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ALH News

Welcome to our hotel group! Adriatic Luxury Hotels (ALH) is a management company managing most luxurious hotels and villas in Dubrovnik, Croatia. Currently, our portfolio consists of 11 properties. Find out more about our properties and ideas for your next holiday destination on page 50.



Hotel Supetar Cavtat – Newest addition to ALH Dream Collection

Following a complete renovation, the hotel reopens in summer 2022 as a boutique, heritage property in the very heart of the historic centre of Cavtat, nestled between the quaint town streets and the unbroken blue of the Adriatic sea.

Housed in an original 1920s three-storey private villa, which was built on the remains of the ancient settlement of Epidaurum, Hotel Supetar emerges as one of the most exceptional boutique retreats in Cavtat, not only in architecture and style but also as a new epitome of luxury experience.

Newly refurbished space introduces 16 amazingly spacious, stylish, and individually designed rooms with a Mediterranean soul.



Each of the 16 palatial rooms reveals a distinctive touch of style with luxury and indulgence in mind, reflecting the



utmost in elegance and grandeur. Carefully designed to offer rest and relaxation with a mix of stylish furniture, and rich, sophisticated fabrics that celebrate history and modernity, these magnificent rooms are the perfect place to surrender to first-class comforts and irresistible relaxation for an indulgent and memorable escape.

No matter which room you choose, you will find elegant design, opulent linens for soothing sleep and comfort, and romantic views from your king-sized bed, while in your bathroom you will find the finest luxury toiletries for leisurely baths and long showers.

Every detail here catches the eye, from the Art Deco details, imaginative décor, and vivid colours gracing each corner of the hotel, to enchanting city views at every turn. The unique details found throughout the hotel are inspired by the elegance of the materials and by the surrounding area.

The property, in true Mediterranean manner, features secluded gardens and airy spacious outdoor areas. The lush gardens of lemons, oranges, and hydrangeas, featuring a light-flooded swimming pool, offer an idyllic refuge for relaxation; or, exploration of the hotel grounds, including the archaeological remains of ancient Epidaurum that were found during the hotel renovation.

Food lovers will savour the Mediterranean fare in our gourmet restaurant. Authentic delicacies are carefully prepared by our Chef and served in a romantic al fresco setting on the open terrace, as amazing views of the Cavtat bay and Adriatic sea on the horizon unfold in front of you.

To please the palates of wine lovers, an inviting Wine Club offers just the right selection of the finest local wines paired with a curated wine flight menu. To relish the leisurely end of the day, enjoy the cool of the garden near the light-flooded pool at our Lounge bar with refreshing drinks, a glass of champagne or your favourite bespoke cocktail.

At Hotel Supetar, careful attention to detail, 24-hour concierge service, enchanting sea views and a unique location in the heart of the town create an evocative escape and an exclusive, tranquil oasis just steps from the main square and the Cavtat bay.



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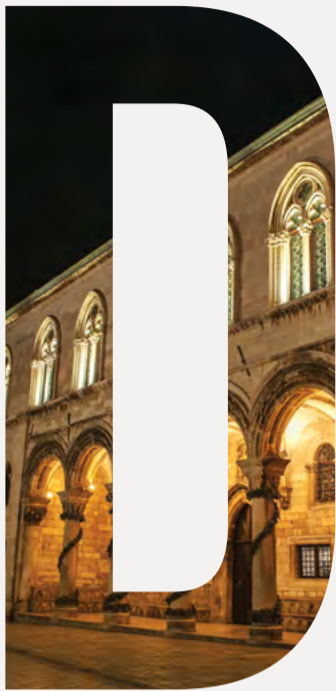
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THE RECTOR'S

PALACE

The unadorned simplicity of this Gothic-Renaissance palace may seem too modest for the affluence of the Dubrovnik Republic, but restraint was the style of those times, and this splendid building has survived explosions and earthquakes throughout the years. The Rector of Dubrovnik lived in this palace during his one-month rule, separated from his family, and was only allowed to leave the building for official business. The atrium is a harmonious space, with Corinthian columns, galleries, a beautiful Baroque staircase and outstanding acoustics. It is often used for chamber music concerts.

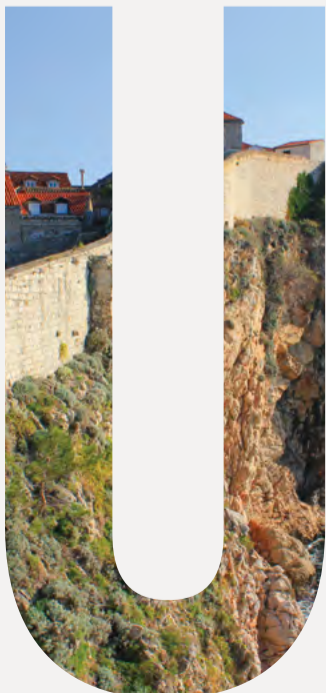


STRADUN

Although its official name is Placa, everyone knows the main street of the Old Town as Stradun, the favourite promenade of every Dubrovnik resident and visitor. Rebuilt after the earthquake of 1667, it is a broad axis of graceful and harmonious stone buildings, impressive in their simple dignity. After the disaster, the devastated city needed to secure its defence quickly and ensure that life in the city would continue. Thus all the houses along the Stradun were rebuilt according to designs approved by the Senate of the Republic. Buildings along the Stradun were all rebuilt to a uniform height, with nearly identical facades, and similar layout, with shops on the ground floor, as trade was a top priority of the Republic of Dubrovnik.

The Short List

Our guide to *must-see* Dubrovnik sights



CITY WALLS

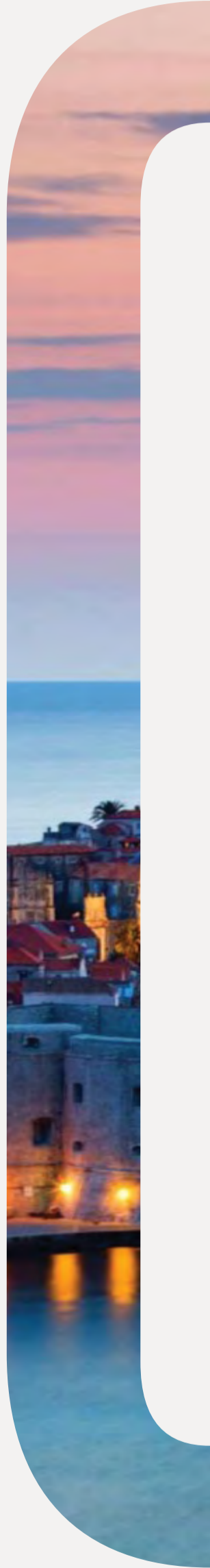
Dubrovnik's most celebrated landmark is its city walls, a 1,940m stone curtain surrounding the old city. Much more than a simple wall, the strongest and most beautiful city fortification complex on the Mediterranean includes towers, bastions, castles and fortresses. The outer dimensions have remained the same since the 14th century, but the structures themselves took shape gradually during the golden age of Dubrovnik - from the fall of Constantinople in 1453 to the great earthquake of 1667. Walking the ramparts is a magnificent introductory tour of the city.

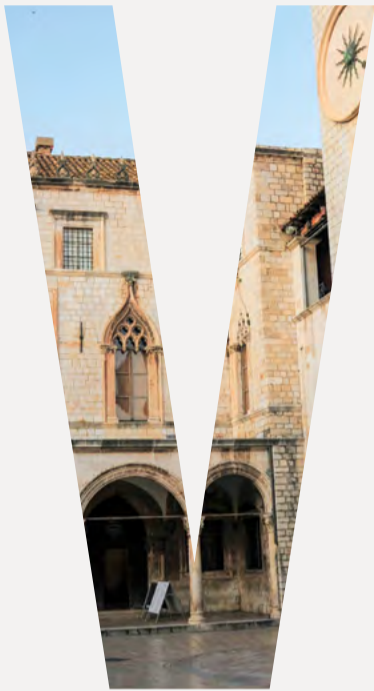


LOVRIJENAC

FORTRESS

Perched on a cliff 37 m above the sea, this fortress was built in the 16th century to protect the city from Venetian attack. On the fortress' walls an historic inscription can still be read: *Non bene pro toto libertas venditur auro*. Freedom cannot be sold for gold. The fortress is often used as a performance stage during the Summer Festival, and makes a magnificent setting for Shakespeare's Hamlet.





SPONZA PALACE

All trade routes of the Dubrovnik Republic led to this building, one of the loveliest palaces in the city. Constructed in a blend of late Gothic and Renaissance styles according to the designs of Paskoje Miličević, the palace successfully combines many styles and gives us a glimpse of the richness of the lavish palaces that stood in Dubrovnik before the 1667 earthquake. The arcaded courtyard was a lively trading centre and meeting place. One wing of the building housed the state mint, founded in the 14th century and operated within the Sponza Palace until the fall of the Republic. Today the palace is the seat of the Dubrovnik archive, which safeguards the city's oldest documents and invaluable historical materials. The square in front of the Sponza Palace is the site of the opening ceremony of the Dubrovnik Summer Festival each year; from the palace's beautiful *piano nobile* terrace, actors dressed in costumes of Dubrovnik's rector and noblemen evoke the spirit and noble traditions of the Dubrovnik Republic.

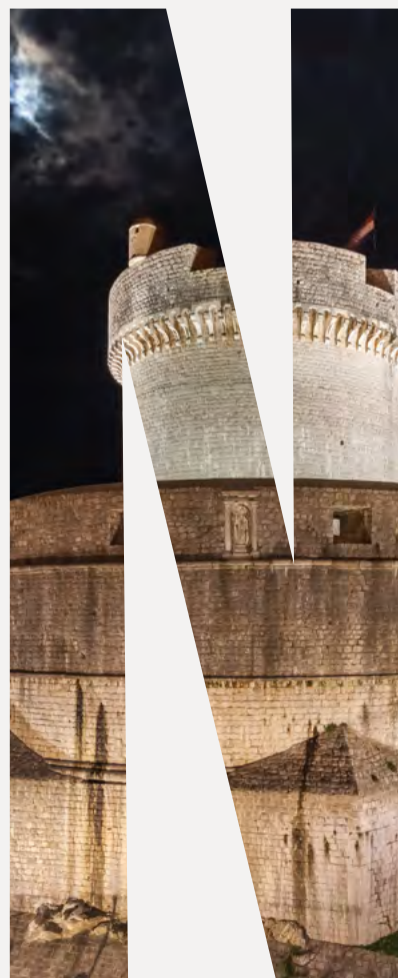


ROLAND'S COLUMN

On the main square, between the Sponza Palace and Church of St Blaise, stands a 15th century stone column with a sculpture of a warrior. The sculpture represents the knight Roland, who allegedly saved Dubrovnik from the Saracens and was deeply revered during the Dubrovnik Republic. The white flag of the Republic was always flown proudly here.

MINČETA FORTRESS

Dominating the city, and defying all enemies, this beautiful fortress is a symbol of Dubrovnik's freedom. A smaller rectangular tower on this site dates from the 14th century, while the monumental round tower we know today was designed by the Florentine Renaissance architect Michelozzo Michelozzi and the Croatian Juraj Dalmatinac, and was completed in 1464. From the top of Minčeta tower, you can enjoy a stunning view of the town and surrounding areas.



CHURCH OF SAINT BLAISE

This church is a symbol of the city of Dubrovnik and its protector and patron saint. It stands at the centre of the Old Town. Each year the city celebrates St Blaise's Day on February 3, in festivities attended by the citizens of Dubrovnik and visitors from many cities across Europe.

Dubrovnik Quintessentially

Walking the walls and enjoying the beach is always fun.



01

DUBROVNIK CABLE CAR

Ride up to the top of Mount Srđ and enjoy, without a doubt, the best view of the Old Town, the Adriatic Sea, and nearby islands, along with a coffee or cocktail. Up here, even the rainiest day makes inspiring scenery.

INSIDE TIP

Wait a bit later in the day, and avoid the morning crowds.



02

DUBROVNIK FOR KIDS: ADVENTURES OF MARO AND BARO

Maro and Baro are the main characters of Dubrovnik picture books by local designer Maro Krile. They are based on the two cast-iron figures that guard Dubrovnik's bell tower.

Standing for centuries atop Dubrovnik's main bell tower, and striking the bell with hammers every hour, the figures of Maro and Baro have witnessed the life of the city for centuries. In these picture books, they take you on adventures throughout the history of the Dubrovnik Republic. Pocked sized, and available in nine languages, they are a perfect keepsake for little ones.

INSIDE TIP

You can find them in the following stores in the Dubrovnik Old Town: Dubrovnik museums (at the Rector's Palace), Algebra bookshops (second street from the Sponza Palace or next to the Široka street).



03

MADE IN CROATIA "GIFTBOXES & EVENTS"

Forgot somebody's birthday? Looking for the perfect wedding gift? KAWA offers locally produced gifts & gift boxes. If you are planning an event in Dubrovnik, their knowledgeable staff can help customize unique Croatian gift boxes to meet your needs.

INSIDE TIP

They await you at Ploče gate, on the street number Hvarska 2 @Life according to Kawa



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ENERGY CLINIC

Energy Clinic Mediterranean-born line of cosmetics is made in Croatia from organic, highest quality natural ingredients, combining the freshest technology with the oldest of medicines. Synergetic effects of nature and technology bottled in our products reflect a holistic principle of caring for the skin, protecting it from negative influences and daily stress while preserving its elasticity and freshness and improving mood. Energy Clinic line of cosmetics comes in a variety of products, each one improved, finely tuned and perfected through constant communication with our staff and customers.

INSIDE TIP

Before purchasing you can try them by booking one of Energy Clinic signature treatments exclusively in all Adriatic Luxury Hotels in Dubrovnik area.



05

DUBROVNIK SUMMER FESTIVAL - THE OPENING NIGHT

Each year, July 10th officially marks the beginning of true summer in Dubrovnik. In addition to the extensive festival programme, don't miss the legendary opening fireworks, as they light up the old town harbour.

For a happening holiday packed with the best parties, bars and shops, you need some inside information. Let ALH Times be your guide to an oasis of chic, in a Dubrovnik you've never seen before.



INSIDE TIP

Hotel Excelsior's Abakus Piano Bar makes a prime location to enjoy the fireworks.

06

COFFEE IN THE OLD TOWN

In Croatia, if somebody invites you for a coffee, you can actually order something else. Coffee culture is so strong, that the word "coffee" just got the meaning of the word "drink".

Going for a coffee is a social thing. You get together, exchange the daily news, problems and gossip. Sometimes by watching busy cafes in the middle of the day, you might get the wrong impression that Croatians don't work. We actually do. In the bar. While we drink coffee. And while chatting away we can stretch our espresso or macchiato for an entire hour. Just to illustrate: one shot of espresso is 0.68 oz, while a Starbucks Tall cup is 12 oz. True story.

INSIDE TIP

If you are curious to observe this phenomenon, or just want some good coffee, explore the side streets of the Old Town. It would be hard to miss.



Committed to Sustainability

Unified in our belief that protecting nature and safeguarding our heritage and guided by the passion to make sustainability an integral part of our company's culture, the "COMMITTED TO SUSTAINABILITY" project was born. Endeavouring to provide a positive impact, we are proud to announce that we will be launching several sustainability initiatives, which will become a standard and an integral part of the ALH culture. To name just a few:

Join us in the #PlasticfreeAdriatic initiative!

Together with our partner, local non-profit Maritimo Recycling association, help us collect, sort, and repurpose plastic cleaned up from the Adriatic Seabed and shores. Scan this QR code to help us make a difference and join in on some of the clean-up actions on the Elaphite islands.



In partnership with Croatian cosmetic company Magdis— producer of natural cosmetic brand Biobaza, ALH has created an authentic sustainable eco-friendly cosmetic line that will be completely recyclable.

The cosmetic will be exclusively available in selective ALH hotels.

An ode to the Adriatic, this unique citrus and almond based collection is the result of extensive research, development, and an individual approach tailored to nurture the skin and calm and relax all the senses, at the same time going in line with nature.

Moreover, we have implemented circular solutions into the production of cosmetics, meaning that materials, that will be used, will be completely recyclable and eco-friendly, and later sourced for the production of car tires.

INSIDE TIP

Look for wider Biobaza products at local dm drogerie markt, Bipa or Müller drugstores Croatia-wide.



Our employees are switching to MIRET sneakers as workwear – Croatian bio-based sneaker brand, crafted for all the right reasons

The team behind the Croatian footwear brand MIRET have kickstarted a completely alternative manufacturing process with the goal of creating the next generation of footwear with minimal impact on the environment.

Without compromising on comfort, durability and style, MIRET sneakers are crafted in Croatia from natural materials such as hemp, wool, cork, natural latex rubber and eucalyptus, sourced from suppliers who have passed MIRET rigorous ecological standards. Using the strongest natural fibers, they are crafting durable and stylish sneakers all the while ensuring minimal environmental impact through the whole process.

INSIDE TIP

Check out MIRET story and choose your own pair:



Dubrovnik

A MEDITERRANEAN TREASURE

Dubrovnik is more than a city. A perfect combination of past, present and future, of culture, heritage and natural beauty, it offers a unique experience and unforgettable holidays. No wonder it has become the latest must-see Mediterranean destination.

At the southern tip of Croatia's long coastline, Dubrovnik has long been known as the Pearl of the Adriatic, but it is in fact one of the great sights of the Mediterranean, rightly designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In addition to its natural beauty and rich history, Dubrovnik's cultural events and diverse programme of attractions and activities in all seasons, make Dubrovnik the perfect destination for sightseeing, sport, cultural events or simply relaxing in a beautiful Mediterranean setting.

For many centuries Dubrovnik was an independent Republic, a proud cultural centre and an important Mediterranean trading power. Although no longer politically independent, it remains a centre of culture and tourism - a city of museums and galleries, famous for its annual Summer Festival, an international celebration of outstanding music and theatre.

Add to all this the seductive charm of a balmy Mediterranean climate and coastal scenery of incomparable beauty, and you have a powerful magnet for international tourism. The enchantment starts with the panoramic view of the Old Town of Dubrovnik, glimpsed first from the winding road that brings you to town from the airport. Rare are the cities that can boast a comparable location, or such well-preserved medieval walls.

These ancient fortifications were built with good reason - conquerors have always been attracted to Dubrovnik's beauty and wealth, even as recently as the last decade of the 20th century. But now Dubrovnik's walls teem not with soldiers, but tourists and open-air theatre performers. Half a million people visit the city every year, to experience its fascinating historic attractions.

Dubrovnik is itself a living museum, a treasure trove of Baroque, Renaissance and medieval churches and palaces.

The people of Dubrovnik are immensely proud of their city. They love their beautiful coastline, the sparkling emerald and sapphire hues of the clear sea as it crashes against the rocks of countless bays and coves, and the cliffs of lush subtropical vegetation. And they love the warm southern climate. With more than 250 days of sunshine a year, Dubrovnik sunbathes even in winter, when the orange and lemon trees are filled with fruit. The average temperature is 10°C in winter and around 26°C in summer.

Dubrovnik's long history of renowned visitors starts with Richard the Lionheart, crusader king of England, whom legend claims visited here in the 12th century. The city's guest book includes royalty, statesmen, athletes, actors, artists, and musicians of every nation. Edward and Mrs. Simpson, Queen Elizabeth II, King Olaf, Margaret Thatcher, Edward Kennedy, Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton, Michael Douglas and Catharine Zeta Jones, Richard Gere, Nick Nolte and Tom Cruise are just some of the great names who have walked the shining marble stones of the Old Town Stradun.

Many celebrities anchor their luxury yachts just outside the Old Town, in front of the island of Lokrum. Roman Abramović, Paul Getty, Bill Gates, Caroline of Monaco, the King of Jordan and the Sultan of Oman are among those who value the privacy of their floating palaces. Oligarchs and humble backpackers alike succumb to the seductive beauty of Dubrovnik.



DID YOU KNOW

The Dubrovnik Republic was one of the first countries in the world to recognise the newly independent United States of America, in 1776.



The pharmacy in the Franciscan monastery in Dubrovnik has been operating continuously since 1317.



Dubrovnik passed a resolution abolishing slavery and forbidding the transport of slaves on 27 January 1416, making it the first state in Europe to abolish slavery.



The first quarantine in the world was established in Dubrovnik in 1377. Travellers arriving from areas infected with contagious disease were separated and held in the quarantine until they were proven to be healthy.

Richard the Lionheart, King of England, came to Dubrovnik in the autumn of 1192, on his return from the crusades. He took shelter from a storm on the island of Lokrum.



The Dubrovnik maritime insurance law ('Ordo super assecuratoribus', 1568) is the oldest such law in the world.



The orphanage founded at the Convent of St. Claire in 1432 was one of the first in the world.



When the Minčeta Tower was built in 1464, the builders did not have enough stones to complete the building. Everyone arriving from Gruž or Ploče was required to bring with them the heaviest stone they could carry to contribute to the project.

In 1296 the Dubrovnik Republic built a sewage system which is still in use.



Dubrovnik's navy in the 16th century consisted of 40,000 sailors and more than 180 large ships, and was one of the most powerful in the Mediterranean.



Shakespeare's 'Merchant of Venice' and 'The Taming of the Shrew' mention the term 'argosy', meaning 'a boat from Dubrovnik'.



Trsteno arboretum near Dubrovnik was founded in the 15th century and is the oldest arboretum in the world. Some of the plane trees are almost 400 years old.



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DUBROVNIK SUMMER VILLAS

The Bettera Summer Villa near Mlini

Owning a villa outside the crowded city centre still remains a dream of many - and it hasn't changed much since the 14th century when members of the Dubrovnik nobility started to understand the benefits of spending summer months away from the city crowds. Some of these villas remain in private hands, some are owned by institutions, and quite a few languish uninhabited, the potential site of some ambitious future renovation project. Very few indeed are accessible to the public, rendering Dubrovnik's villa culture an enduringly secretive, semi-hidden world.

