

# ISTRIA

“At a Glance”  
May 25—June 2, 2014

# Istria 2014

If you've ever dreamed of a walk through hilly vineyards and olive groves



If you've ever longed to visit the small medieval perched hamlets or cities which similarly to Rome boast a magnificent amphitheatre, but without the large crowds and traffic, Istria is the place!

Have you ever imagined visiting UNESCO World Heritage Sites, beautiful churches and magnificent monuments?

If so, you are at the right place!



Istria, is the largest peninsula in the Adriatic Sea.

The peninsula is located at the head of the Adriatic between the Gulf of Trieste and the Bay of Kvarner. It is shared by three countries: Croatia, Slovenia, and Italy.

The following pages contain **“ISTRIA at a GLANCE”** a look at what we are presenting for the seasoned traveler, the “off the beaten path” traveler, the gourmet pallet, the “foodie” if you will.

The following is an itinerary that we have planned for this first time adventure into Croatia. We will fly into Trieste, Italy and arrive at our hotel in Istria in about 1 hour later.

The beautiful “Nautica Hotel” in Novigrad on the Adriatic Sea will be your home for the next week! No moving and packing and unpacking each day! Return each day back to the same hotel where you can relax by the pool, wade in the Adriatic Sea or have a cocktail on the deck facing the gorgeous marina.

Finally, a tour that promises to be also relaxing with no 5 AM wake up calls!  
No packing and repacking each day!

#### Day 1— USA/Trieste, IT./Novigrad, CROATIA

Depart from the USA on our overnight flight into Trieste, Italy. Dinner and overnight onboard. We will provide a group air fare rate from Newark International Airport in New Jersey. Anyone coming from other parts of the US join the group in Newark or in Trieste. Time schedule to be announced. Alternatively, we can assist you in making your air travel reservations if you wish. (Dinner & Breakfast Aloft)

#### Day 2— Trieste/Novigrad

Upon arrival in Trieste International Airport in Italy, we depart for our hotel lodging for the week, Hotel Nautica in Novigrad, Croatia. The hotel is a Four Star property located on the beach on the Adriatic coast about 1 hour from the Trieste, Italy. This evening dinner will be at the “Marina” Restaurant. Overnight in Nautica Hotel, Novigrad, Istria, Croatia. (D)

#### Restaurant Marina, Novigrad



Fresh catch of the day seafood selection, imaginative chef and genuine hospitality are core values of this family owned restaurant. Final result is the full splendor of taste, texture, color and aroma of your gourmet experience. Ideally located next to Hotel Nautica and Novigrad Marina with a breathtaking view of Novigrad Harbor and magnificent, postcard quality sunset.

#### Day 3 – Novigrad – Groznjan – Momjan – Novigrad

This morning after our Buffet Breakfast we will board our coach for a short ride to Groznjan

Walking tour of romantic medieval little city, seat of International Music Youth, Summer Jazz and Movie Academy. Several dozen artists live in this city all year around, their studios welcome visitors. Opportunity to purchase ideal and unique souvenirs . We will stop today at Babic Olive Oil estate en-route for a tasting.



### Kabola Wine Estate: wine tasting

Istrian winemaker famous for various styles of malvasia and a special type of moscato, especially their recent innovation, application of ancient winemaking technique devised in Caucasian Georgia. Grapes; after being picked are put immediately into terracotta amphorae, sealed and put to ferment in the soil.



**Kozlovic Wine Estate: wine tasting**



From generation to generation the love of wine making has been passed on to this day and the Kozlovic Winery has become a tradition in itself and one of top destination in Istria's world of wine. This winery is renowned for arguably the best Moscatos (typical sweet varietal in Istria). Their recent experiment with Malvazija aged in Acacia barrels instead of oak gains more and more followers. (B,D)

### Konoba Stari Podrum, Momjan: an early dinner—specialties are black truffle based meals



Stari podrum is family-run enterprise settled in a traditional stone house, with big garden and rustic interior and splendid view over Momjan's Medieval Castle. Mother, known to her customers as aunt Mira, is in the kitchen, and her two daughters serve tables and occasionally help preparing meals.

