

Romantic Mediterranean
ROVINJ • ROVIGNO



English

Tourist guide



ROVINJ – FACTS AND FIGURES

Population: 14.294 | **Town Area:** 77,71 sq km | **Population Density:** 183,3 inhabitants per sq km | **Official Language:** Croatia and Italian | **Geographic Position:** latitude: 45°01'; longitude: 13°38'; east of Greenwich | **Climate:** Mediterranean (January 5°C to 9°C, August 25°C to 30°C) | **Sea Temperature:** above 20°C (June – September) | **Average Annual Sea Temperature:** 16,6 °C | **Sunny Hours per Year:** 2.393,3 | **Coastline Length:** 67 km | **Protected Area:** 2,289 hectares (coastal area and the islands)



Rovinj-Rovigno, romantic Mediterranean

On the magnificent coast of Istria (Croatia), right below the Lim Fjord, is the most romantic place in the Mediterranean! The town of Rovinj is the right destination for all of you seeking a sentimental atmosphere of the times that have forever gone by. In the Mediterranean, you can find it here, in the town that has begun its romantic life on an island, its restricted area resulting in crowded houses, narrow streets and small squares, still untouched by modern urbanism. On the seaside, the town is protected by a high rocky shore and house walls built on cliffs, while the mainland side is protected by solid walls. The town is dominated by the baroque St. Euphemia's Church, its 60-meter tower providing a view of grey and red rooftops and chimneys, streets and squares, the port and pier with ships and boats, and the marina harboring yachts. This unique old town core, the 67-kilometer shoreline, 2,289 ha of protected green surfaces and improved park forests, 16 islands, islets and reefs, make this town unique. Built upon a rich fishermen's tradition, it has become distinctive for its unique boat called *batana* and its songs *bitinada*. Its beauty was particularly appreciated by artists who have painted the most beautiful motifs here and exhibited them on Grisia, the street of artists.

This is place providing endless options – walks in wonderful nature, sport and recreation activities, sailing, diving, climbing, biking, discovering hidden beauties, cultural antiques, archeological sites and culinary specialties, all combined with accommodation in high-quality hotels, tourist resorts and camps providing numerous possibilities for a pleasant holiday, wellness delights, business conferences and sporting activities.

Romantic and mysterious, yet full of options for an unforgettable time, Rovinj has become and will remain a town you want to revisit.



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MEET ROVINJ

CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL SIGHTS

ROVINJ HISTORIC CORE

Seen as a whole, it forms a unique urban contour, which shows clear features of Venetian architecture, which is why many refer to Rovinj as 'little Venice'. However, the geomorphologic features of the Rovinj island hill and the already-built Late Antique and Medieval substrate have not allowed the full development of the Venetian typology in the Rovinj historic centre with the most important public buildings built around the main square (aka. *Platea magna communis*). The Rovinj historic core reveals a clear historical and social matrix, almost exclusively in the function of residing. In its most valuable architectural and urban structures, it clearly points to a middle class which, due to the high economic growth during the 17th and 18th century, could invest in urban construction. The most obvious evidence of this construction and urban upswing is the reconstruction of a new bell tower and construction of a new and larger Baroque parish church.

Numerous external staircases and stairs, porches, porticos and inner courtyards, blind alleys, cisterns, roof terraces, attics and numerous 'chiaroscuro' effects, thanks to the 'plastic' decoration of portals, windows, balconies and roof cornices, are a special and striking feature of the Rovinj urban core.

CITY PALACE WITH THE OLD CITY HALL

The beginning of the construction of the new Municipal Palace next to the walls and St. Damian's Gate dates back to 1308. That stretch of the walls was later moved to the north hosting the so called Old Fish Market Gate. There is a prosaic reason behind the gate name: fish was sold on the newly created little square.

Numerous conversions, upgrades, and the interpolation of the Municipal Palace were made in the following centuries until 1822, when the gate of St. Damian (named after the little church on the nearby square) was demolished clearing the path to the historic core. As the façade was also reconstructed then, today we see it decorated with a beautiful Baroque portal, coats of arms of Rovinj prefects mounted in 1935 and, over the portal, the coat of arms of the town of Rovinj (red cross on a white/silver shield) and the Venetian lion (16th c.) presented "in maestà" and "in moleca", with the usual inscription PAX TIBI MARCE EVANGELISTA MEUS (Peace be upon you, O Mark, my Evangelist). In the atrium of the Municipal Palace there is a modest lapidarium with inscribed plates and coats of arms of Rovinj prefects and prominent families.

The Rovinj Hall on the first floor once stretched from the gate of St. Damian to the neighbouring building where the Venetian prefect lived, as seen from the inscription placed on the façade of today's building (Matteotti Square No. 2). A beautiful Renaissance fresco stretches along one wall of the Hall. It was restored together with the Hall in 2004. The fresco was commissioned by prefect Scipione Benzono in 1584.

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TOWN CLOCK

The town clock tower built in the mid-19th century (part of the clock mechanism comes from the old late 18th c. town clock). The tower was reconstructed in 1907 when the 15th century Venetian lion was mounted on the façade, having stood until 1843 on the external façade of the bridge Tower. Its unusual motto is now almost unreadable: ALLIGER ECCE LEO TERRAS MARE SIDERA CARPO = "Look at the winged lion, grabbing territories, seas, and stars".

TOWN WALLS AND GATES

Like any other urban centre, Rovinj was also surrounded by walls: first, there was a walled *castrum* around the first parish church at its very top. The first modest early medieval town walls, reconstructed in the 12th century, were fortified in the late 16th century during the Uskok War. The town walls used to have six gates, of which the Balbi's Arch / the Old Fish Market Gate, Under the Wall, St. Benedict, St. Cross, and Behind the Fortress Gate are still standing.

Today, just as in the past, the Rovinj urban centre is surrounded by high and solid walls and can be entered through several town gates. If you are on the main town square, then you need to pass through the Balbi's Arch.

BALBI'S ARCH

The Baroque 'Balbi's Arch' was erected in the period from 1678-1679 during the administration of prefect Bernard Barbaro on the site of the Old Fish Market Gate, which has always been the entrance into the island's historic core within the walls. The Venetian lion (late 15th century) was mounted on a triangular pediment above the lintel with the unusual inscription *VICTORIA TIBI MARCE EVANGELISTA MEVS* (Victory be upon you, O Mark, my Evangelist). Not only is the inscription unusual, but so is the very sculpture of the lion – the genitals of Venetian lions were rarely shown. Ever since the construction of the town walls, this has been the main town entrance. The arch

was named 'Balbi's' much later. In the 1870s, prefect Francesco Almoro Balbi added the coat of arms of his family to this arch. Moreover, he had the plate from the adjacent building stripped down (No. 3 on Marshal Tito Square) and put in the very centre of the arch. The plate marks the construction of the granary in 1680 under prefect Daniele Balbi's administration.

CENTRE FOR HISTORICAL RESEARCH OF THE ITALIAN UNION

It was founded in 1968 on the initiative of the Italian Union for Istria and Rijeka (today – the Italian Union), with the aim of investigating and presenting the history of the indigenous Italian national community in its historical residence. In addition, the basic theme of its research activity is the regional history of Istria, Rijeka, Kvarner, and the area of the former Venetian Dalmatia. The Centre also publishes series in Italian, with summaries in Croatian and Slovene (about 300 volumes until 2015): *Atti, Collana degli Atti, Quaderni, Monografi, Documenti, Ricerche sociali, Etnia, Fonti*, and the bulletin *La Ricerca*. Through cultural and historical confrontation and dialogue, the Centre has greatly enriched the historiography of the abovementioned regions and areas and especially the history of the Italian national community now living on the territories of the Republics of Slovenia and Croatia.

The Research Library of the Centre has more than 110,000 volumes and is fully



computerised. Since 1995 it has had the status of the Depository Library of the Council of Europe, with a special section on human and minority rights and environmental protection. It also has a valuable collection of geographical, topographical, and military maps and drawings, images and panoramic views from the 15th century until the present day. In the Middle Ages (until the 18th century), the Centre building was the headquarters of one of the town's Fontika (granary). In 1872, it also hosted the facility of the newly opened Rovinj Tobacco Factory.

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THE ANTONIO GANDUSIO THEATER

The building which now houses the 'Antonio Gandusio' theatre was built in 1854 on the coastal area of Valdibora constructed during the first half of the 19th century. Until the end of WW2, the ground floor of the building, then called *Rubineo*, was used by a fish market and butchers shop, while a large town hall was located on its first floor. In 1865, the hall was converted into a theatre with simple neoclassical façade lines and interesting interior. One of the oldest Istrian theatres was reconstructed in 1923 and named 'Antonio Gandusio', after one of the greatest comedians of the Italian 'Novecento' born in Rovinj in 1873

(died in Milan in 1951), who himself performed in this theatre on several occasions. The popular 'Gandusio' theatre has remained the home of local and national theatre companies as well as a cinema since 1990s.

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CHURCHES

CHURCH OF ST. EUPHEMIA

This Venetian Baroque building and the largest monument in the city was restored between 1725 and 1736. The outside length of the church is 51.11 m and its width is 30.26 m. The central nave is 17.71 m high, whereas the other two are 10.11 m high. At the site where this impressive church stands today, the Chapel of St. George (Sv. Juraj) had been located until the 10th century. St. George remained the co-patron of the parish. His statue decorates the main altar of the parish church. When in 800 the sarcophagus containing the body of the Christian martyr Euphemia was brought into the city, the citizens of the surrounding settlements came to visit the tomb of St. Euphemia. The construction of the bell tower started on December 3, 1651 when the founding stone was placed. It was constructed according to the architectural design by Milanese architect Alessandro



Church of St. Euphemia



Church of St. Frances

Monopola. It should have been just like the one of the Church of St. Mark in Venice. The construction lasted 26 years. The large copper statue of St. Euphemia, by the Vallani brothers from Maniago, was set up at the top of the bell tower in 1758 where a wooden statue destroyed by thunder in 1756 used to be. The statue was fixed so that it turns on its bearings around its axis by the strength of wind. It was restored thoroughly in 1834 after being severely damaged by thunder.

› [Trg Sv. Eufemije bb](#)

FRANCISCAN MONASTERY

After the settlement had spread to the mainland across the canal (from 1650), the need for a better care to local inhabitants arose. In 1702, the construction of the church and the hospice started. The church was finished and blessed in 1710, and consecrated in 1750. In the meantime, the hospice was declared a monastery in 1746. The monastery complex (with a library, a refectory, a dormitory and a pair of spacious cloisters) was expanded in 1878 with the construction of the new eastern wing, the so-called *Professorium*. The complex is an urban cloister adapted to both monastic life and the life of the wider community. It significantly contributed to the urbanisation of that part of the town. At the founding anniversary of the monastery in 2002, held on the Feast of St. Francis, the monastery collection of valuable paintings and statues, which also includes

valuable books (and two herbariums, from 1756 and 1887, respectively), as well as the antiphonaries, the chasuble and a large number of liturgical items were renovated. The works of art include the painting 'Crucifixion' by a 17th c. Baroque painter, the 18th c. 'Holy Family', a 16th c. Italo-Cretan icon and another Italo-Cretan icon from 1686. Among the statues are the Renaissance marble statue of the 'Madonna and Child', and a marble statue of St. Jerome Giovanni Bonazze (Venice, 1654-1736).

A simple façade with a statue of Titular in a niche above the portal makes the east side of the eponymous square (the stone cross above the entrance to the monastery was erected in 1855). The first plan of the church was influenced by the Renaissance style, while later reconstructions, before the consecration in 1750, made it a part of the so-called neo-Palladian churches.

The church has a spacious rectangular nave with a tunnel vault and a triumphal arch in a presbytery form. The main altar has a baldachin and a tabernacle in the form of a tempietto. The altar also has organs built in 1908 by Riegel brothers from Jägendorf (Austria). The paintings on the walls of the presbytery are the work of Rovinj painter Antonio Macchi (1897-1981) and show the evangelists with their symbols (on the right: John = eagle, Luke = ox; on the left: Mark = lion and Matthew = angel) and the saints: St. Clara and St. Anthony, St. Elizabeth, the Queen of Portugal, and St. Luc, the King of France. The arch of the apse depicts the singing figure of St.

Francis, painted *a secco*, underneath which the lyrics of his famous song *Cantico delle creature* are painted in fresco. The apse was painted in 1928 by Carlo Donati from Verona (1874-1949).

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ROMANESQUE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

The heptagonal Romanic church is one of the most significant monuments of Rovinj. The inner circular space has seven niches and a round dome covered by a conical roof. The beautifully conserved window transenna, depicting 'Golgota' with the figures of Madonna, St. Magdalene, St. Peter, John the Baptist, and John the Evangelist, is a true work of art. Service is not held in the church which has become a gallery.

› *Trg na lokvi bb*

CHURCH OF OUR MOTHER OF MERCY

The exact date of its construction is unknown, however it is known that it was consecrated in 1487. Based on the inscription 'Scip. Benz. P. 1584', i.e. Scipione Benzon Podesta 1584 that includes a nobility coat of arms, we can conclude that it was restored in 1584. The church contains valuable carved wooden benches made in the Late Baroque style and numerous votive gifts hanging on the walls of the church, bearing significance to the history of maritime activity in Rovinj. According to the tombstone on the floor, Countess Elisabetta Angelini-Califfi, known as 'the mother of the poor', was buried in this church on December 13, 1762.

› *Carducci bb*

CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT

This small church is located at a small square surrounded by high buildings. This square and the street bear the same name Pod lukovima. The Gate of St. Benedict, known today as Vrata na obali, is located close by. The church was built in the 14th century and the monks from the monastery situated on St. Catherine's Island (Otok Sv. Katarine) came to serve in this church. The holy mass is held once a year, on the occasion of St. Benedict's Day.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

In the middle section of St. Cross Road (Ulica Sv. Križa) there is a little medieval namesake church featuring an elegant loggia, which preserves a small collection of stone monuments and inscriptions. Prefect Francesco Baffo had the church built on the rocky beach outside the town walls in 1592 (his coat of arms is carved on the entrance door lintel). The church was restored at the beginning of this century and is nowadays used as an atelier.

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS

The medieval church of St. Thomas was reconstructed during the years 1722-1723, which later spread over the vaulted street area between the church and the Field on the Hill (Poljana na brijegu). Even today the church is entered from the upper level via an external staircase. It is not used for liturgy, but as a venue for Rovinj Art Programme / RAP / organised by the Rovinj Heritage Museum.



ORATORY OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

This area was created in 1940 after the medieval little church of Our Lady of Mercy, dating from 1482, was demolished. With its back wall, the church leaned against the building which ground floor housed the first Rovinj workhouse (Ospitale), founded in 1475. It was active until the mid-19th century at the initiative of the *Madonna del Campo* fraternity. There was a rather small oratory on the first floor. Upon the reconstruction of the building in 1940, and the demolition of said church, a new and spacious Oratory was erected, dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows. A statue of Our Lady is located in a niche of the altar moved from the old church. The plates on the façade of the Oratory tell the story of the construction of this complex.

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN OF HEALTH

In the final part of Vladimir Švalba Street, at the beginning of a short climb, on the left, there is a church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Health built in 1779. The church was built to the design of the architect Simone Battistella who also designed the town cisterns in Piran and Vižinada. The church boasts valuable canvases, while the altarpiece is a copy of the painting from the famous Church of Our Lady of Health in Venice.

CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW

The church is situated in the northern rural area of Rovinj, on the edge of a fertile valley,

at the foot of the hill bearing the same name. It is one of the larger one-nave Romanic field churches in Rovinj. The interior of the church is distinguished by a wooden transenna horizontally dividing the section for women and the section for men. The altar painting presented St. Bartholomew, the titular of the altar and the church, as well as St. George and St. Euphemia, the patron saints of Rovinj.

