

Funtana

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Tempting natural atmosphere, picturesque well-indented coastline with beautiful beaches, unique campsites on attractive locations, great gastronomy, a nautical marina, special kindness of the hosts and long-established tourist tradition: these are the outstanding features of the local setting and offer that have turned the little village of Funtana into a large and quite desired seaside resort on the Adriatic.

Without neglecting its fishing tradition, this former fishing village counts around one thousand inhabitants and is able to accommodate up to 20,000 guests, offering them high quality stays in hotels, tourist resorts, campsites and private accommodation.

Funtana is located in Istria, one of the most suggestive peninsulas in the Mediterranean, which, thanks to its breathtaking natural beauty and layered cultural heritage, is widely recognized as a distinctive vacation spot. Situated on the north Adriatic, the nearest warm sea to the continental Europe, where the bathing season extends from May to October.

The name of the place derives from the word *fons*, which in Latin stands for springs. Funtana, founded in the distant past, is today the only place with its two springs, *Šterna* and *Perila*, located on the very coast.

In the past these springs meant life, while today they symbolize the endless friendship Funtana shows in welcoming its guests.

In the arms of magic nature

Funtana is a tourist destination on the west Istrian coast that accommodates its guest with warm sea, rich submarine world, an indented coastline with a charming archipelago, green pine forests, generous sun over many beaches and refreshing shade along the coastal promenades, and then pampers them in the arms of nature.

The possibilities of discovering and enjoying the blessings of nature are numerous and diverse: swimming, sun bathing, diving, sailing, surfing, strolling or biking.

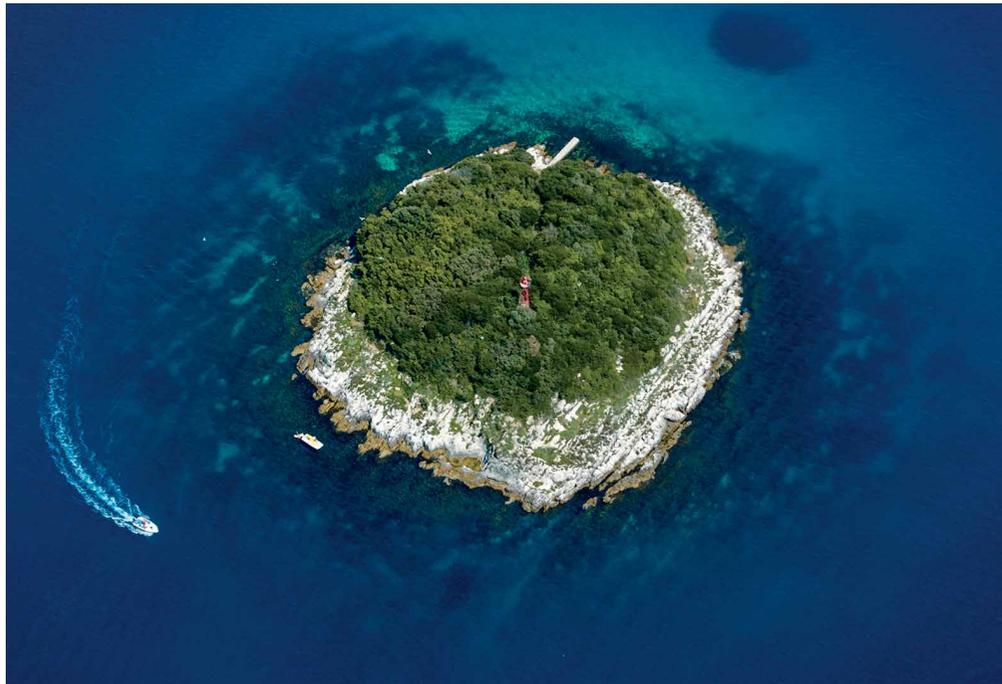
The central places of daylong contacts with nature are the many campsites where the feeling of freedom melts with enjoying nature. With such an environment becoming one of the more esteemed camping destinations for Funtana was inevitable. The richness and astonishing generosity of nature are also present in the local cuisine. The undersea world around Funtana is well known for its fish and seafood, while olive oil and high quality wines come from its hinterland. Welcome to a place of capturing views, tastes, aromas...



