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ST. BERNARDIN RESORT



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PIRAN



Legend:

- BERNARDIN:** 1 Church of St. Bernardin;
PORTOROŽ: 2 Forma Viva, 3 Sečovlje salt pans;
PIRAN: 4 Tartini Square, 5 Church of St. George, 6 Punte/Cape Madonna;
STRUNJAN: 7 Bioenergy park Salinera, 8 Nature park Strunjan,
 9 Moon bay, 10 Cross - view point;
IZOLA: 11 Archaeological Park, 12 Museum Izolana - House of the Sea

St. Bernardin Resort Portorož

The St. Bernardin Resort is located next to the sea between two breathtaking locations that offer visitors an authentic cultural diversity.

Our accommodations

Grand Hotel Bernardin *****

241 modern rooms, apartments and suites all with balcony and sea view. In the hotel you can find an indoor swimming pool, hotel beach with exclusive Perfect Summer Club package, Wellness center Paradise Spa, different congress halls (17), panoramic terrace Grand Garden, Caffè and Cocktail Lounge with piano, Grand Restaurant and two a-la-carte Restaurants, free of charge parking place, 6 tennis courts.

Hotel Histrion ****

Completely renovated in 2020 in Istrian style, the hotel has 276 rooms with balconies, half with sea-view half with lagoon-view. In the ground floor you can find the Waterpark Termaris (2,400 m2 surface) with sea water. The hotel offer various amenities such as outdoor beach with deckchairs and parasols, outside swimming pool, wellness center Benedicta, restaurant Taverna, different bars and caffes, Congress halls (2), parking place free of charge.

Hotel Vile Park***

Offers 216 rooms divided between 5 villas. In 2024 we have renovated 188 rooms total in Vile Park Premium.

Along the sea side you can find 25 Apartments Vila Barka with balcony, sea-view, kitchen, living room and bedroom.

All the guests use the same reception and restaurant in Hotel Histrion. They have free entrance in the Waterpark Termaris and outdoor swimming pool.

Parking place is included in the price rate.

The Villas are located at the shopping street with bars and restaurants.



Our accommodation facilities

GRAND HOTEL BERNARDIN*****

HOTEL HISTRION****

HOTEL VILE PARK***



Wellness Center

WELLNESS BENEDICTA

PARADISE SPA



Water fun

SEA WATER PARK TERMARIS

BEACH GRAND HOTEL BERNARDIN

BEACH HOTEL VILE PARK



Culinary

HOTEL RESTAURANTS

RESTAURANT TAVERNA MEDITERAN

PIZZERIA BATANA



Conference Offer

GRAND HOTEL BERNARDIN*****



Sport

6 TENNIS COURTS

Salinera Resort Strunjan

Between Izola and Portorož lays the bioenergetic resort Salinera, hidden in the middle of nature and in the immediate vicinity of the Nature park Strunjan.

Our accommodations

Hotel Salinera **/*****

Hotel Salinera has 101 rooms, 53 rooms with balcony of 4* category and 48 rooms of 3* category. The hotel offers various amenities such as outdoor beach, indoor and outdoor swimming pool, Wellness center Syra, energy park with 12 energy points, hotel restaurant, beach bar, congress halls (5), parking place free of charge.

Apartments Salinera * and Vila Maia *****

The Salinera apartments are located in small attractive holiday houses 300 meters from the sea. There are 76 apartments and most of them were renovated in 2022. Located nearby Vila Maia, with 9 apartments of two sizes. Guests of the Salinera apartments and Vila Maia can park their vehicles in the properly marked parking lots in front of the houses or in the garage next to the Hotel Salinera.



Our accommodation facilities

HOTEL SALINERA★★★★/★★★

APARTMENTS SALINERA★★★



Additional services and facilities

HOTEL RESTAURANT UND BARS

WELLNESS SYRA



Special feature

PARK WITH 12 BIOENERGY POINTS



San Simon Resort Izola

Hotel resort San Simon Izola is located in the lush Mediterranean vegetation in an unspoiled corner of the Slovenian coast, in the place where they are still visible the remains of the ancient port Haliaetium from Roman times.

Our accommodations

Hotel Haliaetum ****

52 comfortable rooms completely renovated in 2019. All the rooms have a balcony. The hotel has a reception, indoor swimming pool, big water slide at the beach, congress hall (4), restaurant and parking place free of charge.

Hotel Mirta ****

All 44 rooms are with balcony. In the hotel you can find the wellness center Mirta. The reception is located in hotel Haliaetum, the restaurant is in a separate building.

Depandances San Simon ***

Depandances Sirena, Korala, Perla and Palma are located in a beautiful park. Each depandance has 26 rooms, so in total there are 104 rooms. Depandance Sirena was renovated in 2019, Korala, Perla and Palma were renovated in 2023.



Our accommodation facilities

HOTEL HALIAETUM★★★★

HOTEL MIRTA★★★★

DEPANDANCES SAN SIMON★★★



Additional services and facilities

HOTEL RESTAURANT UND BARS

WELLNESS MIRTA



Sport

3 TENNIS COURTS

MINI GOLF

On the wave of experiences
and wonderful moments



Salt fields in Sečovelje



Forma Viva Portorož



Piran



Istrian breakfast

Relax



Bioenergy park Salinera

Included in the price:

Welcome drink, 3x rich buffet breakfast and dinner, free entrance to the hotel indoor pool with heated sea water, free entrance to the saunas, Wi-Fi, free entrance to the Casino Portorož, free parking.

Additionally included services:

- ▶ **10% on wellness treatments** (reservation and payment on the spot),
- ▶ **use of bathrobe,**
- ▶ **1 x dance evening.**

Supplements:

- ▶ tourist tax: € 2.50 per person per day,
- ▶ registration cost: € 2.50 per person,
- ▶ single room.

Prices are valid at min. 30 people, longer stay possible.

Period:

2.1. - 7.1.

New Year, new you

New Year - new you: the ideal time for effective regeneration. One of the oldest and most natural remedies for detoxification and regeneration is the use of seawater. Swimming in the indoor pool with heated sea water in combination with sauna and salt scrub has a beneficial effect on the body and ensures detoxification. In the Salinera Resort, the bioenergy park with 12 energy points, it is recommended to take a walk and to meditate to restore the energetic balance of the body and to liberate the mind. It will prepare you for the new challenges in 2023.

Price per person

Package 3 nights in double room

Hotel Histrion 4*

from **156,00 €**



Sea water park Termaris



Piran

TIP



In the winter, the beneficial effect of the sea air is even stronger. The negative ions and iodine have a positive effect on the respiratory system, bronchi and lungs. We suggest to take a walk along the coast and end the day admiring the sunset, one of the most romantic moments nature has to offer us. They are even more special in the winter time.



Relax

Period:

February, March, November & December

Pampering time

For many people, health is and will remain the number one priority. Since the winter days are shorter, a spa vacation by the sea is the perfect idea for an escape from the stress of everyday life. The advantage is that you can go on a winter holiday in the sun without taking long journeys. You can relax and enjoy the first sun rays and do not have to worry about being cold on your morning walk or trip on a sunny day. In the afternoon, you can relax in one of our saunas (with a sea-view) or treat yourself with a massage and take care of your well being.

Price per person	Package 3 nights in double room
Grand Hotel Bernardin 5★	from 200,00 €
Hotel Histrion 4★	from 152,00 €
Hotel Salinera 4★ San Simon 4★	from 140,00 €
Hotel Vile Park Premium 3★	from 125,00 €



St. Bernardin Resort, Hotel Histrion ****

TIP



Tip for relaxation: (massages are on supplement - reservation and payment on the spot):
Reflexology foot massage: 30 min / ca **30 EUR**
Partial body massage or head massage: 20 min / ca **26 EUR**

Tip for activities:

Piran footpath (along the sea): 9 km/2,5 hours
Seča footpath (Forma Viva): 9 km/2,5 hours
Strunjan footpath (Strunjan landscape park): 12 km / 3 hours



Wellness Benedicta

Included in the price:

Welcome drink, 3x rich buffet breakfast and dinner, free entrance to the hotel indoor pool with heated sea water, Wi-Fi, free entrance to the Casino Portorož, free parking.

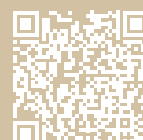
Additionally included services:

- ▶ **10% on wellness treatments** (reservation and payment on the spot),
- ▶ **1 x sauna entrance** (max 2 hours),
- ▶ **use of bathrobe.**

Supplements:

- ▶ tourist tax: € 2.50 per person per day,
- ▶ registration cost: € 2,50 per person,
- ▶ single room.

Prices are valid at min. 30 people, longer stay possible.



Aromatic



San Simon Resort, Izola

Included in the price:

Welcome drink, 3x rich buffet breakfast and dinner, free entrance to the hotel indoor pool with heated sea water, Wi-Fi, free entrance to the Casino Portorož, free parking.

Programme suggestion:

Full day excursion to Ljubljana capital and visit of the Arboretum Volčji potok

Departure from the hotel at 8 am and drive to the capital Ljubljana. After visiting the Old Town Ljubljana follows the drive to the Arboretum Volčji potok. At the end of April more than two million tulips of more than 250 varieties will be in bloom. All in all, the spring flowers on 30 hectares of 88 hectares of the arboretum area are at their best.

Supplements:

- ▶ tourist tax: € 2.50 per person per day,
- ▶ registration cost: € 2.50 per person,
- ▶ single room

**Prices are valid at min.
30 people, longer stay possible.**

We reserve the right to change prices, programs and taxes.

Period:

21.4.-9.5.

Colourful spring

It's true that the tulip blossom first associate with the Netherlands. However, Slovenia offers an equivalent alternative. The arboretum Volčji potok consists of 85 hectares of ecologically diverse land near Ljubljana. In April, beautifully landscaped flower beds are competing with their colourful splendour with more than 350 varieties of tulips.

