

A guided visit of Koper

A guided tour of Koper with a licensed and experienced tourist guide is a great way to get to know the place that is considered the most important in Slovenian Istria. The guided visit of Koper is conducted in a professional, interesting and entertaining way. During the visit, guests will learn many interesting stories and legends that are related to Koper.

Koper is the largest and most important city in Slovenian Istria. Throughout history, the city has greatly changed its image, and it is almost unbelievable that the old part of the town has always been surrounded by water. Koper's rich history is testified by his many names, from Aegeida and Justinopolis, to Capris and Capodistria, today's Italian designation of Koper. Today Koper represents the most important Slovenian port and is increasingly an administrative, educational, cultural and industrial center, as well as a tourist center in the area.

During the guided tour of Koper, the guide through the narrative tells the guests the rich past and present of this port and always an important city.

Some of the highlights of the walking tour:

The Muda Gate and the Prešeren Square: the main city gate was built in the 16th century and represents the only preserved door from the former twelve doors leading into the city. The Prešeren Square, which is decorated with the Da Ponte Fountain, was built in the 17th century. The pool of the well is octagonal, and a bridge over it is symbolized by Lorenzo da Ponte, the patron who has put the fountain in place.

Čevljarska ulica (shoemakers street): the name just tells us what has been the main activity on this street for centuries. Čevljarska ulica still today represents the main shopping street in the city center, where, besides shops and cafes, you can still find interesting facades.

Tito Square: they say that Koper's main Tito square is one of the most beautiful central squares from Dubrovnik to Venice. Whether this is true, it can be judged by everyone, but it is certain that this is one of the most beautiful markets on the territory of the former Venetian Republic. The square represents the meeting point of all major streets in the old part of the city, and is surrounded on all sides by the Pretorska palača, Foresteria, Armerija, Loža and the cathedral.

The Cathedral of the Assumption or St. Nazarius: the church was built in the 12th century, and since then it has been refurbished and enlarged several times. The long history of the church can be seen with the walled Romanesque windows on the outside of the building, the main facade is already artificially styled, the ground floor is in Gothic and the first floor is in Renaissance style. The interior was given the present image in the 18th century, when it was Baroqueised by the plans of Mr. Massari, the Venetian architect. Inside, we can also see many works of art, among which Carpaccio's oil painting of the Virgin Mary and the saints from the early 16th century is the most outstanding.

Kidrič Street: the street connecting the Tito Square and the Carpaccio Square. It features the Regional Museum of Koper, which is located in the Baroque Palace Belgramoni-Tacco.

Carpaccio Square: the market is named after the painter Vittore Carpaccio, the famous painter of the Venetian school (1465 - 1526). He spent much of his fruitful life in the area of Istria. In addition to squares and streets, a meat carpaccio is also called after Vittore Carpaccio. Why? We'll tell you more about it. There is also a pillar of Sv. Justine set in memory of the victory over the Turks, when ships from Koper were involved in the battle.

promenade: it represents the central promenade and is the most lively area of Koper. A nice place for a coffee or an ice cream after the end of the guided visit.