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Old chroniclers and historians place the beginnings of Koper-then called Justinopolis-into the second half of the sixth century. Between the 10th and the 13th centuries, thanks to the trading and political connections with the Aquileia patriarchs and Venice, Koper became one of the leading towns on the Istrian peninsula (Caput Histriae or Capo d'Istria). Towards the end of the Middle Ages, its many advantages over other Istrian places, of both strategic and commercial significance, secured it the position of the Istrian capital within the Venetian Republic. The favourable strategic position of the Koper island made possible the development of a powerful, fortified medieval city. Later on, its convenient location with regard to traffic routes and defence of the city, and direct contacts with the immediate and distant hinterland, influenced the shaping of the initially compactly built town which in the 15th and 16th centuries expanded to occupy the entire island.

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01

Feel the breeze from the top

Make the visit of the Koper's Bell tower part of your wonderful and memorable day. When you take the first step, your climb up to 204 steps has begun and the Koper's Bell tower is all yours.



06

Science on your palm

Get your hands up, your head around and discover our centre for experiments. Immerse yourself in new experiences. A great opportunity for your child to build up confidence with the science.



02

Listen to the history of the Praetorian Palace

Discover the interesting history and the rich cultural heritage of the former Venetian city with a visit to the magnificent city hall, the Praetorian Palace, in which the renovated pharmaceutical collection, the wedding hall, the Mayor's office and the hall of the city council are hidden.



07

Circle around Koper

Pick up an extraordinary mini train ride around the old city centre and admire the Little Mermaid and her Dolphin light installation.



03

Open market and Istrian market

Feel the atmosphere of the lively market or try some local products at the Istrian market (every Sunday from May to December).



08

Amazing Istrian gastronomic treasures

Enjoy the unique Istrian gastronomic treasures, accompanied by a special tasting of genuine Istrian olive oil and discover the selected local wines. You can also take a coffee break in the town Loggia - one of the oldest coffee shops in Slovenia and let the Istrian flavours impress you!



04

Experience the Slovenian coast

Take a ride with the speed boat Reful or old "batana Fortuna" (typical Istrian fishing boat). You will never forget such a wonderful and unique experience. Let's start!



09

Tribute to your healthy life

You are welcome to try the Bonifika recreation sports centre where you will get full access to all our facilities all year round, from tennis courts to children leisure facilities, athletic stadium, running tracks, and much more.



05

Shopping time

While walking through the old streets of Koper and discovering its great history, you can take the opportunity and do some shopping in the old town or in the nearby shopping centers. You won't regret it.



10

Jump in the Adriatic Sea

You are welcome to make a truly carefree experience, so dip your toes into the Adriatic Sea and have fun on the Beach of Koper or on the nearby Žusterna.



01

Tito Square

The central town square (formerly Platea Communis) is surrounded with secular and religious buildings boasting a lavish mixture of Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque features. It remains a valuable aesthetic ambience that attracts attention, curiosity and admiration of visitors. Today's image of the square originates from the 15th century when the Praetorian Palace, the seat of the Koper's podesta, the captain and the Grand Council (Maggior Consiglio), was built on its southern side. The first building was a blend of the Gothic and Renaissance styles, while its Baroque features originate from the 17th century renovation. Under the portico next to the entrance to Čevljarska street, are still visible the remains of the first town Loggia (Lobia vetus) from the 14th century. On the western side of the square are situated the Foresteria (15th century) with the »Del Corte« Renaissance portal and the Armeria (16th century). In the past, the buildings housed the city's administration, the armoury and the city's pawnshop. The town Loggia was built in the characteristic Venetian Gothic style in the second half of the 15th century and renovated in the 17th century.

The Loggia coffeehouse has been situated here ever since the mid 19th century. The Cathedral of Mary's Assumption was built in the 15th century in the mixture of the Gothic and Renaissance styles. It acquired its Baroque interior in the 18th century renovation.