Price per person	Package 3 nights in double room
Grand Hotel Bernardin 5*	from 255,00 €
Hotel Histrion 4*	from 192,00 €
San Simon Resort 4*	from 171,00 €
San Simon Resort 3*	from 138,00 €



Ljubljana

TIP



Excursion to Karst region

Arrival to Sežana, visit of the Vinakras wine cellar and degustation of the Karst wines and dried meat products. Then visit of the botanical Garden in Sežana, the karst garden of Pepa in Dutovlje, visit of the medieval village Štanjel and lunch at a typical restaurant.



Februar, March, April, October & November

A short run is better than no run

Are you tired of running the same old routes day in and day out? Do you feel like your mind and body could use a break from the daily grind? Look no further than the rejuvenating world of running retreats...

Not only do running retreats provide a chance to explore new and exciting locations and cultures, but they also offer a unique opportunity to improve your physical and mental well-being. Whether you're a seasoned runner looking to challenge yourself on a new trail or a beginner seeking guidance and support, there's a running retreat out there that's perfect for you.

Price per person	Package 4 nights in double room
Hotel Salinera 4* / San Simon 4*	from 176,00 €
Hotel Salinera 3* / San Simon 3* / Hotel Vile Park 3*	from 152,00 €



TIP



Whether you are a seasoned jogger who wants to work toward a new goal, or a novice runner who is inspired by a friend's accomplishment of winning a race, there are many personal reasons as to why you would want to train for and run in a marathon. There are several marathons at sunny Slovenian coast, such as Istrian Marathon every year in April, Parenzana Marathon in March or shorter run at windy Karst region.



Hotel Vile Park, Portorož

Included in the price:

Welcome drink, 4 x rich buffet breakfast and dinner, free entry to the hotel indoor pool with heated sea water, WiFi, free entry to Casino Portorož, free parking, 1 x water drink.

Karst Marthon March 2025

Parenzana Marthon March 2025

Istrian Marathon April 2025

Obala ultra trail November 2025

Parenzana, or TPC (short for Trieste-Parenzo-Canfanaro), was a 123.1 km long narrowgauge railway line, connecting 33 places in Istria between 1902 and 1935, from Trieste to Poreč. Today it would pass through the territories of three countries: Italy (13 km), Slovenia (32 km) and Croatia. Parenzana is the most famous and the most visited cycling, running and hiking trail in Istria today. According to the bicycle and pedestrian counters, about 80.000 users pass through Parenzana annually.

78 km

Supplements:

- ▶ tourist tax: € 2.50 per person/day,
- ▶ registration cost: € 2.50 per person,
- ▶ single room.

Prices are valid at min. 30 people, longer stay possible.

Active



Hotel Salinera****/***

Included in the price:

- ▶ Welcome drink, rich buffet breakfast and dinner, free entrance to the hotel indoor pool with heated sea water, free entrance to the Casino Portorož, free parking.

Additionally included services:

- ▶ **10% discount on all wellness treatments,**
- ▶ possibility **to wash bikes,**
- ▶ **bike box** (not valid for San Simon Resort).

Supplements:

- ▶ tourist tax:
€ 2.50 per person per day,
- ▶ registration cost: € 2.50 per person,
- ▶ single room,
- ▶ **possible to rent e-bikes or bikes** (on supplement),
- ▶ **bike repair and maintenance nearby.**

Prices are valid at min. 25 people, 3 nights.

Period:

March-June, September-November

Fun on two wheels

What is the beauty of the cycling trips along the Slovenian coast?

Slovenian Istria is a paradise for active cyclists, as well as recreational ones. Numerous bike paths in the picturesque interior climb up to breathtaking views of the Alps, and both the Italian and the Croatian coasts. Along the ride, you can enjoy typical Istrian specialties in the many restaurants, creating beautiful moments and unforgettable experiences.

Price per person and day	Half board in a double room
Hotel Histria 4*	from 49,00 €
Hotel Salinera 4* / San Simon 4*	from 44,00 €
Hotel Salinera 3* / San Simon 3*	from 38,00 €
Hotel Vile Park Premium 3*	from 40,00 €



Sečovelje

- ▶ **Guide:** Payment on the spot (up to 15 people = 1 tour guide, up to 30 people = 2 tour guides, up to 45 people = 3 tour guides),
- ▶ **Each group is accompanied by an English-speaking tour guide.**



Tour suggestions:



1. BERNARDIN – IZOLA – BERNARDIN

From the hotel we drive to Portorož, through the tunnel of the Parenzana cycle path to Strunjan and on to Izola. There follows the tour of the city and we have the opportunity to take a short break. Then we drive back to Belveder, continue to the nature park Strunjan (short walk at the bike) to the salterns. After a short visit to the salterns and the explanation of the process of traditional salt extraction, the route continues to Pacug, Fiesa and Kliff along until Piran. We visit this medieval city and here we have the opportunity to take a break or have lunch. We return back to the hotel along the sea.

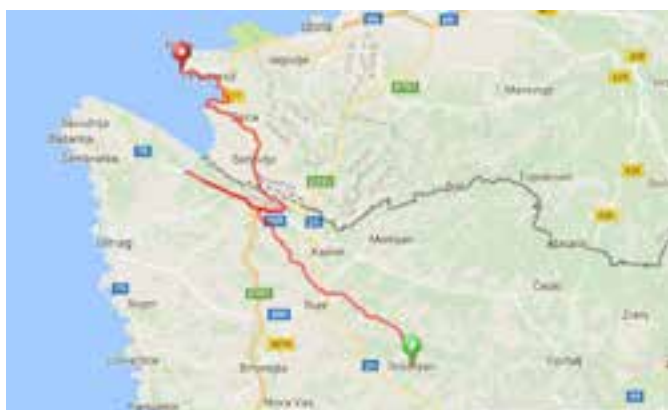


Length approx. 27 km, asphalt

Tourist attractions: former narrow-gauge railway Parenzana (route Trieste - Parenzo); salterns: Salt excavation and history; guided tour of Izola and Piran.



3-4 hours



2. GROŽNJAN – BERNARDIN

The tour starts in Grožnjan (we take the bus to the starting point), the city of artists. Before departure, we visit the city. After a slight descent on the route of the former railway line Parenzana (macadam) we reach the village Buje. Then we continue to Kaldanija and Valice and on the macadam path to the state border. The path leads us to the salterns of Sečovlje, on to Lucija, Portorož to Bernardin.

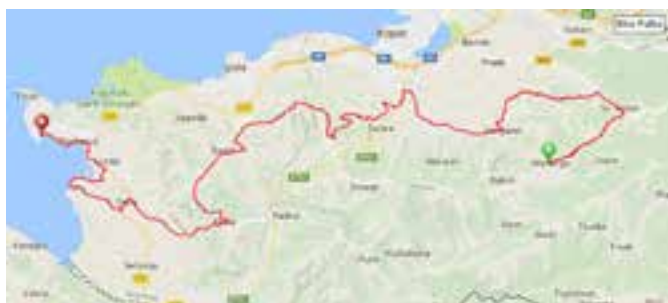


Length approx. 39 km, 70% asphalt, 30% macadam

Tourist attractions: former narrow-gauge railway Parenzana, salt excavation, viticulture, olive oil production, history of Istria etc.



4-5 hours



3. MAREZIGE – BERNARDIN

The tour starts in the village of Marezige (we take the bus to the starting point). Before departure, a tasting of typical products (karst ham, cheese, olive oil) is possible. The path begins with a gentle descent to the village of Sveti Anton, on to Bonini, Vanganel and Šalara. It follows the ascent to the villages of Gažon and Šared and then we drive on to the village of Korte, where we have the opportunity to take a break for lunch. After the break, we descend to Seča. Afterwards we drive to the salterns of Sečovlje, Lucija, Portorož and Bernardin.



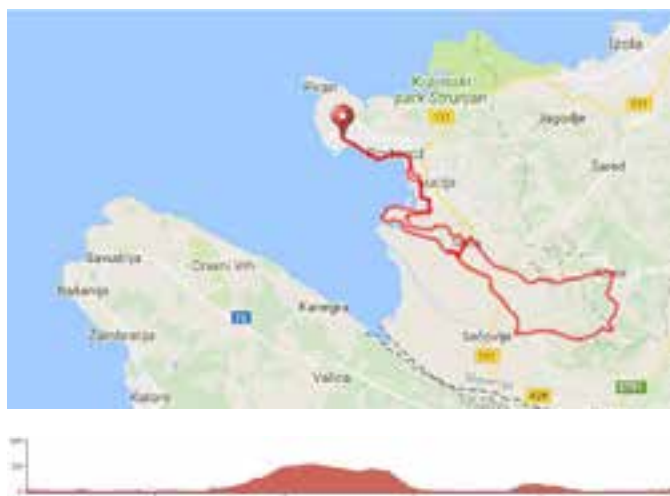
Length approx. 41 km, asphalt

Tourist attractions: Presentation of places and customs, viticulture, olive oil production, history of Istria, salt excavation etc.



4-5 hours

The bike tours can be adjusted based on starting point or accommodation.



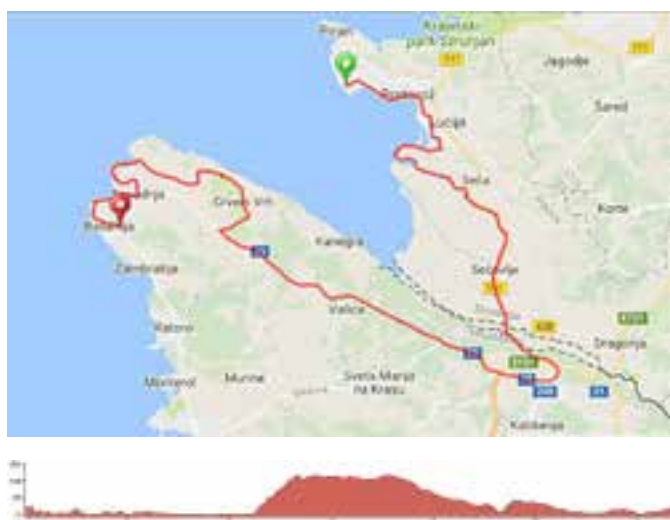
4. BERNARDIN – KORTE – BERNARDIN

From the hotel we ride to Portorož and Lucija, then to the saltpans of Sečovlje and further to the village Korte. Here we have the opportunity to have lunch. From the village Korte follows a slight descent to the Dragonja valley, then we ride along the Croatian border to Seča, through the olive groves to Forma Viva, Lucija, Portorož and back to the hotel.

