



Croatia - Cycling Istrian Wine Roads (2025)
Individual Self-Guided Tour
8 days / 7 nights



There is something magical in Istria, the largest Croatian peninsula, immersed in the blue of the Adriatic. Its green forests, historic hilltop towns, vineyards, olive groves and gentle rivers are a perfect combination of the beauty of nature, history and culture. When you add to this the seductive tastes of excellent Istrian wines, you just know that this is an area which offers you everything you need. Enjoy an easy bike ride and explore Istria, passing through the hidden medieval towns of Grožnjan, Oprtalj, Motovun, and the former Roman colony of Poreč whose charm will leave you breathless. Passing through a landscape of hills framed by rivers, with forests, vineyards and olive groves, you'll enjoy every moment. Take a break at the winemakers and taste indigenous wines such as Malvasia and Teran, treat yourself to tasty delicacies and experience all the charms of Istria, this exciting Croatian wine region.



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Itinerary Day to Day

Day 1: Arrival in Istria

Info meeting with tour representative at 7 pm at the hotel reception area where we will provide you with the package including hotel vouchers, bicycle with all equipment, maps and a road book. Overnight in Buje area.



Day 2: Buje - Umag - Buje - 48 km + 413 m

This tour starts with an easy downhill ride to the coast on the northeast point of the Istrian peninsula. Nearby is a lighthouse, according to the legend build by count Metternich as his love nest. Savudrija is one of the oldest lighthouses in the Adriatic, built in 1818. It is also the northernmost Istrian lighthouse. Its building is 36 meters tall and there is a keeper living inside it. The trail continues south to Umag, a little town with about 45 km of the coastline and interesting hinterland 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 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 fortification 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 wine cellar to taste the Muscat or Malvazija, local sorts of wine. Overnight in Buje area.

Day 3: Buje - Brtonigla -Novigrad - Buje - 50 km + 370 m

From Buje area you're cycling through Kršete picturesque village and arriving to the small town of Brtonigla. It has churches and monasteries from XV century. The trail leads further through wine yards and olive groves of 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 olive oils, in one word taste Istria. Through Dajla and Karigador villages on the coast you're getting to Lovrečica Venetian bishops coastal village. Following the road through Škrinjari, Babići and Buroli village you'll see traditional Istrian houses. Road by the vineyards will take you back to your hotel. Overnight in hotel in Buje area.



Day 4 - Buje - Motovun - 37 km + 718 m

From Buje you will continue towards Grožnjan. Typical Istrian medieval town sprouts high on top of a hill along the right coast of the river Mirna, renaissance loggia dating from 1585 and the beautiful St. Vitus and Modesto's baroque church. If you just occasionally pass along its streets almost every door leads to art studios or galleries, and windows from every direction echoes the sounds of different music genres, from classical to jazz, you'll understand why Grožnjan is known as "The town of artists". From Grožnjan you'll ride on quiet Istrian village roads through beautiful settlement and arrive to Oprtalj. Unchanged urban medieval style of building, the narrow streets, the shops, the beautiful Venetian palaces, portals

and covered passages and particularly the unique view to the Istrian peninsula from the town loggia, according to many the most beautiful of Istria. From Oprtalj you are going downhill enjoying the view on Mirna River and eventually arriving in Livade, the truffle center of Istria where you can visit the local truffle shop and taste it in various forms. The truffle is an underground malodorous fungus believed to be an aphrodisiac. On the hill in front of Livade is Motovun, surely the most famous and attractive Istrian medieval hill-town. Around Livade is the Motovun forest which stretches along Mirna River valley and is especially rich with truffles. Overnight in hotel "Kaštel" in Motovun.

Day 5: Motovun - Poreč 40 km + 394 m

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 is one of the five most famous observatories in the world. The road continues to the town of Višnjan which is on a 246 meters altitude and from there you'll be able to catch a view of the west Istrian coast and the coastal town of Poreč. In Višnjan surroundings is possible to visit many wine cellars with wine from Poreč area, especially Malvasia. 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. Overnight in Poreč.





