

Romantic Mediterranean
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*Rovinj awaits you with open arms
and the romantic ambiance of a
dreamy Mediterranean town*



ROVINJ, the most romantic destination in the Mediterranean, lies in the western part of the Istrian peninsula, immediately below the Lim Channel. The story of Rovinj started on a tiny island with the construction of houses, one next to another, small squares and narrow streets that still preserve the rustic charm and sentimental atmosphere of old times. On the side facing the sea, the town is protected by a high, rocky shore and walls of the houses built on cliffs, while on the mainland side it is enclosed by town walls. Rovinj is dominated by the Church of St. Euphemia whose tall bell tower offers a view of the grey and red rooftops and chimneys, streets and squares, and the port with numerous ships and boats.

Resting on a rich fishing tradition, Rovinj has become recognisable thanks to its traditional batana boats and bitinada songs.

A charming old town centre, a picturesque waterfront, a lively shore, a protected green coastal area with a forest park, numerous islets and cliffs... all this makes Rovinj quite unique.

This stunningly beautiful and preserved destination offers you countless possibilities: you can take a walk in the beautiful nature, explore the hidden wealth, cultural heritage and archaeological sites, taste unique Rovinj delicacies, and enjoy a pleasant stay in one of the numerous top-rated hotels and resorts.



Croatia / Istria

CROATIA is known for its clear sea, prehistoric sites, stunning nature parks, sunny shores, as well as for its rich tradition and various foreign influences, which makes it a true European oasis. The regions differ in terms of the local mentality, culture, dialect, climate, gastronomy, and way of life. The beauty and wealth of Croatia lie precisely in the great diversity that characterises such a small country.

ISTRIA, the largest Croatian peninsula and the westernmost Croatian county, is the place where the charming Mediterranean and the authentic inland come together, both in terms of the wine & dine offer, tradition and architecture, and in terms of a particular type of multiculturalism and the friendliness and kindness of people. In Istria, you will discover sites with 3000 years of history, quiet hill

towns, destinations with beautiful hiking and bicycle trails, green hills decorated with olive orchards and vineyards, protected nature parks and a national park, picturesque small towns along the Adriatic Sea, and stories from the rich cultural and historic heritage.

Ruvigni, Rovegno, Rovigno, Rovinj

A history rising from stone

The present-day historic centre, built on the site of a prehistoric fort, dates from the 3rd-5th century. In written documents, Rovinj was first mentioned (6th/7th c.) as Ruigno, Ruginio, while some medieval sources use the town's Latin name Rubinum. Just like other parts of Istria, Rovinj has been under the rule of different states, the Venetian Republic in particular (Venice had shown interest in annexing Rovinj already in the 9th/10th century; in 1283 the town declared its loyalty to the Venetian Republic, until 1797), which has left an indelible mark in the urban centre, and the social, cultural, linguistic and architectural segments.

In the second half of the 18th century, more than 13,000 inhabitants lived in the historic centre, making Rovinj one of the most densely populated towns on the Adriatic coast. Most families belonged to the middle class, while common people: fishermen, sailors, shipyard workers and shipbuilders, stonemasons and farmers, accounted for the majority of the economically active population.

*Noble, picturesque, emerging out of the sea,
bathed in sunlight and surrounded by greenery
as if it itself emerged from the foam*





After being under the rule of the Habsburg Monarchy (until 1918), Rovinj experienced several turbulent decades, which were marked by the two world wars, the Kingdom of Italy, the annexation of Istria to Yugoslavia, and the post-Second World War period. After the proclamation of independence of the Republic of Croatia (in 1991), Rovinj remained part of Croatia, obtained the status of a town, and became one of the most significant centres of the Istrian County.

