

Private Full Day Tour of Istria Highlights

Frequency: daily from January - December

Duration: full day (9.00AM - 6.00PM)



Meet your guide and driver in the hotel lobby for a private full day tour of Istria's finest sights and towns.

First you will visit the picturesque town of **Porec**, the city that is still keeping its historical values that can be seen in the historical city centre. You can find museums, galleries in the most valuable city palaces, many of them are the homes for people as they have been centuries ago. Most of the people probably do not know that they are walking on the streets built during the Roman times. One part of the city ramparts and towers is still preserved, in the Pentagonal tower and the Round tower a pub. The most unique monument is the Euphrasian Basilica, an early Christian cathedral built in 553. It is called after Euphrasius, the Bishop of Poreč who commissioned the building of a grandiose three-nave basilica on the site of an earlier church. In 1997 the entire complex of Euphrasiana (church, baptistery, atrium and the former Bishop's Palace) was entered on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Particularly interesting are the magnificent mosaics in the apse, as well as marble slabs with mother-of-pearl and multicoloured stone incrustations.

Later today you will continue towards the small town of **Vodnjan** where you will visit Giacometti-Moscarda Family cellars. Ms. Lorela and her family have been producing award winning wine and olive oil for generations and they're known for their famous Babos brand of home made products. The family will treat you with private olive oil and wine tasting, as well as with a light snack. You will taste home made grappa with different traditional tastes of mistletoe or honey, homemade red and white wine, olive oil, home made prosciutto, cheese and olives. At the end of the tasting, you will receive a present - a small bottle of Giacometti-Moscarda's olive oil.

After this light lunch, you will continue towards the town of **Pula**, where your guide will take you for a private walking tour of this beautiful, 3000 year old Roman town. First you will visit the Amphitheatre, the most famous and important monument, popularly called the Arena of Pula. Built in the 1st century AD, at the same time as the magnificent Colosseum in Rome, it was once the site of gladiator fights. It is believed that the Amphitheatre could seat about 20,000 spectators. In the Middle Ages it was the site of knights tournaments and fairs and today it is the venue for summer performances.

You will continue your tour and visit more valuable sights such as: Triumphal Arch of the Sergi, also known as the Golden Gate, the Roman Forum, the Temple of Augustus, the Communal Palace etc.

You will complete your tour of Istria's finest in the charming town of **Rovinj**. Experience the sights of this magical town while strolling with your guide down narrow streets to the magnificent baroque church of St. Euphemia, the town's most important monument. The church is hovering over the town and safeguarding the legend of the stone sarcophagus of Saint Euphemia, the patron saint of Rovinj. The Old Town of Rovinj rises up on a peninsula and is a witness to times gone by and the valuable accomplishments of its past artisans. The limited space led to the construction of narrow buildings, streets and small town squares. Of particular interest in the town centre are the characteristically designed chimneys. The town itself was declared a cultural monument in 1963.

| PRICE PER PERSON IN EURO when 1-6 PAX travelling together | | | | | |
|---|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| PAX # | ENGLISH | GERMAN | SPANISH | FRENCH | RUSSIAN |
| 1 PAX | 562 | 562 | 593 | 562 | 665 |
| 2 PAX | 310 | 310 | 326 | 310 | 361 |
| 3 PAX | 247 | 247 | 257 | 247 | 281 |
| 4 PAX | 199 | 199 | 207 | 199 | 225 |
| 5 PAX | 171 | 171 | 177 | 171 | 192 |
| 6 PAX | 152 | 152 | 157 | 152 | 169 |

Rate includes: a private transfers with luxury sedan/minivan for full day, local guide, a tour of Porec, Pula and Rovinj, a private olive oil and wine tasting including snack and present (a bottle of Babos olive oil).