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DEAR GUESTS AND FRIENDS  
OF THE KVARNER REGION!

*»Nature has provided us generously with everything we need to remain in good health.«*

There is good reason I chose to welcome you with a quotation from Sebastian Kneipp: You see, anyone who spends their holidays in the Kvarner Region automatically does something good for their health. – Isn't that the most splendid »side effect« you could imagine?

Practically every outdoor activity is possible here with us – on water, on land and in the air; on the coast, on one of the Kvarner islands or in the mountains. And wherever you spend time, the climate benefits – a major reason this region became such a popular spa destination more than 130 years ago – achieve their full effect. For »post-Covid regeneration«, this is ideal. As a complement to the gifts of nature, our health experts have also developed special offers that allow those recovering from Covid to breathe freer again.

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Last but not least: Here, you can also do absolutely nothing at all quite wonderfully. Allow yourself to be pampered, unwind completely and send your soul out on a sunbathed journey of its own.

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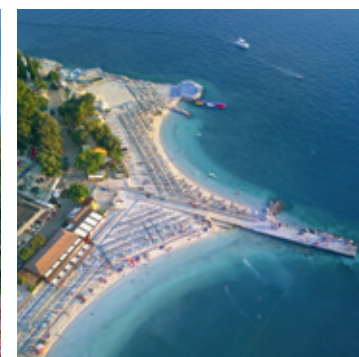
Irena Peršić Živadinov, Ph.D.  
Director of the Kvarner Region Tourist Board



“The true »heart of the sea«  
lies in a fishing village in  
Kvarner Bay (...).”



In 2021, EUROPEAN'S BEST DESTINATIONS honored the harbor town of Volosko on the Opatija Riviera with its title »Hidden Jewel of Europe«.  
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View from the Učka mountains of Mošćenička Draga, the bay and the islands / Beach in the village of Selce on the Riviera of Crikvenica / Surfer on wild Kurila Beach, Lošinj / Krušćica Bay on Cres



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The Old Town of Krk

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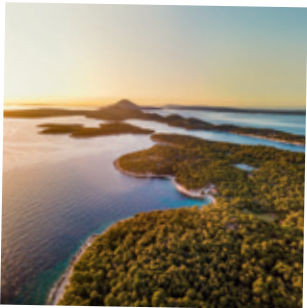
PURE NATURE



Island of Rab

COVER PAGE

With this aerial photo taken at sunset, photographer Sandro Tariba captured a beautiful snapshot of his home island Lošinj. In the foreground, we see the coastline of Čikat Bay, covered in Aleppo and stone pines. To the north lies the tiny, for the most part uninhabited island of Koludarc, sheltering the bay of Mali Lošinj, and rising up against the horizon, 588 m high Televrin summit. The narrow land bridge to the Island of Cres is also recognizable there.



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# IN THE GARDEN OF THE *Adriatic*

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## VARIETY IS BEAUTIFUL

The slogan of the Kvarner Tourism Office is actually too modest. With its wonderfully rugged coastline, its very individual islands, ancient mountains and the most abundant flora & fauna in Europe, Croatia's northern gateway to the Mediterranean can rightly be described as unique.

And it gets even better:

IN THE HEALING CLIMATE  
OF THIS REGION, EACH AND  
EVERY VISITOR ALSO DOES  
SOMETHING GOOD FOR  
THEIR HEALTH.

**VOLOSKO!** Some of the region's best eateries are found in this fishing town on the Opatija Riviera – from the »Ribarnica Volosko«, at whose counter you can pick out fish and seafood, then enjoy it freshly prepared, to the fine gourmet restaurant »Plavi Podrum«. World champion Enrico Marotti opened the surf school »Marotti-Windsurf-Centar« in his hometown, while the first

SUPClub was founded here in 2021. In the Old Town, artists invite guests into their studios and, next to the bust of world-famous scientist Andrija Mohorovičić, we find the beginning of a 10 km long coastal promenade (»Lungomare«), meandering along the Adriatic via the port city of Opatija as well as the villages of Ičići and Ika to the villa town of Lovran.





WHEN I RELOCATED FROM BERLIN TO AUSTRIA, I ALSO ESSENTIALLY MOVED TO KVARNER BAY. JUST A FEW HOURS' DRIVE AWAY, EVERYTHING THERE IS SIGNIFICANTLY MORE RELAXED AND UTTERLY INSPIRING: PEOPLE, ANIMALS AND, ABOVE ALL, THE AIR, WITH ITS AROMAS OF THE SEA AND HERBS.

TEXT KARIN HAUENSTEIN

Upon arrival, the world is at once better: the fragrances, colors, sounds – even the sense of time has changed. And so, even before I have moved into my lodgings, my first excursion takes me to Volosko. A drink with a view of small fishing boats at arm's reach, is simply a must. And at this moment, there is nowhere else I would rather be ...

Kvarner Bay, in its own favorable climatic microcosmos between Istria and the Croatian mainland, shows its effects immediately: Either pure energy flows right through me or I find complete peace. With nothing in between. On the one hand, there are the non-chalant harbor activities, the bustle of the markets and the zestful »Bok« (comparable with our »Hello«) in the cafés of the fishing and coastal towns. Honking is still permitted on the roads, flowers form a sea all their own, and even mouse-gray walls are tinged with all shades of patina.

#### A unique Adriatic garden

On the other, you can find personal retreats almost everywhere, even in the middle of summer: on the coasts beneath laurel trees, bougainvillea, palms and oleander bushes. On the islands between pines, evergreen holly oaks, olive groves and fragrant wild herbs. In the mountainous hinterland surrounded by silence, virtually untouched nature and an immense feeling of freedom.

*The nearby karst peaks are home to natural wonders, awaken your yearning for adventure and transform the entire bay into a unique garden park.*

Like a mighty defensive wall, the Učka mountains, the Gorski Kotar high plateau and the Velebit massif (from west to east) protect Kvarner Bay from cold air currents. Even subtropical plants thrive here, on the 45<sup>th</sup> parallel, precisely halfway between North Pole and Equator.

#### See what the sea can do ...

Nowhere else have I been better able to live up to the maxim »Do nothing but do nothing« than here. Simply breathe in the sensual local perfume: the zest of the sea, the sweetness of acacia and laurel flowers, the aromas of wild herbs concentrated by the sun.

When the urge overcomes me, I jump into the sea in May – partly because the mild temperatures awaken feelings of summer, partly to stick my tongue out at the umbrella still hanging on my door at home. – Yes, happiness is definitely in the air here. Croatia's »dolce vita« is called »lagodan život«, translating as: the light, leisurely, simple life. And indeed, with the sea right before you, you need so much less of everything else.

#### The Riviera of Opatija – a charming confection of palms

Opatija Riviera, with its parks, turn-of-the-century villas and beautiful promenade, definitely lives up to its reputation as the »gateway to the Mediterranean world«. Every time I arrive, the views of the Adriatic, the port city of Rijeka as well as the islands of Cres and Krk are very special to me, and the moment the first palm emerges, my entire being switches over to sweet idleness.

»Palm trees just a few minutes' drive from home?«, a friend recently asked me skeptically. Yes, and really hunky ones, not just some dwarf Mediterranean shrubs. These exotic species came here around two hundred years ago, and they came to stay: Seafarers brought them from overseas to give the parks and gardens of their homeland elite flair. The noble spa guests were impressed and became even more inclined to amble through the verdant grounds – not far from Vienna, but so very different (...). To this day, Indian and Californian palms live here in harmony with laurel trees, pines, Mediterranean



#### CULTURE IN BLOOM

The flowerbeds in front of Villa Angiolina, in the eponymous park of Opatija, bloom in historically rooted patterns; with a plant design for every season. Partially protected as a monument of landscape architecture, the park is also home to the horticultural firm Parkovi, which nurtures a 150-year tradition as it grows around 70,000 annuals: cultivated in spring are begonias, sage and sweet mace; in May, the silvery »cineraria maritima« (silver ragwort), blue ageratum and Indian impatiens.



oak and other imports: cedars from the Himalayas, ginkgo trees, Chinese cinnamon and banana plants.