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Day 6: Poreč - Vrsar - Poreč 45 km + 417 m

From Poreč the trail starts with sightseeing of the Euphrasiana, the most valuable monument in Poreč, a church build in the 6th century. Follow the road until you reach the village of Bačva. 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. With a commanding view of the coast, it was natural for Vrsar to become a defended fortress. Only parts of the fortification system, built in the 12th century, have been preserved but the fortress castle, used as summer residence of the Poreč bishops, is well worth a look. After Vrsar the trail passes the Funtana fishing village, through Zelena and Plava Laguna touristic village and it leads along the coast all the way back to Poreč.

Day 7: Poreč - Kanfanar - Rovinj 34 km + 562 m (+ 32 km optional) + 170 m

After breakfast you can choose between taking a car transfer to Kanfanar or reach it on your own by 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 the village of Kokuletočica you can turn into Monkodonja. Monkodonja is a prehistoric hill-town inhabited about 1800-1200 BC during the Bronze Age. After Monkodonja you will reach Rovinj,



church and bell tower on the hill by the sea its very recognizable from all sides. Also called Istrian Venice, the old town 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. Overnight in hotel Villa Lili in Rovinj. *If you wish to take the transfer you must let us know at least 24 hours in advance*

Day 8: Departure

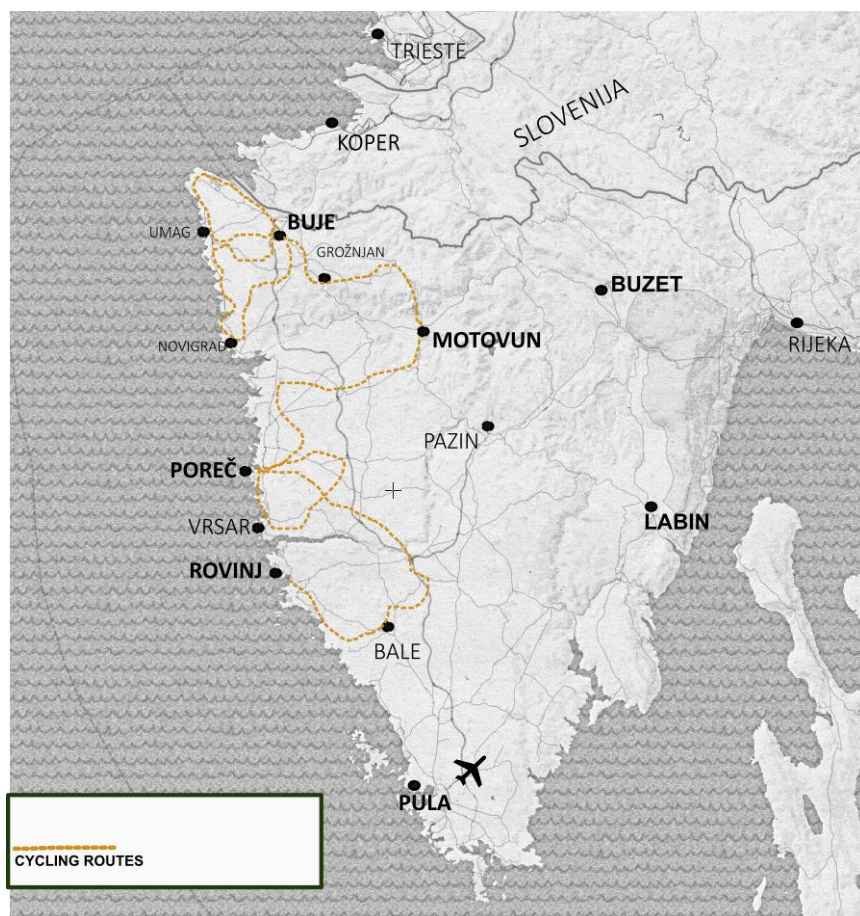
Departure after breakfast

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Route



Technical Characteristics:

Tour Difficulty: Relatively Easy. For this trip you should be in a moderate physical condition.



