



Rijeka is a dynamic, restless, party-hard city whose list of nightlife opportunities seems to grow with every passing season. The nearby Opatija Riviera can appear somewhat sleepy in comparison, but still boasts a discreet handful of highly individual bars.

Bars

Carpe Diem F-1, Križanićeva 3, tel. 098 87 43 33, carpediem-ri@net.hr. Turquoise walls and a swirly blue mosaic on the floor lend a vaguely maritime ambience to this slightly kooky café-bar behind the Continental hotel. Deliberately uncoordinated furniture (giving you a choice between bar stool, sofa or armchair) provides the place with a lounge-around-in-your-own-living-room sense of snugness. Look out for occasional live jazz and DJ-driven party nights at weekends - there'll be a poster in the window telling you what's on. ▶ Open 07:00 - 24:00. ☎

Dva lava E-2, Ante Starčevića 8, tel. 33 23 90, fax 51 57 33, www.2lava.hr. Nothing to do with volcanoes - the name means "Two Lions". A popular hangout on two floors and with two terraces (one with a cool lounge area), 2 Lava has a fine atmosphere, is futuristically-styled in black and chrome, and offers a good wine list along with champagne, cocktails and cigars. DJs guest on weekends and keep the doors open 'til morning. ▶ Open 07:00 - 23:00, Thu, Fri, Sat 07:00 - 04:00, Sun 08:00 - 23:00. ☎☎☎☎☎

El Rio C-2, Jadranski trg 4c, tel./fax 21 44 28, el-rio@el-rio.hr, www.el-rio.hr. A spacious café-bar at the beginning of the Korzo boasting an ancient bare-brick arched ceiling, El Rio is something of a Rijeka classic, pulling in a broad cross-section of local caffeine addicts during the daylight hours before filling up with a young, energetic and hormonally charged crowd at night. Frequent karaoke sessions, and DJs at weekends. ▶ Open 07:00 - 01:00, Thu, Fri, Sat 07:00 - 05:00, Sun 09:00 - 01:00. ☎☎☎☎☎

Charlie Bar D-2, Trg Ivana Koblera bb, tel. 095 906 27 36, fax 22 76 62, moris90@hotmail.com. Charlies has a pleasant, pubby feel and a lovely outside seating area on a square by a fountain. Rijeka's younger generations (whatever that means) have chosen it as one of their favourite spots for hanging out, day or night. ▶ Open 07:00 - 01:00, Thu, Fri, Sat 07:00 - 02:00. Closed Sun. ☎☎☎☎☎

Indigo D-2, Stara vrata 3, Koblerov trg, tel. 31 51 74, indigo@indigo.com.hr, www.indigo.com.hr. A creative new venture, right by the Roman Gate, the oldest monument in Rijeka. Styled like a 21st century bordello as seen by Andy Warhol, it's a super restaurant which turns into a night bar after 11pm, with DJs laying down excellent electronic grooves. ▶ Open 08:00 - 24:00, Thu, Fri 08:00 - 04:00, Sat 20:00 - 04:00. Closed Sun. ☎☎☎☎☎

Rozi E-2, Pavla Rittera Vitezovića 11, tel. 33 84 23. Favoured by Rijeka's student crowd, Rozi is a little scruffy,

which gives it a laid-back feel. Cheap drinks and snacks are accompanied by lively music, conversation, gesticulation and mastication. ▶ Open 07:00 - 22:00. Closed Sun. ☎☎☎☎☎

Teta Roža S-3, Kumičićeva 55. Possibly the best of Rijeka's neighbourhood bars, with a marble-and-mirror-lined sanctuary of a main bar, and a more arty space at the back featuring paintings on the walls, chairs on the ceiling, and a small stage for frequent jazz and rock gigs. About twenty minutes' walk northeast of town on the main road to Trsat it's hardly central, but with Austrian Hirter beer on draught, alongside Duvel, Corsendonk and other Belgian speciality beers by the bottle, Auntie Rosie's place is well worth struggling up the hill for. ▶ Open 07:00 - 24:00, Sat 09:00 - 24:00, Sun 17:00 - 24:00.

Casinos

Casino Ri D-2, Trg 111. brigade hrv. vojske, tel. 31 12 46, fax 31 12 44, casino.rijeka@lutrija.hr, www.lutrija.hr. The "Nina" boat, long a favourite spot for Rijeka nightlife, was revamped and reopened in November 2005 as a casino. Apart from the range of slot machines, Midnight Roulette is a special attraction. Everyone who enters the casino around midnight gets a coupon and may win 1000kn plus enters the jackpot competition! Fridays and Saturdays you can join the

through in the Nina nightclub, rocking to Balkan party tunes (22:30-06:00). ▶ Open 09:00 - 04:00. ☎

Grand Hotel Adriatic Maršala Tita 200, Opatija, tel. 71 91 81, fax 71 90 15, www.adriatic-hotel.hr. ▶ Open 21:00 - 03:00.

Clubs

Booka M-2, Zvonimirova 14, bookamail@gmail.com. Friendly and unpretentious alternative rock bar that pulls in a broad cross-section of tattooed-and-pierced metal freaks, sensitive intellectual types, and inquisitive high-school kids who are bored with mainstream dance-pop dreck. Regular live acts squeeze onto the tiny stage with just about enough room for a drum kit (the rest of the band spills into the audience). As the icing on the cake, the well-stocked bar sells bottles of Velebitsko, Croatia's most underrated beer. Located 20 minutes' walk from the centre, opposite the OMV gas station, it's well worth the hike. ▶ Open Thu, Fri, Sat 18:00 - 04:00. Closed Mon, Tue, Wed, Sun.