A seductive game of the sea and shore



Nature draws
the most
beautiful
sceneries

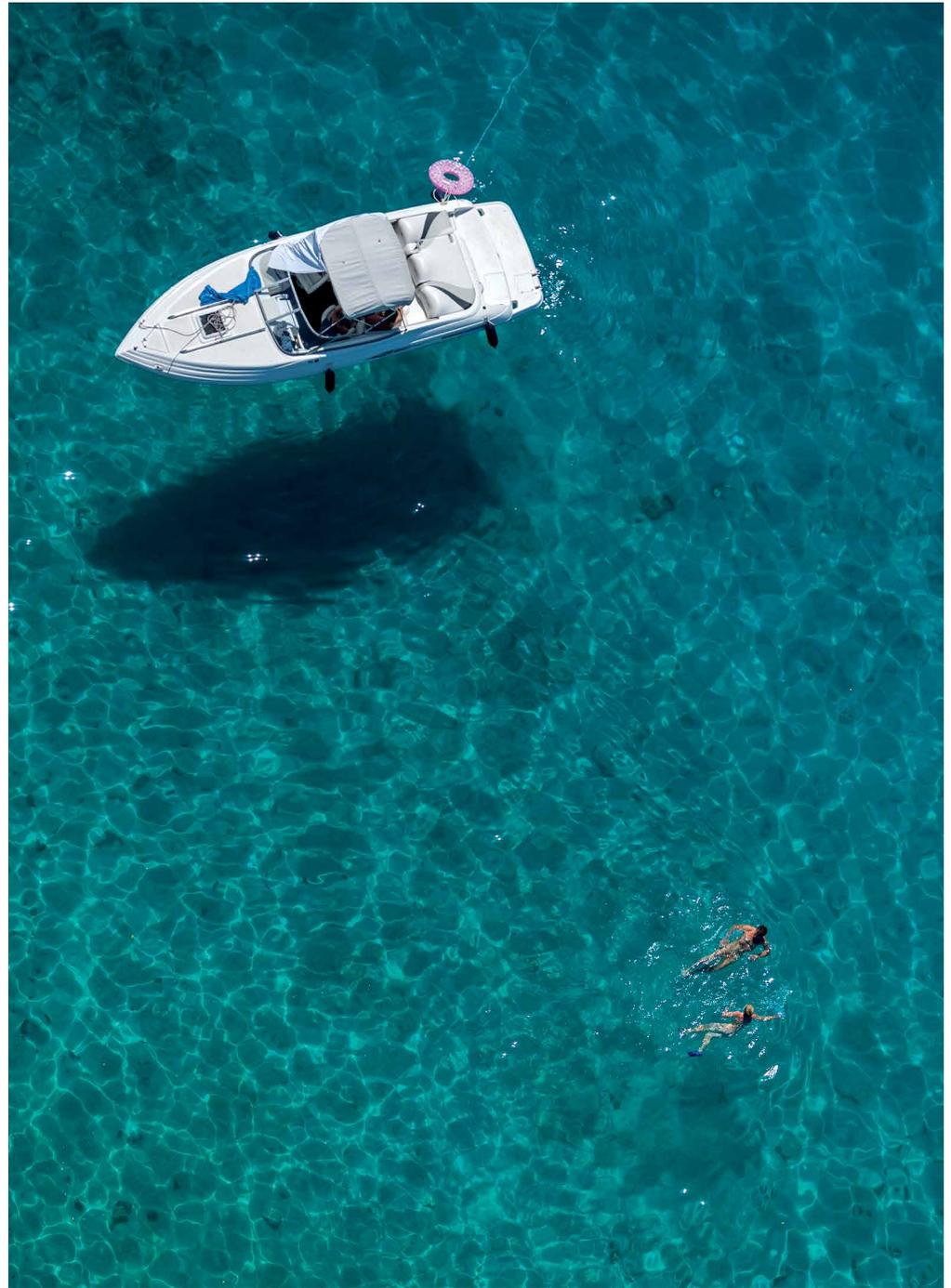


Funtana's coastal band playfully stretches from *Valkanela* campsite on the south to *Zelena Laguna* on the northwest. Headlands, coves, beaches, island archipelago, small rocky islands and cliffs lay along a few kilometres of the scenographically attractive coastline: here the blues and emeralds of the sea meet the whites of the rocks and greens of surrounding pine forests, creating an inspiring holiday atmosphere. Summer vacations in such ambiance are synonymous for freedom and authentic invigoration for the body and soul.

