

GROUP STAY IN OPATIJA, IN THE KVARNER BAY– 8 DAYS

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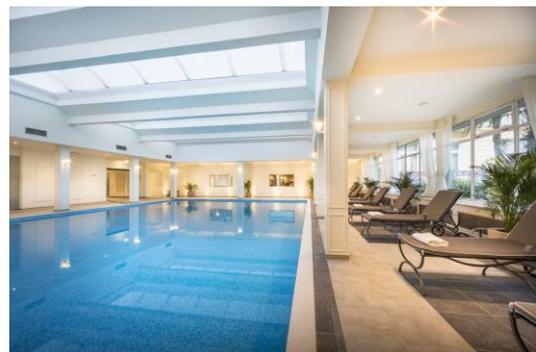
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HOTEL REMISENS PALACE 4*, Opatija

The hotel is located only 1 minute on foot from the seafront.

One of the most renowned hotels in Opatija, the Remisens Premium Grand Hotel Palace is set in a recently renovated Secession building, beautifully located along the main street facing the sea. In summer evenings you can enjoy themed dinners and musical events on the large hotel's terrace. The rooms are decorated in pastel colours and are equipped with a flat-screen cable TV, AC, Wi-Fi...

The hotel features a spa, wellness centre, indoor pool with heated seawater, a peaceful relaxation area, Finnish and Turkish saunas... A variety of massages and beauty treatments are available. The elegant, air-conditioned restaurant serves a buffet breakfast. The nearest pebble beach is only a 10-minute walk from the hotel.



OPATIJA

Opatija was the one of the first towns to develop tourism in Croatia and on the Adriatic Sea. Austrian secession architecture is the predominant building style, a reminder of the mid-19th century when the main visitors were the Central European upper class and political elite. Opatija still today remains a synonym for a stylish travel destination.

We suggest a stroll on the Lungomare, a seaside promenade (the longest in Croatia with 12 km) connecting the fishing towns of Volosko and Lovran.



PROGRAM

Day 1: Arrival at Zagreb or Pula airport

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Meeting with your tour guide and transfer to Opatija.

Travel time from Pula airport: 45min

Travel time from Zagreb airport: 2h

Check in hotel Remisens Palace 4*.

Welcome drink.

Time at leisure for a personal discovery of Opatija.

Dinner in hotel restaurant.



Day 2: Poreč (UNESCO) and Rovinj

Breakfast.

Transfer by bus with an English-speaking guide to Poreč.

Travel time: 1h30

Walking tour of the old town including the Euphrasian Basilica.

Poreč is a picturesque coastal town with long history, dating back to Roman Antiquity. Poreč harbours the famous basilica of Bishop Eufrasius, one of the finest examples of pre-Christian architecture of the 3rd century AD with magnificent mosaics. The basilica is part of the UNESCO World Heritage. During the visit you will discover different areas of this dynamic and rich complex.



Time at leisure.

Continue to Rovinj. Travel time: 45min

Walking tour of Rovinj.

Rovinj developed on a peninsula dominated by the bell tower of a church dedicated to Saint Euphemia. According to a legend, her tomb appeared on the beach and despite all efforts nothing and nobody could move the sarcophagus. Only a shepherd's child managed to push the tomb to the top of the peninsula where today stands the church. Rovinj's narrow and twisted alleys are crowded with life, shops, stalls of artists and craftsmen. The architecture is a nice example of Venetian heritage. The market is one of the liveliest in Istria. Rovinj is a town full of colours and surprises.

Time at leisure.



Return to Opatija.

Day 3: Motovun and truffle hunt

Breakfast.

Bus transfer with an English-speaking guide to Motovun. Travel time: 1h15

Discovery of Motovun with a guide.

Motovun is the finest example of fortified hilltop villages in Istria. The ascent towards the town offers splendid views on the Istrian peninsula bringing detachment and inciting dreams of past times. According to local legends, once upon the time giants lived with men in Istria. The giants helped the villagers in building and fortifying their towns, they also brought water by digging the canyon where the Mirna river flows today. However, an impossible love between the children of the giant and villagers' leaders made the giants disappear forever. Standing on the Motovun ramparts and looking down towards the river valley, really gives you the impression of being a giant. The forests of the Mirna valley abound in truffles. The biggest truffle in the world weighing 1.3 kg was found in these forests by a local truffle-hunter. The village has kept its medieval character with twisted alleys offering a vast choice of specialty stores including truffle specialties and other original products.



Continue to Buzet for the truffle hunt experience.

Travel time: 50min

Program: Get acquainted with the family and their dogs through a short introduction to dog training; truffle hunt demonstration (approximately 45 minutes) and tasting of local produce including: sausage and



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cheese, tapenade, olive oil, omelette and truffle cookies; 2 kinds of wine, water.

Return to Opatija. Travel time: 1h
Dinner in hotel restaurant.

Day 4: Pula and the Brijuni archipelago national park

Breakfast.

