

OiR 30th. Holiday Hotel Valamar “Zagreb”

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Porec - Istria - Croatia

11 nights - half-board

Depart Ayr -11.30 hrs Saturday 15th Sept. 2018

Return Ayr - 16.30hrs Wednesday 26th Sept. 2018



Set by the Adriatic Sea, within the Istrian peninsula, Porec is an ancient little town, dating back to the 2nd c. A.D. (name pronounced as ‘por-etch’) with the regional capital, Pula, just 33 miles south. Originally a Roman settlement, it moved through various controls, latest of which was Venetian rule from 1267 (attributing to it’s lovely squares and palaces). Most of these are set within the ‘old town’, by the harbour. It’s tiny narrow streets (paved with ‘flat cobbles’) make easy walking as you stroll amongst the quaint shops and cafes. The town’s prime site has to be the 6th.c. Byzantine Basilica, a stunning sight, with superb mosaics, Greek marble columns and triple-arched chapel, containing remains of ‘ancient saints’. A water’s-edged footpath allows you to walk all around the perimeter of this delightful area. There is also a small Aquarium, with a good selection of local marine life to see. Further in, sits the ‘new town’ with all the day-to-day requirements, and the local Bus Station. Here also, is the Parliament building, with concerts & exhibitions during the summer, and worth a visit is the Heritage Museum. From the sea-front jetty, a regular small ferry takes just 5 minutes to reach St. Nicholas Island, where a 1 hour walk will take you back to starting point and return ferry. The popular ‘sight-seeing’ electric train takes you around the town’s perimeter, while bicycles can be hired for the ‘more energetic’. Five miles north of Porec, sit the quaint villages of Nova Vas and Novigrad, (a unique tiny ‘walled town’ with superb restaurants!). Local buses will take you to Rovinj, south of Porec, an attractive coastal village, once an island. Worth a visit.

Our stylish, ‘pyramid’ shaped hotel sits amidst its neat lawns, fringed by mature trees. A 10-15 minute stroll takes you along the quiet, coastal road, which gives on to a pedestrian walkway leading to the ‘old town’ of Porec. En’ route, is the ‘blue flag’ area of paved bathing platforms, with the sand/pebbles beach nearby. All 230 rooms (with lift access) have garden views from their balconies, and provide full air-cond., flat screen t.v, wi-fi., mini-fridge, telephone, safe, and shower-room with hair-dryer. Downstairs, the spacious buffet restaurant awaits, with a tempting array of international dishes, including ‘themed’ nights and grills. Outside, the freshwater pool area has 3 sun-terraces, all with loungers and parasols, plus a pool-bar, beach-bar, and ‘sunset lounge’ bar, with a good selection of pizzas & pastas. Nearby, are tennis-courts and mini-golf. Your evening entertainment is well catered for, with music and folk-groups, guaranteed to set your toes-a-tapping. The hotel’s Wellness Centre is available for various services.

Price includes

Bus to & from Edinburgh

Flight seat reservation

ATOL Bond

In-flight meals

Flight supplement

Airport tax

22kg luggage

Hotel transfer by private coach

11 nights -Deposit £230

Balance £753

Single supplement £ 189

(Balance Due 1st July 2018)

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