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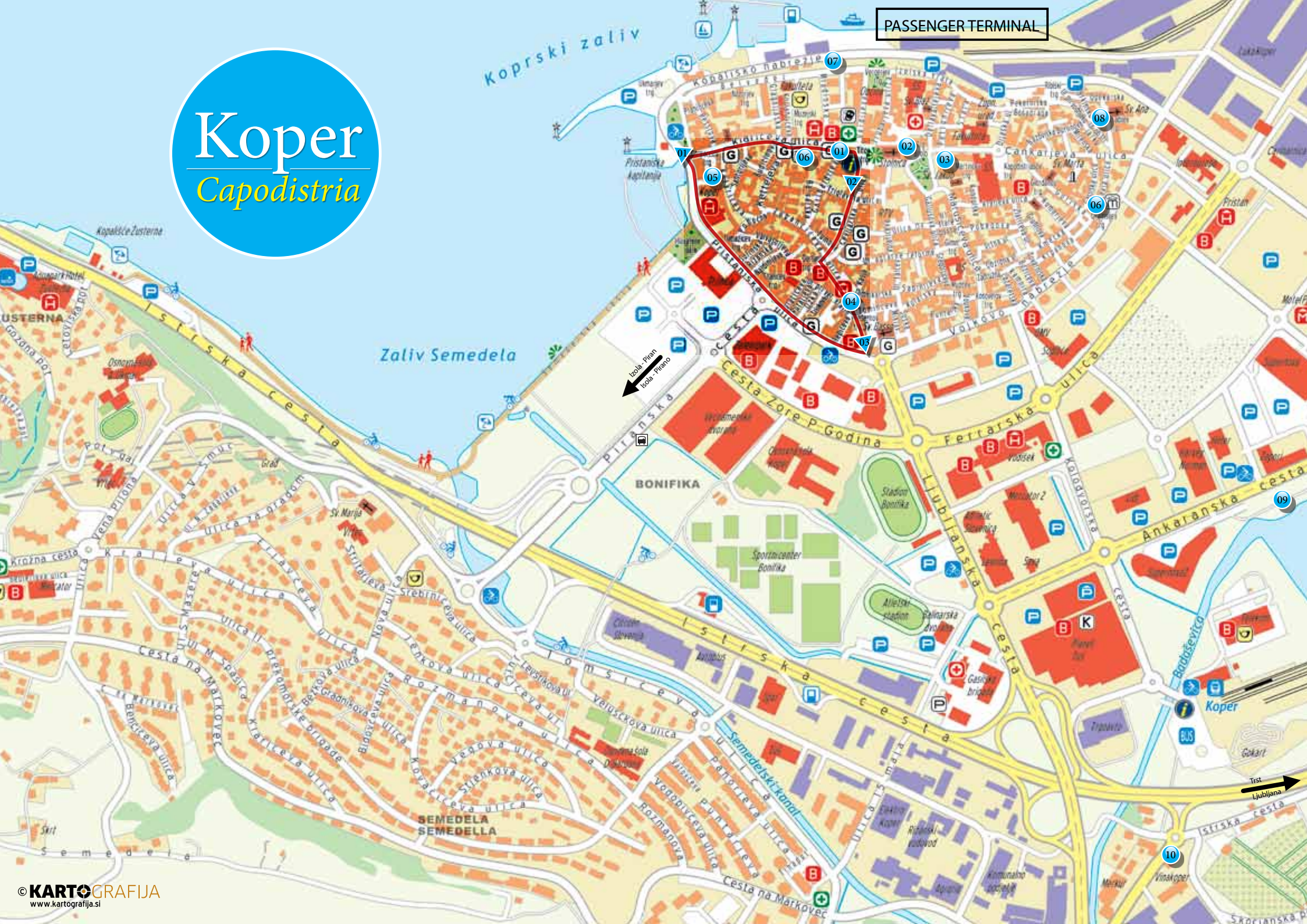
The Cathedral stores a number of valuable artistic works by Venetian masters, among them Vittorio and Benedetto Carpaccio, Antonio Zanchi and others. Of the many valuables of its treasury let us mention the Byzantine ivory chest (between the 9th and 12th centuries), the chalice and the big monstrance from 15th century, the bust of St. Nazarius and the antiphonary by the Koper miniature painter Nazario da Guistinopoli.

01

The city bell tower that leans onto the Cathedral's facade was originally a fortified Romanesque structure converted into the bell tower between the 15th and the 17th centuries. Today it is a remarkable panoramic point that offers a superb view over the entire gulf of Koper and its hinterland.

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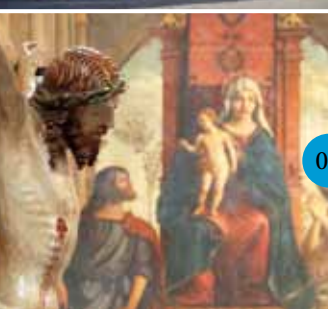


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Tito Square

The former Platea communis and today's central town square is one of the most beautiful Mediterranean squares in the North Adriatic area.

Entrance fee for guided tours.
More info: +386 (0)5 664 64 03



02

The Altar Painting by V. Carpaccio (1516)

The depiction of the town's patron St. Nazarius with a clay model of Koper in one hand is the oldest depiction of the former island town. It can be seen at the Cathedral of St. Mary's Assumption.