Bus transfer to Pula with an English-speaking guide. Travel time: 1h30

Walking tour of the old town including the Roman amphitheatre

Pula is a Roman city with one of the best-preserved amphitheatres in the world dating back to the 1st century AD. The amphitheatre is still in use for concerts and theatre performances. The nearby old town also has beautiful monuments from the Roman past. You can enter the old town through the Roman triumphal arch, the main square is a Roman forum with the temple of Augustus, now converted into a museum. You can also visit the 17th century Austrian fort in the upper part of the city.



Time at leisure and lunch.

Proceed to the town of Fažana. Travel time: 20min

Board a boat towards the island Veliki Brijun.

Sailing time: 15min

The visit of the national park is done with a local guide. The Brijuni archipelago is made of 14 islands with fascinating autochthonous vegetation, meadows, archaeological sites and a safari park

inhabited by exotic animals. Part of the tour is done by a small train allowing the discovery of remote sites on the island: the Bay of Verige with the remains of a Roman villa rustica dating to the 1st century and the safari park. The visit also includes the small 15th century Gothic church of Saint Germain with copies of Istrian frescoes and Glagolitic monuments, the park with 169 autochthonous species of plants, the



the natural history collection and the exhibition of photos "Tito on the Brijuni Islands" (the Veli Brijun Island was Marshal Tito's private residence). The whole tour lasts approximately 4 hours.

Return to Fažana by boat and bus transfer back to the hotel. Dinner in hotel restaurant.

Day 5: The largest Croatian islands, Krk and Cres

Breakfast.

Bus ride to the port of Brestova. Travel time: 40min

Board a ferry to the island of Cres. Sailing time: 15min

Proceed to the town of Cres (very often the main town of the island and the island have the same name). Travel time: 1h

Cres and Krk are the two largest islands in the Croatian archipelago counting 1185 islands!

Cres is a wild steep island with a beautiful scenic road offering breathtaking views on the sea and on the island's slopes.

Cres island is a nature reserve, a shelter for the rare griffon vulture.

Discover the small fishing town of Cres.

Lunch of specialties in a family owned restaurant typical for the island of Cres, in the Loznati village.



Continue to the port of Merag.

Travel time: 30min

Board a ferry to Valbiska on the island of Krk.

Proceed to the town of Krk.

Travel time: 30min

Stroll in Krk.

Krk was home of the Frankopans, the most powerful Croatian family. The town of Krk is built in stone with ancient lush palaces next to simple fishermen's homes. The town is very lively during the tourist season. The island is connected to the mainland by a spectacular bridge.



Return to the mainland by the Krk bridge and continue to Opatija.

Day 6: Plitvice lakes national park (UNESCO)

Breakfast.

Bus ride towards the Lika region and the Plitvice lakes national park.

Total travel time: 3h30 with 1 stop en route

Drive south on one of the most beautiful coastal roads in Europe "Magistrala". The road follows the shape of the coastline offering spectacular views on the islands and the Velebit mountain range. Short stop in the town of Senj, overlooked by the austere Nehaj fortress notorious for the "Uskoci" pirates who were attacking Venetian ships. Drive to the Vratnik saddle with magnificent views of the Kvarner bay and into the green region of Lika.



Lunch in a restaurant close to the national park.
Visit the national park with a guide.

The Plitvice Lakes are located in the mountainous Lika region, near the border with Bosnia and Herzegovina. The national park is a natural phenomenon, part of UNESCO natural world heritage sites. It consists of 16 lakes with crystal clear waters which flow into each other in magnificent waterfalls. A paradise of nature.



Discover the most interesting part of the park with the travertine waterfalls, the Upper lakes, the Kozjak lake, the Lower canyon and take the electric boat.

Return to Opatija by the motorway passing near the town of Karlovac and crossing the green mountainous region of Gorski Kotar.

Dinner in hotel restaurant.

Day 7: Day at leisure

Breakfast and dinner in hotel restaurant.

Time for relaxation and swimming.

Day 8: Departure from Zagreb or Pula airport

Breakfast.

Transfer to the airport with a tour guide.

Departure flight.

TOUR PRICE

The price includes:

- Accommodation with half-board for 7 nights in hotel Remisens Palace 4*
- Transport by tourist bus with associated costs (tolls, parking fees, ferries...)
- Tour leader for transfers and tours
- 5 lunches in restaurants in Rovinj, Buzet, Pula, Cres, Plitvice
- Entrances to the Euphrasian basilica and to the national parks Brijuni and Plitvice lakes
- Local guide in Rovinj, Poreč and Pula
- Assistance, insurance and organization costs of Sveta Ana travel agency

NOTES

- Sveta Ana travel agency does not guarantee hotel availability prior to explicit client's request for options on specific dates
- Specific tours can be offered as optionals, the program can be adapted to client's wishes

CANCELLATION TERMS

Cancellations must be written and sent by email to the local agency. Cancellation fees vary depending on when the cancellation occurs:

- more than 30 days prior to departure: 25% of the price of the trip,
- from 30 to 7 days prior to departure: 50% of the price of the trip,
- from 7 days prior to departure to the day of the departure of the trip: 100% of the price of the trip