



Croatia - Road Cycling Through Istria Terra Magica Peninsula (2025)
Individual Self-guided Tour
8 nights/7 days



Join us in an interesting cycling adventure along the Istrian peninsula. Ride along the east and west coasts, and into the Istrian inland. The tracks pass through beautiful landscapes dotted with old villages and picturesque towns. Sweep into glorious valleys with rivers and forests and emerge again onto the slopes of hills, meandering through tunnels, over bridges and viaducts, between the vineyards and olive groves of Istria's top producers. On our journey we will pass through the medieval towns of Grožnjan and Motovun, situated on hilltops which afford fantastic views. We will also visit the former Roman colonies of Poreč and Pula, which have kept impressive traces of the Roman Empire. Among the charms of culture and the beauty of nature, enjoy the richness of flavors of local Istrian cuisine, excellent Istrian wines and olive oil.



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Itinerary Day to Day

Day 1: Arrival in Poreč/Vrsar

Info meeting with tour representative at 7pm 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 Poreč/Vrsar.



Day 2: Poreč - Buje long option 94 km + 1095 m – 977 m short option 72 km

Our cycling tour of Istria will start with a ride around Poreč, the town where you can find material and spiritual evidences of great cultures at every step. Walk along the old city center and you will find there the Roman Forum, magnificent palaces from different historical periods, and to top it all, the famous Euphrasian Basilica (Euphrasiana). The ride along this trail starts from town of Poreč to its hinterland through villages of Mugeba, Fuškulín and Bačva where you can enjoy the breath taking Mediterranean landscape with green vineyards and olive groves and taste homemade food, wine, brandy and honey produced in this area. Continuing along

little place that vaunts an astronomical observatory ranked among the five most important observatories in the world. Passing by Mirna river delta and Novigrad you will arrive at Umag. Continuing to northernmost point of Istria (Savudrija) and just before finishing first day you will do a one more cycle around Momjan area and finish at Buje area.

Day 3: Buje - Buzet long option 91 km + 1540 m – 1572 m short option 54 km

On the way to Buzet we will ride toward Brtonigla village from where are you go back to Buje and continue a longer loop around Momjan and small Istrian villages around the area. In Marušići you will join on road towards Grožnjan – a typical Istrian medieval town high on top of the hill along the right coast of the river Mirna, vaunting its centenary walls, its renaissance loggia dating from 1585 and the beautiful St. Vitus and Modesto's baroque church. If you just occasionally ride along its streets in which almost every door leads to art studios or galleries, and which 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". Your day is leading you towards the village of Šterna – a village named after a big local cistern (on local dialect – Šterna) situated on the large plateau intersected by water flows. Opatlj, with unchanged urban medieval disposition, 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. After Opatlj and five kilometers of downhill to village of Livade you will have option to go towards hilltop town Motovun. One of the most beautiful towns in central Istria will be real challenge for every road cyclist. After Motovun you will continue to Buzet, known as long as in the Roman times as Pinquentium, today is named as "the City of truffles", considering that the surrounding forests along the valley of the river Mirna cover some of the best areas of the entire Istria for the hunting of this divine tuberos. Overnight in Buzet.



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Day 4: Buzet – Labin/Rabac long option 67 km + 1252 m – 1302 m

After a steep climb to Prodani the road leads to one of the most attractive and picturesque istrian medieval towns – Draguć. The place which, until some hundred years ago lived from the cultivation of the silk worm, today is almost completely abandoned. However, its unforgettable natural position and the exceptional beauty of the stone architecture, the modest palaces, the walls and the old churches, perhaps could seem somehow known. Considering that right here have been recorded numerous national and foreign production movies and TV series, like the movies "The 3 musketeers".

Pazin – a true heart of Istria! First written records referring to the city as Castrum Pisinum appeared in 983 and presently, Pazin is known as a commercial, cultural and educational center of entire central Istria. Unique for its spectacular position above the karst abyssal cave, Pazin holds the medieval Castle – Kaštel (today, the Ethnographic Museum of Istria and the Municipal Museum are both in the castle) located on the verge of a 130 meter deep abyss. From Pazin you pass through Gračišće, an absolute pearl of the Istrian hinterland. The entrance into this town can be really enchanting: a magnificent Salomon Mansion made in the combination of gothic and renaissance styles, it makes you think for a moment as if you were lost in some distant corner of Venice. Continue further and turn right up to Šumber, where you will have challenge on uphill. After Šumber you are riding in villages before the town of Labin and arrive in Rabac, the pearl of the Kvarner bay. Overnight in Rabac/Labin.



