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LOVE ISTRIA

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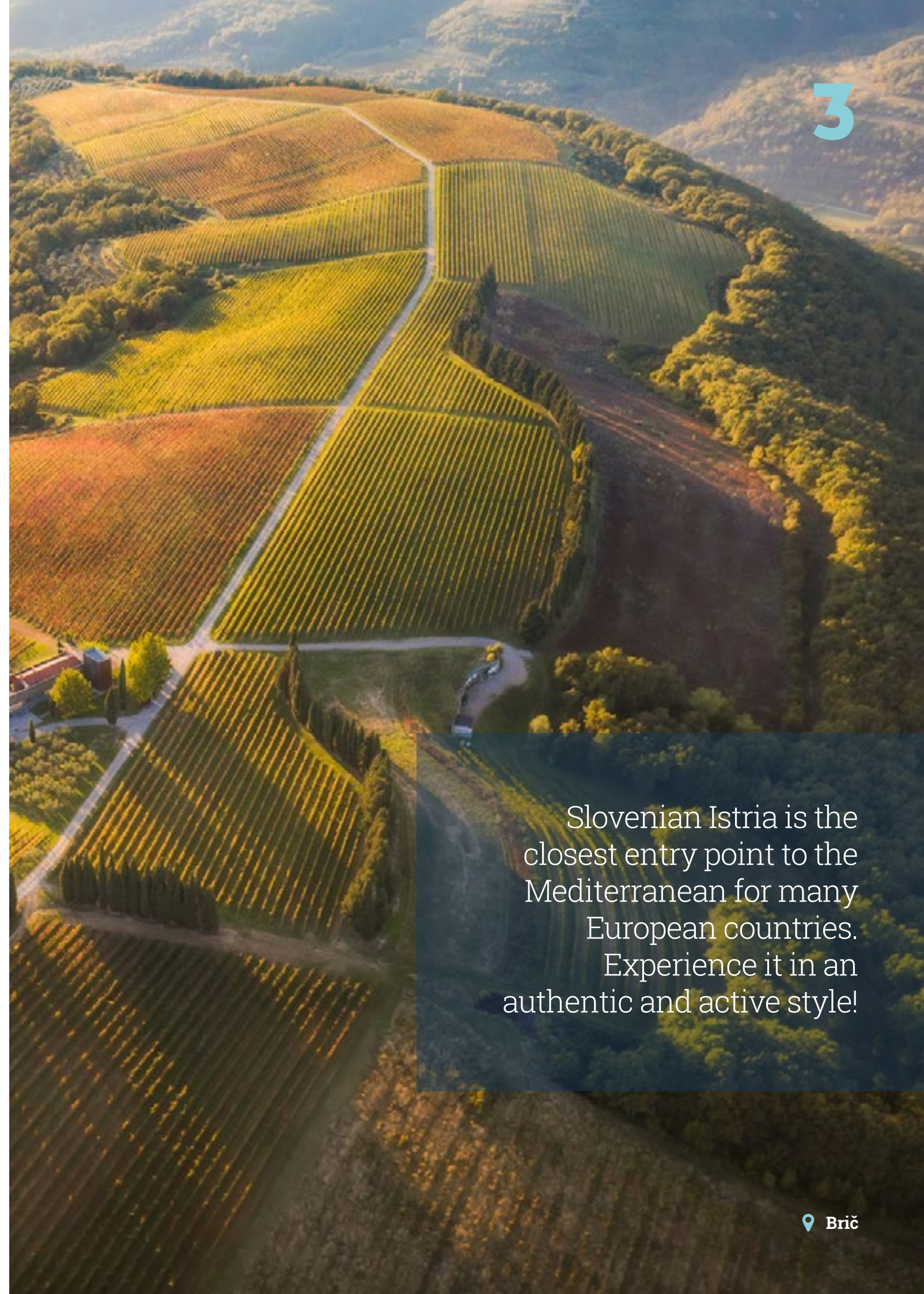
LOVE.

Mediterranean.
Slovenia.
Istria.

Slovenia is the only country in the world with »love« already embedded in its name. Istria is that part of Slovenia where it's easy to fall in love with this beautiful green country!

The Mediterranean & Karst Slovenia, located between the Karst Edge and the Adriatic Sea coastline, surprises visitors with its natural features. **The tallest cliff of the Eastern Adriatic** and **the Northern-most salt pans of the Mediterranean** flirt with the mysteries of Karst across the Istrian hills, which gave name to all Karst phenomena of the world.

Istria is a land safekeeping many tales of salt pan workers and fishermen operating on its coast. Its beautiful medieval towns, ornated with Venetian palaces, sit alongside olive groves and vineyards in its green hinterlands. Its nature and good people ensure that well-being is present **365 days a year.**



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Slovenian Istria is the closest entry point to the Mediterranean for many European countries. Experience it in an authentic and active style!