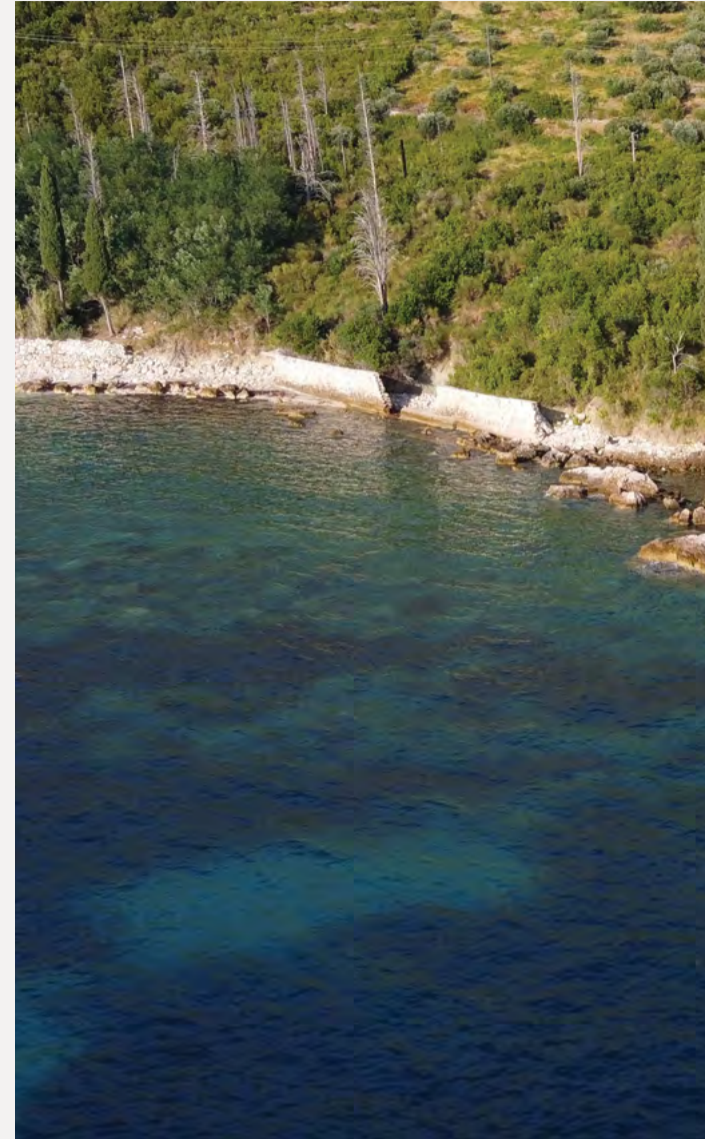


SUMMER HOUSES OF RENAISSANCE DUBROVNIK

Translations of the Croatian terms *ljetnikovac* (summer house) or *ladanjska kuća* (country house) don't quite convey how important these residences were to the life of the city. Indeed, this villa culture is just as important to the city's heritage as its medieval walls or its monastery cloisters. These residences were used all year round, and very often became the centre of a family's social life rather than simply a place of quiet retreat. They were frequently located near the family's fruit orchards, vineyards and olive groves, so they played an economic role as well. It was in the fourteenth century that Dubrovnik's wealthier families first started building second homes outside the city walls. The number of villas increased enormously in

the 16th century when it became the standard aspiration of noble families – and the wealthier non-noble families – to have a place outside the city. The 16th century explosion of second homes led to changes in lifestyle and culture. It was at these villas that people would meet to talk about, literature, culture, the latest developments in business affairs or the arts, or attend parties at which new music or plays would be performed. The villas thus became important centres of artistic and literary life.

The large and carefully laid out gardens were dedicated to the leisure pursuits of noble families and their friends. The most knowledgeable individuals of that time - philosophers, poets, painters, artists, scientists, and politicians-gathered here to share and discuss their thoughts,



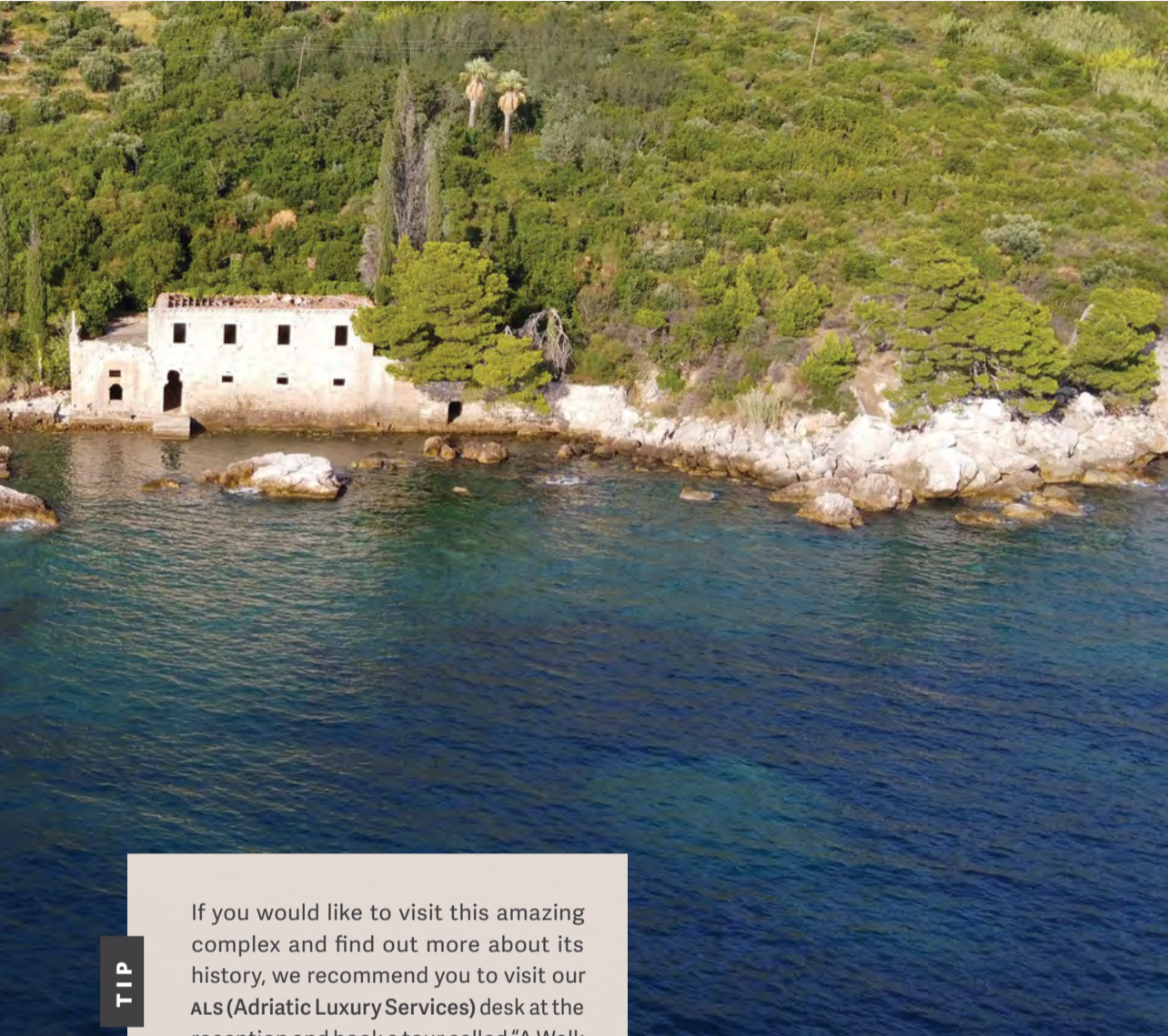
ideas, interests, and discoveries. Indeed, it wouldn't be unfair to say that Dubrovnik's cultural and scientific life took place in the villas outside the walls rather than inside the city itself.

Although there is plenty of fine architecture within the city walls, especially when it comes to the former city-state's governmental buildings (e.g. Sponza Palace, Rector's Palace), the homes of the noble families tend to be hidden behind plain stone facades – private grandeur was rarely put on public display. Also, many of the palaces of the noble families located within the city walls were damaged or destroyed in the great earthquake of 1667 and rebuilt with plainer facades. However, an aristocratic villa culture did exist outside the city walls, where Renaissance houses with walled gardens are still a prominent feature of the Dubrovnik landscape.

Today, some of these villas remain in private hands, some are owned by institutions, and a substantial number are abandoned and in a dilapidated state, waiting to be restored to their original conditions. Only a few are accessible to the public, but nonetheless, they can still tell the secrets of a time long gone.

Interestingly, along the eastern Dubrovnik coast to Župa Dubrovačka, compared with Gruž bay, Rijeka dubrovačka and Zaton which have many summer houses to show, today only eight villa complexes survive along the shores of the Župa bay.

One of the villas we will introduce you to is Villa Bettera, nestled along the shore of Župa bay near a place called Mlini. Although the complex was, unfortunately, never renovated, this villa is certainly a part of Dubrovnik Renaissance history that deserves attention, as it is the only summer house which was undoubtedly the only known place where the famous Dubrovnik scientist Ruđer Josip Bošković lived during his visits to Dubrovnik (to find out more about this important Dubrovnik person and one of the greatest universal minds of the 18th century, please continue reading on the page 14).



TIP

If you would like to visit this amazing complex and find out more about its history, we recommend you to visit our **ALS (Adriatic Luxury Services)** desk at the reception and book a tour called "A Walk Through Mlini's History". It's a guided tour of Mlini led by Vedran Mezei, author of the historical novel *The Third Key*, that introduces you to numerous interesting details related to the Bettera summer-house but also many interesting facts from Dubrovnik's history.

VILLA BETTERA

The villa complex is located directly on the rocky seacoast where the cliffs in front of the mansion form a small lagoon. This natural configuration, which mitigates the effects of the sea and at the same time makes it difficult for the uninvited to access, has certainly contributed to the choice of location and enabled the construction of a summer villa on the coast.

The history of the villa is not completely known as it goes far back to the end of the 15th or to the first half of the 16th century at the latest, as it was probably built on the land of a family of commoners by the name Radaljević.

As time passed the property came into the hands of the Martini family, and at the beginning of the 18th century, through marriage, the villa became the possession of the wealthy and successful family of merchants – the Bettera family. After that, this family owned the estate for more than two centuries. Members of the Bettera family were for sure some of the most significant public figures known in the Dubrovnik Republic such as Baro Bettera (1637-1712), a successful merchant and at one time highly esteemed poet and a translator, and his, undoubtedly, much better-known grandson, the scientist Ruđer Josip Bošković (1711-1787).

Although damaged in the great earthquake of 1667, and heavily looted and burned in 1806, this 500-year-old villa still impresses us today with its position and spatial arrangement, its cultivated natural environment and the richness of its cultural heritage, as much as with its unfortunate neglect as it was not been restored ever since. However, in 1949 villa Bettera was nationalized with the idea of being converted to a summer holiday facility and thus was partially renovated (fireplace, steel structure inside the building, brick walls). This partial renovation, which is still visible today, actually saved the villa from complete demolition because, without it, it is unlikely that the villa would stand there today. Unfortunately, the complete renovation project was never realized to the end, leaving the property to further decay.

Today, this neglected ruin is still waiting for the time to be restored to its original glory, however, we can easily know that it used to be a pleasant country residence and the centre of an exemplary economy. Nonetheless, according to a living tradition and some preserved written documents of the Bettera family, we can still imagine the greatness of this complex in terms of its architecture and grandeur. According to the findings, the Bettera complex consisted of a villa itself, boathouse, terrace with columns, back gardens and, according to the original plans from 1837, another house stood on the northwest side of the property, together with the family chapel, which was located in the summer house garden on the east side. Today, although damaged, only the villa with its ground floor and the walls and boathouse nearby have been preserved.

RUĐER BOŠKOVIĆ

What makes this place special is the fact that Bošković apparently wrote his only book in his hometown right here in Bettera in 1747, as we have already said, during his only long visit to Dubrovnik since he went to school in Rome as a 14-year old boy. It is a work "Dissertatio de maris aestu" - "Dissertation on the tides of the sea", which was published in Ancona the same year. Given that the mansion is located on the sea, it is not surprising that this place inspired him to write a book about this natural phenomenon.



DID YOU KNOW

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Nominated for the "Croatian tree of the year" there is a cypress tree, reaching a height of about three or four meters, that stubbornly grows from the stone, precisely from the facade of villa Bettera. It was named "the Ruđer Bošković cypress". In addition, the nomination was in itself contradictory because the cypress with its roots destroys the remains of a 500 century-old villa so removal of this tree would also mean rebuilding the villa itself and encouraging the planting of at least a dozen new cypress trees in the Beterina bay area.



A GREAT UNIVERSAL MIND

Incisive in thought, bold in spirit, and independent in judgement, Josip Ruđer Bošković was undoubtedly one of the greatest universal minds of the 18th century and far ahead of his time compared to others. He was born in Dubrovnik 18 May 1711, and has left an indelible mark on science in Croatia and the world.

Ruđer Bošković

(1711 — 1787)

Bošković was a multidisciplinary scientist: an astronomer, geodesist, physicist, mathematician, philosopher, hydrographer, priest, archaeologist, architect, diplomat and poet. His most significant work was in the fields of mathematics, geometry, astronomy, geodesy, optics and physics.

He was exceptionally prolific, publishing a great body of work that laid the foundations for modern science during his career, which spanned 50 years and was mainly spent in Milan, Paris and Rome. He was a member of the *Scientiarum et Artium Institutum atque Academia* in Bologna (1746), a corresponding member of the Paris Academy of Sciences (1748), an honorary member of the Tsar's Academy of Sciences in St. Petersburg (1760) and a member of the Royal Society of London (1761).

Bošković left his native Dubrovnik at an early age after completing his elementary education at the Jesuit school 'Collegium Ragusinum.' He went to Rome, again to study with the Jesuits. He took the vow and entered the order as a priest until the order was suppressed in 1773. Even though he was a priest, he was a follower of Copernicus' system, but was also the one to propose the repair of the cupola of St Peter's in Rome. He returned to Dubrovnik only once in his lifetime, for a holiday in 1747, although

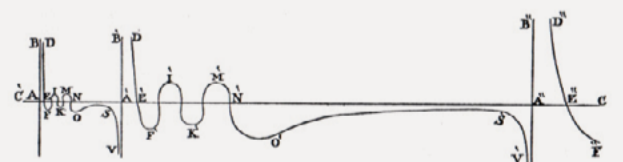
he kept in regular contact with his sister Anica and his brother Božo. He wrote regularly to them and undertook diplomatic duties on behalf of the city of Dubrovnik. Ruder lived a long, fruitful life. At the age of 76, this great Croatian scientist died of pneumonia on February 13, 1787 in Milan. He was buried in the church of Santa Maria Podone.

AN OUTSTANDING LEGACY

There are so many accomplishments that this remarkable man left us in legacy during his life, that it would probably take a whole book to describe the life of this scientific enthusiast. Here, we will point out just a few of his most important accomplishments...

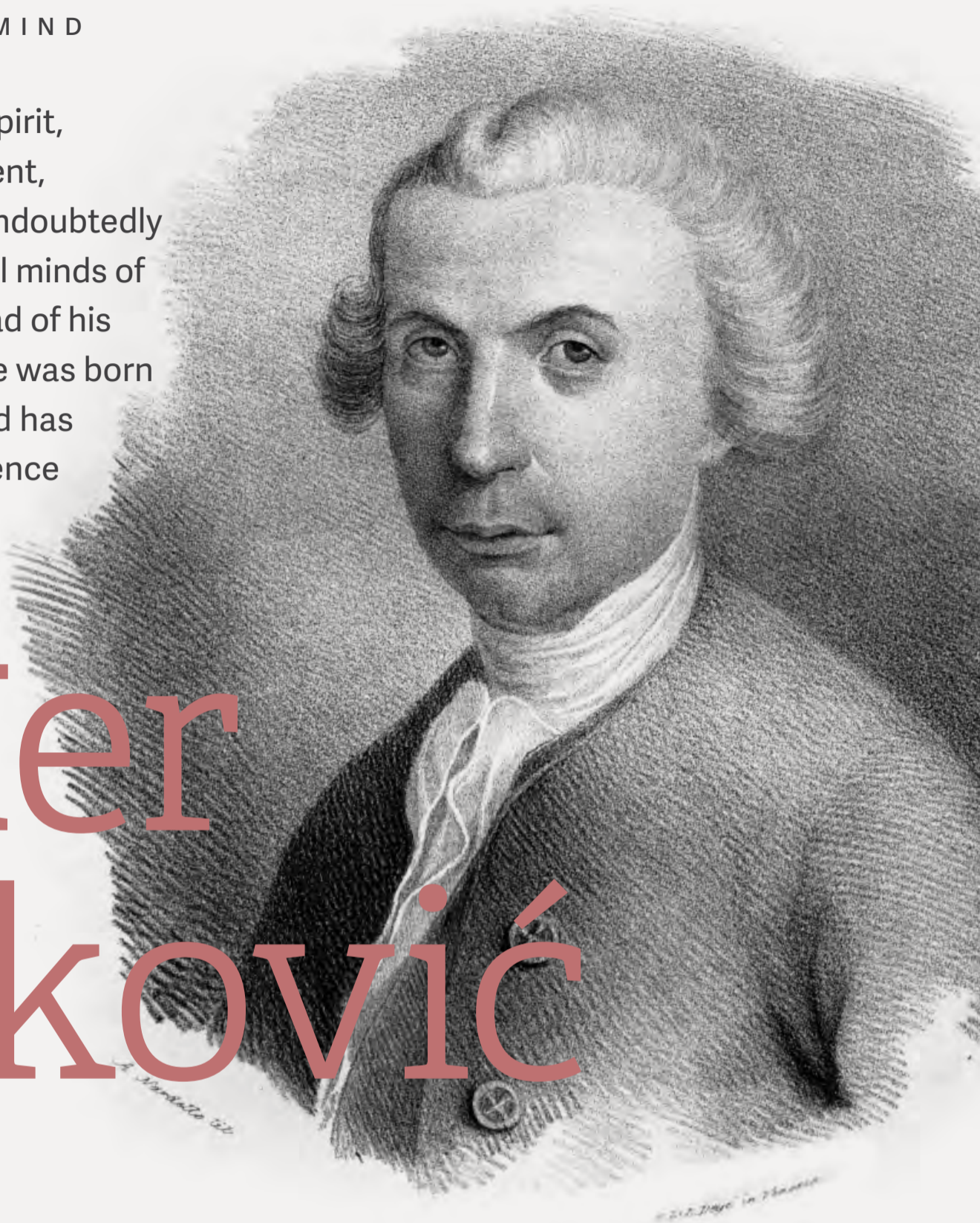
ASTRONOMY

- He was one of the first modern Croatian scientists who tried to interpret the moon and solar eclipse.
- He pioneered the method for computing the parabolic orbit of a comet from three close observations and gave the first geometric procedure for determining the equator of a rotating planet.
- He was the founder of the Brera Astronomical Observatory near Milan.
- He published five books of astronomy called 'Opera pertinentia ad opticam et astronomiam' (1785)



GEODESY AND ARCHITECTURE

- He was the first to determine the irregular shape of the Earth, which was also confirmed by J.B. Listing naming the Earth form 'a geoid'.



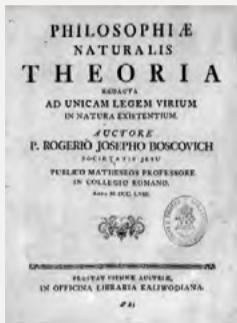


- According to Pope Benedict's order, Ruđer made a new detailed map of the Papal States in the period between 1750 and 1752.
- At the request of Empress Maria Theresa of Austria, Bošković solved the problem of the stability of the Royal Library (now the National Library) in Vienna.
- The highly delicate task of repairing cracks in the cupola of St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican was entrusted to Bošković, confirming that he was regarded as a leading European authority in static computations and civil engineering.

PHYSICS

THEORY OF THE ATOM

He can be considered a forerunner of relativity theory. He criticized Newton's understanding of absolute space and time and developed the first coherent description of atomic theory in his masterpiece 'Theoria Philosophiae Naturalis'.



It is one of the great attempts to understand the structure of the universe in a single idea which later linked him to Einstein's theory of relativity.

THEORY OF STRUCTURE OF MATTER

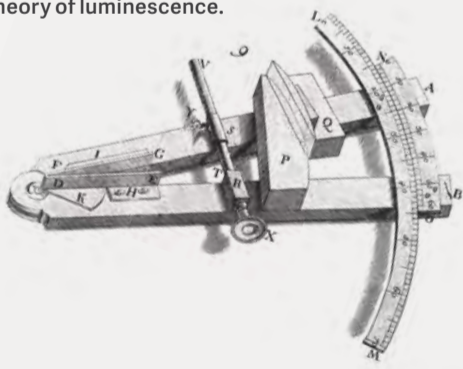
The scientific work of Ruđer Bošković encompassed many areas, but its contribution to understanding the theory of forces and structure of matter anticipated modern physics, making him a scientist two centuries ahead of his time. The forces that work between them are today represented by a curve, which is called Bošković's curve.

MATHEMATICS

- He came up with four fundamental formulas of differential trigonometry and may be regarded as the 'forerunner of the fractal theory', the mathematical basis of the theory of deterministic chaos.

OPTICS

- He invented the circular micro meter and devised an instrument for measuring the refraction and dispersion of light – the 'vitrometro'.
- He designed the optical prism with a variable angle (Bošković's prism) and developed the first satisfactory theory of luminescence.