Distance: 238 – 271 km

Travel Season: Departures daily from March 15 to November 15

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Price per Person: *all prices subject to confirmation on booking*

| | March 15 – Apr 19 | April 20 – June 19 | June 20- Sept 19 | Sept 19- Nov 15 |
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| Double Occupancy Classic Hotel 3* | €910 | €1050 | €1110 | €990 |
| Supplement Single Room Classic Hotel | €380 | €420 | €440 | €400 |
| Supplement Solo Traveler Classic Hotel | €520 | €570 | €590 | €570 |
| Double Occupancy Classic Hotel 3/ 4 * | €1140 | €1280 | €1360 | €1190 |
| Supplement Single Room Classic Hotel | €450 | €520 | €580 | €500 |
| Supplement Solo Traveler Classic Hotel | €590 | €670 | €730 | €640 |
| Double Occupancy Premium Hotel | €1350 | €1570 | €1760 | €1480 |
| Supplement Single Room Premium Hotel | €740 | €850 | €920 | €820 |
| Supplement Solo Traveler Premium Hotel | €910 | €1020 | €1110 | €1000 |
| Road Bike Rental | €280 | | | |
| Hybrid Bike Rental | €140 | | | |
| GPS Rental per week | €50 | | | |
| Electric Bike Rental per week | €265 | | | |
| SPD Clipless Pedals Rental per week | €10.00 | | | |
| Extra Side Pannier or Handlebar bag per week | €10.00 | | | |

Accommodation: Classic Hotels: Selection of 3* hotels, Classic 3/4* mix of 3 and 4 star hotels, Premium Hotels: Selection of 4* hotels

Included:

- Info meeting
- 3 x overnight in Buje area
- 1 x overnight in Motovun
- 2 x overnight in Poreč
- 1 x overnight in Rovinj
- 7 x breakfast
- Information package including detailed route description (map and road book) and vouchers
- Use of app for offline navigation
- Luggage transport between accommodations
- 24/7 emergency number

Not Included:

- Travel and bike insurance
- Arrival and departure from Istria
- Transfer to and from airport to hotel (can be organized)
- Lunches, dinners and drinks
- Bike rentals with equipment



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BIKES AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL: other bikes are available

Our hybrid/trekking bikes are custom built by Musing bike manufacturer and designed for several day touring. All of our hybrid bikes have adjustable stem and come in 7 different sizes, male and female frame, so we will be able to make perfect fit for you. Hybrid bikes are built from lightweight aluminum, and have wide gear range; triple chainring and 9 speed cassette, comfortable Selle Royal Freccia saddle, 28 inch wheels, fenders, integrated rear rack, dynamo powered lights

Gears: 3 x 9 Shimano Alivio, chainring 28-38-48, cassette 11-32

Equipment: cycle odometer, water bottle holder, saddle bag containing spare tube and tire lever, hand pump, lock, 1 side panier.

This bike is available in following frame sizes:

Male frame: 49cm, 52cm, 55cm, 58cm, 61cm

Female frame: 43cm, 48cm, 53cm

AVAILABLE PEDALS: flat pedals (included), toe cages and clipless pedals (SPD, SL, LOOK) with supplement.



Custom built hybrid/trekking bikes

Our E-bikes are custom built by Musing bike manufacturer and designed for several day touring. All of our E-bikes have adjustable stem and come in 3 different sizes, with low entry frame, so we will be able to make perfect fit for you.

Our E-bikes are built from lightweight aluminum, and have wide gear range; single chainring and 10 speed cassette, comfortable Selle Royal Freccia saddle, 28 inch wheels, front suspension, Shimano hydraulic brakes, fenders, integrated rear rack, dynamo powered lights, drive unit Shimano Steps E6100 (250W), Akku 418Wh (duration in eco mode 100km, power mode 50km)

Gears: 1 x 10 Shimano Deore, chainring 38, cassette 11-32

Equipment: cycle odometer, water bottle holder, saddle bag containing spare tube and tire lever, hand pump, lock, 1 side panier.

This bike is available in following frame sizes: 48cm, 52cm, 56cm

AVAILABLE PEDALS: flat pedals (included), toe cages and clipless pedals (SPD, SL, LOOK) with supplement.