Opening time: every day, except during the mass
(Services take place from Monday to Saturday at 09:00, 19:00 on Sundays at 08:00, 10:00 and 19:00)
More info: www.zupniji.rkc.si/kp-stolnica
No entrance fee.



03

Fontico (1392)

The front of the former town granary holds the coat-of-arms of the Podestà and Captain of Koper Bernardo Diedo - it is the oldest depiction of Koper's coat-of-arms, dating from 1432.



04

Prešeren Square

The Prešeren Square with the Muda Gate (1516) as the central town gate and the Da Ponte Fountain (1666) is the most important of the former peripheral squares.



05

Carpaccio Square

The square bears the name of the Venetian painter Vittore Carpaccio, who supposedly lived and worked in Koper in the 16th century together with his son Benedetto in the 14th century Carpaccio House. The square is closed from the seaside by the Taverna, former salt warehouse of the Venetian republic. Placed in the middle of the square is the St. Justine's column, dedicated to the participation of the people of Koper in the battle of Lepanto in 1571.



06

The Koper Regional Museum and the Ethnological Collection

The front door of the Belgramoni-Tacco Palace, which houses the Koper Regional Museum, is adorned with the only preserved bronze knocker of the former town palaces.

More information: +386 (0)5 663 35 70;
www.pokrajinskimuzejkoper.si
Entrance fee.



07

Bastion Belveder (Baluardo del Belvedere)

The Bastion is the only preserved fortified facility of the former encampment wall. In the late 19th century, the Bastion's ground floor was used for the production and storage of wine and liqueurs.



08

The Monastery Church of St. Anne

This treasury of art with preserved late Gothic choir benches from the 16th century is the greatest monument of wooden artefacts in the area of the former Venetian Istria.

Opening time:
Every day: 07:00 - 20:00
More info: +386 (0)5 307 34 70
No entrance fee.



09

The Škocjanski Zatok Nature Reserve

The largest brackish wetland in Slovenia with its exceptional botany, zoology and landscape, is home to over 220 migratory bird species, including 45 breeders.

Opening time:
Every day: from sunrise to sunset
More info: +386 (0)5 626 03 70
Distance from city centre / passenger terminal: cca. 3 km (1.8 miles). Groups (10 - 25 visitors) need to arrange a guided tour of the reserve. Guided tours are provided by the reserve manager at a charge. No entrance fee.



10

The Vinakoper Wine Cellar

The largest wine cellar in the Slovenian Istria with the largest wooden barrel in Slovenia and one of the largest in Europe.

Opening time:
Mondays - Fridays: 08:30 - 19:00
Saturdays: 08:00 - 13:00
Sunday (May - October): 9:00 - 17:00
More info: +386 (0)5 663 01 01
Distance from city centre / passenger terminal: cca. 2 km (1.2 miles). Previous reservation is recommended for visiting a wine cellar and tasting their products. Entrance fee for guided tours and wine tasting.

A stroll around Koper

A walk around the old city centre will reveal many interesting sites that speak the language of various artistic styles which shaped the portrait of this lively and attractive seaside town through its long history.

△1 The route begins at the end of Kidrič Street where the street opens into the old harbour near Taverna, former salt warehouse. It stands on the eastern side of the renovated Carpaccio Square with the Carpaccio house (a reputed residence of the Venetian painter Vittore and his son Benedetto Carpaccio) and the pillar of St. Justina dedicated to the memory of the Koper galley which participated in the battle of Lepanto in 1571. The route continues passing near the church of St. Nicolas (the brotherhood of sailors) from the end of the 16th century and the Baroque Tutto ex Gavardo Palace and leads up a gentle slope towards the small Museum Square. On the southern side of the square stands the mannerist Belgramoni-Tacco Palace. Today it is the seat of the Koper Regional Museum. A few steps further there is △2 the main town square with the most eminent public buildings: the Praetorian Palace, Armeria, Foresteria, the Loggia, the Cathedral and the bell tower. Under the Portico of the Praetorian Palace there is the entrance into the picturesque and the most typical Koper street - Calegaria (Čevljarska ulica-the Shoemakers' Street)-which preserves the feeling of a medieval trade and craft district. The tour then continues along the lower part of Zupančič Street passing the Baroque Carli Palace and leading to the spacious △3 Prešeren Square with the characteristic da Ponte fountain (1666) and the Muda Gate on the southern side of the square. The former tollgate was built in the Renaissance style (1576) and has a heraldic decoration with the outstanding city's coat of-arms featuring a radiating sun. It is connected with the remains of the city walls. To get to Carpaccio Square (our starting point) take the Pristaniška Street than pass the open market, the old harbour and after a few steps you are at the starting point.