In the 19th century, in the period of intensive tourism development, Rovinj is visited by the first guests, Austrian noblemen. Archduchess Maria Theresa opened the Marine Health Resort in 1888, while Georg von Hütterott, a renowned baron of German origin, purchased and developed a large section of Rovinj's coast and islands, which he then turned into green oases, today's beautiful and protected parks. In 1908, Hütterott designed the first tourism project, "Cap Aureo – Klimatischer Kurort bei Rovigno – Istrien – Ein Projekt", and when the first hotel in Rovinj, Adriatico, was built in 1913, Rovinj started a new chapter and experienced a take-off in tourism.

*Rovinj is a picturesque sanctuary
of ancient culture, medieval architecture
and the historical paths of old civilisations
that formed the foundations
of the present-day town.*





In a maze of streets

The historic centre is located on a hill and the limited area of what used to be an island. The houses are built close together, all the way up to the space in front of the Church of St. Euphemia and tall bell tower. The church houses the sarcophagus, which miraculously washed ashore in Rovinj in 800, containing the body of the Chalcedonian martyr Euphemia, born in 290 and killed as a martyr on 16 September 304.



*Stop for a moment
and discover the traces
of the past*



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In 1763, the canal separating the island from the mainland was filled, and thanks to its special features, the old town was declared a monument of culture in 1963. The lively spirit of the Rovinj's citizens, who found inspiration in the interplay of darkness and light on the streets, in the plastic expression of the stone and warm walls of the houses, in their attachment to the batana boats, the bitinada songs and the Rovinj dialect, has been enticing visitors to the old part of town to discover and feel the charm of the numerous alleys, porches, arches, internal courtyards, wells, stairways, and balconies.



Museums and galleries

The City Museum of Rovinj-Rovigno, located in the Baroque palace of the counts of Califfi from the 17th/18th century, was founded in 1954 at the initiative of Rovinj fine artists. It operates as a city gallery and a place where more valuable works from the rich museum collection are permanently exhibited: Archaeological Exhibition, Maritime Section, Collection of Works by Old Masters, Contemporary Croatian Art, Alexander Kircher's Room, Rovinj Artists from the 2nd Half of the 20th Century, Vilko Šeferov Memorial Room.

Batana Eco Museum is a small museum included in the UNESCO Register of Good Safeguarding Practices associated with preserving intangible cultural heritage. The museum was established in 2004, and it is dedicated to the traditional vessel called batana, a wooden flat-bottomed boat. Batana boats bear witness to the continuity of the maritime heritage and everyday life of the local people. The Eco Museum valorises the heritage of Rovinj and serves as the main interpretation centre with a permanent exhibition. At the Eco Museum, you will hear the protagonists of the exhibition conversing in the Rovinj dialect and the sounds of the typical bitinada songs in the background.

For many years now, the tradition in fine arts and the beauty of the town have been attracting numerous artists. Some of them make their workspaces open to the public, inviting you to visit them, get acquainted with them, and feel the creative atmosphere that surrounds them. They can be found in the steep stone-paved streets of the old town, mainly in Grisia Street, a beautiful, picturesquely paved winding street leading to the Church of St. Euphemia.





A living and singing tradition

Rovinj has always been oriented towards the sea, and its centuries-old fishing tradition has been preserved until today. In local ports, which are protected from the winds, numerous Rovinj batanas, traditional flat-bottomed boats built using a specific wooden boat building technique, are still moored. Boasting a year-round events program, the Batana Eco Museum provides a unique experience by showing how tradition and modern life, the past and the present, come together and, most importantly, by telling the story about an ancient boat that is still part of the everyday life in Rovinj. The art of making batana boats is included in the Register of Protected Intangible Cultural Heritage of Croatia.

The tradition of building batana boats is inextricably linked with the music tradition of Rovinj, which is represented by the bitinada – an authentic expression of the Rovinj folk song. According to tradition, bitinada songs were created by the fishermen who were spending hours on end on their boats fishing or repairing nets. Since their hands were not free to hold any instruments, they came up with a way to use their voices to achieve an exceptional performance worthy of an orchestra. As they represent a form of vocal improvisation, bitinadas are usually unique and unrepeatable.