Because Opatija's history as a place of recuperation began in 1889 (»Abbazia« back then) as a winter spa destination for the European aristocracy, colorful botanical features were also created for the cooler season. Blooming between December and April, we first encounter the ultra-fragrant Japanese plum, followed by camellias in many colors (p. 16). And so it was that the »Adriatic Garden of Schönbrunn« also became a thing of history.



#### WATER & FORESTS

At 1401 meters, the Vojak is the highest summit in Učka Nature Park, while its round stone tower on the Poklon pass affords one of the most beautiful views in Croatia, extending on clear days to the Alps and Italy. The new Visitor Center is also a must-see (p. 16). From the coastal communities of Opatija, Ičići, Ika, Lovran, Medveja and Mošćenička Draga, marked paths lead to your destination. Incidentally: The tap water on the coast originates here and can be consumed without a second thought.

#### THE LAUREL CITY

The small villa city of Lovran, with its medieval heart, is named after the nearby forest of laurel trees which ascends to the slopes of the Učka. Here, chestnuts and cherries are celebrated as culinary highlights. Villa San Rocco (photo left), built for Baron Brenner in 1904, was a popular postcard motif 100 years ago.

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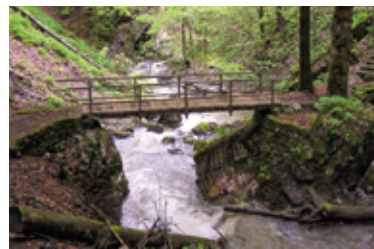
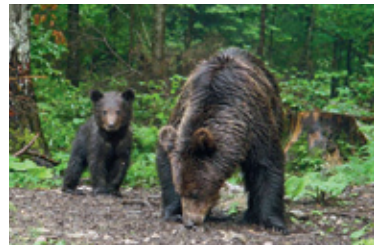






#### MARKET FRESH

Velika Placa, the big square and site of the Rijeka city market, is the belly of the region. Here, you will quickly see which inhabitants, vegetables and fruits of the Adriatic are in season and be able to enjoy them market-fresh at the surrounding konobas. If you allow your mind to journey into the past, you can even walk on water: Until well into the 19th cent., the Adriatic still held sway over the location of today's market; then, the bay was progressively filled in. The beautiful *Jugendstil* fish emporium offers the bounty of the sea quasi right on top of the sea ...



Close to the city, around 300 brown bears live in the Gorski Kotar mountains with its caves and rivers.

From Trsat Castle, you enjoy a glorious view of the city, the port and the Rječina river, which empties into the Adriatic 19 km from its source and, in the past, frequently formed the border between different countries.

#### FROM SHARK TO CAVE BEAR

The **Natural History Museum** in Rijeka captivates the whole family with exhibits from a shark to a cave bear, plus many aquariums. A permanent exhibition »Wild Animals with Sea View« opened in 2021. *Lorenzov prolaz 1, Rijeka, prirodoslovni.com*

#### RISNJAK NATIONAL PARK

Declared a National Park in 1957, this natural connection between the Alps and Dinarides, including the 1528 m summit of »Veliki Risnjak«, has beautiful prospects in store for visitors *np-risnjak.hr*. Also running through it: 2 long-distance hiking paths, the »Via Dinarica« *viadinarica.com/de* and »Via Adriatica« *viadriatica.org*.

#### THE 3 BIG PREDATORS

In the historic small village of Stara Sušica, with its Frankopan castle, a visitor center was recently opened. It is impossible to imagine a better location than here in the middle of Gorski Kotar. »Velike zvijeri« (»Big Predators«) casts a spotlight on the local forest dwellers: **bears, wolves and lynx**. *centar-velikezvijeri.eu*

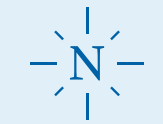
#### BEAR WATCHING

A recipe for adventure: Take one guide with Jeep, a wood cabin in the forest to overnight, an observation station and night-vision equipment... and a bear (at least one) will come. *crobear.eu*

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## HIDEAWAY

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Wake up in a king-size bed with a first-class view of the Adriatic. As you enjoy fine gourmet cuisine on the spa- and restaurant terrace, feel like you are on the panorama deck of a luxurious cruise ship. The new 5-STAR HOTEL NAVIS, styled in detail by star architect Idis Turato, clings like a futuristic swallows' nest to the narrow strip of coastline along the bay of Preluk (close to Volosko).

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*Zeleno,  
volim te zeleno...*

Translated, this Croatian saying basically means »Green, I love you so much«. The protection and preservation of nature is important to the residents of Kvarner bay, since they were bestowed with »Green« in abundance: The island archipelago of Cres/Lošinj alone boasts 1500 different plant species on just 405 km². In comparison: On the much bigger island of Great Britain (ca. 220,000 km²), only 1200 have been counted.

#### BELI VISITOR CENTER CRES

The decline of the once far larger sheep population on the island resulted in the majestic griffon vultures disappearing from the region almost completely. This eco- and rescue center for injured animals is dedicated to them. In an interactive exhibition, visitors also learn interesting facts about flora, fauna and island life. [belivisitorcentre.eu](http://belivisitorcentre.eu)

#### EXPLORE RAB VIA APP



Big and small hobby archaeologists (also »real« ones) can now explore the island of Rab interactively by means of an app. With virtual storytellers, audio tours, augmented reality and exciting puzzles, discovering 30 archaeological sites is fun for the whole family. The app also functions offline. [rabarchaeologicaltraces.com](http://rabarchaeologicaltraces.com)

#### CAMINO KRK PILGRIMAGE WAY

Part of the European Way of St. James (Spanish: »Camino de Santiago«), this pilgrimage path leads from the cathedral in the city of Krk via 150 km, mountain summits with fantastic views, four Franciscan monasteries and bays reminiscent of the south seas, through the extraordinary natural beauty of the island. [experiencekrk.com](http://experiencekrk.com)

#### THE DOLPHINS OF LOŠINJ

The Blue World Institute [blue-world.org](http://blue-world.org) cares for and researches native dolphins in the nature sanctuary off the coast of Lošinj island, providing interesting insights into the lifestyle and development of these roughly 200 animals. The ca. 20 km long »Dolphin Path«, leading hikers from sunny Borik bay to Krivica bay, features numerous dolphin-watching opportunities. [visitlosinj.hr/de/der-weg-der-delphine.aspx](http://visitlosinj.hr/de/der-weg-der-delphine.aspx)



Earlier, Cres and Lošinj were a single island and, due to their proximity to the Amber Road, important for trade by sea. Around 2000 years ago, the Romans separated the two islands at the town of Osor by means of a manmade canal, thereby cutting distances for smaller ships. Osor, the main town of both islands for centuries, can be explored like a museum. The music evenings (July/August) are a highlight for Classical fans: [osorfestival.eu](http://osorfestival.eu).

#### Krk Island – one for all

Since 1980, the island of Krk has been connected to the mainland via a 1430 m long bridge, representing a significant tourism advantage. The result is astounding: Effervescent resort towns with family-friendly beaches and virtually every opportunity for watersports, hand-in-hand with a wealth of marvelously preserved culture treasures, hiking and biking routes, a pilgrimage way and a wine that is unique worldwide, the Žhlatina.

When I explored the island for the first time in my own way, going by instinct, following narrow side roads and pathways, I was amazed by the size of the forest I drove through for quite some time. Until then, I had been more aware of the elephant-skin-like east side of the island which faces the coast road on the Croatian mainland – swept bare and left barren by the Bora winds. Suddenly and quite unexpectedly, »a clearing full of wine« ended my forest excursion. A large, completely protected expanse of grapevines revealed itself; easily 100 ha in size! That said, the nearby wine town of Vrbnik, enthroned on a hilltop, is not only known for its Old Town, but also an epicurean mecca for vinophiles, with konobas, restaurants and bars. With beautiful sea access to boot.

