

ON SIR RICHARD FRANCIS BURTON'S TRAIL ISTRIAN HILLFORTS (THE CASTELLIERI)



Tour of Labin and Rabac with a visit to the Kunci hillfort

Searching for the remains of the Kožljak hillfort

Tour of Pićan and Gračišće, with emphasis on the telling of local legends

Visit to Šumber and Sveti Martin

Tour of Pula and the Brijuni hillforts



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"I saw the Istrian land, and it was like a nest lain upon the sea", said a Florentine poet once, while the English diplomat, archaeologist, adventurer, writer, spy and explorer Sir Richard Francis Burton decided in 1870, during his service as consul in Trieste, to acquaint the European scientific community with Istrian prehistoric hillfort settlements - the castellieri. His extensive experience and knowledge gained over many years of travelling to far-off countries represented a significant contribution to his considerations of the Istrian castellieri. In our story we'll attempt to follow in his footsteps, find the castellieri he drew our attention to and bring them closer to our guests. They'll get the chance to re-discover them and learn about them, but also hear the story about Richard Francis Burton, who was especially fond of this region. Our goal is for our guests to feel like R.F. Burton did while discovering the history, hillforts and legends that make Istria so special a place.



The tour package can be organised in 4 to 7 days. The activities programme for the 6-day package includes the following: **Day 1:** Arrival; **Day 2:** Sightseeing of Rabac and the old part of Labin; lunch and visit to the Kunci hillfort; **Day 3:** Visit to the Kožljak hillfort, visit to the Kožljak castle; lunch and visit to the villages of Pićan and Gračišće; **Day 4:** Visit to the village of Šumber; lunch in the Sveti Martin Castle; **Day 5:** Sightseeing of Pula and the Brijuni archipelago; **Day 6:** Leisure time; **Day 7:** Departure. The tour package can be organised throughout the year for groups of 2 to 50 people. Accommodation is available in three or four star hotels. Transportation is available by our vans or by bus. Expert guidance is available in Croatian, English, German and Italian languages (other languages upon inquiry). All of the above data is informative and non-binding. Please contact us in order to receive the final offer.



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