ARCHAEOLOGY

- At the initiative of the Royal Society of London, of which he was a member, in 1761, he went to Constantinople to observe the passing of Venus in front of the sun. When he found himself in the vicinity of the ancient Troy, on the coast of Malesia, he took advantage of the opportunity and began exploring the ruins. His research has refuted the theory that Troy was located along the coast of Anatolia opposite Tenedos island (an ancient name for the Turkish island of Bozcaada). The legitimacy of his claim was later confirmed by the excavations done by Heinrich Schliemann.

MEDICINE

- In neurology, he provided an interpretation of the source of phantom pain which reflects the modern interpretation.



LITERATURE

- He is known for his literary work since he was compared with Titus Lucretius Carus (a Roman poet and philosopher). His poems were devoted to Pope Benedict XIV, the emperor Marija Teresa, cardinals, ministers, and other church and secular dignitaries. His best-known poem was 'Virgo sine labe concepta' (A Virgin without sin). He dedicated a poem laying out his own theory on solar and lunar eclipses in Latin verse to the Royal Society – De Solis ac Lunae defectibus.

DIPLOMACY

- He was a diplomat of the Dubrovnik Republic in addition to his scientific activities and managed to save Dubrovnik from a Russian attack. Though he returned to his hometown only once, in 1747, all his life, Bošković stayed in constant contact with his homeland acting in the interests of his native city.



Today the name Bošković is found on maps of the moon since a rather large lunar crater was named in his honour.

A great number of many other schools, institutions, streets and squares bear Bošković's name, as is the Ruđer Bošković multidisciplinary research institute in Zagreb, the Astronomical Society in Belgrade, the Parish Grammar School in Dubrovnik and many others. His name and portrait have appeared on many post stamps worldwide.

His legacy has been preserved in the special Boscovich Archives in the Rare Books library at the University of California in Berkeley.

During his life, Bošković published more than 75 books of capital works from mathematics, mechanics, astronomy, optics, philosophy and literature.

A teenage miracle - from the age of fifteen he wrote scientific discussions from mathematics, physics and astronomy, so he gained a reputation very early as an especially gifted scientist. He published his first observation of sunspots 'De maculis solaribus' as a twenty-two-year-old, presenting two new methods for her determining rotation elements of the Sun around its axis.

Because of his success in solving the dispute over the border waters between the Republic of Lucca and Austrian Tuscany, Bošković was awarded a title of nobility (1757).

He was a member of the Scientiarum et Artium Institutum atque Academia in Bologna, an honorary member of the Tsar's Academy of Sciences in St Petersburg, a member of Accademia dell'Arcadia (Roman literary society), a corresponding member of the French Royal Academy of Sciences, a member of the Royal Society in London and a professor at many European universities.

The scientist Nikola Tesla claimed that Einstein's theory of relativity was the creation of Bošković.

His image appeared on all banknotes issued in 1991 when Croatia gained its independence. The currency was known as the Croatian Dinar.



Dubrovnik dedicated one of its most important squares to Ruđer Bošković. The square is located in the highest spot in the city, nestled in front of the Jesuit Church of St. Ignatius and next to the Jesuit Collegium Ragusinum where he himself was educated.

Little is what we know,
so much we do not know.

Ruđer Bošković

Life

INTRODUCING WONDERFUL
THINGS MADE BY CROATIANS

According to Kawa

Dubrovnik is well known for its monumental ramparts, rich history, natural beauty, and recent forays into Hollywood & Bollywood – but a local boutique is helping put **Croatian Design** on the map, and in the process, transforming the neighbourhood just north of Lazareti.



KOMO

For centuries, merchants and visitors from all over the world congregated in the medieval quarantine of Lazareti before being allowed to enter the Republic through its eastern gate. Nowadays, the neighbourhood north of Lazareti is home to a selection of great Mediterranean eateries, a world-class steak house & cocktail bar by footballer Edin Dzeko, a traditional stone masonry, Asian street food, Cogito Coffee, and Life According to KAWA.

A shop set in a converted garage that sheltered locals during the war isn't the type of place you'd expect to find our favourite shop in Dubrovnik. But with the help of a talented young architect from Sarajevo (Armin Mesic, fo4a.ba), the space was reimaged by Jonathan and Sanja Kawaguchi into a modern and airy boutique showcasing the very best from local designers and artisans.

WHAT TO BUY

KAWA supports local designers, artisans, & artists. So you'll find an interesting array of small-batch design, beautiful homeware, ceramics, craft beer, award-winning Croatian wine & distillations, hand-roasted coffee, traditional treats, souvenirs, cosmetics, books, handbags, sunglasses, jewellery, and clothing.



BOW TIE BY ISOLA

ACCESSORIES

From must-have handbags hand-stitched from top quality Italian leather to simple totes. Designer sunglasses, backpacks, belts, bowties, suspenders, and wallets. You'll have plenty of opportunity to pick up accessories to complement your wardrobe. But what to bring home you ask? We'll make it easy. Leather bags by KOMO. Wallets by GoRetro. Or be like Beyonce, sunglasses by Sheriff&Cherry.



TREGERI BY GORETRO

COFFEE

You either love the local coffee scene or you miss your local coffee house. Regardless, you can find locally roasted freshly ground single origin and select blends at KAWA. Cold brew coffee, Kombucha, & brewing kits available.

COSMETICS

Organic handmade soaps, skincare, moisturizers, & perfume. This is your chance to take advantage of some incredibly high-quality cosmetics. Locally sourced and without the mark-up of international brands, you might end up back at home wishing you bought more.

CRAFT BEER

Hop lovers rejoice! Large selection of cold Croatian craft beer and a few dry ciders that can be imbibed whilst shopping. Try the interesting collabs from Dubrovnik craft master brewer Maskeron (@maskeron.beer) or anything by The Garden Brewery.

DESIGN

A wonderful mix of unique and original items that are certain to look great in your home. We recommend internationally awarded VAU everyday functional objects for home and office; minimalist furniture by Artisan, wood bowls made from thousands year old reclaimed oak, coffee & espresso cups by Marinski Heartmades and Tea Radic; quirky canned dioramas by Croatian actor Vladimir Tintor.



TRIANGLE BOTTLE OPENER BY VAU

FASHION

Unique selection of dresses, tunics & tops from indie and established Croatian designers. We love the quirky casual fashion by Levin & Coco, one-off pieces by Fasada, & you'll invoke smiles from strangers with Happy Cevapi or Battle of Dubrovnik GoT vs. Star Wars limited edition t's.



VENEZIA BY SHERIFF & CHERRY

FOOD

For you and your favourite foodie friends. Gorgeous recipe books created by local chefs, hand-made olive wood serving boards, award winning Croatian olive oils, world famous Istrian truffles, salt served to emperors, and other local goodies. For a special treat, book a gourmet picnic with Alex (piknikdubrovnik.com). A secret food room in the back of the shop that started during quarantine is now permanently stocked with American candies, Asian instant noodles, & other international ingredients. Sounds strange we know, but somehow it works!



AWARD-WINNING OLIVE OIL BY PERDISACCA



EVA BY ANITA DUJIC (JUNO STUDIO)

— JEWELRY —

Distinctive pieces and styles to suit a wide range of tastes. From playful and fun jewelry to clean modern necklaces. Fall in love with the whimsical designs created by Dubrovnik biologist *Vicious Delicious*, local silver filigree by *Antolovic*, or beautiful contemporary Croatian jewelry by *Anita Dujic (Juno Studio)*.

— WINE —

It's still hard to find good Croatian wine outside of Croatia so take advantage of being *local* while you can. Sommelier/Star Wars die-hard, Bozidar Jukic (bespoke foodie & wine tours insiderholidays.eu) selected his favourite wines for KAWA. Look for locally produced wines: *Crvik Vilin Ples* (Top 10 Best Croatian Reds) or *Fiora* (Syrah rose chilled for instant balcony gratification); *Testament Organic Posip* (95 Gold Decanter Award); or *Benmosche Family Dingac* (served at the us Presidential inauguration).

— SPIRITS —

Micro-distilled gins made from all-natural Croatian botanicals & liqueurs produced in small batches with an attention to premium quality ingredients. Is it time for an afternoon sundowner yet? The *Old Pilot's London Dry Gin* (Winner – Best London Dry Gin International World Spirit Competition) sells out quickly so grab a bottle if you can or try their new platinum refined vodka. An international selection of mescal, whiskey, & sake available.



OLD PILOT'S GIN MADE WITH 100% CROATIAN BOTANICALS



— EVENTS & GIFTS —

If you are planning an event in Dubrovnik, their knowledgeable staff can help customize 100% unique Croatian gift bags based on both your needs and budget. The shop also offers lovely gift boxes, packaging, & can arrange international shipping.

VISIT

KAWA is a wonderfully curated shop with a relaxed low-key atmosphere, jaw-dropping views, and very helpful and friendly staff. Don't miss out. Be sure to visit. If for nothing else, you'll experience more of what Croatia has to offer.

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Tastes of Dubrovnik Green Market

As Croatians still cling to a “shop small”, buy locally and eat-home-cooked mentality most of the towns and villages set up a daily market at which residents can purchase fresh ingredients and even textiles or home goods in tiny batches, rather than stock up en masse at a super-sized supermarket.

Strolling through these town markets, typically held outdoors in a central square, gives visitors an unparalleled glimpse into the day-to-day life of locals. So...

Plan to forgo your hotel continental breakfast one morning while in Dubrovnik, and hightail it to the Gundulićeva Poljana, or Gundulić Square, one of Dubrovnik’s most bustling squares and home to the town’s popular daily morning market. Set in the middle of Dubrovnik’s charming Old Town in the shadows of the Dubrovnik Cathedral, the market is a veritable hub of produce and other sundries, which can be bought for a pittance and become the makings of a tasty - and fresh - breakfast.

Dried fruits are everywhere. Beautifully dried. “Look at these figs! And taste? Absolutely! Taste! Compare mine



to hers! Taste!” — Each person is completely committed to his product, proud of it, and happy to share it with you.

Spend time meandering through the many stands, scoping out whatever fruits and veggies are in season and admiring the fish vendors, though you’ll also find folks hawking nuts, olive oils, homemade wine and fruit brandy, as well as non-edible goods like hand-sewn tablecloths.



Expect old-school weight scales and vendors speaking CRinglish [trying but struggling English with Croatian words throw in (like you are supposed to understand them) delivered with a smile and a lot of hand gestures]

... which is why we prepared you a “Pardon my Croatian” lesson for you:

For an ultimate Dubrovnik #Instamoment wait until noon, when hundreds of pigeons, already lined up on the nearby roofs, impatiently wait for Dubrovnik belltower to strike, announcing the time to come soaring down to the market for their corn & grains lunch.

While the boisterous market is one of the most popular events to occur in the square, Gundulićeva is also a scenic spot to stop for an afternoon coffee and a venue for evening concerts in warm weather.

Happy exploring and bon appetite!!



Pardon my Croatian

DUBROVNIK GREEN MARKET EDITION

Following our earlier Green Market story here are some useful phrases for getting around, which will, if nothing else, draw a smile from your vendor.



GOOD AFTERNOON — DOBAR DAN.
[DOE-bahr dahn]

...

Or if you want to keep it in a more relaxed and local manner:

HI — KENOVA.
[KE-no-va]

IS IT FRESH? — JE LI FREŠKO?
[Yeh-lee freshko]

IS IT HOMEMADE? — JE LI JE DOMAĆE?
[Yeh-lee DOH-ma-chay]

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?
— KOLIKO KOŠTA?
[ko-lee-ko KO-shta]

or simply (and definitively locally)

POŠTO?
[po-shto]

Bear in mind that you will probably get a price for 1 Kilo, so if the metric system isn't your strong suit, here is a cheat sheet:

— 1 kg is 2.2 pounds
— 1.5 kg is 3.3 pounds
— 2 kg is 4.4 pounds and more than that you probably don't need!

With the summer season in the Mediterranean, we present the following fruits and vegetables:

(also bear in mind that these are local expressions, which are not often used outside the Dubrovnik region, but will definitely earn you „extra points“ with Dubrovnik market ladies)

PAPRIKA — PAPRIKA
[PA-pri-ka]

Croatian is a piece of cake, right?

TOMATOES — POMADORE
[po-MA-dor-ay]

ZUCCHINIS — TIKVICE
[TIK-vi-tsay]

EGGPLANTS — BALANČANE
[ba-LAN-cha-ney]
good luck with this one

CUCUMBERS — KUKUMARI
[KU-ku-ma-ri]
no we are not kidding

PEACHES — PRASKE
[pra-skey]

PLUMS — ŠLJIVE
[shLYI -vey]
just try to squeeze a little Y sound next to the L!

CANTALOUPE — PIPUN
[PI-poon]

WATER MELON — DINJA
[DIN-ya]

CHERRIES — KRIJEŠVE
[krY-jesh-vey]
if it doesn't work the first time just give up with this one and point with your finger

GRAPES — GROŽĐE
[groz-jay]

if you want it red, ask for black (no kidding)

CRNO GROŽĐE
[tsrno]

and for White ask for

BIJELO GROŽĐE
[bee-ye-lo]

With the classics for the end:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH
— HVALA LIJEPA
[HVAh-lah LYEH-pah]

GOODBYE! — ADIO!
[adio]



73rdDubrovnik
Summer
Festival

10 JULY – 25 AUGUST

One of the oldest and most prestigious European festivals, member of the European Festivals Association since 1956, the Dubrovnik Summer Festival will take place from 10 July to 25 August 2022 on a number of open-air venues and site-specific locations of the Old City of Dubrovnik and during those 47 days will present rich and diverse theatre, music, dance and folklore programme.

PROGRAMME

10 July | SUN

21.00
In front of St. Blaise's Church
73rd Dubrovnik Summer Festival Opening Ceremony
AIDA BUKVIĆ script and direction
IVAN HUT Conductor

11 July | MON

21.30
Rector's Palace Atrium
NURIA RIAL & ACCADEMIA DEL PIACERE
NURIA RIAL soprano
ACCADEMIA DEL PIACERE
FAHMI ALQHAH violi da gamba and musical direction

12 July | TUE

21.00
Sponza Palace Atrium, Lazareti
EXHIBITION OPENING
IZVOR PENDE

13 – 16 July | WED – SAT

21.30
Lovrjenac Fort
Festival Drama Ensemble
William Shakespeare: HAMLET
PAOLO MAGELLI Director
Subtitled in English

14 July | THU

21.30
Rector's Palace Atrium
Dubrovnik Symphony Orchestra String Chamber Ensemble
IVAN HUT Conductor

18 July | MON

21.30
Rector's Palace Atrium
LOVRO POGORELIĆ piano



19 – 22 July | TUE – FRI

21.30
Saint Jacob
PREMIERE
Festival Drama Ensemble
LOVERS
ALEKSANDAR ŠVABIĆ Director

23, 24 July | SAT, SUN

21.30
Gradac park
Croatian National Theatre of Zagreb
PRIDE AND PREJUDICE
ballet
LEO MUJIĆ Director and Choreographer

25 July | MON

21.30
Rector's Palace Atrium
THE ZAGREB STRING QUARTET
ŽARKO PERIŠIĆ bassoon
MILAN MILOŠEVIĆ clarinet

25 July | MON

21.30
Jadran Open-air Cinema
In Collaboration with Dubrovnik Cinemas
PULA FILM FESTIVAL
Award Winning Croatian Film
free entrance

26 – 29 July | TUE – FRI

21.30
Playground below Minčeta Fort
Festival Drama Ensemble
Ivan Salečić: **LION HOUSE**
AIDA BUKVIĆ Director

29 July | FRI

21.30
Rector's Palace Atrium
FAZIL SAY piano

30 July | SAT

21.30
Gradac park
Zagreb Dance Ensemble
REVEL
ROSER LÓPEZ ESPINOSA Choreographer

30, 31 July | SAT, SUN

TBA
Bunić-Kaboga Summer Villa
Mala Scena Theatre

31 July | SUN

21.30
Rector's Palace Atrium
ROMAN SIMOVIĆ violin

1 – 4 August | MON – THU

21.30
Kazerma
MARA I KATA
SAŠA BOŽIĆ Director
IN COLLABORATION WITH
NATAŠA DANGUBIĆ (Mara)
DORIS ŠARIĆ KUKULJICA (Kata)

3 August | WED

21.30
Gradac park
LINDO FOLKLORE ENSEMBLE

6 August | SAT

21.30
TBA
VEČER MILANA MILIŠIĆA

8 August | MON

21.30
Rector's Palace Atrium
LIBER STATUTORUM CIVITATIS RAGUSII

12 – 14 August | FRI – SUN

TBA
Lovrjenac Fort
PREMIERE
Sunčana Škrinjarić: **THE ENCHANTED FOREST**
LEA ANASTAZIJA FLEGER Director

13 August | SAT

21.30
Rector's Palace Atrium
MILOŠ KARADAGLIĆ guitar

15, 16 August | MON, TUE

21.30
Lazareti
Lero Student Theatre
Davor Mojaš: **LADIES' PARK**
DAVOR MOJAŠ Director

17 – 21 August | WED – SUN

21.30
Island of Lokrum
PREMIERE
Festival Drama Ensemble
F. G. Lorca: **BLOOD WEDDING**
FRANKA PERKOVIĆ GAMULIN Director

18 August | THU

21.30
Rector's Palace Atrium
DUBROVNIK SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
DAWID RUNTZ Conductor
LUCIJA STILINOVIĆ flute
VERONIKA ČIKOVIĆ harp

19 August | FRI

21.30
Gradac park
LINDO FOLKLORE ENSEMBLE

20 August | SAT

21.30
Jadran Open-air Cinema
PREMIERE
CROATIAN TV DOCUMENTARY
50 GODINA ARETEJ

23, 24 August | TUE, WED

21.30
Gradac park
Croatian National Theatre of Zagreb
Elena Ferrante: **MY BRILLIANT FRIEND**
MARINA PEJNOVIĆ Director

25 August | THU

22.00
In front of Cathedral
OPERA GALA
CROATIAN RADIO AND TELEVISION SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA
IVAN REPUŠIĆ Conductor
NADINE SIERRA soprano
FILIP FILIPOVIĆ tenor

MORE INFO

Programme subject to alteration

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2022 HIGHLIGHTS

APRIL-JUNE

Dubrovnik Musical Spring, music cycle

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER

International Late Summer Music Festival Dubrovnik

OCTOBER

Stradun Classic, chamber music festival

OCTOBER

Autumn Music Variety, music cycle

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Dress and Fashion Etiquette

Croatians are known as dedicated followers of fashion and care about their appearance, so you will rarely see someone looking sloppy even if they are just going to buy something at the grocery store or going out for a beach walk.

Having a pretty sophisticated sense of style, men often wear branded sport clothes for day and classy dress shirts when out at night. Women, on the other hand, are often fully dressed (hair, makeup, clothes, jewellery) and no matter which time of day it is, they will always look like they are on a fashion catwalk.



TIPS

- Never, ever wear socks with sandals
- Never wear too much perfume as it will look like you did not shower
- if you decide to go for a walk in the Old Town (especially after the beach) be aware of the formal dress code law: You can't walk around in your bathing suit. So cover up a bit. For men, this means wear a shirt. – Otherwise, you will pay a fine.
- Never leave home without sunglasses - Rain, hail, or sun, it's not a secret that sunglasses are a must-have fashion accessory. Shhhh... it is common to have two pairs, cheap ones for the beach and expensive and more stylish ones for going out or walking in the city.

TOP 10 BY MARIA STORE

Dream-Haves

MINI

If you've got it flaunt it! Show off your perfect beach body in distressed denim shorts and body con off-shoulder top and spice it up with playful accessories for the ultimate summer statement look.



KHAITE



LOEWE



VALENTINO



LOEWE



SAINT LAURENT

MAXI

Turn on the drama with a floor sweeping, floral maxi dress and accessorize it with a XL leather knit tote bag, tassel gold drop earrings, movie-star oversize sunglasses and breathtaking sandals with sculptural heels.



BALENCIAGA



LINDA FARROW



BOTTEGA VENETA



ALAIA



SAINT LAURENT

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Maria

CELINE, BALENCIAGA, LOEWE, GUCCI, VALENTINO, SAINT LAURENT, BOTTEGA VENETA, ALAÏA, CHLOÉ, STELLA MCCARTNEY, KHAITE, GIVENCHY, CECILIE BAHNSEN, VITA KIN, MONCLER, JOHANNA ORTIZ, FALIERO SARTI, MAISON MICHEL, CULT GAIA, NENSI DOJAKA, BORSALINO, IVI JEWELRY, ASHERALI KNOPFER, DELFINA DELETTREZ, LAUREN RUBINSKI, GIANVITO ROSSI, ALEVI, LINDA FARROW LUXE

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OSTREA EDULIS

Heart of Iron

No, it's not a new computer fantasy game; we're talking about oysters – also known as sea aphrodisiacs, *Ostrea edulis* in Latin or *kamenice* in Croatian. These world-renowned delicacies come from a small bay near Dubrovnik that has become a destination for the true gourmand.

OYSTERS LOVE OR HATE

How hungry did the first person to eat that have to be?

This interesting question was actually posed in the pages of National Geographic. Few dishes can rival the raw oyster for unpalatable appearance and general "ick" factor.

If undaunted by the oyster's rough, rocky, nearly-impossible-to-open shell, the undoubtedly famished first taster would then have confronted the gray, slimy appearance of its plump body. Once beyond any primal gag reflex though, this seminal slurper would have been surprisingly rewarded with the oyster's delicate, chewy texture, rich flavour, and salty liquor.

