



# IZOLA

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## LOCATION AND CLIMATE

Izola is an old maritime town, port and tourist destination in Slovenia situated on a peninsula along the Adriatic coast. Although on the border of the Mediterranean, the town is characterized by the Mediterranean climate: warm, dry summers and mild winters. The average temperature in summer amounts to 28 °C, and in winter to 5 °C.

## HISTORY AND SIGHTS

The history of Izola is quite rich and the architecture of the old town supports this claim. First settlements in this area were established already in the 1<sup>st</sup> century on the island that was later on connected

with the mainland (hence the name Isola, which means „island“). Throughout the history, Izola was mostly ruled by the Venetians. In the 13<sup>th</sup> century it declared its independence and became an autonomous town. During that time, it was a strong economic centre; however, its significance was seriously disrupted when Trieste became the major harbour of the region in the 16<sup>th</sup> century.

During the French occupation at the beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, city walls were demolished and the rocks were used to join the island with the rest of the mainland.

Among the sights, the most prominent are the following: St. Maurus church (16<sup>th</sup> ct.), city hall from the 16<sup>th</sup> century, patrician mansion



Manzioli (year 1470) and Lovisato (16<sup>th</sup> ct.) as well as the Baroque palace Besenghi degli Ughi.

### IZOLA TODAY

Nowadays, Izola is a vivid tourist destination with the rich accommodation offer and many possibilities for an active holiday (sailing, cycling, horseback riding and various water sports). You can also go on excursions around Izola, where you may encounter a rich offer of village tourism. The town has a marina and two shipyards. The food is mostly Mediterranean, based on fish, but you can also try some of the local specialities with the home made olive oil and wine.

### HOW TO ARRIVE?

#### By plane

The nearest airports are those in Trieste and Venice, but there is also a smaller airport near Portoroz. The airport in Ljubljana is connected with most of the bigger European cities, and from there you can reach Izola by bus or rent-a-car.

#### By car or bus

The highways in Slovenia are very good and clearly marked, so you'll have no problem in finding your way around Slovenia. There are regular bus lines from Kopar, Portoroz and Piran to Izola (every 20 minutes), as well as from Trieste (5 times daily).



**By train**

You can reach Kopar by train and then continue toward Izola by bus.

**By ship**

During the season, the company Venezia Lines offers a ferry line Venice - Piran. The transport of passengers and cars is done by fast catamarans. Piran is cca 10 km far away from Izola - from there you can reach Izola by bus or taxi.

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Distance / km	Zagreb	Rijeka	Split	Dubrovnik	Trieste	Ljubljana
Izola	248	89	426	631	33	109

