



# Welcome Europe

We love extracurricular activities

Exchange week

17 – 22 March 2024



## A WORD OF WELCOME

Welcome, dear Belgian guests!

We warmly greet you in our school! It is a great honour for us to host you this week and to have the opportunity to welcome you here at our school. We extend a warm welcome from all our staff and students, and we hope you will feel at home during your stay with us.

Exchanges like this are an extraordinary opportunity to meet new people, cultures, and languages. Through socializing and exchanging experiences, you will have the chance to broaden your knowledge and make new friendships.

Our school and our community are excited to be able to continue our exchange programme. It will be a time for learning, exploring, and having fun, and I believe you will return to Belgium with many fond memories and stories to share.

Our teachers and students are ready to help you with anything you need during your stay. If you have any questions or need any assistance, feel free to approach us. We would like you to feel welcome and comfortable during your time with us.

Once again, we express our warm welcome on behalf of our school. May this exchange be an unforgettable experience that enriches your life. Enjoy every moment of your stay with us!

Welcome to our school! Make yourself at home and enjoy our Welcome Europe student exchange week!

Your host,  
Pazinski kolegij





## PROGRAMME

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

<b>Hour</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Place</b>
<b>15.35</b>	Arrival at the airport	Ljubljana
<b>16.00-18.00</b>	Ljubljana city walking tour	Ljubljana
<b>20.30</b>	Accommodation at the dormitory	Kolegij
<b>21.00</b>	Dinner Free time	Dining room
<b>21.30</b>	Socializing	Aula magna
<b>22.30</b>	Night rest	Dorm



## OUR SCHOOL, PAZINSKI KOLEGIJ

The long and rich history of our school dates back to 1913 when the school was built as a dormitory for, at the time the only, Croatian grammar school in Pazin. In 1945 it was turned into the Diocesan seminary along with the classical grammar school which later closed its doors in 1980. With the newly founded Republic of Croatia there rose the need for an independent, private Catholic school. Antun Bogetić, the bishop of the Poreč-Pula Diocese, entrusted Antun Hek with this groundbreaking concept.

The school as we know it opened its doors to the first generation of students in September 1993, while the newly built gym was added to its facilities in 1999. Since the students at Kolegij were from all parts of Croatia and the majority of the students required dormitory accommodation, a new dorm received its tenants in 2004. Finally, from 2007 the dorm has been the bookworms' favourite spot with its well-stocked school library.

Today, Kolegij is attended by around 155 students, of whom 135 are dorm residents), it has 59 employees, of whom 24 are teachers and 8 are caretakers. The traditional classical grammar school programme got its modern languages counterpart programme in 2011. We proudly boast excellent students who regularly achieve high scores at Final State Exams.

The school also offers an array of electives and extracurricular activities such as: Italian, Spanish languages; Critical thinking and Personal Development classes; Radio, Sports, Drama, Creative, English language, IT, Choir, and Volunteering groups. The vision of its founder Antun Hek, to teach and provide the students with the beyond the obligatory curriculum content and activities, has been wholeheartedly cherished ever since by its staff and by all its former Principals, Vilim Grbac, Ivica Kordić and Alejandro Castillo Jimenez. School exchange programmes make up just one very special part of it. With the support of our current principal Maksimiljan Ferlin we are happy and proud to partake in such a rewarding event.

*It is exactly the area of extracurricular activities the one we'll be dealing with as our project topic this year.*



MONDAY, MARCH 18

Hour	Activities	Place
8.00-9.00	Breakfast	Dining room
9.15-10.00	Intro note and project guidelines	Aula minor
10.30	Visiting regular classes	Kolegij
13.00	Lunch Free time	Dining room
17.00-18.30	Guided visit of Pazin - Spomen dom - St.Nicholas Church - Pazin Castle - Pazin Cave	In front of Kolegij
19.00	Dinner Free time	Dining room
20.30	Project Work	Aula magna
22.30	Night rest	

## PAZIN, A SHORT GUIDE OF THE ISTRIAN INLAND CENTRE

- situated in the very centre of Istrian peninsula, 30 km away from well-known tourist centres
- unlike in those crowded in summer, the intensity of life here is pretty much the same in winter and summer, with the monthly exception of every first Tuesday, when it holds the traditional Pazin Open Market Fair
- since 1993 the administrative seat of Istria County, Pazin has 8 300 inhabitants (census 2021)



