

Koper

Capodistria



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Historians date the origins of Koper, then known as Justinopolis, back to the second half of the sixth century. Thanks to the trading and political connections with the Aquileia patriarchs and Venice between the 10th and the 13th centuries, Koper (Caput Histriae or Capo d'Istria) became one of the leading towns on the Istrian peninsula. Towards the end of the Middle Ages, its many advantages over other Istrian towns of both strategic and commercial significance, secured Koper the position of the Istrian capital within the Venetian Republic. At that time Koper was an island, making it possible to develop a powerful and fortified medieval city, further strengthening its favourable strategic position. In later times, Koper's convenient location with regard to traffic routes, city defences and direct connections with the immediate and distant hinterland, influenced the shaping of the initially compactly built town which in the 15th and 16th centuries expanded to occupy the entire island.

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Medical assistance 112
Fire department 112
Police 113
Roadside assistance 1987

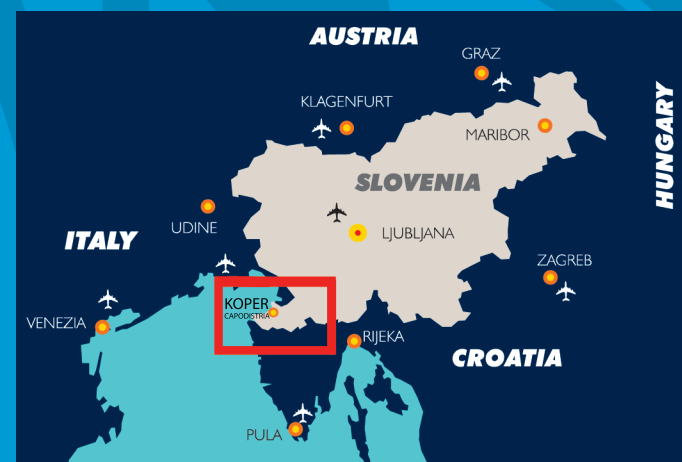


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01

Feel the breeze from the top

Visit Koper's Bell tower and make it a part of your wonderful and memorable day. The climb up 204 steps rewards you with a panoramic view of Koper.

Entrance fee:
Info: +386 (0)5 664 64 03



02

Listen to the history of the Praetorian Palace

Discover the interesting history and the rich cultural heritage of the former Venetian city with a visit to the magnificent city hall, the Praetorian Palace, in which the renovated pharmaceutical collection, the wedding hall, the Mayor's office and the hall of the city council are hidden.

Entrance fee:
Info: +386 (0)5 664 64 03



03

Open-air market

Feel the atmosphere of the lively local market and try some of the local products. Be prepared to try some authentic Istrian food while visiting the Open-air market nearby.



04

Touch of History and Modernity

Come and visit the 700-year-old Carpaccio House dedicated to the works of Vittore Carpaccio. Search and discover the interesting details of the altarpiece with the help of modern technology and interactive displays. Afterwards, treat yourself with excellent local desserts, such as "hroštolle", "fritole" (called also "miske" - mice), and the exquisite dessert Carpaccio500 served at the Kavarna Triglav cafe. Let your journey begin!
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www.pokrajinskimuzejkoper.si



05

Shopping time

While walking through the old streets of Koper do not forget to take the opportunity to do some shopping in the old city centre or at one of the nearby shopping centres. You will not be disappointed by what you find.



06

"Moped which doesn't let you down"

In Slovenian Istria as well as in the Primorska region, there is probably no house or family in which to find at least one Tomos product, either because of its practicality, price advantage or due to the numerous sports successes of its racers. Discover why TOMOS is the pride of local people and how rich is its heritage by visiting this priceless collection.

Info: +386 (0) 41 53 232



07

A city within a city

Koper is very closely tied to the international cargo port, which has been for decades the Slovenian only window on the world. You can visit it with a bus. Please book your visit in advance due to limited access.