*Breathe in the fragrant scents of the sea
and the meadows, of the forests and the
Mediterranean vegetation, Breathe in
the vital scent of life*



When the blue embraces the green

Rovinj is unique for the Golden Cape Forest Park, a 67-km-long seashore with numerous beaches, 22 islands, islets and cliffs, evergreen Alpine and Turkish pine forests, and characteristic rural areas, whose beauty leaves no one indifferent.



The oldest protected park on the territory of Istria, the Golden Cape Forest Park, a unique oasis of green beauty, stretches over an area of 54 ha and has high aesthetic and botanical significance. Among a thousand autochthonous and domesticated plant species, the plant community includes: holm oak, manna ash, Italian oak, Oriental hornbeam, strawberry tree, laurel tree, laurustinus, common holly, myrtle, mastic tee, and cyclamen. The area is further enriched by the beauty of certain species which have been intentionally planted here by the human hand: Himalayan cedars arranged to form a hexagonal star, cypress and pine alleys, lawns encircled by Douglas-fir trees, and solitary exotic cypresses, fir trees, Aleppo pines. This magnificent forest is surrounded by rocky and pebble beaches, and a maze of pathways and trails.



St. Andrew's Island, which stretches over an area of 23 ha, is the largest island in the Rovinj archipelago, while St. Catherine's Island is a true rarity in terms of plant life, a place where botanists have recorded as many as 456 vegetation species.

The 13-km-long Lim Channel, a protected site declared a special marine reserve, guards Rovinj on the northern coast. The emerald sea and the diverse vegetation growing on the nearby slopes, make the Lim Channel the most beautiful bay of the Adriatic.

On the Muccia peninsula, which is located on the northern side of Rovinj, there is a beautiful park serving health, tourism and recreational purposes. It is dominated by the Karl Lueger viewing spot.

The Palud Ornithological Reserve – a wetland area where as many as 217 bird species have been recorded so far – extends along the



coast in the southern part of Rovinj. The reserve is a rich habitat for pheasants, grey partridges and common quails, and a living and nesting area for various species of wild ducks, Eurasian coots, grebes and water rails, Sylvia warblers, Eurasian golden orioles, woodpeckers, pipits, shrikes, etc.

In the surroundings of Rovinj, there are also certain clearly evident traces of the past to explore, such as Monkodonja, a pre-historic archaeological site encircled by dry stone walls that was inhabited in the period from 2000 until 1200 BC. You should also visit the Fantazija Quarry, a protected geological monument of global significance with clear traces and evidence of the various geological phenomena characteristic of karst landscapes, and of the structure and forces that have been shaping the soil of the area for thousands of years.



Discover the beauty and advantages of Rovinj's protected green seashore that boasts numerous bays, coves and areas of high landscape and environmental significance, countless islands, islets and reefs.

*Find exclusive and highly
diversified accomodation, where
a warm welcome awaits you*



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Choose your ideal vacation

As one of the most significant tourist centres in Croatia, Rovinj offers accommodation in top-rated hotels, resorts and campsites, which include numerous sport and recreational amenities, fun and educational entertainment programs for all age groups, and a top-notch wine & dine offer. The rich offer of congress and wellness amenities in Rovinj's accommodation facilities ensures an ideal combination for enjoying a business stay or a relaxing vacation. Active vacation enthusiasts can choose from a number of land-based or water sport activities. Those who prefer to stay in a family house, room or apartment as part of the private accommodation offer will enjoy the hospitality of their hosts.



Rest and relax in top-rated hotels

All those who want a luxury vacation can visit the attractive Monte Mulini zone with top-rated 4- and 5-star hotels which have a luxurious ambiance and elegant rooms with private terraces and pools, as well as wellness amenities. Its proximity to the sea and the Golden Cape Forest Park, along with additional sport and recreational amenities, will make your active vacation experience complete. In their high-end restaurants you can indulge in selected culinary delights. Boasting elegance and functionality as well as the hall spaces, the hotels are ideal for business and congress gatherings.

In the old town centre, there are also several noteworthy heritage and boutique hotels that evoke a rich culture and offer an intimate and luxury vacation in charming alleys with a sea view.



