

About Funtana

Funtana is a picturesque fishing town on the west coast of Istria, situated between the tourist resorts of Vrsar and Poreč. This is the most indented coast of the Istria peninsula, with numerous coves and little islands. This wonderful coastal region, spreading from Zelena Laguna to Poreč and Valkanela to Vrsar, is home to several campings and hotels with a varied dining and sports-recreational offer. About twenty thousand guests can be accommodated on any given summer day.

This tourist and hospitable town has about one thousand inhabitants and there is hardly a family that does not take guests in over summer. Funtana's tourist activities are not insignificant, as verified by a one-time high recognition: it was proclaimed the most tourist little town on the Adriatic.

People here are hard-working, they love their region and their town that, as can be plainly seen, is constantly changing to the delight and joy of both its inhabitants and visitors. One more thing: the example of Funtana, which has so many hospitality facilities – restaurants, taverns, cellars, café bars, etc. – gathered together in such little space, is unparalleled in Istria. Funtana is more than an ideal destination for a tranquil and carefree family vacation and experiencing the Mediterranean in the measure of man.

Events

Every guest will find something for himself in Funtana's versatile offer. Concerts or other smaller-scale events take place in the Church of St. Bernard or the square in front of the church.

Art lovers can enjoy painting exhibitions in Zgor Murve Gallery in Funtana. Exhibitions are changed every fifteen days throughout the summer season. A unique exhibition in these parts, Naive art in Istria, takes place every August, presenting both the works of naive painters on glass and canvas and sculptures. The gallery is open in the evening hours every day.

All those longing for entertainment can attend merry, public fishermen's festivities. Fishermen's festivities are traditional parties with music and an indispensable culinary offer of seafood specialties prepared by the fishermen from their daily catch and sold from off their boats. As a rule, these are organized every other Friday in the summer months and are the best way to learn something about Istrian folklore and customs.

The festivity of St. Barnard, the patron saint of Funtana, is held on the first weekend after the 20 August: daylong entertainment-dinning manifestations with musical programmes, sports recreational and other entertaining games. The dining offer is dominated by specialties of Istrian cuisine.

Sport and recreation

Sport and recreation have an important role in the tourist offer of the Funtana coastal region. All known recreational sports, as well as those designed to raise adrenaline levels, are offered as part of the offer of tourist settlements, especially Zelena Laguna.

Sports officials in tourism boast a number of several dozens of sports on land, at sea and in the air: from tennis to table tennis, mini golf, volleyball, to sailing, parachuting or hang-gliding.

The entire territory of Funtana is characterized by well-marked cycling routes and you can have your first horseback riding, diving or water-skiing adventure here. It would be a shame not to experience at least a part of this versatile palette.



Funtana Info & Map



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Castle – Fortification

It's a protected cultural monument. Bernardo Borisi had it built "four miles away from Poreč and two miles away from Vrsar" in the 1610, as engraved in Latin language on the doorway of the castle: "In Thee Lord I trust. In the 1610 the noble Bernardo Borisi from a famous Duklean and Bar family Borisi had it constructed". It is a castle-fortification of the renaissance characteristics, rebuilt in baroque when additional windows were opened.

The castle was the first building and then the village grew around it. Some historians like to mention the

possibility of an earlier, late medieval architecture on the spot where the castle was built. The interior of the castle is not open to the visitors.

St. Lucia's Church

Situated right on the main road, it was built in 1750. Above the facade there is a church tower with no bell. It is a private property, and the only regular service is on St. Lucia's day.

The Church of Blessed Mary of Mercy

Situated in an abandoned graveyard, it was reconstructed from the grounds in 1998. It is a Romanesque church originating from the 11th century that has been reconstructed several times. Inside the church there are crypts from the 17th and 18th century.

The Church of our Lady of Carmel

Situated on the graveyard it was built in the 1631, reconstructed in the 1907, the same year when the old graveyard near Perilo was abandoned.

Springs

Springs of fresh water that gave the name to the village are right next to the seashore and on the same elevation of the sea surface. Yet they are giving fresh water. Since not too long ago the springs were used by the inhabitants of Poreč as well as by the population of inner Istria, due to the fact they never run dry. People used to come for the water in carriages. These springs used to be used for the water supply system, partially subterranean, and according to the archaeologists still partially visible, constructed for the spacious and luxurious Roman villa on the point Zorna in Zelena Laguna. It was built in the 2nd century and it had, besides all other things, two perystiles and the pompously constructed thermae. One of the springs is called Perila (washer) since women used to wash the clothes in there.

