EXCURSIONS from Rijeka

RIJEKA CITY TOUR

Half-day excursion / 2-3h tour - Guided visit of Rijeka city center, a city most famous for being the most important port and harbour in Croatia. Rijeka has a very complimentary geographical position: located on the north of Adriatic coast, surrounded by hills and mountains, near the border with Slovenia and Italy. This makes it perfectly located to spend time on the beach and enjoy the Mediterranean climate in the mountains, all in the same day. Cultural features of Rijeka are numerous, with many historical sights and buildings, and industrial historic highlights like the first torpedo launch-station in the world. Visit of the Governor’s palace with permanent exponants of the Maritime Museum. Possible to have lunch in one of city central restaurants.

TRSAT TOUR – Rijeka outskirts

Half-day excursion / approx. 2-3h tour - Trsat is located outside of Rijeka center, situated on a steep hill overlooking the entire city and its outskirts. Trsat castle stands on the site of an old Roman fortress built in the first half of the 13th century by the Frankopan family. It was strategically significant location throughout Rijeka history. Tour of Trsat fortress will be guided by local guide. Afterwards, short guided visit to the Trsat church and sanctuary, which is the home of Franciscan monks. The Sanctuary of the Blessed Virgin Mary is the most significant sanctuary in Kvarner area dedicated to Mary, and the oldest in Croatia. Mary’s Trsat has become, at the international level, the most recognized Croatian sanctuary in the triangle Nazareth-Trsat-Loreto.

Trsat tour is often combined with Rijeka city tour to get the full experience!

OPATIJA TOUR

Half-day excursion / approx. 3h tour – Opatija is a small, pittoresque town on the coast of Kvarner bay, with the longest tourism tradition in Croatia. This small town is often called „Nice“ of the Adriatic, due to its renesanse „feel“ and beautiful location.
below Učka mountain. Its beautiful nature, parks, old Austrian villas and architecture and famous seaside promenade “Lungomare” attract tourists from all around Europe and the world. Guided tour of Opatija and most important sights, including the beautiful Angiolina garden.

**MOŠĆENICE VILLAGE TOUR**

Half-day excursion / approx. 3h tour - Located on the top of the hill near Učka mountain, medieval village Mošćenice is a maze of narrow cobblestoned passages, arches and stairways. Visit the baroque style church of St. Andrew, the ethnographic museum and stop at the old olive grinding mill. Although the mill is not active, it represents a unique piece of the town and its history. During the guided tour, we offer schnapps tasting to experience the local specialty. Take some photos from town's lookout which offers a spectacular view over Kvarner Bay and the small, surrounding villages. Possible to have lunch in a nearby restaurant serving delicious, traditional, homemade meals.

Opatija tour is often combined with Mošćenice village tour to get the full experience!

**ISLAND KRK TOUR – Krk town tour and Vrbnik winetasting**

Full day excursion / approx. 7h tour. Guided visit of Krk island, biggest Croatian island. Arrival to the town of Krk, guided tour of the town including a walk among mediterranean-style streets, below the cathedral and the bell tower surrounded by typical Mediterranean landscape. Visit of the first Tropical Aquarium in Croatia, located in Krk town. Afterwards, drive through wine-roads to Vrbnik, a town famous for high-quality local wine production, called „Žlahtina“. It is situated on a cliff that rises steeply to 50 meters above the sea. Snack & wine tasting in a local restaurant, serving domestic specialties. Return to Rijeka with bus.
ISLAND KRK – Krk town, Monastery on isle Košljun and Vrbnik winetasting

Full day excursion / approx. 7h tour. Guided visit of Krk island, biggest Croatian island. Arrival to the town of Krk, guided tour of the town and including the walk among narrow mediterranean-style streets, below the cathedral and the bell tower among typical Mediterranean landscape. Bus drive to the small town of Punat, from where we can start our guided visit to the little isle Kosljun, and visit the Francisian Monastery. Afterwards, drive among wine-roads to Vrbnik, a town most famous for production of high-quality local wine called „Zlahtina“. It is situated on a cliff that rises steeply to 50 meters above the sea. Late-lunch and wine tasting in local family-owned restaurant, serving domestic specialties.