Length approx. 25 km, asphalt

Tourist attractions: Olive Oil Production, Viticulture, Salterns, Dragonja Valley: Importance of the river for Slovenian Istria and general information about Slovenian Istria.

3-4 hours



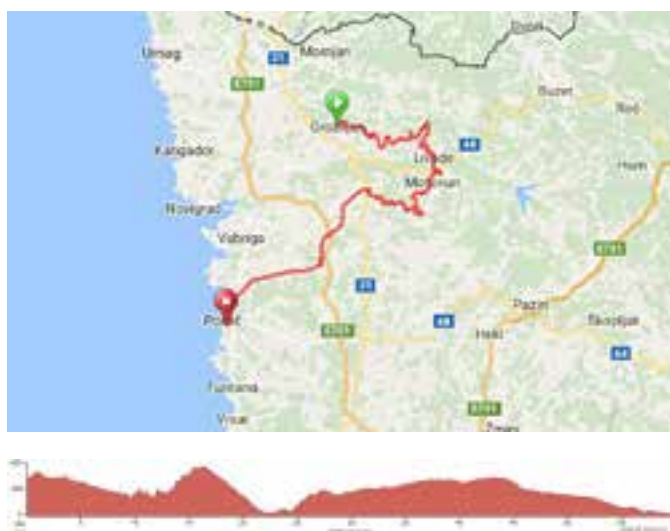
5. BERNARDIN – SAVUDRIJA – BAŠANIJA

From the hotel we ride to Portorož and Lucija and continue towards the saltpans of Sečovlje. After crossing the border we continue to Crveni Vrh. This is followed by a slight descent to the old town center and the bay of Savudrija. We continue to drive past the famous lighthouse and continue to Bašanija, where we can take a short break for lunch. We take the bus back to the hotel.

Length approx. 32 km, 85% asphalt, 15% macadam

Tourist attractions: saltpans and salt production, former narrow-gauge railway Parenzana, history of Istria.

3-4 hours



6. GROŽNAN – POREČ

The tour starts in Grožnjan (we take the bus to the starting point), the city of artists. Before departure, we visit the city. After a slight descent on the route of the former railway line Parenzana we reach the village Livade. Here we have the opportunity to take a break for a snack. Then we continue to Motovun, Vižinada and Poreč, where we have the opportunity to take a break for lunch. We take the bus back to the hotel.

Length approx. 60 km, 80% asphalt, 20% macadam

Tourist attractions: History of Istria, truffles, viticulture, olive oil production, former narrow-gauge railway Parenzana etc.

5.30-6.30 hours



7. KOPER – MAREZIGE – KOPER

The tour starts in Koper (we take the bus to the starting point). Before departure we visit the city. The path leads us to the port of Koper and on to the Škocjan Nature Reserve. Afterwards we will climb and pass Bertoki, Prade and Sveti Anton and on the ridge to the village Marežige, where we will have the opportunity to take a break and taste some typical products (karst ham, cheese, olive oil). After descending to the lake of Vanganel we ride to Šalara. Here we have the opportunity to taste some wines in Vinakoper. We take the bus back to the hotel.

Length approx. 26 km, asphalt

Tourist attractions: City of Koper, history of Istria, viticulture, olive oil production, presentation of places and villages.

3-4 hours



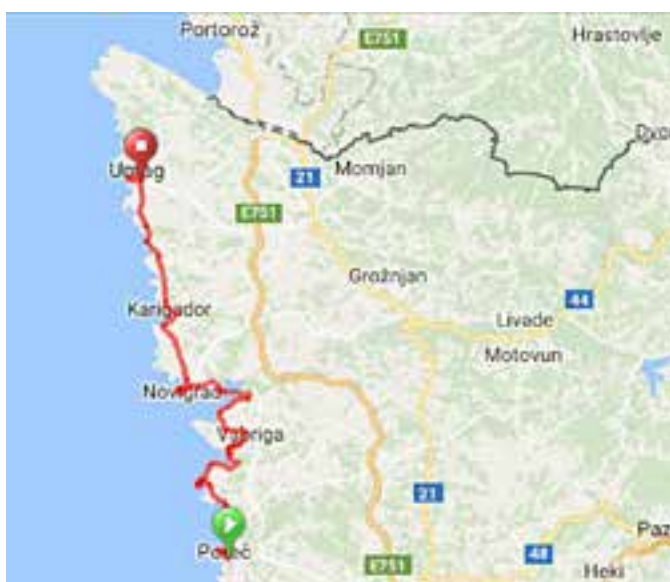
8. MUGGIA – BERNARDIN

The tour starts in Muggia and after a few kilometers it says goodbye to Italy. We drive along the coast, past the olive trees and vineyards to Ankaran, where we will visit the shell graveyard and the salt marsh. Then we ride through seaside towns Koper and Izola and the tunnel Parenzana, a cycle path going from Strunjan and leading to Portorož and the hotel.

Length approx. 30 km, asphalt

Tourist attractions: shell graveyard in Ankaran, vineyards, Koper, fishing town Izola, short presentation of the cities and villages.

3-4 hours



9. PARENZANA WITH BIKE AND SHIP

Before departure, possibility to chose the route. After visiting the artist village Grožnjan, we continue to Livade where we make a short stop and taste the typical products (dry ham, cheese and olive oil). We continue the ride to Motovun and Poreč. From Poreč there is a possibility to take the boat back to Umag or return to Portorož with your bus. Animation program on the boat, fish picnic with tombola.

Length Grožnjan – Poreč approx. 60 km (80% macadam, 20% asphalt)

Length Grožnjan – Poreč via Ponte Porton approx. 50 km, asphalt

Tourist attractions: salt pans, salt production, former narrow-gauge railway Parenzana, history of Istria.

Grožnjan – Poreč: 5.30 - 6.30 hours

Grožnjan – Poreč via Ponte Porton: 5-6 hours

Active



Strunjan

Included in the price:

Welcome drink, rich buffet breakfast and dinner, free entry to the hotel indoor pool with heated sea water, free entry to Casino Portorož, free parking.

Additionally included services:

- 10% on wellness treatments.

Supplements:

- ▶ tourist tax: €2.50 per person/day,
- ▶ registration costs: €2.50 per person,
- ▶ single room.

Sturdy hiking boots or mountain boots are required for all hiking trips. Trekking poles are also strongly recommended.

Prices apply for a minimum of 25 attendees, 3 nights.

Period:

March-June, September-November

Every day, a new view

Get moving and clear your mind with recreational activities by the sea. Start the day with aqua aerobics or swimming in the indoor pool with heated sea water, and then carry on actively discovering the surrounding area. One of the most beautiful local hiking trails is the Parenzana path. The path of health and friendship leads through olive groves and vineyards. The inland hiking trails are even more interesting: you will discover various hidden gems and enjoy some of the best views of the open sea, the Italian and Croatian coasts and the Alps, at every step.

Price per person and day	Half board in a double room
Hotel Histria 4*	from 49,00 €
Hotel Salinera 4* / San Simon 4*	from 44,00 €
Hotel Salinera 3* / San Simon 3*	from 38,00 €
Hotel Vile Park Premium 3*	from 40,00 €



Padna

Take a walk along the city walls of Piran, where the Cathedral of St. George towers over the city - the view of the old town and the Alps will enchant you.



Tour suggestions:



1.Hiking tour: **Strunjan-Fiesa promenade Piran-Portorož-Strunjan (with a stay in Piran and Portorož)**

After breakfast, our hiking begins at the coast. Most of the hiking trail runs right along the sea. The proximity of the sea and the views of the foreign coasts and mountains give this route a special charm. Most of the footpath leads on the "goat path" through untouched nature and bushes. Mandatory equipment: photo camera for unforgettable panoramas!



Lenght cca 10 km, asphalt

Difficulty level: easy (app 100-150 m altitude)



4-5 hours



2.Hiking tour: **Path of the water sources and beautiful views**

After breakfast, we drive with the bus to the parking lot in Seča and here we start our hike tour towards Parecag. It follow a bit of an uphill path to the village of Korte. Here we can also take a short break and have a snack or a typical Istrian "marenda". On the way we visit the archaeological site Kaštelir and continue towards Krog, from where you can enjoy a wonderful view of the salt pans from Sečovlje. The path ends with a descent to Sečovlje and then finally in Seča.



Lenght cca 12 km, asphalt

Difficulty level: moderate (app 200 altitude)



4-5 hours



3.Hiking tour: **To the highest peak of the Slovenian Istria - Slavnik**

The 1028 meter high mountain Slavnik is the highest peak of the Slovenian Istria and it is a very popular destination. The Slavnik offers one of the most beautiful views in the region, because by sunny weather you can see the Adriatic Sea, the Italian Dolomites, part of the Carnic and Julian Alps (of which Triglav stands out in particular), the Karawanks, the Kamnik-Savinja Alps as well as the nearby peak Nanos, Vremščica, Snežnik and other hills.



Lenght cca 8 km, asphalt

Difficulty level: easy – moderate (app 500 altitude)



2-3 hours



Walking adventure through Istria



4. Padna – Nova vas – valley of the river Drnica – Padna

✓ Moderately difficult

🕒 3 hours

Padna is a picturesque village in the hinterland of Piran, which has kept its characteristic appearance of a typical, compact, built Istrian village, which ranks it among the cultural monuments of First Instance. It measures only 2 square kilometers, ap. 160 people live in it. At the entrance to the village we find a typical carefully restored Istrian house. In the village, is the church St. Blaž and gallery Božidar Jakac.