Or not? The taste of raw oysters is one of those flavours most people simply love or hate. Rarely can you hear someone say "Oh well, they're kind of OK, nothing special".

Personally, we are on the love side. We particularly appreciate the way American TV chef and author Anthony Bourdain described his first oyster experience:

"I remember it like I remember losing my virginity, and in many ways more fondly. It tasted of seawater ... of brine and flesh... and of the future. Everything was different now. My brother's expression of unrestrained revulsion... reinforced the sense that I had somehow become a man."

Admittedly, they're not for everyone, but adventurous humans the world over have enjoyed oysters, raw and cooked, for thousands of years, benefiting also from their high calcium, iron, and protein content.

LOVE

Or at least decide to give them a try

Oyster aficionados agree that a good oyster must be served cold, fresh (look for white to gray colour), preferably be medium in size, tender and juicy. Oysters are best when opened right out of the sea, sprinkled with lemon juice, and followed by a sip of wine.

Rare and exotic, such highly prized delicacies are often a luxury available to the lucky few, unless you're vacationing in Dubrovnik!

Mali Ston, a small bay about 45 minutes drive north of Dubrovnik is one of the few remaining places in the Mediterranean that still has water clean and clear enough, along with an unique set of favourable hydrological conditions to support oyster farming.

Oysters have been harvested in Ston since Roman times. The peak of oyster season is the beginning of March,



traditionally starting with the feast of St. Joseph, when they are the fullest, but can be enjoyed fresh throughout the entire summer.

The simplest way to join the hedonistic club of oyster aficionados is to drive up to Ston and wait on the one of the piers for growers to return from their oyster beds. Better yet, pair oysters with octopus salad or black shellfish risotto at one of the local restaurants.

If you are interested in booking this tour we recommend you to visit our ALS (Adriatic Luxury Services) desk at the reception.

WHILE IN THE AREA...

While it is a common belief that oysters are best paired with champagne, we beg to differ! Wine is the natural companion to oysters. So since you are already in the Peljašac wine growing region, use this opportunity to discover one of the many wine tours the area has to offer – here is an ALH suggestion



Are Oysters an Aphrodisiac? The food of love?

The oyster's reputation as an aphrodisiac dates back thousands of years. The Roman satiric poet Juvenal wrote of women's rampant behaviour after consuming wine and eating giant oysters. Casanova is said to have eaten fifty a day for breakfast. Nutritionists have never found anything in an oyster to support the theory, and would argue that the Roman ladies are more likely to have been aroused by the wine than the oysters. But the oyster is a rich source of zinc, one of the minerals required for the production of testosterone, so there may be something in it. And none could deny that the psychological impact of simply believing in the oyster's aphrodisiac power may be enough to stimulate desire and more vigorous performance. In other words, if you believe it will work, it just might!

ALSO VISIT

STON CITY WALLS

One of the best kept secrets – the longest complete fortress system around a town in Europe – in fact second after the Great Wall of China.

STON SALT WORKS

Sea salt harvesting facilities that date back to the period of Dubrovnik Republic and still operate as they did 500 years ago.



A SPECIAL SPOT BY THE OLD TOWN HARBOUR

Porporela

At first glance, the pier in the old town harbour might seem just like a breakwater. Yet this historical spot has a special place, not only in the history of Dubrovnik but also in the hearts of its citizens. The most enchanted part of the City, the place where one was kissed for the first time, a favourite beach, a place where we had the most beautiful walks with that special someone... this pier, called Porporela, is all of that.

Porporela was built as early as the mid-14th century in a slightly different form than we see today. To be precise, in 1347, the city authorities decided to build a 51-meter-long breakwater on the western entrance to the city harbour to protect it from the turbulent sea. In the beginning, this was in fact, just a large pile of stones, and it was not until 1873 that a proper walled shore - Porporela - was built.

Six years later, in a major storm, large waves knocked out a huge 3159 kilogram stone on Porporela, which was later on rebuilt into the breakwater and is still there today, marked and very much visited as a major attraction.

The name Porporela is derived from the Latin word "purpura", which means a series of reefs, or a shore built from a series of reefs.



MUST VISIT

Listed as one of the ultimate love spots in Dubrovnik and yet hidden from inquisitive eyes, Porporela is one of the most romantic places within the Old Town, which couples and locals visit to enjoy amazing sunsets and sounds of waves splashing against the rocks.

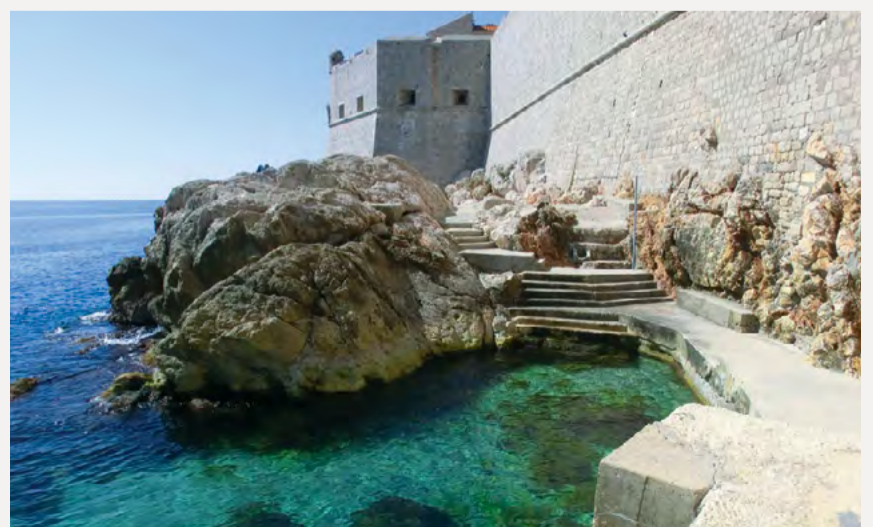
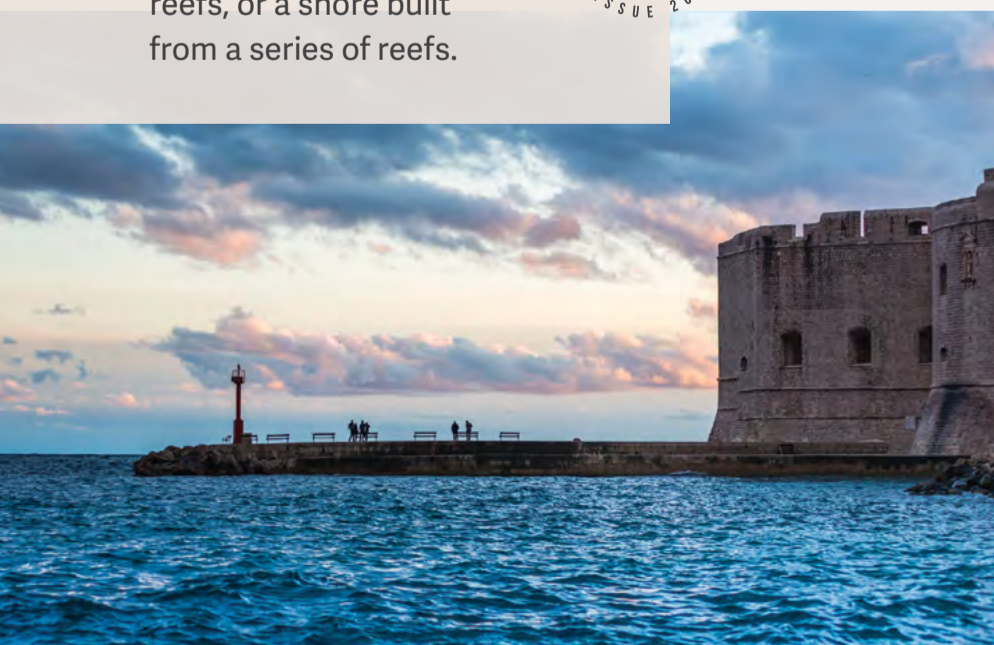
Nestled below the mighty fortress of St. John which protected the southern part of the City against attacks from the sea, Porporela, over time, became a favourite promenade and romantic meeting spot. The beautiful view of the magical city walls, Island of Lokrum, city harbour and Revelin Fortress have made it a favourite for those in love. From Porporela you can see the island of Lokrum, which, during clear and calm weather, seems so close, just within a hand reach and which you can literally reach by swimming.

Beneath the red light that separates the sea from the mainland with its strong blinks, the stone is polished by droplets of salt and the sea waves which, during the strong south wind, flow down the Porporela steps like waterfalls. On its very end stands, carved in stone, the wind rose (compass) with the inscribed words: courage, faith, knowledge.

Porporela is also a place where locals come in the summertime to swim and relax. However, if you are lucky, you will be able to spot some local swimmers who come here throughout the whole year. These are the bravest ones, who, even in the coldest months, decide to come to Porporela and jump into the sea.

Porporela is very popular during the annual festival called "Porporela Night", each June. It's an open event that offers a rich selection of food and drinks, good music, sweepstakes, and a lottery whose proceeds go to charity. The crown of the festivity is the traditional inauguration of the new-old Rector of the Republic of Porporela. This event shows how special Porporela is to the citizens of Dubrovnik.

In the middle of summer, Porporela also serves as the main venue of the Wild League, the famous amateur water polo tournament among teams representing different Dubrovnik beaches – also "a must" visit event.



BEST DUBROVNIK INSTAMOMENTS

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Porta

As you begin to explore the walls, squares, monuments and churches of the Old Town for a good photo op, it is virtually impossible not to notice the array of different doors and doorways;

opened or closed, creaky, ornate or quirky, with brass or metal lion's heads, nautical themed knockers, and the occasional demonic or angelic equivalent... Or the abandoned ones, just sitting there, slowly deteriorating, haunting your imagination as you walk by.



And it is almost impossible not to pause for a second, to just stare at them or to peek inside and steal a glance of what lies beyond them. Our innate curiosity gets the better of us.

It's because beyond each door is an array of possibilities and realities. Each building, house and home has its own story, its own character and personality, its own history and tradition, faith and culture, its own energy; an entrance to a whole new micro-world...

And this is what entices many of us to take our cameras out.



PORTA *cro.* old colloquial word for entryways and doorways in Dubrovnik



And while we don't want to spoil the thrill of your exploration, here are some great spots that all true door-image collectors should have in their portfolios:

— The newly refurbished DOORS OF SPONZA PALACE, a 16th century palace that served a variety of public functions, including as a customs office and bonded warehouse, armoury, treasury, bank and school. Dating as far as far as the palace itself, the doors are inscribed with the word DOGANA (custom-house) and bears the coloured coat of arms of the Dubrovnik Republic.



— The ornate green entrance DOORS OF THE RECTOR'S PALACE, the former administrative centre of the Dubrovnik Republic. When you get there, step inside to see the inner doorway on the upper level leading to the hall of the Major Council, famous for its Latin inscription "OBLITI PRIVATORUM PUBLICA CURATA." This phrase reminds civic leaders that the common good should be given priority over private matters, epitomising the political ideals of the Dubrovnik Republic.



— The quirky "hobbit-sized" DOORS CARVED INTO THE CLIFF IN THE PILE (WEST) HARBOUR, which, somehow end up in everyone's photos.

#GoT Fans, do you recognise these? It is the place where the Gold Cloaks went on a killing spree for King Joffrey in season 2, carrying out the massacre of all of Robert Baratheon's bastard children.



— The secret "BUŽA" DOORS. Buža literally means "a hole" in Dubrovnik's famous walls. Buža I and Buža II take you to cliff bars where the atmosphere is casual, the drink selection limited but tasty, and the views at sunset utterly stupendous.



— "VRATA NA KOLJENO" literally, "doors on the knee" Through the Old Town, but primarily on the main street Stradun, you will notice these "knee doors", a combination of doors and windows, in a single frame spanned by a semi-circular stone arch. These were all shop fronts allowing the shopkeepers to close the door, then open the window to sell goods over the counter.

AN ISLAND WITH A SECRET

Lokrum

A NATURAL FOREST RESERVE



Only the imagination of a skilled writer could have placed an island like Lokrum by a city like this one. When you set foot on Lokrum, you encroach upon a mystery. You can hear the murmur of the whispers of all the lovers who have gazed at the stars from this very spot, hear the rustling of silks and the beating of wings, the sound of poems and the muttering of Latin prayers, as if you were hearing them now in the cloister of the Benedictine monastery. Lokrum is under a spell, a spell that you cannot hope to undo.

LUKO PALJETAK

The natural environment of Lokrum reveals to us the beautiful contrast between its dark caves and its eternal green forests. But many questions arise concerning why Lokrum possesses such a wealth of preserved nature. The secret lies in a relationship between man and nature that dates from ancient times.

The earliest written records mentioning Lokrum appeared in the year 1023, when the Benedictine monks became owners of the island. The origin of the name itself comes from the Latin word *ACRUMEN*, a collective name for citrus fruits and oranges.

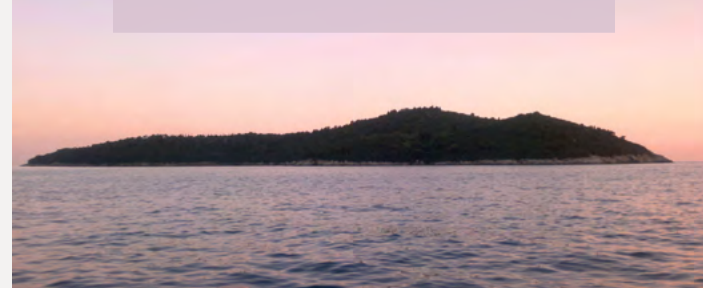
The very first gardens were created by Benedictines in the 11th century, when the monks planted the first decorative species on Lokrum. Later in the 19th century, Maximilian Habsburg created beautiful tropical gardens connected by walking paths and brought new plant species to the island. In 1959 the National Academy of Science and Art established a botanical garden that is open to visitors today. On almost two hectares of land, one can see 70 different species of eucalyptus, the largest collection of eucalyptus growing outside Australia, and more than 853 exotic species of plants. Around 453 are trees and bushes and about 400 are succulents.

In 1964, Lokrum was declared a Managed Natural Reserve, and in 1976 it was proclaimed a Special Forest Vegetation Reserve under the protection of UNESCO. Out of total 0.7 km² of Lokrum's area, 0.6 km² is covered with dense vegetation. Thus, looking and observing this island from the outside is not enough to reveal all the treasures that

one can find on Lokrum. Surrounded by the sea from all sides, Lokrum provides the perfect ecological conditions for the development of diverse fauna, not only on land but also in the sea. It is interesting to mention that the island is home to 156 bird species from 43 different bird families. However, the pride of Lokrum from its beginnings to the present day has remained the peacocks brought by Maximilian 150 years ago from the Canary Islands.

FOR THE BRAVE

Another natural attraction of this islet is the Purple Cave, which gets its name from the purple seaweed that covers the rocks. This place is little known to tourists and even to the residents of Dubrovnik because it's hidden at the far end of the island. It can only be reached by boat or by walking path.



A JOURNEY THROUGH THE HISTORY

It was the year 1023, the celebration of St. Benedict's day. Dubrovnik was caught in a large fire. The citizens were so afraid that they made a vow to St. Benedict - if he saved Dubrovnik and all the people in it; they would build a church and a monastery in gratitude for saving their lives. The same moment that Dubrovnik citizens said the words of their vow, the fire was gone. In order to fulfil their promise, they built a monastery on Lokrum the same year.



The history of Lokrum is very extensive, since this island experienced many events and had many different owners who all died in a tragic or mysterious way. It is thought that before the Benedictines came to the island in 1023, Lokrum was an almshouse for the poor. After founding the monastery, Benedictines enjoyed the position of owners of the island for seven long centuries (11th - 18th century). In the 17th century, a quarantine area called Lazzaretti was built on Lokrum as prevention against epidemics. The remains of the old walls can still be seen today.

On April 6th, 1667 the fatal destiny befell Dubrovnik and the island of Lokrum when a powerful earthquake destroyed much of the city and buildings on Lokrum in a matter of seconds. Those seconds left deep scars on the island. The earthquake destroyed the church, and severely damaged the Lokrum monastery, which never managed to recover. On August 7th, 1798, the Senate of the Dubrovnik Republic decided to sell the island of Lokrum and all its possessions, which were the property of the Benedictine monastery, to 12 wealthy private buyers. The banished Benedictines then cursed the island and all its future owners.

In 1806 Napoleon conquered Dubrovnik and at the same time, built the fortress, "Fort Royale", on Glavica, the highest hill on Lokrum. Twenty years later, Archduke Maximilian Habsburg, became the owner of Lokrum. It was destiny that brought him here, on May 9th, 1859, because of the explosion of the Austrian war ship Triton, which was anchored near Lokrum. In memory of those who had perished in the explosion, Maximilian put a cross engraved with their names on the northern part of Lokrum. He fell

in love in the island the minute he set his foot there and transformed it into a beautiful Garden of Eden where magic and luxury could be felt in every corner. Thanks to him you can now enjoy walking among 500 different kinds of trees, flowers, plants and bushes.

Following the death of Maximilian, in 1875, his brother, the Austrian emperor Franz Josef I, visited Lokrum and decided to buy the island for his son Rudolf who became the owner of Lokrum in 1880. However, Rudolf remained on Lokrum only for a short period of time with his wife Stephanie. After Rudolf's suicide in 1889, Franz Josef I donated Lokrum to the Dominicans who became its owners on May 5th, 1891 by accepting the terms of the agreement that emperor Franz demanded. The terms stated that Dominicans were not allowed to sell or donate the island. However, in 1919 princess Windischgratz bought the island from Dominicans. Six years later, in 1925, the princess sold Lokrum to the former Yugoslav government for 11 million kunas. After World War II, Lokrum's treasures were placed under the official protection of Croatia.

THE ISLAND OF LEGENDS

There is something mystical with this island, something that no story can ever tell. It is an island of unbelievable beauty and priceless treasures wrapped in a veil of legend and mystery.

THE LEGEND OF THE BENEDICTINE CURSE

The hasty termination of the monks' stay on Lokrum obviously left behind lasting consequences. It is believed that on that dark night in 1798 when the monks were forced to leave the island of Lokrum for good, they gathered together, put their hoods deep over their faces, lit the candles and turned them upside down so that the wax could fall on the path as they walked. Carrying the candles like this, Benedictines circled the island three times, through the ancient walkways, saying prayers, singing songs and murmuring chants. Setting their way deep into the night they cast a curse in Latin: "Let the one who owns the island and takes it for his own pleasures be damned forever...". According to the legend, when dawn started to creep over the horizon, the Benedictines took their places in a ship and left the island forever, without even once looking back at Lokrum for the last time. From that point in time, legend has placed a dramatic veil over the island. Shortly after, three nobles from Dubrovnik who wanted to sell the island died of unnatural causes - one of them drowned, another fell off a cliff and the third one was killed.

Cursed fate did not miss Maximilian Ferdinand or any other owner of Lokrum. All of them died shortly after buying the island.

THE VOW OF THE RICHARD THE LIONHEART

One of the most famous legends of the island of Lokrum goes far back into the past. It was the year 1192 when the English King Richard I, the Lionheart, was caught in a terrible storm on the Adriatic coast as he was returning home from the Third Crusade together with his queen. He suffered a shipwreck and he made a vow to build two churches dedicated to the Virgin Mary if he survived. The first church would be built on the exact place wherever he first set his foot on firm ground, and the second church would be built in England when he returned home. Lokrum was the first place where he disembarked. The authorities of Dubrovnik suggested to him to build the church inside the city of Dubrovnik. In return, Dubrovnik citizens promised him that they would later build a church on Lokrum at their own expense and thus fulfil his vow.

And so it was. Today if you walk through the Old Town in Dubrovnik, you can see Dubrovnik Cathedral, which was begun in 1116 and completed in 1159. The Cathedral lies on the exact location of an earlier Byzantine church, which was built in the 12th century as a fulfilment of the King Richard's vow.

GETTING THERE

You can get to Lokrum by a lovely 10-minute boat ride with the "Skala" and "Zrinski" vessels, which depart every half hour from the Old City port. Tickets can be purchased at the pier, just before boarding. The first boat departs from the Old City port at 9 a.m. and the last one returns from Lokrum at 7 or 8 p.m. (depending on the season). Visitors are forbidden to stay on the island overnight. Boat transportation is available 7 months of the year, from April through October.

For more information please visit www.lokrum.hr



VISIT

A must-see is the lake "Dead Sea" - a small salt water lake connected to the open sea on the east side of the island. However, there are plenty of beaches for every visitor to take a swim. Signs are posted throughout the island so there is no danger of getting lost. One more pleasure is provided on every beach - a fresh-water shower for those who like to freshen up before leaving Lokrum.



COLLECTION DUBROVNIK HOUSES

The work of the jewellers was in high demand not only in the Dubrovnik Republic, but also far beyond its borders. Not just craftsmen in those days, their work was honoured and in high demand from the nobility to the wealthiest citizens, and representatives of the church - jewellers were included in all levels of the Republic high society. One could open a jewellery workshop in only one area of the city - on Zlatarska Street. Thanks to this restriction, tradition was well preserved. Jewellers did not travel around to other cities and villages, but rather worked to improve their skills for generations, and Dubrovnik became the centre for jewellery craft in all of Europe. However, it was also this concentration of production in the end, that became near fatal for the jewellery industry of the Republic.

In 1667, a devastating earthquake shook Dubrovnik to the ground. More than 5,000 lives were lost, and a majority of the buildings destroyed, leaving the entire city vulnerable and in ruin. The fate and story of Zlatarska street ended here - the city invaded by the forces of the Ottoman Empire who took advantage of the weakness of Dubrovnik, knowing well there would be riches to be found amongst the rubble. The neighbours to the West did not sit idle either, and Venice also decided the fate of the Dubrovnik Republic, depriving it of independence, and ultimately handing the city over to the mighty Roman Empire.

