

A Custom Designed Itinerary to
The New (Undiscovered) Tuscany – Istria, Croatia!
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DAY 1: ARRIVAL / LOVRAN. Guests arrive into Ljubljana or Venice, are met and transferred (about 2 ½ hours) to the charming fishing village of Lovran on the Croatian Adriatic. Here, 3 nights at the luxurious Villa Eugenia- www.villa-eugenia.com. Balance of the day to relax and start individual exploration.



DAYS 2/3: LOCAL. 2 full days to enjoy this beautiful part of Croatia. Maybe take a stroll along the sea-front? Maybe a lovely walk to Opatija, former summer resort of the Austro-Hungarian nobility? The beautiful Botanical Gardens, some great shops, and superb restaurants... Maybe a swim in the Adriatic? Maybe a trip out to the nearby Island of Cres? Maybe none of these – and just relax at the Villa?!!

DAY 4: BRTONIGLA. This morning we suggest hiring a rental in Opatija and start the exploration of Istria. Drive south along the coast via Labin to Pula (www.pula.net), where one can visit the amazing Roman amphitheater, the second most preserved after Rome. Pula has many other ancient sites to visit also, so we suggest most of today here before heading northwest via Vodnjan to the hamlet of Brtonigla and the lovely Hotel San Rocco – www.san-rocco.hr -, where 3 nights are included.



DAYS 5/6: ISTRIA! Two full days to uncover the magic of Istria! The artist colony of Grosnjan; the medieval hill-top village of Motovun (www.photocroatia.com); Livade, where in 1999 a farmer (and his dog) discovered the largest white truffle in the world; Hum (www.hum.hr), recognized in the Guinness Book of World Records (just as the truffle is) as the smallest town in the world (with 17 official inhabitants!); and lots and lots of local, non-touristy farms and wineries, where cheese and wine tasting can be enjoyed without spending a fortune.



DAY 7: DEPART, OR: Guests can drop off their rental back in Opatija and be transferred back to Ljubljana or Venice airport, OR, continue with the rental down the Adriatic Coast, via Trogir and Split and finish up in Dubrovnik, drop off the rental there and fly out of Dubrovnik.

Note: This is a sample itinerary.

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