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Disco Seven **Maršala Tita 125, Opatija, tel. 099 477 70 00 / 098 45 08 47, info@discoseven.hr, www.discoseven.hr.** We hope the new club run by the Hemingway boys and girls will put the sparkle back in Opatija clubbing. A vocal and funky house DJ lineup, with "Harem B" Thursdays, a house night Fridays, Disco Vibes on Saturdays and a 80s and 90s retro night Sundays. ▶ Open 22:00 - 06:00. ☎ ☑ ☒ ☓

Cocktail bars

Hemingway D-2, Korzo 28, tel. 21 16 96 / 098 983 42 18, fax 21 16 13, www.hemingway.hr. Part of a Croatian chain of fashionable bars inspired by the Daiquiri-sipping hero, Rijeka's Hemingway is perhaps the prettiest example, housed in a beautiful Austro-Hungarian building which - formerly known as the Filodrammatica - has served as Rijeka's prime coffee-drinking and cocktail-sipping venue for several generations. The airy colonial theme works beautifully. Fine drinks and cigars, a snack menu and dance music 'til late. ▶ Open 07:00 - 01:00, Fri, Sat 07:00 - 06:00. ☎ ☑ ☒ ☓

Karolina D-2, Gat Karoline Riječke b.b., tel. 33 09 09 / 21 14 47. Spectacular inside and out - a beautiful glass structure designed by Sonja Miculinić, who also designed the new Slovenian parliament. Right on the quayside with a full view of the ferries, the quayside terrace, super drinks including good wines and champagnes and great music make this sure to be the "in" place this summer. ▶ Open 07:00 - 01:00, Thu 07:00 - 02:00, Fri, Sat 07:00 - 04:00. ☎ ☑ ☒

Opium Buddha bar C-2, Riva 12a, tel. 091 589 98 44 / 091 895 36 17. Regardless of what the name might lead you to believe, there's little chance of getting mixed up with either class A drugs or spiritual enlightenment in what is essentially a basic boys-ogle-the-girls disco pub, featuring moody and ever-so-slightly-sensuous red lighting, an entrail-shaking sound system, and a long bar perfect for propping up. The drinks are on the pricy side, but this is a reliable Friday-night choice nevertheless. ▶ Open 07:00 - 03:00, Fri, Sat 07:00 - 05:00. ☎ ☑ ☒ ☓

Pubs

Celtic Caffe Bard E-2, Trg Grivica 6b, tel. 21 52 35, bard@caffebard.com, www.caffebard.com. A lovely little bar right outside St Vitus's Church, with a cosy split-level interior filled with off-beat artworks - and not a TV screen or replica soccer shirt in sight. Connoisseurs of a good pint will be kept happy by Carinthia's finest Hirter beer on tap and a large number of speciality ales in bottles. With a music policy that runs through blues, jazz, sixties soul and classic reggae, Bard appeals to a slightly older crowd who like a drink and who appreciate good music but don't want to shout over the din of top-40 drive. ▶ Open 08:00 - 24:00, Sat 09:00 - 24:00. Closed Sun. ☎ ☑ ☒ ☓

Česka pivnica E-1, Titov trg 6, tel. 098 928 18 00, info@ceskapivnica.com, www.ceskapivnica.com. This L-shaped tunnel of a place is one of Rijeka's best-loved beer halls, thanks in large part to the presence of Czech ales such as Pilsener Urquell lager and Kožel stout on draught. The bar menu features plenty in the steak and pork-chop line, although the goulash with Czech dumplings for 35Krn stands out as one of the best-value and tastiest feeds you'll find in town. ▶ Open 10:00 - 24:00. Closed Sun. ☎ ☑ ☒

Arca Fiumana C-2, Adamićev gat bb, tel. 31 90 84, fax 31 90 85, arcafiumana@ri.t-com.hr. A nice, simple sea pub and restaurant in a rustic, old-fashioned boat style. Feast on reasonably-priced fish dishes plus šurlice - a pasta speciality from Krk island with goulash or prosciutto and mushrooms. (20-100 kn) ▶ Open 12:00 - 02:00, Fri, Sat 12:00 - 05:00, Sun 12:00 - 24:00. ☎ ☑ ☒ ☓ ☒

Belgian beer cafe D-2, Trg Republike Hrvatske 2, tel. 21 21 48 / 21 23 45, fax 21 23 45, d.e.l.tours@ri.t-com.hr, www.ugostiteljstvo-as.com. Another woody "real" pub, huge and with an extensive menu featuring daily set menus and veggie platters. The terrace between Korzo and Riva demands you rest your weary limbs on a hot day. The food's not very Belgian. The beer is. Or at least some of it. So are the prices. ▶ Open 06:00 - 01:00, Fri, Sat 06:00 - 02:00. ☎ ☑ ☒ ☓ ☒

Phanas pub D-3, Ivana Zajca 9, tel. 31 23 77, fax 32 23 77, phanas@phanas.hr, www.phanas.hr. A big hit with the local crowd, Phanas plays music from rock to commercial dance, and is the place to rub shoulders with the city's party people. A rather luxuriously executed traditional dark wood pub with a nautical feel, with a huge bar, jet-setty drinks plus a few snacks. ▶ Open 07:00 - 01:00, Thu 07:00 - 02:00, Fri, Sat 07:00 - 04:00, Sun 08:00 - 01:00. ☎ ☑ ☒ ☓

River pub D-1, Frana Supila 12, tel. 21 34 06, www.river-pub.hr. With a slightly older crowd, a nice woody interior, a great deck out back and music that inspires conversation and inebriation, River Pub is one of the most fun places to enjoy a drink and a little shimmying till late. One of the best nights out in Rijeka. (jazz, rock, karaoke...) ▶ Open 07:00 - 02:00, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun 07:00 - 04:00. ☎ ☑



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