ISTRIA EAST COAST – Labin tour and Rabac beach

Full-day excursion / approx. 6h tour. Bus drive from Rijeka to Labin, approx. 1h drive. Tour of small and colorful town of Labin, located on a hill overlooking Istria inland. Guided visit of the National Museum in Labin, with coal-mine replica. Bus drive to Rabac, a small fisherman town on the east coast of Istria, famous for beautifull pebble beaches. Free time for enjoying the Adriatic sea, swimming and sunbathing. Bus drive back to Rijeka.

ISTRIA EAST COAST – Labin tour and Histria Aromatica theme park visit

Full-day excursion / approx. 6h tour. Bus drive from Rijeka to Labin, approx. 1h drive. Tour of small and colorful town of Labin, located on a hill overlooking Istria inland. Guided visit of the National Museum in Labin, with coal-mine replica. Bus drive to a nearby theme park Histria Aromatica. Full guided tour of the estate and Mediterranean plants and scents: lavender, rosemary, immortelle, sage, marigold, chamomile, olive trees and wineyards. Time for a meal in the Histria Aromatica restaurant, tasting of the local food specialties, grown on the estate. Possibility to buy cosmetic products made out of local herbs. Bus drive back to Rijeka.
**ISTRIA WEST COAST – Pula tour and winetasting**

Full-day excursion / approx. 7h tour. Bus drive from Rijeka to Pula, approx. 2h. Tour of the town of **Pula** with the local guide, most important sights and historic monuments. After the tour through the town center, visit of the Roman amphitheater „Arena“, which is the best preserved ancient monument in Croatia. „Arena“ amphitheater is one of the most visited sights in Croatia, and it is one of the most famous amphitheatres in the world. After sightseeing, wine tasting in Pula area winecellars, to explore the rich tastes of Croatian wines. Bus drive back to Rijeka.

**NATIONAL PARK BRIJUNI – Safari tour**

Full-day excursion / approx. 8h tour. Bus drive to Pula and then a boat ride to the **National park Brijuni.** It is a group of two larger and twelve smaller islets along the West coast of Istria, near Pula. The Brijuni Archipelago is known for its preserved Mediterranean vegetation, which is partly landscape and partly a safari park. The archipelago is noted for its valuable cultural heritage from the Roman and Byzantine times. Due to its extraordinary beauty, the Brijuni Islands have been, a favourite tourist destination of world statesmen and aristocracy. Excursion includes a boat ride to the biggest island of the archipelago and its sightseeing: ride by tourist train, visit to the remains of the Roman villa rustica from the I century B.C. in the bay of Verige, and the safari park tour - which breeds many animals species. The tour also includes visits to the Church of St. Germain with permanent exhibition of copies of frescoes and Glagolitic writings from Istra. Return to Pula by boat, and bus drive back to Rijeka.
ISTRIA WEST COAST – Rovinj and Poreč tour

Full-day excursion / approx. 8h tour. Bus drive from Rijeka to Poreč, less than 2h drive. Arrival to Poreč, a town with rich history and one of most famous tourist destinations in Istria. Visit of Euphrasian Basilica in the old town center, part of UNESCO World Heritage Site. Short bus drive to Rovinj, one of the most developed seaside destinations in Croatia, with picturesque ambience of the ancient town. It is surrounded by pine forests and archipelago of 22 islands and islets. Free time for coffee-break and a walk among the beautiful Mediterranean style streets, filled with many art galleries and shops. Return to Rijeka by bus.