Along the road: Padna - Church of St. Blaž, gallery Božidar Jakac, Nova vas - Church of Maria of Rozary, Statue of St. Joseph, Kapeluča's house, waterfall Studenec.



Taste of Istria: Visit of the mill in Nova vas and tasting of delicacies - olive oil, olive products, dry meat, bread, glass of Istrian wine.

5. The footpath above Lucija to Lucan

✓ Easy

🕒 4 hours

The journey starts with a soothing walk along the Portorož promenade, proceeding to the largest town in the municipality of Piran called Lucija. The path then continues to Lucan hill, surrounded by olive groves and views all the way to the Seča peninsula with the salt pans.



Along the road: Lucan - olive groves, Parenzana tunnel - former narrow-gauge railway from Trieste to Poreč.



Taste of Istria: local lady "Šavrinka" will bring you an excellent "Istrian Breakfast".



6. Kocjančiči – Zabavlje – Lopar – Kocjančiči

✓ Moderately difficult

🕒 2 hours 30 min.

Lopar is a stretched hill in the Šavrin hill, standing on a narrow ridge above the upper part of the valley of the river Rokava and tributary Pinjevec. The village consists of three parts: the Gorenjci with the church of Sv. Jerufa, Dolenjci and Grahi. In the village there is a House from Bardinc, which with its ethnological collection (black kitchen, wine cellar and yard) tells stories about the past life in Istrian.



Along the road: Lopar – House from Bardinc, church of St. Jerufa Architecture of Istrian villages.



Taste of Istria: A snack at the tasting of olive oil, dry meats and a glass of Istrian wine.



7. Krkavce - valey of river Dragonje - St. Peter – Nova vas

✓ Moderately difficult

🕒 3 hours

Sv. Peter is a stretched settlement with a clustered core in the extreme south-east of the Šavrin hill, on the ridge and slopes between the valleys of the Dragonja River and the Drnica stream. The locals call it Šupeter; for a time, it was also named Goreli, as the hamlet, where

the renovated Tons's House is located with an ethnological collection.



Along the road: Krkavce - Krkavce Stone, Living museum House Vrešje, church of St. Archangel Michael, a natural rocky platform
Dragonja - natural monument valley of the river Dragonja
Sv. Peter: Tona's House, Church of St. Peter
Nova vas - Church of Maria of Rozary, Statue of St. Joseph, Kapeluča's house, waterfall Studenec.



Taste of Istria: Visit of the mill in Nova vas and tasting of delicacies - olive oil, olive products, dry meat, bread, glass of Istrian wine.

8. Vanganel - Čentur - Babiči - Marezige - Montinjan - Vanganel

✓ Moderately difficult

🕒 2.5 hours

Marezige located steeply over Vanganel valley. Here we are fascinated by the wonderful view of the Bay of Koper, but the real jewels are hidden in the hamlets of Burji, Sabadini, Bržani, Škrgati, Krmci, Plahuti, Bečanci, Bernetiči in Rokavci. Istrian villages such as Montinjan, Lopar and Truške, an adjacent plateau across Rokava with Glem, Boršt, Labor, Babiči and Čentur, calling for walks.



Along the road: Vanganel Lake

Marezige - Church of St. Cross, sightseeing platform in with view Bay of Koper.



Taste of Istria: Wine tasting, cheese snack and dry meat.



9. Truške – Vršič – Trsek - Kozloviči – Bočaji – Truške

✓ Moderately difficult

🕒 3 hours

Purses are a special settlement in the middle of the hinterland of Koper, which for centuries has preserved its original dispersion and has no real center. Today, under the name of Truške is considered Cortina, Gonjači and Vršič, which is supposed to be the oldest hamlet. The rugged landscape, bordering the rivers Rokava and Dragonja, gives shelter to these hamlets and villages.



Along the road: Truške - Old School, Church of St. Kancijana

Trsek - the picturesque valley of the Dragonja River, the Mazurin's mill



Taste of Istria: Tasting of olive oil, a glass of wine, bread, ham, cheese



10. Kokoška

✓ Moderately difficult ⌚ 2-3 hours

The 663 meter high Kokoš, a ridge in the southeast of the Trieste-Komenski Karst close to the Slovenian-Italian border, is made of well-maintained trails, easily accessible, with rugged and un-demanding terrain with beautiful views.

Access from Loke is the simplest. We park at the end of Loke village by the cemetery. The beginning of the route starts with a railroad that climbs slightly. After about 2 km, the path narrows into a footpath, which is steeper in individual parts.

About 100 m close to the final destination, the footpath joins a small road that leads to a cottage. The return is on via a steep path that is more rocky, so a careful step is required. About half of the route is through the forrest, so protection from the sun is necessary on hot sunny days.

The most beautiful walks are in spring and early summer, when nature is clothed in vivid colors and there is a characteristic growth of the karst plants, when the first hydrangea flowers bloom, then lilies of the valley, peonies, daffodils, ash trees, cyclamen and many others. Almost all are protected species. Most visitors rarely visit individual peaks, but their main goal is to visit the popular mountain hut on Kokoška, which is located in the clearing of the Jirmanec peak.

From the hut we walk to the top - to Kokoš. The top is rather indistinct and overgrown, up to Veliki Gradišče and the Vroča spring. Veliko Gradišče is also the highest peak of the Trieste-Komenski Karst. Below the peak is the interesting spring of Vroča, which was probably dug by the castle builders, where you can quench your thirst and, according to tradition, this water has a healing effect, especially on the digestive system.

11. Glinščica

✓ Moderately difficult ⌚ 3-4 Hours

The valley of the river Glinščica is a picturesque valley located southeast of Trieste near the Slovenian-Italian border. Glinščica Canyon is only 2,5 km long and is a real treasure of attractions and natural beauty. Although it is located right next to the Adriatic Sea, when you look at the rocky, precipitous walls, it seems that the sea is still very far away, in a completely different environment. The spring is not far from the village of Klanec pri Kozini. Shortly after its spring, the river crosses the national border, winds through a canyon and flows into the Adriatic Sea near Trieste.

The route starts in the village of Draga and leads to all the most important points. From the village of Bazovica, turn left towards Kozina and the border crossing Pesek, but before this border crossing turn right towards the village Draga.

Shortly after the first couple of meters, a view of the canyon walls opens up, where the view falls as much as 300 meters into the depth. Nature provided such a view with the tectonic movements that carved a crack in the karst plateau, which was further deepened by the river with its flow over millions of years. The path also leads through areas where the original railway line had to be carved into the rock, and then we turn left at the signpost. Soon we descend to the village of Botač. There is an opportunity to rest and have refreshments in the local restaurant, which is open from Wednesday to Sunday (info on tel. 0039-40-227-083, also in Slovenian language) and to cross over to the Slovenian side of the border.

The Friendship Trail sign shows how close the Glinščica runs to the national border. The sign was created at a time when the inhabitants tried to bring together the solid and tightly closed border between Yugoslavia and Italy.

The path continues along the course of the river, towards Boljunac. Soon a view of a 40-meter-high waterfall opens up, which freezes in the bitterest cold. The view of the pilgrimage church of St. Marije na Peče, then the path leads to Boljunac, where the wilderness ends and "civilization" begins, and with it the information center of the nature reserve.

The fauna is diverse. Although this environment is karst, rare reptiles and amphibians have settled along the river. Researchers have recorded over 130 species of birds, deer, chamois, rabbit, squirrel, vole, fox, shrew, lynx, ermine and other animals. Many caves and caverns are home to bats, especially horseshoe bats, which are also a symbol of the Nature Reserve of the Glinščica Valley.





Period:

Spring and autumn

Undiscovered nature

Did you know that Slovenian Istria and Karst region have much natural sights to offer. From unique slovenian coast only 46,6 km long, to Karst region. Slovenia is a karstic land, and it was the Slovenian Karst that lent its name to karst landscapes and phenomena across the world, for it was here that scientists first explained numerous karst features. At the moment there are about 8.000 caves in Slovenia.

Price per person and day	Half board in a double room
Grand Hotel Bernardin 5*	from 71,00 €
Hotel Histron 4*	from 53,00 €
Vile Park 3* Premium	from 46,00 €
San Simon resort 4*	from 46,00 €
San Simon resort 3*	from 39,00 €



Lake Cerknica

Included in the price:

welcome drink, rich buffet breakfast and dinner, free entry to the hotel indoor swimming pool with heated seawater, free entry to the Casino Portorož, free parking, free Wi-Fi.

Supplements:

- Tourist tax: € 2,50 per person/day
- Registration cost: € 2,50 per person
- Single room supplement

Programme suggestions:

- Visiting Cerknica lake and Rakov Škocjan Valley
- Visiting Lipica stud farm and Skocjan caves
- Visiting Škocjan bay and Purissima garden

Prices are valid for a min. 30 people, min. 3 nights, longer stays possible.



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Rakov Škocjan



Karst edge



Bled

Included in the price:

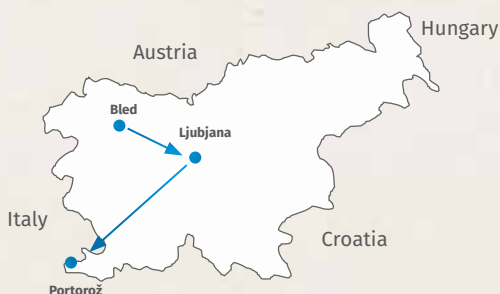
Stay in a 4* hotel, welcome drink, 4 x half board (rich buffet breakfast and dinner), WiFi, free parking.

Additionally included services:

free entry to the hotel indoor pool with heated sea water (Coast), free entry to the Casino Portorož, free entry to the hotel indoor pool (Bled), free parking in Portorož, WiFi.

