

Welcome to our apartment on the beautiful Adriatic coast ~ <u>Apartment Sunberry, Funtana, Croatia</u>

Croatia is one of Europe's top holiday destinations, with over 3,000 miles of Mediterranean coastline, and 1,185 islands. Istria is the northern peninsula on the Adriatic Sea. With its landscape of rolling hills, fertile plains and rocky coastline, it was voted one of the top 10 regions to visit in 2011 by Lonely Planet. Istria was part of Italy from 1920 until 1945, when it was returned to Yugoslavia, and coastal towns reflect their Venetian heritage. The coastline is a protected natural heritage site, offering crystalclear sea and spotless beaches with a wide range of water sports and boating activities. The beautiful forested countryside has marked cycle, horse riding and walking trails, medieval hill towns, roman ruins and national parks. The area is renowned for its wines, grappa, olive oil, sea food and truffles. For more on the region, visit <u>www.istra.hr</u> and <u>www.funtana.com</u>.

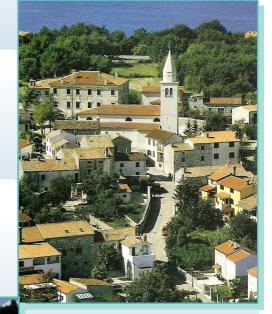
Funtana is an important fishing and agricultural village on the west coast of Istria, between Vrsar and Poreč. The coastline is a haven for sailors, water sports enthusiasts, and lovers of the sun and fine food.

It is a small, friendly village laid out around the castle and the church, surrounded by hilly countryside covered with vineyards, olive groves, fields and forests ~ great cycling, horse riding and walking country.

The church regularly stages concerts and there is an art gallery showing exhibitions of local artists.

A path from the apartment leads to a nearby secluded beach, ideal for swimming and sunbathing. You can hire bikes, boats and jet skis from the marina. Summer temperatures are 25–35°C, and the sea is always extremely clean and warm throughout the summer months.

The village has a small supermarket, fresh fish and vegetable markets, bars and some high quality restaurants within walking distance of the apartment.



Local attractions

Poreč has many important sites, including the 6th century Basilica, famed for its gold mosaics. **Rovinj** is a beautiful medieval town ~ a great place to stroll, eat, browse the shops, visit galleries and museums. **Pula** has many Roman sites, including a



spectacular amphitheatre. **Vrsar** has a fabulous harbour, with many fine restaurants and lots of summer events. The countryside is full of beautiful medieval hilltop villages, such as **Motovun** and **Groznjan** which are great to explore, and enjoy the season of festivals.

The coastline offers many glorious beaches with all the facilities to relax and sunbathe or get on the water. If you want more adventure, you can rent a boat, a kayak or a jet ski, play tennis, scuba dive, or go horse riding and cycling. You can take a boat picnic to the 'pirate cave' along the dramatic **Lim Fjord**, enjoy local wine tastings, try the local truffles, or fly in a light aircraft from Vrsar airstrip.

~ Apartment Sunberry ~

Our one bed apartment is on the ground floor of a small block, built in 2007, on a quiet road leading to the marina and beach, 700 metres away. The apartment has its own private parking space.

Within easy walking distance is a grocers, bakers, local market, café, ice cream parlour, restaurants, bars, craft stalls and boat and bike hire shops.

In the village there is a tourist information centre, post office, bank ATM and the bus stop for services to towns across Croatia and Italy.



The apartment has a fitted kitchen with fridge/freezer, electric hob, kettle, coffee maker and all cooking utensils, pots and pans.

For dining, there is an extendable table and four chairs.

In the living area, there is a sofa which converts into a full sized double bed; satellite TV, receiving European TV and radio channels; books, games, local guides and information. There are double patio doors leading onto a sunny south facing terrace overlooking the village.

The large bedroom has a comfortable king sized bed, side tables and double wardrobe.

The fully tiled bathroom has a sink, shower enclosure, WC, water heater and a clothes drying rack. Hand towels, bedding and linens are all provided.

The apartment is fully double glazed with remote controlled air conditioning and heating.

2013 season (prices are for the apartment, not per person, and include all utilities)			
<u>May and September</u>			£150 per week £210 per week
June			£180 per week £240 per week
July and August			£210 per week £270 per week

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Local assistance, cleaning and key collection is handled by SDN Property Management in Poreč, who can also arrange airport transfers on request.

Getting here

The nearest airport to Funtana is Pula, a 40 minute drive. Trieste airport in Italy is a 1 hour drive, Ljubljana in Slovenia is a 2 hour drive, and several budget airlines fly into these airports direct from the UK. British Airways and many budget airlines fly to Venice, which is a 2 hour, 45 minute drive.

There are car hire firms at all airports and at Poreč, and a cheap and extensive bus network across the country. You can take a fast catamaran from Venice to Poreč or a hyrdofoil from Trieste to Poreč in the summer months. There are regular ferry services from Italy, and from Dubrovnik, Split and the larger islands to nearby Rovinj. There are rail services from London to Trieste. Funtana is 1,100 miles by road from Calais.