Bays, beaches
and the island
archipelago lay
along the playful
coastline







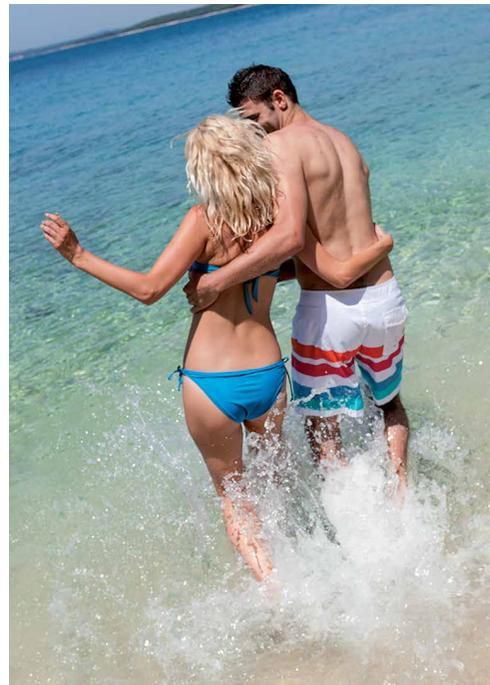
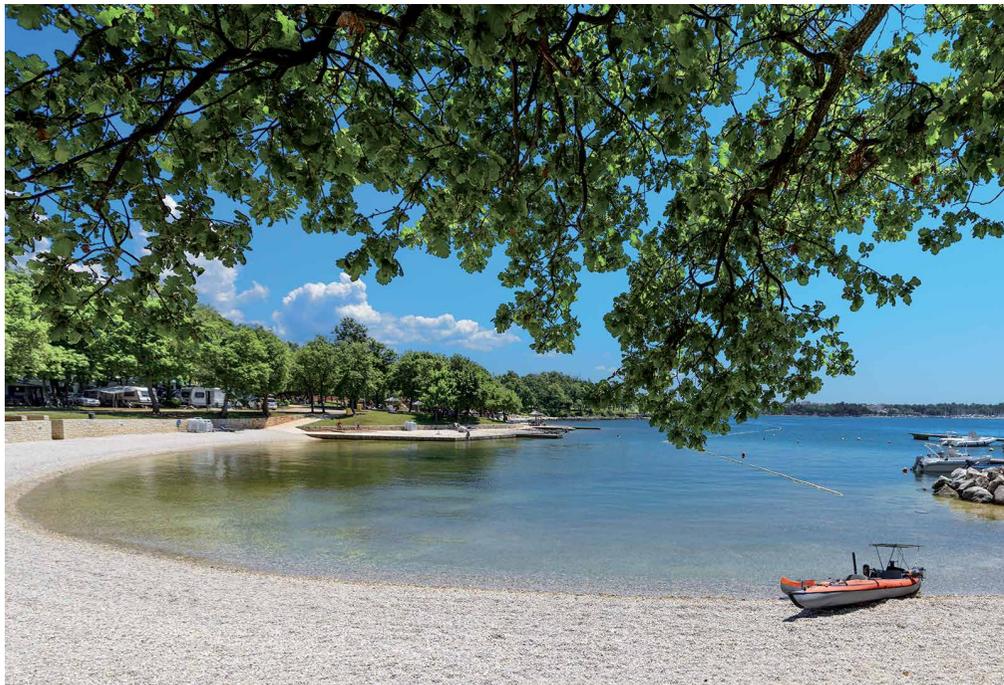
Funtana's sea is fascinatingly clean, clear, both by the shore and the islands or at open sea.





Gorgeous beaches by the crystal waters

Gravel or sandy, rocky or paved, on the open or within campsites, Funtana beaches combine the beauty of nature, fun, vacation, and enjoying the sun and sea. The sea is clean and clear, both by the hidden and always half-empty island beaches or by crowded campsite beaches and near beach bars. Beaches in Funtana, whether arranged, complete with showers and sun beds, or more intimate and wild, show off their **Blue flags** representing preservation of the environment.



