

ISTRIA

Approx. 230 km / 143 mi. by bicycle

Price: from 720 Euro per week



Experience the heart of Europe by bike and ship

8 days / 7 nights, approx. 230 km (143 mi .) by bicycle

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Itinerary - Course of the Tour:

Day 1 (Sun) Pula - Medulin - Bay of Banjole (approx. 30 km / 19 mi . by bicycle)

Individual arrival at Pula, the secret capital of Istria, a town full of impressive remains of its Roman past. If you arrive by car, we arrange a secure parking place for you. From 11.00 hrs onward you can move into your cabins on the motor yacht. Your first bike tour takes you from the harbour along beautiful bays to the southern tip of Istria . From there you ride on a good asphalt road to Medulin, easily recognized from afar by its two white church towers. In the shady village square you take a short break for refreshments. From Medulin you bicycle to the bay of Banjole for the overnight.

Day 2 (Mon) Vrsar - Porec (approx. 30 km/ 19 mi . by bicycle)

After breakfast you start on a ca. 3.5 hrs cruise to Vrsar, the town where lady-killer Casanova found temporary refuge from lovers pursuing him. Starting from Vrsar, you bike along the Lim fjord to Klostar in the hinterland. After a break - long enough to taste some fresh suckling pig - your route takes you to Porec. On a walk after dinner with your town guide, you encounter at every step along the way the evidence of the town's eventful past, strolling through the charming historical centre, with its beautiful buildings of many different epochs, and the bustling shopping lanes. The famous Euphrasius Basilica, with its gorgeous early-Christian mosaics, is also well-worth a visit.

Day 3 (Tue) Porec - Grosnjan - Umag (approx. 60 km / 19 mi . by bicycle)

Today's bike tour takes you from Porec through extensive vineyards to Visnjan, home of the famous white cattle. After a coffee break you continue through the gentle hills of the hinterland via Vizinada to the artists' village of Grosnjan . Along the way you have a fortifying picnic. Your destination is Umag, which offers a picturesque old town centre with the remains of a medieval city wall located on a promontory. Dinner on board.

Day 4 (Wed) Umag - Savudrija - Umag - Novigrad (approx. 20 + 15 km/12 + 10 mi . by bicycle)

In the morning you undertake a round trip to the Savudrija peninsula, the northernmost point of Istria. In favourable weather conditions you have an amazing view as far as Slovenia , Italy and even the Alps . On the way back to the ship, there are plenty of opportunities for a refreshing dip in the sea. In the afternoon you bike along quiet sea promenades from Umag to Novigrad. There you find the impressive crenellated city wall as well the 7th cent. Pelagius Basilica. Around the pretty harbour you find many cafes and bars, where you can end of the day.

Day 5 (Thu) Novigrad - Porec - Vrsar (approx. 20 + 15 km/12 + 10 mi . by bicycle)

After breakfast you leave Novigrad and bicycle along the coast to Porec. Here you meet up with the ship and have time for a swim or another stroll through the wonderful old town centre. After lunch on board you continue along the coast to Vrsar, where you spend the night. Along the way you have a break at an open-air museum, where you can admire the sculptures of the famous stonemason school of Vrsar .

Day 6 (Fri) Rovinj - Palud (approx. 20 km / 12 mi . by bicycle)

Your ship takes you in the morning to Rovinj, often called the "pearl of Istria ". The charm of this dreamy artists' town will quickly captivate you. After a round trip to the Palud Nature Reserve, you have plenty of time to enjoy the unique atmosphere of Rovinj. A town guide leads you after dinner through the maze of narrow lanes making up the old town.



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Day 7 (Sat) Barbariga - Fazana - Brijuni Islands - Pula (approx. 20 km /12 mi. by bicycle)

After a short cruise to the bay of Barbariga, you unload your bikes there and cross with a ferry over to the Brijuni Islands. Until Tito's death in 1980, the paradise of the Brijuni Islands was a prohibited area accessible only to the government elite and their official guests. The island's sight-seeing train takes you to the remotest corners of this sub-tropical nature park with its lush vegetation and exotic fauna. On the way across the island you also visit with your local guide some well-preserved Roman excavations. In the evening you bicycle from Fazana to Pula , where dinner on board of the ship is already waiting for you.

Day 8 (Sun) Disembarkation at Pula

The guests are expected to check out after breakfast, i.e. by 9 a .m.

General Information :

We reserve the right to make alterations to the itinerary, depending on wind and weather conditions or organisational requirements. Sometimes the tour will be conducted in inverse order.

DATES AND PRICES PER WEEK (1)

24.05 - 31.05.09	820 Euro
31.05 - 07.06.09	820 Euro
07.06 - 13.06.09	720 Euro (Special tour Istria 7 days / 6 night)
14.06 - 21.06.09	820 Euro
20.09 - 27.09.09	820 Euro
27.09 - 04.10.09	820 Euro
04.10 - 11.10.09	820 Euro
11.10 - 18.10.09	820 Euro
18.10 - 25.10.09	820 Euro

(1) Price per person in a double cabin below deck

Services included:

8-day-trip on a motor yacht with a crew of four, 7 nights on a motor yacht in a double cabin with shower/toilet, 7 x half board on the ship, bed linen and towels, English-speaking tour guide,7 guided cycling tours, overview-maps for the daily tours on board, entrée and guided tour in Brijuni national park.

Additional costs:

Visitor's tax and local charges 20 Euro (to be paid to the captain), drinks on board (tally sheet; to be paid to the captain), International banking fees 50 Euro, tips for crew and tour-guides, Lunches on land.

Additional optional services:

Charge for a cabin on deck: 50 Euro/person, charge for a single cabin below deck: 300 Euro (on request), charge for a single cabin on deck: 400 Euro (on request), A 1 double cabin can be booked, 21-gear trekking bike rental with bicycle bag or (on request) 7-gear trekking bike rental with bicycle bag: 70 Euro, a safe parking space: 40 Euro (to be paid on-site), additional night incl. Breakfast in Rovinj: from 35 Euro p.p. (double room) or 45 Euro (single room) can be booked on request.

Embarkation harbour Pula

How to come to Pula

Our Istria tours start and end in the harbour of Pula in Southern Istria.

For your journey to Pula there are four possible airports available:

Pula (distance to the harbor of Pula : 10 minutes)

Trieste (distance to the harbor of Pula : 1 hour)

Ljubljana (distance to the harbor of Pula : 2 hours)

Venice (distance to the harbor of Pula : 4 hours)

MAP OF THE TOUR