Free time in Novigrad: (suggestion: sunset drink at Vitriol Bar, Overnight in Novigrad)

Day 4 – Novigrad – Lipica Stables (Slovenia) – Trieste (Italy) – Novigrad

Today we will visit Lipica Stables, home to the world famous Lipizzaner horses (Vienna Riding School). The Lipica Stable, founded in 1580, is one of the world's oldest stables, a unique cultural monument that currently accommodates around 400 Lipizzaner horses.



The full beauty of these thoroughbred horses is most evident when they move with the dignified gait and graceful steps that have brought them world fame. Visit to city of Trieste. The romantic melancholy of Trieste's often windswept streets (the bora, a fierce wind that blows down from the Carso plateau, is a source of local pride), the resilient grandeur of its Habsburg buildings, the people (part Italian, part Slavic), the coffee (this is the home of Illy, arguably the best espresso in the world) and the chance to discover why James Joyce spent decades of his life in this city; Visit to Castello di Miramare; Wine tasting at winery

owned by Lidia Matticchio Bastianich & Joe Bastianich, celebrity chefs and owners of leading Italian restaurants in the USA such as Del Posto and Felidia in New York and La Mozza in LA. Stop for winemaker's lunch at Kabaj Morel Wine Estate just across the border in Slovenia. Wine production at Kabaj Wine Estate takes place in a modern wine cellar but has three parts: a traditional part with large oak barrels and steel vessels for fermentation of the wine; an arched cellar with a water source, constant temperature and humidity for French "barrique" barrels; and a less typical cellar, where nine 3500 liter clay vessels (kvevris), made of Georgian clay in the Georgian village Imereti in Caucasia, are buried in the ground. Return to hotel for dinner on own. (B,L)



Joe & Lidia Bastianich  
At the  
Bastianich Winery in Friuli,  
Italy

## Day 5 - Novigrad – Motovun -Opatija



**Motovun: Walking tour**  
Medieval city at the top of the hill overlooking Mirna river valley. Breathtaking view from the city walls. US Formula 1 champion Mario Andretti was born here. Czech engineer Josef Ressel lived in Motovun while testing his invention, the propeller, at Mirna river. An International Film Festival that takes place in Motovun which proudly awards the winner with a Golden Propeller of Motovun. Next is a visit to Medea honey & honey based cosmetic products, honey tasting . Then you

will visit to Zigante delicatessen shop - Giancarlo Zigante is considered as Istrian 'King of Truffles'. Apart from fresh truffles, both white and black, many truffle based products are available for purchase at this shop including various other wine, spirits, olive oil and gourmet delicacies from the region as well as from the rest of Croatia and Slovenia. This will be followed by cooking class and lunch. Afterwards a visit to Opatija – a town founded by Austrian nobility as an alternative to French Riviera, the sub-tropical climate, magical beauty and rejuvenating atmosphere has over the years earned the Opatija Riviera an enviable reputation as both a winter retreat and a popular summer resort. The magnificent facades ornamented with vivacious art, the striking stairways and lavishly furnished interiors are a reflection of the spirit of the times, a spirit striving for refinement and distinction. Opatija grew together with its guests - the imperial and royal nobility, the Austrian and Hungarian elite, and the celebrated artists who came here in search of rest and found inspiration. Free Time Overnight in Novigrad (B,L)



## Day 6 - Novigrad – Porec - Pula – Novigrad

**Porec, city tour with visit to St. Euphrasius basilica** - Walking tour of ancient quarter of the city where Roman architectural layout is still clearly visible and beautifully blends with Venetian gothic palazzos. Visit to St. Euphrasius basilica, 6<sup>th</sup> Century Byzantine style church, inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Then onto Rossi Grappa & Wine Estate – grappa & wine tasting. Pula; city tour with visit to Arena - one of the largest and best preserved Roman amphitheatres in the world (site of biggest movie festival in Croatia). Pula is the largest town on the Istria peninsula offers a diversity of attractions to lovers of culture. The rich itinerary of its three thousand year old history, where every step



