâté and cheese flavoured with truffles.

The drive to the winery takes about one hour.

Salt field Spa Experience

Transfer by boat

Minimum 2 participants, maximum 8

Duration 4 hours

€106

The Cecovlje Salina Nature Park is one of Slovenia's natural treasures. Salt has been produced in the area for hundreds of years, creating a unique saline landscape.

The Lepa Vida Thalasso, set in the middle of the salt fields, extends over four thousand square metres and has been built to the highest ecological standards using only natural materials. The pool is free of all chemicals, there is sea water in the showers, and all the treatments on offer use natural local sea products.

Relax and enjoy your traditional thalassotherapy session in an exceptional natural environment; indulge yourself with a salt pan mud wrap and a massage. The swimming and therapy pools are filled with highly concentrated salt water which improves blood circulation and stimulates the body's natural defences.

The tour includes transportation by boat or minibus, depending on weather conditions, a salt-pan mud wrap followed by a 20 minute massage and a fruit smoothie.

Only the three small pools for foot massage can be used without a medical check up.

There is open access to the big pool

Your programme and arrangements for the massage and wrap will be set up by the spa



Bike tour

Minimum 4 participants, Maximum 8
Duration 4h30
Moderately active excursion
Snacks included
€60

Discover the Slovenian coastal landscape on this scenic bike ride.

A professional guide will lead you on a trail linking Koper & Piran with all the other coastal cities. During the tour your guide will give you a running commentary about the country in general and the coastal region in particular. The excursion is a harmonious and highly enjoyable blend of nature exploration, physical activity and local history.

« You are Very Welcome » - The home cooked lunch experience

Transport by air-conditioned coach
Minimum 6 participants, maximum 10
Duration 4 hours
Lunch included
€90

The Karst region is famous for its rich full bodied wines, flavourful dried ham and authentic cuisine. After a scenic drive along the Slovenian coast you will arrive at a small wine cellar. Here in the privacy of the vineyard garden you will savour home produced wine and exquisite home cooked delicacies. This tour is a unique culinary, cultural, and above all human experience: you will long remember the delicious food and the warm welcome extended by these kind hearted folk.

The lunch includes local specialities made with seasonal fare and a tasting of the four wines produced in the region.
The scenic drive to reach the estate takes approximately 1 hour