In the past, most of the island populace grew fruit and vegetables, supplying their products to the mainland coast. The current »farm-to-table« project of the Toljanić wine-growing family is an extension of that – with a more current interpretation (p. 36).



INFO: SHEEP FARMING  
ON THE ISLAND OF CRES.

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Doubletake on the island of Rab: The Old Town, pretty as a picture. // Erosion leaves behind bizarre sandstone formations in Ciganka bay.



Something on Lošinj is always in bloom.

#### Cres Island – wild, captivating beauty

If you love nature, you will immediately take Cres to your heart. Much here is as it was decades ago, tourism is gentle, life not easy for young people, but for older types, such as myself, idyllic: the practically primeval Tramtana forest in the north, the meager stone-strewn meadows, the griffon vultures which circle majestically overhead, nesting on steep cliffs above the sea close to the medieval town Beli, the intermittently almost bewitching fragrance of wild herbs, original hiking paths, hidden bays and, naturally, the sheep which, from time to time, take a nap in the middle of the road. The island belongs to them after all.

A natural wonder indeed: the Blue Grotto in Žanje bay. It can be reached (tip: in late autumn) only by boat or on foot; the last few meters must be swum. When the sun casts its beams through the opening in the grotto – ethereally beautiful!

#### Lošinj Island – aroma therapy & dolphins

My girlfriend, an asthma sufferer, spends three weeks every year on the island of Lošinj, preferably in October/November. The reason is as simple as it is impressive: From the moment she steps onto the island, she gets incrementally better. The microclimate of the island, saturated with tiny micro-aerosols, and the essential oils of an incredible 230 species of healing plants make her inhaler dispensable, even though she takes hikes almost daily.

Actually, this isn't new news: Losinj was declared a health destination in 1892 and in »Yugoslavia times« provided therapy to children from the GDR coping with asthma and neurodermatitis. Making it even more astonishing that even regular guests often don't know about these health benefits. They

simply feel good, whether on the campground or in a luxury hotel. The native dolphin population in the south of the island (some 200 animals) also appears to appreciate the quality of life here.

#### Rab – an island paradise

If you believe the tradition, the ancient Romans would party for days on end. That was likely also the case in Rab, the home port for one of their biggest fleets. Also traditional with young visitors: »partying« on select island beaches (Pudarica, Barbat) and at bars and clubs surrounded by centuries-old walls.

But Rab wouldn't be a Kvarner island if it didn't unite parallel worlds: Families love the natural sand beaches that transition gently into the sea, the campgrounds and the hospitable private hosts. Active holidaymakers find countless sporting ways to discover the multifaceted natural landscapes. And for fans of the Middle Ages, the annual »Rabska Fijera« summer festival is almost a duty: For two full weeks, Rab celebrates its history. And the backdrop couldn't be more authentic: four prominent belltowers clad in medieval walls, meandering cobbled lanes and narrow stairways, monasteries, churches and stone palaces.



Beaches and turquoise sea right at the doorstep. The resort town of Baška on Krk from a seagull's-eye perspective.

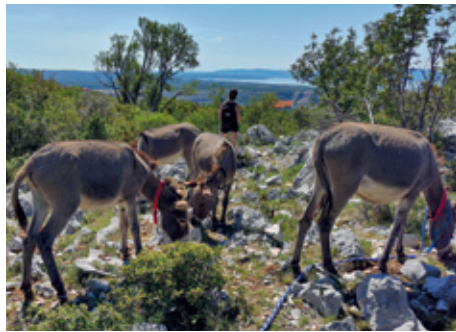
*Our  
Adriatic*

In contrast to billions of years of Earth history, the Adriatic is still in its infancy. Only 12,000 years ago, when the glaciers of the last Ice Age melted, was the basin of today's Adriatic deluged by the Mediterranean. The karst mountain landscapes that had once risen from the sea, were transformed again into a maritime world of islands and islets, with summits and ridges that continued to touch the skies above. Almost enclosed, the Adriatic warms only slowly, but retains pleasant bathing temperatures until well into October. And for many Europeans, so close to home!





Two excursion destinations, barely a 15 min drive from the coast: Frankopan Drivenik Castle and the donkey farm of the Lucić family.



Crikvenica: From the beach, Krk island is always in sight. The coastal promenade of the Riviera runs some 8 km from the Kačjak peninsular in Dramalj to the bay in Selce, flanked by lush flora (top).

## »We are family« – The Riviera Crikvenica-Novi Vinodolski

Sandy and fine-gravel beaches extending flat into the Adriatic make the rivieras of Crikvenica and Novi Vinodolski popular holiday classics for families. As a small child, my neighbor's daughter was able to say »Crikvenica« (pronounced »Tsrikenitzka«) before she could say »holidays«. Not kidding! They also do a lot there to ensure big and small feel right at home: On the official beaches, you will find all forms of water sport, ice cream parlors, restaurants and cafés. Making it easy for grown-ups to be lazy, beaming the kids up to holiday heaven. Also inviting: the seaside promenades lined by palms and pine trees.

Because no one likes leaving their pet at home, dogs are welcome at many places. There is a dog hotel, along with several beaches for quadrupeds and their companions. »Monty's Dog Beach & Bar«, close to the Podvorska harbor in Crikvenica, claims to be the most beautiful dog beach in Croatia ([monty.hr](http://monty.hr)).

Regardless of where you find yourself on the Kvarner mainland coast: Krk island can always be seen on the horizon. Needless to say, you can ferry across from the ports

### DONKEY RIDES

Once the most important helper of Kvarner farmers, the donkeys of today deserve being taken care of, fed well and stroked. On the donkey farm in the small village of Šmrika (photo) run by Suzi Lucić together with her children Iva Mari, Marko and Mihael, the program includes donkey rides for children, rides on a three-wheeled carriage and walks with the donkeys to a small cave and a scenic spot with sensational views of the bay and bridge between Krk and the mainland.

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### PARAGLIDING

One of the most popular paragliding areas in the region is Vinodol valley in the hinterland of Crikvenica. The broad views across Kvarner bay, with all its geological facets, are unique. Tandem flights are also a chance to snap great photos.

[paragliding-kvarner.com](http://paragliding-kvarner.com)  
[pjkflumen.org](http://pjkflumen.org)

by boat taxi or excursion ship, a beautiful daytrip.

### Breathe healthily and conquer castles

The port cities of Crikvenica and Novi Vinodolski and the smaller towns of Selce, Dramalj and Jadranovo have one thing in common – the healthful climate. Here, too, there is a long tradition of health tourism, offers ranging from therapy for infant children ([thalasso-ck.hr](http://thalasso-ck.hr)) to ultra-professional sports-medicine services at »Terme Selce«, where more than 120 Olympic champions have been able to recuperate ([terme-selce.hr](http://terme-selce.hr)). So many things can be integrated into a bathing holiday, such as inpatient therapy or »Mama's own personal timeout« at the day spa.

Of course, the mainland coast wouldn't be a typical Kvarner region if it didn't also feature a green hinterland welcoming nature lovers, culture fans and active vacationers in total silence: with the fertile »Vino-dol« wine valley, the ancient Velebit mountains, beautiful biking & hiking paths, carp-filled Tribalj lake, and the castles, churches and monasteries of the noble Frankopan family (p. 22/23).

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# FACETS OF *Nature*

WHERE IS NATURE MOST BEAUTIFUL? WHERE IT IS WILD, IMPASSABLE AND FLEXES ITS MUSCLES, OR IN PARKS AND GARDENS WHERE IT IS CULTIVATED BY HUMANS?



## The camellia – Opatija's floral trademark.

For more than 170 years, up to 3 m tall camellia bushes have adorned the parks of Opatija. This tea plant, imported from the Far East by seafarers, is one of the first plants to bud in December. Also known as the winter rose, it blooms and is fragrant until early May.

