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DOUZELAGE MEETING IN ROVINJ-ROVIGNO SEPTEMBER 28TH - OCTOBER 1ST 2023

Dear Douzelage friends,

Since we still have not received all the pre-registration forms from all the towns, we are not able to give the information regarding our wish to lower the price of the stay for non-delegates. As soon as we'll get them, we will be able to make all the calculations and give you our feedback.

From some of you that have sent their pre-registration forms, we've received questions about travel possibilities and transfers, so here is some information that could ease your research. Furthermore, we are sending some information regarding the presentations you'll be requested to send.

Travel and transfers

The nearest airport to Rovinj-Rovigno is the one of Pula <https://airport-pula.hr/en/flight-info/flight-destination-list/> . From this airport transfers will be provided several times a day, depending on arrival times of groups of you.

As already written, there are several low-cost companies flying to Pula. So, if you do not have direct flights from your country to Pula, you can combine two low-cost flights. This is what we, the delegation from Rovinj-Rovigno, have done when we reached Bulgaria (via Vienna), Sweden (via London) and Finland (via Bruxelles).

The next close airports to Rovinj-Rovigno are those of:

- 1) Rijeka (Croatia) and Trieste (Italy), approximately 1:30 hours drive from Rovinj-Rovigno;
- 2) Ljubljana (Slovenia) and Zagreb (Croatia), approximately 2:30 hours drive from Rovinj-Rovigno;

3) Treviso and Venice (Italy), approximately 3:00 hours drive from Rovinj-Rovigno.

There are several ways to reach Rovinj-Rovigno from there. We know some of you are flying to one of these airports and then renting a car, using the occasion to discover the whole region of Istria. Beside car rentals, there are low cost buses (like Flixbus) or even boat transfers from Trieste and Venice.

Personally, I find the website Rome2Rio <https://www.rome2rio.com/map/Treviso/Rovinj> very useful for gathering travel information and planning my trips world-wide. The same as Skyscanner <https://www.skyscanner.net/transport/flights> for gathering information about flights (although I book the flights directly from various flight companies since I find them cheaper). So maybe, for those of you that do not have affordable flight connections to Pula, can combine the options available.

Topic of our meeting and presentations

The topic of our meeting is the historical and cultural heritage of our beautiful towns, the way we preserve it, how we pass over the knowledge and thus the respect for it to the new generations and the new inhabitants of our towns (migrants and immigrants).

We will ask to each of the Douzelage town members to prepare a PPT presentation about what are you doing, which programmes and activities are you implementing in your towns regarding this topic (school programmes, municipal initiatives, NGO activities, events, examples in situ). The presentations are to be sent by the beginning of August, so that we have enough time to prepare a booklet with all of them and share the examples of good practice among us. Presentations should last no longer than 10 minutes per town and have to be sent to my e-address below.

Looking forward to welcome you all in Rovinj-Rovigno,

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