



Pula

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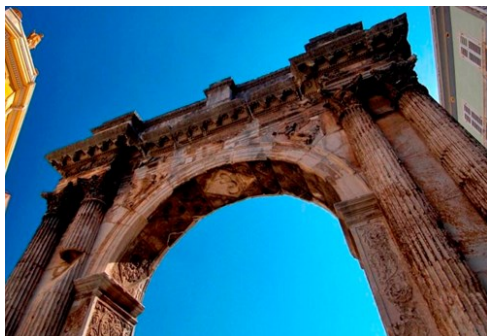


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Jewel of the verdant peninsula of Istria, Pula is the province's largest city and forms a dramatic gateway to the seductive, crystalline waters of the Adriatic. Situated at the southernmost tip of the area, which has come to be known as 'the new Tuscany' for its bright medieval hilltop towns and ancient ruins, Pula boasts a rich and varied cultural heritage. The city is bordered by national parks remarkable for their astounding unspoilt natural beauty and is celebrated for its wonderfully preserved Roman amphitheatre and forum, which form a dramatic backdrop for leisurely strolls from the old town to the coast.



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QUIZ
*What Type of Traveller
Are You Based on
Your Travel IQ?*

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Top 5

Triumphal Arch of the Sergii

The Arch of Sergius (also referred to as the Golden Gate of Pula) commemorates the Sergii, one of the most influential familie...

Aquarium Pula

Pula's ever-popular aquarium occupies the floor of the city's 14th-century AustroHungarian fortress. Highlights of the

The Temple of Augustus

Located in the forum, this temple is dedicated to the Roman Emperor Augustus, and was built between the 2 BC and 14 AD,

The Franciscan Church and Monastery

Perched on the hill between the Forum and the upper part of the city, you will find the 14th-century church and monastery of S...

Brijuni National Park

A short trip out of Pula takes you to the acclaimed Brijuni National Park. This archipelago of islands has long been noted



THE CITY



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The ancient town of Pula has been inhabited since 1000 BC. Roman expansion into the peninsula in the first century AD has left the city with many of its most glorious monuments, including the world-renown amphitheatre which hosts the city's annual opera festival every summer. After the fall of Rome, Pula passed through the hands of various warring groups including the Ostrogoths and the Franks before becoming part of the Venetian republic in the 12th century, leaving the port city with an eclectic mix of cultural influences which can be seen in the architecture of the city today.

Pula has a certain literary fame as well, mentioned in Dante's 14th century classic, "The Divine Comedy," and as the home of Irish author, James Joyce, who taught at the Berlitz School in 1905. 21st-century Pula nestles snugly at the cusp of seven hills that open out into a wide natural harbour, which has been the bustling commercial hub of the city since the mid-19th century.

The centre of the city can easily be explored on foot and many of Pula's most exciting museums, restaurants and parks are within 10 minutes' walk of each other. If you have time, venture beyond the city and into the surrounding area where Roman ruins lie buried in the fertile

farmland and numerous tiny picturesque villages cling to the glittering coastline. It is a great area to walk in and the exquisite beauty of the nearby national parks is not to be missed.

DO & SEE



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Pula offers a mixture of attractions for those interested in culture and history. Here you can see beautiful attractions like the Roman Amphitheatre, Ancient Cathedral, Old Town and the Temple of Augustus. Pula also offers fun family entertainment like the Aquarium with open tank with all kind of sea life. A great tourist asset is Pula's 190 kilometre of coastline with crystal clear sea and beaches that suit everyone's needs. If you would like to go for a short trip then Brijuni National Park is a great choose, located in an island close to Pula.

The Cathedral

This ancient religious edifice is formed of an eclectic mix of architectural styles, reflecting the many changes it has undergone in its lengthy history. You can still see some of the 4th century remains on the outside of the church, from a time when the area was used as a refuge by Christians in times of persecution.

Address: Trg Svetog Tome 2, Pula

Lighting Giants

"Lighting Giants", Pula's new attraction since

2014, is a unique project in the world of lighting cranes of an operating shipyard, with sophisticated remote control system of lighting and scenography, and can be illuminated with 16 thousand different color combinations. Enjoy this spectacular show and lighting display every evening on the hour from dusk till midnight. (from June 5 - September 15, every evening non stop from dusk till midnight).

Address: Riva, Pula
Internet: www.pulainfo.hr

DINING



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As a result of its proximity to Italy and its wealth of glorious coastline, Istria has a varied, fresh and sophisticated cuisine which draws on influences from across the Mediterranean and the Adriatic coasts.

As the largest town in the region, Pula has a wide range of restaurants serving a refreshing selection of fresh products. The fertile soil of the region gives a distinctive flavour to the olives and grapes which grow near to the sea and the vineyards which give the area its name for great wine and some of the finest olive oil in the country.