It's true: Slovenia owns only 46,6 kilometres of the Adriatic coast. Nevertheless, its varied coastline and hilly green hinterlands will prove to you that here you can have more exciting experiences than anywhere else! Its seaside towns, interconnected with the locations in the green Istrian hinterland, offer unforgettable sights and opportunities to experience the Mediterranean.

THROUGHOUT ALL SEASONS OF THE YEAR

Slovenian Mediterranean towns were developed on what were once islands. They span over the peninsulas alongside warm sea bays adorned with beaches and old harbours. Their allure is impossible to resist and invites you to visit 365 days a year.

PERSONAL STORIES

The towns and sights of Slovenian Istria boast a range of unique architecture from times gone by, events and stories linked to maritime, fishing and salt panning traditions.

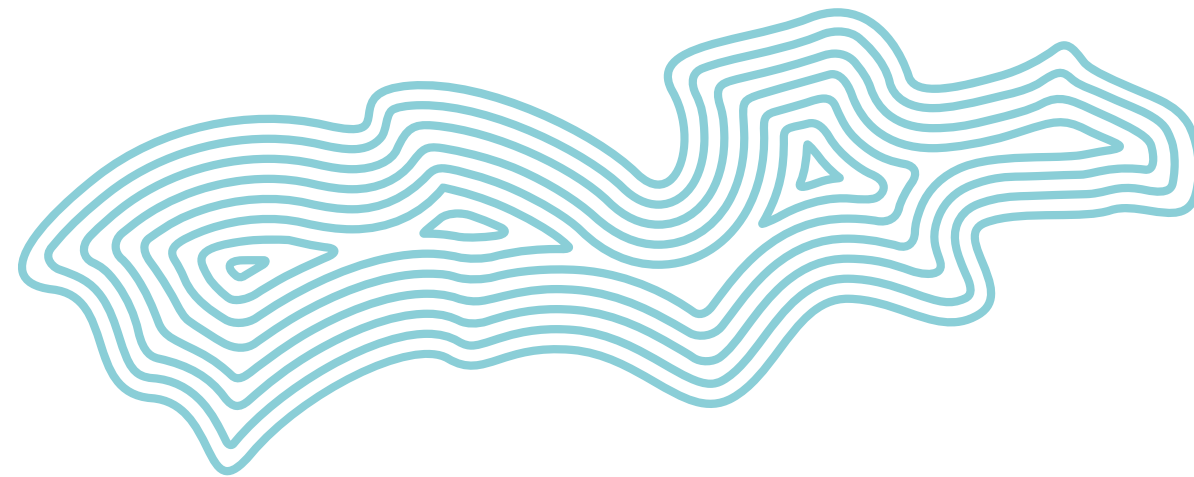
Despite being relatively close to each other, each town retains its individuality and provides a unique experience! Piran boasts about its medieval roots, picturesque views, salt pans and comprehensive tourist offerings all over Portorož. Izola, a fishing town, is brimming with maritime tales of brave fishermen and is home to beautiful beaches under the cliff. Koper, with its Venetian palaces, connects the coastline with the green countryside. Ankaran offers a great place for relaxation on one of its spacious beaches and the exceptional nature of Debeli Rtič.

CHARMING.

Love is charming.



CHARMING.



COSMOPOLITAN PORTOROŽ

Portorož is and has been a well-known climatic health resort for centuries. Its lively seaside promenade invites you to visit its spas and resorts with the most comprehensive offers by far. Enjoy the nearby beaches and visit the town's many restaurants by the sea. Portorož also boasts a marina and an international airport making it easily accessible. Portorož is known as an attractive venue for conferences and corporate meetings.

PIRAN, A TOWN MADE BY SALT

Piran is the most beautiful and the most photogenic medieval town on the Slovenian coast. Just walking through its squares and alleys is a memorable experience in itself. Climb up to the majestic walls above it and enjoy the views of our beautiful Istria. Admire the silhouette of the town with a promenade by the sea, extending to Portorož all the way to the Sečovlje salt pans.

FEEL THE PRESTIGE IN THE TOWN OF ROSES

When you first enter Portorož it is impossible not to notice the magnificent architecture of the Palace Hotel, boasting with over a century old history. It is one of the most prestigious hotels of the then Austro-Hungarian Riviera, in which brine and mud therapies were performed at the beginning of the 20th century. It remains a cultural monument and a luxury hotel of the highest class.

VIEW THE EXHIBITIONS AT SALT WAREHOUSES

The imposing buildings of the former salt warehouses Monfort and Grando once stored the local salt worker's annual harvest behind thick walls and under 28-meter-long beams. Today, the buildings display the Maritime Museum's collections and host exhibitions of contemporary art and many other events.

ENJOY THE SANDY BEACH

The largest sandy beach in Slovenia invites you to go swimming, go for a walk, play beach volleyball and enjoy summer evening concerts and cinema under the stars. Its blue flag awarded beach includes a children's playground and many terraces where you can enjoy everything from good food, ice cream and coffee to your favourite cocktail.