## UČKA NATURE PARK NEW POKLON VISITOR CENTER

Fly with the bats, use a kinetic table to explore the mountain, immerse yourself in the home of bears and golden eagles, 70 bird and 263 butterfly species, and get to know the bellflower »Campanula tommasiniana«, unique worldwide. – The Poklon Visitor Center in Učka Nature Park at 930 meters opened its doors in May 2021.

Interactive exhibitions convey a whole new feeling for the mountainous climes of Učka and Čičarija, intended to sharpen awareness for the environment, especially the valuable world of plants and animals. The numerous recreation opportunities in the mountains are also presented: hiking, self-guided theme paths, cycling, mountain biking, free climbing, paragliding (...). There is a café, a playground, and a souvenir shop with original works by local artists, nice memorabilia, and items for fans of nature and hiking.

[pp-ucka.hr/en/the-visitor-centre/](http://pp-ucka.hr/en/the-visitor-centre/)



Together with chestnuts and pines, lush laurel trees also bring green to Opatija Riviera. The small villa city of Lovran is actually named after it.



## 4 questions for THE CAMELLIA EXPERT

A passionate camellia grower, horticulturist Katica Dražić held leading positions in the municipal gardens of Opatija for 21 years and has overseen the garden parks of a private hotel group since 2018.

**What is so special about this »newcomer«, the camellia, that it became the emblem of Opatija?**

The camellia originates in mild regions of China, where it prefers semi-shade and acidic soil. There are 280 different species there; including »Camellia sinensis«, which we know as green tea. So, the camellia is quite exotic, but it found a new home in the climate of Opatija Riviera. Though it is also loved for its local story.

**What story is that?**

The first camellia was planted by wealthy businessman Iginio Scarpa upon the early death of his wife Angiolina, which rapidly resulted in a kind of »camellia boom«. Not least because the flowers of this plant brought added life to the then winter

spa resort of Abbazia, precisely at the time when Europe's nobility were residing there.

**How many species of camellia grow on the Riviera of Opatija?**

You will find three species of camellia, primarily the »Camellia japonica«, but also »Camellia sasanqua« and »Camellia reticulata«. In public areas of Opatija, there are about 200 bushes or small camellia trees with flowers of many different colors: red, pink, white, and more rarely yellow or purple.

**Do all species bloom at the same time?**

No, which is really nice: The »Camellia japonica«, which has become the emblem of Opatija, often develops buds in December and blooms until the beginning of May. In October, the »Camellia sasanqua« is in its full glory.



## MALI LOŠINJ GARDEN OF AROMAS

The herb garden of Sandra Nicholich, which she planted by hand on 3500 m<sup>2</sup> of land, has become an institution in Mali Lošinj. A paradise full of scents, with donkeys, and a shop where you can find useful and beautiful items, such as herbal sea salt, homemade liqueurs, fragrance pouches, herbal teas, spices and skincare products.

Mali Lošinj, Braće Vidulić 68  
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## OPATIJA AMERICAN GARDEN

On the green hillsides above Opatija, the »American Garden«, inaccessible for decades, was revitalized and reopened as part of an EU project. An oasis of peace with an atmosphere all its own. Austrian TV organic gardener Karl Ploberger also planted a white camellia here and enjoyed the beautiful view across the bay.

Opatija, Nova cesta 195  
[parkovi-opatija.hr/amerikanski\\_vrtovi](http://parkovi-opatija.hr/amerikanski_vrtovi)

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With an area of 405,78 km<sup>2</sup>, the **Island of Krk** is one of the biggest islands of the Adriatic, simultaneously the northernmost island in the Mediterranean and the closest to the European continent.

The most accessible island in the Adriatic, it is linked to the mainland via the Krk Bridge.

Back in Antiquity, it was known as „**Insula Aurea**“ - the golden island - for its sunsets, but also its entire nature, sandy beaches, forests, rocks, karst, olive oil, honey and wine.

The Island of Krk is magical in all seasons, explorable with equal enthusiasm on hot summer days, pleasant spring afternoons, melancholy days of autumn and in harsh winters. With its colors, each season further underscores the island's beauty and diversity.

During walks or bicycle tours, villages reveal to curious tourists their millennia-old cultural monuments, museums and galleries, romantic seaside promenades and wild, rocky shepherds' paths which afford broad, open, beautiful views of the nearby hills and neighboring islands of Kvarner Bay.

Lovers of good food and good wine will surely enjoy the aromas of famous Krk cuisine, each exquisite drop of Vrbnicka Žlahtina wine and the unique sparkling wine from the sea, Valomet.



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## HOLIDAYS WITH ADDED VALUE

The healing climate of Kvarner bay and medically proven treatments guarantee ideal conditions for »Medical Wellness«. The members of the »Kvarner Health Tourism« association promote high-quality health-tourism services. The »Kvarner Health Tourism Guide« is available for free download. Along with lots of information and addresses for Thalasso therapy, rehabilitation and even modern dental practices. [kvarnerhealth.hr](http://kvarnerhealth.hr)



WHERE TO GO ON HOLIDAY? FOR THOSE WHO MUST PAY ATTENTION TO THEIR HEALTH, THIS CLASSIC QUESTION TAKES ON GREATER SIGNIFICANCE. LIKewise, FOR THOSE WHO PAY ATTENTION TO THEIR BODY IN GENERAL. THE ANSWER: A REGION THAT SIMPLY DOES YOU GOOD.

There are places in this world where you breathe freer: by the sea, in the forest, in the mountains. Kvarner bay is such a place. There, the microclimate is so unique and positively stimulating, that spa destinations were created here at the advice of acclaimed physicians back in the 19th cent. – on the Opatija Riviera in 1889, the island of Lošinj (1892) and the Riviera of Crikvenica (1906). However, in those days it was only the wealthy and noble who could afford such a journey.

*Today, this healing European region is accessible to practically everybody. It is quite possible its power is needed more than ever.*

How does this rejuvenating climate »work«? – After a thunderstorm or next to a waterfall, the air feels particularly pure to us. And pure it is, since tiny electrically charged air-borne particles have eradicated most of the allergens. People with asthma, bronchitis or allergies often experience significant, sus-

tained improvement. Furthermore, negative ions (see text right) generate feel-good hormones, strengthen the immune system, regulate blood pressure, increase concentration and performance, and promote healthy sleep. All scientifically proven. The skin also benefits. Wounds and burns may heal faster and headaches disappear completely. On the coast, the islands and amid the abundant waters of the karst mountains, their very presence has astonishingly positive benefits.

### Aroma therapy for all

In Kvarner bay, the healthful climate is complemented by the essential oils of countless wild and medicinal herbs. – Several modern health centers ([kvarnerhealth.hr](http://kvarnerhealth.hr)) put these to good use. You can either book health holidays there including accommodations or integrate their medical spa programs into a »regular holiday« of your own. That said, there is no better way to combine health care with a wonderful family vacation in the sun.

## Totally relaxed Respiratory therapy during family holidays

Since 1903, children with asthma, bronchitis or allergies have received therapy at VELL LOŠINJ HEALTH RESORT. Nowadays, several hotels on Lošinj also offer anti-allergy treatments as part of their program: At VITALITY HOTEL PUNTA, expert medical staff design personal therapy plans, including arrival and departure checkups. FAMILYHOTEL VESPERA offers carefree family holidays coupled with a 2- or 7-day therapy package, developed with the Croatian Respiratory Society and Srebrnjak Children's Hospital in Zagreb. 5- to 18-year-olds are able to practice good breathing techniques in hourly therapy sessions.



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On the Riviera of Crikvenica, medical center THALASSOTHERAPIA CRIKVENICA has specialized in programs to address respiratory and skin diseases. – to improve health, for prevention and recuperation, and as a complement to holiday stays. Infants are also able to receive treatment there.

## Humans & The Sea

Our love for the sea is no coincidence. Life on Earth evolved roughly 3.8 billion years ago in the primordial oceans. And to this day, human blood plasma and seawater have the same mineral composition: sodium, magnesium, iodine, potassium and silicon. In other words, we are children of the sea and still carry it within us.