CHURCH OF ST. CHRISTOPHER

This church is one of the more significant Romanic one-nave field churches in Istria not only due to its location on the edge of the fertile *Basilica* valley (top.) on a slightly elevated terrain (the church lies on a live rock) with a view towards south stretching to the church and the bell-tower of St. Euphemia, but also due to its distinct lateral façades enlivened by the motif of *lesenes* ending with blind arches (6). The small protruding apse is covered with limestone plates (locally: *škrilje*). Along with the images of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Elijah the Prophet, the altar painting also presented St. Christopher the Titular. Until 1869, the church portal included an architrave with two lions and four animal heads on a rustic bas relief. The church was desecrated a long time ago and last restored in 2000.

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Situated at the foot of the hill bearing the same name, this church is one of the most significant Istrian field churches. We are





Town Museum

speaking about a pre-Romanic building from 8 - 9 century. The original building had a cross-shaped ground plan with three protruding apses covered with limestone plates (locally: *škrilje*). The mere crossing was elevated and connected with its lateral arms by way of openings of the semicircular arches. There was a rectangular structure over the central section. The bell-tower of the church is exceptionally rare, annexed during the medieval period alongside the northern wall. During the 16th century, the church was reduced to a one-nave space and cut short on its western side. The excavations disclosed the original paving of the northern arm of the crossing and several fragments of the window transenna and the altar partition (pluteuses, beams and capitals). The altar painting presented the resurrected Redeemer and St. Thomas.

CHURCH OF ST. DAMIEN

This small church is halfway between Palud Wetlands and St. Damien's Cape. It was largely devastated so it now looks like a parallelogrammic building with no roof and facade. According to its styling characteristics, it was created between the 11th and 12th centuries, during the Romanesque era.

MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

ROVINJ – A CITY OF PAINTERS

The Rovinj Art Colony and a number of exchanges of exhibitions, organized in cooperation with other museums and galleries, take place in exhibition spaces of the Rovinj Native Museum in July. A special treat for the eyes and the soul is The Grisia, a traditional art event that has been organized for decades on the second Sunday in August along the street bearing the same name. The old city abounds in numerous medieval churches, many of which are used by painters as their exhibition spaces and ateliers.

ROVINJ-ROVIGNO TOWN MUSEUM

It is located in a Baroque palace of the counts of Califfi from the 17th/18th century. It was established in 1954 at the initiative of Rovinj fine artists. Their idea was to establish a place where cultural wealth could be stored, as well as a place where numerous exhibition activities could be held.

The first director of the museum was artist Zora Matić. The wishes of the founders have determined its contents and activities to these days. The museum operates in the public interest in a twofold role - as a city gallery



and a place where more valuable items from the rich museum collection are permanently exhibited: archaeological exhibition, maritime section, collection of works by old masters, contemporary Croatian art and Alexander Kircher's room. During its 50-year-long existence, rich and valuable collections were created: collection of contemporary art (about 1500), collection of works by old masters, collection of archaeological findings, ethnological items, books, documents and photographs presenting the activities of the Pino Budicin Partisan Battalion, and other. Because of the scarcity of space and the rich gallery activity program, only a small fragment of the museum wealth is available for the visitors today.

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BATANA ECOMUSEUM AND ITS PERMANENT EXHIBITION HOUSE OF BATANA

The museum was founded in 2004 under the patronage of the Town of Rovinj and is dedicated to the traditional wooden *batàna* vessel and the memory of the Rovinj community which has chosen it as its symbol. *Batàna* mirrors the continuity of the maritime heritage and the everyday life of local inhabitants. Founded on principles of knowledge, cultural dialogue, interdisciplinary approach and multimedia, the

Ecomuseum values the Rovinj heritage and strengthens the identity and particularity of Rovinj as a place comfortable for living and a unique destination.

The interpretation and documentary centre of the Ecomuseum (with the permanent exhibition), "the House of Batana" includes an entrance counter with a souvenir shop, three gallery spaces dedicated to *batàna* and a polyvalent space on the first floor. More than 90 % of the exhibited objects were donated by residents of Rovinj. The exhibition is of a multimedia type: the short and concise accompanying texts complement the diverse visual and audio contents. A unique method of innovative new technologies was used for the purpose of documenting traditional shipbuilding skills, resulting in *slide* projections of the process of building a new *batàna* boat (2004.: "Oùn rigno", builder Francesco Budicin "Zef" /1926-2016/) and the repair of the oldest *batana* (2006: "Risorta" /from 1914/, builder Mladen Takač /1973/). By using the interactive exhibits, visitors choose their own level of information and can interactively follow the conversations of the characters of the exhibition in the indigenous language of Rovinj, and listen to the sound of typical Rovinj songs, *bitinàda* in the background.

During the summer, the small square in front of the *House of Batana* becomes a place where intangible cultural heritage is celebrated, i.e. where the *batàna* boat is built and repaired as a

cultural and touristic attraction. The experience is further enriched with cultural programmes during which, each Wednesday and Sunday, in addition to the construction or repair of the *batana* boat, visitors are offered concerts of traditional Rovinj music and local culinary specialties. Traditional launching of newly built and repaired *batana* boats done from the shore itself (the Little Pier) is especially attractive.

The art of *batana* building is entered into the Register of Intangible Cultural Heritage of the Republic of Croatia, while the Batana Eco-museum is listed on UNESCO's list of best practices for the preservation of intangible cultural heritage.

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TRANI GALLERY, WORKSHOP AND ETHNO COLLECTION – A STORY TOLD BY OLD ROVINJ FISHERMEN

In his gallery space located in the very heart of the city the author and owner Mr. Trani makes wooden models of *batanas* in various sizes. The visitors can see here over 100 exhibits – from paintings and sculptures dedicated to the fishermen and the sea, models of *batanas* and other vessels, to the old tools Rovinj shipbuilders used when making these characteristic boats. Certain tools date from over 200 years ago and are considered priceless exhibits bearing witness to the times past.

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Working hours: every day during the evening

BATANA CENTER OF VISUAL ARTS

The Batana Center of Visual Arts has operated since 1951 when it was known as the Rovinj - Rovigno Film Club. Through its activities, education and exhibitions, it popularized photography. Since 1990 it has been operating as the Batana Center of Visual Arts. The association of photographers of the Batana Center of Visual Arts organizes public performances, exhibitions, as well as educational and promotional programs through photography, projections of films, videos and information media. The Batana Photo Art Gallery operates as part of the Center, as the holder of the cultural program respected throughout Europe and the world, namely the Mundial Photo Festival.

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ADRIS GALLERY

The Gallery was opened in 2001 and since then it has hosted the exhibitions by many eminent artists such as Edo Murtić, Vlaho Bukovac, Oton Gliha, Dušan Džamonja and others.

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Gallery

GALLERIES AND ATELIER

The tradition of painting and the beauty of the city have always drawn artists to spend the summer in Rovinj or to permanently stay here. Today, several eminent contemporary artists live and work in the city. They are the members of Croatian associations of painters and have gained their reputation on numerous Croatian and international art competitions. Some of them open their work areas to public, so you can visit them and get to know them and feel the air of the creative atmosphere that surrounds them. Find the addresses of atelier-galleries on the list, also check out the web sites of these artists.

THE LIST OF ATELIER – GALLERIES IN ROVINJ:

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from 01.11. to 01.06.: by appointment

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Grisja Street

PROTECTED NATURAL HERITAGE SITES

ROVINJ ISLANDS AND THE COASTAL AREA

These natural landscapes belong to the category of 'landscapes of outstanding value' because of 2.289 ha protected green areas. 22 islands and islets. One should not be surprised to learn this, as the indented coast, holm oak, Alpine and Bruce pine forests and the special agricultural spaces amaze and capture by their beauty and level of preservation. This 'landscape of outstanding value' stretches from St. John's Cape (Rt Sv. Ivana) to Barbariga and encompasses all twenty or so Rovinj islands and islets and the coastal area up to the distance of 500 m from the coastline. The St Andrew Island (Otok Sv. Andrija), occupying an area of 23 hectares, is the largest island of the Rovij archipelago, followed by the beautiful St. Catherine's Island (Otok Sv. Katarine), a true rarity in terms of vegetation. Botanists have recorded as many as 456 plant species there.

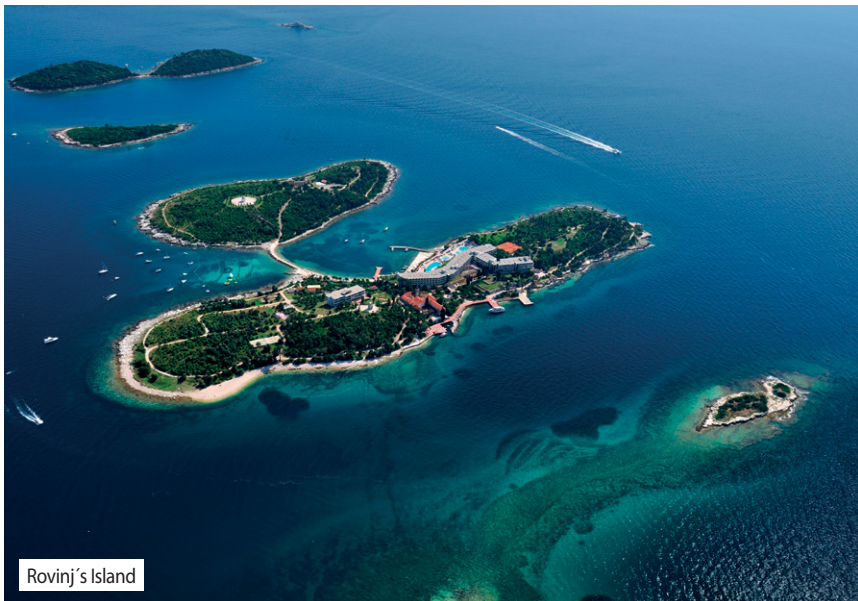
GOLDEN CAPE FOREST PARK

Among the most beautiful landscapes of western Istria is most assuredly the park 'Zlatni rt' which protects Rovinj and its harbour from

the south, and extends along the picturesque bays Lone and Škaraba, and Montauro and Punta Corrente capes.

In 1890 the Trieste entrepreneur Georg Hütterott (Trieste, 1852 – 1910) bought plots in the bays Lone, and on Montravo and Punta Corrente capes, thus starting the slow transformation of that part of the landscape into a beautiful forest park. Georg Hütterott began the process of afforestation, which resulted in a forest rich in botanical species, as well as many tree-lined paths, promenades, trails and meadows. Pine trees, cypresses and laurel trees are the most common tree types in the park. Many exotic plants (such as the Lebanese cedar, Douglas fir, Ginkgo biloba, eucalyptus, etc.) were given to Georg Hütterott as a gift, or were brought by him from his travels. In front of the Punta Corrente Meadow tall and beautiful Himalayan cedars are arranged in a six-pointed star. Hütterott must have had in his mind the uniqueness of parks of his time, especially the English landscape parks, when he planted the trees in this singular figure.

Furthermore, according to the brochure *Klimatischer Kurort Cap Aureo bei Rovigno – Istrien. Ein Projekt* published in 1908, Hütterott intended to transform 'Cap Aureo' and what he called the 'coast of the sun' into a health resort which was supposed to become one of the



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most important tourism destinations in this part of the world.

Years of care, even after his death in 1910, have transformed this area into a unique and rich natural arboretum. It was designated a protected area in 1948, and a forest park in 1961, and still has that status today.

THE PHANTASY QUARRY

Quarry is located 1.5 km from Rovinj in the Monfiorenzo (toponym) area along the Rovinj-Bale road, and is a unique example of limestone sedimentation in the world. Vertical and horizontal cross sections show layers of genetically different types of dolomite with preserved texture and digenetic and genetic characteristics. The rocks in this quarry are older than 130 million years and are used to provide a scientific explanation of similar rocks elsewhere.

PALUD SWAMP

The brackish swamp in the south of the Rovinj region spreads over 219 ha, and has fascinating flora, including several rare botanical species. The whole region is rich in fauna and flora, especially ornithofauna and water birds during the nesting, wintering and migration periods. Until now 220 bird species have been recorded. The area was designated an ornithological reserve in 2001.

SALINE BAY

Saline Bay was named after ancient small salt pans, which today have the status of natural protected areas. Especially interesting are excellently preserved old canals of the salt pans, the bay's flora, and, specifically, the sea wormwood (family Asteraceae; *Artemisia caerulescens* L.; Rov. dial. *Santuònico*), an endangered plant with healing properties.

LIM CANAL

Lim Canal is a marine reserve and has the status of a protected landscape. The canal is a 12-km-long bay, wide about 600 m at its entrance, and deep about 33 m. It's a flooded karst valley (caused by the melting of the glaciers) of the ancient paleo-Pazinčica River, created in Jurassic limestone. The river later became a subterranean river, disappearing in the Pazin Cave, while a part of it remained aboveground (drying out in Lim Valley, but mostly as Lim Canal). The diversity of the deciduous vegetation on the southern banks and the evergreen vegetation on the northern banks of the bay is a unique and rare ecological occurrence. At the end of the Lim Canal stands the Romuald's Cavern where, according to legend, lived the Benedictine monk St. Romuald (the founder of the Camaldolese order) at the beginning of the 11th century (Ravenna, 950 –



Cuvi bay



Val del Castro, 1027). In the 1970s traces of the prehistoric man, the Palaeolithic hunter, have been found: archaeological finds belonging to the Gravettian Upper Palaeolithic culture (approximately 20,000 years ago). The presence of the younger Palaeolithic hunter was

confirmed when a *Homo sapiens* child's tooth was discovered.

Along the banks of the Lim Canal stone was quarried from its numerous quarries, most of all the so-called Istrian 'biancone' (limestone from the upper Jurassic).



ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES

ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK MONKODONJA – MUSEGO

The archaeological site is situated 5km to the east of Rovinj, on the eponymous hill surrounded by a fertile plain, extending for 2.5 km to the sea. The first survey of this site was conducted in 1953-55, while from 1997 multidisciplinary international studies were directed by the Archaeological Museum of Pula, the Rovinj Heritage Museum, and the Freie Universität Berlin. Thanks to these surveys we know today this settlement was inhabited from 1800 to 1200 BC, and that around 1000 people lived in a well-organised community. The acropolis was located on the uppermost part, underneath it was the upper town, and under the upper town was the lower town. The remains of Mycenaean pottery were found for the first time in Istria precisely in Monkodonja. Owing to its position, Monkodonja was undoubtedly an important centre of communication between the Northern Adriatic, Central and Eastern Europe.

The nearby Musego Hill was the necropolis of the Monkodonja elite. Tumuli, grave mounds, were discovered here, but, while some of them were 11 meters in diameter, they yielded only modest findings. The mounds were created by carefully stacking stones, while in the middle of tumuli a stone chest, where the dead body was laid out, was placed and protected with a

stone cover. Musego is still being excavated. Both archaeological sites have all the necessary predispositions for becoming an archaeological park.