STOP AT THE TARTINI SQUARE

The square, with its characteristic elliptical shape, is dedicated to the Piran violin virtuoso Giuseppe Tartini. The square is surrounded by the violinist's birth house, the Venetian House and other important buildings. The square is also the ideal starting point on your exploration of the town.

VISIT PIRAN'S CHURCHES

Piran's rich sacral heritage means that it is home to eleven churches. The largest of them all is the church of Piran's patron St. George. It sits atop a hill overlooking the town and the bay. Among the churches you will also find a Minorite monastery. Inside it is the acoustic cross corridor where the Tartini Festival is held.

EXPLORE THE TOWN'S WALLS

Piran town's landscape is also shaped by the preserved remains of the mighty walls. They stand at the edge of the town and are easily visible. Discover the preserved city gates and explore the defensive towers with the most beautiful views of Piran.

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The town that was once an island is famous for its fishing, fish processing, winemaking and oil making tradition. The medieval town, with its narrow streets and a church on a hill, entices visitors with its many parks and as many as eight beaches. Next to the historical harbour known as Mandrač there is also a modern marina.

IZOLA, A FISHERMAN'S TOWN

SUNNY KOPER

The treasures of the luxurious Koper Serenissima - the 500-year period of the Venetian Republic - await you. Koper's history dates to the prehistoric era, when it was still an island and goats grazed on its fresh grass. Today the town is connected to land by Škocjanski Zatok Nature Reserve, home to hundreds of birds of different species, as well as by the Port of Koper and the hinterland with many attractive locations.

A VIEW OF IZOLA FROM ST. MAURUS

The church sitting on the highest point of the former island creates a distinctive silhouette of the city. The top of the bell tower offers the most beautiful views of the medieval design of the streets.

LET THE BAROQUE PALACE SURPRISE YOU

The three-storey Late Baroque Palace Besenghi degli Ughi is surely the most beautiful building in Istria. Discover its luxury. Can you find the lion at the corner of the building? Explore the palace virtually with the help of a 3D model!

DISCOVER THE MARITIME TRADITION

The very centre of the town is home to a small centuries old picturesque harbour, known locally as mandrač. This is where Izola's smaller boats moor. The popular city beach by the lighthouse is only a few steps away.

ENTER THE TOWN THROUGH THE MUDA GATE

The only preserved gate of the former wall. The gates were once the entry point to the town, connected only by a bridge between the island and the mainland. Above the door you are greeted by the sun - the symbol of the city with the largest number of sunny days in Slovenia.

STOP BY THE PRAETORIAN PALACE

This magnificent building has historically been the seat of city administrators for centuries. Its facade depicts the statue of justice along with numerous coats of arms. Nowadays the palace serves as a starting point for tourists. Inside you can find a shop selling Istrian products and souvenirs together with an old pharmacy dating back to the 18th century.

CLIMB UP THE TOWN'S TOWER

204 steps lead to the viewing platform on top of the bell tower, housing the oldest working bell in Slovenia. Take a look down on the city of fountain squares and its green surroundings.

CHARMING.



The peninsula with a mild climate and lush Mediterranean vegetation was the holiday destination for Venetian monks in the Middle Ages. Today's Ankaran, with its Debeli Rtič Landscape Park, is a place of retreat for people searching for nature, wellness and camping.

GREEN ANKARAN

DIFFERENT AGES OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL CAPE

Debeli Rtič, translated to Fat Cape, is home to fascinating relics of time. Visit the only fully preserved historical farm on the Slovenian coast, a once public oven for baking bread, as well as bunkers and fortified cannon positions from the Second World War and the lookout tower, reminders of a diverse bygone culture.

THE PLEASURE OF REST

Visitors have always been attracted to this area by the pleasant climate and the area's diversity. Admire the gardens of the Benedictine monastery, where monks shared their knowledge of healing as early as the 11th century. You can also visit the spa park of the former Sanatorium.

STROLLS OUTDOORS

Explore the surroundings on foot along the circular Bebler's Trail, which connects the centre of Ankaran with the hill by the Sanatorium. Alternatively, embark on a walk along one of the recreational trails in the landscape park or follow an educational trail among the vineyards.



📍 House Vrešje, Krkavče

AUTHENTIC.

Love is
curious
and honest.



The green hills of Slovenian Istria are teeming with friendly places and villages. They are surrounded by Istrian olive groves, vineyards and orchards. The delicacies from Istrian gardens are complemented with unique edible vegetation. Here the wells are precious, and the courtyards are protected from the sea by stone fences.

ISTRIAN ARCHITECTURE

There are more than 100 villages and hamlets in Slovenian Istria. Many impress with their image of a close-knit community settled by the old church. One such example is **Padna**, a heritage protected village surrounded by olive groves. The picturesque **Šmarje, a village above Koper**, is another example where the church and the village square showcase Istrian architecture.

