



## Northwestern Istria. New World of Football.

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# Sports tourism. Developed on rich tradition.



*Following a rich football tradition, with the development of maritime tourism and accommodation capacities in the last 50 years, Northwestern Istria has come up with a well organized offer of programmes and packages for sports teams, especially in the sector of football team preparations.*

Umag and Novigrad, the coastal centres of Northwestern Istria, have already proven themselves as a great choice for preparations of football teams coming from various European countries. This can be contributed to excellent sports and accommodation facilities and cuisine, as well as the application of modern organization and management models.

The distance between the facilities is roughly 15 km, or approximately a 10-minute ride, while Umag and Novigrad are well connected. No matter in which facility they are accommodated, teams have easy access to the infrastructure of the entire cluster,

while friendly matches can be played in Umag and Novigrad. This increases the number of potential opponents and adds quality to football preparations in the Northwestern Istria.

During the winter months, football players from Slovenia, Austria, Hungary, Germany, Switzerland, Russia, Croatia and a number of other countries practice here.

Northwestern Istria is also a host and organizer of international tournaments, and the Croatian Football Federation, in cooperation with the UEFA, regularly organizes not only various camps and qualifying matches here but also courses and seminars.

## THERE ARE A NUMBER OF REASONS WHY FOOTBALL TEAMS ARE ATTRACTED TO THIS AREA:

**LOCATION** – as a region on the gate of Central Europe, but also on the Adriatic Coast, Northwestern Istria offers easy access to teams from at least a dozen countries

**CLIMATE** – mild and Mediterranean, with an average annual temperature of 18 degrees centigrade

**HOTELS** – 3 and 4 star hotels offer sports infrastructure, great cuisine adapted to the needs of athletes, hospitable personnel, diversity of leisure time activities and wellness and fitness services

**ORGANIZATION** – the Umag-Novigrad cluster can assist the teams in the organization of practice and friendly and practice matches, or take over the organization in whole

**LONG SPORTS TRADITION** – in the sports milieu, Northwestern Istria is a famous destination for preparations of football teams; it has also achieved outstanding success in other sports such as tennis and handball



# Football heaven in the Adriatic



Croatia



Istria



Northwestern Istria

*The Umag-Novigrad cluster is located in the Croatian Adriatic, in the north-western part of the Istria Peninsula. It is located on the very boarder with Slovenia, and in close vicinity to Italy and Austria, so it can rightfully be said that it serves as a bond between the Mediterranean and Central Europe.*

It offers easy car access from entire Slovenia, Northern Italy, Austria, Switzerland and South Germany, but also from other European countries, thanks to the modernized motorway network.

This region can be easily reached from many cities, such as Ljubljana, Trieste, Venice, Padua and Zagreb, to name a few. Munich, Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest and many other cities are also easily accessible.

It is also possible to arrive by plane from airports Zagreb, Venice, Ljubljana, Trieste and Pula, or by boat from ports Trieste, Pula and Rijeka.

## Umag



Umag is a town of approx. 14000 inhabitants, located on the west coast of Istria, in close vicinity to Slovenia and Italy. It is the westernmost town in Istria. The town has rich sports infrastructure and is regarded as an important sports destination - it is the host of an important ATP tournament, and on the national level it is considered the football and handball centre.

A few years ago, the first professional golf course in Istria was built here. Umag is regarded as a reliable destination for winter preparations of football clubs and football teams, and it often hosts football tournaments and professional meetings at the highest level.

## Novigrad



Novigrad is located some 15 kilometres south of Umag, also on the Istrian Adriatic Coast. Novigrad is a small town with some 4000 inhabitants, a high standard of living and great communal amenities.

The building of a modern sports hall was completed last year and it represents the crown of sport development in this area.

The town is a unique combination of sporting spirit and coastal beauty and elegance. Novigrad has proven itself as a good host for football teams in search of favourable conditions for practice and overall team advancement.

## The best choose us.

Northwestern Istria as the base of the Croatian Football Federation.

*The Umag-Novigrad cluster is a proven base of the Croatian Football Federation, the main national football organization*

HNS has been organizing camps for football players of all age groups between January and May for years, and regularly chooses Northwestern Istria as a host for qualifying matches in categories U15, U16, U17, U19, U21, as well as for matches of the women's national football team.

Prominent Croatian football officials are frequent guests of this region – national head coach Slaven Bilić and coaches Aljoša Asanović and Nikola Jurčević, to name just a few prominent names of the world football scene. Bilić and Asanović, currently coaches, both played for the national team that won the bronze medal in the 1998 World Cup in France and had successful international club careers.