Cultural Heritage and Fine Artisan Craftsmanship

RETURNING TO ITS ROOTS IN THE HEART OF DUBROVNIK

There is one hidden street, located in direct vicinity to the main promenade - just steps away from the bustling Stradun and the magnificent Sponza Palace. A narrow street with an incredible history. In the 15th century, silver exported from Dubrovnik made for over one-fifth of European and Mediterranean trade. What remained in Dubrovnik was in the hands of the nobility or ecclesiastical realms, such as the statue of Sveti Vlaho (St. Blaise), that still to this day adorns the altar of the church. During the remarkable time of the Republic, the demand for the handcrafted mastery of Dubrovnik goldsmiths and jewellers became so important and lucrative for the city that one street in the Old town was dedicated solely to the goldsmiths. Aptly named *Zlatarska, (Goldsmiths) street*.

Miraculously, not all the masterpieces and treasured works were lost and one of the most revered works produced in the style of hot enamelware and gold, the sacred head of the patron St. Blaise adorned in gold and enamel survived - and is one of the most central sacral objects in the procession of St. Blaise, celebrated for over 1000 years!



So, today, after centuries have passed since the rise and fall of Zlatarska street, the jewellery traditions of Dubrovnik are returning to their historical place.

Fine jewellery and watchmaker, NAMFLEG will open its doors on Zlatarska street! Here you can find that special jewellery piece - a symbolic memory of Dubrovnik.

Inspired by the history and the beauty of Dubrovnik, NAMFLEG is famous for unique jewellery and luxury watches produced in the ancient methods of cloisonné - the most sophisticated and intricate of all enamel techniques in the tradition of Dubrovnik's Byzantine artists, and the Fabergé workshop. All pieces are made of 925 silver or 18 karat gold-plated, with certain pieces inlaid with zirconium elements for unique designs that reflect the beauty and soul of Dubrovnik. NAMFLEG jewellery design combines

intricate silver and gold-plated work, inlaid with vividly coloured enamel fired and polished to a perfect luminous finish to last a lifetime.

Visitors can explore not only jewellery masterpieces but also the exclusive line of wristwatches by NAMFLEG. Using the rare technology of hardstone-carving also known as Florentine micro-mosaics, NAMFLEG artisans carve thinnest veneers out of natural semi-precious stones to create their one of a kind watch-faces. The hardstone inlay technique is a new innovation in fine jewellery production that ensures the mosaics will never fade or lose their lustre. All NAMFLEG products are certified for exceptional quality standards.



Exquisite objects, each piece is a Florentine mosaic meticulously reduced to fit the face, consisting of up to 200 semi-precious stones and filigree mastery. Special, and something out of the ordinary - all watches are limited editions, true and finite masterpieces to see for yourself.

Every year on February 3, Dubrovnik citizens celebrate their patron saint of the city, Sveti Vlaho (**St. Blaise**). On this day, the saint appeared and warned the priest Stojko of an approaching Venetian attack on Dubrovnik - thus saving the city. The most important celebration of the year - a procession presenting the relics of St. Blaise, and a magnificent gold adorned head that was produced by the Dubrovnik goldsmiths.

It is a theory that **Carl Fabergé** took inspiration from this famous relic and centuries later, he revived and updated the ancient and specialized technique of applying hot enamel to gold. His result - the prized Fabergé eggs that are housed in museums and collections worldwide. Although he obtained great fame and success for his works, it also caused furor and uproar amongst the royalty of Europe.



INSIDE TIP

If you have your own idea and inspiration for the design of a watch face of your dreams, the masters of the NAMFLEG salon workshop are also happy to bring them to life for you.

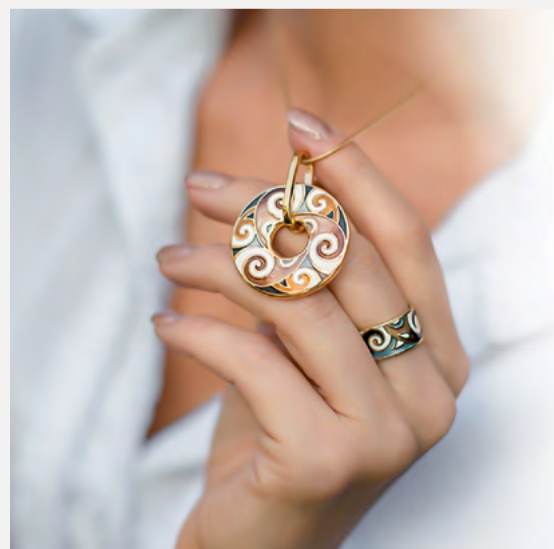
Visit NAMFLEG, for a lasting and unique memory of Dubrovnik. Step into the workshop to view the on-site artisans, with the opportunity to take part in creating your own one of a kind piece of jewellery. NAMFLEG invites visitors to observe and participate in the production and craftsmanship of their jewellery.

Drop by Zlatarska street that has come to life with historical tradition once again - and take away a very special keepsake of Dubrovnik!

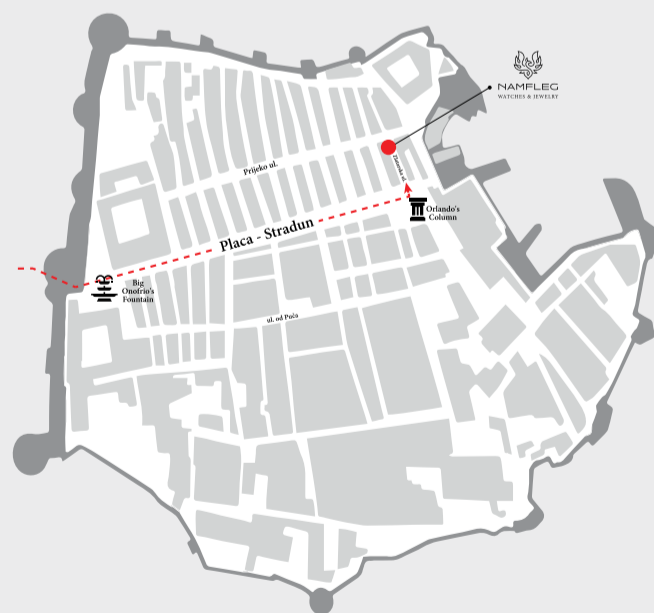


Cloisonné (French pronunciation: [klwazone]) is an ancient technique for decorating metalwork objects. In recent centuries, vitreous enamel has been used, and inlays of cut gemstones, glass, and other materials were also used during older periods. The resulting objects can also be called cloisonné. The decoration is formed by first adding compartments (cloisons in French) to the metal object by soldering or affixing silver or gold wires or thin strips placed on their edges. These remain visible in the finished piece, separating the different compartments of the enamel or inlays, which are often of several colours.

Cloisonné, or enamelware is one of the most sophisticated and intricate techniques used in gold and silver smithery and jewellery design. The unique enamelware technique used by NAMFLEG artisans can be traced back to the golden age of the Dubrovnik Republic (14th and 15th c.).



VISIT



INFO

ZLATARSKA 17
Zlatarska is the first street on the right when you are arriving from Ploce Gate and reach Stradun. Sponza palace is on the corner. It is right across from Orlando column and St. Blaise church.

When entering through Pile gate, walk down Stradun until the end. The last street on your left with Sponza palace on the corner is Zlatarska.

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GET OUTDOORS! (AND WE DON'T MEAN JUST THE BEACH)

Adventure Activities in Dubrovnik

Late spring and early fall are great times to be in Dubrovnik. With perfect mild temperatures and lots of sunshine, it's great to be outside and explore Dubrovnik beyond its culture and history.

On land or by the sea, there are variety of activities and unique adrenaline trips available, to experience Dubrovnik's natural wonders. So why not book a guided active break and really make the most of your time here? Here are our top picks...

KAYAKING

Sea Kayaking around the City Walls and Lokrum Island

You can opt for a morning or sunset-tour, group or private excursion, but make it a half-day tour to fully explore the Old Town City Walls from a unique perspective and uncover secrets of hidden caves and mysteries of Lokrum Island. Most tours start beneath the ancient fort Lovrijenac in the small port of Pile or from the Old Town port. Paddling to and around Lokrum, with several stops for rest and informative stories are just the start. Lokrum caves, a nudist beach, and the crystal clear Adriatic sea invite you



to leave the world behind, relax and dive into paradise. On the way back to town, don't miss the Betina cave, with its secret beach, approachable only from the seaside. This is a great stop for swimming, snorkeling and cliff jumping.

Elaphite Island Hopping - Pedal & Paddle Tour

This day trip explores the local islands by ferry, kayak and bike. From the port of Gruž, hop on a ferry to Lopud Island, paddle over to Šipan Island, and then trade your kayak for a bike to cycle across the island's vineyards, olive groves, chapels, and medieval villages.

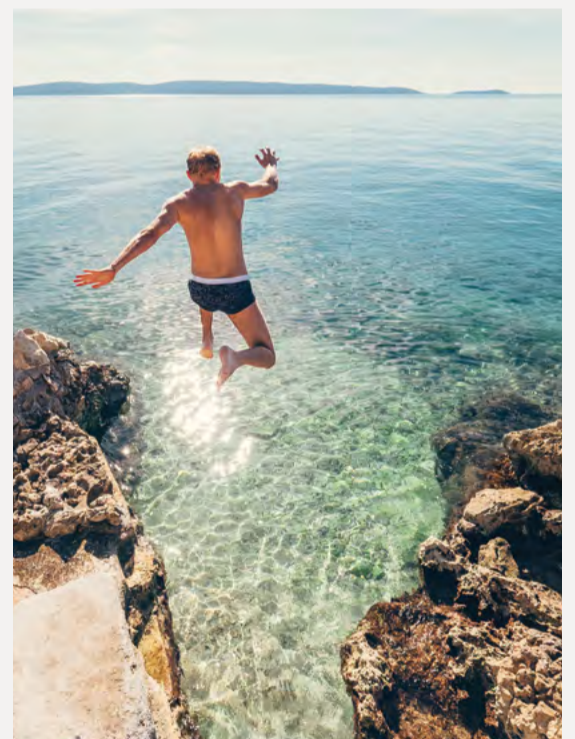
With the sun high in the sky, take a break for an authentic seaside lunch in the quaint village of Luka Šipanska and spend the afternoon swimming in the bay. Finish your day by pedaling back to your kayak and paddling to Lopud, to catch the sunset ferry home to Dubrovnik.

The tour is not as physically demanding as it may seem, but if all that pedaling and paddling is not really your definition of a good time, there are plenty of other Elaphite Island Hopping Tours that include laid-back, good food & good wine boat cruises around the islands.

BUGGY SAFARI

On the Mountain of Srđ

Get out of the city and off the beaten track in two-seater buggies. Even though the starting point is within easy reach of the Old Town, this guided expedition will take you



to locations rarely seen by visitors to Dubrovnik, including hilltop fortresses and a Croatian ranch.

Dubrovnik Buggy Safari is the ultimate fun activity for all ages. The one-hour program includes off-road driving, sights from the recent war, fortresses, animals, woods, and an amazing 360° view of the whole Dubrovnik area, islands and mountains. A Mediterranean style ranch buggy tour will take you through typical Dalmatian rocky landscape, enjoying the natural scenery and wildlife. At the end of the day, catch the sunset and the magical "blue hour" - keep your cameras handy!

KONAVLE REGION ACTIVITIES

Biking & Wine Tasting

This excursion usually starts at the village of Gruda in Konavle and runs along the small village roads in the lively Konavle region. This whole area, due to favorable climate and plenty of water, was the main source of agricultural products for Republic of Ragusa. Today's trails take you through orchards, vineyards, and along the historical and natural landmarks such as the Franciscan monastery, the old mill in Ljuta village, and the waterfalls of the river Ljuta.

The main route of 15 km (approximately 9,3 miles) is easy to cycle on, quite flat with just few short climbs. Taking small village roads, you return to Gruda to one of the local wineries where you can taste and buy famous wines produced from local grapes, along with homemade liqueurs, bread, pancetta and cheese.

Horse Riding

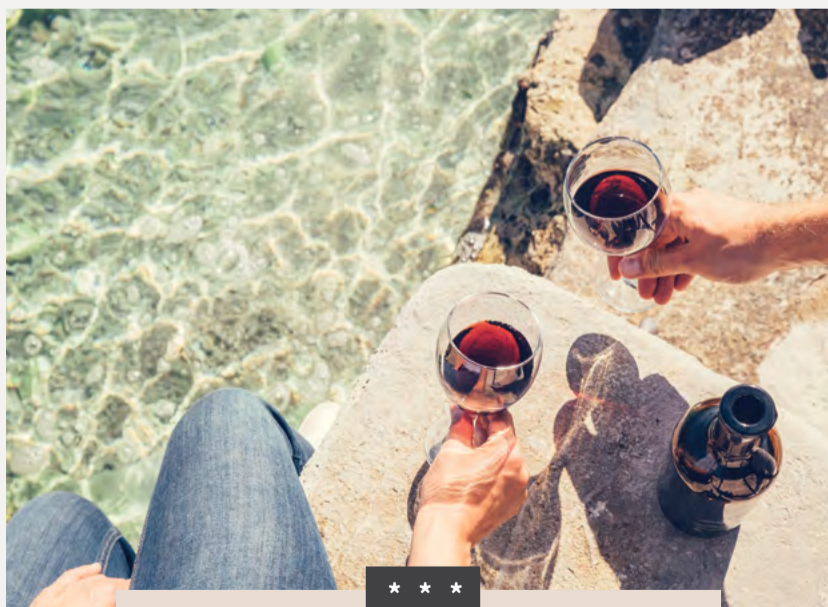
Tour the same countryside from a unique perspective – the back of a friendly horse. This gentle trail is suitable for both novices and seasoned riders, while the slow pace ensures absolute peace of mind.

ATV Safari Tour

If you just don't feel like cycling (you can always blame the weather for being too hot), or if you prefer a bit more "horsepower", dare to join an adrenaline-packed trip through the region that includes riding on four completely different off-road terrains. Storm the Ljuta river, visit the plains of Konavle field, the marshland and coast beneath Konavle Cliffs. Drive through beautiful olive groves, pine forest, old train tracks and enjoy a breathtaking view of the Adriatic Sea as you let yourself experience the thrills of an ultimate active holiday in the south of Dalmatia.

Tailor Made Trips with Adriatic Luxury Services

Whether you are looking for a sailing trip along the coast, docking and fishing in the small fairytale villages, a private guided tour of the Old Town, or wine and oyster tastings on the Pelješac peninsula, leave the hassle of a coach tour behind and let our travel experts at Adriatic Luxury Services can put together a perfect tailor-made itinerary just for you.



All of the above-mentioned activities, group or private, can be booked at ALS information desk at Adriatic Luxury Hotels.

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Events

IN DUBROVNIK

PERFORMANCES & MUSIC FESTIVALS

PERFORMANCES OF FOLKLORE ENSEMBLE LINDO

May – October 2022

(Tuesdays and Fridays at 21:30), Lazareti (east entrance of the Old Town Dubrovnik) The Lindo Folk Ensemble was founded in Dubrovnik in 1964 and consists of more than 300 members between the ages of 12 and 30, who perform traditional songs and dances from all regions of Croatia. With their youthful enthusiasm and traditional costumes, they celebrate the heritage of our people.
www.lindjo.hr

LE PETIT FESTIVAL DU THÉÂTRE

June 2022

The Festival every year raises the curtain revealing creations carefully selected and talented artists whether they are poets, actors, dancers, or something else.
www.lepetitfestival.com

MUSICAL SCENE FESTIVAL "ANA IN TOWN"

June 21, 2022

This three-day music festival starts with a fantastic concert at the dawn of the first day of summer and World Music Day on June 21st, featuring cellist Ana Rucner, a young artist of distinctive musical style, in a dual role - a classical musician and a crossover instrumentalist.

MIDSUMMER SCENE FESTIVAL

June 21 – July 7, 2022

St. Lawrence Fortress

Take a look at Shakespeare's one of the most beloved comedies "A Midsummer Night's Dream" (performed in English) as the main part of this famous Croatian festival aimed for international visitors.
midsummer-scene.com

SUMMER EVENTS PROGRAM AT DUBROVNIK SURROUNDINGS

July – August 2022

Enjoy music and entertainment programs on the Elafiti Islands, in Zaton and Orašac and witness the Mediterranean melody, folklore and folk traditions that have been cherished for ages.
www.tzdubrovnik.hr

TIŠINA, MOLIM! (QUIET, PLEASE!)

December 2022

This new film festival in Dubrovnik offers to its visitors interactive educational content, film screenings, visual attractions, and plenty of surprises. During the fourteen days of the festival, tourists and Dubrovnik locals of all generations have the opportunity to become acquainted with all of the ties between Dubrovnik and the history of film culture over the last hundred years.

www.tisinamolim.com

CLASSICAL MUSIC CONCERTS

Featured by Dubrovnik Symphony Orchestra | www.dso.hr

The concerts are held on Tuesdays and Fridays in Rector's Palace

DUBROVNIK MUSICAL SPRING

April 29 – June 17, 2022

Featuring a wide repertoire and many distinguished guests, performing famous classical, Baroque, romantic, contemporary and Croatian compositions. Music director of this festival is Marc Tardue.

IN MEMORIAM PAVLE DEŠPALJ, VIP CONCERT

June 17 at 9:00 PM | Rector's Palace

Pavle Dešpalj, DSO's honorary conductor Ivan Hut, conductor

DAN ZHU, VIOLIN & DSO STRING CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

June 28 at 9:00 PM | Rector's Palace

Marc Tardue, conductor

INTERNATIONAL LATE SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL DUBROVNIK

August 27 – September 23, 2022

With concerts, which are traditionally held in the beautiful ambience of Rector's Palace, we bid farewell to summer through four weeks of the festival. This year's festival hosts famous musicians such as pianists Dubravka Tomšič Srebotnjak and Jasminka Stančul, violinist Luka Ljubas and many others while the music director of the festival is Marc Tardue.

CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL STRADUN CLASSIC

September 24 – October 1, 2022

International chamber music festival led by renowned clarinetist Marija Pavlovic. In addition to play in chamber, the guest world class soloists perform as soloists and with orchestra as well. The festival is gathering the top classical musicians from all over the world. Some of those musicians this year are Gordan Nikolić, Céline Flamen and Radovan Vlatković.

AUTUMN MUSIC VARIETY, MUSIC CYCLE

October 8 – 28, 2022

An absolutely wonderful variety of music genres from movie music, popular classic to gypsy jazz, with an accent on promoting exceptional Croatian musicians.

SPORTING EVENTS

RUN THE WALL – DU MOTION

April 30, 2022 | Stradun

An unforgettable, but dangerous race as well. Once a year The Walls of Dubrovnik, considered to be amongst the greatest fortification systems of the Middle Ages and running an uninterrupted course of

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approximately 1,940 metres and 1080 stairs, while encircling most of the Old City, serve as a track field to a very tricky 2,5K race.
www.du-motion.com

DUBROVNIK HALF MARATHON – DU MOTION

May 1, 2022 | Stradun

The marathon running, especially two-kilometre long race with a limited number of participants held at Dubrovnik walls is certainly an attraction. With the motto "More than a race" this new event is more than just a sporting event since, through running, healthy lifestyles will be promoted.
www.du-motion.com

5K – CHARITY RACE – DU MOTION

May 1, 2022 | Stradun

One of the most beautiful race tracks for a good cause.
www.du-motion.com

"EARTH, SEA & FIRE" DUBROVNIK TRIATHLON

October 15, 2022

A weekend multi-sport event welcoming athletes, looking for a flat course aiming at their PB or other records with Super Sprint, Sprint, and Olympic Triathlon on the menu.
www.earthseafire.eu

STON WALL MARATHON

September 18, 2022

Starting and ending in the picturesque town of Ston, the full marathon route takes you south to Pržina and north to Duba Stonska, following stretches of the medieval Ston Walls and the Adriatic coast.
www.ston-wall-marathon.com

WATERPOLO "WILD LEAGUE"

July – August, 2022

This is the largest amateur water polo competition in the world, started in 1922. More than 40 teams from various local neighbourhoods compete at beach locations throughout the city.
www.divljaliga.hr

GASTRONOMY

CROATIAN FESTIVAL OF JAMS AND MARMALADES

October, 2022 | In front of St. Blaise church Exhibitors dress in the national costumes of the places from which they come, from counties from all around Croatia, and present their products to visitors and Dubrovnik restaurateurs caterers, who will use these native delicacies to elevate and enrich their gastronomic offerings.
www.desa-dubrovnik.hr

GOOD FOOD FESTIVAL DUBROVNIK

October 2022

The four-day programme includes several presentations of culinary specialties of the region, cookbooks in English, programmes for children, tasting of regional wines, culinary workshops and other activities such as "dinner with a famous chef" and workshops on how to prepare a typical Dubrovnik sweet "gulozece", "Eat & Walk" gastro tour, "Sweet Tooth Map" – a map for those who have a sweet tooth and other surprise activities.
www.tzdubrovnik.hr

NIGHTLIFE

CULTURE CLUB REVELIN

Located in the Revelin fortress at the entrance to the Old Town at Ploče Gate, the club is famous for its 3-day festival in August featuring famous performers on the global electronic music scene.
www.clubrevelin.com

CELEBRATIONS

FESTIVAL OF ST. BLAISE

February 2 – 6

Each February 2nd, Dubrovnik celebrates the Virgin Mary Candlemas. An old saying is then repeated: *Candelora, winter is gone, followed by Saint Blaise, who says it is untrue?* Indeed, on this day, Dubrovnik is full of mimosa, narcissus, and sunny, spring weather. On the morning of the festival, white doves are released in front of St. Blaise's church, and prayers are said in front of the altar by the faithful the entire day. The priests bless everyone with a cross-shaped out of two intertwined candles, and raise a silver monstrance to their lips, the work of Dubrovnik goldsmiths.
www.dubrovnik.hr

DUBROVNIK CARNIVAL FESTIVITIES

February 25 – March 02

Our ancestors had fun, so why shouldn't we? This proverb can often be heard in Dubrovnik in February, during the carnival season preceding Lent. Experience the special atmosphere of the Dubrovnik carnival festivities characterized by jokes, laughter, merriment, joy, satire.
www.tzdubrovnik.hr

DUBROVNIK SUMMER FESTIVAL

July 10 – August 25

This is the largest and most representative cultural manifestation not only in Dubrovnik but in Croatia. Festival sees more than 80 performances of music, theatre, dance and film, at various open-air locations in the old town, plus a programme of outdoor cinema.
www.dubrovnik-festival.hr

DUBROVNIK WINTER FESTIVAL

December – January

During the Advent season, Dubrovnik shines with magical decorations and sparkles with lights, creating an atmosphere of a fairy-tale Renaissance city. The festival offers innumerable reasons for gatherings while combining fun, culture, enjoyment, music, gastronomy and art on the most attractive stages in the City and its surrounding areas.
www.tzdubrovnik.hr

ADVENT IN THE CITY

The program of Dubrovnik's winter festival – Advent in the City – begins with the lighting of the first Advent candle. This year's Christmas market will be set up on the most beautiful street in Dubrovnik, Stradun featuring local craftsman presenting traditional arts and crafts, Dubrovnik sweet delicacies, Christmas decorations, candles, toys, glassware, embroidery, ceramics, porcelain and a variety of other hand-made souvenirs and gifts.