Supplements:

- ▶ tourist tax: € 2.50 per person/night in Portorož
€ 3.13 per person/night in Bled
- ▶ registration costs: € 2.50 per person/stay,
- ▶ single room,
- ▶ parking in Bled (central parking lot).



We reserve the right to change prices, programs and taxes.

Period:

March-June and October-November

Alps & Sea

Bled and Portorož

Slovenia is a small country nestled between the Alps and the Adriatic sea, whose countless natural and cultural treasures will surprise you at every step. Bled is one of the most beautiful alpine resorts in Europe, with a picturesque glacial lake and a medieval castle enthroned on the imposing rock above. In less than two hours, you arrive at the Adriatic sea and Slovenia's 43 km long coast, that will charm you with its medieval towns, smell of salt and lush green hinterland.

Price per person

Package 4 nights in a double room

Hotel ★★★★★

from **260,00 €**

Programme recommendation:

1st day: Arrival in Bled. A leisurely walk around the lake in the afternoon.

2nd day: Sightseeing of Bled and a traditional Pletna boat ride around the lake and to Bled Castle, then a boat trip to the island. In the afternoon, time for coffee and the famous Bled cream cake in a cafe by the lake. On request, an evening of traditional Oberkrainer music (3 hours) at the hotel.

3rd day: Sightseeing in Ljubljana: Drive to Ljubljana - the capital of Slovenia - and explore the city. Drive to Portorož in the afternoon.

4th day: From the coast to the hinterland - our path leads us through the typical Šaurin landscape into inland Istria, to the village of Krkavče. We will visit the living museum of Vrešje and take a look at the Church of St. Michael. Then we head to a local winemaker for a wine tasting, olive oil tasting and lunch.

5th day: Departure

Ring the Famous Wishing Bell on the Island

Ride the traditional Pletna boat to Bled Island and climb the 99 steps to the Church of the Assumption of Mary. Take a deep breath, close your eyes and ring the wishing bell. Enjoy the view of the lake and the island from the 52 m high bell tower.



Experience

Period:
March-June and October-November

From Pannonia to the Adriatic

Ptuj-Portorož

Slovenia is a country that has so much to offer. Visit Pannonia: a landscape that will inspire you with its vast plains, hills and vineyards; and the Coast: seaside views, exploration of famous underground caves, culinary delights in wine-growing areas - a land you should definitely visit

Price per person	Package 4 nights in a double room
Hotel ★★★★★	from 250,00 €

Programme recommendation:

- 1st day: Arrival in Ptuj. Time to visit the old town in the afternoon.
- 2nd day: Jeruzalem Wine Route: Drive through the longest wine route in Slovenia. Unforgettable views of the vineyards, visits to wine cellars with tastings of wine and local dishes. Visits to local craftsmen (straw weavers, wood carvers, millers, pumpkin seed oil pressers, master potters).
- 3rd day: Sightseeing in Ljubljana: Drive to Ljubljana - the capital of Slovenia - and explore the city. Drive to Portorož in the afternoon.
- 4th day: Panoramic boat trip along the Slovenian coast: Drive through the bay of Piran and past Izola in the direction of Koper. On request, we may take a break and visit a place of your choosing. Alternatively: Sightseeing in the coastal towns by bus and on foot, with wine tasting.
- 5th day: Departure

Ptuj - Slovenia's oldest city, nestled between vineyards and the Drava river. Ptuj is an ancient city full of new experiences. The castle, which towers over the city and its oldest wine cellar, offers a view of one of the most colourful carnival events in the world with the traditional Kurenti, whose uniqueness has even been recognised by UNESCO.



Ptuj

Included in the price:
Stay in a 4* hotel, welcome drink, 4 x half board (rich buffet breakfast and dinner), WiFi, free parking.

Additionally included services:
free entry to the thermal park in Ptuj, 1 entry per day to the Flavia sauna world (max 2 hours) in Ptuj, free entry to the hotel indoor pool with heated sea water (Coast)

- Supplements:**
- ▶ tourist tax: €2.50 per person/day,
 - ▶ registration cost: € 2.50 per person/stay,
 - ▶ single room.

Prices are valid at min. 30 people, longer stay possible.



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Wine tasting

The price includes:

Welcome drink, 4 x rich buffet breakfast and dinner, free entrance to the indoor pool with heated sea-water, Wi-Fi, free entry to Casino in Portorož, free parking

Programme suggestion:

- ▶ **Panoramic tour** (10-14h) through the bay of Portorož to Piran with a picnic on the boat.
- ▶ **Taste of Istria:** drive inland, tasting of the olive oil, wines and typical Istrian lunch.
- ▶ **Culinary adventure through Brkini:** Visit of the undiscovered region Brkini. We'll seek out one of the many local farms that provide an unbelievably varied offer of products, we will try some of the famous fruits and then we will have a typical lunch.
- ▶ **Supplements:**
 - ▶ tourist tax: € 2.50 per person/day,
 - ▶ registration cost: € 2.50 per person,
 - ▶ single room supplement.

**Prices are valid at min.
30 people, longer stay possible.**

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Period:

April, May, September, October

Taste Istria

Experience the fusion of the Istrian and the Mediterranean cuisines. Taste the Mediterranean during the boat cruise and convince yourself of the deliciousness of freshly prepared fish. During the next days let yourself be seduced by the picturesque Istrian inland and Karst area and taste the best Karst ham and other typical local products. A noble drop fits directly out of the wine cellar.

Price per person	Package 4 nights in DBL
Grand Hotel Bernardin 5*	from 340,00 €
Hotel Histria 4*	from 256,00 €
Hotel Salinera 4* / San Simon 4*	from 228,00 €
Hotel Salinera 3* / San Simon 3*	from 184,00 €
Hotel Vile Park Premium 3*	from 208,00 €



Truffles

TIP

A little autumn advice: In the middle of Istria: Truffles and History

A visit to Hrastovlje. In the middle of the village that was built on the Karst's edge, stands the walled-in Church of the Holy Trinity. The frescos inside the church portray the famous dance of death and transport us to the mystical Middle Ages. After that, we'll learn about the culinary treasures of Istria - the truffles - and let ourselves be seduced by their aroma and taste.

Period:

March-June, September-November

Undiscovered wine paradise

Whether white or red, lusciously aromatic, powerful, full-bodied or light, dry or sweet - everyone will find their favourite variety in the 3 Mediterranean wine-growing regions! In Goriška Brda, the famous Slovenian winemakers produce excellent white wines such as Ribolla Gialla, Chardonnay, Sauvignon, Pinot Blanc and Pinot Gris, as well as world-famous reds, such as Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. The Karst region is home to the local Teran variety, which - thanks to the special red Karst soil (Terra Rossa) - has a very full taste. In Slovenian Istria, which is primarily famous for the white Malvazija (Malvasia) variety, the red Refošk (Refosco) variety is also an excellent choice.

Price per person	Package 4 nights in a double room
Grand Hotel Bernardin 5*	from 264,00 €
Hotel Histron 4*	from 196,00 €
Hotel Salinera 4* / San Simon 4*	from 176,00 €
Hotel Salinera 3* / San Simon 3* / Hotel Vile Park 3*	from 152,00 €
Hotel Vile Park Premium 3*	from 168,00 €



Grape harvest

TIP



Grape harvest (end of August, September):

Autumn is the time of the grape harvest. Since the winemakers are very busy at this time, they are happy to welcome a pair of helping hands. You take a bus to a small village in the hinterland, and are then brought to the vintner by carriage. There, you will learn everything about the typical local wines, as well as enjoy a tasting. This will help with the grape harvest, as those who work hard must also eat and drink well!



St. Bernardin Resort, Vile Park Premium

Included in the price:

Welcome drink, 4 x rich buffet breakfast and dinner, free entry to the hotel indoor pool with heated sea water, WiFi, free entry to Casino Portorož, free parking.

Programme suggestion:

- ▶ **Goriška Brda (Collio) wine region (all-day):** Drive through the Vipava valley to Goriška Brda. Visit a local wine cellar with wine tasting.
- ▶ **Karst and Štanjel (all-day):** Drive to the Karst region, visit the village of Štanjel. Enjoy a tasting of local specialties (Karst prosciutto, cheese, etc.) and the local red Teran wine.
- ▶ **Slovenian Istria (half-day):** Visit coastal towns (Piran & Koper) and the Vinakoper wine cellar (half-day) with an included wine tasting.

Supplements:

- ▶ tourist tax: € 2.50 per person/day,
- ▶ registration cost: € 2.50 per person,
- ▶ single room.

Prices are valid at min.

30 people, longer stay possible.

History
and
culture



Minorite Monastery

Included in the price:

welcome drink, rich buffet breakfast and dinner, free entry to the hotel indoor swimming pool with heated seawater, free entry to the Casino Portorož, free parking, free Wi-Fi.

Supplements:

- ▶ Tourist tax: € 2,50 per person/day
- ▶ Registration cost: € 2,50 per person
- ▶ Single room supplement

Programme suggestions:

- ▶ Visiting Grado and Aquileia
- ▶ Visiting Trieste and Castle Miramare
- ▶ Visiting Opatija and Lovran

**Prices are valid at min. 30 people,
3 nights.**

Period:

All year long

Following the footsteps of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy

Did you know that Portorož, Grado and Opatija have something in common? They were all part of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy, and destination number one for enjoying sea air. In that time staying at the seaside was considering as healthy. This was the first modern tourism in this area.

Price per person and day	Half board in a double room
Grand Hotel Bernardin 5*	from 66,00 €
Hotel Histrion 4*	from 49,00 €
Vile Park 3* Premium	from 44,00 €
San Simon resort 4*	from 44,00 €
San Simon resort 3*	from 38,00 €



Mosaics and Inside of Basilica di Aquileia



Lovran



Grado and Aquileia:

Grado is a unique city, joined to the mainland by a narrow strip of land and surrounded by tiny islands that form its lagoon. The beaches are renowned for their fine sand, and the ancient baths of its hot springs make it the ideal destination for those who seek relaxation. But Grado offers many surprises also for those who love art and architecture. A few kilometers farther is Aquileia, the ancient Roman city declared a World Heritage site by UNESCO. A visit to the important archaeological area is a must, as is the Basilica of Santa Maria Assunta, with its impressive mosaic floor that is one of the most complex and best preserved in the world.



