



# Kvarner

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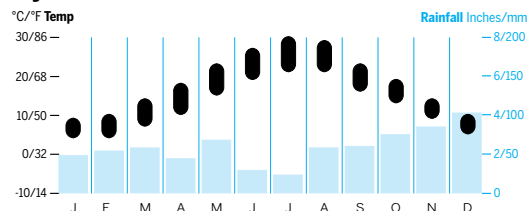
## Why Go?

Sheltered by soaring mountains, the Kvarner Gulf has long been loved by visitors attracted by the mild climate and cobalt waters, and those in search of more than just beach appeal. In the days of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, the wealthy built holiday homes here, bestowing places like Rijeka and Opatija with a rich legacy of stately Habsburg-era architecture. From both of these neighbouring towns you can easily connect to hiking trails inside the protected forests of Učka Nature Park and Risnjak National Park.

The islands of Cres, Lošinj, Krk and Rab all have highly atmospheric old port towns and stretches of unspoiled coastline dotted with remote coves for superb swimming. Wildlife puts in an appearance too: Cres has an important griffon vulture population and Lošinj has a marine centre devoted to preserving the Adriatic's dolphins and turtles.

## When to Go

### Rijeka



**Jan–Mar** Rijeka becomes 'Rio in Europe' during two weeks of carnival action.

**May–Jun** Dolphins are regularly spotted off the coast of Lošinj.

**Jul–Aug** Open-air performances and medieval fairs galore.



## Kvarner Highlights

- 1 Opatija** (p144)  
Adopting a Habsburg swagger as you stroll along the promenade in Opatija.
- 2 Rab Town** (p166)  
Wandering the cobbled, streets of this ancient town.
- 3 Volosko** (p145)  
Sampling Croatian specialities in this former village.
- 4 Trsat Castle** (p139)  
Admiring the panoramic views from Rijeka's castle.
- 5 Kukuriku** (p145)  
Heading to the hills for a memorable meal in Kastav.
- 6 Lopar** (p170)  
Seeking out the gently shelving and wonderfully remote beaches of the Lopar Peninsula.
- 7 Mali Lošinj** (p154)  
Soaking up the buzzy summertime vibe of the Mali Lošinj waterfront.
- 8 Krk Town** (p160)  
Losing yourself in history in the sloping streets of Krk Town.
- 9 Osor** (p153)  
Exploring the hidden corners of this tiny walled town.