Umag is a regular host to the UEFA trainings for referees and coaches, not to forget also January exchange student group programmes, also in the organization of UEFA and HNS, with participation of youth coaches from Finland, Poland and Ireland. During this programme, several dozen perspective European coaches for junior categories meet up in Northwestern Istria.



Croatian  
Football Federation



## Practice, learning, fun.

The kind of football we offer.



*During preparations football teams enter a new surrounding, away from regular thinking and behaving patterns. The team members must rely on themselves, just like on the field, so in this sense they already get the opportunity to progress, learn and develop team spirit*

Umag and Novigrad develop programmes individually tailored to the needs and requirements of football clubs and national teams.

We offer quality services according to the international standards for top teams and base our formula on five basic elements of the offer. *The five basic elements are as follows:*

- ⚽ **infrastructure**
- ⚽ **hotel**
- ⚽ **practice**
- ⚽ **test matches and tournaments**
- ⚽ **leisure time**

The basic precondition for our services is **infrastructure**. We invest a lot in the construction and maintenance of modern sports facilities - fields, locker rooms and auxiliary rooms, as well as sports equipment. We offer accommodation in high qual-

ity **hotels** that are very sports-oriented and always offer nutrition for athletes and additional features such as wellness and fitness. Laundry and shoe-cleaning service are also available, and it is possible to organize transport to and from the airport for training and matches at the hotel.

When it comes to the actual **training** area, the cluster offers teams help with schedule and programme planning.

Thanks to our contacts and years of experience, we can organize **practice matches and tournaments**, as well as friendly matches with national and international opponents.

Furthermore, we offer organization of various **leisure time** activities, among others, wellness services for football teams, fans, media and sponsors.





# Football fields.

## The place where champions are made.

Northwestern Istria has a total of twenty football fields.



The region is proud of a large number of football fields, places where healthy sporting spirit is developed and where future champions are made.

There are ten football fields in Umag in total; five of them are located directly in the town.

Large football complex Stella Maris is located in close vicinity of the accommodation facilities. It consist of a stadium licensed for all competitive levels, two auxiliary turf fields and a newly-built field with artificial turf and lightning, also licensed for all competitive levels.

Besides the football fields located in the wider Umag area (Petrovija, Savudrija,

Juričani, Babići, Marija na Krasu), there are 10 more fields in the cluster area.

Three are located in Novigrad (a ten-minute walk from the hotel), and others in Buje, Brtonigla, Dajla and Nova Vasa.

From all the fields in the region, eleven meet the dimensions prescribed by FIFA (100x64mm), and one of them is for competitive matches, with lightning and turbines, with a capacity to accommodate 800 spectators.

Miscellaneous: area for physical training and locker room for players and coaches. Training equipment includes: mobile goals, hockey goals, nets.

## Umag



Number of football fields: 10		Dimensions
Football field <b>Central town stadium</b>	turf	105m x 67m
Football field <b>Central town stadium (auxiliary)</b>	turf	105m x 67m
Football field <b>Central town stadium (auxiliary)</b>	turf	95m x 54m
Football field <b>Central town stadium</b>	artificial turf	100m x 64m
Football field <b>Bašanija</b>	turf	100m x 60m
Football field <b>Babići</b>	turf	100m x 63m
Football field <b>Juricani</b>	turf	100m x 65m
Football field <b>Marija na Krasu</b>	turf	100m x 55m
Football field <b>Moela</b>	turf	98m x 57m
Football field <b>Petrovija</b>	turf	104m x 64m

*The dimensions of all artificial turf fields meet the FIFA standards.*

**Training equipment includes:** mobile goals, hockey goals, nets, ball pump, corner flags.  
**Miscellaneous:** area for physical training and locker room for players and coaches.

## Novigrad



Broj nogometnih terena: 4		Dimenzije
Football field <b>Laguna Novigrad</b>	turf	98m x 65m
Football field <b>Laguna Novigrad</b>	artificial turf	60m x 40m
Football field <b>Laco Novigrad</b>	turf	105m x 64m
Football field <b>Dajla</b>	artificial turf	103m x 62m

*The dimensions of all artificial turf fields meet the FIFA standards.*

**Training equipment includes:** mobile goals, hockey goals, nets, ball pump, corner flags.  
**Miscellaneous:** area for physical training and locker room for players and coaches.



# Hotels.

Football sometimes needs to go hand in hand with comfort.



*Football teams are accommodated in Umag hotels Sol Garden Istra, Sol Umag, Sipar, Sol Stella apartments, and in Maestral Hotel in Novigrad; all facilities fully meet the criteria for the winter preparation cycle with their 3 and 4-star service. They offer nutrition for athletes, saunas, indoor pools, fitness rooms, qualified staff and a number of sports facilities in the vicinity of the hotel. Leisure time contents make them even more attractive, as well as vicinity to the town, natural and cultural sights, jogging paths, fresh air, and a number of other possibilities and features.*



## Sol Garden Istra Hotel.

Football oasis for top teams.