*The author of this much-cited study was René Quinton (physiologist, 1866–1925).*

## » Breathe in the waves that break upon the rocks «

This statement by physician Galen of Pergamon was made 2000 years ago, but is as true today as it was then. Thoroughly researched, medical professionals are able to harness the restless sea for Thalasso therapy, with extremely positive benefits in the treatment of many complaints.

*Those who are interested in the topic will find abundant information and some astonishing studies.*



## The positive effects of negative ions

When the downslope winds of the Bora stir up the sea and the air is enriched with sea salt particles (sea aerosols), the beneficial effects of the Kvarner climate are at their greatest. Air and water rub against one another and naturally create purifying negative ions. Fine particles of trace elements and minerals like magnesium, manganese and cobalt, penetrate to the deepest corners of the lungs. Physical exercise intensifies the effects, though you don't have to pull out your surfboard or jogging shoes: A simple stroll by the sea will suffice, even enhancing the fitness and resilience of healthy people.

## Hope & Support Post Covid – the time after

Chronic fatigue, muscle and joint pain, breathing problems – after recovering from a Covid infection, many people suffer from long-term symptoms that significantly diminish their joy and quality of life.

In the medical periodical »The Lancet«, an August 2021 article ascribed 200 symptoms to Long Covid.

Kvarner therapy centers and physicians constantly react to such studies, complementing their nature-based therapies with clinical post-Covid programs. For example, THALASSOTHERAPIA OPATIJA Health Center developed customized Thalasso Weeks and cooperates with hotels (e.g. the LIBURNIA

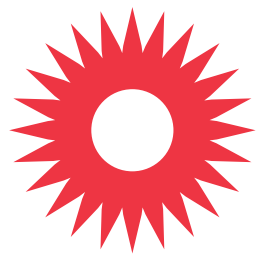
RIVIERA hotel group, [post-covid-recovery liburnia.hr](http://post-covid-recovery.liburnia.hr)) which offer packages combining holidays with recovery.

»Post-Covid«, a six- to twelve-day rehabilitation and prevention program at TERME SELCE ([terme-selce.hr](http://terme-selce.hr)), provides 5 daily treatments, mainly outdoors, so as to take full advantage of the climate on the Riviera of Crikvenica and contribute to better immunity, expanded respiratory capacity and restoration of the musculoskeletal system.

INFO [kvarnerhealth.com/de](http://kvarnerhealth.com/de)

*All information may have been subject to change or supplemented by additional offers (very likely) after the 9/2021 editorial deadline.*





# RIJEKA 2020

## WHAT REMAINED OF THE EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE?

2020 WAS SUPPOSED TO BE RIJEKA'S YEAR – A CHANCE TO SHOW ITSELF TO THE WORLD AS THE »PORT OF DIVERSITY. MORE THAN 1000 EVENTS WERE PLANNED – MANY FALLING VICTIM TO THE PANDEMIC. NONETHELESS: SEVERAL INTERESTING PROJECTS CAME TO STAY.



### EXPERIENCE RIJEKA

If only for the market and harbor atmosphere, the Korzo shopping street, inviting cafés, restaurants, konobas and bars, Rijeka is well worth a visit.

Simply allow yourself to drift through the city, pausing when- and wherever you please. Here, you will find a small selection to inspire you:

#### INNER CITY / KORZO

**Cukarikafe:** coffee & small cakes in a vintage ambience; *Trg Jurja Klovića 4*

**Bracera:** top pizza in a relaxed atmosphere; *Kružna 12a, [pizzeria-bracera.com.hr](http://pizzeria-bracera.com.hr)*

**Book Café Dnevni Borovak:** cozy café with a special atmosphere; *Ciottina 12a*

#### AROUND THE HARBOR & FISH MARKET

**Boonker:** cult address in and around the Bunker, right on the harbor; *[boonker.hr](http://boonker.hr)*

**Grad – eat, drink & mingle:** eatery with the famous »Kaokakao Patisserie« and lunch dishes; *Riva Boduli 7b*

**Konoba Fiume:** picture-book harbor eatery. *Vatroslava Lisinskog 12b*

#### TRSAT CASTLE & SURROUNDINGS

**Vintage Pub:** inside Trsat Castle itself, 500 stairs above downtown. Great view of Rijeka and its harbor.

**Konoba Tarsa:** insider tip in the residential area of Trsat on the edge of the city, top konoba cooking; *Josipa Kulfaneka 10, [tarsa-konoba.com](http://tarsa-konoba.com)*



location ([mmsu.hr](http://mmsu.hr)). Next to the Molo Longo, a promenade along the breakwater of the city harbor, Tito's wondrous yacht of state, the »Galeb«, begins its 5<sup>th</sup> life, now as a museum (small photo above during restoration in Kraljevica), while ceiling paintings in the Croatian National Theatre are freshly restored.

### The »Sugar Palace« knows the answer

What made Rijeka the »Silicon Valley« of Croatia in the 19<sup>th</sup> century? What role did sugarcane play in Rijeka becoming a port of international importance? Why were products from the local paper factory so coveted in fifty countries on all continents, and why was invention of the torpedo important for peaceful progress? Is it true that Rijeka had a disco two years before Germany? – If you are interested in the history of this city, the world and curious facts, you might well spend a long time in the 30 rooms of the City Museum. [muzej-rijeka.hr](http://muzej-rijeka.hr)



3 questions for Velid Đekić, author of several books about Rijeka's industrial, musical and urban history, also Publicity Director for the City Museum.

The new City Museum is very popular with locals. What makes it interesting for tourists?

The biggest baroque palace of commerce in the Habsburg monarchy, with its imposing interior, visually impressive main staircase, the freshly restored wall veduta and the beautiful reliefs of the vaulted ceilings, is impressive in its own right. The former headquarters of the sugar factory, it represents the industrialization of the city, in a positive sense, since it was because of this complex that Rijeka developed in the 19<sup>th</sup> cent. from a harbor town of just 4000 residents into a modern, vibrant metropolis. An exciting history that can be discovered in the form of 30 themes in 30 rooms.

### Which of these rooms is your personal favorite?

A small room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor displaying the only living being (small photo above). At first glance, the depiction of a man's head on the main façade purports to dominate the room and guests. An illusion, since it is the sugarcane opposite which is the actual star of the room, of the entire museum. Without it, this palace would not be here. The museum crew tends to the plant with almost loving devotion.

### There are multiple ways to interpret Rijeka's invention of the torpedo. How do you see it?

Born in Rijeka, Giovanni Luppis invented the torpedo in 1860 to protect his homeland against attacks from the sea. He christened it the »Coast Saver«. Can you hold that against him? For me, it attests to the fantastic power of human creativity, which has many faces. And without the technological solutions given to us by torpedoes, space travel and submarines simply wouldn't be possible. The bow thruster and autopilot used on ships are »peaceful side effects« of the torpedo's invention.

# A Sea of CULTURE

NOWHERE PUBLICLY DOCUMENTS THE STORIED HISTORY, SHAPED BY THE ADRIATIC, AND THE LIFESTYLE OF THE PEOPLE OF KVARNER BETTER THAN THE »INTERPRETATION CENTRE«, A FAR MORE ENTERTAINING ATTRACTION THAN THE NAME MIGHT AT FIRST SUGGEST.



