

Rijeka

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Information

Country:  Croatia

State: Primorje-Gorski Kotar

Population: 144,000

Licence Plate: RI

Motorways: [A6](#), [A7](#)

More Info:

Rijeka (Italian/Hungarian: Fiume; German: Sankt Veit am Flaum also known as *Rika* or *Reka* by locals) is a city in the west of [Croatia](#).

Hitchhiking out

Direction [Trieste](#) and [Italy](#)

You have to take bus #2 and travel to the stop Dira?je near motorway junction 5 on the west side of the city. Then go straight along the main road. On the left you'll recognize a sign for Pula, Trieste, Ljubljana. You can hitchhike there by the signs (ignore *no autostop* signs, it's very hard to have problems with police) on the beginning of the motorway or you can walk along the shoulder of the motorway towards the OMV petrol station for around 1 km where you can ask people. It is a good road to Italy, Ljubljana and also to Austria.

Direction [Zagreb](#) [Zadar](#) [Split](#)

Hitchhiking to Zagreb is very easy and a really good experience. The main spot is the on-ramp at *Grobnik*, from there you can easily get a ride. Hitching from Rijeka to Zagreb is very short. It will take you approx. 1,5 hours. But first, to get to the on-ramp near *Grobnik* you have to take bus #16 at the *Delta* bus terminal, which is 500m away from the theatre *HNK Ivana pl. Zajca* in the centre of Rijeka. On the bus ask the bus driver to leave you near the main statue which is 2 km before the ramp. To get to the on-ramp you have to walk along the local road, but you can already start hitchhiking here. Sometimes locals help and pick you up. On the ramp waiting time will be max. 20 min. but in general you wait there for a few minutes. From there you can hitchhike to Dalmacija ([Zadar](#), [Split](#) etc.) but its easier to get to Zagreb (Lu?ko ramp) and from there continue to Dalmacija...

User:Onmyown waited for the bus #16 for two hours and when it did not come, he decided to try his luck with bus #12. The same technique can be applied - just ask the driver to drop you off as closest to the highway as possible. After a 3km walk through the beautiful Croatian countryside he reached the on-ramp very close to the toll gates and caught a ride within 10 minutes.

Another idea is to go to the main tollgates 20km from Rijeka on the A6 highway. You should go to the main bus station in Rijeka and catch a bus going to Zagreb. Just tell the driver to drop you off on the tollgates (about 20km from Rijeka). Offer him about 15 or 20 Kuna. Once there, just stand after the gates and try your luck.

Direction [Pula](#) and [Istria](#) in general

So, you have to take a bus again but on another bus terminal which is across the *HNK Ivana pl. Zajca* theatre. You have to catch bus #22 or #23 (direction *Matulji*). Of course ask the bus driver to leave you on a bus stop near the petrol station *Euro Petrol* in *Matulji*. On the left side of petrol station you will see the road which guides you to

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the main spot. Name of the spot is *Dina restaurant* and there you have a really good place for hitchhiking. In case of rain or something like that you can always refresh yourself in the restaurant. From the petrol station to the spot you have to walk for about 10 to 15 minutes.

Second option is to take the bus #32 to Opatija. You can find the schedule [here](#). Ask a driver to drop you off the nearest possible to the BILLA supermarket in Opatija. When you see the supermarket, walk 3-4 minutes to the East. It seems illogical, but don't worry. [Map](#) is here. Point A is the supermarket, point B is the parking lot. The parking lot makes it easy for drivers to pull over. DON'T put a sign, because Istria is in the opposite direction. When someone pulls over, you have to ask if they are going towards the tunnel. (Croatian: prema tunelu.) That gets you on the way to the Istrian highway, famous Istrian Y. (Check the map of Istria and you'll see the Y. :)) When you get dropped off, you can start using a sign.

Direction [Ljubljana](#) and [Slovenia](#)

One of the best options to get to the border and in general towards Ljubljana is to take a train from the main train station in Rijeka. You have to pay max. 3 Euro for a ticket to *Ilirska Bistrica* ([Slovenia](#)) and after an one hour train ride you can walk from the train station to the main spot. Ask local people there and they will show you how to get there. It's a 5 to 10 minute walk from the train station. When you reach the spot you can easily get a ride to [Postojna](#) and then [Ljubljana](#).

Second option: see the "Direction Trieste and Italy". But the first one is much more better and easier.

Direction islands [Krk](#), [Cres](#) and [Losinj](#)

If you are going to islands [Krk](#), [Cres](#) or [Losinj](#), the best option is to take a bus #29 to Kraljevica and then take a walk for about 2 kilometers until the Krk bridge. There is very easy to catch a hike to the island [Krk](#), as most of the people on the island are hitchhiker friendly because of expensive bus ticket and bad connections within the cities. If you are going to the islands [Cres](#) or [Losinj](#), you can start your hitchhike on the same position near the bridge, and ask for a hitchhike until the [Valbiska](#), small port on the island from which ferries are going to [Cres](#). [Losinj](#) is connected with the bridge with the island [Cres](#) so the procedure is the same for going there.

Keep in mind that you can also take a cheap catamaran boat from Rijeka to islands [Cres](#) and [Losinj](#).

Public transport

Public transport in Rijeka is organised with Autotrolej, and is based on bus services. Single ticket for 90 minutes of riding is around 10 kunas. Blackriding is possible, just enter the bus on back doors. It is usual that ticket is shown to the driver, so sometimes he could call you to show him ticket or validate it. In this case, you will have to buy a ticket, or you can pretend you don't understand him and sometimes he will leave you alone. Controls are not frequent, but happens. In this case, most probably they will force you to buy a ticket, and you will avoid penalty. Lot of people are using blackriding because Rijeka has one of the most expensive public transport in middle Europe, although has one of the smallest bus network in same region. For timeable of buses and other informations go [here](#).