

RIJEKA 19/20 AND 25/26 JUNE

We are still working on visiting all the capital cities in Europe. This time we had decided to visit Ljubljana and Zagreb. There are many ways to get there, but we eventually chose to travel with [Norwegian](#) to Rijeka, because they are going directly there. The plane departed so early in the morning that we thought it was best to drive to Gardermoen the day before stay overnight at a hotel near the airport.

We went by car to [Clarion Hotel & Congress Oslo Airport](#) and unloaded our luggage. Anne Berit waited there while I parked the car at [Dalen Parkering](#). The hotel and the parking lot are right next to each other. After we had checked in and settled in the room, we ate dinner downstairs in the restaurant. The food was very good. Later in the evening we went down again, because we wanted a little bite. We ordered [carpaccio with salmon](#). It was not good. It was used vinegar and it was so sour that we just ate a few bits.

The next day we took the shuttle bus at 06.13 to the airport. The plane departed from [Oslo Airport Gardermoen](#) at 07.35 and were in [Rijeka Airport](#) at 10:15. The airport is 27 km south of Rijeka, on the island of [Krk](#). Krk is the second largest island in the Adriatic and it is connected to the mainland with the 1430m long [Krk bridge](#), which was opened in 1980. We took a taxi to the hotel where we were going to stay overnight until the next day. The taxi used about half an hour.



The terminal building at Rijeka Airport.



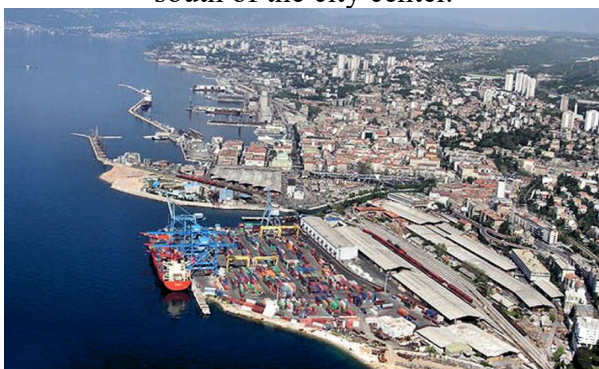
The Krk bridge.



We had booked at [Jadran Hotel](#), which is situated a bit south of the city center.



The view from the terrace.

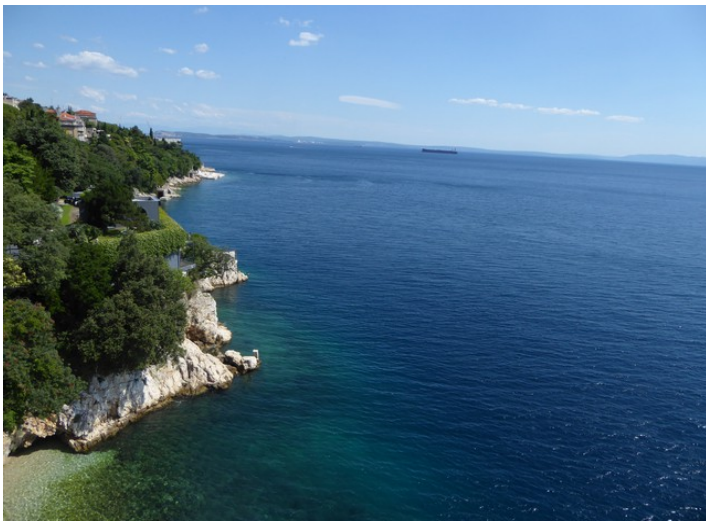


We had not planned any sightseeing in [Rijeka](#), which is Croatia's largest seaport with around 150,000 inhabitants.

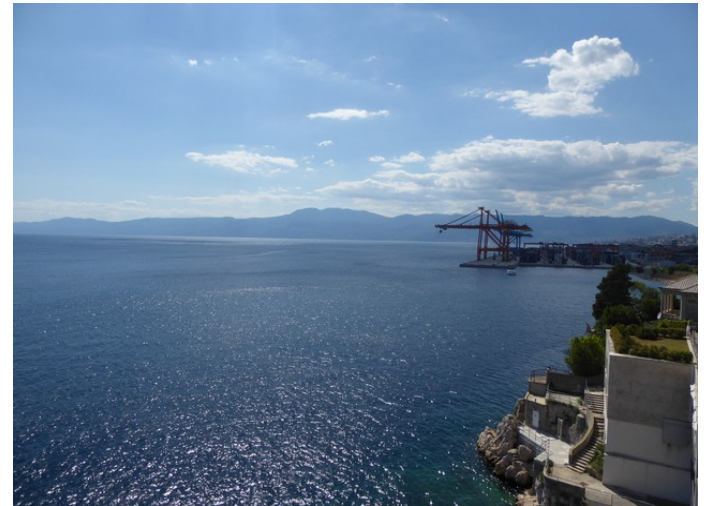
It lies at the heart of the [Kvarner Gulf](#).