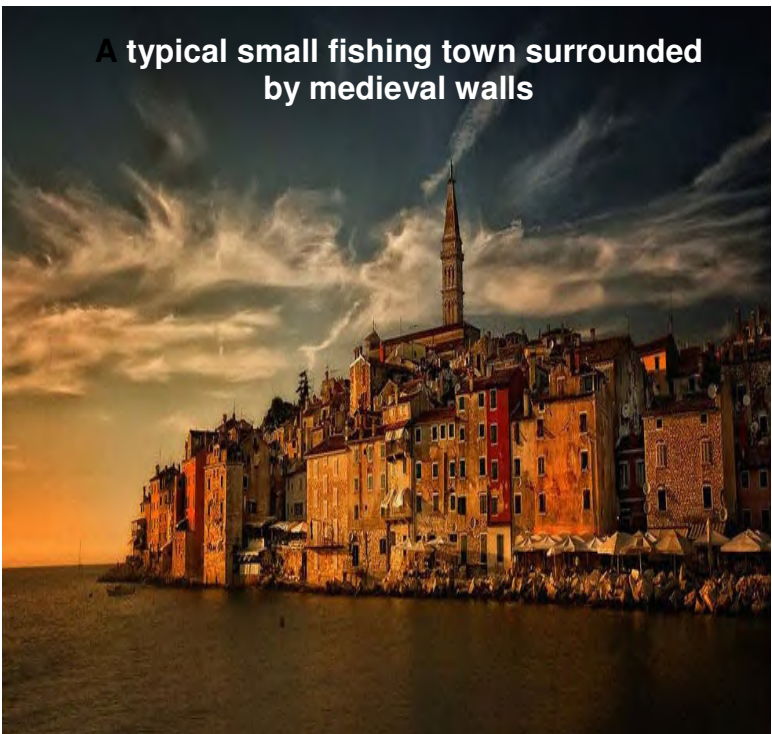
you take through the old town is a landmark, begins and ends with the Roman amphitheatre one of only six preserved in the world. While strolling through Pula you will come across numerous monuments of Roman architecture: the Triumphal Arch of the Sergi dynasty from the 1st century B.C., Hercules' Gate and Twin Gates, the Temple of Augustus, Arena and Small Roman Theatre in the town center. Coffee break @ Roman Forum, Café A gourmet lunch in Restaurant Divino in Porec today is included. Overnight in Novigrad, Istria (B, D)



### Day 7 –Novigrad – Rovinj – Novigrad

We will visit **Matosevic Wine Estate**, wine tasting - Ivica Matosevic is one of the most prominent Istrian wine makers and head of Istria Vintners Association. Enjoy the excellent Chardonnay and Acacia barrel aged Malvazija Robinia. We continue on to **Rovinj**, for the city tour. You will feel the enchantment of this town in its narrow medieval streets and warm Mediterranean setting. From the plateau of St. Euphemia Cathedral there is a wonderful view of the open sea and numerous islets in the distance. Some free time to explore Rovinj. (suggestion: wine bar “Piazza Granda”, wine and cocktail bar “Puntulina”) This evening a Farewell dinner **will be at Restaurant Blu**, a creative Mediterranean seafood cuisine. “Blue” is a chic restaurant at a hideout directly at the sea level overlooking the panorama of Rovinj. You will enjoy high end food listening to the waves and enjoying sweet smell that gentle Maestral wind brings from the pine wood that surrounds the restaurant. Overnight in Istria (**B/D**)

**A typical small fishing town surrounded by medieval walls**



### Day 8 – Free Day

We have decided to add one extra day ; a day to relax by the pool or the beach, to go shopping or pick up a side tour to one of the other cities not visited in this itinerary.