### Where it all began

Villa Angiolina in Opatija marks the beginning of tourism throughout the country, making it the ideal location for the CROATIAN TOURISM MUSEUM. Personal photos, utensils and stories provide intriguing insights into a time which many still remember. [hmt.hr](http://hmt.hr)



### The Life of the Fisherman

Above the fishing harbor in Mošćenička Draga, the HOUSE OF THE SEA reflects the life and work of local fishermen. The boat in the photo is a tiny model. Bookable including a ride on a historical wooden ship as well as a tour guide: [riviera-secrets.com](http://riviera-secrets.com)



### Man from the Sea

After a long time on the seafloor, boundless excitement about its discovery, extensive restoration and travels throughout Europe, this life-size, at least 22 centuries-old bronze statue of APOXYOMENOS has finally found rest and a worthy home in the museum next to the harbor in Mali Lošinj. [muzejapoksiomena.hr](http://muzejapoksiomena.hr)



### The Old House of Vrbnik

The Old Town in Vrbnik on Krk is essentially a museum in its own right: narrow, meandering lanes, small houses hugging the rocky hillside, magical scenery. A visit to the OLD HOUSE OF VRBNIK adds the finishing touches to a journey into the past, showing family life in the 16-18th cent. [vrbnik.hr](http://vrbnik.hr)



### Museum for a Cake

In the KUĆA RABSKE TORTE (city of Rab, Stjepana Radića 5), you can watch as this historic cake is created, then sample it in the courtyard over a coffee or glass of wine. – If you enjoy the taste, you can purchase various forms of this almond confection to take with you. [rabskatorta.com](http://rabskatorta.com)

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# frankopani

## THE LEGACY OF A NOBLE FAMILY



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RELATIVELY UNKNOWN IN THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING WORLD, THE FRANKOPANS (CROATIAN »FRANKOPANI«) WERE ONE OF THE MOST PROMINENT DYNASTIES IN SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE. KVARNER BAY IS HOME TO IMPRESSIVE TRACES OF A 500-YEAR FAMILY HISTORY AND, IF YOU FOLLOW THE **ROUTES OF THE FRANKOPANS**, AS AN ADDED BONUS YOU WILL ALSO ENCOUNTER MAGICAL PLACES AND LANDSCAPES.

TEXT HANS SCHLOEMER

**N**ow only ruins, yet the former Gradec Castle near the small town of Vrbnik on Krk island emanates a fascinating aura. With a little imagination, you can envision how Count Dujam I, the first patriarch of the Frankopans, resided here over 900 years ago with his wife Marija. In the year 1118, he entered into a contract with mighty Venice, granting him Krk as his principality.



To achieve that, he had doubtlessly been very resourceful. Making his lack of imagination when it came to naming his sons even more puzzling: Bartol I and Bartol II. Though the third of the brothers was called Vid. If the three of them were fond of swimming, Gradec Castle was ideal. The nearby beaches and beautiful bays of Melska, Sv. Marak and Supovica are as rewarding now as then. And something else not to overlook: the wine-growing town of Vrbnik. Amid its maze of winding thoroughfares, »Klančič« is officially

the narrowest street in Croatia, just forty centimeters wide! Sucking in your tummy is highly recommended ...

### The Routes of the Frankopans

»The Routes of the Frankopans« is a new tourist attraction encompassing 17 forts and three sacred buildings. Each tells its own story about the life of this noble family, about love and passion, conspiracies and intrigues, faith and power. From the beginning of the 12<sup>th</sup> century until the second half of the 17<sup>th</sup>, the Frankopans – as lawgivers, warriors and politicians, though also poets, sketch artists and painters – shaped Croatian history and culture.

The colossal stone walls of the Frankopan fortifications, with four city gates and defensive towers, frame the historic city center of Krk. Built between the 12<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> centuries a veritable monument to the power and stature of this dynasty. A must-see: the former belltower houses an exhibition documenting the colorful history of the descendants of Dujam I.

Whilst Krk is the cradle of this noble family, the Routes of the Frankopans lead to other highlights of the Kvarner Region: to a splendidly rugged coast of countless small bays, to idyllic beaches. And onwards, to a lush green hinterland of virtually virgin nature, wild rivers and silent lakes, endless expanses of beech trees, pine forests and majestic mountains.



## Sweet Legacy

The Frankopan Cake undoubtedly conceals one or two excess calories. In one of the first cookbooks to appear in Central Europe, dated 1686, the baking instructions are described in opulent Baroque detail.

The recipe collection was authored by Countess Eleonore Marie Rosalie von Eggenberg. To this day, the Frankopan Cake is still prepared by the patisserie of Hotel International Crikvenica true to the original recipe. The classic ingredients: filo pastry, cinnamon, almonds and rum-soaked raisins. After bathing at one of the family-friendly city beaches and with a view of the picturesque small harbor, it tastes twice as good.



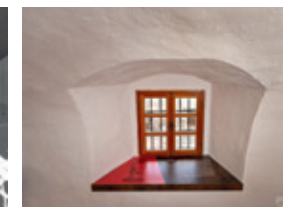
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### ELIZABETA FRANKOPAN

This was certainly not a love match: at just two years of age, Elizabeta was betrothed to the then 24-year-old Count Fridrik II of Celje, an influential nobleman of the Hungarian and Croatian Crown, of Styria and the German Empire. From 1414 to 1422, she lived separated from her husband. An attempted reconciliation with him ended tragically for her – with a hunting knife in her chest.

## On the Love Path

An example worth seeing of a Frankopan sacred building is the Pauline monastery in Crikvenica. The early 15<sup>th</sup> century church of the monastery, endowed by Count Nikola Frankopan IV, also lent its name to the city. Due to their white habits, the Paulines, whose order endured until 1786, were known as the »white monks«. Today, the building, right next to the water, is home to a hotel. Sloping gently down to the sea, the beach of Crikvenica is especially popular among families with children, while ten »Kissing Spots« along the 8 km »Love Path« represent quite a temptation. The nearby wine town of Novi Vinodolski, with its dreamy historic quarter, is also romantic, though active holidaymakers will also be blissfully happy: on the »Blue Bike Path«, leading through the small villages of Bribir, Tribalj and Drivenik (38 km).



Map (DE) with description of all 20 historical monuments and eight interpretation centres on the **ROUTES OF THE FRANKOPANS**: [frankopani.eu](http://frankopani.eu) and [frankopani.kvarner.hr](http://frankopani.kvarner.hr)



### 1118 DUJAM I

How the »simple castle lord« of the small fortification of Rovoznik (today's Gradec) on Krk became the founder of one of the oldest and most powerful Croatian noble families, will likely always remain a mystery. It appears that the Venetians who ruled on the island at that time deliberately named a local as count to assure local stability and more easily protect their own interests.

## Flowers in the Devil's Garden

The ancient Romans didn't fill their minds with romantic thoughts about nature. They declared the mountainous countryside of Gorski Kotar, with its dense forests, impassible, a land that only the devil might enter, »Hortus Diabolicus«, the Devil's Garden.

In contrast, the Frankopans and their noble relatives, the Zrinski family, were well able to exploit the treasures of this wilderness. They built roads, iron-smelting huts, saw- and grain mills, and established commerce.

Lying on the **ROUTES OF THE FRANKOPANS** are Zrinski Castle in Čabar and Stara Sušica Castle in

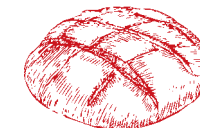
the town of the same name. Today, in the immediate vicinity of the Stara Sušica Castle there is a »Large Carnivores« Visitor Centre which houses an exhibition about the three big animals of prey native to Gorski Kotar.



Visitor Centre with a permanent exhibition: »Large Carnivores« (p. 10).

## NOBLE GENEROSITY

If you believe the legend, the Frankopans were named after two brothers from an ancient Roman family who handed out bread on the market square to the hungry. The name Frangipan, later Frankopan, is supposedly derived from the Latin »frangere panem« – to tear bread. One of the brothers ended up on the Island of Krk.



Frankopan Castle in the center of the city of Krk (above) and the ruins of Gradec Castle (small photo).

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# Souvenirs

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Monika Kovač with dog Aška in a field of blooming immortelles: The strawflower »immortelle« (Croat. smilje) is one of the most versatile healing plants, playing an important role in the KusShh line of facial cosmetics.