Surround yourself with greenery

Amidst Rovinj's picturesque Mediterranean landscape, there are seaside campsites and resorts with plenty of natural shade, and pebble and rocky beaches. Their offer is complemented by shared pools, children parks, walking paths, various fun and educational activities and sport courts, and they are connected with the centre of the town by bicycle and walking trails.

In addition to standard mobile homes, the offer also includes premium and superior mobile homes with additional equipment and equipped pitches with all the modern comforts, located in the deep shade of a pine forest, or in the first row to the sea. The accommodation offer also includes glamping tents, which are ideal for camping in luxury conditions.

Naturist campsite and resort, which boasts the title of the best one in Europe, offers its guests comfortable accommodation in mobile homes, bungalows and apartments, or on camping pitches with modern sanitary facilities. Its maintained and equipped pebble and sandy beach, which extends for more than 4 kilometres, offers all guests the pleasure of enjoying a relaxing vacation, culinary delights, and entertainment. The offer is enriched by a unique and attractive marina.





Family vacation

Boasting numerous bays and pebble beaches, well-equipped children's playgrounds and parks in multiple locations, as well as other family hotel, resort and campsite amenities adjusted to the needs of families with children, Rovinj is an ideal choice for a family vacation.

Family hotels, an excellent choice for a fun and relaxing vacation suitable for both the youngest guests and their parents, offer the services of professionals and sport schools that conduct fun activities and other entertainment or advanced training programs for children. Both minor and adult guests can enjoy indoor and outdoor pools, wellness and spa zones, and a diverse selection of food and drinks.

There are also several resorts and campsites whose amenities, organised fun and educational activities and pool zones with spray parks or a water toboggan make them suitable for families with children.