Info: TIC Koper or
portkoper@luka-kp.si
www.zivetispriistaniscem.si



08

Amazing Istrian gastronomic treasures

Enjoy the unique Istrian gastronomic treasures, accompanied by a special tasting of locally produced Istrian olive oil and discover a selection of local wines. You can also take a coffee break in the town Loggia - one of the oldest coffee shops in Slovenia or in one of the traditional Istrian inns in the centre of Koper. Let the Istrian flavours impress you!



09

Be healthy in Koper

Try the Bonifika recreation sports centre where you have full access to all our modern sports facilities all year round, from tennis courts to children's leisure facilities, athletic stadium, running tracks, and much more.



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Jump in the Adriatic Sea

Have a truly carefree experience and dip your toes into the Adriatic Sea. Koper beach and the nearby Žusterna beach offer you everything you need for a fun day at the seaside.



01 Tito Square

The central town square (formerly Platea Communis) is surrounded with secular and religious buildings boasting a lavish mixture of Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque features. It has retained its valuable aesthetic ambience that attracts the attention, curiosity and admiration of visitors. Today's image of the square originates from the 15th century when the Praetorian Palace, the seat of Koper's podesta (Chief Magistrate), the captain and the Grand Council (Maggior Consiglio), was built on its southern side. The first building was a blend of the Gothic and Renaissance styles, while its Baroque features originate from the 17th century renovation. Under the portico at the entrance to Cevljarska Street, you can still see the remains of the first town Loggia (Lobia vetus) from the 14th century. On the western side of the square there is the Foresteria (15th century) with the Del Corte Renaissance portal and the Armeria (16th century). In the past, these buildings housed the city's administration, the armoury and the city's pawnshop. The town Loggia was built in the characteristic Venetian Gothic style in the second half of the 15th century and renovated in the 17th century.

The Loggia coffeehouse has been situated here ever since the mid-19th century. The Cathedral of St. Mary's Assumption was built in the 15th century using a combination of the Gothic and Renaissance styles. It acquired its Baroque interior in the 18th century renovation.

02 The Cathedral is home to a number of valuable artistic works by Venetian masters, including Vittore and Benedetto Carpaccio and Antonio Zanchi. Amongst its treasures it is worth mentioning the Byzantine ivory chest (between the 9th and 12th centuries), the 15th century chalice and the big monstrance, St. Nazarius' bust and the antiphony by the Koper miniature painter Nazario da Guistinopoli.

01 The city bell tower, that stands against the Cathedral's facade was originally a fortified Romanesque structure which was converted into the bell tower between the 15th and the 17th centuries. Today it is a remarkable panoramic point that offers a superb view over the entire Gulf of Koper and its hinterland.



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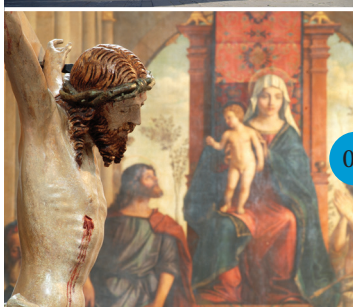
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01 Tito Square

The former Platea communis and today's central town square is one of the most beautiful Mediterranean squares on the North Adriatic.

Entrance fee for guided tours.
Info: +386 (0)5 664 64 03



02 The Altar Painting by V. Carpaccio (1516)

The depiction of the town's patron St. Nazarius with a clay model of Koper in one hand is the oldest depiction of the former island town. It can be seen at the Cathedral of St. Mary's Assumption.
Opening hours: every day, except during mass (Services take place from Monday to Saturday at 9:00 and 19:00, Sundays at 8:00, 10:00 and 19:00)
Info: www.zupnija-kp-stolnica.kcc.si
No entrance fee.



03 Fontico (1392)

The front of the former town granary holds the coat-of-arms of the Podestà (Chief Magistrate) and Captain of Koper Bernardo Diedo – it is the oldest depiction of Koper's coat-of-arms, dating back to 1432.



04 Prešeren Square

Prešeren Square with the Da Ponte Fountain (1666) and the Muda Gate (1516) which was the main entrance to the town makes it the most important of the former peripheral squares.