A great variety in shape and position, Funtana beaches match in beauty and high ecological preservation



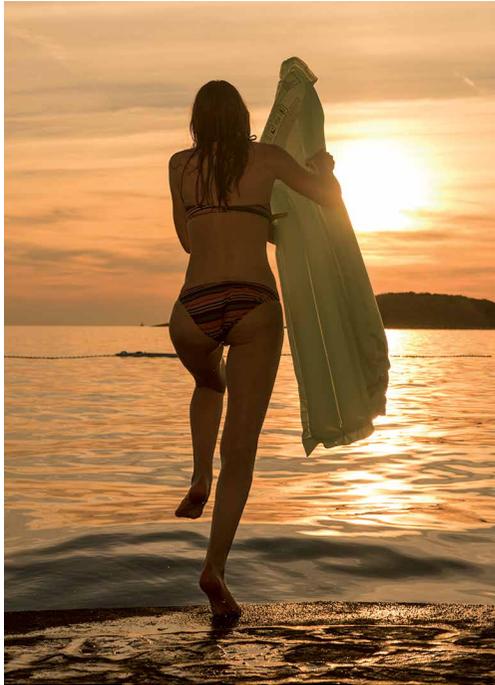




A real break
from dawn
to dusk



Beaches are bonds of
relaxation, entertainment,
socializing and desire to
create pleasant personal
experiences...





Campsites of authentic beauty and modern comfort

As authentic outdoor living rooms, campsites are the most genuine and direct type of vacationing in contact with nature. Since the coastline is indented, outlined with bays and peninsulas, with permanent shade of pine forests, Funtana is one of the most respected camping resorts on the Adriatic. Campsites are modern and operated in accordance with ecological standards. Overlooking the sea or in deep shade, every pitch is ideal for tents or campers.



Freedom
in touch
with nature



Animation,
beaches, sports
fields, swimming
pools, restaurants,
dancing terraces...





A sequence of campsites

On the peninsula, right next to the fishing port, the campsite *Puntica* is known for its intimate atmosphere and sports facilities. *Polidor* is particular for its high standard mobile homes and pebbled beach with beach bar. *Bijela uvala* campsite, with its three swimming pools, situated on a peninsula and surrounded with small islands is one of the most suggestive ones. *Zelena Laguna* is a highly equipped family campsite with programs organised for children's entertainment. With the help of the clear sea, its equipped beaches have been awarded the ecological Blue flag. A part of the campsite is reserved for naturists.

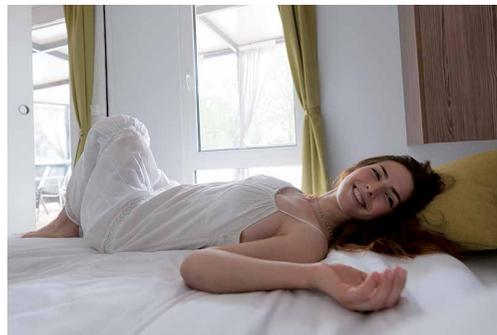
On a picturesque peninsula lies the campsite *Valkanela*, one of the most beautiful and equipped campsites in Croatia. *Naturist resort Istra* ranks among the best known nudist campsites in Istria. Situated in the middle of a pine forest on a peninsula in front of which one of the nicest islands of the archipelago lays.



true peace,
privacy,
relaxation...



Unique campsites
are irresistible
invitations for new
and repeated visits
to Funtana





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Being by the sea but feeling like home...

Funtana's inhabitants know how to welcome tourists in their **private houses and apartments**. Not do they only open their doors, but also offer their time and attention. It is no exception for guests to stay with a host that will offer them local gastronomic specialties, wine, olive oil, fruits and vegetables from his own. There is also fresh fish, sometimes even caught during joint fishing adventures. Of course, **privacy is strictly respected** so that guests in Funtana's homes may feel at home.



