



FunActiveTOURS / Harald Wischniw



#### DESCRIPTION

Start of this bicycle tour is Trieste, the former Habsburg seaport seated at the foothills of the Karst. During the Roman Empire Trieste became a busy and rich port. After a few kilometres you leave Italy and cycle to Slovenia and Croatia. This sunny peninsula in the Mediterranean Sea is characterised by little picturesque fisher villages, small towns on the karst hills, vineyards and valleys. Let yourself be surprised from the charms of a landscape rich in contrasts and the various colours of Istria.

#### CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ROUTE

This bicycle tour through Istria is slightly hilly. The tour is suitable for children over 14 years.

We suggest you this tour as an additional after one of the following cycling tours:

- Dolomites – Trieste
- Alpe Adria: Villach – Grado/Trieste

self-guided tour

bicycle holiday/short break



DIFFICULTY: easy



DURATION: 5 days/4 nights



DISTANCE: approx. 135 – 165 km



## A DAY BY DAY ACCOUNT OF THE ROUTE

### Day 1: Arrival

Individual arrival at the starting-hotel in Trieste.

### Day 2: Trieste – Piran/Portorož (approx. 35 km or approx. 65 km, depending on the variant)

After a few kilometres you say goodbye to Italy. In Slovenia you cycle mostly on cycling paths through famous bathing resorts like Koper (Capodistria) and Izola (Isola d'Istria) to Piran (Pirano) or Portorož (Portorose), a spa town on the Slovenian Riviera. The longer version leads through the “Val Rosandra” in the back country.

### Day 3: Piran/Portorož – Umag (approx. 35 – 60 km)

You pass the salt gardens of Sečovlje, where they produce sea salt on huge areas through natural evaporation, and you cycle over the border to Croatia. Travelling through the Croatian part of Istria, the biggest peninsula of the Adria, slightly hilly to Umag, which historic centre was built on the relics of a Roman colony. Umag is well-known also for the ATP tournament – „Croatia Open“, held every year. Enjoy a sightseeing tour in the evening through the medieval town with its narrow alleys and the beautiful city tower.

### Day 4: Umag – Poreč (approx. 20 – 40 km)

From Umag you cycle – slightly hilly – to Novigrad or Cittanova. This medieval town surrounded by a battlement wall is seated on the water mouth of Mirna. Then you cycle to Poreč, the most important coastal city on Istria's west coast. We suggest visiting the Euphrasian Basilica, which is on the UNESCO World Heritage list.

### Day 5: Departure

Individual departure or possibility to extend your stay.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Classification of the cycle tour: self-guided tour

Duration: 5 days/4 nights

Distance: approx. 135 – 165 km

Starting point: Trieste

### ARRIVAL

**By car:** Via the Tauern motorway to Villach and over the border crossing Arnoldstein to Udine and Trieste.

**By train:** Via Salzburg and Villach to Trieste (Trieste centrale). Timetables: [www.deutschebahn.de](http://www.deutschebahn.de), [www.oebb.at](http://www.oebb.at), [www.trenitalia.com](http://www.trenitalia.com)

**By plane:** Airports Ronchi dei Legionari in Trieste or Pula. There are good bus (airport shuttle) or train connections from airport Ronchi dei Legionari to Trieste. Timetables: [www.trenitalia.com](http://www.trenitalia.com)

### ACCOMMODATION

Hotels in 3-, partly 4-star-category // Attention: Tourist tax – if requested – has to be paid on the spot.

### PARKING

Depending on the first hotel, either parking facilities directly at your hotel or hotel parking garage.

Reservation of the parking area/parking garage not possible; payable on the spot.

### TRANSFER

**Every Wednesday and Sunday:** Return transfer by shuttle bus from Poreč to Trieste – €45,00 per person + €39.00 per own bike (reservation and payment upon booking).

### RENTAL BIKES

- 21-gears women's or men's bicycle
- Rental Bike TOP (UNISEX bike – men's bike upon request)
- E-bike (UNISEX bike, 500 W battery; range up to 100km)

## INCLUDED SERVICES

- Accommodation in hotels in 3-, partly 4-star-category
- Breakfast buffet or full breakfast
- Video briefing/Information video about the cycling tour
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
- Well planned routes
- Detailed documents (maps, route description, places to visit, important telephone numbers)
- Telephone service hotline for the entire tour
- Navigation app

## NOT INCLUDED SERVICES

- Arrival to the starting point of the tour
- Departure at the end of the tour
- Drinks, tourist tax and all extras
- Lunch, Dinner
- Not mentioned entries
- Rental bikes and travel insurance
- All not expressly mentioned under the item "Included services"

## STARTING DATES 2024

### ARRIVAL

Every Wednesday and Saturday: 30/03/2024 (first available date) to 02/11/2024 (last available date)

### DISABLED DATES (no start possible!)

28/07/2024 up to and including 21/08/2024

### NON SCHEDULE ARRIVAL DATES

Minimum of 5 persons upon request!

## PRICES 2024

SELF-GUIDED TOUR	
Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast – Season 1*	€ 449.00*
Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast – Season 2**	€ 499.00**
Single room surcharge, per person	€ 129.00
ADDITIONAL SERVICES	
Rental Bike	€ 79.00
Rental Bike TOP	€ 119.00
E-bike	€ 159.00
EXTRA NIGHTS IN TRIESTE	
Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast	€ 89.00
Single room surcharge, per person	€ 39.00
EXTRA NIGHTS IN POREČ	
Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast	€ 89.00
Single room surcharge, per person	€ 39.00

\* Season 1: arrival dates from 30/03/2024 up to and including 14/06/2024 and from 12/09/2024 up to and including 02/11/2024

\*\* Season 2: arrival dates from 15/06/2024 up to and including 11/09/2024

We suggest travel insurance. Changes in the offer as well as errors, printing errors and arithmetic errors reserved!