*Enrich your life
with new experiences!*

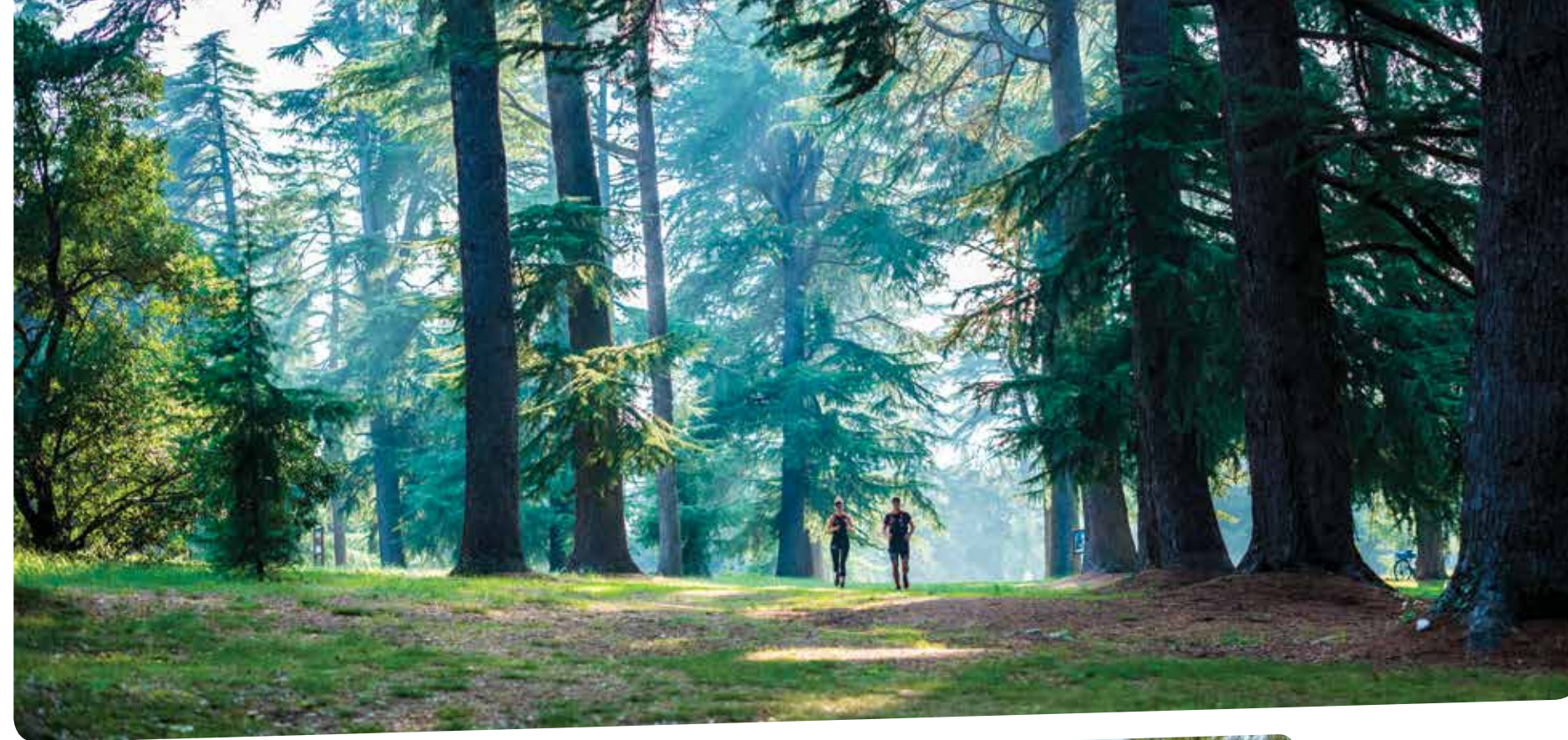


For those craving an active vacation

Boasting favourable natural features, a mild Mediterranean climate, crystal clear sea and clean air combined with a rich sport infrastructure, Rovinj offers the recreationalists the pleasure of enjoying numerous sport activities, as well as ideal training conditions for professional athletes. There are numerous sport courts, pools and halls where one can play tennis, football, handball, volleyball, basketball, water polo, or beach volleyball.

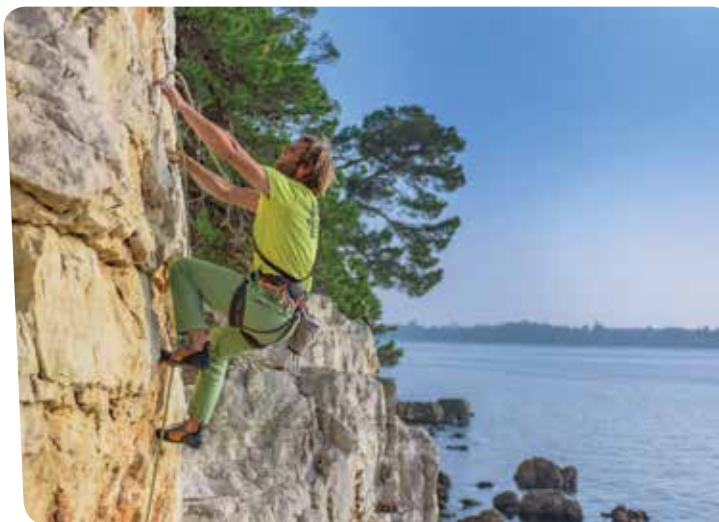
Rovinj also boasts many attractive sites where lovers of diving can discover the wealth of the region's diverse flora and fauna, and numerous underwater reefs, caves and shipwrecks. Other available water activities include sailing, windsurfing, kayaking and angling, both from the land and from the boat, accompanied by professional guides. Various water activities, particularly those intended for the youngest ones and families with children, are also available on maintained beaches, such as those in the Golden Cape Forest Park, on St. Andrew's Island, in the Lone and Cui bays, beach Borik and beaches within Rovinj's resorts and campsites.