A smile and
kindness: this is the
welcoming in private
accommodation in
Funtana

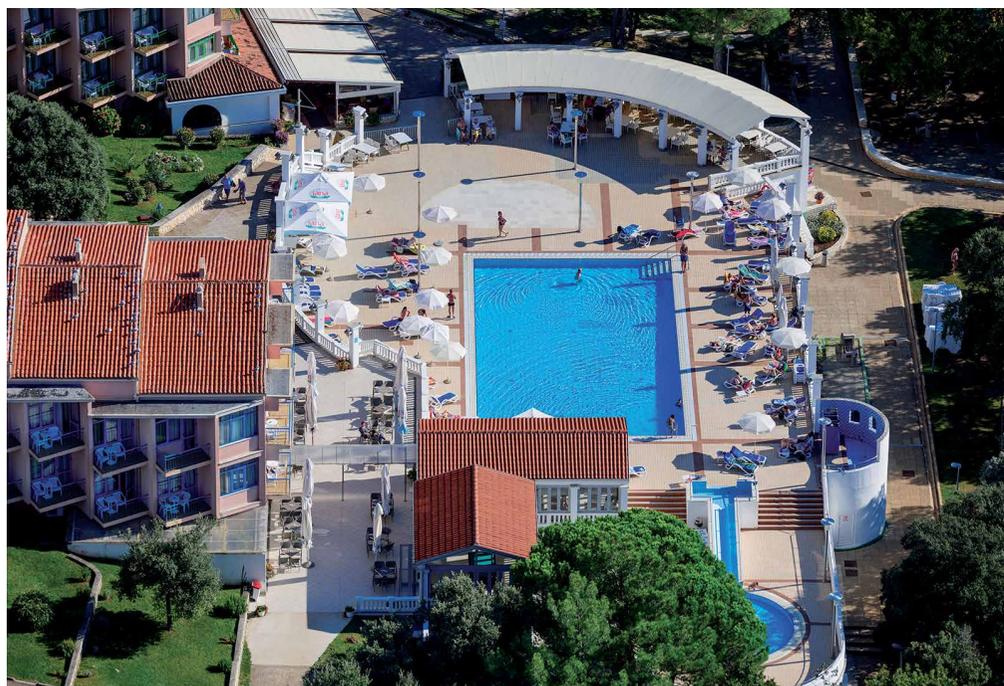
Hosts welcome their guests in their own homes, **newly built modern and equipped houses**, multi-apartment villas with pools, or old, refurnished and renovated **traditional Istrian houses**, located in alleys where history and charm arise from every little wall, balcony, stone bench, terrace and fence covered with roses or bougainvillea, and where **local flavours and traditional customs blend with comfort of the modern times**.



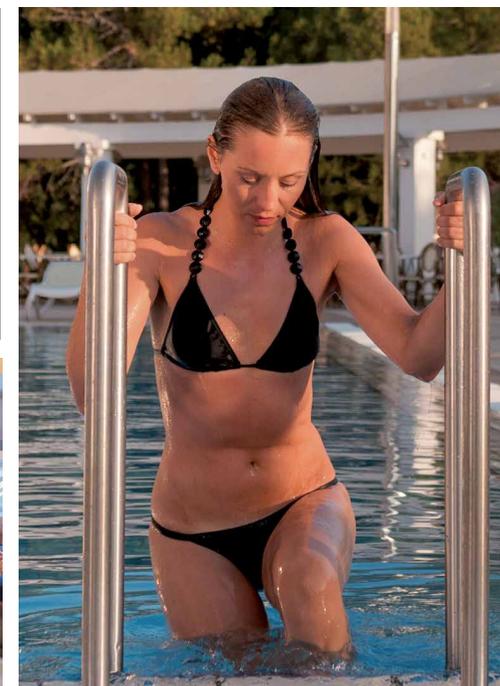


The pleasure of carefree holidays

In the cove between *Naturist Resort Istra* and campsite *Valkanela* there is the hotel resort *Funtana*. In four pavilions surrounded by the shade of Mediterranean vegetation, the hotel resort *Funtana* offers a comfortable stay in rooms and apartments just two steps away from attractive beaches splashed by crystal blue waters. The resort includes restaurants and bars, a swimming pool and children's pool, as well as tennis, beach volley and minigolf courses. Animation is organised and the dancing terrace by the pool provides for a very special atmosphere during evenings.



On the green peninsula, the major hotel Delfin is a place for vibrant crowds, gatherings, socializing, joy...