Istrian cooking takes advantage of many Italian techniques so expect to find an interesting mix of

Mediterranean. Along the coast, restaurants serve brancin (sea bass), list (sole), dagnje (mussels), vongole (clams) and kozice-racici (prawns). According to local lore, the seafood tastes better here than elsewhere in the Adriatic and Mediterranean because the waters around Istria are so rich in nutrients.

Fantazija

Fantazija is a cosy restaurant with over 20 years of experience. The menu offers a wide selection of wines and culinary delights. Here you can choose from a rich selection of meat and fish with a combination of local and international cuisine.

Address: Palisina 29, Pula
Phone: +385 52 506 306
Internet: www.fantasia-pula.hr

Konoba Istriana

Konoba Istriana is located approximately 5 kilometres from Pula city centre. This popular restaurant is well-visited by both locals and tourists and they serve regional specialities and fresh seafood. Take a seat on their outdoor terrace and enjoy the tasty food and the welcoming ambience.

Address: Pomer 331, Pula
Phone: +385 95 904 4004
Internet: www.konoba-istriana.com

Restaurant Oasi

Restaurant Oasi can be found in the classy Oasi Boutique Hotel & Restaurant. Here you can enjoy a varied menu with local, international and Mediterranean dishes in a stylish interior.

Address: Pjescana uvala X-12a, Pula
Phone: +385 397910
Internet: www.oasi.hr
More Info: Oasi Boutique Hotel & Restaurant

Farabuto

Farabuto can be found in the outskirts of Pula city centre. If you like sea food, this is a great place to go. The dishes are beautifully presented and can be enjoyed in the fashionable dining room.

Address: Sisplac 15, Pula
Phone: +385 52 386 07

Valter

The excellent restaurant is located at Lungomare, just by the sea, with a beautiful view. It offers local cuisine, seafood, fresh fish, pizza and a fine wine selection from Istrian region.

Address: Lungo mare 1, Pula
Phone: +385 52 387589
Email: pacic.valter@pu.t-com.hr

CAFES



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Relax in one of the places and enjoy coffee or tea after a full day of historical sightseeing. You will find many coffee shops on the street Forum, where the Temple of Augustus stands, a square described as a bustling piazza with many nice venues.

Café Bar Bass

The atmosphere in Café Bar Bass is described as a comfortable and relaxed venue where the staff gives you quality service. They also play live music here and offer Internet access.

Address: Širolina 3, Pula
Phone: +385 99 831 9051

QTime

Qtime coffee & food located on the square Portarata offering a variety of hot and cold drinks, cocktails and wine. If you would like to have something to eat with your coffee they serve pastries, croissants, bruscetta and various types of salads.

Address: Trg Portarata, Pula
Phone: +385 52 554 031

Café Diana

This café has been around since 1973 and is located on the Forum with a beautiful view of the Town Hall and the Temple of Augustus. The interior is described as tasteful, made of wood and marble. Here you can enjoy a cup of coffee in the outside terrace.

Address: Forum 4, Pula
Opening hours: Daily 7 am-11 pm

Rock Caffè

Officially opened in 1994. From then, on its stage hosts many Croatian and foreign musicians, and allows to many of its visitors to enjoy in live rock music. Beside the traditional live rock music on Fridays and "theme nights" on Saturdays, Rock Caffè has held discernible number of presentations of musical equipment, music videos and new albums releases.

Address: A. Scalierova 8, Pula
Phone: +385 52 210975
More Info: twitter.com/rockcaffepula

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Laws in Pula restrict bar opening hours, meaning that most venues are closed by midnight and nightlife is limited to a number of bars in the Veruda area of the city as well as a few larger clubs northeast of the centre. Although local law forbid city-centre bars from opening beyond midnight, Pula does have a number of sociable and picturesque venues just outside the middle of town.

E&D Bistro-Lounge Bar

E&D Bistro-Lounge Bar opened in 1997 and located in the large tourist resort Verudela in Pula. Here you can relax in the outside area next to the swimming pool with a cocktail or beer. If you are feeling hungry they also offers Mediterranean dishes. In the summer time various worldwide DJ's plays mixed music.

Address: Verudela 22, Pula
Phone: +385 52 213 404
Internet: www.eanddlounge.com

Luna`s Lounge & Bar

Luna`s Lounge & Bar is located in the hotel The Park Plaza Histria. Here you can drink you favourite cocktail prepared by multiple award-winning bar staff in a unique and relaxing atmosphere.