SOURCES OF POSITIVE ENERGY

Water has always played a major role in sustaining life in Istria. A simple freshwater tap, an animal trough and a laundry trough were all important sources of clean water. Examples of such items can still be found in the village of **Korte** and its surroundings. The Istrian hinterland is also filled with the aroma of Mediterranean vegetation, wild and cultivated herbs. They can be found in **Trsek**, a village above the Dragonja valley. That is also where the energy labyrinth is.

RESPECTED KNOWLEDGE

Istrian villages are a great place to learn traditional skills. One such place is the former oil mill at the Tona's House Ethnological Museum located in **Sv. Peter**. Make sure to also visit the Museum House of Kapeluča in **Nova Vas**.

Love opens your eyes to the beauty of the Earth.

NATURAL.

On the Karst Edge near the village of Sočerga, where the limestone Karst transforms into flysch Istria, you will find overhanging rocky cliffs affectionally known as the Ears of Istria. Search for picturesque waterfalls in the valley of the Dragonja River, which impresses with its pools and meanders. The Slovenian Adriatic Coast is almost entirely environmentally protected. We have three landscape parks and an important nature reserve.



📍 Rocky Cliffs, Sočerga



STRUNJAN

The Strunjan Landscape Park, sheltered by an 80-meter-high flysch cliff, protects the longest section of the natural coast in the entire Gulf of Trieste. Below the cliff you will find the Moon Bay - the most beautiful Slovenian sea bay with a pebble beach. The sub-Mediterranean forest where typical Mediterranean plants grow spans all the way to the sea. The park also encompasses the Strunjan Salt Pans, the Northernmost salt pans of the Adriatic Sea. Visit the visitor centre in the renovated saltworks house.

The best-preserved pine tree avenue in Slovenia can be found in Strunjan. It consists of 116 trees.



DEBELI RTIČ

Debeli Rtič Landscape Park stretches over 800 meters along the coast of the Ankaran Peninsula and includes a 200-meter area of sea with a rocky bottom and diverse marine fauna and flora. The park's cliffs measure 12 to 21 meter in height. The top of the rocks offers the best views of the sunset! Debeli Rtič is also known for its youth health resort established in the 20th century. It is surrounded by a 7-hectare park with more than 200 species of plants from all continents.

The Ankaran Peninsula contains Slovenia's only Mediterranean salt meadow. You can explore it by walking on a raised educational wooden path. The display pool contains remains of shells once belonging to snails and seashells as found on the "shell cemetery", a stretch of coast scattered with the remains of as many as 234 species of marine molluscs from the Gulf of Trieste.



ŠKOCJANSKI ZATOK NATURE RESERVE

The largest Slovenian semi-saline wetland was formed in the area where two rivers flow into the sea. This nature reserve is home to as many as 60 percent of all bird species observed in Slovenia and as many as 22 halophytes - plants adapted to grow in saline waters. Climb up onto the multi-storey central observatory, then descend into the basement to get the underwater view of the swamp. The educational path will take you along the swamp and allow you to observe the birds through a line of veiled wooden walls.

Škocjanski zatok is also home to Podolian cattle and Camargue horses which you can see grazing on grass. The educational trail can also be experienced on horseback with an experienced guide.



SEČOVLJE SALINA NATURE PARK

In the Sečovlje Salina Nature Park, salt is extracted by hand following the more than 700-year-old methods. Visit the Saltworks Museum and discover the unusual natural environments of rare and endangered animal species. The swamp birds are particularly interesting. Explore the landscape along thematic and cycling trails. Taste the precious salt that was the source of wealth for the picturesque Piran.

Feel the healing power of saltwater mud and brine, all of which are also used in traditional thalassotherapy.

Love wants to
see and know
everything.

CULTURAL.



Enjoy getting to know Koper, Izola and Piran. Enjoy exploring the picturesque streets, squares, palaces, villas, churches and monasteries. Make sure to take time to also enjoy museums and galleries, and discover unique cultural curiosities found in smaller Istrian towns and villages.

DAS LEBEN IN ALTEN ZEITEN

Istria was a hospitable area to live in even back in the pre-historic era. We know that as the remains of a settlement dating back to the 5th millennium BC were found at the **Kaštelir** archaeological site near Korte. To relive the ancient Roman era visit the **Simon's Bay Archaeological Park** where you can see the remains of a former seaside villa and a harbour.

Kaštelir and the remains of the Roman period can also be found near Ankaran. **The monastery of St. Nicholas** (now a hotel) invites you to visit and view its gardens together with a preserved stone sarcophagus from the Middle Ages.

THE HOLY ENERGY OF ISTRIA

When you see a tall stone in the village of **Krkavče**, with the carving of a man or deity with rays around its head, you might be seeing the Persian god Mitro. This mystery stone is considered a place of good energy. Discover the Karst Holy Cave with the only underground church in Slovenia, in **Socerb** near the lookout castle Strmec. Enter the famous church of Holy Trinity in **Hrastovlje** and view the fresco of the Dance of Death. With all these locations you can see why Istria is considered sacred land. The mighty stone **cross above the Strunjan cliff** has been reminding us of that since the year 1600. When sailors saw it, they blew their horns as a salute to Mary, to whom the Church of the Apparition of Mary in Strunjan is dedicated to. Discover our fascinating miracle stories!