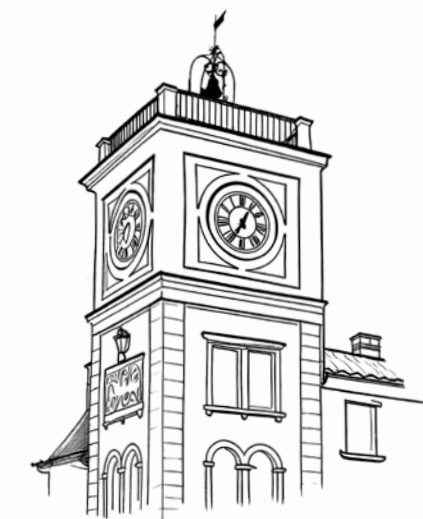




Maintained bicycle trails in the total length of more than 400 kilometres pass through the Rovinj coastal area and the Istrian inland. The network includes both long and short bike trails, those with mild slopes and more challenging ones, which makes it suitable for recreationalists and families as well as professional athletes. Lovers of walking and running can enjoy the attractive and maintained trails that cut through parks and forests.

From the bell tower of the Church of St. Euphemia the visitors can enjoy the view of the town and the islands, while the youngest ones might be interested in a boat ride with the possibility of watching dolphins, a visit to the Lim Channel and the pirate cave, or a ride on a semi-submarine.





Wellness

Rovinj's wellness and spa centres, located in an authentic Mediterranean environment within hotels, resorts and campsites, are oases of peace and health.

They offer an exclusive experience that includes thermal wellness & spa zones, therapeutic massages, indoor and outdoor pools, fitness and beauty centres, the fragrances of essential oils of Mediterranean plants and sea algae with healing properties, and a view of the sea, intact nature or the old town centre.

Rovinj boasts the Special Hospital for Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation Martin Horvat Rovinj-Rovigno with a beach and a therapy pool used for medical and therapeutic purposes, as well as a town pool for both athletes and recreationalists.



*For the perfect harmony
of body and mind*



Nautics

ACI Marina Rovinj is the most modern and, according to many, the most beautiful nautical tourism marina on the Adriatic coast. It is located in the immediate vicinity of the luxury Grand Park Hotel Rovinj and an exclusive boardwalk, and its offer includes vessel technical and rental services, commercial and food service amenities, and a wellness centre. It is open for both annual and transit berth users. With 196 berths for boats with an average hull length of 17 metres, the marina includes all the necessary technical and service facilities, and is the most modern nautical one stop shop destination.





Business gatherings and congresses

Rovinj is known as one of the more important conference destinations in Croatia. The hotels within the Monte Mulini zone have the conditions necessary for organising business, festive and private gatherings for various group sizes. They offer multi-purpose halls and conference rooms in combination with excellent service, accommodation, and a wide selection of food and drinks.

One of the more significant venues for holding concerts and different types of events are the premises of the former Tobacco Factory in the centre of the town.



For memorable romantic moments

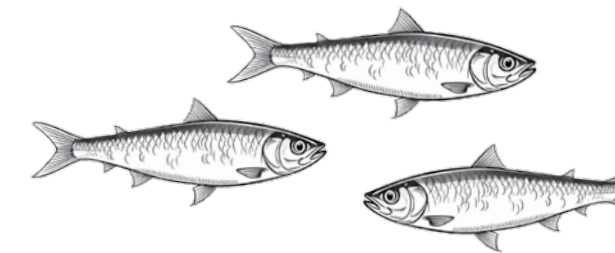
Seeing the small squares, narrow streets, houses painted in different colours built on cliffs and feeling the overall Mediterranean atmosphere, taking a walk through the Golden Cape Forest Park or the old part of the town and spending enjoyable moments in the magical ambiances of Rovinj restaurants are truly exceptional experiences. There are many locations in town that are ideal for watching the golden-red and orange-pink sunset. At the end of the day, you can enjoy a panoramic cruise aboard a boat setting off from the town waterfront, or a visit to one of the Rovinj islands. Drinking your morning coffee or a night cocktail by the sea or in one of the charming streets of the old town centre is quite an experience.

