



Croatia



Rab

The Happy Island.



Happy island

A place where you are free to be happy

Numerous islands and islets of the northern Adriatic surround happy island of Rab. Its coast is full of hidden coves and beaches washed by an emerald sea. You will enjoy the lush forests, bike ride and hikes that make it ideal for rest and recreation. You'll get to taste local specialties, sweets, fresh fish and succulent meats. If by a stroke of luck or careful planning you happen to be on the island

at the time of Fjera, a medieval fair that locals live for, you're on your way to becoming a true islanders.

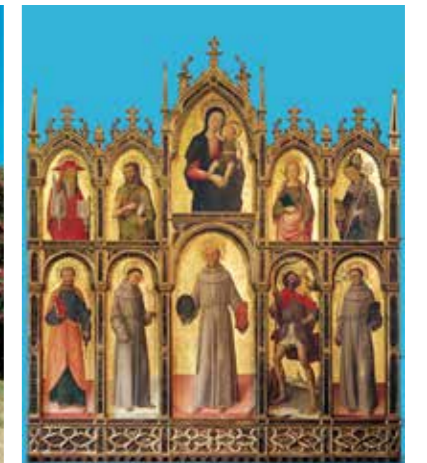
Explore Rab alone or in a group, on foot, by boat or bike and find a place where only the cries of seagulls and the splash of the sea will be heard.



From the Illyrians to Napoleon to the Romans and Venetians

First settled 350 years B.C., Rab became a Roman municipality Felix Arba in the 1st century. Its name comes from a combination of Illyrian word Arb, meaning a wooded, green and the Latin Felix, which means happy, prosperous. Peak of the island development happens around the second half of the 11th century til the 13th century when the island was free commune under Croatian rulers and the Venetian Republic. In the 15th century it got sold to the Venetians, who ruled until the arrival of Napoleon in 1798. The founder of the Republic of San Marino was a sculptor from Rab called Marin, a Christian who escaped the Roman persecution. Now called St. Marin he is the patron saint of Lopar and celebrated throughout the island.

Famous inhabitants include Ivan the Baptist Rabljanin, bronze caster, technologist and artist known for his cannons and bells, and Marco Antonio de Dominis, Croatian Jesuit, mathematician, physicist and philosopher who received his doctorate at Cambridge, and was quoted by Isaac Newton for his work in optics.