As an “optional day” for those interested we can have an early morning departure by ferry to spend a day in Venice. A short tour of the main island will be included and then free time to explore on your own. A meeting point and time will be given for the return ferry ride to Croatia. The ride is about 1 hr. 15 minute each way. The price for this “optional tour” to be announced. (B)



### Day 9— Novigrad—Trieste—USA

This morning we depart for Trieste International Airport for our flight home. We bring with us many memories of fun days, wonderfully interesting meals shared with friends, a bit more culture to add to our already cultured consciousness, but above all the recollection of an impressive and wonderful journey on the ISTRIAN PENINSULA. Dinner aloft and overnight at HOME!!! (B)



### **INCLUDED**

**ROUND TRIP GROUP AIRPORT TRANSFERS IN ITALY**  
**ENGLISH SPEAKING TOUR ESCORT/Guide FROM DAY of ARRIVAL to DAY of DEPARTURE**  
**ENTRANCE FEES INCLUDED**  
**CONTINENTAL BUFFET BREAKFAST DAILY with coffee, tea, juice/ DINNERS/ LUNCHES as listed per daily itinerary**  
**DE LUXE AIR-CONDITIONED MOTORCOACH**

### **EXCLUDED**

**ROUND TRIP TRANSFERS TO US AIRPORTS**  
**PASSPORTS and/or VISA FEES**  
**GRATUITIES to DRIVER, GUIDES, TOUR ESCORTS**  
**PORTERAGE IN AIRPORTS**  
**ITEMS OF PERSONAL NATURE (Laundry, telephone calls, room service, etc)**  
**BEVERAGES at MEALS UNLESS LISTED IN THE ITINERARY**



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**ISTRIA**

Land Price — \$2,349.00 - with 4\* Hotel (double occupancy)  
AIR with Lufthansa Airlines from Newark International Airport \$1,178. (subject to change)  
**May 25 — June 2, 2014**  
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I wish to room with: \_\_\_\_\_

Private Accommodations or Single Room: \_\_\_\_\_ + Single Supplement Fee (Please add \$450.)

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\$500. Per person. Deposit due with this application  
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Will you be taking "Travelers Insurance" ? \_\_\_\_\_ It is recommended.

**PLEASE NOTE:** 60 Days Prior to Departure Date. If we do not have the minimum amount of passengers required (25), the trip will be cancelled and all deposits/payments refunded.



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## TERMS & CONDITIONS

**Reservations/Deposits/Payments:** A deposit of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) is required at the time of booking. No reservation is confirmed until the deposit is received by the tour operator. The balance of the tour price is due and payable sixty (60) days prior to departure.

**Minors And Infirm:** Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian or a responsible adult deemed worthy by the parent/guardian. If a minor is traveling with any person other than parent/guardian then the responsible adult will provide the travel agent/tour operator and have in his/her possession a notarized letter from the parent/guardian giving that adult full permission to make decisions on their behalf and permission to room with the minor. No minor will be allowed to room alone without the parent/guardian or named responsible adult. Due to the physical demands of the tour and the inaccessibility of handicap facilities abroad, no physically handicapped person may be a tour passenger.

**Tour Price:** The tour price in this brochure is based upon the U. S. currency vs. the European Euro at the time of printing, **August 15, 2013** If changes in these rates occur, it may change the price accordingly. The tour price is based on booking a minimum of 25 paying passengers. A lesser amount could increase the price of the tour. Should the price of the tour change for any of the reasons mentioned above, the passenger will then have the right to cancel the reservation and receive a full refund of payment made to date, provided that written notice be received by Fratelli & Co. within 7 (seven) days of the notification of the price change. Otherwise, the cancellation policy written below prevails. No refund will be made if the passenger is dissatisfied with any of the accommodations; fails to use any of the accommodations included in the tour price, or must return home prior to completion of the tour.