There is a railway here and the port has services for both Austria and Hungary.

The city has been named after the river Riječina, which flows through the city.



View southwards from the terrace.



View north. A harbor crane in the picture.



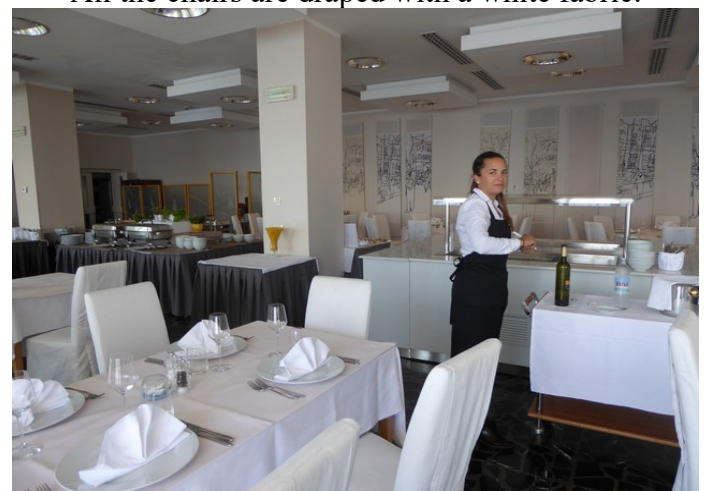
View from the restaurant.



All the chairs are draped with a white fabric.



I'm waiting for serving.



The waiter opens a bottle of wine for us.



Checking out.

When we checked out we ordered a taxi to drive down to the train station to catch the train to Ljubljana.

After we had been to Ljubljana and Zagreb, we checked into the same hotel on June 25th. We took a taxi from Zagreb then, and we were arriving at the hotel just after noon, at 14.00.

At 17.00 the restaurant opened and we went down to the restaurant right afterwards. I had a steak with grilled vegetables and green pepper sauce. Anne Berit had a tuna steak with the same type of sauce. This was the best food we had eaten on the whole trip.



Pictures taken from the terrace.



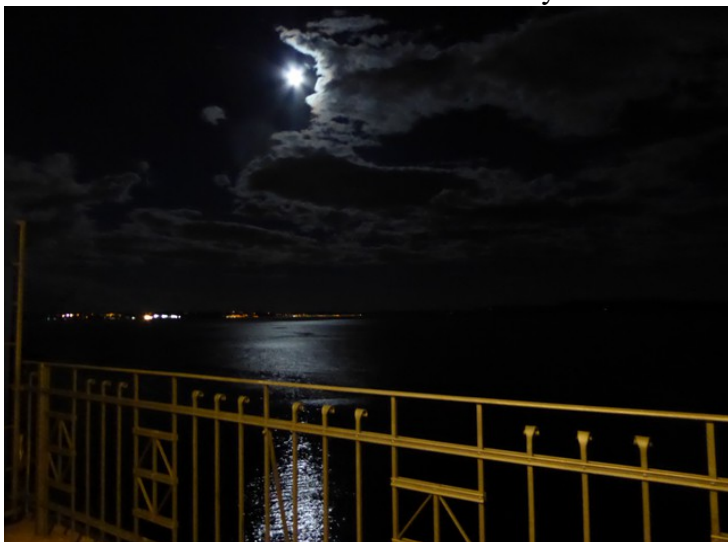
A container ship is leaving the harbor area.



It runs across the Kvarner bay.



Paddlers.



Evening pictures from the terrace.





Before we had to check out the next day, there was a group that rowed by, more boats after each other.



This guy is driving at the rear of the group.

When we checked out of the hotel we ordered a taxi to get to the airport.

Our flight was to depart at 10.55 and to arrive at Gardermoen at 13.35, but the plane did not get a start permit right away, so we got a bit late.

When we had picked up our checked in luggage on Oslo airport and came to the pick up area to Dalen Parkering, our bus was already ready to drive, so we did not have to wait.

When I picked up the car in the parking lot, there were 28 centigrades out and inside the car it was sizzling hot, so I had to be careful not to get burnt.