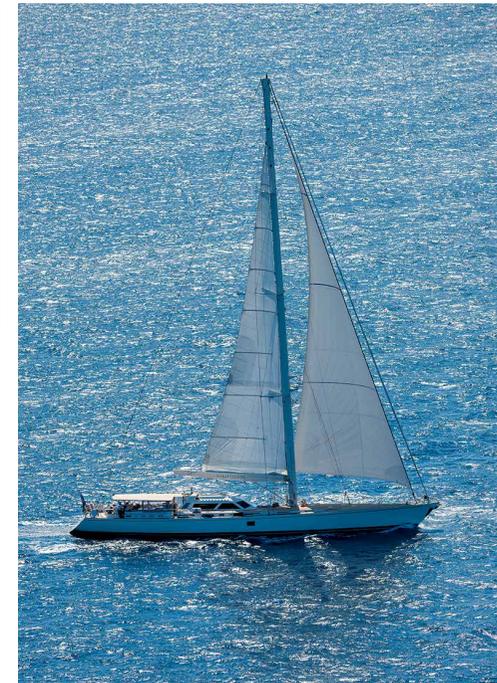


Nautics for everyone: the call of the sea is compelling to all

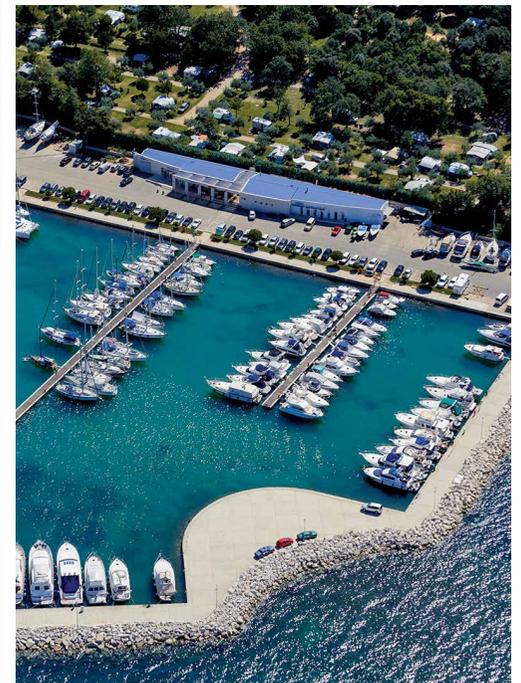
Seen through the eyes of boaters, Funtana's position is extremely favourable. It is located in the most indented part of the west Istrian coast, and decorated with small islands rich with intimate coves, beaches, transparent and clean sea in the coastal areas and challenging depths just a little further into the open sea. Of course, such a location is just perfect for a harbour, so they built a modern marina with 200 berths equipped with all services boaters may need. All you need is to sail away...



Wind,
waves,
adventures



Marina Funtana
offers charters and
the possibility to rent
smaller vessels





There in Funtana, where holidays are laughter and adventure

Funtana offers a vast variety of answers to the question: “What to do when on vacation?”, like: sports – from the classic to the extreme ones, from biking to horseback riding, from easy strolls on panoramic coastal walks to go - carting. Certainly, there is also a variety of activities at sea, from diving to sailing and enjoying waves on own or rented aqua scooters, speedboats or other vessels. Therefore, games and sports challenges, **socializing** and laughter, entertainment and discovering the surroundings, stretching the body and satisfying the spirit.



Adrenalin and
entertainment in the
Aquacolors water
park and Dinopark
theme show park









Folk festivals: festivities with Mediterranean atmosphere

While being a major tourist destination, Funtana is still a small village at the seaside where **old habits live on**, giving it that nostalgic Mediterranean charm, moments when local customs come into play. **Fisherman's feasts** are held in Funtana port during summer every other Friday. Music, entertainment and aromas of fresh fish and seafood are **irresistible spices** to an event that combines tradition, gastronomy and joy.



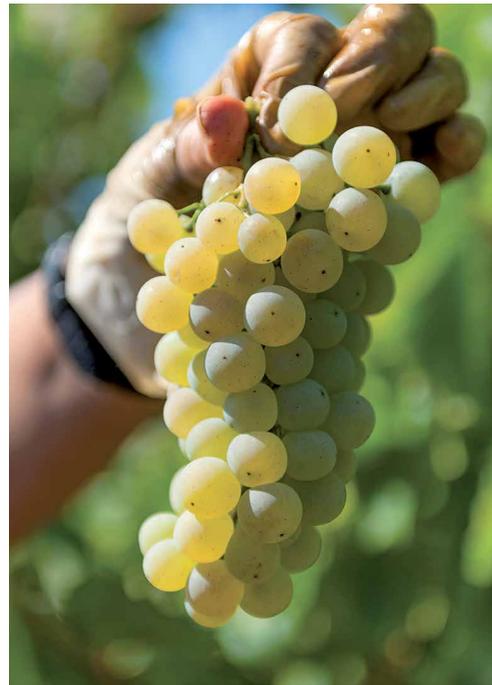
Dancing and concerts
on San Bernardo
Square, traditional
Fisherman's feast
in the port





Food with geographic origin

Istria is the land of encounter of different civilization circles, so its cuisine is interwoven with flavours from different proveniences. Same is in Funtana, a place with high concentration of restaurants: the tasty combination of Mediterranean and continental cuisine on the local table is quite noticeable. The sea offers fish, a variety of shellfish, shrimps and crabs which are, just like the octopus (on salad or baked under the lid with potatoes) and *brodet* (thick fish stew made of a variety of fish and tomatoes), local specialties of the local Mediterranean cuisine.