- renown as high quality education centre of the Istrian peninsula
- Castle of Pazin, biggest & best-preserved medieval fortress in Istria, first mentioned in 983, located above a 130-metre-deep chasm
- Jules Verne set a large part of his Mathias Sandorf novel plot in the Castle of Pazin
- parochial Church of St. Nicholas from 1266
- Franciscan Monastery & the church of the Visitation of the Holy Virgin from mid-15th century
- Rim, the greatest holiday celebrated by the Pazin Franciscans, everyone who visits the church on August 2 gets an absolution of sins
- the valley of the Pazin Stream & the Pazin Cave, attractive natural area for numerous nature lovers such as cyclists, climbers, walkers and anglers
- during periods of profuse rains, the hole of the cave cannot swallow all the incoming water, a real lake is formed in the canyon, sometimes even 2 km long

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## TUESDAY, MARCH 19

Hour	Activities	Place
<b>8.00-9.00</b>	Breakfast	Dining room
<b>9.00</b>	Holy Mass – Day of Saint Joseph patron of our school	Aula Magna
<b>10.30</b>	Academia School play Presentation of our Belgian quests	Aula Magna
<b>12.30</b>	Lunch	Kolegij
<b>13.00</b>	Free time	Pazin
<b>16.00-18.30</b>	Workshop	Kolegij
<b>19.00</b>	Dinner Free time	Dining room
<b>21.00</b>	Music party	
<b>22.30</b>	Night rest	

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

Hour	Activities	Place
<b>8.00-9.00</b>	Breakfast	Dining room
<b>9.00-10.00</b>	Radio Istra Station visit	Radio Istra
<b>11.49</b>	Departure to Pula by train (journey time: 11.49-12.59)	In front of Kolegij



<b>13.00</b> <b>-17.30</b>	Pula sightseeing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• guided visit of Pula</li> <li>• packed lunch</li> <li>• free time</li> </ul> Departure to Pazin by train (journey time: 17.30-18.43)	Pula
<b>19.00</b>	Dinner	Dining room
<b>20.30 – 21,30</b>	Project work	Kolegij
<b>22.30</b>	Night rest	

## PULA, THE BIGGEST ISTRIAN CITY, SOUTHERNMOST ISTRIA

### Ancient Pula

- 3000 years ago Pula was inhabited by the Histri, in 177 BC it was defeated by the Romans who founded Pula between year 46 and 45 BC
- had all major achievements of Roman civilization: water supply, sewerage system, a forum, a large city cemetery (mentioned by Dante in his “Divine Comedy)
- population approx. 52 300
- surrounded by walls with 10 town gates, only few preserved today
- the Golden gate from 29-27 BC is a symbol of victory of the emperor Octavian Augustus
- the Augustus temple, built between 2 BC and 14 AD, situated nearby the 13<sup>th</sup> century city hall
- remains of the Small Roman Theatre with a stage, semi-circular orchestra & audience section
- the amphitheatre, the Arena of Pula, from the 1st century AD during Emperor Vespasian, could hold up to 25 000 spectators



## Pula Today - Tourism and Events

- biggest Istrian city
- popular summer destination with around one million tourists per year
- the Croatian National Park Brijuni, a group of 14 islands, location where over 200 dinosaur footprints were found
- Cape Kamenjak, a 9 km long peninsula of virgin landscape, combinations of forest, grassland and rocky ground, habitat of endangered and protected species. It boasts crystal clear water and is known to be the sunniest, the southernmost and the most romantic spot in Istria
- new attraction are the Lighting Giants, lighting cranes of the Uljanik shipyard which illuminate long, hot summer nights with 16 000 different colour combinations

Find more on Pula at.....



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THURSDAY, MARCH 21

Hour	Activities	Place
8.00-9.00	Breakfast	Dining room
9.00	Departure to Poreč and Rovinj by bus	In front of Kolegij
9.30-17.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Walk through Poreč</li><li>- Visit to UNESCO's Euphrasiana</li><li>- lunch and free time</li><li>- Walk through Rovinj</li></ul>	Poreč  Rovinj
19.00	Dinner	Dining room
21.00	Presentation of the project work	Aula magna
22.30	Night rest	

## TWO TOURIST GEMS, WEST COAST OF ISTRIAN PENINSULA

### Rovinj

Located on the western coast of the Istrian Peninsula in Croatia, Rovinj is a picturesque seaside town known for its stunning natural beauty and rich history. With its charming cobbled streets, colourful houses, and beautiful harbour, Rovinj is often referred to as the "Venice of Croatia".