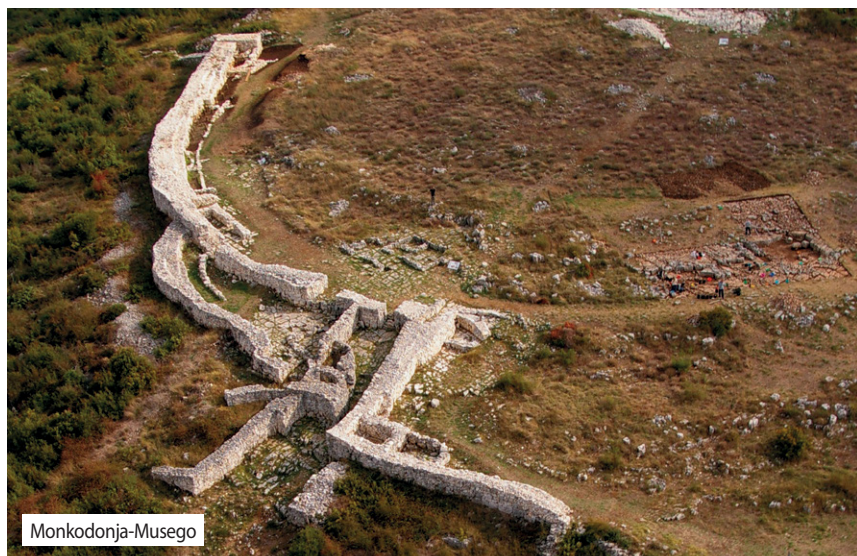
VILLA RUSTICA

The remains of the ancient Villa Rustica can be found in Cisterna Bay, around 1 km south of the Veštar Bay. Many fragments of ancient ceramics are spread across the area, especially along the shore (amforae, siphons, oil lamps...), while the remains of ancient walls disappearing into the ground in the coastal belt can be seen in several places along the shore. In the ancient times, there was an outhouse in the area surrounding the villa, that was used for processing of olives and grapes grown on the fertile plains of the hinterland. In 1991, an ancient grave dating back to the 2nd – 4th century was found right on the shore.

THE HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL ZONE AT KRIŽ CAPE, VALFABORSO, ST. EUPHEMIA, VALSALINE AND VALALTA

This Mediterranean coastal area is rich in historical and archaeological findings. The ruins of an old quarry and small natural stone basins which were used for dyeing textiles are still visible in *Valfabürso* (toponym) Bay.

Valsaline Bay was named after ancient small salt pans, which today have the status of natural protected areas. Especially interesting



are excellently preserved old canals of the salt pans, the bay's flora, and, specifically, the sea wormwood (family *Asteraceae*; *Artemisia caerulescens* L.; Rov. dial. *Santuònico*), an endangered plant with healing properties.

ST. DAMIJAN QUARRY

The remains of an ancient quarry can be found on the Cape of Sv. Damijan on the north side of Sv. Paul Bay. It is situated right by the shore and stretches over 300 m². Its lower level is almost at sea level, while the highest point is at around 7 meters, indicating that around 1000 m³ of stone blocks was extracted from the quarry.

INTERESTING HISTORICAL FEATURES

THE LEGEND OF ST. EUPHEMIA

Euphemia was the daughter of Theodora and Filofron, a senator in her native country of Caledonia. Tradition has it that she was tortured on a wheel, with fire, stones, sharp swords, rods, and beasts, and in the end she met her fate "with earnest words of gratitude" on 16 September 304 during the persecutions of Diocletian. The tale of the courageous behaviour of young Euphemia had spread like wildfire, thus already in the 4th century the magnificent basilica was

erected at her grave. In the early 7th century, the sarcophagus with Euphemia's body was transferred to Constantinople and exposed in the church erected in her honour (present-day district Kadikoy), which was destroyed by the Persians in 617.

The worship of St. Euphemia in Rovinj is based on the oral tradition, but especially the illuminated codex entitled *Translatio corporis Sante Eufemie* from the 12th and 13th century, which is now deposited in the University Library of Pula. Based on this text, which combines reality with legend, in the night of 13 July 800, at the time of iconoclasm in the Byzantine Empire, the sarcophagus with the body of St. Euphemia 'miraculously floated' to the shore of Rovinj.

People from Rovinj and Istria have always devoutly and sincerely worshiped St. Euphemia whose miracles were reported, based on the *Translatio*, from the day her body miraculously floated to the shore. The story of local people who carried the sarcophagus to the church on top of the hill makes the most beautiful part of *Translatio*.

On 18 May 1401 the ship from Venice carried the body of St. Euphemia which the Venetians returned to Rovinj after it had been stolen by the Genoese in 1379. As a result of the storm, the ship had to take refuge in the bay of Valfaborso, north of the town and not far from the church of St. Euphemia in the bay of Valsaline. Then, as tradition has it, a miracle happened - all sheep



from a nearby boat jumped into the sea and swam to the ship with the saint's body, and paid their tribute with "gentle bleating". The symbols of St. Euphemia - a lion, palm, the wheel on which she was tortured and the model of the town on her palm - are common in Rovinj depictions. On 16 September the Rovinj Church celebrates the day of St. Euphemia which is the date of her earthly death. Numerous believers from Rovinj, its hinterland and other parts of Istria have been pilgrimaging to Rovinj for centuries on that day to honour the sacred body and the relics of the martyr of Caledon.

CLIMATE RESORT MARIA THERESA SEEHOSPITZ

Owing to the patronage of the Archduchess Maria Theresa of Bregenz and her husband the Archduke Franz Ferdinand, the brother of the Emperor Franz Joseph, on May 21, 1888 in the quarter St. Pelagio on the northern Rovinj coast the Marine Health Resort 'Erzherzogin Maria Theresia' for scrofulous and rachitic children was opened. In 1908, due to the initiative of Karl Lueger, the mayor of Vienna, the building was fully renovated and expanded and became the hospital of the city of Vienna ('Seehospitz S. Pelagio der Stadt Vienna'). On that occasion, at the nearby Mucia Cape (toponym), the forest park was created and new buildings were constructed, as well as the St. Pelagia's Church with two parallel belfries. During the 20th century the hospital was an important orthopaedic institution, thanks to decades of

work of primarii Enoch Zadar (1909-1947) and Martin Horvat (1950-1972), whose name was added to that of the hospital in 1973.

GEORG HÜTTEROTT

Rovinj's society at the end of the 19th century was marked with a significant boost in economy and considerably influenced by the powerful regional centre Trieste. Georg Hütterott (born in Trieste in 1852), whose family was originally from Kassel, Germany, soon became one of the main actors of the regional business life, owing to his excellent education, travels, and being named the Japanese consul in 1879. He married Marie Henriette Keyl the same year, in 1881 their first daughter Louise Rosalie Hanna was born, and their second daughter Barbara Elizabeth in 1897. In 1890 he bought the islands of St. Andrew and Maškin, and soon after other islands in that archipelago, as well as terrains in Monte Mulini, Lonvi, Lune, Montaurro, Punta Corrente and Škarabe areas. In 1891 he had already constructed a new residence on St. Andrew's Island, after which he reconstructed the Benedictine-Franciscan monastery. His residence was soon filled with a large collection of art works, the adjacent chapel was renovated, and the process of afforestation of his estates was started. Special attention was given to the natural park 'Zlatni rt/Punta Corrente', which later became a forest park. As indicated in the brochure 'Klimatischer Cap Aureo bei Rovigno – Istrien. Ein Projekt', published in 1908, Hütterott aimed to promote medical tourism, considering



Georg Hütterott

that the Rovinj coast, climate and seawater are especially favourable for such a kind of tourism. In the meantime, while developing his business career Hütterott occupied important economic and social functions. He was knighted by Imperial Edict on November 30, 1898, and in 1905 became the lifelong member of the Upper House of the Habsburg Monarchy. Besides the yacht 'Tornado', he bought in 1864 a two-masted motorised brigantine 'Suzume'. The guest book 'Cissa Insel' demonstrates his prominence – it's filled with signatures of numerous famous guests who had visited the Hütterott family. He unexpectedly passed away in Trieste in 1910. His estates in Rovinj were inherited by his wife and daughters who continued his work even after the First World War. Unfortunately, after the Third Reich fell at the end of April in 1945, Marie von Hütterott and her younger daughter Barbara mysteriously and tragically disappeared, probably on May 30 that year. Hanna, the last member of the Hütterott family, died in Mühlau (Austria) in 1960.

COUNT MILEWSKI

Count Milewski was a nobleman of Polish-Lithuanian origin. He had a connection with the history of Rovinj since 1905 when he purchased the island of St. Katarina. Tired of his turbulent living, he sought peace in Rovinj on the island of St. Katarina where he began his peculiar solitary lifestyle. He wanted to create his own heaven on earth, but also planned to transform the island into a glamorous tourist spot, build his own

residence and provide an array of amenities for rich customers. He got to work seriously: he rented a tugboat and tow ships and brought enormous amounts of soil from the areas around Rovinj and Vrsar, spread them around the karstic terrain on the island and then enriched it by systematic foresting. It is worth mentioning that there was certain rivalry with Baron Hütterott – thanks to them, Rovinj now has one of the most beautifully wooded environments with an abundant 100-year forest on the entire Croatian coast. As he grew old, Milewski began to pave all pathways around the island to be able to enjoy pleasant strolls or cart rides around the island. He built four piers on the island and several rainwater tanks, only to proceed to build a spacious, elegant and magnificent castle in the middle, at the lowest point of the island, as well as a separate building with guestrooms in the place of the former hospice and monastery near the bell tower of St. Katarina's Church. The plan also provided for a real casino in the castle. Milewski never planned to share his island with the residents of Rovinj and restricted their access to the island, but did, however, began to build a separate bathing resort for them where the present Delfin swimming pool is. He died of a heart attack in 1926 at the age of 81.

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e-mail: dtv.rovinj@gmail.com.*



St. Katarina Island



ATTRACTION AND ACTIVITIES

ATTRACTION

BATANAS AND BITINADAS

Rovinj has always been oriented towards the sea. The centuries-old tradition in fishing has been preserved to this day when the *batana* became the symbol of co-existence of the citizens of an old city and the coastal landscape. The *batana* mirrors the customs, traditions, the language, the habits, the mentality and the spiritual atmosphere of Rovinj and its citizens. The boats are made of wood and are flat-bottomed.

The tradition of making *batanas* is inseparable from the musical tradition of Rovinj that is represented by the *bitinada*, an authentic musical expression characteristic of Rovinj folk songs. According to the tradition, the *bitinada* was created by Rovinj fishermen who spent hours on their boats fishing or repairing the nets. Since their hands were engaged otherwise,

they thought of a way to achieve top-quality orchestral performances using their own voices. This is the original way of background singing by imitating musical instruments for any song the vocalist wishes to perform. When a soloist, or soloists, perform as a duo, and intonates a selected song, the “*bitinaduri*” (the definition of the singers of that group that consists of fifteen or more members) use all their skills in imitating the sounds of instruments of a hypothetical orchestra. The particular performance most often cannot be repeated again because it is based on improvisation.

Today, Rovinj’s *bitinada* and *batana* building are on the list of protected intangible heritage of Croatia maintained by the Croatian Ministry of Culture. In summer months, guests and residents have the opportunity to witness the art of *batana* building. In the evening, in the town center on a plateau outside the Batana House museum, a Rovinj boat-builder makes



Batana boat procession



Town Harbour

a batana to be launched in late summer. In addition, guests can take part several times a week within the Batana Procession with Lanterns and Dinner in Spacio event. The procession starts with the tour of the eco-museum Batana House, it continues with a ride on batana boats around the old city core and ends with dinner and entertainment and the listening of bitinada in the traditional Rovinj's tavern – spacio Matika. The entire story about Rovinj's batana was awarded in 2007 with the Blue Flower award for the best tourist product on the Adriatic coast.

BATANA PROCESSION AND DINNER AT SPACIO

In the evening join the batana procession with lanterns. It starts from a small pier near the main square and continues along the beautiful old town to the local tavern Spacio Matika in Švalbina Street with sea entrance. Batana procession is accompanied by evocative music of Rovinj folk group Batana or Bitinaduri of the Cultural Society "Marco Garbin". A traditional dinner with fish specialties will be served at Spacio Matika.

Info and Reservations:

- › **Eco museum House of Batana,**
Obala Pina Budicina 2,
Tel. +385(0)52 812-593,
info@batana.org,
www.batana.org

GRISIA STREET

This is a street in the old town center with the greatest number of galleries, ateliers and souvenir shops in town. This street is surely one of the most recognizable Rovinj trademarks – a winding street paved in a picturesque way with playful and flashy cascading stone stairs. Since 1967, an annual art event has been organized here on the second Sunday in August. The story about 'art under the



Grisia Street

clear blue sky' – on the walls, doors, blinds, gates – the history and prehistory of curiosity, stubbornness and perseverance of a creative mind, and a confirmation of a creative eros always seeking new challenges and reaching out for another human being and space with which and through which the artist and his art can and wish to communicate.

CASTLE ON ST. ANDREW'S ISLAND

A Benedictine monastery founded in the 6th century. In the 15th century the Franciscans expanded and enlarged it. Baron Hütterott renovated it at the end of the 19th century. Today, the castle has been turned into a hotel and is decorated by works of the official painter of the Austro-Hungarian Navy, Alexander Kircher.

MINI CROATIA – AN OUTDOOR GALLERY

If you wish to get familiar with, see and tour Croatia, you no longer need a car, a train or an airplane; you only need to come to Rovinj, to the Mini Croatia Park and you will be able to get across Croatia in no longer than half an hour or a bit more. The visitors can enjoy a nice walk on an area of 5,500 sq m, passing through Dubrovnik, Split, Rijeka, Osijek, Karlovac, all the way to Istria, the Učka Tunnel, Pazin Cave, Lim Channel, Pula Arena and Rovinj's Church of St. Euphemia.

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www.mini-croatia.com.hr

ROVINJ AQUARIUM

In this centuries-old building located inside the Maritime Research Center of the Ruđer Bošković Institute, you can experience all the diversity of the Adriatic underwater world. It was opened in 1891 as the Zoological Station of the Berlin Aquarium and it belongs among the oldest institutions of that kind in the world. The aquarium is open to visitors and abounds in specimens of the local flora and fauna presenting the typical communities that live in our undersea area. During the summer months, it is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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BARON GAUTSCH – DIVERS' ATTRACTION

85-meter long and almost 12-meter wide, the passenger ferry Baron Gautsch sunk near Rovinj in 1914. It was sailing between Kotor and Trieste when it came across an underwater mine and took 240 victims to the bottom. The upper deck is at 28 meters underwater, the lower deck is at 39 meters, and the bottom of the ship is at 42 meters. The shipwreck is located 9 NM from the town of Rovinj, is very well preserved and among the most beautiful ones in the Adriatic, while the option of entering the interior of the ship is an additional attraction.



Baron Gautsch

EXCURSIONS

BOAT RIDE AROUND ROVINJ ISLANDS

To fully experience Istria you should also sail out – not only to see the most beautiful parts from the open sea, but also to feel the primordial connection between the people and the sea. In the offer of a number of boat excursions in Rovinj, you will discover the „call of the sea“, either if you go on a circular ride, pirate cruise and fish-picnic, underwater sightseeing or a night excursion with spotlights.

Info and Reservations:
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 points on the town shore*

› Delfin

Tel. +385(0)91 514-2169,
 info@excursion-delfin.com,
 www.excursion-delfin.com

› Marija

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 info@excursions-marija.hr,
 www.excursions-marija.hr

› Pauk

Tel. +385(0)91 205-0094

› Quo Vadis

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 www.excursions-quovadis.com

› Sopravento

Tel. +385(0)99 448-6944,
 sopravento.rovinj@gmail.com

SPORT FISHING TRIPS

Sail into a fishing adventure and make your vacation an unforgettable one. Sport fishing is an attractive and dynamic type of fishing in which catch is guaranteed. The trip onboard a luxury boat under the guidance of fishing experts lasts 4 hours and both morning and afternoon trips are possible.

Info and Reservations:

› Abyss Fishing Charter

Tel. +385(0)91 588-3470,
 info@abyss-fishing.com,
 www.abyss-fishing.com

› Mora fishing & pleasure

Tel. +385(0)91 544-8914,
 mora.rovinj@gmail.com

BIKE RIDES

Explore the closer vicinity of Rovinj by bike. Go on a bike ride through Golden Point, Cuvì, the archaeological site Monkodnja-Mušego, ornithological park Palud, with a professional guide.