Located only 200 meters from the coast, Sol Garden Istra Hotel is rich with sporting spirit and often accommodates football teams in its spacious rooms. Its design is a fine mixture of modern tendencies and traditional Istrian motives, while in sports circles it is acknowledged as the right choice for practice, development of team spirit and a step toward better results on field. Top names of European football have stayed in it, as well as thousands of young

talents in search of glory in the most popular sport in the Old World. The Croatian national team says it feels like home in this hotel. Football fields are located some 300 meters from the hotel. Sol Garden Istra offers appropriate diet, wellness complex, handball and basketball courts and a number of entertainment contents. The hotel prides itself on its friendly and qualified personnel. It is located only 3 kilometres from the town of Umag.

### Contents:

A rejuvenating wellness centre with a wide selection of sports massages, "Aqua park" with various water attractions, including courts and aquagun, entertainment programmes for children and adults, a la cart restaurants, restaurants, congress halls, souvenir shop, newsstand.

### Specialities

It has the capacity to accommodate several clubs at a time. Privacy on the premises of the hotel is guaranteed. The hotel is regarded as a sports hotel for a wide range of sports - football, cycling, tennis, handball etc.



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# Sipar Hotel.

Reliable partner of football growth.



Named after a nearby ancient locality, Sipar is located directly on the Adriatic coast, in the village of Punta, only a few kilometres from the centre of Umag. The hotel offers an extraordinary sea view. A stay at this hotel will certainly awaken the senses and give new energy. Sipar, a bard of tourism in Umag, lures a wide range of travellers even today and is well suited for football players. It offers gym, pool and massage services; delicious local cuisine is well suited to the needs of athletes, while friendly

atmosphere and staff will help every team in search of overall improvement, both on and off the field. The hotel is surrounded by green surfaces, and in order to reach the historical town centre, you just need to go along an attractive path along the sea - the centre is just a 15 minute walk away. The route is popular among both professional and recreational athletes for morning, afternoon or evening jogging, depending on the season of the year. Dining room with a sea view gives additional charm to the hotel.



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# Sol Stella Apartments

Gives power and football shape



Sol Stella Apartments evoke the spirit of scouts and harmony through common task and outdoor stay. Recently renovated facilities on the Adriatic coast are surrounded by deep pine forest and crystal clear bays, only a few kilometres away from Umag and in close vicinity to the football fields. The basic football programmes can be expanded with water sports, whether in the sea or outdoor swimming pool, with table tennis, cycling, jogging, basketball, handball

and beach volleyball. The location is especially favourable for tennis - located in close vicinity to the Sol Stella Apartment is the famous Umag ATP Stadium and a large number of clay courts. Food adapted for condition training is prepared by several restaurants, offering a wide range of dishes, from local pastas to fish specialities. Sol Stela is a retreat from city noise and smog and the ideal oasis for return to the basics of football - shape, health and body strength.



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# Sol Umag Hotel.

Elegance and style tailored to the needs of sophisticated athletes.



The luxurious Sol Umag with modern and elegant rooms is located right by the sea, 1.5 kilometres from the town centre. Thanks to the high standards it reaches, it is a reliable partner even for the most demanding football teams - the view from the hotel leaves you breathless, while blue and green Mediterranean surrounding fill your lungs with fresh air and energy. City clubs will certainly discover new dimensions of practice and physical training here. Sol Umag offers several restaurants, fine dining and rich evening entertainment programme;

its acclaimed wellness centre is very popular among athletes, and the location is suited for cycling, jogging and hiking. As it guarantees comfort and first class accommodation, it is the right address for clearly set goals and a place where sports advancement will get new impetus. Furthermore, the hotel is a champion of conferences and meetings - it has a separate, modern meeting centre suited for conferences at the highest level, football conferences being no exception. The historical centre of Umag is only a short stroll along the bay away.

## Contents:

A rejuvenating wellness centre with a wide selection of sports massages , entertainment programmes for children and adults, a la carte restaurants, restaurants, meeting centres, souvenir shop, hairdressers...

## Specialities

It has the capacity to accommodate several clubs at a time. Privacy on the premises of the hotel is guaranteed. The hotel is regarded as a sports hotel for a wide range of sports - football, cycling, tennis, handball etc.

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## Maestral Hotel.

Good organization leads to football success.



The Maestral Hotels keeps living up to its reputation of a well-run hotel thanks to the top quality services and contents on offer to its guests, often football teams. The hotel functions immaculately and already at the entrance it shows spaciousness, comfort and more than enough room for football players of all age groups. The new wellness centre covering an area of 2500 square meters, with a pool and modern gym, is just what you need to complete every sports programme.