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## KusShh PURE NATURE FROM THE ISLAND OF KRK

A nice story: Two ladies from the city, internationally famous (ex-) national basketball player Monika Kovač and her friend Nives Matić, discovered so much reenergizing peace on the island of Krk that they bought 3.1 ha of land there and now run a herb plantation. Better still: 40 organically grown plant species, including lavender, immortelle, rosemary, sage and laurel, provide the basis for facial cosmetics, soaps and fruit syrups, plus dog shampoo and essential oils. Ecofriendly and snazzily packaged, their certified products are shipped Europe-wide.

Local shop: In the »Ulika Grill«, Vrbnik, Vinogradarska 17  
Online shop: [kusshh.hr](http://kusshh.hr)



## Fine Wine & Food Shop

A still-young address for those who appreciate healthy foods, who love regional wines and olive oils, and souvenir hunters in search of something special. Small, but exquisitely and passionately run, this shop offers products from local farmers (e.g. great honey), unusual sweets, jewelry made of fabric, special items such as sandals made from recycled rope, market-fresh fruit and vegetables. This pretty shop also carries popular sour-dough products from the organic bakery of Lea Radošević (photo below) »Eci peci« in Rijeka.

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## SOME MORE Shopping Tips

Some of the shops and producers are »old friends«, but still well worth a visit. A selection:

**FARMER-DIRECT:** Local markets are true treasure-troves for olive oil, cheese, honey, conserved fruits and more – directly from the producers.

On the harbor in the town of Cres, on the island of the same name, the shop **MACMALIĆ** carries a wide selection of culinary highlights such as oils, wines, gourmandise.

Top-quality natural products and their original rhubarb torte are available at **NATURA CROATICA** on the main square in Rab, [naturacroatica.com](http://naturacroatica.com). Organically produced honey, olive oil and cosmetics can be found at **NATURA RAB:** [natura-rab.hr](http://natura-rab.hr).



The lovingly crafted ceramics from the studio of **MARINA MARINSKI** (near Opatija) are available in several shops. New: jewelry and cool décor (photo left) [marinski.me](http://marinski.me).

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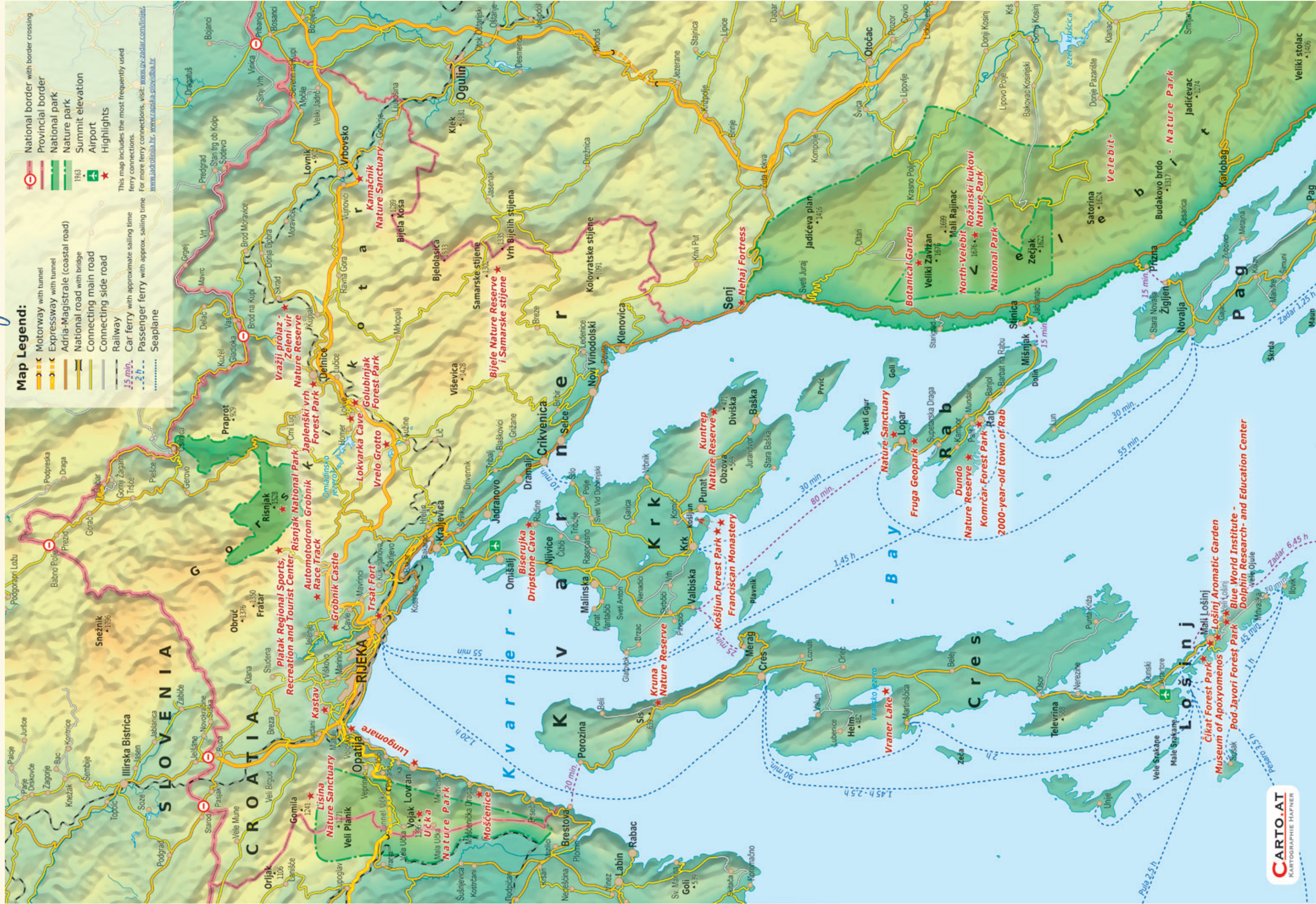
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# KVARNER REGION

at a glance





# IN A PARADISE

## *for cooks & gourmets*

AT THE KVARNER MARKETS, IN KONOBAS AND RESTAURANTS, REGIONAL PRODUCTS DEFINITELY HAVE THE EDGE. NO WONDER, WHEN YOU CONSIDER A BAY SO RICH IN »SUPER FOODS« AND TRADITIONAL PRODUCTS THAT HAVE SURVIVED EVERY PASSING TREND THROUGH THE CENTURIES.

TEXT KARIN HAUENSTEIN



Seasonal freshness on the plate at Restaurant »Alfred Keller«, Boutique Hotel »Alhambra«, Island of Lošinj



For local gastronomes and journalists, it represents a highly cherished déjà-vu: Cooks from other countries regularly rave about the high-quality foods in Kvarner Bay: »What we once had to order from a gourmet food supplier, we now have essentially right outside our own front door« – this is the credo of today. And indeed, the region can rejoice in an intact environment with high biodiversity – bringing pure pleasure to the plate!

Here, we present to you three families of regional products, whose uniqueness has been further confirmed by an EU Protected Designation of Origin. Certain to be followed by many more.

### Winged conservationist with a proboscis

For bees, Kvarner Bay is a paradise. Anyone following current discussions about their endangered existence is aware that, besides producing honey, they also pollenate around 75% of all European wildflowers and cultivated plants. In short: These busy collectors secure a large part of our food supply, including roughly 4000 types of fruits and vegetables. Without bees, we wouldn't have many building materials, barely any natural remedies, the list is long. One more reason to treasure the wide variety of high-quality honey that is produced and offered along the coast, on the islands and in the mountains.