Info and Reservations:

› Adistra

Tel. +385(0)95 838-3797
 info@adistra.hr
 www.adistra.hr

› Lenicom

Tel. +385(0)98 855-231,
 lenicom.bike@gmail.com,
 www.freewebs.com/bike-excursions/



› **Massi bike**

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ferrara.massimo@gmail.com

LIM CANAL, ROMUALD'S CAVE

The Lim Canal is the protected landscape whose sides are covered with different types of thick Mediterranean underbrush, the Downy Oak and the Turkey oak. This kind of vegetation variety on a relatively small area represents a unique phenomenon and a special ecological value. There is also Romuald's cave nearby, where you can come by climbing up the 360-meter long forest. The length of the cave is 105 m. The average temperature inside the cave is 12 degrees and relative humidity is 70-75%. The oldest remains of the prehistoric man in Istria were found in the cave. Beside the bear cave, cave lion, leopard, wolf, fox, brown bear, cave hyena and snow rabbit, the remains of the total of 41 animal species were found.

Info and Reservations:

- › **tourist agencies and boat info points on the town shore. For Romualdo cave – Natura Histrica:**
info@natura-histrica.hr

THE VISIT TO BRIJUNI NATIONAL PARK

This is the story about the beauty and magnificence that has been lasting for 2 centuries. Ancient roman villas, Illyrian palaces, Byzantine forts, medieval churches and finally – the luxurious presidential residence, visited by the most powerful politicians and famous stars of the 20th century. The private resort

owned by Yugoslav president Tito, had been closed for public for decades. The unique natural beauties and the ideal Mediterranean microclimate give it an additional dimension of exclusivity. The visit also includes photo safari, because the island is inhabited by exotic animals and plants from all over the world. The half-day trip includes the visit to the island of Veli Brijun, the largest of the 14 islands in the archipelago and an expert guide.

Info and Reservations:

- › **tourist agencies and boat info points on the town shore**
› **Brijuni national Park,**
Tel. +385(0)52 525-883,
izleti@np-brijuni.hr

KANFANAR

While discovering the beauties of Kanfanar area you cannot miss many sacral monuments: the churches of St. Silvester from the 13th century, St. Mary of Lakuć from the 14th century and the church of St. Agatha from the 10th century; the legends of the still missing treasure from the British pirate captain Morgan; Draga, the area of fertile arable land, wooded slopes and Mediterranean plants; Romuald's cave, the habitat of three thousand bats, or the Lim Channel, the protected nature reserve.

Info and Reservations:

- › **individual visits (18 km from Rovinj)**



Dvigrad



Bale

DVIGRAD

The remains of Dvigrad (Duecastelli), a medieval city abandoned in the 17th century, are located 23 km from Rovinj, at the foot of Kanfanar. The remains of St. Sophia's Church (*Crkva Sv. Sofije*) are quite impressive, as is the city structure surrounded by walls.

Info and Reservations:

› [individual visits \(23 km from Rovinj\)](#)

BALE

A city with a turbulent past located in the Rovinj hinterland, in the direction of Pula. Even before the Romans, a pre-historic city had existed here.

Historical documents, remnants of Roman structures, bronze coins and other findings bear witness to the fact that Bale used to be a Roman fort. Let us mention some of the sights: Parish Church – built on the remnants of a basilica from the 9th century, of which only the crypt remains, an object of admiration by visitors of today. Bembo Castle (*Kaštel Bembo*) – a beautiful Gothic Renaissance facade with quadriforas and a central balcony has been completely preserved, intact in its shine and harmonious beauty.

The only site where dinosaur bones were found in the Mediterranean region is located in Bale.



Svetvinčenat



Along the Bale coastal area, on the territory of Porto Colone, numerous remnants of dinosaurs and other pre-historic animals were found. Some of these unique findings still lie under the sea, whereas some are exhibited at the Bale Municipal Building.

Info and Reservations:

› [individual visits \(12 km from Rovinj\)](#)

SVETVINČENAT

The medieval village of Sanvincenti (Svetvinčenat), located south of central Istria, is one of those Istrian jewels whose tourist offer has only developed in recent years by organizing various events in its splendid historic spaces. During the summer months in the medieval castle Morosini-Grimani cultural programs take place as part of the Istrian ethno-jazz Festival while the beautiful central square and many other areas of the village become the stage of the now traditional dance and non-verbal theater.

Info and Reservations:

› [individual visits \(23 km from Rovinj\)](#)

ŽMINJ

Only 25 kilometers separate us from a small city with an atmosphere of the Mediterranean south and the continental north. It is located in the central part of Istria, on a hill 400 m above sea level. It is surrounded by low hills and valleys, and its seaward location has endowed it with a pleasant climate. A visit to the Chapel of the Holy Three (*Kapela Sv. Trojice*), housing wall

paintings by local masters from the 15th century, or a visit to the Church of St. Michael (*Crkva Sv. Mihovila*), the largest parish church in Žminj, will be a special experience to any chance traveler.

Info and Reservations:

› [individual visits \(25 km from Rovinj\)](#)

FEŠTINSKO KRALJEVSTVO CAVE

According to stories told by the local people, the cave Feštinsko kraljevstvo was accidentally discovered in 1930, in Feštine near Žminj, when a part of karstic valley collapsed during the cultivation of the field. After the 2nd World War, the cave was filled up, and was dug up again at the beginning of 1980s. Since it is located on the terrain that was once covered in lush Mediterranean vegetation, the cave is abundant with cave decorations that are the reason why the local people called it „Feštinsko Kraljevstvo” (The Kingdom of Feštine).

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› [Tel. +385\(0\)91 561-6327,](#)
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www.sige.hr

PULA

Enter the 6th largest amphitheatre in the Roman Empire and feel the excitement of gladiator fights and big spectacles that took place here 2000 years ago (today exclusive music and sports events take place here)! Take a walk under the Arch of the Sergijevci toward the Forum; take a break in one of the cafes in front of the Temple of Augustus... Pula enables you



Park Histria Aromatica

to completely experience a day in the life of an ancient patrician!

Info and Reservations:

- › individual visits (32 km from Rovinj), tourist agencies

BAREDINE CAVE

The tour of the cave lasts 40 minutes. On a 300-meter long path we visit five abundantly decorated halls and descend to the underground lake on the depth of 60 meters. The interesting characteristic of this adventurous quest is the underground fauna: you will see the human fish (*Proteus anguinus* Laurenti), the endemic species from the Dinaric karst, the animal that lives only in these karstic areas. In one of the halls you will pass next to a 4-meter wide hole that vertically descends 66 meters deep, so the total depth of the cave is 132 meters. The cave is lit and well-tended, the path and the steps have firm handrails. The temperature is a pleasant 14°C. The entrance to the cave is every half an hour with a guide.

Info and Reservations:

- › Tel. +385(0)95 421-4210, +385(0)98 224-350, info@baredine.com, www.baredine.com

HISTRIA AROMATICA PARK

Histria Aromatica Park is located in the vicinity of the little town of Bale, covering the total area of 25 hectares. The park is adorned with walking trails through the plantations and gardens hosting more than 300 species of indigenous aromatic and medicinal plants and spices as well

as olive groves and vineyards, creating a natural paradise for all the senses. There is a shop in the park selling its own natural cosmetic products, and a restaurant whose 'eno-gastro' offer is based on high-quality, organically grown ingredients.

Info and Reservations:

- › Histria Aromatica, Pižanovac bb, Bale, Tel. +385(0)99 390-8161 histria@aromatica.hr, www.histriaaromatica.hr

AEROPARK VR SAR

The Sports Airport Vrsar is located in the middle of greenfields along the Adriatic coast, not far from Lim Channel, a protected natural phenomenon. Providing panoramic flights over Istria or flights to Venice, the airport is the perfect stop for any inquisitive traveller. At the Aero park, you can visit an exhibition of old planes, open all year round. There is also a small picture gallery featuring the history of aviation in Istria, an exhibition of artifacts linked to flying, a corner for the kids, and a charming terrace that is partly set under the wing of an old-timer plane, providing a unique experience. Several of the larger airplanes are open to visitors, letting you take a look at the cockpits.

Info and Reservations:

- › Aeropark Vrsar, Vrsar Airport, Tel. +385(0)98 233676; aeroparkvrsar@gmail.com

LOCAL FEASTS

Be sure to include in your excursion program the visit to one of the local feasts in the vicinity,

as well as to traditional fairs. Here we shall mention a few:

Rovinj's Selo

St Anthony's Day (*Blagdan Sv. Antona*), January 17th – Apart from the folk festival and the folk ensemble gathering, a traditional Rovinj Wine Festival is also organized on this day. On this occasion, wines for the Vinistra Festival are selected.

Kanfanar

St Jacob's Day (*Blagdan Sv. Jakova*) – Apart from the folk festival, an unordinary fair of Istrian bulls is also organized on this day. This is an opportunity to hear authentic Istrian music played on traditional instruments such as *mih* (bellows) and *roženice* (oboe-like instrument), but also to enjoy traditional cuisine.

Žminj

Here the last Sunday in August is a special day. Apart from celebrating St. Bartol's Day (*Blagdan Sv. Bartola*), each year a cattle fair is also organized. It offers an excellent selection of homemade dishes and drinks. Try the *supa* (soup), a unique Istrian wine specialty!

Bale

The Bale Night is organized on the first Saturday in August. In addition to the entertainment

program, chance travelers can also enjoy the folk dancing and see the beauty of folk costumes of this area.

FAIRS IN ISTRIA

The tradition of organizing fairs is centuries-old. Fairs used to be places where craftsmen offered various tools and other products for household, winegrowing and agricultural activities. Fairs were also the places where homemade food items were brought to be sold and traded. However, the main purpose of fairs was the sale of cattle. These fairs are interesting today because they offer products that cannot be replaced by plastic surrogates. We must forget the contemporary technology and commerce here. These fairs must be experienced in a simple way. Visit them and you will experience something unique and unordinary!

Bale & Barban - each second Saturday

Buje - each first Wednesday

Buzet - each first Friday and each third Thursday

Kaštelir - every Friday

Labin - each third Wednesday

Motovun - each third Monday

Nedešćina - each first Thursday

Pazin - each first Tuesday

Svetvinčenat - each third Saturday

Višnjan - each last Thursday

Vodnjan - each first Saturday

Žminj - each second Wednesday



St. Jacob's Day

BEACHES

BEACH BELOW THE VALALTA CAMPSITE AND RESORT

In an open cove, north of the town centre, there is a real paradise for naturist lovers - Valalta. As part of the naturist campsite with the same name, there is a long pebbly and sandy beach stretching along the coast. It hosts restaurants, bars, various water slides, a swimming pool with sea water and other entertainment facilities. The Valalta beach attracts with natural beauty, preserved natural landscape and crystal clear waters.

VAL SALINE BEACH

The beach is situated in the eponymous Val Saline campsite and it includes a 730-metre-long and well-maintained pebble beach allowing visitors to enjoy relaxing and sunbathing or doing various beach activities. The use of deckchairs and parasols on the beach is free of charge. A seawater swimming pool, a small children's swimming pool and a water park are situated nearby. There is also a natural pebble pool/lagoon filled with beneficial seawater from the nearby Val Saline cove. Cisterna Beach Cisterna Bay is 6 km distance from Rovinj so to reach this part; you have to go by car. The beaches in Cisterna Bay are the most beautiful beaches at the entire southern coast of Rovinj. These are two quite big bays with beautiful gravels as white as snow and some 10 meters further in the sea there is a sandbank on which you can stand at low tide.

PRIM. DR. MARTIN HORVAT HOSPITAL'S THERAPEUTIC BEACH

The unique therapeutic beach is fully adapted to persons with health issues, owing to the architecture and the design of the hospital's beach complex, and its sports and recreational amenities.

VAL DE LESSO BEACH – BORIK

Val de Lesso Beach – Borik is a well-maintained local beach for families with children, about 170 meters long. The beach has comfortable and safe access to the sea for people with disabilities or reduced mobility. Equipped with sanitary facilities/lavatories, showers, changing rooms, etc.

PORTON BIONDI BEACH

Porton Bondi Beach is situated north of the historic centre. The beach is a combination of paved and pebble. There is an adjacent grass surface suitable for sunbathing and a sand court for volleyball and other sports. The beach has no natural shade. There are bars/restaurants in several parts of the beach as well as pedal boat and deck chair rental spots. The beach commands an amazing view of the beautiful historic centre of Rovinj.

BEACH MONTE

On the west side of the Old Town Rovinj is situated the Monte beach. Although the beach is about 150 meters long, the locals divided it into several parts. The Big and Small Gugulijera are small beaches, suitable for small children to swim, while Baluota (or Balota) and Lanterna are beaches



Mulini Beach

which adults prefer (you can go into the sea water by climbing down or diving from the rocks). The beaches are rocky, with no natural shade, motor vehicle traffic is forbidden in the Old Town, which means you will have to get to this beach by foot or by bicycle.

BEACH ON THE ISLAND OF ST. CATHERINE

Island of St. Catherine is one of the most beautiful islands of Rovinj's archipelago. It is situated only 100 meter distance from the town center. The most visited beaches on Catherine Island are located on the eastern side of the island and they are mostly stony with some easy accessible and attractive bays. Beside them, there is a large number of available services that the island offers so therefore it's possible to use the pool, the bar, the services of the diving center, you can rent windsurfing equipment, use the beach volleyball court, the sand-pit for children and all the other services that will guarantee you an interesting and pleasant stay on the island. On the north-western side of the island, well-known rocks are located, such as the Golden, the Silver and the Bronze Rock. These are high rocks – they reach a height of up to 15 meters – which fall vertically into the sea that has a depth of three and more meters. The rocks are also one of the most attractive locations in Rovinj's entire archipelago for those who love to jump into the sea.

BEACH ON THE ISLAND OF ST. ANDREW

St. Andrew Island is the biggest island in the archipelago of Rovinj in which are with a mound connected islets St. Andrew and Maškin, where are placed many beautiful beaches.

You can find a really large number of beaches on the island. They are mainly stony beaches with typical coves covered with pebbles. The most frequented beaches are the ones situated on the south side of St. Andrews Island, near the hotel and the depandanse. Numerous services are offered nearby, like: a restaurant, a pool, miniature golf courses, diver center and others. A small part of the shore near the little port has been covered with gravel, making it suitable for children and seniors. There are a few high rocks on the west side of St. Andrew's Island, which provide the possibility of diving into the sea, and it will be easier for you to find your own little corner on this side of the island, avoiding crowds and noise. The most frequented beaches on the maškin island are situated near the snack bar on the south side of the island. The beaches there are rocky, with a few smaller bays and they provide you peace and privacy.

MULINI BEACH

The beach was built in 2014. It is rocky and pebbly and close to the town centre, luxury hotels and Zlatni rt Forest Park, and represents a blend of contemporary luxury and local tradition and heritage. The beach hosts Mulini Beach Bar, a perfect place to enjoy a late breakfast or lunch on the beach and relax while sipping cocktails and watching spectacular sunsets.

BEACHES IN ZLATNI RT

Lone cove is part of the protected Zlatni rt Forest Park with one of the most-visited beaches in Rovinj. The beach is composed of gravel and attracts many



Beaches in Zlatni rt

bathers, especially families with children. Apart from the main beach, there are also smaller rocky beaches for those who prefer privacy. A few meters from the shore you can find shade under thick branches of the century-old trees, and at the beginning and in the middle of the cove there are snack bars where you can get refreshments. Rovinj town centre is only a 15-minute walk away. Kurent cove is the most visited cove on that part of the coast and is composed of gravel. In addition to the benefits of a gravel surface, this beach also boasts an old coniferous little forest that provides shade throughout the day. There is a beautiful grassy area in its vicinity where you can enrich your stay with various sports and social games. Kurent cove also hosts a snack bar offering drinks, ice cream and deck chairs as well as public changing areas. The nearby quarry at Cape Montauro is popular by free-climbing enthusiasts due to the large number of trails and the beautiful views of the Rovinj archipelago. Beaches in Cape Montauro are not that attractive: high and steep rocks offer only a small number of possible entrances to the sea.