COLLECTIONS OF SPECIAL INSPIRATIONS

Sculptors from all over the world have visited the peninsula of Seča, near Portorož, to create magnificent sculptures since 1961. This collection is known as **Forma Viva** and currently comprises of more than 130 stone statues. Istria's coastal towns also contain several art galleries and exhibitions including smaller museums with interesting thematic collections.

MUSEUM TREASURES

The Koper Regional Museum keeps rich collections that represent Istria from prehistory through Venetian times and to recent history. **The Sergej Mašera Maritime Museum Piran** preserves various collections of maritime archaeology, the ethnological fishing collection and the art-historical collection of maritime affairs from the Middle Ages to the end of the Second World War. The museum is also entrusted with operating and maintaining other museums. These are the **Museum of Saltworks** in the Sečovlje Salina Nature Park, the ethnological collection of **Tona's House** in Sv. Peter, **Tartini's memorial room** in the birth house of Giuseppe Tartini, a collection of traditional shipbuilding methods in the former **Monfort** salt warehouse in Portorož and **Izolana** - the House of the Sea in Izola, where you get to feel the fishing soul of Izola. Make sure to also visit the **Museum of Shells and Snails** in Piran with specimens from every continent, and the **Museum of Tomos History in Koper** with a collection of famous motorcycles.

ACTIVE.

Love is a journey to the high seas.

In addition to the various aquatic experiences on offer, Istria also provides fantastic opportunities for hiking, cycling, rock climbing and other thrill-seeking adventures throughout the year. If land and sea-based experiences are not enough, we suggest challenging our air currents from high above!



ON THE SEA

BEACHES FOR EVERYONE

You will find many beaches scattered around our coast. **Portorož's sandy beach** is considered one of the most famous and popular beaches on the Adriatic. The beach among the pine trees in **Strunjan** is enriched with 12 energy points.

On **Izola's** 5 kilometres of coastline, you will find as many as 8 different beaches. The Beach by the **Lighthouse** and Simon's Bay Beach are especially popular among families.

Koper's beach is always lively and Žusterna's beach also offers exciting sea experiences through its water sports park.

In **Ankaran** you will find both pebble and stone beaches lined from Debeli Rtič to **Valdoltra**.

in the **Bay of Koper**, after being attacked by bomber aircraft. Lovers of cultural heritage and underwater activities can dive even further into the past and visit the remains of a Roman port buried under the sea.

A VIEW OF THE SEA

No matter the season, the sea waves will always provide a beautiful atmosphere where you can come and exercise in style. Choose between walking, running, skating or cycling near the sea all year round. The coastal recreational trail between Koper and Izola provides great inspiration for a workout with beautiful views. Have you ever tried yoga with a sea view? If you like team sports then we have

something catering to you too. Get a team together and challenge each other to a game of beach volleyball!

FOR NAUTICAL ENTHUSIASTS

Marinas in Portorož, Izola and Koper are an excellent starting point for anyone wishing to discover the Slovenian coast and cruise along the Adriatic. Embark on a new adventure on a boat trip or rent a sea transport vessel to your liking.

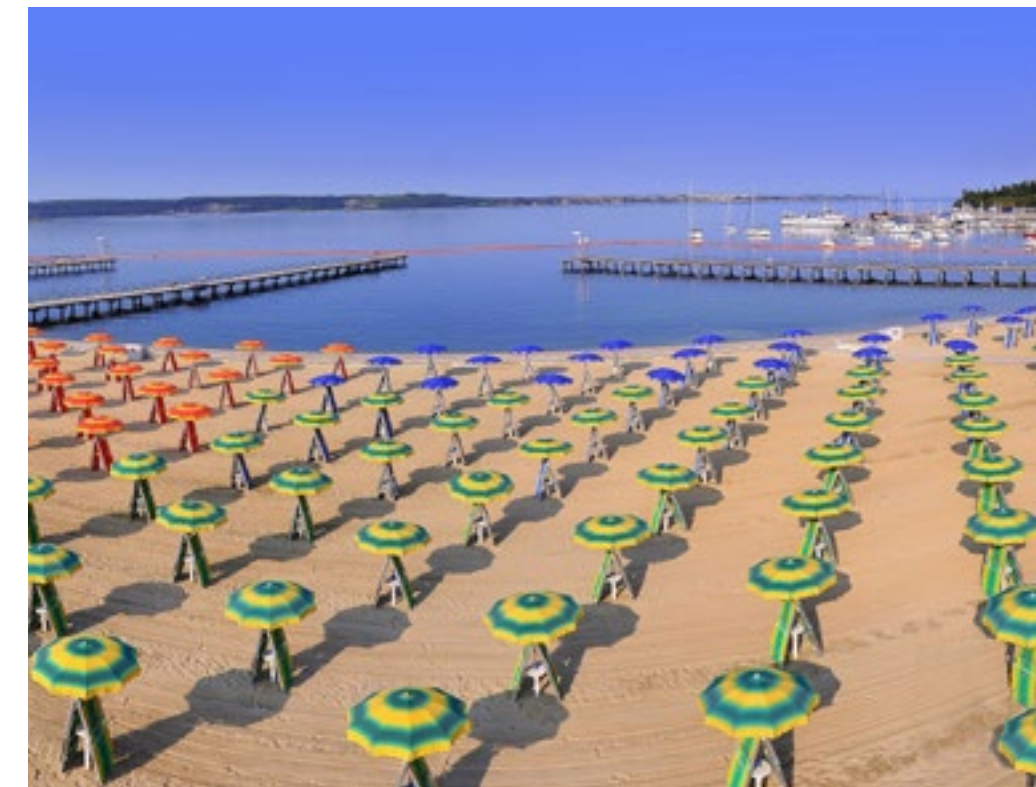
Koper is also a popular port for large cruise ships.

