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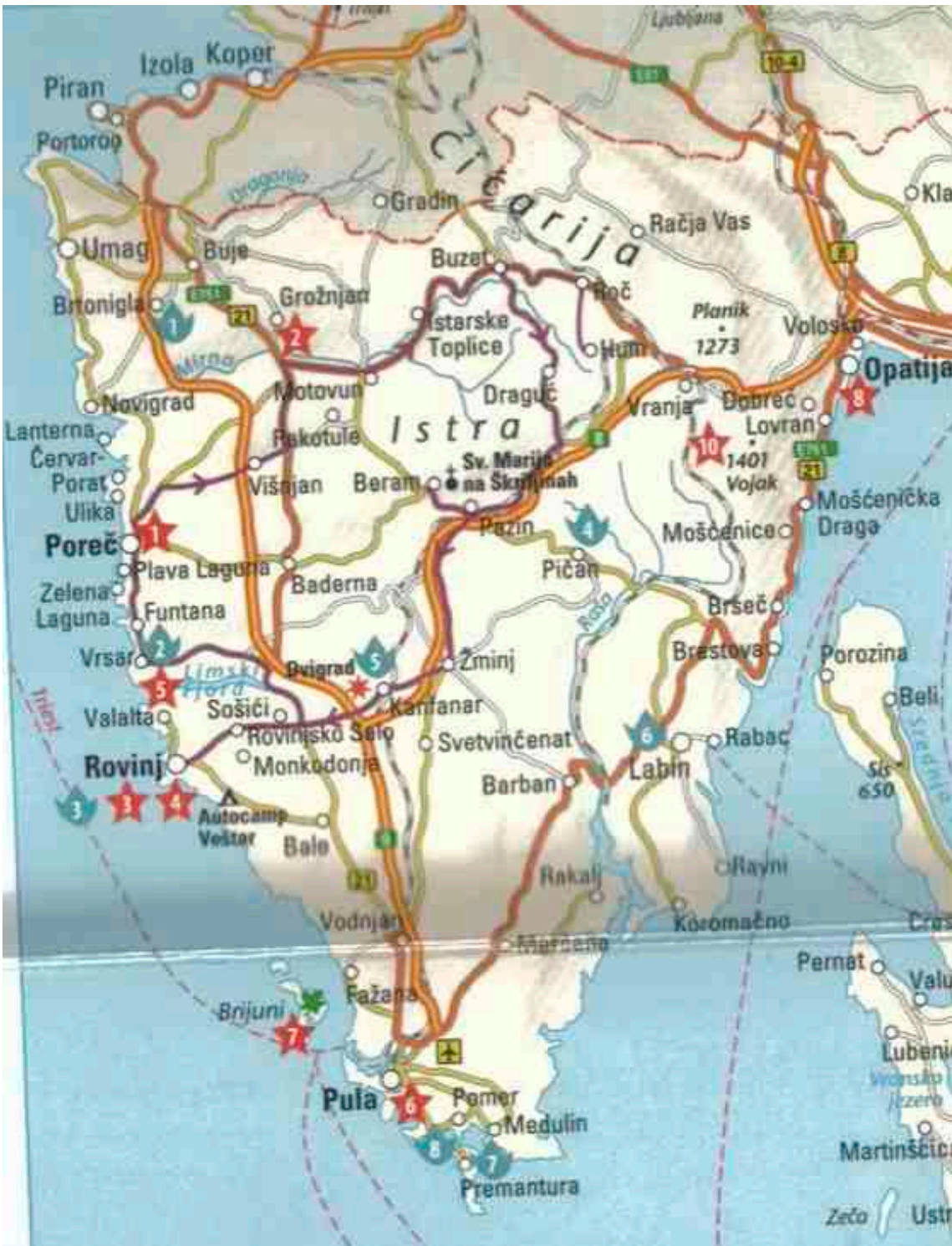
## **Fly-In Rovinj 2016**

Thursday 9th - Sunday 12th June 2016



**Sv. Eufemia indicates the way to beauty and culinary delights!**

On the church tower the bronze statue of Saint Euphemia reliably forecasts the weather. If she's looking inland, it will be good!



### Destination Airport: Pula - LDPL

As predicted, the Croatian peninsula of Istria enchanted us.

Our discovery tour proved to be a pleasurable route through Venetian countryside, accompanied by appropriate culinary delights.