ŠKARABA BEACH

The coast is rocky here, but these rocks are in the form of massive slabs that descend directly into the crystal-clear sea. On these rocks you can lie down and sunbathe while the bottom is covered with stone pebbles. These beaches are especially appealing to those who like jumping into the sea.

This part of the coast is bordered by Zlatni rt and is connected by well-groomed pebble trails perfect for cycling, walking, running, etc.

CUVI BEACH

The bay Cui is placed 3 kilometers southern from the town of Rovinj-Rovigno and has one of the most visited beaches in Rovinj-Rovigno. The beach is recently arranged and dredged with fine gravel, and parts of it are rocky. An additional advantage of the Bay Cui is the number of cafes along the beach and the closeness of resort Villas Rubin and its service offers. Thanks to a rich gastronomic offer near the beach, you can stay here the entire day and take a rest. The beach is ideal for families with small kids which can carelessly have fun in shallow water.

VILLAS RUBIN BEACH

Villas Rubin Beach is located within the tourist resort Villas Rubin, which is 3 km away distance from the town center of Rovinj and it stretches as far as 1,5 km along the coastline.

On the border with the campsite Polari a graveled bay is located that is very suitable for children and next to it the Windsurfing Center, a children's playground and a restaurant is located, and some 100 meters away you will find the cafe bar, a complex of sports grounds where you can play tennis, indoor football, basketball, table tennis, mini golf, handball, etc. Next to the harbor, you will find the diving center where you can rent oxygen bottles and diving equipment. Apart from that, they offer diving courses and arranged excursions to attractive locations for a sightseeing tour in the undersea.

North to the quay there are well-kept beaches which have been awarded with the «Blue Flag» certificate. Here you can use services like showers and dressing rooms. The access to the sea is adapted for disabled people and apart from that you can feel safe regarding the water quality which is checked on a regular basis.



Val Saline Beach



Val de Lessò Beach – Borik

Furthermore you and your children will be closely watched from our Baywatch tower by our employees. Right next to the beach with the Blue Flag there is a swimming pool and a slide. To the north of the pool there is a small coniferous forest which lies next to the bay with the round little stones and cliffs. At the end of it, a few meters from the sea, there is a beach volleyball ground. A little further away, beaches start which are only partially nudist beaches and which take up the entire Cape of the mostly stony coast (around 300 m). They end in the next bay covered with small round stones where there is also a small mole.

POLARI BAY AND CAPE EVA

Polari Bay and Cape Eva are 3 km distance from the town center, located within the campsite Polari. For the most part the coast in this area is stony and some beaches are paved with cobble stones in order to make the access to the sea easier. On the northern side of Polari Bay, along the border with Villas Rubin, a pebble beach is located which is very suitable for children. Next to the beach, a playground has been set up with swings, seesaws and a slide, and there is also a cultivated meadow where children can play with a ball or frisbee, etc.

When going down to the southern part of Polari Bay, you will come to a little quay and a little port which is available for use for guests of the campsite. In this part the coast is stony and it's not easy to go into the water or to find a place for a sunbath. After Polari Bay there is Cape Eve (Punta Eva), a nudist beach which stretches as far as to the end of the campsite.

BAY VEŠTAR

Veštar Bay is located on the Rovinj's coast, only 5 kilometers away from the town center. In the

bay dominates a beautiful pebbly beach which spreads for 700 meters along the coast. The beach is awarded with a Blue flag because of its beauties and quality, as well as because of its clean sea. For your swim in the sea you can choose among a number of different kinds of beaches. The most attractive one is certainly the beach within the campsite, in the middle of the bay, which is made of fine and tiny gravels, whereas the ground in the sea is made of fine sand which makes walking or playing ball a special pleasure. In the campsite you can rent a boat or some other sport props, and there are many other catering establishments and sport courts. The sea is shallow with a nice entrance which is great for kids. The northern part is stony with small round stones, whereas the southern part, as far as Cape Babo and further, is mostly rocky with smaller bays that are more suitable for accessing the sea.

CISTERNA BEACH

Cisterna Bay is 6 km distance from Rovinj so to reach this part; you have to go by car. The beaches in Cisterna Bay are the most beautiful beaches at the entire southern coast of Rovinj. These are two quite big bays with beautiful gravels as white as snow and some 10 meters further in the sea there is a sandbank on which you can stand at low tide.

THE ST. JOHN IN THE OPEN SEA LIGHTHOUSE

The St. John in the open sea lighthouse was built on the same named cliff which is situated in front of Rovinj-Rovigno. The local people from Rovinj call it Lanterna. It is the most distant islet of the small archipelago of 13 islands which are situated in front of Rovinj-Rovigno. It is a bare

rock length of 70 meters and 50 meters of width. Lighthouse was built by the Austro-Hungarian authorities in 1853. Octagonal stone tower of the lighthouse, from which You can enjoy a breathtaking view, is 23 meters high and inside the building there are two apartments. There is a permanent crew at the lighthouse. The island has a small pier and crane for small boats. The straight rocks of St. John islet are ideal for sunbathing. The caution is recommended for the swimmers. It is advisable for them not to swim away from the island due to unpredictable sea currents and good dolphins, which are not allowed to disturb. There are 2 smaller beaches with shallow water which are situated at the opposite sides of the island. The depth of the sea around St. John ranges from 10 to 40-meters and it is rich in vegetation and numerous fish species. Therefore, underwater and sport fishing are especially attractive in this island. The undersea world is very attractive for diving because of the remains of sunken ships.

DOG FRIENDLY BEACHES

Rovinj's beaches include areas where dogs are allowed to swim, such as: Borik beach - from the northern wall of the Rovinj hospital; the quarry in the 'Zlatni rt', Golden Cape Forest Park - before the ascent from the north and south side; Škaraba beach - in the cove on the west side; Cuvi cove in the western part towards the Škaraba beach, and after the beach bar towards the tourist resort 'Villas Rubin'; Bolničko naselje - on the beach across the Luigi Monti Street; Kastelan cove - towards the tourist resort 'Amarin'; Veštar cove - at the end of the white trail after the Mon Paradis campsite; Cistern cove - next to the cistern.

DELFIN SWIMMING CENTER

It is an olympic-size pool situated near Hotel Park. It is equipped with sanitary facilities, showers and a sunbathing area.

There are also many other hidden beaches that are regularly looked after and well-tended: three beaches in the cove between Valalta and Amarin, Saline cove and coves Križ and Kaštelan. The frequently visited beaches are also those near the Rovinj hospital in the coves Lešo and Valdibora.

NATURISM

Naturism is a way of living in harmony with nature, characterized by socializing without clothes, development of self-respect, respect for others and care for the environment. It is based on the idea of promoting and supporting social nudism in private and in public. Naturism may also be a lifestyle based on private, family and/or social nudism. The philosophy of naturism has several sources, some of which originate from the German health and recreation philosophy dating back to the early 20th century, although the concept of returning to nature and creating equality is also mentioned as an inspiration.

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WELLNESS

You will find rest, relaxation, spiritual and physical care, healthy food, learning about and acquiring healthy living habits in the wellness lifestyle and the wellness offer.

WELLNESS CENTRES

Wellness Centre in Hotel Lone)

It is connected with Hotel Monte Mulini wellness, and together they comprise one functional unity. The offer of the wellness centre is oriented towards facial and body treatments, different massages and therapeutic baths with a special focus on individual approach toward each guest.

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Art Wellness centre in Hotel Monte Mulini (for hotel guests only)

Situated in the 5-star boutique hotel, this wellness centre is based on the Mediterranean concept with the following guiding idea: stone, water, wood and gold. With a supreme design, highly personalized service and various facilities, wellness centre in Hotel Monte Mulini offers an exclusive wellness experience.

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Marwell SPA in the Family Hotel Amarin (for hotel guests only)

The unique environment of the Wellness & Spa centre of the Family Hotel Amarin includes three spacious pools and a whirlpool area, unique thermal zone with a Kneipp path and four types of saunas, Relax zone, Vitality bar with a selection of healthy drinks and much more.

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Wellness centre in Hotel Eden

Wellness center in Hotel Eden is a perfect space for spirit and body relaxation. The world of vitality with spa offer, special aromatic massages, intensive body treatments, cosmetic treatments and imaginative service packages will relax the most demanding guests. The hotel also has internal and external swimming pool and fitness centre with a special cardio program.

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Delfin swimmingpool

Wellness Centre Otok in Hotel Istra

The Mediterranean-based Wellness Centre spreads on the 1350m² of surface area indoors and 250m² of the Mediterranean garden. As such, it is the largest wellness centre in Istria and one of the largest and best equipped in Croatia. Its characteristic is that it offers rest and relaxation outdoors, in the authentic Mediterranean garden. Relieve yourself from the everyday stress in our swimming pools, fitness and beauty centre with various massages and treatments and try out the Zen Spa Zone with whirlpools and saunas...

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Beauty Salon in Valalta naturist camp

This is a special part of the offer reserved for ladies staying in the naturist camp, as well as for those who have a classic holiday and want to dedicate themselves to their health. They can relax in the professional Vital centre.

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In the town you will also find many cosmetic salons and hairdressers that will enable you to look perfect even during your holiday.

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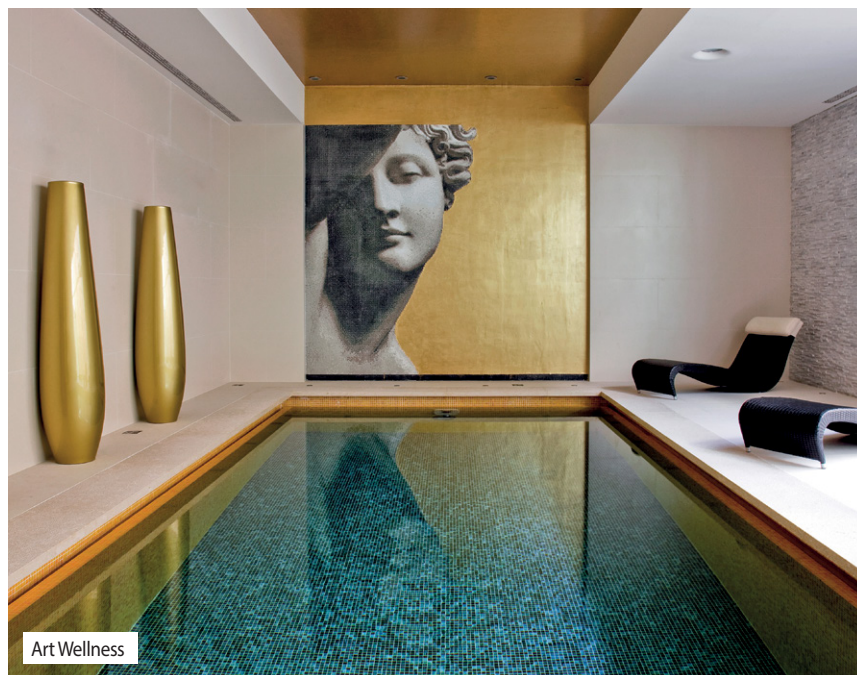
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Artemisia herb, commonly known as wormwood or pelin in Croatian. The natural color is obtained from caramelization of sugar in special copper kettles. It matures in oak barrels, which gives it a special flavor, aroma and distinctive quality. Rovinjski pelinkovac is served as an aperitif, it is an excellent digestive, and can be consumed chilled, straight or mixed with soft drinks. It contains 28% alcohol.

› **Rovinjski Pelinkovac is produced and sold by Darna d.o.o.,**

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ROVINJ'S SOUVENIRS

ROVINJSKI PELINKOVAC – HERBAL LIQUOR

It is well-known for its quality, special, bitter taste and strong smell of wormwood. It is made according to traditional recipes passed down from the first owner of the liquor factory Giorgio Benussi, since 1925 until today, when it is produced by the factory Darna d.o.o., testifying to the traditionalism that is also inherent to the modern times. It is produced from the essence of the

ROVINJ'S BATANA BOAT – A MODEL SHIP

The batana is the most widespread traditional vessel in Rovinj, reflecting the continuity of the local tangible and intangible maritime and fishing heritage, as well as the ongoing strands in the local people's everyday lives.

The batana is a flat bottom wooden fishing vessel slightly curved towards the bow and stern. Model ship of Rovinj's batane is a handmade wooden souvenir of size dimensions 35x15x42 cm. Boat is made of wood and her sail of canvas.



Rovinj's batana boat – a model ship

- › *The model is available for purchase at the Eco-Museum House of Batana,*

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RECIPE BOOK OF THE BATANA HOUSE

Recipes of the Batana House have been passed down through the generations and prepared both at home and in the special atmosphere of Rovinj's tavern - spacio, but also during family and group excursions. These specialties are mostly made of simple ingredients and they are quite "easy" to prepare. Recipes have kept their traditional ingredients and they capture the true essence and flavours of fish, crabs and seafood, main gastronomic specialties of Rovinj.

The living circumstances in Rovinj have greatly affected the origin of dishes from the selection of the author of the Recipe book. These circumstances are related primarily to the maritime market, rich in fish, and modest social standard of fishermen, sailors and farmers which did not allow culinary licentiousness of the local cuisine, but set unsurpassed standards of natural food flavours. Local cuisine recipes use little spices and seasonings but carefully selected to bring out the underlying flavor of fish. These are salt, pepper, vinegar, onion and garlic,

bay leaf, parsley, polenta, kale, chicory and various salads. The gastronomic specialties of Batana House are accompanied by wine and olive oil, two major agricultural produce of Istria and Rovinj, and this is considered to be an authentic culinary ritual.

- › *The Recipe Book is available for purchase at the Eco-Museum House of Batana,*

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PROFUMO DI ROVIGNO

Profumo di Rovigno (Rovinj Perfume) is a unique and original Rovinj souvenir. Its designer wanted to dedicate a perfume to the town she loves and enable people to bring something original back from their Rovinj trip, in addition to photographs, video recordings and lovely memories. Profumo di Rovigno line includes fragrances for him and her, body cosmetic products and air fresheners and scented decorations.

- › *Profumo di Rovigno products are available at the Profumo di Rovigno store,*

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Rovinjski Pelinkovac



MANIFESTATIONS AND EVENTS

During the year you can take part in numerous entertaining and cultural manifestations. You can get detailed information in the brochure Calendar of events (you can get a free sample of the Brochure in the Tourist Board) and we single out the following:

- Regatta of boats with Latin sails
- Rovinj Photodays
- Rovinj Summer Music Festival
- Regatta RC 44 CUP
- Summer Sensual Days & Croatian Summer Salsa festival
- Festival Sete Sois Sete Luas – festival of mediterranean music
- BaRoMus – Baroque Music Festival
- The Rovinj Summer Festival - festival of chamber music
- Grisia exhibition
- The Night of St. Lawrence
- Rovinj's Night
- St. Euphemia day celebrations
- Procession of Batanas and Dinner in Spaccio
- Weekend Media Festival
- Rovinj Music Festival
- Kale, pjacete i kantuni
- Weekend Bike & Gourmet Tour
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WINE AND WINE ROADS OF ISTRIA

Istrian people have always been devoted to the wine grape cult; wine is a sacred thing here, the necessity and love, the art of living. The most famous and present wine is Istrian malmsey, with a refined aroma and fresh taste that complements the dishes made from seafood. Black wines teran and refošk are old and autochthonous Istrian wines. With their dark ruby colour, lively fruit aromas and intense taste they perfectly blend with meat dishes. Many connoisseurs of Istrian wines point out Muscat wine because of its golden colour, scent of wild carnations and extraordinary aroma. Wine Roads of Istria are a special form of offering and selling agricultural products of a winegrowing



area, where producers/stakeholders united under a wine road label offer their specialties, especially wine. In addition to the tourist and hospitality offer, a wine road inevitably includes special features of the environment and natural beauties of the areas the road passes through, as well as historical and cultural landmarks.

