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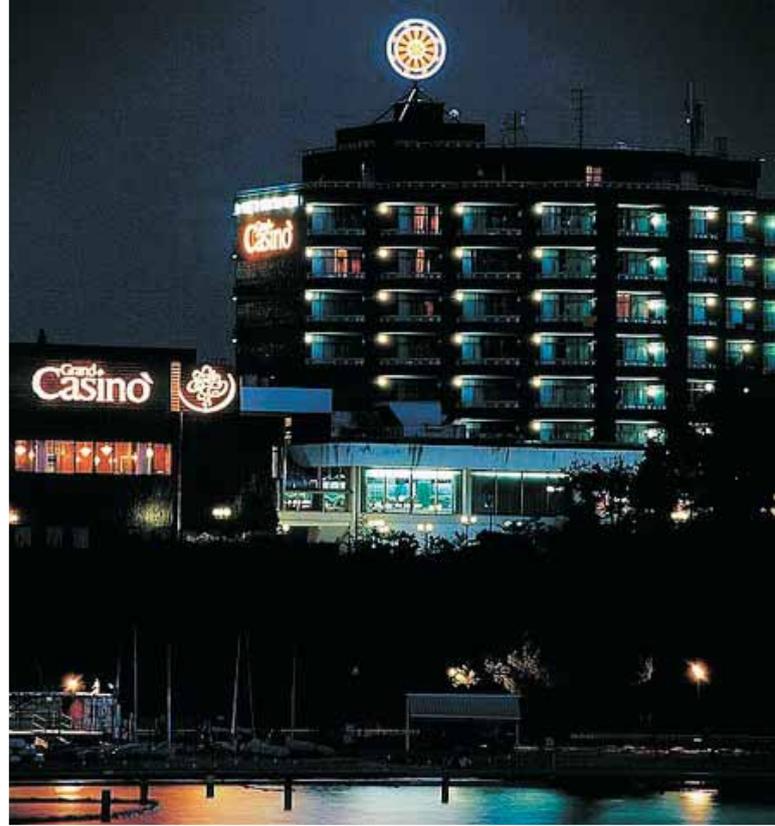
## LOCATION AND CLIMATE

Portoroz is one of the most famous and vivid Slovenian towns. On the cca 40 km long Slovenian coast, it is situated in a bay, sheltered from the winds by the peninsula of Piran. With its sub-Mediterranean climate, Portoroz belongs to one of the warmest parts of Slovenia, with approximately 2346 sunny days annually. Mild winters that rarely go under 0°C and not too warm summers are characteristic for this area.

## HISTORY AND SIGHTS

Portoroz is named after the church of St. Mary of Roses, built in this area in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, hence the name Porto Rose ("the port of roses") for the port. This area was inhabited by many nations: the Langobards (Lombards), the Avars, the Slavs, the French, the Venetians, the Austrians and finally the Italians who reigned the territory until the end of the Second World War. In the Middle Ages, the Benedictines started to develop the health

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tourism. They used the concentrated sea salt and sea mud from the nearby salt works to heal rheumatic and skin diseases. Not before the 19<sup>th</sup> century does the health tourism start to flourish and many villas and hotels for tourists started to be built.

### PORTOROZ TODAY

Portoroz is one of the biggest and well known tourist centres on the Slovenian coast. Clean environment, pleasant climate and many modern hotels offer an extremely pleasant vacation. The local airport connects Portoroz with all parts of Europe, and the nearby marina is a safe base

for nautical tourism.

Less than an hour car drive from Portoroz, you can find two beautiful and well known caves: Postojna and Skocjan. Across the border, in Croatia, there are beautiful picturesque towns - Porec, Rovinj and Pula. If you decide to go the other direction, you can visit Venice in Italy, which you can reach by powerboat (only two hours drive).

Walking or jogging along the beach, swimming in pools or sea, wellness programmes and sports and recreational centres will surely fill you with energy. If you want to enjoy the night life, you can visit night clubs, casinos, open air concerts, restaurants and taverns.

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### HOW TO ARRIVE?

#### By plane

Portoroz has a small airport for private airplanes. From the bigger airports, you can use those in Trieste, Venice and Ljubljana, from where you can continue toward Portoroz (to Kopar) by bus or train.

#### By car or bus

From the direction of Italy, you can reach Portoroz via highway Trieste - Kopar. From the direction of north, you just follow the highway Villach - Ljubljana - Kopar - Portoroz.

Except the regular bus lines in Croatia, there is also a regular bus line from Trieste to the nearby Kopar, from where you can take a local bus to Portoroz (every 20 minutes).

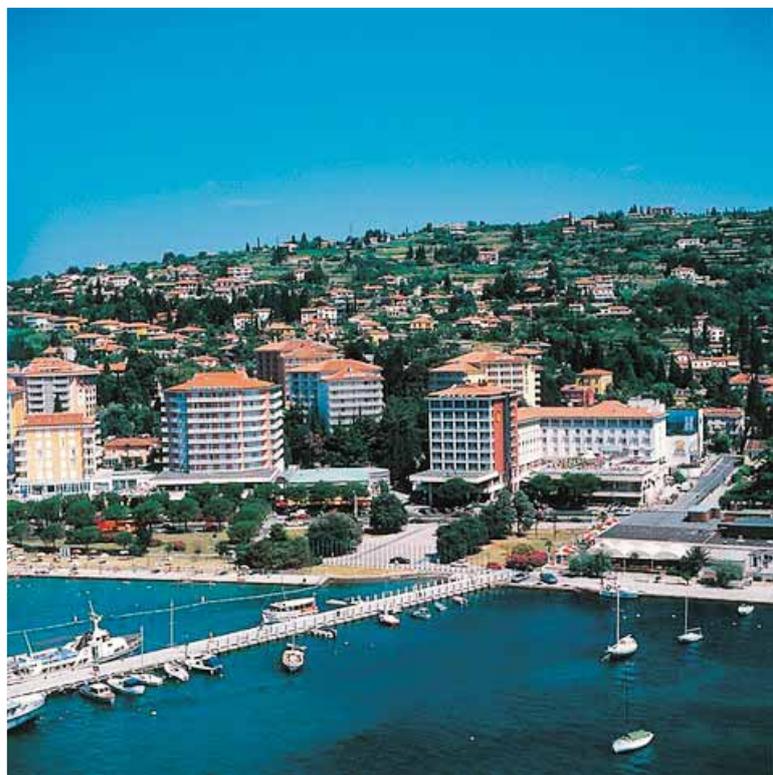
If travelling by bus, the best option is to reserve a ticket in advance, especially in the peak of the season, starting at the beginning of May and lasting till the end of September.

#### By train

There is no direct line to Portoroz, but you can use the train to the nearby Kopar and then continue toward Portoroz via bus.

#### By ship

During the season, the Italian ship company Adriatica offers a ferry line Trieste - Grado Lignano - Piran (Portoroz is cca 3 km far away from Piran). With the Adrigate company you can travel from Venice to Piran by catamaran (also during the summer season).



Distance / km	Zagreb	Rijeka	Split	Dubrovnik	Trieste	Ljubljana
<b>Portoroz</b>	255	96	400	630	35	117