



Trip description

Cycling Istrian wine roads in Croatia

Discover an unordinary part of Croatia cycling through the wine roads from Buje to Porec. A sea-kayaking activity is possible at the end of the journey.

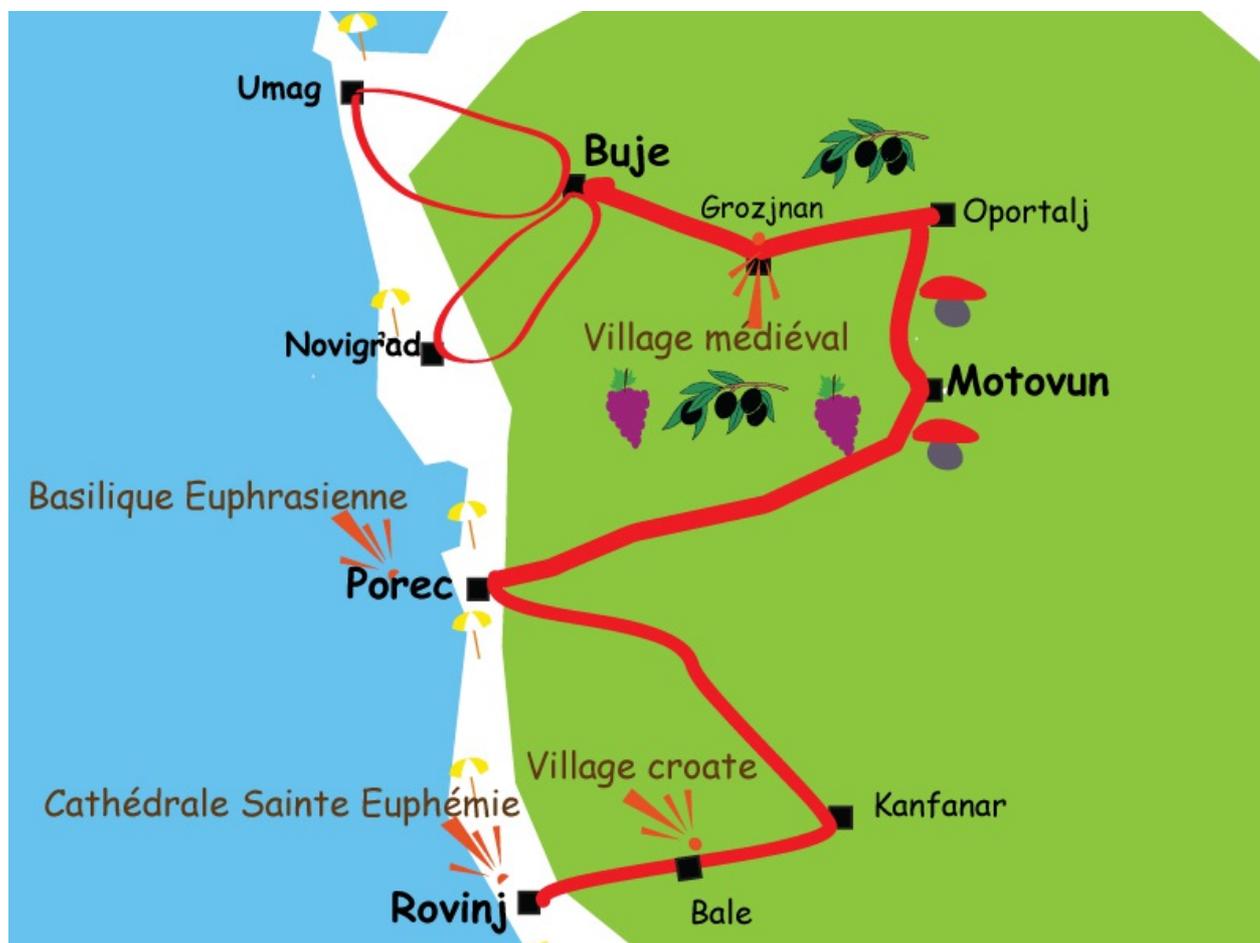


Destination	Europe
Location	Croatie
Duration	8 days
Difficulty Level	Moderate
Validity	Mars to November
Minimum age	14 years old
Reference	CR0802

Type of stay
itinerant trip



Itinerary



Discover the wonderful Istrian area. You will explore the north of the croatian peninsula passing through various perched villages like Grozjan or

Motovun. You will ride between olive trees and vines. You will taste wine from the area and also the food speciality called "truffle". You will follow your road until you reach the Adriatic coast in the beautiful city of Porec. You will enjoy the marina and have fun with the sea kayaking option! The end of the itinerary will lead you to the city of Rovinj. You will be charmed by the wonderful colours of its small streets and by its sprightly marina.

Day 1

Arrival in Istria

Arrival in Istria and meeting with an agency representative at 7pm at your hotel in Buje.

Day 2

Buje loop

Bike
47km

This tour starts with an easy downhill ride to the coast on the northeast point of the Istrian peninsula. The trail continues south to Umag, a little town with about 45 km of the coastline and interesting hinterland. It integrates special features of the whole region and might be the best introduction into a different experience of the Mediterranean. Umag's history is extremely interesting; it was founded by a Roman nobleman who decided to make it his summer residence. The glamour, magnificence and glare of the times can be seen today in the Venetian houses of the old town. City walls and fortifications are partially preserved as well as some Renaissance and Baroque buildings and churches. Vineyards and olive groves will create an atmosphere of typical West Istrian landscape. Visit to a wine cellar to taste the muscat, a local sort of wine.