ISTRIA INLAND – Motovun and Hum tour

Full-day excursion / approx. 7h tour. Bus drive to Istria inland and visit a town most famous for truffles – Motovun. Guided tour of the town and best preserved medieval fortress of Istria peninsula, developed on top of a steep hill. Short drive to another Istria inland highlight, the world’s smallest town acknowledged by Guinness World Record – the town of Hum. This unique, medieval town is also famous for its indigenous schnapps prepared out of mistletoe, Biska (tasting included). Optional: lunch in a local family-owned restaurant, serving traditional meals and Istrian specialties.
**ISTRIA INLAND – Motovun tour with Brandy & jam tasting**

Full-day excursion / approx. 7h tour. 1h bus drive to Buzet (Istria inland) to experience local *Istrian brandy and jams* manufacturing process and possibility to taste more than 15 different types of brandy and homemade jams. Specific detail in this offer is that all of brandies and jams are made out of wild plants and fruits that grow in Istria. Tour includes guided visit of the distillery cellar in Istria inland, in which all the specialties are manufactured. Tasting is included in this gourmet tour. After the tasting, guided tour of a town most famous for truffles – **Motovun**, with best preserved medieval fortress of Istria peninsula, developed on top of a steep hill.

**PLITVICE LAKES NATIONAL PARK**

Full day excursion / approx. 8-9h tour. Approx. 2,5 h bus drive to NP Plitvice Lakes, and max. 3h tour of the park. Guided visit and tour of **National Park Plitvice Lakes**. Plitvice Lakes are a part of UNESCO World Heritages and one of the world's most famous waterfalls. It is one of the oldest national parks in Southeast Europe and the largest national park in Croatia, consisting of total 16 smaller and bigger lakes, interconnected with waterfalls, each with beautiful azure, blue, gray and green color shades. Visit of the National Park includes a boat ride and small train ride inside the park, to reach both lower and upper lakes. Possible to have lunch after the tour, in a local restaurant near Plitvice with homemade food specialties.
RAFTING OR CANUING ON KUPA RIVER

Full-day excursions / approx. 7h tour. Rafting has become one of the popular sports lately. For a creative adventure-like rafting or canuining, some pre-knowledge is necessary. In the village called Brod na Kupi in Gorski Kotar after a short introduction you will be prepared to experience rafting or canuining along the river Kupa. Entire tour is guided and supervised by experienced adventure guides. All necessary equipment is provided on the spot, but it is suggested to arrive in sports-outfit. Possible to have lunch after this adventure-experience in the nearby local restaurant.

GORSKI KOTAR - FUŽINE, BAJER LAKE AND VRELO CAVE

Half-day excursion / approx. 4-5h tour. Fužine is small town surrounded by picturesque mountains, the silence of evergreen woods and the beauty of Bajer lake. Guided tour includes visit of the town Fužine and walk along the constructed walkways at Bajer lake shore. Possible to have a short drive with a touristic-boat and tour the lake. After the walk, visit the local cave „Vrelo“ which was re-decorated and illuminated in 1998., and is accessible even for the disabled, because there are no stairs. Free time for coffee or to try the blueberry strudel, which is a local specialty in Fužine area.
**POSTOJNA CAVES / SLOVENIA**

Full day excursion / approx. 8h tour. The tour begins by bus ride from Rijeka to the world-famous **Postojna caves** (2h drive). Upon arrival, visitors are taken for a tour by a special cave train, accompanied by experienced guides and can admire their beauty under electric lighting. Postojna Cave is a network of 20 kilometres of passages, galleries and chambers into which experienced guides have accompanied more than 35 million visitors in the last 188 years. It is the largest cave in the “classic karst” and the most visited show cave in Europe.

**LIPICA STUD ESTATE / SLOVENIA**

Full-day excursions / approx. 8h tour. The tour starts with a bus drive to the **Lipica Stud Farm** in Slovenia, approx. 1,5h drive from Rijeka. It is the original farm of one of the oldest cultural horse breeds – the Lipizzaner. This particular farm is the oldest European stud farm breeding a single breed of horse. In 1996, the Lipica Stud Farm was declared a cultural monument of outstanding importance for the Republic of Slovenia. The protected territory of the Lipica Stud Farm, consists of a cultivated Karst landscape, a herd of horses of Lipizzan breed and the architectural and art heritage. We offer an excursion which includes guided tour of Lipica Stud Farm and insights in the training of the Lipizzaner. This is a possibility to see how horses and their riders train for the performance in the show. It is a special insight into the work with the best stallions of Lipica. Also possible to arrange a carriage-ride on request. Bus drive back to Rijeka.