IN TOUCH WITH THE WATER

Swimming is just a small part of what we have to offer! Discover the beauty of the Slovenian sea from a sailboat, kayak, or a SUP and windsurf. Kiteboarding is also an option on windy days. Experienced instructors are always ready to help you learn something new and improve your skills.

UNDERWATER

Discover the exciting story of the great ocean liner of the early 20th century - the passenger ship SS Rex. At the end of the Second World War it ran aground and burned down



DYNAMIC.

GREEN

EXPLORE ON FOOT

The friendly climate, 365 days a year, invites you to hike the coast or its sightseeing hills. Wandering the promenades along the sea, the circular city trails or the educational trails at our landscape parks will surely enrich your vacation. Join our guided hiking tours or go independently. Climb Slavnik and expect to be amazed at the views from the top. Explore the Šavrin hills. Visit the final point of the Slovenian mountaineering trail in Ankaran, the extremely popular Alpe Adria Trail from Socerb to Škofije or the European hiking trail, E-6, which ends in Strunjan.

CYCLING ALL AROUND

Istria is a paradise for cyclists. Ride along the coast or go on a journey through the hinterland. Consult our interactive maps and web applications to find all the cycling routes taking you to Istria's landmarks, viewpoints and experiences. One of the most popular routes is the **Porečanka / Parenzana Health and Friendship Trail**, a 130 kilometre long panoramic trail along the former narrow-gauge railway, which travels partly along the coast and partly through the rugged hinterland. You can also take part in several cycling challenges.

WORLD-RENOWNED ROCK-CLIMBING LOCATIONS

The Karst Edge is one of the favourite locations for sport climbers from all over the world. There are more than 500 routes of various levels of difficulty in Osp and Črni Kal combined. Even the most nit-picking climbers will find climbing the Mišja Peč routes a real challenge. This overhang semi-circular wall offers routes with difficulty levels up to 9b! If you are unsure whether rock climbing is for you, visit Slovenia's largest boulder climbing centre in Koper.

ADRENALINE HIGHS

Discover Istria from the clouds by booking a panoramic flight onboard a small plane. If you need your daily dose of adrenaline, we suggest booking a tandem skydiving experience to truly feel the power of our currents.



HEALTHY.

Love is the source
of well-being.

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Slovenian Istria, with its friendly sub-Mediterranean climate which has a proven beneficial effect on health and well-being, is the perfect place to be if you are in need of refreshment. Go for a swim in the warm sea if you need to relax. Treat yourself to a thalassotherapy in sea water and fango mud to alleviate the stress of a busy lifestyle. The professional staff at our sea resorts and spas are here to help you restore your energy. The Mediterranean diet consisting of fresh fish and locally grown produce will also contribute to your well-being.

THE RIVIERA OF WELL BEING

Portorož, where people received salt pans' sea water and fango mud treatments as early as the 13th century, is today the centre of the largest offer of wellness services in Central Europe. Spas and resorts by the sea are a great choice any time of the year.

THERAPIES AND PAMPERING

In addition to beaches and indoor swimming pools with warm sea water, enjoy a variety of massage treatments, saunas, therapies, beauty treatments and other treatments based on ancient holistic approaches to health.

TALASOTHERAPY AT THE SALT PANS

Experience the healing properties of the sea, salt mud and brine in the Thalasso Spa centre Lepa Vida, situated at a unique natural location by the Sečovlje Salt Pans. Traditional thalassotherapy treatments outdoors are an unforgettable experience!

Love spices things
up its own way.

TASTY.

Sardines are great. But they are even better with added salt and salt flower from traditional salt pans! The cod is also excellent, especially when paired with extra virgin olive oil. When Istrians cook bobiči, a traditional corn stew, they ensure they use only the freshest vegetables. In Istria, everything is seasoned with local treasures.

PIRAN'S SALT AND ISTRIAN TUBERS

The flavours of the Mediterranean and Istrian cuisine are brought to the fore by hand harvested Piran salt, which also possesses a protected designation of origin. Truffles, the aromatic underground tubers of Istria, receive an even nobler taste with a pinch of Piran salt flower.