One of the main attractions in Rovinj is the Old Town, a maze of narrow streets and alleys lined with centuries-old buildings, art galleries, and local shops. The iconic Church of St. Euphemia, with its distinctive bell tower offering panoramic views of the town and surrounding sea, is a must-visit landmark.

Rovinj is also famous for its pristine beaches, with crystal-clear water and rocky coves perfect for swimming and sunbathing. The town is also known for its vibrant arts and cultural scene, with numerous galleries, studios, and museums showcasing local and international artists. Rovinj hosts various cultural events throughout the year, including music festivals, art exhibitions, and traditional folk performances.



## Poreč

- the city of mosaics
- almost 2000 years old
- in 1845 the first travel guide with descriptions and pictures of the city was printed
- since 1970, one of the main centres of Croatian tourism
- after Pula, the Istrian city with the biggest number of people, approx. 16 600 citizens

## Euphrasian Basilica (Euphrasiana)

- the Cathedral of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Poreč-Pula.
- one of the best-preserved monuments of early Byzantine art on the Mediterranean. Built in the 6th century. Inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List since 1997.



Explore Poreč at...



Explore Rovinj at...



FRIDAY, MARCH 22

<b>Hour</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Place</b>
<b>8.00-9.00</b>	Breakfast	Dining room
<b>9.00</b>	Departure from Pazin to Ljubljana	Kolegij
	Departure flight 16.20	



## DORM ACCOMMODATION

<b>Geel</b>		
	<b>Guests</b>	<b>Room</b>
<b>2</b>	IAN & STAN	443
<b>3</b>	NICK, MIRO, DAAN	444
<b>1</b>	I. HENDERICKX	447
<b>2</b>	HANA & ROSANNE	422
<b>2</b>	NOOR & FIEN G.	423
<b>3</b>	FIEN H., COLETTE, CHARLOTTE	425
<b>2</b>	ELISA & NETTE	428
<b>1</b>	L. WOUTERS	429



## LAST BUT NOT LEAST... A KIND REQUEST

In order for our project week to run smoothly and to everybody's satisfaction, we would like to remind you to bear in mind a few important things:

- Should you have any question, problem, inquiry, please feel free to turn to any Kolegij staff member.
- Be punctual and stick to the programme timetable.
- The Republic of Croatia forbids all the minors (under 18) to smoke or drink any alcoholic beverages, regardless of the drinks grading scale. Accordingly, it is strictly forbidden to smoke or drink both on the school premises and outside of school.
- The night rest for all the dormitory residents starts at 11 p.m. We kindly ask you to respect the regulation for your own sake and rest as well as for the sake of all the other students who attend regular classes and do not actively participate in the project week.
- We hope you will feel at home, and therefore would like you to cherish this 'new home of yours'.



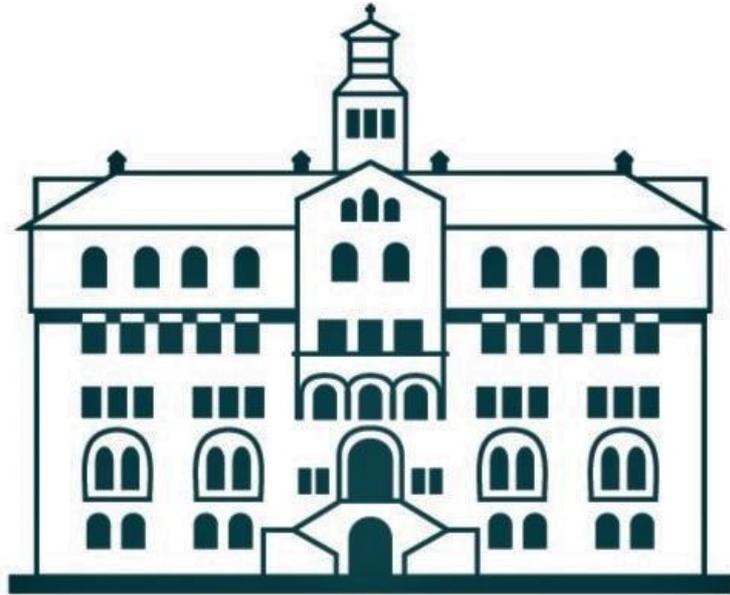
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# Pazinski kolegij

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