Day 3

Buje – Brtonigla – Novigrad – Buje

Bike
39km

From the Buje area you're cycling through Kršete, a picturesque village, and arriving in the small town of Brtonigla. It has churches and monasteries from the 15th century. Further the trail leads through vineyards and olive groves of the Brtonigla area. Wine is very popular from this area (teran). Across endless vineyards you'll reach Novigrad where you can visit the olive oil production and taste some of the best oils. In one word, taste Istria. Through Dajla and Karigador villages on the coast you're getting to Lovrečica, a Venetian bishop's coastal village. Following the road through Škrinjari, Babići and Buroli village you'll see traditional Istrian houses. The road by the vineyard will take you back to your hotel.

Day 4

Buje-Motovun

Bike
38km

Apart from enjoying the breathtaking landscape of the terrace-styled vineyards which resemble to an image on the front page of a holiday guide to Tuscany, you can indulge in the sensation the area of Buje gives, a real polyphony of fragrances and tastes. Riding through magnificent rolling landscapes and lively Istrian vineyards, it will become obvious why it was also known once it was named as wine railway. After passing through many tunnels, over old bridges we will stop on many fascinating view points from charming medieval towns of Grožnjan to Završje until we reach Motovun, town monument, an ancient little Istrian town located atop a 277-meter-high hill, 21 km south-east from Buje. Its present appearance, with the city walls surrounding the centre of the town, dates back to the Middle Ages.

Day 5

Motovun-Porec

Bike
39km

This part of the trail goes from inland to the coast. It follows the road to Višnjan where you will pass by an observatory. It's one of the 5 most famous observatories in the world. The road continues to the town of Višnjan which is on 246m altitude and from there you'll be able to catch a view on the West Istrian coast and the coastal town of Poreč. In Višnjan surroundings it is possible to visit many wine cellars with wine from the Poreč area, especially malvasia. The tour continues to Tar, a little town on the hill above the sea, and to Nova Vas village by the famous cave (which you can visit). After passing a few more villages the trail reaches Poreč.

Porec-Vrsar-Porec or Seekayaking option around Porec

Bike
44km

From Poreč the trail starts with sightseeing the Euphrasiana, the most valuable monument in Poreč, a church build in 6th century. Follow the road untill you reach the village of Bačva village. Bačva is the highest point of this stage and there is local restaurant with traditional dishes where you can enjoy tasting local food. It continues to southern villages and it comes down to coast in the town of Vrsar. After Vrsar the trail passes Funtana fishing village, Zelena and Plava Laguna touristic villages are the south doorstep of Poreč.

Porec-Kanfanar-Rovinj

Bike
33km

You can choose between taking a car transfer to Kanfanar or reach it on your own on bike. Kanfanar is a small town above the Lim valley. From Kanfanar starts the flattest ride of all in this tour. Passing by Istrian inland villages you will see traditional Istrian tool-houses (kažun).

After reaching Bale you can visit the Bembo palace, city square and museum. Continue to Rovinj and on the way you can visit see "Palud" an ornithological reserve where you can cycle around. After village Kokuletočica you can turn in Monkodonja. Monkodonja is a prehistoric hill-town inhabited about 1800-1200 BC during the Bronze Age.

After Monkodonja you will reach Rovinj, your goal of this tour, the "Pearl of Adriatic". With its church and bell-tower on the hill by thesea it's very recognizable from all sides. Also called Istrian Venice, old town which was once an island and then connected with land, famous for its traditional boat called batana. Restaurants with fresh fish combined with Malvasia will complete this week's atmosphere. It will fascinate you. Everybody can enjoy Rovinj, its charm and magic.

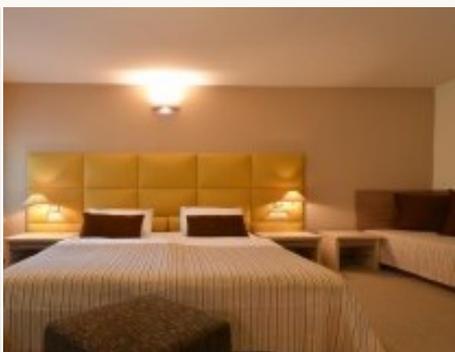
Departure from Rovinj

You can enjoy Rovinj before your departure.

Accommodation

Category A

You will stay in 3 star hotels or B and B.



* Example of the type of accommodation

Category B



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Practical information

To get to departure point:

By plane: fly to Trieste or Pula

To get back to starting point:

You take the bus to go back to your departure point. We advise you to book the ticket in advance.
Rovinj-Pula : 45mn; Rovinj-Trieste : 2h55mn.

Price description

Category A

€ 772 /pers

Double room fare

7 nights in *** hotels or B&B's
7 breakfasts
6-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (packs, helmets, locks...)
luggage transfer
Kayak tour around Porec
a road book with maps and descriptions of the route
delivery and return of the bikes

7/7 hotline

Category B

Double room fare	€ 1379
7 nights in **** hotels or B&B's	/pers
7 breakfasts	
6-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (packs, helmets, locks...)	
luggage transfer	
Kayak tour around Porec	
a road book with maps and descriptions of the route	
delivery and return of the bikes	
7/7 hotline	
Supplement mid-season**	105€/pers
High season***	153€/pers
Extra for a single room	On demand
GPS	65 €

Options

Discount if you bring your own bicycle	€ -90/pers
Extra for an electric bike	€ 100/pers

Low season : from 01.03 to 19.04

* Mid season : from 20.04 to 19.06 and from 20.09 to 30.11

** High season : from 20.06 to 19.09

The package doesn't include:

the journey to the tour location
drinks
meals which are not included
entrance fee to sites
local visitor's taxes
insurances (optional)

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