A combination of Mediterranean and continental flavours



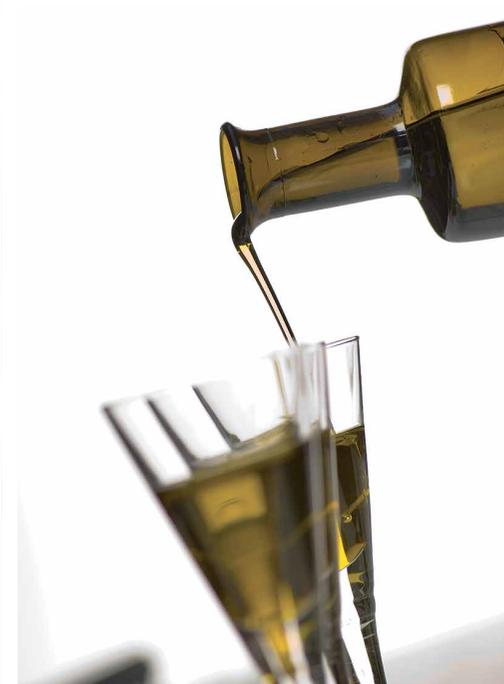
the best and freshest from the sea



Traditional meals: soups (beef, chicken, fish) *maneštra* (thick minestrone soups) with different vegetables and pasta (*fuži*, *pljukanci*, *posutice*) with chicken, beef or wild game *šugo* (sauce). Meat dishes from grill are also inevitable. Another local gem is the **white truffle**, appreciated worldwide, and very tasty wild plants such as **asparagus**. Autochthonous specialties like **Istrian prosciutto** (seasoned with pepper and salt) and sheep or goat cheese are award winning and protected. Fruits and vegetables come from the fertile fields of the Funtana hinterland.

The Istrian wine and olive oil were praised by old Romans

The Istrian wines and olive oil are top quality. In term of wines, the Istrian **malvasia** was always present at the imperial palace in Vienna, while **teran** is the king of red wines. The dessert wine **muscat** is irresistible to everyone who tries it. The Istrian olive oil was appreciated even in the Roman period (Pliny the Elder, Martial, Cassiodorus).





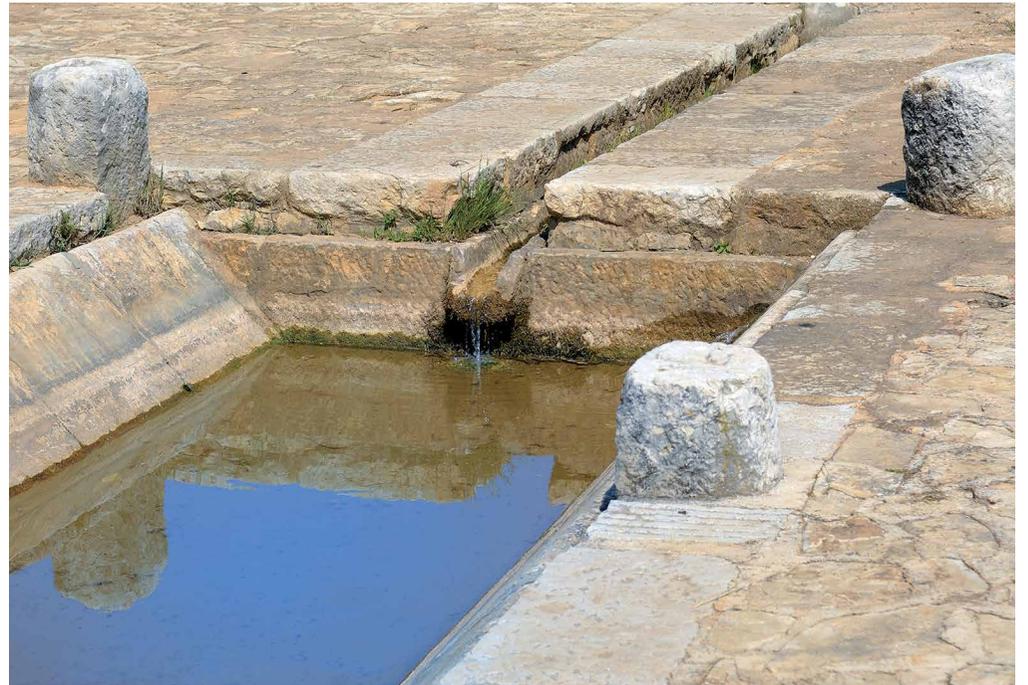
Gastro Riviera of
restaurants for
everyone's taste