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OLIVE OIL ROADS

The tradition of olive growing dates back to the old days when the old Romans recognized Istria's fertile soil for the cultivation of the most famous Mediterranean elixir. We can find evidence about this in the archaeological findings located along the coast, that show how in that period Istria already had production capacities that were unique in their size on the wider area. Up until today, olive growing has been progressively developing, both in the production and protection of autochthonous species and in the offer and presentation of the most delicious olive products. According to world standards, Istrian oils belong to the top quality ones, and you can taste them if you set off along the olive roads, with marked oil works and taverns owned by the best Istrian olive growers.

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ISTRIAN TRUFFLE

It is called the Istrian aphrodisiac, Istrian gold and the king of gastronomy. This tuber with a strong characteristic smell and very plain-looking, represents a supreme gastronomic

experience. People knew how to enjoy it back in the period of the Roman rule and over the past years it has been appreciated more than ever. It is the source of inspiration for many gourmet achievements; it perfectly blends with appetizers, salads, main courses, even desserts. Therefore, don't be surprised if you are, for example, offered with an ice-cream or a cake made from truffles.

Each truffle you taste is the result of the perfect blend of nature, a man and his best friend. Hidden underneath the ground in the thick forests of Mirna Valley near the town of Livade, it is found by truffle-seekers with the help of specially trained dogs with an excellent sense of smell. It is a real combination of taste, aroma and tradition. The largest white truffle in the world was found in Istria. It was heavy 1.3 kg and is registered in the Guinness Book of Records.





CONGRESSES AND BUSINESS CONVENTIONS

MONTE MULINI CONGRESS CENTRE

A wide range of multipurpose congress halls of different sizes combined with a first-class service and accommodation option provides the conditions for organization of conventions at all levels and for any number of participants. In Maistra's conference centre of the Monte Mulini zone, which comprises of hotels Eden, Monte Mulini and the newest hotel Lone, it is possible to organize various conferences and business meetings. The Monte Mulini Congress Centre is the flagship of Maistra's MICE offerings and the best equipped regional conference centre. The centre is comprised of 30 halls, the largest of which is in hotel Lone and can seat up to 650 people, while the total capacity of all of the auditoriums in the area is almost 2,000. A wide range of multi-purpose halls combined with high-end service and state-of-the-art equipment will ensure an impeccable organization of the most demanding congresses and conferences.

In addition to the well-appointed tourist facilities and quality services, some of the key competitive advantages of Monte Mulini Centre include Rovinj's location as one of the Mediterranean's congress destinations closest to Central and Western Europe, good road connections and five international airports within the vicinity. Hotel Eden has one conference hall and two meeting rooms while Hotel Monte Mulini has two meeting rooms. Hotel Lone has a conference hall for 600 persons and eight meeting rooms. Hotel Istra, which is situated on St. Andrija Island, has one conference hall with the capacity for 300 people and three meeting rooms.

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OLD FACTORY

The Old Factory is located in the heart of the town, at the premises of the former tobacco factory. It stretches over 30,000 square meters. The complex consists of a modernly designed concert hall and a gallery, tobacco museum and exhibition space perfect for organizing large events and conferences. The main hall has a maximum capacity of 1,800 seats, and the second largest hall has 1,100 seats. Beside those two, the centre has another ten separate halls of different capacities, participant registration area, press center, numerous offices and meeting rooms, a large banquet hall which can accommodate more than 1,000 people for a meal, the possibility of setting up lounge terraces and bars, various entertainment spots, etc.

The complex of the former tobacco factory is a prominent example of distinctive industrial architecture from the end of the 19th century whose monumentality complements the beauty of Rovinj with atypical urban aesthetics. Today, this humanized space opens up countless opportunities for revitalization and new integration into the life of the town. In terms of tourism, the Old Factory turns the town of Rovinj into MICE destination of unique comparative advantages.

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SPORTS AND RECREATION

A rich and diverse selection of sports and recreational activities await you at the tourist complexes, hotels and camps, as well as all other places that enjoy the advantages of the sun and the sea. At sea: water ski school, kayaks... On land: tennis school, tennis, volleyball, horse-riding school, climbing, paintball, bowling, boccie, small soccer, darts... the gym, massage parlor, sauna, wellness facilities etc.

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The following sport clubs are active outside the tourist facilities in Rovinj: Boccie Club, Gymnastics Club Roxanne, Sailing Club Maestral, Judo Club Uchimata, Karate Club, Kickboxing Club, Underwater Activity Club, Rhythmic Gymnastics Club Arabesque, Basketball Club, Moto Club, Football Club, Volleyball Club, Darts Club, Swimming Club Delfin, Handball Club, Ski Club, Sport Climbing Club Muntravo, Sport Fishing Club Meduza, Archery Club, Chess Club Rovinj, Tea Kwon Do Club, Tennis Club Sunny, Triathlon Club, Water Polo Club Delfin, Rowing Club Arupinum, Women's Basketball Club, Women's Volleyball Club, Women's Handball Club. Valbruna sport d.o.o. attends to the organization of sporting events and provision of sport facility utilization services to sporting organizations. It operates the following facilities: Valbruna Gyms, Pionirski dom, Mlinovi, Summer Swimming Pool Delfin and the Multipurpose Center Željeznička stanica.

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CYCLING AND HIKING

There are 11 marked bike and hiking tracks in the Rovinj region.. In addition to bikers, the tracks are used by recreationists for hiking recreational walking, jogging, strolls, etc. The bike track brochure including explanations in 4 languages (Croatian, Italian, English and German) is available at the Rovinj Tourist Board.

201 Track Limes (mtb)

The Limes trail, which is 39 km long, starts and ends in the Amarin tourist resort. The itinerary will take you through Saline, Valalta, Rovinjsko Selo and Porton Biondi. The trail itself is full of natural beauties and passes along a large number of sites that really should be visited. Nearly three-quarters of the trail runs on macadam, with smaller parts on dirt road, while the rest is asphalted. We recommend using mountain and trekking bikes, although thanks to its easiness, it can also be crossed using electric bicycles. The surface is mainly composed of small stones or those of medium size but without sharp edges while the level of sliding is quite low.

202 Track Rubinum (mtb)

The 202 trail extends over 27.5 km. The first and last laps of the pedal are in the Polari, and during the ride you will pass by several famous points of beautiful scenery. The first being the Monkodonja prehistoric fortress, an archaeological site that is 5 km from Rovinj, which you will encounter after a ride of about 2.6 km. Thanks to its configuration and its length of just over 27 km, the trail is quite easy. It consists of 22.7 km of tarmac road and 4.6 km of asphalted road. The overall altitude difference is 350 meters, which makes it easy to ride. It best suits riders on mountain or electric bikes, although other types of bikes are not recommended.

203 Track Vistrum (mtb) neka bude treća

The Villas Rubin tourist resort, Valbruna, Palud and Stancija Milić are the points through which this 26.6 km long A View Carved in Stone trail passes. The trail itself starts and ends in Lone Bay and more precisely at the very entrance to the Punta Corrente Forest Park. With a total length of 26.2 km and only 200 meters in altitude difference, the A View Carved in Stone trail is marked for all bicycle lovers. There are no significant uphill or downhill areas, so it is suitable for all types of bikes: from mountain to electric, trekking and touring. This trail is also dominated by a macadam path that is up to 17

km long, while the rest of the trail is paved. The trail is suitable for all types of bicycles and all levels of rider.

211 North-Northwest (asphalt)

The Istrian interior is the thematic guide of a cycling trail that starts and ends in Rovinj, at the Eden Sports Centre. From the western part of the Istrian peninsula the route leads to the heart of Istria itself and, amongst a number of places, it also passes through Vižinada, Ponte Porton and the magical town of Motovun, which is reached from a picturesque uphill slope. The second part of this 138 kilometre long trail passes through Karojba, Tinjan and Sveti Petar u Šumi, and then through Kanfanar and Bale. Cycling trail no. 211 contains a number of captivating sites where you can enjoy fascinating views or perhaps take a break tasting the refreshments in the Istrian taverns. From their appearance, some of these will remind you of days gone by, and each of them offers you the chance to taste the specialities of traditional local cuisine.

212 A Postcard from Rovinj (asphalt)

Trail no. 212 leads from the western Istrian coast towards its central part and is ideal for those who are looking to discover the smallest, hidden sites and encounter their magic and fragrances. Valleys, bays and cultivated fields are part of this itinerary that ends in the historical part of Rovinj. After starting in front of the Eden Hotel, where we can also find the finish line, the trail continues in the direction of Rovinjsko Selo and further ahead towards Kanfanar. The trail then continues to the mysterious Dvigrad and the natural beauty known as the Lim Bay. The advantage of this route is the lightly trafficked road it covers enabling less experienced riders to enjoy the view at a modest speed, without, at the same time, having to compromise, regular road traffic.

213 Rovinj Triangle (asphalt)

Trail no. 213 is in the form of a triangle on top of which we can find Rovinj, and more precisely the Eden Sports Centre where the itinerary starts and finishes, followed by the village of Putini and the medieval town of Bale dominated by the imposing building of the Soardo-Bembo palace. Bale is full of charming narrow streets that really should not be missed. What characterises this route are the excellent and unspoilt roads of the Rovinj area, which, over an easy ride, enable cyclists to experience

the pleasure of sightseeing the places through which they pass. In addition to the aforementioned points, the trail also passes through Rovinjsko Selo. The itinerary is designed in such a way that even the least prepared cyclist can overcome it, whilst at the same time enjoying the picturesque landscape.

221 Stories from a Woodman's Cottage (family&recreation)

Stories from a Woodman's Cottage will lead you to experience a cycling trail that starts in the Zlatni Rt-Punta Corrente Park Forest, continues to the Cape of Škaraba and its dense pine forest, around the idyllic contours of the Kuvi-Cuvi Bay, Staza Mira and Centener streets, along the basketball courts and back to Punta Corrente that was proclaimed a natural rarity back in 1948. At the entrance to this protected area of the Park Forest take a break in the woodman's cottage built between 1908 and 1909 which today is a mini-museum dedicated to the Hütterott family who owned the park at the end of the 19th century. With an idea of building a climatic health resort, Count Johann Georg Hütterott set out a botanical garden with walkways, meadows and promenades on the peninsula of Montauro and this is how this green jewel of Rovinj appeared with over a thousand plant species from 1890 until 1910. Seamen brought back trees from the USA, Mexico and Japan, and besides the tall

cypress and pine trees, the Himalayan cedars that were planted in the shape of a six-pointed star particularly stand out. Special watering places were prepared for roe deer, hares and pheasants. What's more important in our story is the fact that the entire area is closed to traffic so you can pedal here in total safety.

222 Trail of the Noble Giant (family&recreation)

The Trail of the Noble Giant is a cycling route that starts and ends at the Amarin Resort and reveals the important sacral heritage of the Rovinj area. The Basilica valley is located in the north-eastern part of the town and was formerly an agricultural good with a series of Romanesque churches from which the first on our way is the most preserved St. Christopher's Church, which dates back to the 11th century. Legend has it that Christopher was a giant man with an enormous strength who was persuaded by a hermit to transfer travellers, including the old and the helpless over the river. One time, it is said, he also carried the boy Jesus across the river. During the Middle Ages, Christopher was displayed on the city walls and entrances to the churches because it was believed that anyone who looked at him could travel anywhere. Continuing your ride under the protection of this noble giant, you reach the ruins of the church of St. Prothus, an Aquileian martyr, which was built in the



12th century at the foot of Monter Hill, and then on to Valalta Bay and the remains of the Romanesque ivory-covered St. Bartholomew's Church, probably the largest of the many exceptional small churches here. The islands and coastline of the area surrounding Rovinj make up an area of significant landscape, to which the last point of our itinerary also belongs, the Saline Bay, which is the habitat of a number of protected flora and fauna specimens.

401 The sunny coast of Count Hüterott

This circular trail that leads from Rovinj's Pignaton square, around the old town centre to the local market place and continues in the direction of Rovinjsko Selo, passing alongside the Church of St. Thomas and the Haber Horse Club, is intended as a day trip or a half-day's run. The church of the same name is situated at the foot of the hill of St. Thomas, in the northeast of Rovinj, not far from the old Rovinj - Kanfanar railway line. Built at the end of the 8th or early 9th century, it represents the type of church architecture of the Carolingian period in Istria. Through the Kokuletočica settlement, the trail turns back to Rovinj, and to the protected Punta Corrente Park Forest. You will get back to your starting point, Pignaton Square, along the walking trail with a view over the old town centre, which is the most photogenic vista of Rovinj.

402 The wondrous terrain of the Lim Channel

Rovinjsko Selo, a little village on a small hill with a breath-taking view over picturesque Rovinj, was built in the Middle Ages when the population of Croatia began immigrating from the Zadar area, to escape Turkish occupation. Our circular trail leads to the Lim Channel, a protected landscape site and a special reserve in the sea itself. The sea indents into the bay for up to 12.8 kilometres in length, and from the coast of western Istria, the Lim Channel continues to Limska Draga and extends into the centre of the peninsula for almost 40 km. Continuing along the trail we reach the viewpoint above the steep hill. A view over the unique canyon of the Lim Channel, one of the most stunning natural resources of Istria, is the best reward that ensures you will be happy to return here.

Cycling and educational trail 'Basilica'

The trail is an integral part of the existing 'Limes'

bike trail. It stretches from Valalta (Basilica valley), along a wider area of the Lim canal, to Rovinjsko Selo. It passes several significant and historical sites such as the churches of St. Bartholomew, St. Christopher, St. Thomas, St. Prot, and is intertwined with the route of the former railway line Kanfanar-Rovinj. Along the trail, which is partly paved and partly gravel, the cycling and hiking fans will have the opportunity to enjoy the protected landscapes with rich vegetation extending along the Lim canal, as well as landscapes enriched by vineyards, olive groves and orchards, and have a taste of various agricultural products, wine and olive oil from nearby farms. The trail also passes near the abandoned Roman quarry, beneath two overpasses of the old railway line Kanfanar-Rovinj, along the equestrian center, and the most attractive point is certainly a lookout above the Lim Canal. Besides the educational panels and signposts, the trail has nice resting points near the churches of St. Thomas, St. Christopher, St. Prot and at a lookout above the Lim Canal.

KAYAKING

Looking at Rovinj from the sea is a lovely sight and one of those magical experiences one rarely has the opportunity to enjoy. While paddling, relaxed and taking your time to savour the moment, romantic views of the town and its colourful houses built on the edge of the sea will pass by in their full beauty and colour. Kayaking offers true freedom of movement taking you to the islands of Sv. Katarina, Sv. Andrija, Maškin, Sturag and Sv. Ivan and numerous charming islets and rocks. Experience the Rovinj archipelago and set out on a beautiful kayaking adventure.

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FREE CLIMBING

Free climbing in the immediate surroundings of Rovinj is available at the following locations: Park Forest Zlatni Rt – the most popular climbing site. A vertical rock is only around 20 meters from the sea and faces west, so you will be able to enjoy unique sunsets and a view of the Rovinj Archipelago in the late afternoon. Most of the routes are easy and suitable for beginners and family excursions. Dvigrad – a climbing site near a long-abandoned medieval town is located only a few kilometers

from Limska Draga. The place where you can park your car is 10 to 15 minutes from Rovinj and you will then reach the climbing site in a few minutes on foot. The temperatures are high in summertime, so we recommend you bring a drink with you. Limska Draga – this climbing site is next to the road for Poreč, at the entrance to Limska Draga. The rock faces south, so we recommend you wait for your climb until 5 p.m. in summertime when it is in the shade. Although the climbing site is right beside the road, not many cars pass by outside the peak season as this is a byroad.

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TENNIS

› **Luja Adamovića 33**

Twelve tennis courts, of which 8 outdoor ground courts and 4 Porplast courts in Cabrio gym. Tennis courts and all types of courts: Cabrio gym (4 Porplast courts). A tennis school is organized with the possibility of individual lessons and rental of tennis rackets and balls.