Day 5: Labin/Rabac - Pula long option 100 km + 1616 m – 1637 m short option 53 km

After breakfast you will have uphill warm up ride from Rabac to Labin. After reaching Labin old town you will continue ride across Skitača and other villages in Labin area from where you will have view on Kvarner islands. In Barban you can take break after another uphill. In Barban you are continuing towards Glavani village and Vodnjan. Vodnjan is famous because of very good quality of olive oil and family producers. Which city is situated on seven hills, has a magnificent amphitheater and is not Rome? The answer is - Pula the largest city in Istria. Pula is an enchantress with thousand appearances which has been

casting spell on its visitors for centuries. This day we finish visiting the old city with the Sergius' Triumphal Arch (from the end of the 1st century B.C. and the beginning of the 1st century A.D.) and famous Arena, a Roman amphitheater (from the 1st century B.C.). After reaching Pula you will have opportunity to continue towards Premantura for extra tour and back again to Pula. Overnight in Pula.

Day 6: Pula - Rovinj long option 77 km + 798 m – 798 m short option 61 km

After breakfast we ride towards Fažana situated in head of National park Brijuni islands. From Vodnjan you will continue towards Žminj and Svetvinčenat. Svetvinčenat, with its grandiose Morosini-Grimani citadel with towers, parish church, municipal loggia and a line of 16th century houses of the Renaissance and a town cistern - šterna in the middle, Svetvinčenat really belongs to a range of the most attractive Venetian creations of that period effected in this region, and which held one of the rare witchcraft trials in Istria during 17th century. You will head for the mysterious world of Bale region, proud for its glorious Soardo-Bembo Castle of the Gothic and Renaissance period and the parish church of St. Julian. Bale had been developed from the ancient Roman castrum (military fortification) along Via Flava, the ancient Roman road that used to connect Trieste and Pula. This day finishes in Rovinj.

Day 7: Rovinj - Poreč long option 71 km + 921 m – 938 m

A marsh, rare birds, a cursed city, buried pirate's treasure, a fjord, a cave with a primitive man and a hermit, an ancient solar observatory - all this you will find today biking. Our bike ride will takes us across Kanfanar to small town of Žminj where we are turning left towards the villages of Tinjan and Kringa. From Sveti Lovreč you will ride mostly downhill to the beautiful fishermen town of Vrsar, and from there continue to Poreč where your ride is finishing. You will ride across dry part of Lim channel. After riding along the coastline you will reach Vrsar, a romantic fishermen village where the famous Casanova came back even two times. This one week bike tour finishes in Poreč where you will spend the last night.



Day 8: Departure

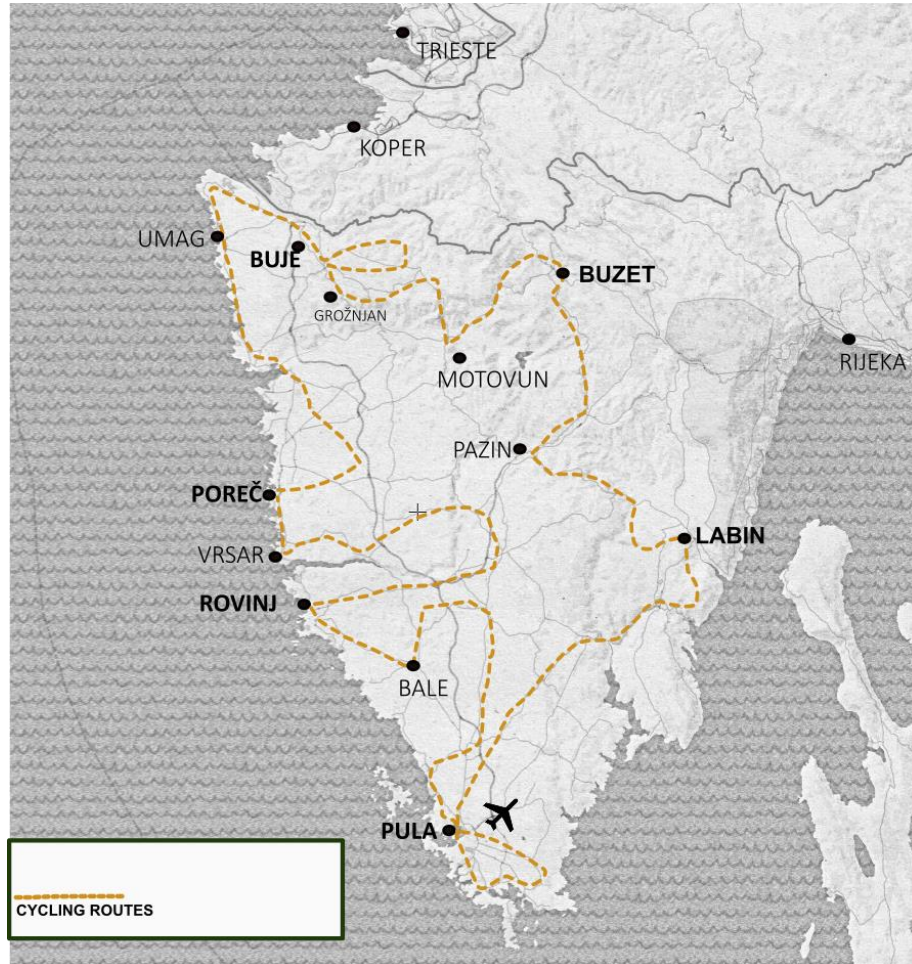
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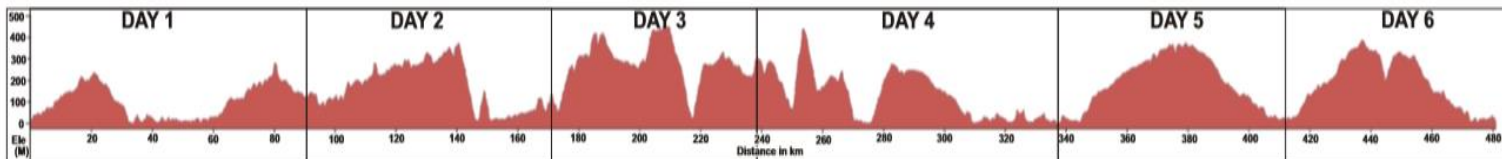
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Route