**Cancellations:** Land and Air arrangements may be canceled and passenger may receive a full refund less one hundred (\$100.) dollars cancellation fee if the cancellation is made no less than ninety (90) days prior to the scheduled departure date. If cancellation is made less than sixty (60) days prior to scheduled departure, there is no refund unless a suitable replacement passenger books the tour in his/her place. For these reasons we recommend you take Travel Insurance.

**Travel Insurance:** Health, accident, Trip Interruption/Cancellation and baggage insurance are NOT included; brochures can be made available through your travel agent.

**Sightseeing & Itinerary:** Sightseeing is included as specified in the itinerary with English-speaking guides and customary entrance fees. The tour operator reserves the right to vary the sequence of the itinerary and/or reroute the order of cities, should circumstances arise.

**Passports:** A valid passport is required, and MUST be shown upon request to the travel agent/tour operator, tour leaders and any airline personal and customs officials.

**Responsibility:** Fratelli & Co., your tour operator has arranged a vacation package which may include one or more of the following: air, land transportation, hotel accommodations and food service. Neither the tour operator nor the organizer own, operate, manage, or control any hotel, bus company, railroad, cruise line, service provider, restaurant, airline transportation company, person or persons rendering any of the services, and/or accommodations offered in connection with this tour. The tour operator and/or tour organizer do not guaranty any passenger's safety who participates in the tour. Accordingly, the passenger understands that he or she has no claim against the tour operator or organizer for any delay, or other irregularity caused by a third party service provider, damage to or loss of property, injury to or death of the person due to any action or failure to act by the air carrier, bus carriers, private cars, livery carriers, railroad, ships, hotels, restaurants and any service providers in connection with this tour, strikes, war, or any acts of God. Under these circumstances, no portion of the tour price will be refunded. It is advisable that you cover any potential risks with insurance coverage.

**Cancellation of Passenger's Rights:** In an effort to make the tour pleasant for all, the tour operator reserves the right to: 1.cancel any reservation and refund the tour price, pursuant to the cancellation clause, of any passenger who acts irrational by words, actions and demeanor prior to the tour departure; 2. refuse further participation in the tour once the tour begins, with no refund given, to passengers who: act unruly, irrational, unduly argumentative, incite trouble among passengers, endanger the health and/or safety of the other passengers, tour operator, tour organizer, and/or tour escort, or if they become physically or emotionally disabled and create a burden that the remaining passengers are unwilling to accept. No tour passenger, tour operator, tour organizer, tour escort, will be obligated to assist any infirm, handicapped or injured passenger.

**Inclusions:** All hotel taxes, service charges, First Class Four Star Superior Hotels, Comprehensive sightseeing as per itinerary, English-speaking guides, all baggage handling and assistance abroad (except in airports for security reasons), Breakfasts, lunches and dinners (including in flight meals) as per itinerary.

**Exclusions:** Passport and visa fees, tips for tour escorts, drivers, guides, food service personal, hotel maids, phone calls, laundry services, and other items of a personal nature. Rates do NOT include beverages at meals unless specified in the itinerary. Rates do not include transportation to and from US airports or baggage handling in the United States.

**Physical and Emotional Limitations:** The tour operator cannot be held responsible for any part of the tour missed due to physical or emotional limitations. Anyone who cannot participate in an event will not receive a refund for any unused portion. Further, if anyone must stop or return to a hotel or motor-coach during a tour, and uses public transportation or taxis, it will be their responsibility to pay for the transportation.

**Miscellaneous:** Any Litigation concerning this tour shall be brought in the State of New Jersey. This agreement shall be construed according to New Jersey and Federal law. The tour operator shall not be responsible for any typographical errors or misprints. The tour operator reserves the right to substitute in its discretion any air, land and sea carrier, hotels, and service providers and itinerary.

**I have read terms and conditions of the tour and accept them. I represent I am not physically or emotionally challenged and I am able to meet the physical demands required by this tour.**

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