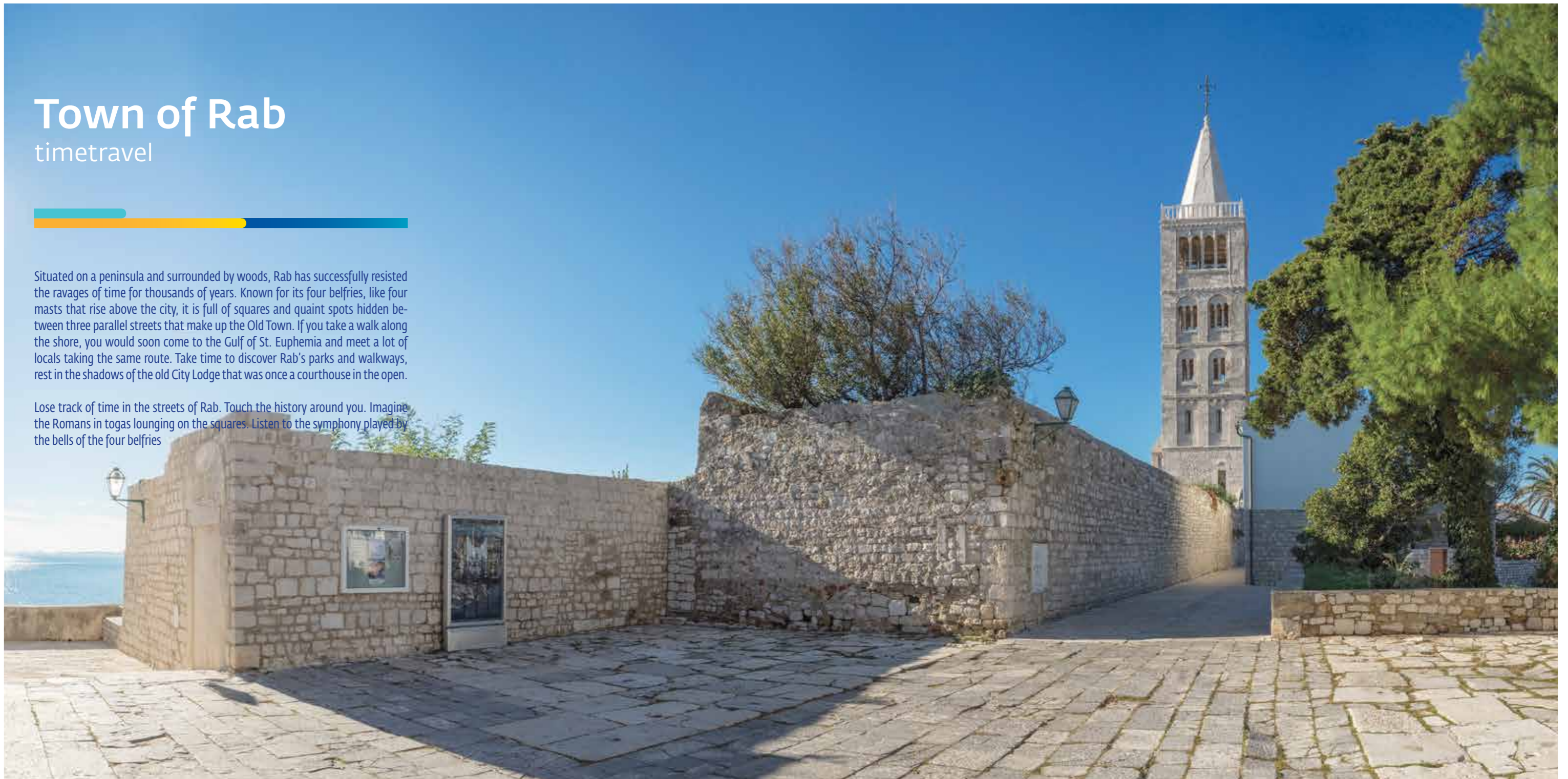


Town of Rab

timetravel

Situated on a peninsula and surrounded by woods, Rab has successfully resisted the ravages of time for thousands of years. Known for its four belfries, like four masts that rise above the city, it is full of squares and quaint spots hidden between three parallel streets that make up the Old Town. If you take a walk along the shore, you would soon come to the Gulf of St. Euphemia and meet a lot of locals taking the same route. Take time to discover Rab's parks and walkways, rest in the shadows of the old City Lodge that was once a courthouse in the open.

Lose track of time in the streets of Rab. Touch the history around you. Imagine the Romans in togas lounging on the squares. Listen to the symphony played by the bells of the four belfries



Happy customs of happy people are passed down through the centuries

Plenty of old customs, carnivals, processions and festivals can still be experienced while on Rab. Start with a 500 years old religious procession Križevo, whose participants, young boys carrying the cross throughout the island, are groomed for this sacred duty for many years. Marvel at the skills of crossbowmen four times and pick your favourite knight to defend your honour. Watch some local dancers twirl dressed in vivid folk outfits. Do not miss traditional "Meet the New Year" gathering with a gang of biker Santas ushering the real Santa that leaps from a plane and lands onto the square with presents. There are no dull moments. Just fun.



In the summer months Rab is full of happening, from traditional polyphonic acapellas, to brass bands and classical or popular music concerts. Sound of music comes from every nook and cranny of the island.



From the sea and the gardens straight to your table

Rab's fertile soil, abundant water sources and plenty of sunny days are the reason for the wealth of flavors and fragrances that permeate the island. First discover the particular taste of Lopar tomatoes (here they call them pooh-medor), then try some olives and move on to grapes. Season your fish with aromatic herbs that grow around you. You will need minimal cooking skills, yet be able to cook up a feast. Crowned it all with a piece of Rabska torta or some fresh figs. Maybe try a spoonful of locally produced honey?



Loparski pumidor are special due to the rich, fertile soil of the forested islands and many hours of sunshine. Bite into it like an apple and enjoy the juicy goodness

Food and drinks

are all homemade and fresh

Abundance of freshly caught or produced seafood combined with locally grown vegetables transforms into veritable feasts with some help from skilled chefs and restaurateurs. Start with clams or prawns in white wine sauce, dip a piece of homemade bread, then try a risotto with cuttlefish ink and finish yourself off with premium white fish from the grill. Don't like fish? Throw some veal or lamb under a bell (called peka) and sip some wine while it slowly cooks. It works with octopus too.