Trieste and Castle Miramare:

Trieste is a grand little city with plenty to see and do if you'd like to visit Italy for a day. Once owned by the Austro/Hungarian empire it has a definite identity that is neither completely Italian or Slovenian. A jewel on the Adriatic, Trieste is surely a city you'll want to add to your list of places to visit. A trip to Trieste is not complete without a visit to the magnificent Miramare Castle, built by the Archduke Ferdinand Maximilian so that the Commander of the Imperial Navy could gaze out at the often turbulent blue seas of the Adriatic.



Opatija and Lovran:

Opatija, a charming coastal town with a rich history and culture, has many fantastic locations, impressive monuments, well-manicured parks and magnificent villas that are waiting to be discovered. Enjoy Opatija with its churches, villas and well-tended parks. Visit the Croatian Walk of Fame and the small harbour known locally as Portić, and take a picture with the famous statue of the Girl with the Seagull. After visiting Opatija you can visit Lovran as well. Lovran is one of the oldest coastal settlements on the eastern shore of Istrian peninsula. According to one legend, the town was created when the Roman patrician and statesman Marcus Vipsanius Agrippa built his summer residence on the site in the first century AD.



Included in the price:

Welcome drink, 4x rich buffet breakfast and dinner, free entrance to the hotel indoor pool with heated sea water, Wi-Fi, free entrance to the Casino Portorož, free parking.

Program suggestion:

- ▶ **Full day excursion to Sveta Gora** (Holy mountain with monastery and Way of the Cross) and visit of Franciscan monastery with church. Then drive to Goriška Brda and visit of a wine cellar with wine tasting (optional).
- ▶ **Full-day excursion to Brezje-Marija Hilf**, Slovenia's most famous pilgrimage destination with a stay in Ljubljana. Tour of Bled with the island church and castle.
- ▶ **Full day excursion with a visit to the Venetian town of Piran** with its 9 churches and **possibilities for a mass in the St. George's Cathedral**. Continue to Strunjan to **Pilgrimage Church of St. Mary of the Vision** and to **Koper to the Cathedral of the Assumption**.

Supplements:

- ▶ tourist tax: €2.50 per person per day,
- ▶ registration cost: €2.50 per person,
- ▶ single room.

Prices are valid at min. 30 people, longer stay possible.

Period:

March to June, October, November

Slovenia - country of churches

Pilgrimage prepares the body and soul for a new start. Follow in the footsteps of religion and explore the mighty religious architecture in Piran, which dates back to the Venetian period, and the valuable cultural and historical monument, the Holy Mountain, which combines the elements of late Gothic and Renaissance. Last but not least, the pilgrimage to Brezje is of great importance for the Slovenes, because even nowadays many walk to Brezje after a promise. Parish pilgrimages are a beautiful event that can connect the parish even more and mentally deepen both the connection of the individual and the entire community.

Price per person	Package 4 nights in double room
Hotel Histria ★	from 200,00 €
Hotel Salinera 4 ★	from 180,00 €
Hotel Salinera 3 ★	from 152,00 €



Alternative program: Full day excursion to Aquileia (formerly important city of the Roman Empire). Since 1998 it has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site thanks to its important archaeological site and magnificent mosaics. In addition to the largest and best-known mosaic in the Basilica S. Maria Assunta from the 4th century, you can admire numerous other mosaic finds from Roman and early Christian times in Aquileia.



Period:

From Good Friday till Easter Monday

Happy Easter!

The olive branch and the Easter egg are the symbols of the Easter holidays. Get to know the tradition of this festival and enjoy the Easter atmosphere by the sea. During the Easter week, a rich animation program takes place at the Slovenian coast... numerous Easter events, markets and special program in all our resorts. Last but not least: Easter is considered the prelude to spring.

Price per person	Package 3 nights in double room
Grand Hotel Bernardin 5*	from 291,00 €
Hotel Histrion 4*	from 219,00 €
Hotel Salinera 4*	from 171,00 €
Hotel Salinera 3*	from 138,00 €



Included in the price:

Welcome drink, rich buffet breakfast and dinner, free entrance to the hotel indoor pool with heated sea water, Wi-Fi, free entrance to the Casino Portorož, free parking, animation program.

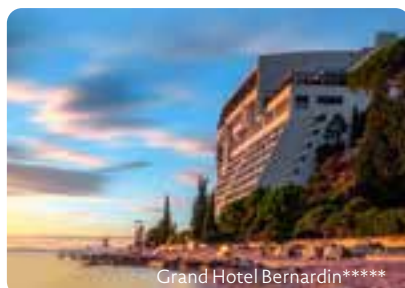
Program suggestion:

► **excursion to the olive grove in Strunjan with a meal.** We are expecting you in the olive grove in Strunjan; we welcome you with a typical home-made brandy followed by buffet lunch with „bruschetta“ (fried bread with olive oil and garlick), cheese plate, marinated anchovies, fried cod filet, potato salad, polenta and bread with olives, and one glas of red or white wine (Refošk or Malvazija). It is time for the game „Cut the Easter Egg“, by throwing a coin into it.... Farewell gesture is that you receive an Istrian Easter egg and an olive branch to take home.

Supplements:

- tourist tax: €2.50 per person per day,
- registration cost: €2.50 per person,
- single room.

**Prices are valid at min.
30 people, longer stay possible.**



Did you know?

Easter egg games are part of many Easter celebrations with the family. The practice of coin-tossing is one of the oldest Easter traditions in Slovenia and varies from region to region.

Festives



Grand Hotel Bernardin****

Included in the price:

Welcome drink, rich buffet breakfast and dinner, free entrance to the hotel indoor pool with heated sea water, Wi-Fi, free entrance to the Casino Portorož, free parking.

Supplements:

- ▶ tourist tax: € 2.50 per person per day
- ▶ registration cost: € 2.50 per person,
- ▶ single room.

We suggest you:

- ▶ Fantazima in Koper
- ▶ Christmas market in Portorož
- ▶ Christmas market in Ljubljana
- ▶ Christmas market in Trieste with beautiful Miramare castle

Prices are valid at min. 30 people, longer stay possible.

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Period:

28.11.-22.12.

Advent magic by the sea

Advent has a special charm, especially if you spend it in one of the beautifully decorated towns. Discover how contemporary fairy-tales intertwine with the legends of the past.

Price per person	Half board in double room
Grand Hotel Bernardin 5*	from 64,00 €
Hotel Histria 4*	from 48,00 €



Foto Manuel Kalman

Christmas Market in Portorož



Koper

TIP



- ▶ St. Andrew's fair in Gorica: the fair has been held since medieval times and is dedicated to the patron saint of Old Gorica - St. Andrew. It holds place on weekend before first Monday in December.
- ▶ Fantazima: One of the most well-known Christmas Markets in Koper "Fantazima".
- ▶ Visit of the Christmas Market in Ljubljana and fairytales Bled or Postojna caves.

Period:

29.12.-2.1.

Start the new year with the scent of the Mediterranean

Be tempted by the festive Portorož and Piran

It would be nice to celebrate the longest night of the year in a different way - by the sea: on the last days of the year 2024 there will be a very special festive program in our hotels: festive events with live music, dance evenings and vocal concerts will take place every evening. Traditional Istrian delicacies are waiting to be tasted at the Christmas market in the Bernardin Lagoon.

Welcome the new year 2025 in a cozy atmosphere, with gala dinner, varied entertainment program and live music.

Price per person	Package 4 nights Double room/ Single room
Grand Hotel Bernardin 5*	630/750 €
Hotel Histron 4*	498/618 €
Hotel Salinera 4*	422/566 €
San Simon 4*	422/566 €
Hotel Vile Park Premium 3*	416/516 €
Hotel Salinera 3*	374/454 €
San Simon 3*	390/518 €

Suggested program:

- Visit the **nativities in the churches of Piran** or enjoy the **festive mood in Koper or Ljubljana**,
- Visit to the **living nativity scene in the Grotto of Postojna** (until 30.12.).



Portorož

Included in the price:

Welcome drink, rich buffet breakfast and dinner, free entrance to the hotel indoor pool with heated sea water, Wi-Fi, free entrance to the Casino Portorož (except on 31.12.), free parking.

New Year's Eve Program:

- **hotel animation,**
- **31.12. New Year's Eve dinner with music and dance,**
- **drinks at New Year's Eve dinner** (aperitif, 1 bottle of wine and 1 liter of mineral water for 2 persons, 1 glass of sparkling wine),
- **01.01. Brunch till 12 noon,**
- **on 01.01. New Year's dance in the hotel.**

Supplements:

- tourist tax: € 2.50 per person per day,
- registration cost: € 2.50 per person


Prices are valid at min. 30 people, 3 nights.

Something different



1. Culinary adventure through Brkini

Brkini is an area yet to be discovered by tourism, where we'll take a journey of discovery. First we'll go along the Fruit-Trail, towards Prem, where we'll take a look at the medieval castle and stroll through the picturesque little village. Then it's off to nature. Looking for good food we'll take a short break and try the famous fruits of Brkini. Next, we'll seek out one of the many local farms that provide an unbelievably varied offer of produce, and eat some good hearty food.

 Full day trip

2. Pure nature Škocjan bay & Purissima


Škocjanski zatok or Škocjan bay Nature Reserve is a Mediterranean wetland covering 122 hectares, and at the same time the largest brackish marshland in Slovenia. This is a wonderful place to go for a trip, a walk or a jog. It has also an interesting educational trail.