DUBROVNIK NEW YEAR'S PARTY

On New Year's Eve, the musicians of Dubrovnik see the old year out with traditional carols and an all-day music program leading up to the wildest night of the year. The Dubrovnik Symphony Orchestra's New Year's Day concert on the Stradun on January 1 will be a special gift to those visiting the city.

FINEST SELECTION

Wine 'n' Dine in Dubrovnik

For all your foodie lovers, we bring you our recommendation of the finest places to eat and drink in Dubrovnik. ssshhh... Choose wisely or choose all...

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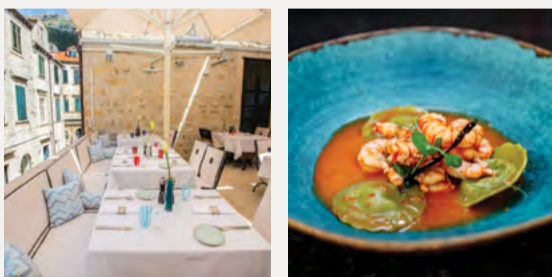


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AUTHENTIC DALMATIAN CUISINE

In the heart of the Old City, savour the traditional specialities once enjoyed by the distinguished citizenry of Dubrovnik's olden days.

PRICING: €€ | LOCATION: Old City, Široka ul. 1
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sales2@esculap-teo.hr
www.esculaprestaurants.com

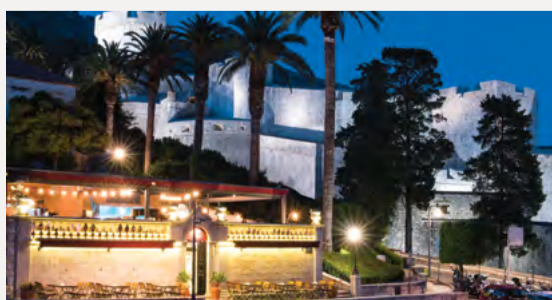


Posat Restaurant

AUTHENTIC MEDITERRANEAN FINE DINING

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T: +385 (0)20 421 194
info@posat-dubrovnik.com
www.posat-dubrovnik.com



Dubravka 1836 Restaurant & Café

CASUAL MEDITERRANEAN CUISINE

The rich Mediterranean cuisine, prepared from original ingredients from the Dubrovnik area, directed by top culinary masters, will contribute to the full experience of the beauty of Dubrovnik.

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www.nautikarestaurants.com



Restaurant Dubrovnik

TASTE MATTERS

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PRICING: €€€ | LOCATION: Old Town, Marojice Kaboge 5
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restorandubrovnik@gmail.com
www.restorandubrovnik.com



Restaurant Kopun

CROATIAN NATIONAL CUISINE IN A NEW WAY

Here at restaurant Kopun we take great pride in our efforts to bring back some of the old Croatian recipes handed down through centuries.

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reservation@restaurantkopun.com
www.restaurantkopun.com



Restaurant Sesame

MODERN MEDITERRANEAN DINING

200 meters from Pile gate there is a hidden gem where you can enjoy the natural shade of terraces. Experience local food – the best of Mediterranean cuisine.

PRICING: €€ | LOCATION: Dante Alighieri 2
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info@sesame.hr
www.sesame.hr



Gradska kavana Arsenal

Restaurant & Bar

MODERN MEDITERRANEAN CUISINE

Experience the atmosphere of the Mediterranean meal prepared from selected local ingredients, ennobling old recipes with modern culinary techniques.

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www.nautikarestaurants.com



Konavoski Dvori Eco Green Restaurant

AUTHENTICALLY CROATIAN

Konavoski Dvori offers a unique experience for the senses, with its picturesque setting and national specialities prepared in the style of Croatian grandmothers.

PRICING: €€
LOCATION: Ljuta b.b., 20217 Ljuta – Konavle region
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www.esculaprestaurants.com



WELCOME TO THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF WINE

Wine Regions in Croatia

Croatian wines are certainly among the best in the world. Every once in a while, a lucky wine lover will encounter a special vintage that changes the game, shifts the boundaries of perception, and leaves one mystified, gaping like a beached fish, overwhelmed by the mysteries of the universe by the inexplicable ways that wine evolves in the bottle. A wine that transcends this world and dispatches the drinker's consciousness into a parallel dimension where muses enlighten, angels and deities celebrate, and the sands of time flow not to make us old but to revive us with revelations and new discoveries.



There are three important wine-growing regions in Croatia: Slavonia, in the little-visited east of the country; and the coastal regions of Istria and Southern Dalmatia, which are more familiar to tourists.

Slavonia's production is mostly white wine, made from familiar international grape varieties, notably Graševina (Laški Riesling, Welschriesling). Excellent results are also being achieved with Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay and Grey Pinot. Slavonian sweet wines, the best of which are made by wine manufacturer Kutjevački podrumi (using Graševina and Traminac) stand comparison with the world's best dessert wines in quality and price. Slavonian red wine, however, is best avoided.

In the extreme north west of Croatia, the coastal peninsula of Istria is also predominantly a white-wine region. Istrian wine growers have made spectacular progress in recent years, and more than one hundred cellars now produce technically impeccable, fresh, clean white wines, the predominant grape being Malvasia Istriana. Despite the name, this is not genetically related to Spanish, Italian or Greek Malvasias. Another important Istrian grape variety is White Muscat, which is used to produce excellent dessert wines in Western Istria, near the Momjana area. Istria's most significant red wine is Teran, which is related to the Italian and Slovenian Refosco. Some wine makers are achieving good results with Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon.

The Central Dalmatian islands and the Pelješac Peninsula in southern Dalmatia has the potential to become the most important wine-growing area

in Croatia, both for its unrivalled climate and a landscape ideally suited to Plavac Mali, the leading indigenous grape variety.

After Plavac, the next most important Dalmatian grape variety is Pošip, a white grape closely associated with the beautiful island of Korčula, which produces excellent dry wine with fruity and floral flavours.

Like its cousin the Californian Zinfandel, Plavac Mali descends from the Crljenac wine from Kaštela. It can produce some of Europe's best southern red wines, with earthy Mediterranean aromas of plums, rosemary and olives. The bouquet of an outstanding Plavac wine is unmistakable, and its rich texture full of strong tannins and high in alcohol. The best examples from the Pelješac Peninsula come from the Dingač, Postup and Ponikve areas, while Ivan Dolac and Medvid count among the most important Plavac vineyards on the island of Hvar.

The best Plavac wines are quite expensive, but well worth the cost, despite the fact that most of them are marketed too young. Finest Plavac should be treated the same way as Brunello: don't let it out of the cellar for at least five years. Elegant and poised yet intensely aromatic on the nose. The light, translucent garnet color betraying its bold notes of dried fig, dusty dried cherry, black olive, iodine, wet limestone, and hint of black truffle. The more closely you become acquainted with the Dingač area and its output, the more you will come to understand how original and precious Croatian wine can be.



They say that life is made up of moments, that at the end when we look back on our individual lives, certain fragments of time will blink like stars in a dark sky, that along the timeline of our lives certain small personal interactions or experiences will be recalled with laser clarity. So, whether a special wine serves to complement your meal or to celebrate an important occasion, make sure the wine you choose is truly remarkable. If you enjoy it responsibly, it might be one of the best things life has thrown your way.

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DELICIOUS SECRETS: RECIPES FROM OLD DUBROVNIK

Bitter Orange jam

Dubrovnik bitter oranges have always had a special place in the gardens of Dubrovnik. These trees and their fruits form a classic motif, leaning on stone walls and gloriets in the courtyards of renaissance monastery gardens and summer residences. Almost everyone who tries bitter orange jam wants to take some home. Today, the most delicious and aromatic jam is made from bitter orange, while the recipes for this special jam have been passed on from generation to generation and have been preserved until today.

A gold winner - Bitter orange jam as an authentic Dubrovnik product and souvenir

- ✓ perfect for early mornings with a slice of homemade bread and butter
- ✓ perfect for afternoons during tea time with crackers...
- ✓ perfect for filling home-made pancakes or any type of cake
- ✓ perfect to turn a grey winter morning into a special day!

Savoury, highly flavourful bittersweet treat - no one can resist a bitter orange marmalade. Maybe it is the colour, maybe it's the slightly bitter taste, but it's the perfect match for every occasion...

So, whether you are looking for a way to brighten up your winter's day, or simply longing for that scent which reminds you of Dubrovnik, we give you the secret recipe for preparing traditional delicious Dubrovnik Bitter Orange jam.

INGREDIENTS

You will need the following ingredients

- 1 kilo bitter oranges
- 1 kilo sugar
- Half litre of water
(for boiling the seeds)



DIRECTIONS

Day one

Rinse the bitter oranges (1kg) thoroughly under running water and remove the peel. Soak the peel in water in a bowl and leave 24 hours. Remove the orange seeds from the pulp and boil them (for about half an hour) in a half litre of water. Place it in a covered glass bowl and leave in the refrigerator for 24 hours. Slice the orange pulp, cut the slices into halves, pour sugar over (1 kilo) and leave them covered in a bowl for 24 hours at room temperature.

Day two

After 24 hours, rinse the orange peel with water and cut it into narrow and thin strips. Strain the boiled seeds (using plastic strainer), rinse with water, and add remaining half litre of water. Mix the water in which the seeds were boiled with orange pulp (orange slices cut in halves covered with sugar) and orange peel strips. Bring the mixture to boil and cook for about thirty minutes. Stir occasionally.

Once desired consistency is reached, pour the hot jam into glass jars (previously heated in the oven at 70°C). Cover the jars with lids firmly, turn them upside down and leave for about 15 minutes so that the jar lids can be sterilized with hot jam. Store at room temperature (20 °C) and use as wished.

Enjoy!

This recipe for jam made of Dubrovnik bitter orange was created and developed by the humanitarian association DEŠA – Dubrovnik through the eponymous project, which after a series of medals won at the Croatian Festival of jams and marmalades in Dubrovnik, became a gold medalist at the event called "Marmalades 2013" held in Slovenia in 2013.

Jam prepared with this special kind of bitter orange provides a unique taste and serves as an authentic product of the Dubrovnik region. It is the perfect souvenir to remind you of your visit to this historic city.

Sour Orange Recipe Ideas:

- Make sour orange salad dressing by including the juice with some olive oil, sesame seeds, soy sauce and coconut oil.
- Squeeze sour orange juice into glazes and marinades
- Make marmalade, as the peel makes an exceptionally tasty addition
- Instead of making lemonade, substitute sour oranges for lemons.
- Include the juice in sodas for an alternative to artificially coloured and flavoured orange soda.
- Add sour orange juice to sweet bread, pancake and cupcake batter.
- Make a glaze from sour orange

FEW TIPS

HOW TO CHECK THE RIPENESS IN A SOUR ORANGE

Some types of sour orange possess green skins, some yellow, while others are deep orange. This means the fruit's best indicator of ripeness is the fragrance and aroma of its skin. The best oranges have incredibly oily, zesty peels that practically burst with a citrusy aroma. Look for fruits that feel heavy for their size, and avoid those with hard, brown skin and small pores.

If you are looking to buy this special souvenir, be sure to visit the Croatian festival of Jams and Marmalades held at the end of September in Dubrovnik. Visitors can taste and buy bitter orange delicacies made according to traditional recipes – bitter orange jam and marmalade.

SENSUS

Fine Dining Restaurant

Dinner menu designed for Sensus Restaurant is created to reflect its sleek and contemporary interiors; unconventional and creative dishes are made from fresh local delicacies and carefully paired with finest Croatian wines from wine cellar shelves which adorn the walls.



Executive chef Petar Obad, a bard and native of Konavle in south Croatia, infuses his masterful cuisine with a near-poetic beauty to elevate traditional homemade Mediterranean classics to world-class works of artistry.

Lunch offer is a somewhat "lighter" selection of wraps, soups, risottos but the dinner takes you on the ultimate Mediterranean gourmet journey.

In Sensus, the food can only be outshined by the magnificence of the setting: the sun reflecting off the stoned walls of the Old Town and deep blues of the Adriatic in the background.

INFO**LOCATION**

Hotel Excelsior Dubrovnik
Frana Supila 12, Dubrovnik

STYLE TIP

Classy seaside chic

RESERVATIONS

Please contact the Front Desk

INSIDE TIP

Ask our sommelier to personally get you acquainted with each dish and to recommend the perfect wine pairing from our wine cellar shelves.

VICTORIA RESTAURANT & LOUNGE BAR

A Peruvian Plate with Adriatic Flavour

Set on a grapevine-draped terrace overlooking the Adriatic Sea, Restaurant Victoria is a gastronomic destination in itself. Victoria offers a unique Peruvian fusion experience complemented by an extensive wine list and sublime views of the Dubrovnik Old Town.



Peruvian people proudly state that their culinary style is unique - so does Roberto Chavez, the young head chef of Victoria Restaurant, the first Peruvian restaurant on the Adriatic. The richness of tastes comes from an already unique blend of different microclimates combining fresh local ingredients with ethnic influences that make Peruvian cuisine so authentic.

Asked to describe the Victoria Restaurant in few words, Roberto calls it authentic, original, beautiful, vibrant, and completely different - just like Peruvian cuisine.

INFO**LOCATION**

Villa Orsula Dubrovnik
Frana Supila 14, Dubrovnik

STYLE TIP

Côte d'Azur allure: a coral or chartreuse dress, a crisp linen shirt.

RESERVATIONS

Please contact the Front Desk

INSIDE TIP

Ask for the table in the corner underneath the grapevine-draped terrace and enjoy the divine views at sunset, with the orange sun dipping beneath the horizon and the iconic walls of the Old Town in the distance.

RESTAURANT VAPOR

*“What’s on the menu?” is out.
“What would I like to eat?” is in.*

For the fifth year in a row, the prestigious gastronomic guide Michelin published a selection of top restaurants in Croatia among which, Restaurant Vapor was also listed.



Hidden from the outside world on a 30-metre high cliff, the Hotel Bellevue’s a la carte restaurant, Vapor, is the must-taste dining experience for every gourmet visiting Dubrovnik. The restaurant follows the fundamental philosophy of the Hotel Bellevue: everything is adapted to the wishes of the guests.

The focus is on the finest seasonal produce prepared with an innovative and aesthetic twist and complemented by one of the best wine lists in Dubrovnik. Small wonder that Vapor that has quickly gained an iconic reputation as one of the finest in Croatia and recognized by Michelin guide.

INFO**LOCATION**

Hotel Bellevue Dubrovnik
Pera Čingrije 7, Dubrovnik

STYLE TIP

Should you choose to join this restaurant’s chic atmosphere, keep it jet-set casual.

RESERVATIONS

Please contact the Front Desk

INSIDE TIP

Book a table on the terrace and enjoy incomparable vistas of the Adriatic azure. While trying to decide what to indulge in, order one of the Vapor’s delicious cocktails or sample some of the best local wines.

TAVERNA MASLINA

A Contemporary Dalmatian Tavern

Maslina has the atmosphere of a Mediterranean tavern, with a menu inspired by the finest local ingredients. From light appetizers, and a choice of fresh fish specialities, to typical Dalmatian meat dishes, you’ll enjoy fabulous cuisine complemented by stunning views all the way to the Elafiti Islands.



Everything about this Tavern is fresh. The breeze coming in from the open sea directly beneath you, the taste of Adriatic seafood on the plate in front of you, and the smell of salt and sea rock coming in on the splashing waves.

Located at Dubrovnik Palace Hotel, Maslina offers a twist on traditional, Dalmatian al fresco dining. It is nestled directly on the balmy beachfront and offers breathtaking views of the Adriatic and the nearby Elaphiti Islands.

INFO**LOCATION**

Hotel Dubrovnik Palace
Masarykov put 20, Dubrovnik

STYLE TIP

Seaside casual – summer dresses and sandals will do nicely.

RESERVATIONS

Please contact the Front Desk

INSIDE TIP

You may want to jump in the sea or the nearby pools after you’ve finished your meal. And you can!

SPHERE RESTAURANT & LOUNGE BAR

A Homage to Mediterranean Dining

The views of Uvala Lapad promenade and the beach are sublime from the very large open terrace of Sphere Restaurant on the ground floor.



A generous buffet breakfast is served here every morning, and at night, an innovative dinner menu accompanied by twinkling sea and night-sky scenery.

The glamorous lounge with its ergonomic armchairs set beneath oversized moon-like light shades serves top-notch cocktails, a fine wine list and great coffee with fantastic sea views.

And is set to once again be one of the best places in Lapad Bay for cocktails at sunset.

INFO**LOCATION**

Hotel Kompas Dubrovnik
Kardinala Stepinca 21, Dubrovnik

STYLE TIP

Something cool and breezy; light summer dress by day, spiced up with a bag and a gentleman in your hand by night.

RESERVATIONS

Please contact the Front Desk

INSIDE TIP

Arrive before sunset and ask for a table right on the edge of the promenade to enjoy romantic views while the sun sets over the bay.

Pssst.... Don't forget to order some dessert before you head off.

SPINAKER

Seafood on the Pier

Seafood lovers shouldn't miss this one-of-a-kind restaurant. Perched above the platform beach with comfy chairs to sink into and admire the fabulous sea views and twinkling lights of Dubrovnik in the distance, this is the spot to spend laid back summer holiday nights with a bottle of wine.



A sublime seafood menu offers baby octopus, scampi, lobster, scallops, and tuna, together with the catch of the day, prepared exactly as you like it. At lunchtime, a special menu gives a simple, appealing introduction to traditional Dalmatian cooking.

Find yourself tucked away along the seashore surrounded by pine trees, right on the promenade, enjoying splendid views of Cavtat bay.

INFO**LOCATION**

Hotel Croatia Cavtat
Frankopanska 10, Cavtat

STYLE TIP

Wear white summer wraps to blend in – or vibrant-toned sarongs to stand out. Sunglasses are de rigueur.

RESERVATIONS

Please contact the Front Desk

INSIDE TIP


Choose a waterfront table and select your own fish right from the tank.

Going Local

... INSIDER TIPS ...

In your research, before visiting Dubrovnik you have probably learned something about the local attractions, places to see, and must-visit locations. But in these pages, we will introduce you to our local customs, the way in which Dubrovnik people live and talk – something you cannot read in any guide. By now you have probably learned a few Croatian words to get by, but here we will teach you some of the local phrases that capture our way of living. Once you learn them, you can easily drop them into a conversation.

O.K. Let's get started...



Fjaka [FYAH-kah]

The specific state of mind and body in which a human aspires to do nothing.

The definition of fjaka is "a psychophysical state of mind when there is an aspiration for nothing and to do nothing." For those close to the Mediterranean way of life, fjaka could be compared as similar to the Spanish siesta. It is commonly mistaken for laziness, but that is not the case - it's actually quite the opposite. And it's not fatigue either. *Read on to find out why.*

Even those who know how to recognize fjaka or have been caught up in its rhythm will find it difficult to explain in a few words what it is exactly. Each person has their own explanation that is actually inexplicable. But they all agree on one thing - fjaka is a state of mind and cannot be learned.

SYMPTOMS OF FJAKA

- moments of general drowsiness, slowness and indifference to all important and secondary needs
- everything feels as if it can wait
- a complete lack of desire for anything, especially any form of work – but not in a sense of laziness
- your body experiences a complete loss of energy but is not tired
- it can occur at any part of the day it is, so when you get caught by fjaka nothing can get you started.

HOW AND WHEN IT OCCURS

You must have noticed that fjaka is not present in regions with colder climates, even not in the continental part of Croatia. It commonly occurs throughout the Mediterranean, when it's the hottest, where summer temperatures reach the maximum. So, when the sun, sea and afternoon heat merge, ideal conditions are created for a quality fjaka. Of course, fjaka can also be felt in other seasons, but then it is explained by other causes. In the spring, fjaka is about that weird changeable weather. In the fall, however, there is no other way to combat the "jugo" (south wind) and low pressure than with fjaka. So, you can see, it's all about Mother nature, not human laziness. That is why we use phrases like "pomalo" (check out our last year's edition for more info).