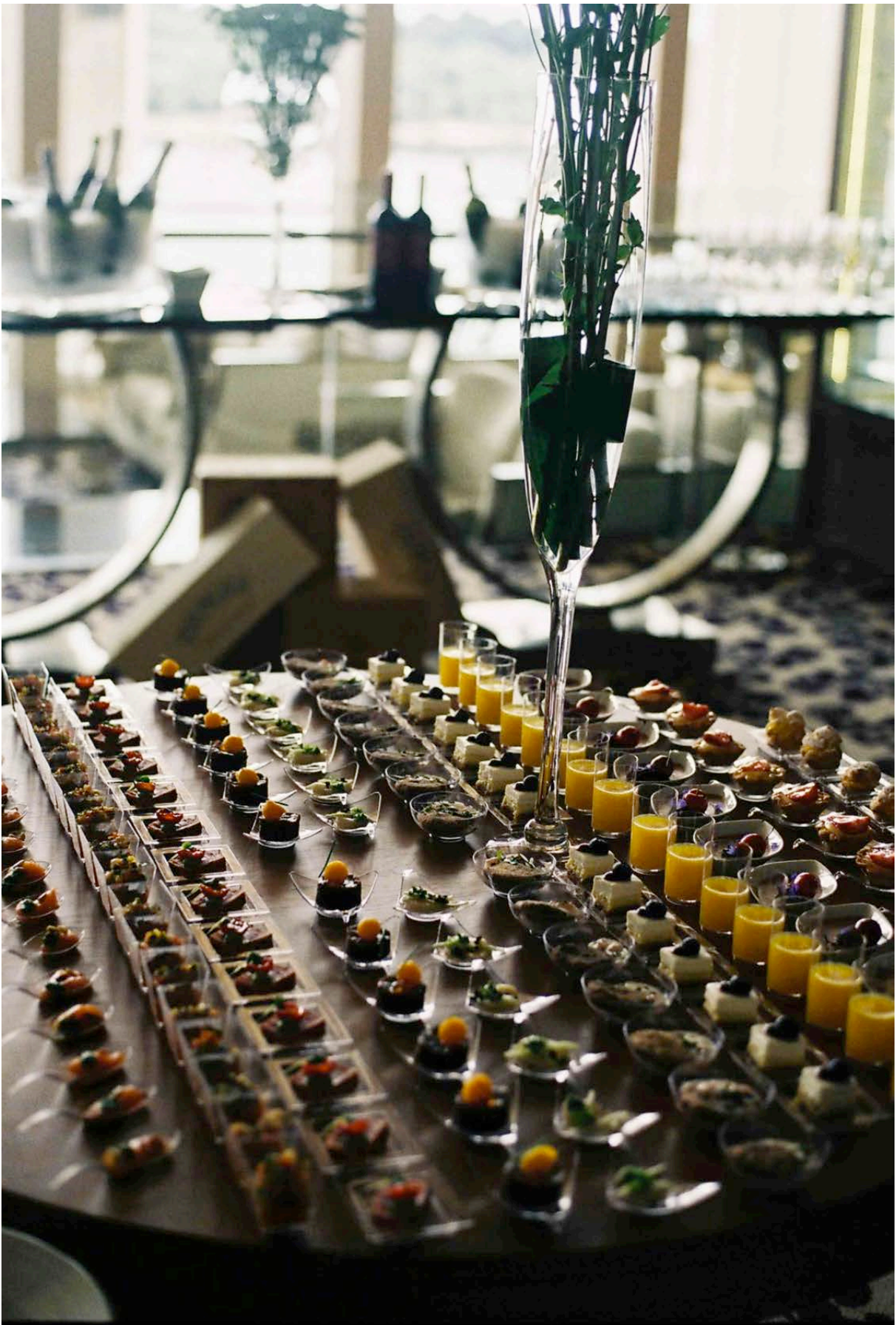
Gourmets are immediately reminded of olive oil, truffles, raw ham, fresh fish, homemade pasta and the world famous Malvazija.



On **Thursday, 9th June**, all of the participants landed in Pula at about 6 pm, and then transferred via shuttle to Rovinj and the Hotel Monte Mulini.



Unfortunately the weather didn't allow us to have the Welcome in the park but the alternative was of course also very appealing.



Excellent fingerfood.



The Welcome was accompanied by Klappa Maestrali and their regional interpretations, as was our dinner at the MM Gourmet Restaurant Wine Vault.

On **Friday, June 10th, 2016**, our first destination was the artists' mountain village of Groznjan, which is about an hour in the bus North of Rovinj.



This place has its origin in the second century BC. As early as 1965 Groznjan was officially declared an artists' village. In addition, the small town became a member of the Città del vino (Cities of wine) network and Cities of Olive Oil.



Old houses have been lovingly restored and given a special charm by the sensitive touches of the artists.





"The Unfinished"?



It would appear that someone had already had the idea of a Fly-In ...



So much art can at times be quite exhausting.



So it was time to drive to Brtonigla - Verteneglio and the excellent restaurant San Rocco. Finally there was something to eat and everyone was happy ...



... to enjoy a good meal in pleasant company. This took some time, however, and we might have been better-advised to leave out the winemaker Matosevic in Sv. Lovrec.



But true to the motto booked is booked, we tried there one or the other drop.



So it was quite late by the time we got back to the Hotel Monte Mulini to freshen up for dinner. After that, there was a 30 minute walk to the centre of Rovinj and the legendary Puntulina restaurant.



It is not only the excellent food, but also the sensational location on the cliffs that makes the difference here.



And, of course, it was wonderful to have the walk back to look forward to.

And now it was already **Saturday, the 11th of June, 2016**, the day we were going to experience Ban Ki Moon's secret tip.





As we had already learned during the preparation to the Fly-In, the Paladnjaki estate is not a restaurant in the classical sense.



The family raises and grows their own basic ingredients for such an exquisite meal. Everything you get as a guest here is home produce...



... and the family recipes top it all.



At around 4:00 pm we were back in the hotel and so we had plenty of time to enjoy the benefits. Snapshots included.



The gourmet dinner at our Hotel Monte Mulini ended happily, although it was our last evening together on this tour.

**Sunday, June 12th, 2016**, the official day for the journey home.



After the appropriate preparation, it was time to fly back home from Pula Airport.

But not for everybody. The President and his good lady still had the planning for the Fly-In to the Amalia Coast to take care of and would be flying back from Portoroz.



The weather on the way there worsened visibly, but they arrived safely.

After returning home, it turned out the trouble could have been saved. The arbitrary fixing of

the landing and parking fees for the whole group in Salerno, unfortunately, forced us to cancel the planned event on the Amalfi Coast.