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Recipe for Rabska torta is 800 years old. This cake used to grace the tables of nobility but now even you can live like a king and enjoy the tasty spiral shaped cake. Beware, it is mostly made of almonds.



Events on the island offer something new every day

Days on the island are filled with happenings. The year starts with the carnival in February, followed by a presentation of small local shipyards and a sailing regatta "Catch the Wind" in April and May. If you're a foodie, come in May for the island lamb festival. Sand sculpture festival, whose participants use only sand and water to create amazing masterpieces, is already famous around the world. Dance the night away during hot Samba Festival on Paradise Beach, attended by professional dancers from all over the world. Fishermen nights, concerts, poetry evenings and theatrical performances all take part in the islands nightlife.

One night a year the Paradise beach turns to Copacabana until morning. All of the island wears elaborate costumes and shakes in hot samba rhythms. Feels like Rio.





Rab Fair

takes you to the Middle Ages

There is an event that the people of Rab wait for. One they approach with equal enthusiasm as tourists - the Rab Fair or Rabska Fjera. It moves the entire island through time back to the Middle Ages. Armored knights roam the streets looking for tournaments. Artisan craftsmen and various artists open the doors of their studios. Crossbowmen show off their skill in competition. Music can be heard from every corner. Food is prepared in the streets, based on ancient recipes from the first Summer Festival, organized in 1364. It was held in honor of King Louis the Great, who liberated Rab from Venetian rule. Fjera used to last for 14 days, in honor of the saint who saved the city of destruction, but today it goes on for two days only from 25 to 27 of July.

Streets echo with medieval song and music. Delicious homemade nibbles are offered to passers-by. An entire fishing village is built under the city walls, using only traditional tools. It is fjera time!





The night is still young and perfect for dancing

Even in the 80s Rab was known for its night-life. It was home to the first gay bar in the region. Bar Sanda is still open, zany and colorful. If you want to spend the night dancing and laughing, we recommend starting at Santos, one of the best open-air clubs in the Adriatic. Move on to Forum or Oz, hidden among the city walls. When your legs get tired, go to Escape Lounge Bar, for top-notch service and refreshing cocktails. The fun has just started! Here a night out lasts until morning. Carried by the great atmosphere, you will dance the night away with a Happy Island cocktail in your hand. Haven't tried it yet? What are you waiting for?

Arhiva: Beach Club Santos, Petar Lupić



Active Holidays

of all shapes and forms

Covered with over 100 kilometers of hiking and biking trails, Rab lets you explore the Mediterranean landscape at your own pace. Bring your own bikes and equipment, or rent it when you arrive and decide to exercise. Run, climb, play beach volleyball, kayak or dive. Options are endless. With a bit of good will you will get in shape by the end of your vacation.



Most interesting trails climb to the top of the island called Kamenjak. Once you get up there, enjoy the fantastic view of the surrounding islands and mountains. Not a fan of walking? No problem! Drink in the view from a parachute pulled by a speedboat.

Water and underwater sports

Start your family vacation with a visit to Paradise Beach water park for the longest water slide ride on the island. At the same time you can ride a jet ski, play water polo, kayak or learn how to dive. There is nothing greater than the peace and quiet of the deep blue sea. Sailing enthusiasts will love having 4 marinas ready to receive vessels of all sizes. Adventurous types should circle the island in a kayak or canoe to discover all of its secret coves.



There are also 4 fully equipped diving centres, making diving one of the most popular activities. Depending on the weather, you can dive all year round. Explore hidden coves and beaches in a kayak, as many of them cannot be reached by land. Who knows, you might find a sunken treasure!

You won't find so many sandy beaches anywhere else on the Adriatic

With its 22 beautiful beaches Rab is the sandiest island in the Adriatic. It is the only place where your child can enjoy splashing in the shallow warm sea with almost no supervision. Even your four-legged friends can come along, as there are plenty of dog friendly beaches. If sand is not your thing, there are many stone and pebble bays that offer privacy and clear blue sea. Most of the beaches on the island offer various amenities, from showers to restaurants that serve fresh local food, so you don't have to carry stuff to the beach. Just chill and soak in the sun. Paradise beach in Lopar is the best known on the island, mainly due to its soft white sands and lengthy warm shallows that are perfect for families. If you prefer deeper sea and rocky plateaus, we recommend Pudarić in Barbat or Suha Punta resort in Kapor.