### Contents:

Playroom for children, indoor and outdoor pool, new wellness centre spreading on an area of 2500 square meters, entertainment programme.

Great jogging and cycling trails, new sports hall and courts for other sports as well as football fields are located in close vicinity to the hotel (no more than a 10-minute walk away). The Maestral accommodates football teams already from February, making the most of the pleasant ambiance, green surfaces and fresh sea air, and not to forget the famous local cuisine. Novigrad can be reached by a ten minute walk or a few minute bike ride, so all town contents is right at your reach.

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## Packages for football teams. All in one place.



Our experts continue to work on the development of packages tailored to the needs of various football teams, trying to create the best and most useful service packages that will be able to meet all that teams need for high-quality training.

### Packages for football teams include:

- ⚽ hotel accommodation
- ⚽ 3 main meals (all from the buffet)
- ⚽ fitness centre with equipment
- ⚽ pool
- ⚽ jogging area
- ⚽ infrastructure for other sports
- ⚽ bus parking place
- ⚽ organization of friendly matches with national and international opponents
- ⚽ use of congress hall 1-2 hours a day
- ⚽ welcome drink upon arrival

### For additional charge, we offer:

- ⚽ transport from hotel to football fields and back
- ⚽ daily wash of sports jerseys
- ⚽ wellness (sauna, whirlpool, treatments)
- ⚽ "Physio" Room
- ⚽ use of natural turf court and training equipment
- ⚽ use of artificial turf court and training equipment



## Tournaments.

### Parade of football beauty for all ages.



Football tournaments serve to test the strength of the opponent, learn about team's inner dynamic, as well as own strengths and weaknesses. Beauty of football and sports aesthetic is celebrated. If the tournament is held in an attractive ambience of a coastal town, it becomes a true pleasure for players, spectators and the profession.

Umag and Novigrad have respectful amount of experience in the organization of such events, through cooperation with tourist companies, town authorities and local clubs, and often also through cooperation with

the national football federation. The international tournament **Istria Winter Cup** held at the beginning of February gathers in Umag and Novigrad premier league teams from Croatia and abroad. This is a strong competition for clubs preparing for the rest of the season.

Umag is also a reliable partner of the international juniors tournament **Kvarnerska rivijera** (Kvarner Riviera), an acclaimed sports manifestation that has been organized by the premier league football club Rijeka for 60 years. Umag has been the host to the initial phases of the tournament on numerous occasions and assisted the organization.

This year, the mini-tournament of the elite round of the European Cup U-19 took place. The national teams of Croatia, Belgium, Portugal and Estonia took part, while more than 150 football players, football experts, delegates, referees, managers and journalist stayed in Umag.



## References.

### What others say about us.

Both international and Croatian football clubs and national teams recommend Umag and Novigrad as optimal locations for football preparations and camps. The following national teams and clubs have trained in Umag and Novigrad so far:

#### National teams:

- ⚽ Croatian national football team (women's, U15, U17, U16, U19 and U21 category)
- ⚽ Estonian national football team (category U19)
- ⚽ Portuguese national football team (category U19)
- ⚽ Ukrainian national football team (category U17)
- ⚽ Azerbaijan national football team (category U17)
- ⚽ Belgian national football team (category U17 and U19)

#### International football teams:

Sturm Graz, FC Olimpija Ljubljana, FC Maribor, FC Celje, FC Domžale, FC Hit Gorica, FC Honved, Young Boys, Puskas Football Academy, FC Kecskemet, HIMKY Moscow, and many others.

#### National football teams:

FC Dinamo Zagreb, FC Hajduk Split, FC Rijeka, FC Osijek, FC Karlovac, FC Cibalia Vinkovci, FC Croatia Sesvete, FC Istra 1961, FC Inter Zaprešić, FC Slaven Belupo and many others.

#### International tournaments and matches:

- ⚽ Mini-tournament of the elite round of the European Cup U-19
- ⚽ Kvarnerska rivijera (Kvarner Riviera)
- ⚽ Istria Winter cup
- ⚽ UEFA qualifying matches



*"For years now, the Croatian Football Federation has been choosing Umag as a destination for its preparations and young players tournaments due to its high-quality infrastructure, climate and, above all, top service and sporting spirit, for which Umag is famous across the globe."*

*Since Umag broadens and improves its offer each year, we are convinced we will keep coming here in the future."*

**Vlatko Marković**  
President of the Croatian Football Federation



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A competent team of experts with a lot of years of experience in football is at your disposal, willing to answer any questions that you might have. Contact us with confidence.

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