

VIRTUOSO.
CHAIRMAN'S EVENT
2024

Design Your Day Options

Saturday, November 9

Exploring Coastal Historical Towns: Izola and Koper

9:00 AM – 3:30 PM (Including Driving Time)

Lunch Included

Journey through Izola's old town, which unveils its vibrant past and time-honored fishing traditions. Continue with a visit to Kodarin Mill in Koper, where history and natural splendor offer a glimpse into its storied past and Istrian gourmet indulgence. Finish the day with a visit to the Praetorian Palace in Koper, merging historical landmarks with the region's wine culture in a celebration of St. Martin's Day.

Discovering Lipica Stud Farm and Škocjan Caves*

9:00 AM – 4:30 PM (Including Driving Time)

Lunch Included

Delve into the rich history of Lipica Stud Farm, the home of the noble white Lipizzaner horses since 1580 and the world's largest Lipizzaner stud farm. Embark on a captivating journey to the Škocjan Caves, a UNESCO Natural Heritage site. Witness the awe-inspiring depths of the world's deepest and largest underground canyon and navigate through a labyrinth of underground galleries adorned with stunning stalactites and stalagmites.

**We recommend wearing warm and comfortable clothing, as well as sturdy walking shoes. This tour may not be suitable for individuals with claustrophobia.*

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Unveiling Goriška Brda Wine Region

9:00 AM – 4:30 PM (Including Driving Time)

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Embark on a journey to Brda, Slovenia's picturesque wine region, often dubbed 'Slovenia's Tuscany.' It is renowned for its excellent wines, with two winemakers making the TOP 100 list by Wine & Spirits magazine. Explore sun-kissed hills adorned with charming villages, vineyards, and winding roads. Experience Brda wines firsthand with a private tasting at a local winemaker's cellar. Indulge in seasonal cuisine during the traditional St. Martin's Day Feast, when grape juice transforms into wine.

Exploring Istria's Flavors: Olive Harvest and Tasting Adventure

9:30 AM – 1:30 PM (Including Driving Time)

Lunch Included

Experience the enchanting world of olive cultivation firsthand as you participate in the ancient tradition of olive harvesting. Delight your senses with the rich flavors of the region as you wander through the sun-drenched olive groves. Nestled above the salt pans, these groves enjoy a unique microclimate, fostering nearly 20 different varieties of olives, including the local Istrian Belica and the Italian Leccino.

Discovering the Marvels of Postojna Cave and Predjama Castle*

8:30 AM – 4:45 PM (Including Driving Time)

Lunch Included

Discover the majestic Postojna Cave, boasting a unique railway system crafted over 140 years ago. Climb aboard and venture into a labyrinth of karst corridors, galleries, and impressive halls. Learn about the fascinating karst formations, explore the world's oldest subterranean post office, and encounter the iconic human fish. Just a stone's throw away, you will explore the enchanting Predjama Castle, the largest cave castle globally.

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The Best of Piran Old Town Walking Tour

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM (Including Driving Time)

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Set off on a walking tour through the cobbled streets and centuries-old architecture of Piran's Old Town. Uncover hidden gems, historical landmarks and breathtaking coastal vistas as an expert guide shares captivating stories and insights, providing an unforgettable experience of Piran's rich cultural heritage.

Master the Art of Sea Bass in the Fonda Cooking Class

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM (Including Driving Time)

Lunch Included

With Irena Fonda, master cooking techniques for replicating Mediterranean cuisine at home. Explore seafood preparation from filleting seabass to crafting fish soup, along with seafood pasta and raw fish dishes. Sample Irena Fonda's seabass recipe and enjoy a boat excursion to the Fonda Fish Garden.

Truffle Hunting and a Delectable Tasting Experience

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM (Including Driving Time)

Lunch Included

Truffle hunting is organized for guests who want to explore and learn about the Istrian region where truffles grow. Accompanied by a professional truffle hunter and specially trained dogs, you move deep in the forests of Istria and spend a few hours in search of the Istrian white truffle or black, depending on the season. Truffle tasting experience is included as a light lunch.

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Unveiling the Charm of Istrian Hilltops

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM (Including Driving Time)

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Istria has it all. From rolling hills to pristine beaches, from splendid coastal cities to world-renowned wines and delectable cuisine, Istria captivates with its diverse offerings. Nestled amidst this splendor are the charming hilltop towns, true gems of central Istria. Embark on an exploration of Grožnjan and Motovun, two picturesque destinations steeped in history and charm, as part of the enchanting Istrian Hilltop Towns Tour.

Discovering the Beauty of Rovinj

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM (Including Driving Time)

Lunch Included

Nestled on the western coast of the Istrian peninsula within the Istria region, Rovinj stands as a symbol of coastal beauty. Alongside Poreč, it serves as a vibrant tourist hub, ranking among the premier destinations along the Croatian coast. Evolving from its origins as a humble harbor and fishing village, Rovinj exudes a captivating blend of timeless tradition and contemporary allure, drawing countless visitors each year.

Exploring Istrian Cuisine

10:30 AM – 3:00 PM (Including Driving Time)

Lunch Included

Embark on a culinary journey through the enchanting flavors of Istria. Uncover the essence of Istrian gastronomy with olive oil, truffles, salt, and wine. First you will join the truffle hunt and then, you will join Grandma Marija to learn crafting traditional Istrian pasta called fuži. With each gentle knead of dough and artful twist of the pasta, you'll sense the profound history and passion infused into every delightful bite.

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Exploring Sečovlje Salina Nature Park

10:30 AM – 1:00 PM (Including Driving Time)

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In the northernmost Mediterranean salt pans, salt is still produced using classical methods and tools, preserving its distinct taste and exceptional qualities. Embark on a guided tour to delve deeper into the Sečovlje Salina Nature Park and the rich tradition of salt making.

Vintage Boat Ride on Slovenian Riviera*

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM (Including Driving Time)

Lunch Not Included

Uncover hidden gems along the Slovenian coast aboard a classic Istrian wooden sailboat. Enjoy a selection of delectable local cold cuts paired with a bottle of chilled sparkling wine. This meticulously restored antique vessel boasts a spacious sun deck, lounge area and chic saloon, stocked with wine coolers brimming with handpicked wines. Let the charm of the medieval coastal towns and the pristine beauty of untouched bays carry you away.

**This tour is subject to weather conditions.*

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