THE LIQUID GOLD OF ISTRIAN OLIVES AND THE TASTES OF THE SEA

The extra virgin olive oil native to Slovenian Istria, with a protected designation of origin, is cold pressed from fresh olive fruits. Olive varieties and specific climatic conditions affect the characteristic taste of oil, which is so alluring to judges at international evaluations. Olive oil enhances the taste of true mussels and other seafood delicacies.

VINES OF ISTRIAN WINEYARDS

The Istrian wine-growing region is home to a variety of wines, the most famous being Refosco and Malvasia. The ruby red Refosco has a recognizable fruitiness and a slightly lower level of alcohol, while the white Malvasia is discreetly sour and has a characteristic flower. Both varieties of wine go well served with Istrian dishes!



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Food as prepared by master chefs

In Istria, people simply eat and drink well. You can see this in rural inns and Istrian homesteads, where recipes are passed down from generation to generation. Restaurant chefs also find inspiration in local ingredients. Among them there are many internationally renowned award-winning chefs.



Starting the day with a delicious breakfast

Order a classic or vegetarian Istrian breakfast and enjoy exceptional quality homemade bread, local jams, salami, cheese, seasonal vegetables and fruit. When you order an Istrian breakfast, you also receive free local experiences!





It's always a nice experience to taste Piran's own sea bass, Istria's olive oil and truffles. What's nicer however is actually visiting the locations our food is from. Board a boat and visit the home of Piran's sea bass, visit our many olive groves »retro-style« and go truffle hunting on some the most picturesque locations around. Istria is the best place to be experienced »here and now« but it's also worth dwelling into its history. From antiquity to modern times, there's always a story that needs to be told.

AN UNFORGETTABLE DAY AT THE FONDA FISH FARM

Spend the day with a family that aims to raise the best farmed fish in the world! Embark on a boat ride to their sustainable fish farm or arrange a visit to their sea garden by paddling a SUP or kayak. Discover the secrets of fish farming and taste the delicacies made from fresh and smoked Piran sea bass.

VINTAGE GOURMET TOUR LISJAK

Ride in one of our vintage cars, old timers, among the indigenous olive varieties that grow on vantage points above the coast. Taste the house sparkling wines and experience the Lisjak Oil Extraction Plant. There you will learn how to recognize different types of olive oil and treat yourself to typical Istrian dishes prepared following traditional recipes.

TRUFFLE HUNTING

Head to the hidden corners of the Istrian woods with experienced truffle hunters and their adorable dogs. Depending on the time of year, and a little luck, you will find either a black or white tuber. Learn the tricks of truffle hunting from the masters of the trade. Taste the distinct aroma of our mysterious truffles, which grow completely underground, at a meal that completes an exceptional experience.



MEET THE WINEMAKERS

The wines of the Primorska wine-growing region are popular throughout Slovenia and in many parts of the world. But only in Istria can you taste them together with their makers who know all their secrets. Enjoy one of our wine and local delicacy tasting trips. Visit Marezige where the first wine fountain in Slovenia stands and taste the best wines of the Istrian wine-growing region at one of the most beautiful viewpoints in Istria.

IZOLANA, FOR AN ADVENTURE IN GOOD COMPANY

Izolana, the House of the Sea, is not just a place of exhibitions. It is also the starting point for an exciting experience that invites you to explore the picturesque streets of the old town and to discover Izola's cultural heritage. Choose to work in pairs or in a group of 5 to tackle the challenges lying ahead.

ROMAN CUISINE IN AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK

Ever dreamed of going back in time? Experience what the life of a Roman was two thousand years ago. Enter a real Roman triclinium (dining area) outdoors and allow the caretaker of this luxurious antique holiday residence to treat you to delicious cuisine from Roman times. This is an experience for all food lovers who appreciate exploring our cultural heritage. This and more awaits you at the Simon Bay Archaeological Park.

TRAVEL IN AN OLD TIMER

What did people drive during the socialist era? Experience it for yourself! Our old-timers will take you on a trip to explore the hidden corners of Istria the "old" way. Experience nature, learn about the past and make new friends in a relaxed and fun way.

EXPERIENCED.

Love is a very personal and unique experience.

Love brings us
together.

TOGETHER.

Events and festivals are at the heart of Istria's social scene throughout all seasons of the year. Winter is driven away by a big carnival to welcome the spring. The spring provides many sporting events but soon makes way for a music and entertainment laden summer. Hungry from all the partying we move into autumn to taste the local delicacies. Once fed, we are back into winter and enjoy the festivities. In Istria, there is something to enjoy 365 days a year!



ACTIVE SPRING IN GREEN ISTRIA

Enjoy one of the **many recreational and sporting events and gatherings**; including hiking, cycling, running and sailing regattas. They go hand in hand with culinary events and other experiences on the streets and surroundings of our picturesque Istrian towns. This is the time to taste the wild asparagus and visit the local seasonal wine taverns (**osmica's**).