Address: Verudella 17, Pula

Opening hours: Daily 6 pm-12 pm
Phone: +385 52 590 000
Internet: www.parkplaza.com
More Info: Located in the Park Plaza Histria

Pietas Julija Lounge & Disco Bar

Pietas Julija is located next to the sea. The night club and bar offers a wide selection of cocktails. The music played here is usually techno, electronic and house. The venue is quite large and can hold up to 500 people. It is very popular among both locals and visitors.

Address: Riva 20, Pula
Phone: +385 91 181 1911
Internet: www.pietasjulia.com

Rojcnet

All indie kids and the alternative crowd should look this way. Rojcnet offers gigs in basement of Rojc Centre. See the schedule for upcoming events.

Address: Gajeva 3, Pula
Internet: www.rojcnet.pula.org

Fiorin Jazz Bar/Club

The cosy Fiorin Jazz Bar/Club is located in the heart of Pula. This is a great place to go for live sessions and something nice to drink.

Address: Prvomajska 24, Pula
Phone: +385 52 212 322

SHOPPING



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Pula's bustling central market is built in the heart of the city and is home to a wide range of modern and traditional shops. Under the glass arches of the 19th century iron framed covered market, you will find the area's largest fish market, which is best visited early in the morning when the brackish catch of a truly vast range of seafood is at its freshest. Look out for Brancin (sea perch) and fresh Dagnje (mussels), which are specialities of the region.

Traditional handicrafts can be bought from a number of souvenir shops near the Arch of the Sergeii, and there is an annual handicrafts festival held in the Portarata square every summer. For excellent wines, olive oil and the region's most precious fungus, the truffle, visit Zigante on the edge of the market place.

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Konzum Mall

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Sergijevaca and Kandlerova Streets

If you want to walk around and browse small, cosy shops you can visit the Sergijevaca and Kandlerova streets. These are the perfect streets to find souvenirs and to just stroll around.

Address: Sergijevaca ulica, Pula

Flanaticka Street

For well-known brands and clothes stores you can visit Flanaticka street. This area is full of shops, so do not be afraid to go off course.

Address: Flanaticka ulica, Pula

Giardini Street

Giardini is the main street in Pula and can be compared to Las Ramblas in Barcelona. Here you can find shops, people, cafés and good buys among the numerous markets stalls.

Address: Giardini, Pula

ACCOMMODATIONS



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Pula has a mix of accommodation in and around Pula in every categories. You can find many hotels in the centre and large resort hotels in the area called Verudela. For beach holiday the hotels around Verdula would be a great choice due to the easy access to the beaches and sport activities. If you desire to experience the "real Pula" and check out the museums then it is advised to stay in the town centre.

Hotel Amfiteatar

A chic and stylish 3 star hotel offering 18 spacious and relaxing rooms just a few moments walk from Pula Amphitheatre. Decorated in lime green and beige colours the rooms have a modern designer feel that seems to scream style. Its restaurant offers Mediterranean cuisine and fine int. wines.

Address: Amfiteatarska 6, Pula
Phone: +385 52 375600
Internet: www.hotelamfiteatar.com

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Pula Airport

Pula Airport is located about just 5 kilometres outside the city. Buses, shuttles and taxis are available at the airport for transportation to Pula and other destinations in the area

Car rental companies are represented at the airport.

Address: Pula Airport, Pula
Phone: +385 52 530 105
Internet: www.airport-pula.com

Public Transport

Pulapromet operates within the city centre and the suburbs. The area is divided in zones controlling the fare. Tickets can be bought directly from the driver and are valid for one hour. If you plan to travel a lot by bus it is cheaper to buy a bus card that you load with money.

There are two bus companies that connect Pula to other cities in Croatia and Italy, which operate from the central bus station.

Address: Trg I. Istarske Brigade bb, Pula
Phone: +385 52 502 997
Internet: www.pulapromet.hr

Taxi

It is always a good idea to check the price of your journey before engaging. One of the biggest taxi companies in Pula is Taxi Pula.

Phone: +385 98 440 844
Internet: www.taxipula.com

Post

Stamps are available from supermarkets, kiosks and news agents. For overseas mail it is advisable to visit a post office. There are several post offices in Pula, the main post office is located on Danteov Trg 4.

Address: Danteov Trg 4, Pula
Phone: +385 52 625 218
Internet: www.posta.hr

Electricity

200 V/ 220 AC/ 50 Hz

Population

62,000

Currency

1 kuna = 100 lipa

Opening hours

The majority of shops are open Monday to Friday from 8 am-8 pm and Saturday 8 am-1 pm. You will also find that many food shops, supermarkets and outdoor markets are open daily 7 am-7 pm. Museum and gallery opening times vary from one place to another.

Newspapers

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Emergency numbers

For all emergency situations: 112
Police: 192
Fire brigade: 193
Ambulance: 194

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