Rovinj's charming streets, beautiful nature, the vista of the nearby islands or the old town peninsula, and the view of St. Euphemia make perfect settings for memorable photographs of newlyweds on their wedding day.

Various programs and events organised in different locations contribute to the romantic ambiance of the town, St. Lawrence Night being the most famous among them.

At dusk, you can experience a special romantic moment in the parade of batana boats under the light of the fishing lanterns, enjoying the sounds of traditional music and dinner at a spacio, the local version of a tavern.





Offer for the gourmets

Rovinj's gastronomy rests on the town's fishing tradition on, the customs associated with the life of farmers, and on the simple recipes based on fish, meat and vegetables. The restaurants offer a mix of tradition, Mediterranean tastes, authentic tastes from the Istrian inland, and modern interpretations of international cuisines. Traditional pasta in various meat and meatless sauces, dishes made from freshly caught fish, wild asparagus, Istrian prosciutto, pancetta, sausages, cured pork loin and truffles are the highlights of the rich culinary offer.



Olive oil is an essential part of the gastronomy of Istria, and Rovinj's olive oil is one of the best. The meals are complemented with the Malvasia white wine, or one of the red wines, such as Teran or Refosco.

A spacio, a wine cellar where at the end of the day people would eat fresh fish and drink wine, is yet another symbol of the traditional Rovinj gastronomy and of local life. In addition to having unique restaurants, Rovinj also prides itself on having two Michelin star restaurants. With the aim of promoting a diverse traditional, typical and top-quality wine & dine offer, various culinary events are held in Rovinj during the year.



Entertainment featuring numerous events and festivals

Among many other things, Rovinj has also become recognisable because of the numerous events and festivals organised to enrich the city scene. International sporting events, summer festivals featuring classical music concerts, jazz festivals, culinary events and various exhibitions attract a wide audience and guests all year round.

BaRoMus, a Baroque music festival, and Rovinj Summer Festival are cultural events dedicated to classical music, while Rovinj Spring Jazz promotes jazz music. Rovinj Art & More is an art festival that features theatre plays, musicals, modern and classical music concerts, exhibitions, and fashion shows. The St. Lawrence Night is an event featuring various concerts organised in multiple locations across town. Rovinj Summer Music Festival brings some of the world's best pop music artists to Rovinj.



With its dance workshops and parties, Croatian Summer Salsa Festival brings summer and party vibes to the town. The concerts and stage performances held as part of the Euphemia Festival are an overture to the festivities organised on the occasion of the Day of the Town of Rovinj-Rovigno and the St. Euphemia Day. The event that most prominently sets the winter mood in town is Advent Rovinj, a holiday fair inviting people to spend time with friends and family by the fair stands drinking mulled wine and warm tea, and enjoying the music and the culinary offer. The New Year's Eve celebration organised outdoors completes the holiday experience.