Tourist Settlement Villas Rubin

› **Villas Rubin 1**

7 hard courts and 4 colorset concrete courts, all located outdoors. A tennis school is organized with the possibility of individual lessons and rental of tennis rackets and balls.

Tourist Settlement Amarin

› **Monsena 2**

6 hard courts and 4 colorset concrete courts. A tennis school is organized with the possibility of individual lessons and rental of tennis rackets and balls.

Hotel Istra

› **Otok sv. Andrija**

2 ground courts, 1 on the grass. A tennis school is organized with rental of tennis rackets and balls.

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FOOTBALL

Sports centre "Valbruna" disposes of two very good natural grass fields and a new playground with artificial grass of the 5th generation, with the dimensions 105 x 66 meters. There is also one smaller football field with artificial grass and dimensions 58 x 46 meters. Each playground has got dressing rooms, showers and lighting. The new playground in Rovinjsko Selo is 7 km distant from Rovinj (a 10-minute ride by bus). The high quality of football fields and accommodation were the reason why in





2009 Rovinj became the official centre for the preparation of the Croatian football team and the highest quality sports centre in the region.

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RIDING

Equestrian Club Saint Euphemia + Farm Haber

The Sv. Eufemija riding club, with the collaboration of the Haber farm, is nestled in the middle of the woods surrounding the city of Rovinj. The club offers lessons of dressage or show jumping for beginners and more experience riders. Additionally it organizes trekking tours in the Istrian countryside, in the middle of vineyards, olive groves or even on the seaside. A part from this disciplines, the club organizes hippotherapy or equine assisted therapy, for disabled people, children with special needs or just people in need of physical rehabilitation. The Haber farm has been breeding Austrian trakehner horses from 1983. Today another horse breed can be found on this farm, Spanish PRE Pura Razza Española horses from which the famous croatian Lipizaner breed derives. Today this farm has become a small paradise for other typical Croatian breeds

like the istrian donkey, the istrian goat, the istrian Boškarin cattle, the Buša cattle, the Posavec horse and the tornjak dog.

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HUNTING

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DIVING

Diving is a true adventure here, revealing all beauties of Rovinj's submarine world, an abundance of preserved flora and fauna, as well as a number of underwater walls and reefs, caves and shipwrecks. Local diving clubs rent quality tested equipment and service their customers' equipment. A higher level of diving safety is provided by the hyperbaric chamber available in Pula. Diving in Rovinj and Istria is possible throughout the year thanks to the pleasant sea temperatures, especially between May and November. Diving around the Baron Gautsch shipwreck located 9 nautical miles from Rovinj at a depth of 39 meters is a special attraction. In addition to the said shipwreck location, attractive dives around reefs are available at the following locations: Lim Shallows, Saline Coast, Saline Wreck, islands of Figarola, Banjol, Šturag, Sv. Ivan and Sv. Ivan na pučini, and the Rubini Reef.



Important to know:

- Individual divers need a diver card and a permit for diving using the diving gear. They are also required to present their diving certificate (Carnet). The diver card fee is HRK 2,400.
- When diving with a mask and flippers no special permits are necessary, but for your own safety, make sure you drag a buoy (float) behind you. Diving is possible all year round from sunrise to sunset.
- Underwater video recording is allowed, however nothing is to be removed from the seabed.
- Locations where diving is forbidden include ports, sailing routes and the Lim Channel!
- It is also forbidden to dive within the radius of 500 m from the Baron Gautsch wreck, except in organized groups led by clubs with proper authorizations!

Diving Centers

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ANGLING AND UNDERWATER FISHING

In order to enjoy a carefree angling or spearfishing experience, you must have a fishing permit. Fishing permits are available for purchase at the Meduza Sports Fishing Club based in Rovinj, Joakima Rakovca 12, phone: +385(0)95 821-1096, sportski.ribolovni.klub.meduza.rovinj@pu.t-com.hr. For underwater fishing with a speargun, you must have a valid Croatian Sea Sport Fishing Association (HSSRM) membership card, available at an annual fee of HRK 50.

Number of days and price in HRK:

Daily – HRK 130.00 (membership card holders: HRK 80.00)

Three-day – HRK 220.00 (membership card holders: HRK 170.00)

Seven-day – HRK 370.00 (membership card holders: HRK 320.00)

Note:

- for 1-, 3- and 7-day permits, persons under 18 pay the stated price reduced by HRK 30.00;
- foreign nationals with a valid membership card issued by an equivalent Association based in their country of residence are not required to purchase an HSSRM membership card, and the amount stated for 1-, 3- and 7-day permits is in that case reduced by HRK 50.00. In all other cases, the HSSRM membership card is mandatory. Licensing permits are also available at Natale agency, G. Carducci 4, Tel. +385(0)52 813-365, +385(0)95 524-3289, info@rovinj.com.



NAUTICS

SAILING PERMIT

- All yachts must have a registration (permit) issued by the Port Authority of Rovinj (Tel. +385(0)52 811-132).
- Prior to entering or leaving the Republic of Croatia, a verified list of crewmembers and passengers must be submitted to the border crossing authority. The registration is issued every time a vessel sails into Croatia or is brought to the country by land. It is valid one year from the date of issue.
- Rubber boats up to three meters in length with engines of up to 4 HP do not have to be registered.

POWERBOAT DRIVING

- Powerboat driving is allowed at the distance of 300 m from the coast of the mainland and the islands, except in locations where it is strictly forbidden.

- Scooters may be driven at the distance of 300 m from the coast of the mainland and the islands, except in locations where it is strictly forbidden.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR BOAT OWNERS

Row boats, boards for sailing and windsurfing, canoes, kayaks, gondolas, paddle boats and pedal boats may get near the shore in less than 50 meters, while beach yachts and boats must sail at a distance larger than 50 meters from the fence of the regulated beach and 150 meters from the coast of the natural beach.

- Bathers may swim up to a 100 meters from the coast! Before you sail out, make sure you check the weather conditions. If the forecast is unfavorable, it is best not to sail out at all! Do not sail without an anchor of the appropriate



weight, a rope, at least 50 m long, and other necessary equipment.

- If you get stung by a fish, suck out the blood immediately and keep the affected part of the body in hot water. Seek medical help as soon as possible.

- It is strictly forbidden to discharge into the sea at the territory of the Port of the City of Rovinj oily and polluted water, waste oil, or any other oily or crude substances.

- Sailing or floating vessels may empty their storages of solid and liquid waste, oily water, feces and the rest of the cargo off the boat, as well as other substances that pollute the maritime domain, only at designated places in or outside the port where there are appropriate devices to receive such substances. Please contact the Port Authority of the City of Rovinj at +385(0)52 814-166.

**REMEMBER:
HUNTING, SALE AND
CONSUMPTION OF DATE SHELLS
IS FORBIDDEN IN CROATIA!**

WEATHER FORECAST

- Please contact the Port Authority at +385(0)52 811-132. Weather forecast is visibly displayed at the office of the Port Authority, Rovinj, Obala Pina Budicina 1.

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SAILING AND ROVINJ'S REGATTAS

Each year, a number of interesting regattas are held in Rovinj, the traditional ones are Pesaro - Rovinj - Pesaro, Chioggia - Rovinj - Chioggia, Rovinj Cup, Lugger Regatta – traditional boats rigged with a lugsail. Beside the above stated, on the occasion of celebrating the feast of St. Euphemia, the Rovinj Sailing Club organizes the optimist class regatta with a hundred young yachtsmen from Croatia and Slovenia.

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ACCOMMODATION

As one of the most significant tourist centers in Croatia, Rovinj stands out for the quality of its accommodation facilities, an extensive offer of amenities and a flawless service. Situated at attractive seaside locations, its hotels, tourist resorts and spacious camps offer numerous sport and recreation options, organized animation for all ages and a first-class gastro offer. Its rich offer

of congress and wellness facilities makes a perfect combination for business people and those seeking to relax, while those who prefer active holidays can choose between a number of offshore and onshore sporting activities. Those who prefer to spend their holidays in a family house or private room or apartment will enjoy the hospitality of their hosts.



Grand Park Hotel Rovinj

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USEFUL INFORMATION

- Croatia is the 28th member state of the European Union. Croatia's EU membership facilitates the movement of Croatian and other EU citizens between member states. Non-EU member countries are subject to the regulations on entering the EU. In light of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union, the country's visa policy was fully harmonized with the visa policy of the European Union.
- Any legal and natural person who provides overnight accommodation for tourists at the accommodation facility or at the nautical tourism sailing facility as well as the person in a household or a rural household, are obliged to register all persons to whom they provide the overnight accommodation within 24 hours upon their arrival and check out their guests within 24 hours upon their departure. The owner of the house or holiday apartment and the resident of the tourist municipality or town shall within 24 hours upon arrival, notify the tourist board of all persons staying in that house or apartment and on the last day of their stay check out their stay. Check-in and check-out is done via the central eVisitor information system. For details, please contact the Tourist Board of the Town of Rovinj-Rovigno.
- The Hotel and Restaurant Activity Act forbids setting up tents, trailers, motor homes and other camping equipment outside the camps!
- It is recommended to deposit larger amounts of money, jewelry and other valuable items at reception desks of hotels and other tourist facilities!
- All visitors, Croatian and foreign nationals alike, residing outside of their place of permanent residence, in one of the tourist facilities (hotels, motels, inns, tourist apartments, rooms to let, health resorts, mountain lodges, marinas, vacation homes and similar), must pay the residence tax.

The following persons are also obligated to pay the residence tax:

- Owner of a residential or a vacation house in a tourist destination, as well as all persons residing in such a house.
- Owner of a vessel, as well as all other persons being accommodated onboard a vessel berthed at a marina.

Residence tax is paid per person for each day of your stay. Residence tax is not paid by: children up to 12 years of age; persons with a 70% disability or more and with one escort; participants in school package arrangements (package travels) approved by an educational institution; season workers; close family members of the citizens of tourist community or the city; passengers on a passenger ship in international maritime transport when the ship is berthed in the harbor; owners of holiday homes and members of their families if the holiday home is an autochthonous old family house inherited by the testator whose last place of residence was in the tourist community or the city when the owners are staying over night in this house; persons that use overnight stay service as part of the social service programme; students and pupils who do not have a registered place of residence in the tourist community or city they are being educated in.

Residence tax reduced by 50 per cent is paid by persons between 12 and 18 years of age; persons up to 29 years of age who are members of international youth organizations when they are using overnight services in youth accommodation facilities that are included in the international network of youth accommodation facilities IYHF.

- Passengers who use accommodation services on the nautical tourism vessel shall pay residence tax per each realized overnight stay. Nautical tourism vessel is a vessel for holiday and recreation and a vessel for several-day

cruises where nautical tourism services are provided (charter, cruising) in accordance with the regulations on providing the services in tourism.

- The owner or the user of the vessel pays the residence tax in a lump sum for themselves and all persons staying on the boat. The sailors can pay a lump sum of the residence tax within the period of 3, 8, 15, 30 and 90 days or 1 year, before setting sail and they will receive a confirmation of payment. A 'vessel' is considered to be any vessel longer than 5 metres with built-in bunks, used for vacation, recreation or cruising, and that is not a nautical tourism vessel.

BORDER CROSSINGS

- Road: Plovanija – Sečovelje; Kaštel –Dragonja; Buzet –Sočerga (all towards Slovenia)
- Airport: Pula
- Seaport: Rovinj

BORDER CROSSING FORMALITIES

For entering in Croatia one needs a passport or some other internationally recognized identification document. Tourists may remain in Croatia for up to three months. The Customs regulations of the Republic of Croatia are in line with the regulations of the European Union. When entering Croatia, passengers and visitors are entitled to bring in personal baggage, including foods, drugs, weapons and other goods in accordance with that prescribed by the customs regulations. Detailed instructions and information about carrying certain objects, plants, animals into Croatia can be found on the Ministry of Customs and Finance Administration's website: www.carina.gov.hr.

TAKING ITEMS OUT OF THE COUNTRY

Taking artworks, antiquities, statues, paintings and other items of cultural heritage as well as gold and silver out of the country is possible only if proper permits are obtained.

Firearms may only be brought into the country if a special permit from the Border Police is obtained. **Sports arms** may be brought into the country but they must be reported to the border authorities.

Pets

The transport of pets across state borders may only take place upon presentation of a certificate of the animal's good health issued by a veterinary surgeon. Cats and dogs must be fitted with an electronic identification system (microchip). Up to five pets may be imported

at border crossings approved for the circulation of certain house pets, while the import of a greater number of animals must take place at a border crossing with a veterinary inspection. <https://croatia.hr/en-GB/travel-info/useful-information>

EFFECTIVE CURRENCY

The official currency used in the Republic of Croatia is the Croatian kuna (HRK). 1 kuna equals 100 lipa. The currency may be converted in official exchange offices, banks, post offices, hotels and tourist agencies according to the current exchange rates. Credit cards (DINERS, VISA, AMERICAN EXPRESS, EUROCARD/MASTERCARD) can be used where indicated. Eurochecks can be cashed in the banks. You can withdraw cash from ATMs in all larger cities and important tourist centers.

ELECTRICITY

Voltage on city power grids is 220 V / 50 Hz, so visitors from the U.S. will need to use a transformer and visitors from G.B. will have to use an adaptor for European electricity grid to run their electrical appliances.

ROAD ASSISTANCE

The phone number for Road Assistance is 1987. For more detailed information, foreign tourists can contact the Information Center of the Croatian Automobile Club at +385/1/1987, available 24 hours a day.

PETROL STATIONS

- **INA** self-service, unleaded petrol, autogas, Euro diesel, portable gas containers; Aleja Ruđera Boškovića 9, Tel. +385(0)91 497-1133
- **INA** self service, unleaded petrol; Braće Božić 2b, Tel. +385(0)91 497-1134
- **INA** unleaded petrol, blue petrol, diesel and boat fuel; Obala palih boraca 2, Tel. +385(0)91 497-1135
- **Petrol** unleaded petrol, autogas, Euro diesel, portable gas, containers, bar, shop; Braće Božić 14, Tel. +385(0)52 841-917
- **Etradex** unleaded petrol; , diesel; Brajković bb, Tel. +385(0)52 848-555

SALE OF GAS CONTAINERS

- **INA** petrol/gas station, Braće Božić 2b, Tel. +385(0)91 497-1134
- **INA** petrol/gas station, Aleja Ruđera Boškovića 9, Tel. +385(0)91 497-1133
- **Petrol** petrol/gas station, Braće Božić 14, Tel. +385(0)52 841-917

AIRPORTS

Pula Airport (38 km)
Tel. 060 308 308 /
from outside Croatia +385(0)52 550-926,
informacije@airport-pula.hr,
www.airport-pula.hr
Vrsar Tourist Airport (22 km)
Tel. +385(0)98 233-676,
airportvrsar@gmail.com
Medulin Sports Airport (42 km)
Tel. +385(0)98 774-798,
jkrivaja@gmail.com

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

G. Paliaga street, Istarska street, M. Benussi street
Hotel Lone, Luje Adamovića 31

TRAIN SCHEDULE

www.hzpp.hr
Kanfana Railway Station (18 km),
Jurja Dobrile 10,
Tel. +385(0)52 825-011
Pula Railway Station (32 km),
Kolodvorska 5,
Tel. +385(0)52 541-982, +385(0)52 541-733

BUS SCHEDULE

Rovinj Bus Station,
Trg na lokvi 6,
Tel. 060/888-611
www.arriva.com.hr
www.brioni.hr,
www.autobusni-kolodvor.com

TAXI**Udruga taksista Grada Rovinja**

Trg na lokvi bb,
tel. +385(0)52 811-100,
www.rovinj-taxi.net

Vip taxi Rovinj

Augusto Ferri 1,
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Trg na lokvi bb,
tel. +385(0)52 313-300,
www.cammeo.hr

RENT A CAR› **Vetura**

Matteo Benussi 2a,
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rovinj@vetura-rentacar.com,
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› **Oryx**

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rov@oryx-rent.hr,
www.oryx-rent.hr

› **Sixt**

Hermana Dalmatina 8,
Tel. +385(0)52 685-073
www.sixt.com

BOAT SCHEDULE

Rovinj – St. Andrew's Island	St. Andrew's Island - Rovinj
Rovinj – St. Katarina Island	St. Katarina Island - Rovinj
5.30	6.00
6.30	7.00
7.30	8.00
8.30	9.00
9.30	10.00
10.30	11.00
11.30	12.00
12.30	13.00
13.30	14.00
14.30	15.00
15.30	16.00
16.30	17.00
17.30	18.00
18.30	19.00
19.30	20.00
20.30	21.00
21.30	22.00
22.30	23.00
23.30	00.00
00.30	1.00

MEDICAL CARE FOR TOURISTS**TOURIST MEDICAL CENTER**

The Tourist Medical Center operates within the Rovinj Emergency Clinic (Istarska bb), Tel. +385(0)52 840-702, +385(0)99 261-3304, turisticka.rovinj@idz.hr, open 24 hours a day. If a Medical Care Convention has been signed between Croatia and the country from which the tourist comes, he or she is not under obligation to pay for medical expenses. The cost

of medical services in the case of tourists coming from countries with which such a convention has not been signed is payable by the tourist on the spot, according to a pre-established price list. There are hospitals and clinics in all larger towns, and medical centers and pharmacies in all smaller ones. For patients in life danger, we provide emergency chopper transportation. More detailed information are available at Tel. +385(0)52 813-195, fax. +385(0)52 816-619.