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Our E-bikes are built from lightweight aluminum, and have wide gear range; single chainring and 11 speed cassette, comfortable saddle, 27,5 inch wheels, Continental tyres 62-584, front suspension SR Suntour 100mm travel, hydraulic disc brakes, SKS enders, integrated rear rack, led lights, drive unit.

Equipped with the compact Bosch Performance CX Gen 4 motor, that makes those hard climbs easier and encourages you to extend your ride time. Drive unit Bosch Performance CX GEN 4, 85Nm Bosch Powertube battery, (55-155 km range)

Gears: Shimano Deore 11 speed, chainring 40T, cassette 11-51T

This bike is available in following frame sizes: M-52cm (160-175 cm), L-56cm (175-188 cm), XL-58 cm (185-200 cm)

Equipment: cycle computer, water bottle holder, saddle bag containing spare tube (charged when used EUR 5 per tube) and tire lever, hand pump, lock.

AVAILABLE PEDALS: flat pedals (included), toe cages and clipless pedals (SPD, SL, LOOK) with supplement.

E-TREKKING BIKE – HAIBIKE TREKKING



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Our E-bikes are built from lightweight aluminum, and have wide gear range; single chainring and 10 speed cassette, comfortable Selle Royal Freccia saddle, 28 inch wheels, Giant Crosscut gravel tyres 700x45, front suspension 63mm travel, Tektro hydraulic brakes, fenders, integrated rear rack, dynamo powered lights, drive unit

With modern E-bike technology, it features a SyncDrive Core motor system that makes those hard climbs easier and encourages you to extend your ride time. Drive unit Giant SyncDrive Core, Akku Giant Energypak 500 Wh, side release (55-155 km range)

Gears: Shimano Alivio M3100 9 speed, chainring 36T, cassette 11-36T This bike is available in following frame sizes: M-52cm, L-56cm, XL-58 cm

Equipment: cycle odometer, water bottle holder, saddle bag containing spare tube and tire lever, hand pump, lock, 1 side panier.

This bike is available in following frame sizes: M-52cm, L-56cm, XL-58 cm

AVAILABLE PEDALS: flat pedals (included), toe cages and clipless pedals (SPD, SL, LOOK) with supplement.



E-TREKKING BIKE - GIANT EXPLORE E+3



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The lightweight ALUXX-quality aluminium frame with lightweight Advanced-Grade carbon fork will win you over, whether you're just starting out or have been cycling for a while. Since control is key, the Giant OverDrive steerer tube provides solid and precise steering, while the compliant D-Fuse handlebar provides a smooth riding experience and the D-Fuse seatpost absorbs vibrations for comfort and stability on bumpy roads. A mix of hard-wearing GRX600 and 810 components give you superior shifting and braking performance, even in bad weather and on poor surfaces. Finally, a wheelset specifically designed for use in all weather and unpredictable terrain, and fitted with 38c tyres. Tubeless tires.

Gears: 2x11 GRX Brakes: hydraulic disk brakes Equipment: cycle computer, water bottle holder, saddle bag containing spare tube and tire lever, hand pump, lock. This bike is available in following frame sizes: S, M, ML, L, XL AVAILABLE PEDALS: flat pedals (included), toe cages and clipless pedals (SPD, SL, LOOK) with supplement.



Gravel bike Giant Revol 0/1

The Wilier GTR Team Endurance 105 is a quick and comfortable ride, striking a good balance between a traditional-style race bike and a relaxed-geometry sportive machine.

The carbon frame and fork are also impressively light and stiff.

To make sure it performs flawlessly under shifting on the hills we use Shimano's 11 speed 105 shifters and derailleurs. With its compact crank and wide-spaced cassette, the bike will take you up hills and mountains and get back you down with confidence.

Gears: 2x11 Shimano 105, chainring 34-50T, cassette 11-30T Equipment: cycle computer, water bottle holder, saddle bag containing spare tube and tire lever, hand pump, lock. This bike is available in following frame sizes: S (158-168cm), (M (169-177cm), L (174-182cm, XL (179-187cm) AVAILABLE PEDALS: flat pedals (included), toe cages and clipless pedals (SPD, SL, LOOK) with supplement



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