LIVELY SCENES OF THE SUMMER

During summer Istria comes alive with music, theatre plays and movie screenings. Our varied **summer festivals** cater to all tastes. The hinterland invites you to celebrate holidays by tasting our culinary delights and unique delicacies. Stay late into the night and enjoy a **šagra** – a traditional village festivity, where you can experience the Istrian tradition and customs.



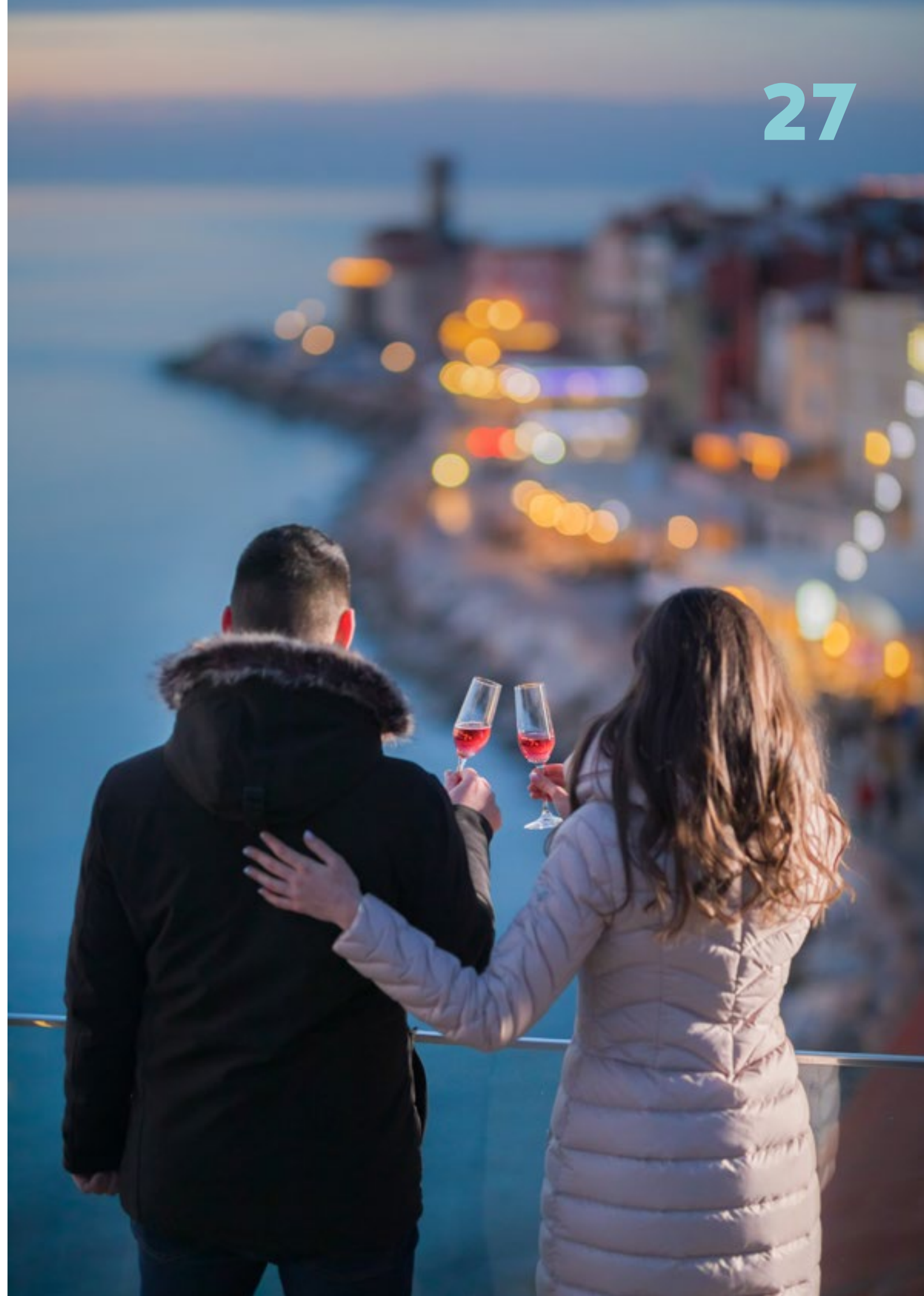
ISTRIAN AUTUMN TASTE

Every autumn you can visit the **Sweet Istria** event and treat yourself to tasty delicacies inspired by tradition, as prepared by our ever-innovating pastry chefs. It is also the time when our wine matures and can be celebrated at local wine festivals and the **Feast of St. Martin**.



FESTIVE WINTER IN ISTRIAN TOWNS

What is it like to ice-skate by the sea? How many fairytale moments can you experience on the streets and squares surrounded by Venetian palaces? Experience the **magic of December** in Istrian towns. Visit the **Istrian Carnival**, one of the largest carnival events in Slovenia. Pick your costume and together we will dance into a new spring.



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