05 Carpaccio Square

The square is named after the Venetian painter Vittore Carpaccio, who supposedly lived and worked in Koper in the 16th century together with his son Benedetto in the 14th century Carpaccio House. The square is closed from the seaside by the Taverna, a former salt warehouse of the Venetian republic. Placed in the middle of the square is St. Justine's column, dedicated to the participation of the people of Koper in the battle of Lepanto in 1571.



06 The Koper Regional Museum, Ethnological Collection and the Carpaccio House

The front door of the Belgramoni-Tacco Palace, which houses the Koper Regional Museum, is adorned with the only preserved bronze knocker of the former town palaces.

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www.pokrajinski.muzej.koper.si
Entrance fee.



07 Bastion Belveder (Baluardo del Belvedere)

The Bastion is the only preserved fortified facility of the former encampment wall. In the late 19th century, the Bastion's ground floor was used for the production and storage of wine and liqueurs.



08 The Monastery Church of St. Anne

This treasury of art including its preserved late Gothic choir benches from the 16th century make it the greatest monument of wooden artefacts in former Venetian Istria.

Opening hours: Every day from 7:00 to 20:00
Info: +386 (0)5 907 34 70
No entrance fee.



09 The Škocjanski Zatok Nature Reserve

The largest brackish wetland in Slovenia with its exceptional botany, zoology and landscape, is home to over 220 migratory bird species, including 45 breeding species.

Opening hours:
Every day from sunrise to sunset. No entrance fee.
Info: +386 (0)5 626 03 70
Distance from city centre / passenger terminal: approx. 3 km (1.8 miles). Groups (10–25 visitors) need to arrange a guided tour of the reserve. Guided tours are provided by the reserve manager at a charge.



10 The Vinakoper Wine Cellar

The largest wine cellar in Slovenian Istria which boasts one of the largest wooden barrels in Europe and the largest in Slovenia.

Opening hours:
Monday–Friday: 8:30–19:00 (8:30–20:00 summer)
Saturday: 8:00–13:00 (8:30–17:00 summer)
Sunday: closed
Info: +386 (0)5 663 01 01
Distance from city centre / passenger terminal: approx. 2 km (1.2 miles). Prior reservation is recommended for visiting the wine cellar and tasting their products. Entrance fee for guided tours and wine tasting.

A stroll around Koper

A walk around the old city centre will reveal many interesting sites that speak the language of various artistic styles which have shaped the portrait of this lively and attractive seaside town through its long history.

01 The route begins on the main town square (Tito Square) with the most eminent public buildings: the Praetorian Palace, Armeria, Foresteria, Loggia, the Cathedral and the bell tower. Walking under the Portico of the Praetorian Palace you are led onto the picturesque and most "typical" Koper street - Čevljarska Street (the Shoemakers' Street) – which preserves the feeling of a medieval trade and craft district. The tour then continues along the lower part of Župančič Street passing the Baroque Carli Palace and leading to the spacious 02 Prešeren Square with the quintessential da Ponte fountain (1666) and the Muda Gate on the southern side of the square. The former tollgate was built in the Renaissance style (1576) and has a heraldic decoration with the outstanding city's coat of-arms featuring a radiating sun. It is connected with the remains of the city walls. To get to 03 Carpaccio Square take Pristaniška Street then pass the open-air market, the old harbour and you will soon arrive to the former salt warehouse Taverna. It stands on the eastern side of the renovated Carpaccio Square with the Carpaccio house (the reputed residence of the Venetian painter Vittore and his son Benedetto Carpaccio) and the pillar of St. Justina dedicated to the memory of the Koper galley which participated in the battle of Lepanto in 1571. The route continues along Kidrič Street, past the late 16th century Church of St. Nicholas (the brotherhood of sailors) and the Baroque Tutto ex Gavardo Palace and leads up a gentle slope towards the small Museum Square. On the southern side of the square stands the mannerist Belgramoni-Tacco Palace. Today it is the home of the Koper Regional Museum. A few steps further you are back at your starting point.