Technical Characteristics:

Tour Difficulty: Relatively Difficult. This route requires moderate to fit degree of fitness.



Distance: 385 - 502 km

Travel Season: Daily departures from March 15 to November 15

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

	Mar 15 – April 19	April 20 – June 19	June 20- Sept 19	Sept 20- Nov 19
Double Occupancy Classic Hotels	€1080	€1220	€1320	€1160
Supplement Single Room Classic Hotels	€380	€420	€450	€410
Supplement Solo Traveler Classic Hotels	€650	€700	€720	€680
Double Occupancy Premium Hotels	€1390	€1570	€1740	€1480
Supplement Single Room Premium Hotels	€590	€670	€770	€660
Supplement Solo Traveler Premium Hotels	€880	€970	€1080	€950
Road Bike Rental	€300			
Hybrid/Trekking Bike Rental	€150			
GPS Rental per week	€50			
Electric Bike Rental	€265			
SPD Clipless Pedals Rental per week	€15			
Extra Side Pannier per week	€15			

Accommodation:

Classic Hotels: Selection of 3* and 4* hotels

Premium Hotels: Selection of 4* hotels

Included:

- Info meeting
- 2 x overnight in Poreč or Vrsar
- 1 x overnight in Buje
- 1 x overnight in Buzet
- 1 x overnight in Rabac
- 1 x overnight in Pula
- 1 x overnight in Rovinj
- 7 x breakfast
- Information package including detailed route description (map and road book) and vouchers
- Luggage transport between accommodations
- 24/7 emergency number
- Navigation app

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 (tube repair kit, spare tube, pump, locks, bottle holder, rear rack and helmet if required)

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Bikes- *additional models available on request*

1. Road Bike – Wilier GTR Team Endurance 105



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

2. Custom Built Hybrid Bike “Musing”



Our hybrid bikes are custom built and designed for several day touring. All of our hybrid bikes have adjustable stem and come in 6 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

AVAILABLE PEDALS: flat, toe cages, clipless pedals

AVAILABLE SIZES: Men's bike 52, 55, 58, 61 cm

Woman's bike 43, 48, 53 cm

Extra equipment included in bike rental: 1 side pannier waterproof 20 liter, 1 handlebar bag or map holder, and helmet. Equipment: cycle computer, water bottle holder, saddle bag containing spare tube, tyre lever and tools, rear rack, hand pump, lock.



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3. E-Bike



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

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 pannier

. This bike is available in following frame sizes: 48cm, 52cm, 56cm AVAILABLE PEDALS: flat pedals (included), toe cage and clipless pedals (SPD, SL, LOOK) with supplement

Assisting people in realizing their touring dreams worldwide is our passion.

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