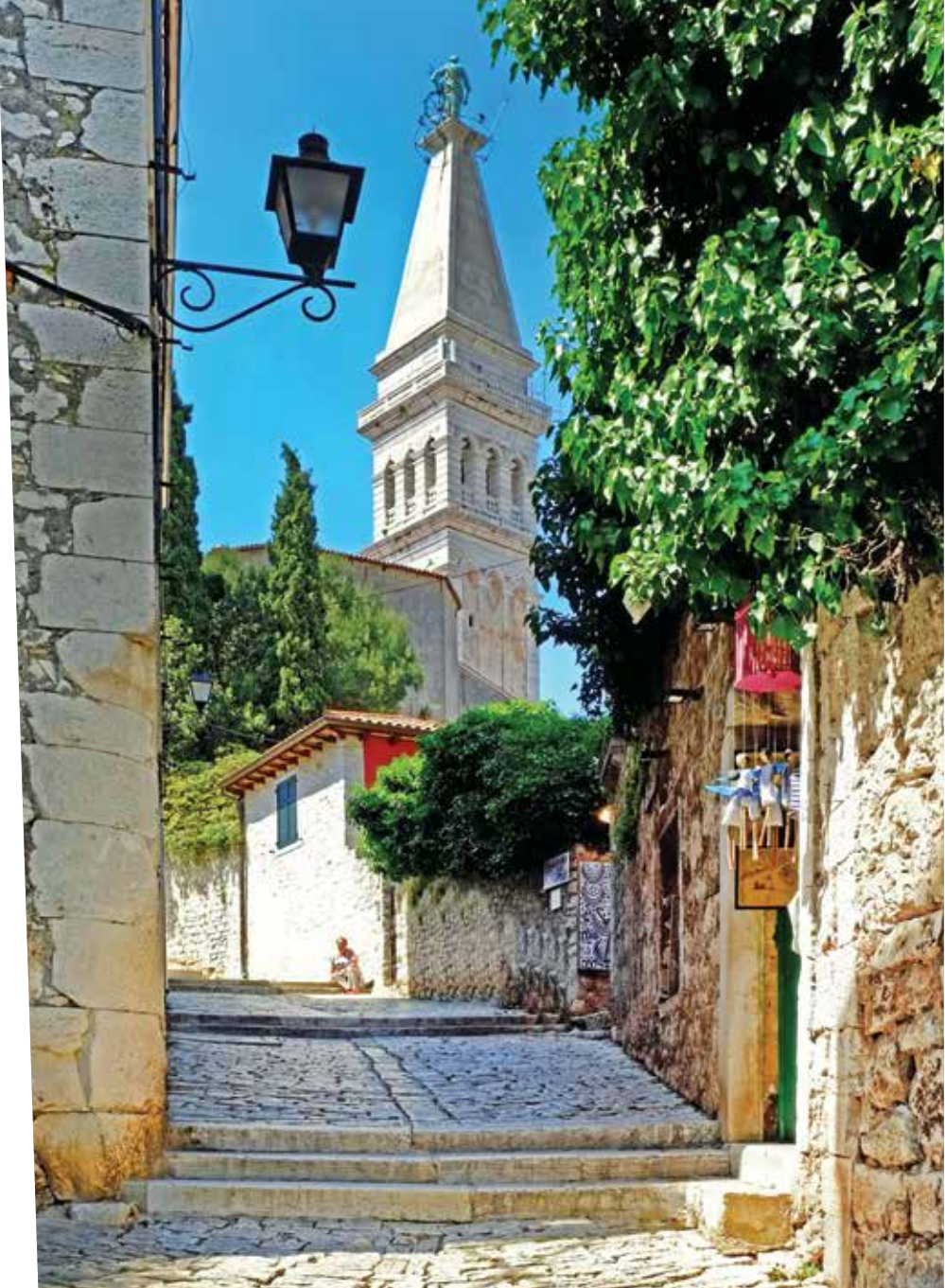
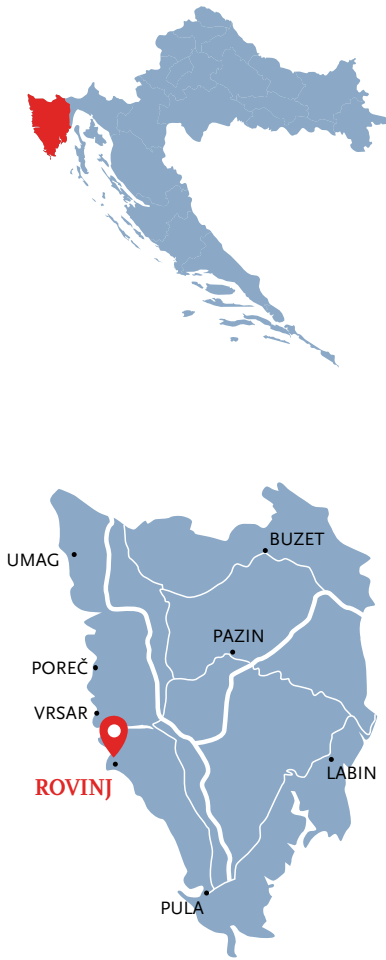
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