SCIENTIFICALLY STUDIED AND INTERNATIONALLY EXPERIENCED

Believe it or not, many scientists have also been concerned with fjaka and have tried to find a reasonable explanation for it. As someone once said: "After all, it is not a disease, but a kind of spiritual bliss". Our close neighbours, the Italians, know this very well, as they invented a very similar phrase to fjaka - "dolce far niente" or "I feel like doing nothing", while in Spain they call it Siesta.

CAN FJAKA BE TAUGHT?

Hardly, because experiencing fjaka is an individual thing. The intensity of each individual fjaka is not the same. It must be experienced personally, with a little help from

those who have already experienced it. So, the answer is no, fjaka cannot be taught because there is nothing to learn, but it can be gained. Once fjaka catches you, you learn to appreciate a slower lifestyle.

STRESS RELIEF

Defined as a state of mind in which one wants nothing, fjaka actually makes miracles. Being caught in a constant race with time, jobs, responsibilities and other stressful moments, fjaka is actually a way of stepping beyond time. It is the ability to enjoy being alone without thinking about anything. It allows you to take a break from everything, slow down for some time, gather your thoughts and rest in order to be able to move on. Having said that, we can all agree that fjaka is a wonderful cure for stress.

When you start to feel first symptoms of fjaka just surrender to it, let your mind wanders *and do...nothing...* Just say "uhvatila me fjaka" (I'm in the state of fjaka) and everything will be forgiven.



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Cavtat

Cavtat is a charming little town of beautiful beaches and luxury hotels along with a traditional way of life and welcoming customs. Step into a jewel encased by city walls and the unbroken blue of the sea...

THE DARLING OF THE GODS, NATURE AND PEOPLE

Most people have heard of Dubrovnik, the pearl of the Adriatic, but the beautiful harbour town of Cavtat, only 18km down the coast, has managed to remain relatively unknown compared to its cosmopolitan neighbour. Cavtat is like a precious secret. It is hard to say what delights the visitor most: the luxuriant Mediterranean vegetation that envelops the peninsula like a thick, green blanket; its picturesque bays, still and clear, deep and blue; or the colourful old town, with its cobbled streets and traditional red-roofed houses, where life goes on in much the same way it always has.

Cavtat offers the best of both worlds. Enjoy a relaxed pace of life in a colourful waterfront community, knowing that you are just a few minutes away from the attractions of Dubrovnik.

THE LEGEND OF CAVTATS' NAME

In addition to a possible derivation from the Latin words *civitas vetus* (old city), the name of Cavtat is also associated with the legend of the beautiful Cavtislava, the daughter of the Epidaurian king Kordun and Queen Amrusa. As Cavtislava was courted by many men, the king decided to give her hand to the suitor who was fastest in completing some great task – constructing a fortification around the town, building a great temple in the town, constructing an aqueduct, or bringing in a ship loaded with silk. The fastest was a rich local nobleman by the name of Vrsanin, who managed to be the first to bring a water system into the town.

According to legend, a festival was held on the day of the opening of the Epidaurian aqueduct. Cavtislava was to have the first taste of the water from a golden jar. Yet, before the first drops of water poured out, a big lizard leaped out of the jar and fell right into her lap. Princess Cavtislava's heart broke from shock and she died instantly of fright. Legend claims that the lizard had been secretly placed into the jar by a jealous suitor who could not fulfil the task that Cavtislava's father had set. In memory of Cavtislava, the town of Cavtat arose following an earthquake which destroyed the original town.

A GLIMPSE OF HISTORY

The ancient Greek settlement of Epidaurus was conquered by the Romans in 229 BC. In 1426, it became the second center of Dubrovnik republic and played an important role in the social life of the republic. As the centuries passed, the town was devoted to culture. One of Croatia's most famous modern painters, Vlaho Bukovac, was born here.

With its natural beauty and attractive location, Cavtat is a natural centre for tourism. Today, chic shops, restaurants and cafes line the harbour front, beyond which is a delightful walking promenade, curving all the way around the bay. In more recent times, Cavtat has become a thriving hub for artists and an exclusive retreat for wealthy Croatians, many of whom have second homes here.

THE OLD TOWN

Behind the harbour front and promenade is a collection of cream-coloured Greco-Venetian houses dating back to the 15th century. These gracious homes curve around a scenic harbour promenade lined with palm trees and



pebble beaches. It's an incredible change of pace. One minute you are on the busy, noisy promenade and two steps later you are lost in the narrow back streets of a Mediterranean fishing town.

THE BIRTHPLACE OF GREAT ARTISTS AND SCHOLARS

Cavtat's most famous son was **Vlaho Bukovac** (1855–1922), Croatia's most prominent artist and the forefather of modern Croatian painting. His family home and his atelier have been painstakingly restored and converted into an exhibition space and museum, now known as the Vlaho Bukovac House. Many of his works are displayed in Cavtat, at St. Nicholas' church, in the Painting Gallery, in the church of the Franciscan monastery and in private collections.

Cavtat is also the home town of **Baltazar Bogišić**, a 19th and 20th century scientist of world-wide fame, a member of many European academies, doctor of law, a passionate collector and guardian of national folklore. Bogišić's rich cultural collection is stored in the Rector's Palace in Cavtat. It includes a library with more than 22,000 rare old books, about 70 historic pamphlets, a rich archive of enormous value, a collection of drawings of more than 10,000 items, a collection of some 1,500 antique coins and coins of the Dubrovnik Republic, a collection of historic armaments, an ethnographic collection, and much more.

Cavtat is also the home town of the great Croatian politician and statesman **Franjo Supilo** (19th and 20th centuries).

A valuable painting, titled *Carmela Reggia Palermitana*, the work of an artist from Dubrovnik, is displayed at St. Nicholas' church. The Franciscan monastery includes the well-known polyptych of St. Michael by **Vicko Dobričević** from Dubrovnik (16th c.). The cloister of the monastery is a masterpiece of Renaissance architecture. The Painting Gallery houses a large collection of valuable works of art, from ancient to contemporary times.

THE RAČIĆ FAMILY MAUSOLEUM

No visit to Cavtat is complete without a trip to the famous mausoleum of the Račić family, a well-known ship owning family. It was built on the site of the church and cemetery of St. Rocco by the famous Croatian sculptor Ivan Meštrović in 1921. His architecture bears witness to the symbolism of the human life cycle: birth, life and death. This Račić family monument was built as an octagonal white dome using prized white stone from the island of Brač, while the door and bell were cast in bronze. The bell, designed by Meštrović, is inscribed with his beautiful words, "Learn the mystery of love, and you will resolve the mystery of death and believe that life is eternal."

THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

The 15th century Cavtat parish church has a charming Baroque interior and is home to a valuable collection of paintings, sculptures and liturgical vessels. The parish church is also proud of its painting vault, founded in 1952, thanks to Academic Cvita Fisković and many others. Among the numerous valuable works of art are icons bearing images of St. Nicholas from the 15th century, an alabaster relief from the 15th century, a painting of St. Sebastian by the Baroque master of the Bologna school Benedetto Genarri, works by Sicilian painter Carmelo Reggi, and works by the great Croatian painter Vlaho Bukovac.

THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF SNOW

This single nave church dates from the 15th century. The name of the church was given according to the legend when the Virgin Mary has appeared in a Roman merchant's dream and told him to build a temple on the place where snow will lie the following morning. The Franciscan monastery, with its late Gothic cloisters, was added later. The church houses valuable paintings by the Pelješac painter and Franciscan monk Celestin Medović, while Bukovac's painting *Our Lady of Cavtat*, 10m long and 3m high, depicting Cavtat harbour, dominates the church.

CAVTAT EVENTS

Your stay in Cavtat includes a rich programme of events to choose from. One of the biggest events is The Cavtat Summer, an annual series of cultural and entertainment events around town, from the end of June until early September. During that time, Cavtat hosts musicians, poets, dancers and other artists from all over the world. The town's local customs and cultures merge with the culture of the world in the charming ambience of Cavtat and the Konavle region.

A CAPELLA FESTIVAL: "CAST YOUR EYES UPON ME"

This annual gathering of Dalmatian vocal groups has been held in Cavtat since 2000. It was established by the Cavtat vocal group "Ragusa vecchia" and in a relatively short time has become one of the leading events of this kind in Croatia. The festival is held on the first weekend of September on the terrace of the Banac villa, and features 12 of the area's best male and female vocal groups, mostly from the area of Dubrovnik. The second day is usually reserved for a concert by a guest group on the summer stage, in front of the St. Nicholas Church.

CARNIVAL

The carnival tradition in Cavtat is over 100 years old. It was the famous Croatian painter Vlaho Bukovac who immortalized this tradition in his painting, "The Cavtat Carnival" (which is part of the Baltazar Bogišić Collection in Cavtat) at the turn of the 20th century. Easy-going fun is the spirit of this Summer Carnival, with performances by bands, street entertainers, jugglers and actors turning the whole town quay into a giant stage with a bit of fun for everyone. Cavtat Summer Carnival is held on the last weekend of July.

IF YOU ARE UP TO ESCAPING DUBROVNIK FOR A DAY...**PASJAČA BEACH**

No music, no bars, no cars, no crowds, no phone or internet signal, just pristine waters and the open sea in front of you – sounds like a dream right? Or DiCaprio's movie description? And it is, but a hard reached one. Pasjača shyly emerges from the giant Konavle cliffs, close by to the village Popovići. It is not a natural beach; the sea word down the surplus of stone left from the tunnels dug in World War Two creating a surreally beautiful beach. Locals have not made it east to find, and it is definitely not easy to reach; think about thousand steps up and down on a steep cliffside, and no mojto waiting for you on either end. But once you do get there, as a reward the views are simply breathtaking. Its sunny all day long, with a little cave offering a much needed mid-day shade and only a few people to share it with. This piece of heaven is not available for long; unfortunately, the beach is disappearing because the sea is eroding the sand.

DIRECTIONS don't think so. You have to be perusive enough to have the locals show you the way or persistant enough to google it yourself (remember no internet signal).

**ACTIVE HOLIDAYS**

Cavtat offers a wide selection of activities for active visitors, nature lovers, and sports enthusiasts. Water sports and other activities available at beaches or diving centres, for underwater visits to sunken ships or mysterious caves. The aqua park provides lots of fun for children and anyone who loves a good splash. Rent a yacht or sailing boat and sail away to nearby islands.

To explore the countryside, try horseback riding at a small estate in Popovići village in Konavle, tennis, cycling or hiking on the several-mile long Cavtat promenade along the coast. Explore the paths that lead to the picturesque local villages, or to the peak of Stražišće mountain, with a spectacular view of the town and surroundings.

GASTRONOMY

Enjoying delicious local delicacies in Cavtat is guaranteed, thanks to the abundance of fine, fresh fish and seafood specialties combined with fresh vegetables. If you are looking for something simpler, sit down at any one of the seaside cafes and bars along the bay while soaking up the beautiful sunset scenery.

We recommend the Spinaker beach restaurant – a chic place to enjoy a peaceful evening dinner by the sea and a delight for seafood lovers.

Relax with a cool drink, watching the sun set over the bay, and it's easy to see why. As evening falls over Cavtat, the lights go out on the peninsula. Seemingly the whole town heads down to the harbour to enjoy this idyllic haven and once more take a stroll along the promenade dotted with sunbathing terraces and hidden coves. It's no wonder

that this place is known as the darling of the gods, nature and people.

Cavtat is just 10 minutes by bus or taxi from Dubrovnik airport. Buses and boats run regularly from Dubrovnik to Cavtat. Dubrovnik's historic Old Town, which glitters in the distance, is just a short journey away.

GETTING THERE



Discover Konavle

ČILIPĪ

If you want to explore the folklore and ethnography of Konavle, you must visit Čilipi, the cultural centre and one of the largest settlements in Konavle. For over forty years now, every Sunday morning at 11.15 am, from Easter to the end of October, traditional folk dancing is held in front of the St. Nicholas church. This is surely the best way to get to know the tradition and customs of this region.

We also recommend visiting the Konavle County House museum that contains the ethnographic treasures of Konavle, displayed in a perfectly restored typical Konavle house. The collection contains about 500 items including men's and women's folk costumes, embroidery, jewelry, arms, musical instruments and items used in the everyday life.

FORT 'SOKOL' (HAWK FORT)

Dating from the 15th century, the impressive Sokol fort was built at the foot of the stone cliffs that rise above the village of Dunave in Konavle. It was the largest fort in the area, built to guard the border of the Dubrovnik Republic and defended the area from enemy invasions through the natural passage between the massive Snježnica and Bjelotina Mountains. Throughout the centuries it was constantly adapted and upgraded.

**INSIDE TIP**

When you set foot on the last step and reach the top of the fort, you will be impressed by the breath-taking view of the entire Konavle region.

TOP CONSUMER BRANDS

Quintessentially Croatian

If you are wondering what to take home as a souvenir or are intrigued by what Croatians genuinely enjoy... here is a brief review of the best known, most cherished and most talked about domestic brands that Croatians hold dear to their hearts.

01

VEGETA

[veh-GEH-tah]



WHAT IS IT? A combination of spices and dried vegetables, Vegeta has served as an inspiration in Croatian kitchens for decades. Whatever you are preparing, whether it is meat, vegetables, stews, roasts, simple dishes or culinary delights – Vegeta will inspire your creativity.

PRODUCER PODRAVKA, Croatia

THE STORY In 1959, the world met a doll named Barbie for the first time at a New York toy fair; meanwhile, in Croatia, a different kind of star was born. The culinary beauty Vegeta would soon conquer the world and become a global brand. Several Croatian generations were raised by a TV culinary show displaying recipes, each ending with '...i jedna žlica Vegete' (...and 'one spoon of Vegeta'). It was a campaign that everyone aged 30+ remembers and a strategy many still use as an integral part of their cooking.

TRADITIONAL USES Prior to preparing meat or fish, just richly sprinkle them on both sides with Vegeta. Add Vegeta to cooked and stewed dishes (soups, sauces, rice, vegetables, etc.) 5 minutes before finishing. One spoon of Vegeta (3 g) is recommended for 250 ml (1 serving). Use it wisely whenever you want to wow your guests!

FUN FACT Is Vegeta healthy? – the original Vegeta contains no artificial flavours, no preservatives, no GMO, no animal ingredients and is gluten, lactose and fat-free, but it does contain monosodium glutamate (MSG) to which some people are sensitive or allergic. Vegeta Natur may be the perfect choice for them - it is an all-natural, gluten and lactose-free all-purpose seasoning blended from carefully selected vegetables and spices, containing no preservatives, no artificial flavour, no enhancers or MSG.

More info at www.vegeta.com

02

FRANCK COFFEE

[Frahnk]



WHAT IS IT? The best Croatian coffee brand - the secret of this most popular coffee is in the combination of the finest coffee and the most delicate process of grinding. Its rounded, chocolate taste and specific scent are well known to all coffee lovers. To preserve its amazing taste Franck has designed a special vacuum-packed "brick" that preserves the unique aroma and flavour of this coffee. This packaging is the origin of the popular nickname for Jubilarna - the "Brick".

PRODUCER FRANK, Croatia

THE STORY In 1868, Louisa May Alcott wrote the novel Little Women that became an instant success. That same year the Franck company was registered and started with chicory production. It would take many more years for the company to launch their first coffee-based product while the "brick" – the vacuum-packed coffee as we know it today - was introduced in 1982.

TRADITIONAL USES Bring water to boil in a traditional Turkish-style coffee pot. Add few small spoons of sugar (depending on the size of the pot :) and remove the coffee pot from the stove. Carefully add few spoons of Franck coffee - stir it constantly until the coffee dissolves in the water. Be attentive as the water level of the mixture will rise a bit. Then bring the pot back to the stove. In a couple of seconds, the coffee level will rise up, therefore watch carefully to remove it from the stove on time.

FUN FACT When visiting friends or relatives, on any occasion, bringing along a 'brick' of Franck coffee is a 'must' for Croatians. For true retro style, you can ask the sales clerk to wrap it in white paper for you.

More info at www.franck.eu

03

MELEM

[MEH-lem]



WHAT IS IT? A Croatian miracle nourishing cream, used for everything – from dry lips to minor skin irritation, present in every household and each cosmetic bag. Melem is an original Croatian cream that nurtures skin with regenerating, moisturizing, soothing and protective effect. It is used for skin sensitive to the sun, air, heat, wind, moisture, detergent, insect bites, irritation during waxing, to prevent fungal infections and allergies, and more. The commercial says it best: "Melem is Melem; all others are just creams"

PRODUCER NEVA, Croatia

THE STORY In the year when the first Apple II computer went on sale in 1977, a Croatian innovator developed a cream based on four essential ingredients: lanolin, beeswax, Castor oil and Vaseline. Since then, Melem has become the 'it' cream of the nation for all kinds of skin conditions.

TRADITIONAL USE Melem is applied in very small quantities and in a very thin layer. For example, to protect both hands, it is enough to take a rice grain-sized amount of the product. Heat the required amount of the product between the palms of your hands because Melem disperses best at body temperature. A small tin of Melem (10 ml) is an irreplaceable part of any Croatian cosmetic bag, always at hand. When skin calls out for help, on the road, far from home, or simply while in town, reach for this miraculous tin.

FUN FACT Enjoy Croatian sun, but with caution – if your skin feels tight from all that sunlight, use Melem to swiftly soothe it.

More info at www.melem.com

04

BAJADERA

[bah-yah-DEH-rah]



WHAT IS IT? The queen of chocolates, a praline made from fine nougat blended with almonds and hazelnuts which gives it a unique, recognizable flavour. A perfect Croatian gift for any occasion!

PRODUCER KRAŠ, Croatia

THE STORY In the 1920s the first Mickey Mouse cartoon was shown, penicillin was discovered, and the first Oxford English Dictionary was published. Among other great things invented - like sliced bread or bubble gum - a forerunner of today's Bajadera was born. In 1923 the Kraš company started producing chocolate bars and assorted chocolates, which to the present day have remained the core part and the major pride of Kraš production. The final product, which maintained its original recipe and quality was produced in 1954 and has become the flagship brand of Kraš products.

TRADITION A box of Bajadera has been a staple gift when visiting friends and remains a definite go-to souvenir if you wish to bring someone a typical Croatian sweet. To impress, bring the largest box of Bajadera you can find in a store.

FUN FACT You'll get to taste them if you are staying in one of ALH hotels as "good night" sweets.

More info at www.kras.hr

05

ČOKOLINO

[choh-koh-LEE-noh]



WHAT IS IT? Fine grain flakes with chocolate - a childhood starter and a favourite family meal in Croatia for generations. There are many flavours of flakes today, but the chocolate ones are the classic. Although intended for the youngest members of the family, Čokolino can never be outgrown.

PRODUCER PODRAVKA, Croatia

THE STORY In the year when The Beatles officially broke up in April of 1970, when Paul McCartney publicly stated that he is leaving the band as their final album "Let It Be" was released, a small factory in the town of Koprivnica started with the production of Čokolino. Back in 1972, the character of Lino the bear was placed on the packaging for the first time and became a trademark of the brand.

TRADITIONAL USE Eat it every morning for breakfast to fuel your energy or just your taste buds. Add 5 heaping tablespoons (30 g) of flakes into 200 ml of cooked milk (cooled to 50°C) and enjoy! The flakes are enriched with 7 vitamins (B1, B2, B6, C, E, niacin and Folic acid) therefore this is a highly nutritious meal.

FUN FACT Though there are precise instructions for how to prepare your bowl of Čokolino, everybody has their own preferences - still, if you prefer the mash to be denser, be careful as it gets really dry and sticky if you don't use enough milk.

More info at www.kras.hr

06

LEDO

[LEH-doh]



WHAT IS IT? The best Croatian ice cream brand with a selection of choices for everybody.

PRODUCER LEDO, Croatia

THE STORY The world got seduced by Elizabeth Taylor's looks and performance in Cat on a Hot Tin Roof in 1958 and Croatians got drawn to the first ice cream produced at the Zagreb dairy plant - the ice cream stick Snjeguljica (Snow White), still one of the favourite ice creams for many Croatians. In 1965 the new factory called LEDO was put into operation.

TRADITION No Croatian summer is survivable without LEDO ice creams, and no Croatian summer lunch is imaginable without Ledo dessert. Regardless of your taste, Ledo offers plenty of choices for versatile tastes, numerous packaging options for numerous occasions. It'll take more than your vacation to taste them all and find your favourite...so, you'll need to come back for more.

FUN FACT If you want to talk big about Croatian authentic ice cream, go for Snjeguljica, KING classic or MACHO chocolate ice cream on a stick. For those preferring cones - LEDO Vanilla ice-cream is a classic.

More info at www.ledo.hr

07

JANA

[YAH-nah]



WHAT IS IT? A refreshing bottled spring water of Croatian origin.

PRODUCER JAMNICA, Croatia

THE STORY Jana came to life 7,000 years ago, when nature was completely pure. The spring is hidden at a depth of more than 2625 feet and preserves the pristine values of life. The source is in the picturesque village of Sveta Jana, at the periphery of the Žumberak Nature Park, in north-west Croatia where the main activities are wine growing and agriculture, in an industry-free and almost immaculate surrounding. Due to the depth of its source, Jana is exceptionally pure and rich in minerals.

TRADITION Luckily, in Croatia the tap water is still of high quality, but Jana is always a good alternative. Jana served in a glass bottle is quite an ornament on the table. It will complement any type of meal, whether an appetizer, main dish or dessert. Natural mineral water Jana perfectly cleanses your palate.