Trips

Breath-taking natural beauty



Zavratinca



NP Plitvice



NP Paklenica



Rab is the ideal starting point for excursions all over the Croatian coast and even inland. You could visit magnificent national parks or any of the closer UNESCO world heritage sites. Make sure to go to the Plitvice Lakes, some 2.5 hours drive from Rab. There are half-day and full-day trips on a glass bottom boat to the nearby island of St. Gregory and Goli, Baska and Košljun on the island of Krk, or to Zavratinca at the foot of the Velebit mountain. Favourite destinations are Frkanj, also known as the love peninsula because of its many hidden bays, as well as Maman and Lopar. Fishing trips where you catch your own lunch are gaining popularity. Don't worry; you will get your meal even if you don't catch anything.



Geopark

Discover the amazing landscapes

Rab is particularly interesting because of its geological and geomorphological diversity. Developed after years of research Geopark project consists of 3 paths with more than 100 information points in 4 languages. Does not matter whether you are a hobbyist or just curious, Geopark Rab is a great place to learn more or refresh your knowledge.



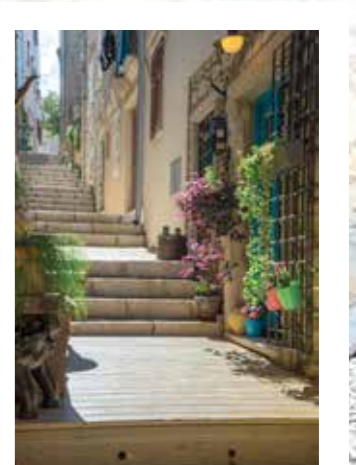
You can explore Miraculous Rab landscapes alone or with a guide. All of the necessary information can be found in Geo Info Centre in Rab.

Town walks

with a guide at your side

Best way to get familiar with a town is to have a local show you all of the hidden marvels and beautiful parks, all the while telling you stories and anecdotes from the past and everyday life on the island. Fortunately, there are people like that on the island and some of them work as professional guides. Learn more about the local customs and circumstances, walk around all 4 belfries and finally relax in the most beautiful park on the island.

Of course, you do not need a guide, but isn't it more fun to have someone who knows all about the island life at hand?



City hotels

from premium luxury to simple pleasures



Spend your holidays carefree and in comfort in one of Rab hotels. You'll have plenty of choice and easily find something that fits you. Rab has everything, from small boutique hotel on the beach to the family hotel resorts where everything is at hand and adapted to the needs of guests. You will love it so much you are bound to come back next year.

Spend the day relaxing by the pool, never far from enthusiastic waiters who fulfil your every wish.

Holiday Rentals

make holidays perfect

Almost every house on the island of Rab has an apartment or room for tourists, so you don't have to stay in a hotel or go camping. If you choose to stay at someone's house, you will master the local dialect, taste the local food and live as the locals. Who knows, if you make good friends you might never leave. Yes, it's been known to happen on occasion. Settle into a secluded villa on the shore of the sea or hotel apartment in the heart of the old town. You choose what you want and what makes your summer home.



Camping

in the loving embrace of nature

Rab is ideal for camping due to its dense forests preventing the sun from waking you too early. Choose between 4 camping sites: San Marino and Zidine in Lopar, Padova 3 in Banjol and mini camp Lando Resort in Kampor. They all offer fully equipped pitches with all connections for campers and tents, so your stay is bound to be enjoyable. Did we tell you that you'll be staying at the beach?

Rab is where the nudist tourism started on the Adriatic. None other than British King Edward VIII and his common companion Wallis Simpson ushered the nudism to at Kandarola bay.