Long history flowing from a water spring

The presence of a large number of drinking water springs favours the settling of the Funtana area in ancient times, as evidenced by the raster of roman centauriation in the hinterland and remains of the patrician villa in *Zelena Laguna* connected by an aqueduct to the Funtana springs. At the time people mainly lived out of production and export of salt and fishing. The village developed in the 15th century when refugees led by captain Bernard Borisi from Bar in Montenegro populated the area.



The Borisi family shall govern the village until 1869 and their stone palace (*Kaštel*, 1610) is the most valuable monument in Funtana. The palace originates from the Renaissance but was renovated in the Baroque period.

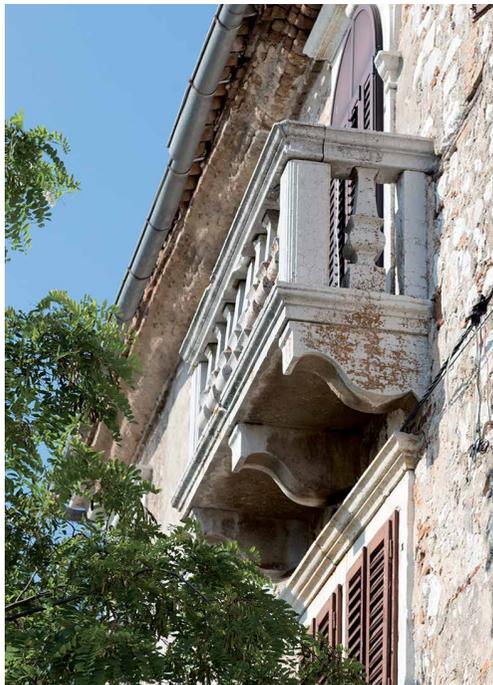




The Borisi palace (1610), connects to the parish church of San Bernardo through the harmonious square and still dominates the uplift around which the village was developed. In the vicinity of the Šterna and Perila springs there is a small Romanesque Church of Blessed Virgin Mary of Mercy (11th century) with votive graffiti sailors left behind. The Zgor murve Gallery in Funtana hosts a unique exhibition of the Naïve arts in Istria for over two decades.



The sculpture park of the famous sculptor Dušan Džamonja is situated along the way to the nearby Vrsar





The beauty and sights of the Istrian peninsula at hand reach

Funtana is the ideal starting point to discover the sights of Istria. Places with the richest cultural heritage are nearby: Poreč, with great Byzantine mosaics in the Euphrasian basilica protected by UNESCO, and Pula, the city of Roman monuments. Short trips are sufficient to get to know the suggestive towns of the central Istria, forts and archaeological sites, castles, the national park *Brijuni* and other natural and historical beauties of the enchanting Istria.



The coastal towns of Venetian architecture: Rovinj, Vrsar, Poreč, Novigrad and Umag are also at hand reach from Funtana. They show the multiculturalism and multilingualism of Istria and the stratification of its exciting and complex history.

Euphrasian Basilica in Poreč and Arena in Pula - pearls of the Istrian heritage



In the green and hilly central Istria there are picturesque medieval towns such as **Motovun** (film festival), **Grožnjan** (city of artists and art), **Oprtalj** and **Buzet** (white truffle area) and, on the east coast, **Labin** (Renaissance palaces). **Pazin** with its famous castle, **St. Lovreč** (the largest Romanesque church in Istria), **Svetvinčenat** (Grimani castle), **Bale** (Bembo castle), **Barban** (traditional race Trka na prstenac) and the remains of **Dvigrad** are just waiting to be discovered.



A few hundreds of Romanesque churches decorated with medieval murals form a special heritage and landscape richness of Istria. They can be found in **Beram**, **Draguč**, **Vižinada**, **Žminj**, **Hum**, **Vodnjan**, **Plomin**...



Luxurious nature and diversity in landscapes create Istria's charm: *Brijuni national park*, *Cape Kamenjak nature park*, *Lim Channel* and *Raša Channel* and the *Baredine karst cave* are only a few of the places of magical natural beauty.





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