FUN FACT The silky taste of the natural mineral Jana additionally emphasizes the aroma of coffee and offers true refreshment and pleasure. So, like many Croatians, combine Jana with a cup of Franck espresso!

More info at www.jana-water.com

08

COCKTA

[KOK-tah]



WHAT IS IT? A refreshing soft drink with caramel and herb flavour referred to as "The Drink of Our Youth".

PRODUCER ATLANTIC GRUPA, Croatia

THE STORY Cockta was born in the year 1953 when Elizabeth II was crowned as queen of England on June 2nd. At the beginning of the 50s, the father of Cockta, Emerik Zelinka, came up with the recipe for Cockta while working at Slovenijavino. Experimenting with a range of flavours, his recipe included rosehip fruit, pleasantly sour vitamin C, a mix of herbs, pure spring water, and caramel. Cockta's name comes from "cocktail", referring to the mix of herbs that make up its signature flavour. Thus was born Yugoslavia's first soft drink.

TRADITION Cockta was an essential drink of any party in the 70s and 80s - whether a birthday party with friends, a family reunion or a rock concert. For the best experience and some retro vibe, drink it with a straw directly from a small glass bottle.

FUN FACT Since its emergence on the market in 1953, Cockta has remained the same; the secret is in the ingredients of the highest quality - herbs, rosehip, caramel, lemon, and pure spring water, with no phosphoric acid or caffeine.

More info at www.cockta.eu

09

ČARLI

[CHAR-lee]



WHAT IS IT? The first dishwashing liquid on the Croatian market, which has become a synonym for dishwashing liquids (when buying a washing liquid, Croatians refer to it as 'Čarli', regardless of the brand)

PRODUCER LABUD, Croatia

THE STORY 1974 was the year when Isabel Peron became the President of Argentina and the first female president in the world. It was also the year when Čarli Original - the first Croatian dishwashing liquid was created. The first Čarli was lemon-scented and was accompanied by the slogan: "Čar limuna" (The charm of lemon), from which the name Čar-li derives. With time, Čarli has practically become a synonym for washing up liquids.

TRADITIONAL USE Čarli's specially adapted formula facilitates cleaning and effectively removes residues of milk, baby food, porridge and juice with baby dishes, bottles, or cutlery, and is also suitable for washing children's toys. It is biologically degradable, pH neutral, free of allergens and leaves no scent after washing.

FUN FACTS Čarli makes miracles when it comes to removing grease stains from clothing. Take just a small amount of Čarli, rub in the stain and wait for 10 minutes. Rinse it up and dry. No stains, guaranteed...

More info at www.labud.hr

10

KI-KI

[kee-kee]



WHAT IS IT? Fruit toffees that are an essential part of children's birthday parties or event gift bags in Croatia. The Ki-Ki clown logo is a trademark of the most popular candies in south-eastern Europe that many generations have grown up with.

PRODUCER KRAŠ, Croatia

THE STORY The story of Ki-Ki candies started with the legendary square of Ki-Ki fruit chew in 1927, in the same year when Gabriel García Márquez, a Colombian novelist, short-story writer, screenwriter and journalist was born.

TRADITION "No matter where, Ki-Ki is everywhere!" – is a slogan very dear to the heart of every Croatian with a sweet tooth. Colourful Ki-Ki candies are an important part of every genuine celebration table.

FUN FACTS If you are a fan of gummy candies, try Ki-Ki Gumioza gummy candies – these are free of fats, artificial flavours or colours, which makes it a safe and delicious choice, equally tasty, though less traditional.

More info at www.kras.hr

11

OŽUJSKO PIVO

[OH-zhoo-ee-sko PEE-voh]

—
nickname 'Žuja' [ZHOO-jah]

(Note: to say this properly, squish the syllables of the first word as closely together as possible. The second syllable, zhoo, starts with the sound at the end of the French word fromage.)



WHAT IS IT? Original Croatian lager beer, the most sought-after during games of national sport teams (football especially).

PRODUCER ZAGREBAČKA PIVOVARA, Croatia

THE STORY The Nutcracker ballet was first performed and became a Christmas favourite in 1892, the year when Croatia witnessed the birth of its favourite beer – Ožujsko, 'Žuja'. The beer got its name after the month of March ('ožujak' in Croatian), as this was traditionally the month of the year when the best lager beer was produced. Also, this is the last winter month in which the beer could be cooled naturally. A temperature of 5 degrees is optimal for drinking Žuja.

TRADITION Žuja is the heart of every Croatian sport match, concert and team. We drink it with friends, families or by ourselves, though the essence of Žuja is sharing the best times and a favourite drink with loved ones.

Beer lovers always have supplies of their favourite drink, but few know what factors affect the preservation of its quality. Like everything in brewing, preserving beer has its rules, so we bring you a couple of tips on preservation and consumption:

POSITION – Keep it in an upright position, preferably in your hand!

TEMPERATURE – as light and heat are the biggest enemies of beer, it is best to store beer in a cool place, out of range of heat sources. If these conditions cannot be met, drink Žuja immediately!

LIGHT – beer does not like light because it can change its taste, so beer bottles are darker in colour. To preserve the character of the beer, store it in a space with no light source, such as a cellar or refrigerator.

EXPIRATION DATE – Žuja can be safely consumed within one year of bottling. Once the beer is open, it is recommended that you drink it immediately as it begins to evaporate or lose its inherent bubbles as soon as it is opened.

FUN FACTS 30 bottles of beer – by the time you read this sentence to the end, 30 bottles of Ožujsko beer will have been drunk in Croatia. Ožujsko beer is the only beer with the nickname 'Žuja' – it is because we call acquaintances by name and only friends by the nickname.

More info at www.ozujsko.com

12

ČAJNA

[CHAI-nah]

WHAT IS IT? The most popular winter salami in the region.

PRODUCER GAVRILOVIĆ, Croatia

THE STORY 1883 is the year when Antoni Gaudí began to work on the Sagrada Família Cathedral in Barcelona, and also the year when the masters of Italy and Petrinja invested their knowledge and skills in creating a new salami. They never dreamed that they were on the threshold of a great discovery - Gavrilović's Winter Salami! Namely, all salamis "got spoiled" during the ageing process (3 months) and were given a coat of white noble mould, by which Gavrilović is known as the Winter Salamis.

TRADITIONAL USE Simply slice the sausage as thin as you can (preferably around 1 mm) and pair it with one of Croatia's fine cheeses and homemade bread. For red wine lovers, we suggest pairing the salami with Merlot or Cabernet Sauvignon. Those who prefer white wines can choose a glass of Chardonnay, Pinot Grigio or even a sparkling wine to match the taste.

FUN FACTS 'Čajna' got its name after 'čaj' ('tea' in Croatia) because small bites topped with Gavrilović sausage were served at tea time.

More info at www.gavrilovic.hr

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CEDEVITA

[tzeh-deh-VEE-tah]



WHAT IS IT? A granulated drink mix with a daily dose of 9 vitamins, a synonym for a refreshing drink, favoured by all generations.

PRODUCER ATLANTIC GRUPA, Croatia

THE STORY In the same year that Neil Armstrong set foot on the Moon - 1969, the geniuses from the PLIVA pharmaceutical company invented an instant drink with 9 vitamins and called it - CedeVita. It was a small step for them, but a giant leap for all vitamin drink lovers! Lemon and orange are the classic flavours, but you can also find some new varieties on the market shelf.

TRADITIONAL USES CedeVita is prepared just before consumption by dissolving the granules in a glass of water, thus offering a quick, simple and sweet refreshment. There are instructions on how many granules to put in a glass, but it is up to you actually - for a stronger taste, put an extra spoon.

FUN FACT The utmost fans eat it with a spoon! Shhhh.

More info at www.cedevita.com

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MIKADO
[mee-KAH-doh]



WHAT IS IT? A chocolate bar with puffed rice - a good memory of our childhoods and our children's childhood, a part of our daily life, our family member. This product is a Croatian invention indeed!

PRODUCER ZVEČEVO, Croatia

THE STORY Mikado has been a supreme world ruler since 1964! Zorba the Greek, Lord of the Flies and Goldfinger were only a few of the most recognized movies released the same year that the first Mikado chocolate was created.

TRADITION Only the finest raw materials (cocoa, milk) are used to make this chocolate which also meets the high criteria of nutritional values (carbohydrates, proteins, minerals and vitamins). Because of the puffed rice added to the chocolate, Mikado chocolate with rice also provides good dietary qualities, which makes it nutritiously desirable and useful! When it comes to durability, it melts fast, so make sure to eat it quickly...

FUN FACTS Did you know that Mikado, chocolate with puffed rice made by the Croatian company Zvečevo, was the first in the world to create the seemingly completely illogical combination of chocolate and rice? No, it was not the meticulous Swiss, nor their Austrian neighbours; The Croats were the first to dip rice into this magical, sweet, dark brown mixture.

More info at www.zvecevo.hr

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ŽIVOTINJSKO CARSTVO
[zhee-VOH-teen-skoh TZAR-stvoh]
(en. Animal Kingdom)

a super challenge to pronounce for native English speakers! (Note: the very first sound in the syllable "zhee" is pronounced like the end of the French word fromage.)

WHAT IS IT? The thinnest and best children's milk chocolate, which comes with a fun collectable animal sticker in each package. Its unrivalled popularity in cheering the youngest with its stickers and albums has been educating young Croatians and "feeding" their love for the animals for over 70 years. For many, the first associations with the word "Životinjsko carstvo" (Animal Kingdom) are childhood, the curious feeling of opening the package, the eager anticipation of new album stickers to be used (if new) or exchanged (if duplicate) during the afternoon games with friends.

PRODUCER KRAŠ, Croatia

THE STORY While the world faced the birth of NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) in the 1950s, Croatia saw the start of the production of one of the oldest products in the children's assortment - Životinjsko carstvo (Animal Kingdom) chocolate bars, though a forerunner of the chocolate was produced for the first time as early as in 1938 by Union factory in Zagreb. For more than 80 years

the Animal Kingdom has been satisfying kids' curiosity and educating them while treating them with just the right amount of sweet indulgence and chocolate taste as remembered by many generations.

TRADITION Animal Kingdom chocolate is the thinnest milk chocolate, and its shape and the genuine taste of real milk chocolate make it perfect for kids' sweet moments. Besides the chocolate, each chocolate wrapper contains an animal sticker. The stickers are collected in an Animal Kingdom Collectible Sticker Book that is, in fact, children's animal encyclopaedia, and the Kraš company offers a bountiful bag of sweet treats for a sticker album completed.

FUN FACTS Grandparents are still passing their cherished albums to their grandkids. Some adults have been collecting these stickers for most of their lives...if you want to cheer up your Croatian friend or a host, hand them this sweet gift as a sign of your affection or appreciation.

More info at www.kras.hr

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STARTAS
[STAR-tahs]



WHAT IS IT? Colourfully designed sneakers created for free-spirited men and women, who refuse to align themselves with contemporary social trends. Directly inspired by Balkan pop culture, Startas is not afraid of breaking fashion codes by designing colourful, trendy models with a removable bowtie. Therefore, the Startas are known as the first revolutionary pop sneaker.

PRODUCER BOROVO, Croatia

THE STORY Though the Borovo shoe factory has been producing shoes since 1931 in the small town of Borovo in Northwest Croatia, the brand Startas was born in 1976, thanks to the new techniques of rubber vulcanization invented in the '70s. Startas shoes were as playful and different as the artists of pop culture these years - Diana Ross, Paul Simon, Elton John, Rod Stewart, Queen or ABBA. Historically designed for table tennis players, the little canvas shoes quickly became iconic in the sports world and a fashion must-have in the former Yugoslavia. In 1987, the brand was the official sponsor of the University Olympics Games of Zagreb, in which 4000 athletes from more than 120 countries took part. Located in Vukovar, a Croatian city that suffered badly during the Croatian War for Independence in the early 1990s, the Startas factory survived the violence of this period.

TRADITION After nearly 20 years of falling into obscurity, Startas has re-emerged from the past thanks to new designs by Mauro Massarotto. It is yet to be discovered what kind of tradition these lovely sneakers will set for future generations...

FUN FACTS Did you know that the brand Startas was directly inspired by the Non-Aligned Nations Movement? The brand is universal and stands for peace among nations. Those who wear Startas sneakers know that they are part of a story of love and friendship.

More info at www.startas-shoes.com

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BRONHI
[BRON-hee]



WHAT IS IT? Toffee candies with herbal extracts that have been around for nearly 90 years and have a special place in our memories. Thanks to licorice and anise herbs, Bronhi has a beneficial effect on the airways while simultaneously providing refreshment and a short break from the hustle and bustle of daily life.

PRODUCER KRAŠ, Croatia

THE STORY Since the 1930s, Bronhi Original toffees have been manufactured according to an original recipe. In the years of the worldwide Great Depression, a small factory in Zagreb produced these miracle candies. Bronhi brand has been extended from time to time to include new candies, all having in common functionality and a burst of refreshment. If you ask any local, there is only one true Bronhi - Bronhi Original.

TRADITION Watch out - as tasty as they are, these candies can become quite a challenge to eat. They require patience. Bronhis can get really sticky and very hard on the teeth - so, don't chew them, but wait until they melt. That's how we eat them... patiently.

FUN FACT For instant fresh breath, one Bronhi might be a perfect last-minute solution. Some will even suggest it for aiding mild cough problems.

More info at www.kras.hr

If you crave for more Croatian delights, you'll surely not be wrong with these:

- PEZ** - colourful fruit candies (since 1927)
- 505 SA CRTOM (505 WITH LINE)** - hard fruit candies with a unique dark line around them (since 1935)
- DOMAĆICA** - chocolate-coated tea biscuits (since 1957)
- TORTICA** - a wafer with chocolate cream filling and covered with dark chocolate (since 1970)
- KVIKI GRIC** - a crunchy, salty snack with cumin and rosemary extract (since 1975)
- KRAŠ EXPRESS** - a tasty cocoa beverage packed in a train-chimney-shaped jar (since 1978)



SHERIFF & CHERRY
RIMAC [REE-matz]
PHOTOMATH APP

...to be continued in the next edition...

HOTEL INFORMATION

Adriatic Luxury Hotels

DREAM COLLECTION

HOTEL EXCELSIOR DUBROVNIK

Dubrovnik's iconic Hotel Excelsior is one of the finest luxury five-star hotels in the Mediterranean. Overlooking the island of Lokrum and the Old Town of Dubrovnik, the hotel offers an outstanding location, understated elegance, and incomparable charm. Enjoying a rich 100-plus year history, the Hotel Excelsior has a long-standing reputation and loyal client base, having played host to some of the world's greatest performers and royalty.

ACCOMMODATION: 139 rooms and 19 suites

DINING: three restaurants and one bar

CONFERENCE FACILITIES: six multifunctional rooms for up to 650 people

WELLNESS AND RECREATION: Energy Clinic spa and beauty centre; beach

HOTEL BELLEVUE DUBROVNIK

Completely refurbished and opened in Spring 2019, Hotel Bellevue re-emerged as an icon of private boutique luxury and design. It prides itself on its chic style, attracting a younger, funkier, and more design-savvy clientele to the city of Dubrovnik. Perched 30m above the picturesque Miramare Bay, nestled in a sandy cove overlooking the Adriatic Sea, the Hotel Bellevue sets a new standard for Croatian properties, attracting the most discerning and affluent visitors.

ACCOMMODATION: 77 rooms and 14 suites

DINING: two restaurants and two bars

CONFERENCE FACILITIES: two meeting rooms for up to 140 people

WELLNESS AND RECREATION: Energy Clinic spa and beauty centre; pebble beach

VILLA ORSULA DUBROVNIK

This boutique hotel is just a five-minute stroll from the unforgettable UNESCO-protected Dubrovnik Old Town. Its prestigious seafront location offers spectacular sea views, while the surrounding gardens offer exclusive privacy in a secluded corner of Dubrovnik. Built in the 1930s, Villa Orsula's gracious Oriental style architecture creates an atmosphere of exotic luxury.

ACCOMMODATION: 11 rooms and 2 suites

DINING: Victoria Restaurant and Lounge Bar

VILLA AGAVE

Recognised as the best way to experience the ancient and luxurious city of Dubrovnik, Villa Agave is one of the most exclusive villas on the Mediterranean. With an atmosphere of relaxation, comfort, and informality, Villa Agave is a three-bedroom, 270 m² summer house overlooking the Adriatic Sea. Surrounded by five terraces, Villa Agave offers exceptional privacy and breathtaking views across the bay of the Old Town of Dubrovnik and the Island of Lokrum.



HOTEL SUPETAR CAVTAT

Housed in an original 1920s three-storey private villa which was built on the remains of the ancient settlement of Epidaurum, after a complete renovation, Hotel Supetar opened in summer 2022 emerging as a boutique, heritage property in the very heart of the charming historic center of Cavtat, a typical Dalmatian seaside town with harmonious architecture. The hotel is just steps away from the beach and offers guests a more intimate setting to enjoy their Adriatic vacation. Old Town Dubrovnik is a pleasant 20-minute drive away.

ACCOMMODATION: 16 rooms

DINING: restaurant and 2 bars

ESCAPE COLLECTION

GRAND VILLA ARGENTINA

Just minutes from the gates of Dubrovnik's Old Town, Villa Argentina was built as a gilded private residence at the beginning of the 20th century and was converted into a five-star hotel complex in the 1950s. Overlooking the blue Adriatic Sea and the nearby island of Lokrum, the hotel is just a short walk from the Old Town of Dubrovnik, providing the ideal starting point for exploring this UNESCO World Heritage Site.

ACCOMMODATION: 127 rooms and 4 suites

DINING: two restaurants and three bars

CONFERENCE FACILITIES: three meeting rooms for up to 200 people

WELLNESS AND RECREATION: Energy Clinic spa and beauty centre, outdoor swimming pool; deck beach

HOTEL DUBROVNIK PALACE

Hotel Dubrovnik Palace, a luxury five-star resort is revered for its multi-faceted approach to lavish holiday escapes. It offers a full range of activities and facilities for couples and business travellers. Celebrated as Europe's finest five-star resort for 2011, the Hotel Dubrovnik Palace was also the proud winner of two World Travel Awards for two consecutive years – Croatia's Leading Hotel and Croatia's Leading Spa Resort. Its wellness and spa centre, conference rooms, superb gastronomy, and spectacular terraces with breathtaking sea views make it the first choice for a memorable, luxurious stay.

ACCOMMODATION: 271 rooms and 37 suites

DINING: four restaurants and three bars

CONFERENCE FACILITIES: eleven conference and meeting rooms for up to 750 people

WELLNESS AND RECREATION: Energy Clinic spa and beauty centre, three outdoor swimming pools, PADI diving centre, tennis court, beach, jogging paths and walking routes.

HOTEL CROATIA CAVTAT

Located a pleasant 20-minute drive from historic Old Town Dubrovnik, near the picturesque town of Cavtat,

Hotel Croatia Cavtat is the leading 5-star resort and conference hotel on the southern Adriatic. Built to demanding specifications allowing Hotel Croatia to blend seamlessly with its natural surroundings, it is the ideal destination for relaxation or business. The hotel serves as a convenient base for exploring Dubrovnik, the crown jewel of the Adriatic.

ACCOMMODATION: 480 rooms and 7 suites

DINING: four restaurants, three bars

CONFERENCE FACILITIES: ten conference and meeting rooms for up to 850 people

WELLNESS AND RECREATION: Energy Clinic wellness and spa centre, beach, outdoor swimming pool

HOTEL KOMPAS DUBROVNIK

All new 4-star hotel opened in August 2015, the charming Kompas is located in the most peaceful and calm neighbourhood of Dubrovnik, the beautiful Lapad Bay. Less than 4 km from the Old Town city centre - away from summer crowds, Hotel Kompas enjoys one of the best positions in Dubrovnik. Thanks to its proximity to the sea and the beach, its ideal location in a quiet area, hotel Kompas has become one of the most popular places to spend summer holidays in Dubrovnik.

ACCOMMODATION: 170 rooms and 3 suites

DINING: Sphere Restaurant & Lounge Bar and Zenith bar

CONFERENCE FACILITIES: conference room for up to 400 people

WELLNESS AND RECREATION: Energy Clinic wellness and spa centre, outdoor and indoor swimming pool

VILLA GLAVIĆ DUBROVNIK

Villa Glavić is a historic three-storey building, with 21 rooms, offering complete privacy and beautiful sea views. The location of the hotel makes it convenient for trips into Dubrovnik, to learn of its colourful history, to dine in its many restaurants or to shop in the boutiques of the walled city.

UNWIND COLLECTION

HOTEL ODISEJ MLJET

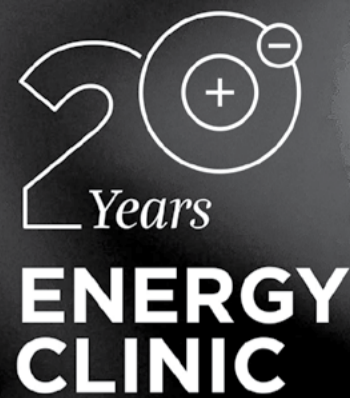
Hotel Odisej is a three-star hotel in the heart of the Mljet National Park, on the Island of Mljet. It is a perfect place for nature enthusiasts, history buffs; those who like to explore the myths of ancient times or scuba diving fans. If you are looking for a secluded island retreat, where time stands still, the island of Mljet makes a perfect choice.

ACCOMMODATION: 153 rooms and two suites

DINING: two restaurants and two bars

WELLNESS AND RECREATION: Children's swimming pool; fitness studio; hiking and biking trails; diving centre

A visit to the
spa should be
a required part
of any vacation



If you're a core spa goer, you probably have a good idea of what spa services you want. However, when on a Dubrovnik holiday why not try something new and exciting like Energy Clinic signature treatments?

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