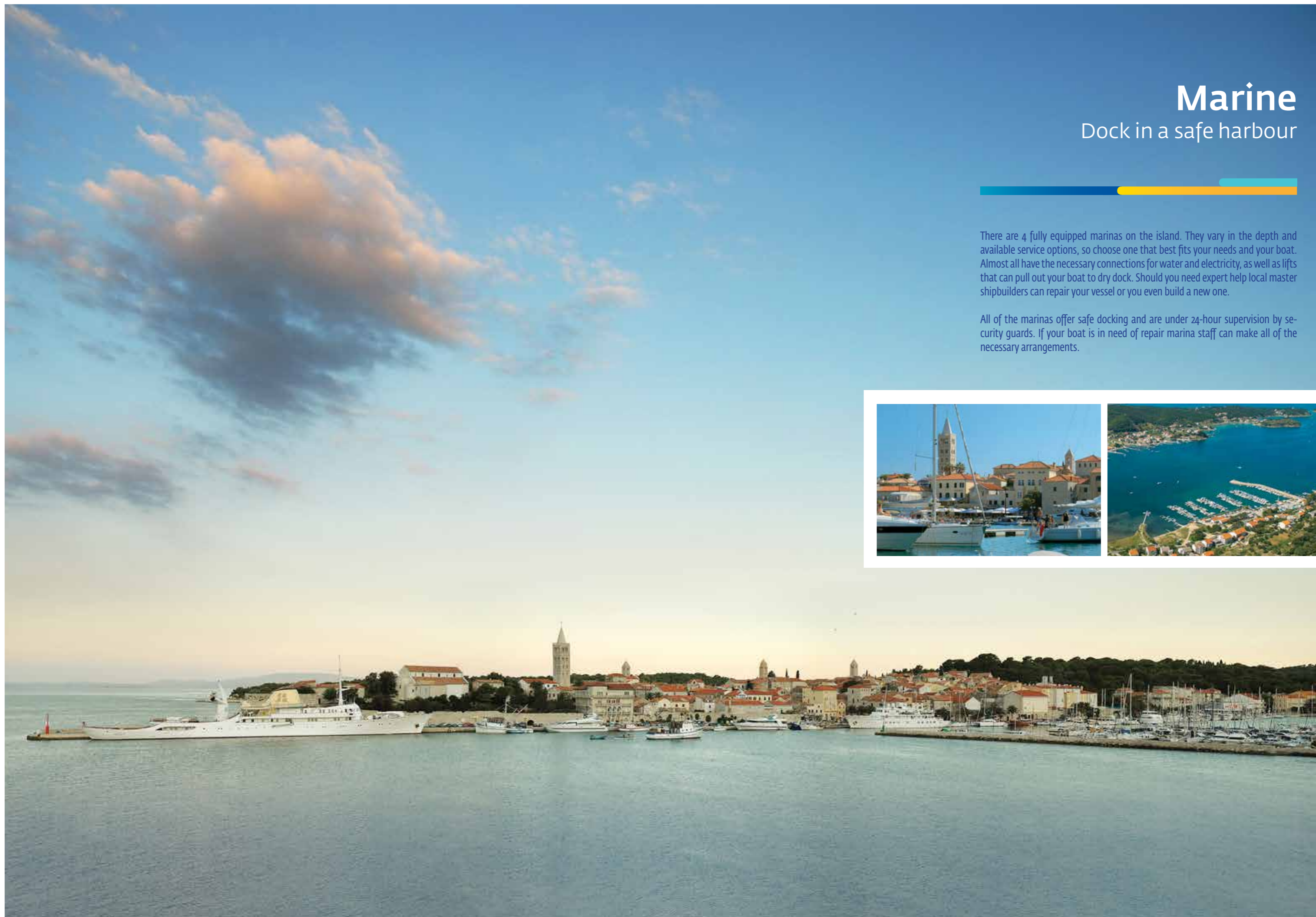


Marine

Dock in a safe harbour

There are 4 fully equipped marinas on the island. They vary in the depth and available service options, so choose one that best fits your needs and your boat. Almost all have the necessary connections for water and electricity, as well as lifts that can pull out your boat to dry dock. Should you need expert help local master shipbuilders can repair your vessel or you even build a new one.

All of the marinas offer safe docking and are under 24-hour supervision by security guards. If your boat is in need of repair marina staff can make all of the necessary arrangements.



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Ferry connections and timetable:
Rapska plovodba
The Rapska plovodba d.d. ferry company from Rab provides the best connections between the Mišnjak ferry port in the south of the island and the Stinica ferry port on the mainland. The ferry ride only takes 15 minutes, and the line remains operational throughout the year.
www.rapska-plovodba.hr

Ferry connections and timetable:
Jadrolinija

The ferry from the port of Lopar in the northern part of the island of Rab to the port of Valbiska on the island of Krk works throughout the year. There are four departures daily in summer and two departures every day the rest of the year. The ferry ride takes 1 hour and 15 minutes.
www.jadrolinija.hr

Bus connections, Autotrans d.d. Rijeka
There is a bus to Rijeka twice a day and a seasonal connection to Zagreb.
www.autotrans.hr

Catamaran connections and timetable: Jadrolinija
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