 Half day excursion



3. Slovenian Karst

Tour to Sežana and visit of the Botanical Garden. There are 198 interesting species of wood and more than 100 exotic potted plants from all over the world. Among the most beautiful trees in the park include the blue Lebanon cedar, the coffee tree and the Bornmüller fir. Afterwards a visit to the production of karst ham or a visit of a wine cellar and tasting of excellent wines. Return journey.

 Full day excursion

4. Excursion into the past of Istria Hrastovlje – Kubed

On this trip we get to know the life in the hinterland of Istria. First we visit Hrastovlje. In the center of the small village, which was built on the verge of the karst, stands the walled Holy Trinity Church. The mural paintings on the inside of the church represent the famous dance of the dead and take us back to the mystical Middle Ages. After visiting the church, continue to Kubed, a small Istrian village built around a fortress. A short walk takes us back to the time of the Turkish invasions and the power struggles around the Adriatic coast. We end the day with a wine tasting and a small authentic snack of Istrian specialties.

 Full day excursion






5. Vipava Valley – Vipavski križ

Travel by bus to the Vipava Valley. The Vipava Valley offers incredible views of vineyards and orchards. The picturesque town of Vipava lies in the middle of the valley and is characterized by the river of the same name, which has its source in the city. We continue to Vipavski Križ, where we will visit the Capuchin Monastery and the old library. The perfect way to finish the day is to visit one of the many winemakers where you will be expected for a wine tasting.

 Full day excursion

6. Goriška Brda – Šmartno

A drive to the western region of Slovenia in the winegrowing region Goriška Brda, which is famous for small picturesque villages, vineyards and orchards. On the way, make a short stop at the 23 m high lookout tower in the village of Gonjače, where you can climb up to see the whole region and the surrounding area up to the Vipava Valley, the Karst, Friuli in Italy, the Dolomites and the Julian Alps. Afterwards we visit the medieval village Šmartno. In Goriška Brda you can enjoy a leisurely lunch or visit a well-known wine cellar of the region. After a successful trip with many beautiful impressions you come back to Portorož.

 Full day excursion



7. Let's make traditional pasta!

Embark on a scenic driving tour to the beautiful Karst region, where you will have the opportunity to learn how to make traditional "fuzi" pasta during a hands-on cooking class. Afterward, explore the fascinating world of apiculture with a visit to an exhibition dedicated to beekeeping on the Karst. Indulge in a tasting of local honey. and immerse yourself in the rich cultural heritage of this unique area

 5 hours

Min: 4 pax

Max: 12 pax (one group in morning time) + 12 pax (one group afternoon)

8. Krkavče: from the sea to the hinterland

The path leads us through the typical Šaurin landscape into the interior of Istria, to the village of Krkavče. On the way there, we first take a look at the famous Krkavče stone, which reminds us of the village's rich history. We'll continue on foot to the small village that is picturesquely built on a rock and amazes visitors with its beautiful narrow streets and stone houses. The path leads us to the living museum of Vrešje and the Church of St. Michael. We end the trip by visiting a local winemaker and enjoying a wine tasting, olive oil tasting and having lunch.

 Full-day trip






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9. Cerknica Lake and Rakov Škocjan

Lake Cerknica is one of the largest intermittent lakes in Europe. It appears every year on the Karst plain, caught between the Javorniki hills and the Bloke plateau on one side and Mount Slivnica on the other. During the dry season, the lake disappears, which enables paddling, fishing, hiking or grass mowing in the same area in just one year. The lake normally stays on the Cerknica plain for about eight months a year. Water usually spreads over the surface of 20 km, but at its fullest, the lake covers a surface of aprox.26 km. When full, Lake Cerknica becomes the largest lake in Slovenia.

 Full day excursion

10. Bike to truffle hunt!

Delightful truffle hunt demonstration in the picturesque coastal countryside of Slovenian Istria, where you will have the opportunity to join experienced hunter and her trusty truffle dogs in search of these prized culinary treasures. Perfect reward, while biking to the countryside and exploring surrounding villages and vineyard. Enjoy the fresh air, stunning views, and delicious truffle-infused cuisine that this region has to offer, while having another perspective from the bike!

 6 hours

Min: 6 pax

Max: 35 pax



11. The Karst Plateau: Bee-Keeping Trip

The special location of the Karst plateau offers a unique climate that makes the honey produced here very special. The indigenous Carnica bee feels truly at home here, which we'll be able to see when visiting the local bee-keepers. The bee-keeper will give us an insight into his work and let us try his products. This will be followed by lunch and a visit to a stonemason's workshop, which is quite a rarity nowadays, but in the past, every village had several such workshops.

 Full-day trip

12. Herbs on the Karst – Tour and workshop

Spices have always helped people, only the knowledge about them is slowly getting lost. But not on the Karst Plateau! There we will visit a beautiful spice garden and a typical karst house. We are told what spices are good for and how to prepare them. You will taste, smell and enjoy!

 Half day excursion



The Classics



1. THE CAVES OF POSTOJNA

📍 160 km

🕒 Half day excursion

Departure from Portorož is either in the morning or in the afternoon. The drive to Postojna takes about an hour. The tour of the caves lasts an hour and a half.



2. LIPICA STUD FARM

📍 130 km

🕒 Half day excursion

Departure from Portorož at 12.30 pm. Drive to Lipica (approx. 1 hour) to visit the stud farm of the Lipizzaner horses and dressage. Arrival in Portorož at approx. 6 pm. Only the visit of the stud farm (without dressage) is possible every day either in the morning or in the afternoon.

Dressage May to September only Tue, Fri, Sun



3. LJUBLJANA and BLEĐ

📍 400 km

🕒 Full day excursion (up to 10 hours)

Departure from Portorož is at 08.00. In the morning we visit Ljubljana, the charming capital of Slovenia. Then we continue to the alpine region, to Bled. In Bled we visit Bled castle with a magnificent view of the lake and the surrounding mountains, and the castle museum. After lunch we have free time to enjoy Bled, either walking along the lake, or taking pletna boat ride to Bled island or a horse-drawn carriage for a ride round the lake. We return to Portorož at about 7 p.m.



4. TOUR OF ISTRÁ

📍 200 km

🕒 Full day excursion (up to 10 hours)

After crossing Slovenian-Croatian border we drive along the coastal road to Poreč, well known historic site and tourist centre in Croatian Istria. Sightseeing of Poreč includes also the visit to Basilica of St. Euphrasius, which boasts some of the oldest ancient Christian mosaics in Europe. After a short coffee break we travel to Rovinj, where we explore the sights of the oldest town and have time for lunch. In the afternoon we drive through the Istrian Hinterlands to the typical Istrian fortified town Motovun. We have a short photo stop before we return back to hotel.



5. TRIESTE AND THE MIRAMARE CASTLE

📍 100 km

🕒 Half day excursion

Departure from Portorož is at 08.00. After a short-guided tour of Trieste there is some free time to explore the city. Then we drive to Miramare castle surrounded by a beautiful park and famous botanical gardens, a noble former residence of Archduke Maximilian of Habsburg. There is an Entrance fee if you visit the interior of the castle.



6. EVENING ON THE TOURIST FARM

30 km

Evening

In the early evening we drive past salt fields Sečovlje and Portorož airport to Dragonja valley to reach the village Dragonja. At the tourist farm the owner welcomes us with homemade brandy and local ham (prosciutto) and accordion music. Then we have typical dinner including bean soup, baked meat, potatoes, salad and dessert). And half-liter of wine and mineral water comes with the meal. After this pleasant evening with music and local entertainment you may visit the farm's wine cellar, where you can purchase local wine and spirits.



7. VISIT TO WINE CELLAR AND WINE TASTING

30 - 40 km

3 hours

Drive to the wine cellar of your choice, either in the village Dragonja or in the town Koper. You visit the wine cellar first and then you have wine tasting of your choice: Situated in the magnificent nature of the Slovenian Istria, in the middle of the Piran Bay.

* Vinakoper: With less than 50 persons on Sundays and public holidays, the price will increase by 100%.



8. PANORAMIC CRUISE WITH PICNIC ABOARD

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3 hours (10 am to 2 pm)

min. 30 person

The boat departs from the main pier in Portorož at 10.00h and returns at 14.00h. You cruise along the bay of Piran towards Izola, passing by Piran and Izola. You may make a short stop at one of these towns. Picnic lunch is served aboard (grilled fish and wine). In summer bathing from the boat is possible.



9. SLOVENIAN ISTRIA, LAND AND SEA

35 km

Full day excursion

We start our outing from Strunjan .

First we walk through the olive grove and we get to know the tradition and work involved in growing olives, like how to use the traditional »baligo«, an apron, when olive harvest begins. Then we stop for »Marenda«, local snack, beginning with a local aperitif, followed by »Bruschetta« (roasted bread with garlick and olive oil), Mediteranean salad, »Ombola« (pork steak with polenta and tomato sauce), olive bread, roasted vegetables, and cheese. And local wine is served with the meal (Refošk-red or Malvazija-white). Then we continue to Izola to embark the ship ECO 2 and sail along Strunjan bay and shellfish farm there. On the ship we meet a shellfish expert from the company Prosub, who will explain us the methods of shellfish breeding and growing mussels. When we sail along we taste mussels »alla busara « and enjoy a glass of local wine. We reach the pier of Strunjan at about 4 p.m. where the coach is waiting for us to return to the hotel.



10. **OLIVE HARVEST**– only in October/November

 **70 km**

 **Half day excursion**

Your local tour guide will lead you past the salt fields and the Portorož airport, and through the Dragonja valley to the ethnological museum “Tonina Hiša” in the village of St. Peter. Once there, you will have a choice of many activities, including a tour of an olive press. Afterwards, the bus will take you through the hinterland to Koper and then down the coast to Izola. Upon arriving at the olive grove, you will be greeted with homemade spirits. After this welcome, the olive picking begins in the traditional fashion. Your hard work you will be rewarded with a typical snack accompanied by wine. At the end of the day, every participant receives a certificate from the Union of Olive Growers of Slovenian Istria.