› **Private Tourist Medical Care**

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ordinacija.dr.berkaric@gmail.com

PRIM. DR. MARTIN HORVAT ORTHOPEDIC AND REHABILITATION HOSPITAL

This institution enjoys a hundred-year-old tradition and has all the state-of-the-art equipment necessary for providing physical therapy, three indoor pools filled with seawater, sports fields and beaches equipped to provide hydrotherapy treatment. This hospital provides rehabilitation services for immobile, partially or completely paralyzed people, treatment of damages to the central and peripheral nervous system, as well as treatment of degenerative, dystrophic and rheumatic illnesses. The Physical Therapy Department performs all physiotherapeutic procedures from the field of kinesiotherapy, electrotherapy and hydrotherapy. During the summer months, the operational part of the beach is used for providing hydrotherapy treatment using seawater. Sports fields have been adjusted for physically impaired people.

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MEDICAL SERVICES

› **Pula General Hospital (32 km)**
Zagrebačka 30 / Negrijeva 6
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› **Branka Dent**
Dental lab
Carera 22a
Tel. +385(0)91 122-8330
info@brankadent.eu,
www.brankadent.eu

› **DIC Dental Implant Centre**
Dental lab
Mattea Benussija 5
Tel. +385(0)52 830-830
www.dentalic.eu

› **Dr. Rigo Dental Clinic**
Dental lab
Marca Della Pietra 10
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www.rigo-dentalclinic.com



› **H-dent**

Dental lab
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+385(0)91 516-5848
Fax. +385(0)52 813-883
dialyse-rovinj@hi.t-com.hr,
www.poliklinika-hemodijaliza.hr

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› **Ljekarna - Farmacia**

Mattea Benussija 6,
Tel. +385(0)52 813-589
ljekarna.rovinj@idz.hr

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Istarska 43,
Tel. +385(0)52/830-040,
ljekarnemm@pu.t-com.hr

› **Pharmacy Carrera**

Carrera 22a,
Tel. +385(0)52 830-832,
info@ljekarne-hrvatinkajfes.com

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Tel. +385(0)52 840-680,
info@ljekarne-hrvatinkajfes.com

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Tel. +385(0)52 545-026

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› **Veterinary Center**

Laste 9,
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emergency service GSM: +385(0)91 106-1983,
veterinarska.ambulanta@pu.t-com.hr,
www.vet-rovinj.com

› **Veterinary Center REX**

Lacosercio 5,
Tel./fax. +385(0)52 813-368,
+385(0)99 876-4004,
veterinarska.stanica.rex@pu.t-com.hr

› **Veterinary Clinic Istra vet**

Gripole 68,
Tel. +385(0)52 553-907,
info@vaistravet.hr,
www.vaistravet.hr

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› **Miljenko Košara**

Val dei saresi 2b,
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DOG GROOMER

› **Bell**

Lacosercio 6,
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+385(0)98 951-2115

› **Luna**

Gripole 17,
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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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› **Giuseppa Garibaldija 1,**

Tel. +385(0)52 815-615,
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info@zuparovinj.hr,
www.zuparovinj.hr

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Oratory: 7:30 (weekdays), 9:00 (on Sundays), 19:00 (every day except Mondays)

Church of St. Francis: 8:00 (on Sundays), 18:00 (every day)

Church of St. Pelagia: (hospital): 9:00 (on Sundays)

Church of St. Euphemia: 10:30 (on Sundays)

Church of Our Lady of Grace: 12:00 (on Sundays)

EVANGELICAL PENTECOSTAL CHURCH,

› **Duga 48,**

Tel. +385(0)52 811-822, +385(0)91 252-2364,
www.epc.hr

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› **Theater Gandusio**

G. Garibaldi,
kino.gandusio@gmail.com,
www.pour.hr

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Trg brodogradilišta 5,
Tel. +385(0)52 830-300,
www.pour.org

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Domenica Pergolisa 2,
Tel. +385(0)52 813-010,
info@gk-rovinj.hr,
www.gk-rovinj.hr

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Trg Giacoma Matteottija 13,
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info@crsrv.org,
www.crsrv.org

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Vitomira Širole Paje 17,
Tel. +385(0)52 830-079,
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Trg maršala Tita 12,
Tel. +385(0)52 830-300,
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www.pour.hr

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› **Post Office**

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› **HP Express**

door-to-door delivery,
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Trg maršala Tita 7,
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Nella Quarantotta bb,
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clothing and shoe stores, grocery stores,
pharmacy, stationary stores, souvenir
shops, leather accessories, stores
with filigree and gold jewellery

› **Maxi Konzum**

Marka Marulića 24,
Tel. 0800 400 000

› **Maxi Konzum**

Lamanova bb,
Tel. 0800 400 000

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Braće Božić 4c,
Tel. 0800 400 000

› **Velpro**

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› **Discount Valalta**

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Tel. +385(0)52 811-381

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Giuseppea Garibaldija 14

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› **Lidl**

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› **Wash & go (self service)**

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Tel. +385(0)91 563-3511,
www.washandgo-rovinj.com

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Stjepana Radića 2,
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Hermana Dalmatina 3a
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+385(0)95 181-3833,
rovinj@pajca.hr

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info-rovinj@pash.hr

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› **ACR Centar**

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+385(0)98 166-6090

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Putini 1c,
Tel. +385(0)52 848-511

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› **Autoelektrika No. 1**

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+385(0)98 224-236

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Monfiozenzo 15,
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TIRE REPAIR PLACES

› **Spag**

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+385(0)98 367-763

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Gripole 62,
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gordan.mohorovic@gmail.com,
www.mohorovic.hr

CAR WASH

› **Wash & go**

Hermana Dalmatina 1,
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www.washandgo-rovinj.com

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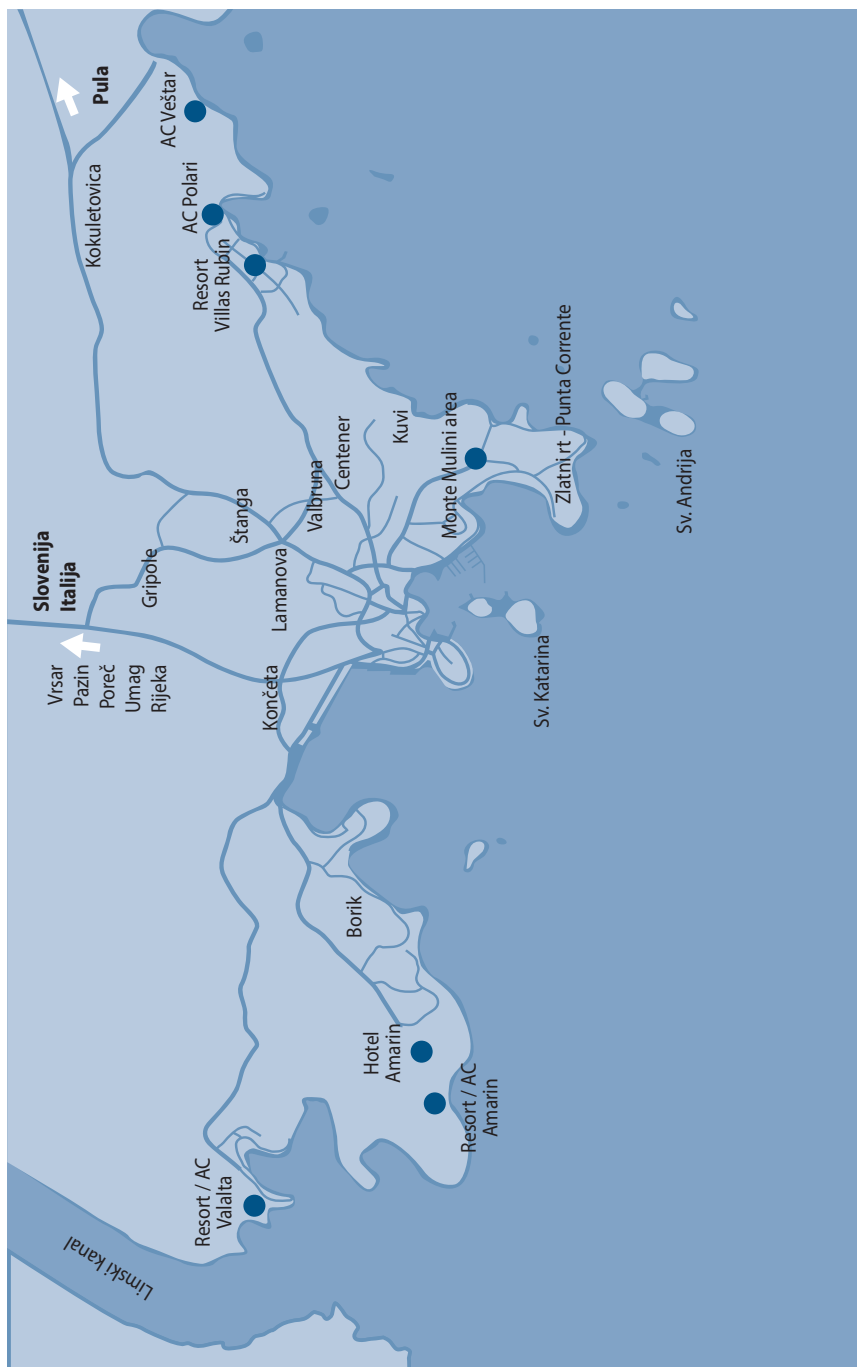
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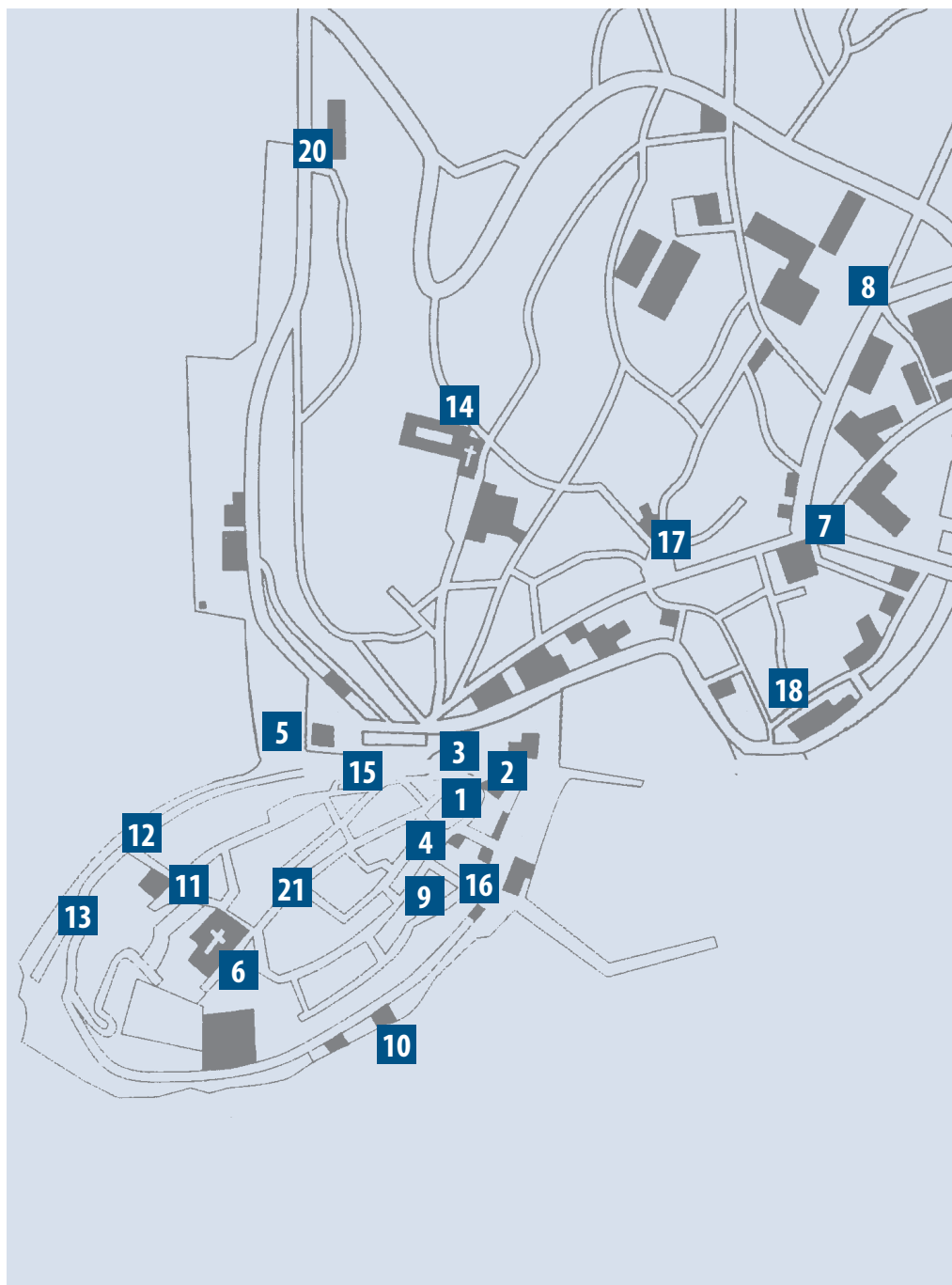






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5. Bank
6. Emergency
7. Pharmacy
8. Marine Fuel Station
9. Post
10. Bus Station
11. Police
12. Fire-station
13. Green Market
14. Children's Playground
15. Multimedia Center
16. Old factory



CULTURE AND HISTORY



1. City Palace
2. Town Clock
3. Balbi's Arch
4. Centre for Historical Research of the Italian Union
5. Theater / Cinema Antonio Gandusio
6. Church of St. Euphemia
7. Church of the Holy Trinity
8. Church of Our Mother of Mercy
9. Church of St. Benedict
10. Church of the Holy Cross
11. Chapel of St. Thomas the Apostle
12. Oratory of Our Lady of Sorrows
13. Chapel of the Lady of Health
14. Franciscan Monastery
15. Native Museum
16. Batana House Eco Museum
17. Trani Gallery
18. Batana Center of Visual Arts
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