11. **HISTORY OF OLIVE OIL**

 **40 km**

 **3 hours**

– min. 25 person

Departure from the hotel to the hinterland. Visit of Tonina hiša (ethnological museum) and oil press. Explanation of modern olive oil production and tasting of olive oil and other olive products. Last but not least, a homemade snack with glass of wine.



12. **Sip and snap**– in Koper

 **2 hours**

Min: 6 pax

Max: 40 pax

Join on a unique and unforgettable tour of Koper, where you can sip on cocktail or mocktail along the walking tour of Koper. The guide will take you through the history and cultural sites of the old city center, but also show you perfect spots to take a picture or selfie in a special photo frame. Perfect to bond over shared experiences and have an insight of the beauty of Koper.



13. **THE SLOVENIAN ISTRIA**

 **130 km**

 **Full day excursion**

Departure from Portorož at 8 am (with local guide). Visit of Piran, a picturesque medieval town near Portorož. Followed by a trip to the saltpans and a visit to the Salt Museum. Lunch on a farm in the village of Dragonja. We drive to the ethnological museum in Sv. Peter. We continue to Hrastovlje to visit the medieval church. On the way back maybe a short break in Koper, arrival in Portorož at approx. 7 pm.

Note: The Salt Museum can not be visited in rainy weather or when the ground is muddy. Alternatively, the “LERA” saltpans can be visited.

Events calendar



01

JANUARY

- ▶ Traditional New Year afternoon with firework – **Portorož**
- ▶ New Year's jump into the sea – **Portorož**
- ▶ Run from border to border – **Lucija**



02

FEBRUARY

- ▶ Valentine's weekend – **Portorož and Piran**
- ▶ Refuscu Mundi (International festival of Refosco wine) – **Izola**
- ▶ Grand Prix Izola (International bike race) – **Izola**
- ▶ Carnival party– **Slovenian Istria**
- ▶ Carnival - Venice – **Muggia, Cerknica**

03

MARCH

- ▶ Festival of the Malvasier – **Portorož**
- ▶ Run: Let's connect the salterns – **Piran, Portorož**
- ▶ Restaurant's week – **Slovenian Istria**
- ▶ Orto giardino (flower festival), 1. - 9.3.2025 – **Pordenone**
- ▶ Trieste in fiore – **Trieste**
- ▶ Trail along the Karst slopes – **Križ pri Sežani**
- ▶ Karst marathon – **Sežana**

04

APRIL

- ▶ Culinary walk of Istrian delicacies – **Piran, Portorož**
- ▶ Istrian marathon – **Piran, Portorož, Izola, Koper**
- ▶ Easter market at Tartini Square – **Piran**
- ▶ Horti Tergestini – **Trieste**
- ▶ Spring Cup – International sailing regatta – **Izola**
- ▶ Eastern regatta – **Bay of Piran**
- ▶ St. George's Day (the patron saint of Piran) – **Piran**
- ▶ Orange wine Festival (International festival of macerated white wines) – **Izola**
- ▶ Olive oil and chard festival – **Padna**
- ▶ Art exhibition – **Trieste**
- ▶ Istrian marathon – **Ankaran, Koper, Izola, Portorož**

05

MAY

- ▶ Nautica Marina Portorož – international boat, beauty and luxury show – **Portorož**
- ▶ Pandolo of the Mediterranean sea – **Piran**
- ▶ Traditional May regatta of the old boats – **Portorož**
- ▶ PortoRose2 – Rose & Rosé Festival– **Portorož**
- ▶ Refosco festival – **Marezige**
- ▶ Artichoke Festival – **Strunjan**
- ▶ Olive, wine and fishing festival – **Izola**
- ▶ Cherry festival – **Goriška Brda**
- ▶ Port day – **Koper**
- ▶ Art exhibition – **Trieste**

06

JUNE

- ▶ International Film Festival "Cinema Otok - Isola Cinema" – **Izola**
- ▶ Summer Museum Night – **Slovenian Istria**
- ▶ MIFF – International Folklore Festival – **Piran**
- ▶ FENS Festival – International Music Festival – **Koper**
- ▶ Art exhibition – **Trieste**
- ▶ Altroke Istra Gourmet Festival – **Slovenian Istria**

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07

JULY

- ▶ Salt grain – Childrens festival – **Piran**
- ▶ Eurofest – European Handball Festival – **Koper**
- ▶ The descent of the princess from the church tower – **Piran**
- ▶ Summer festival – **Piran**
- ▶ MSS Melodies of the sea and the sun – **Portorož**
- ▶ Music Festival Izola – **Izola**
- ▶ Summer festival Piran – **Piran**
- ▶ Wine and garlic festival – **Nova vas**
- ▶ MareziJazz – **Marezige**
- ▶ Altroke Istra Gourmet Festival – **Slovenian Istria**
- ▶ Squid fest – **Koper**

08

AUGUST

- ▶ Day of the dolphins – **Piran**
- ▶ Summer nights of Portorož – **Portorož**
- ▶ Fishing Festival – **Izola**
- ▶ Cuban Salsa Festival – **Koper**
- ▶ Tartini Festival of classical music – **Piran**
- ▶ Saltern Festival – **Piran**
- ▶ Basil Festival– **Izola**

09

SEPTEMBER

- ▶ Exhibition Ex-tempore – **Piran**
- ▶ Regatta Piranja, Windsurf and Sup Contest – **Piran**
- ▶ Neptune Baptism – **Piran**
- ▶ Festival of Slovenian film – **Portorož**
- ▶ European Mobility Week – **Slovenian Istria**
- ▶ I feel Slovenia Iron Man 70.3 – **Slovenian Istria**
- ▶ Tourism day – **Portorož**
- ▶ Chili Festival – **Izola**
- ▶ International Festival of Sweet and Baked Goods – Sweet Istria – **Koper**
- ▶ Altroke Istra Gourmet Festival – **Slovenian Istria**
- ▶ Frivolus - Street artists festival – **Koper**

10

OCTOBER

- ▶ FEMF Festival of European and Slovenian Film – **Piran, Portorož**
- ▶ Istrian cycling marathon – **Slovenian Istria**
- ▶ Halloween Regatta – **Portorož**
- ▶ Festival of the legend of IZOLA – **IZOLA**
- ▶ Chestnut Festival – **Dragonja**
- ▶ Barcolana – **Trieste**

11

NOVEMBER

- ▶ Days of architecture – **Piran**
- ▶ Martini Festival – **Slovenian coast**
- ▶ Persimmon Festival – **Strunjan**
- ▶ Andrew's Fair – **Gorizia**

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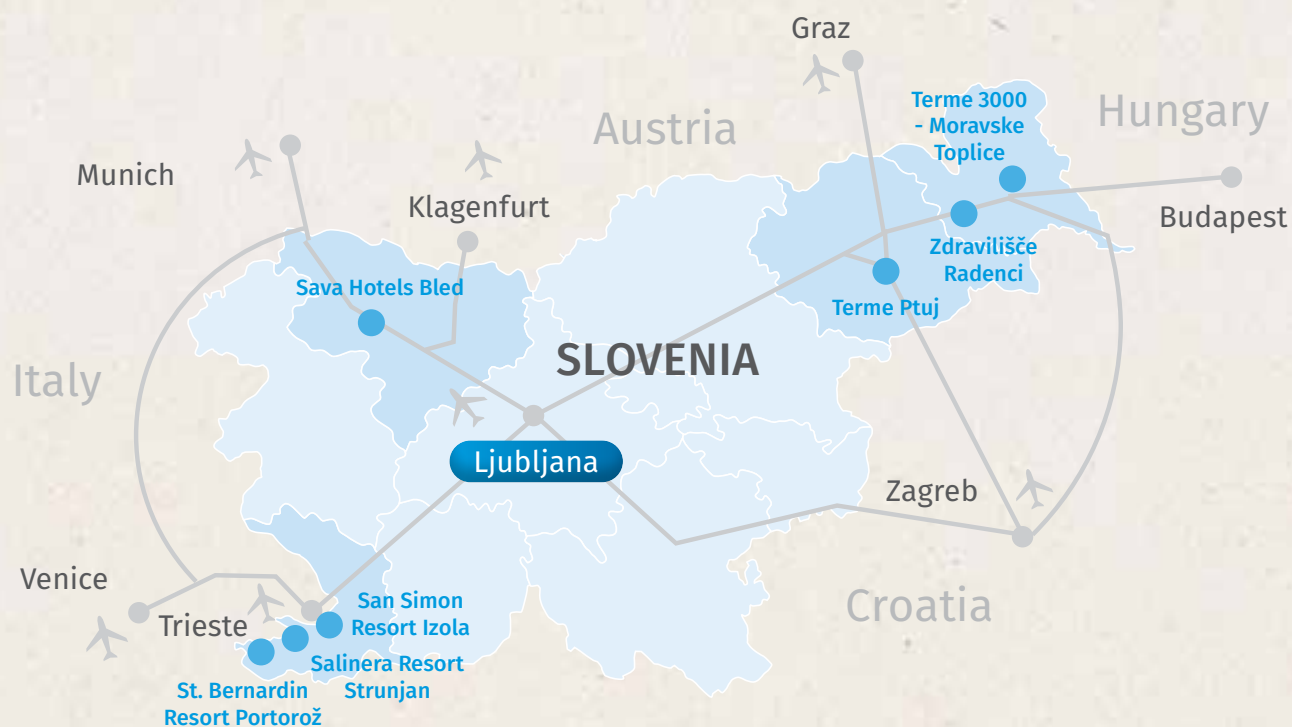
DECEMBER

- ▶ Turning on the Christmas lights and opening the Christmas markets – **Slovenian Istria**
- ▶ Traditional Christmas and New Year's Eve concert – **Slovenian Istria**
- ▶ Nativity scenes in the churches of Piran – **Piran**
- ▶ Champagne Festival – **Portorož**
- ▶ New Year's Eve – **Slovenian Istria**



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