### Unique and healthy: honeydew

Talking of mountains, in 2021, Gorski Kotar was able to earn a PDO for its »Medun«. This wild honey does not consist of flower nectar, but rather honeydew, a kind of tree juice requiring suitable conditions, meaning it is not produced every year and is quite rare. »Medun is by far the healthiest way to revitalize the body«, states beekeeper Branko Vidmar, also known in his home region as »the father of Medun«, explaining why locals have valued their wild honey as a home remedy for centuries: »It contains twelve times more minerals than nectar honey and is especially rich in folic acid.«



Written records show that Medun was already produced in the Gorski Kotar region back in the 13<sup>th</sup> cent. Spicier and less sweet than flower honey, this specialty is also excellent for cooking. With a little bit of luck, on the menu at Hotel Bitoraj in Fužine you might well find a dish labeled »Kare veprica s goranskim medunom«: rack of wild boar marinated in spruce needles and Medun, prepared like roast beef and served with grated potatoes, pureed parsley root, home-made yogurt and honey-mustard sauce.

### Olive oil from unique varieties

Thanks to extensive revitalization efforts over the past 20 years, Croatia's olive oils are today amongst the world's best. Whilst the time of harvest and modern production methods mainly determine the quality of the oil, it is the olive varieties that are pressed which impact the flavor. »Ekstra djevičansko maslinovo ulje Cres« – Croatia's premier olive oil with »PDO« designation since 2015 – comes from the Island of Cres and is pressed exclusively from the indigenous varieties »Slivnjača« and »Plominka«. The fruits must be grown, collected, stored and processed on the island. One year later, the »liquid gold« from the Island of Krk also received well-deserved certification, made unique through use of native olive varieties »Debelac«, »Naška«, »Rošulja« and »Slatka«. As different as the flavor of these two island oils may be – their common denominator is their luminescent color along with aromas of green fruits and herbs.

### Pršut – the synonym for comfort food

Also when it comes to the full-flavored ham Pršut, originality protections make abundant sense, not least because this pork leg of ham is created differently throughout the country: in Dalmatia, smoked in the skin, in Istria, air-dried with the pelvic bone, but without the skin, on the Island of Krk, also without smoke, though also without the pelvic bone, and with the skin. Similarly, the spice mix with sea salt and herbs is different everywhere. Since 2015, »Krčki pršut« is the first Croatian product to carry the »PGI« label – a pioneering achievement of the Žužić family who, in the capital of the island, run the »House of Krk Pršut« including a tavern and butcher's shop. How nice that the Toljanić family from Vrbnik has likewise become involved in Pršut production, also raising their own pigs (p.36).



### ALWAYS A HARVEST FESTIVAL

Throughout the year, local specialties are celebrated within the framework of high-spirited folk festivals, with all visitors welcome. Each in their own season, wild asparagus, strawberries, cherries, olives and chestnuts enrich the menus of cafés and restaurants with mouthwatering dishes. **Events calendar:** [kvarner.hr](http://kvarner.hr)



»PDO«: production, processing and preparation must all take place in the respective region.



»PGI«: at least one step (production, processing or preparation) takes place in the region.





#### A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

Clearly, Kvarner scampi have been fortunate to find ideal living conditions in Kvarner Bay, attested to by the fact that »culinary circles« view the species living there as amongst the European crustacean elite. The »blue mud« on the sea floor and the local nutrition sources allow this solitary creature, a bottom-dweller living in small cavities, to develop its very fine flavor. Gour-

rets describe its flesh as particularly tender, praising its spicy-nutty aroma, gentle sweetness and elegant note of marzipan. In contrast to other members of its species which are forced to survive in the colder and generally significantly deeper waters of the far north, the shell of the Kvarner population is lighter and thinner – yet another distinguishing characteristic.

#### 6 VERY GOOD ADDRESSES TO

*eat Scampi*

- RESTAURANT JOHNSON (*photo above*)  
Mošćenička Draga, [johnson.hr](http://johnson.hr)
- RESTAURANT NAVIS (*photo right*)  
Opatija, [hotel-navis.hr/de/restaurant](http://hotel-navis.hr/de/restaurant)
- RESTAURANT PLAVI PODRUM  
Volosko, [plavipodrum.com](http://plavipodrum.com)
- KONObA ZIJAVICA  
Mošćenička Draga; [konoba-zijavica.com](http://konoba-zijavica.com)
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#### SCAMPI OR PRAWN? THE SMALL BIG DIFFERENCE

As with all precious things, Kvarner scampi is not safe from counterfeits, not least because, when cooked, the significantly cheaper flesh of prawns looks very similar. Unlike scampi, prawns are farmed internationally, varying significantly in quality, taste and price.

##### SCAMPI | LANGOUSTINE

- Decapod from the lobster family
- Large claws (main distinguishing feature)
- Broad fanned tail
- Lives a solitary existence in 20 to 30 cm deep cavities on the seafloor
- Color raw: light pink to orange

##### PRAWNS | SHRIMPS

- Decapod with no claws
- Especially long antennae
- Rather narrow tail tip
- Lives and floats in larger groups or farmed in various ways. The most important producers are China and Thailand.
- Color of Kvarner prawns: grey

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# THE BEST! *Scampi*

IN KVARNER BAY, THE LANGOUSTINES ARE KNOWN AS SCAMPI AND LEAD A LUXURY LIFE THAT MOST OTHER MEMBERS OF THEIR SPECIES CAN ONLY DREAM OF: THE SOURCES OF NUTRITION, THE SEA FLOOR, EVERYTHING PERFECT. THIS IS REFLECTED IN THE QUALITY, ESPECIALLY IF THESE CRUSTACEANS ARE CAUGHT IN FUNNEL TRAPS. WE ACCOMPANIED A SCAMPI FISHERMAN AND NOW APPRECIATE THESE CRUSTACEANS MORE THAN EVER ...

TEXT KARIN HAUENSTEIN-SCHNURRER



Bruno's handshake says a lot about the man at the other end of the arm, or more precisely: his challenging profession. Scampi fisherman – a back-breaking job if you have to live from it, and if you also catch these sea creatures in an eco-friendly way with baskets, rather than higher-yielding trawling nets.

»Trawlers plow the seafloor flat, along with everything that lives and grows there«, explains the fisherman. We agree that the significantly stricter Croatian fishing regulations of recent years make sense. You can no longer fish wherever you want, every boat can be located by GPS, there are stringently controlled off-seasons for many species, while the planned and actual catches must be reported.

**Virtually empty baskets ... better not to ask.**

At 5 AM, we cast off in Bruno's small boat. It was a full moon overnight. »That's when the »Šcampi« (pronounced »Shkampi«) are heavier and their flesh is juicier«, he points out eagerly. He responds to my question »Why« with a shrug of the shoulders: »Simply how it is.«

Soon, we have reached the first of ten buoys in his fishing area. Suspended from it is a long line with 30 rectangular scampi baskets, 300 in total. The winch attached to the boat squeaks as Bruno, with a practiced hand, hoists one basket after another out of the water, enthusiastically removing his live catch, directing it into a bucket and replacing the



SCAMPI FISHERMAN BRUNO  
WITH HIS BASKETS  
»Ecological is not the same  
as economical, but you have a  
much better conscience.«

bait in the middle of the basket. Finally, he allows the long line to glide back out into the depths of the Adriatic. I am troubled. As a rule, there are only one, two scampi per basket, rarely three, often none. Can that be normal? Better not to ask, even if Bruno's expression shows no signs of annoyance or disappointment.

It is afternoon. While the autopilot navigates us back to port, the fisherman sorts the big crustaceans into basins, where they seemingly move about in slow motion. Two restau-

rants will shortly be delighted by the delivery, and especially Bruno's son, who is the head chef and owner of a popular gourmet restaurant.

»Most basket fishermen (incidentally: around 40 in all of Kvarner Bay) sell their catch to local restaurants«, he tells me. That is good, very good, since it means a higher profit margin for them and is kinder on the wallet of people, like me, who simply love scampi. Marinated raw, on the grill, in pasta, risotto, or prepared traditionally »à la Buzara«: with a little garlic, rosemary, breadcrumbs, a shot of white wine as well as pepper and salt, cooked in its own juices (...).

**Quality, not quantity.  
That was a super catch!**

Basket fishermen always deliver first-rate quality: Exclusively big, extremely clean animals that were not fished out of the mud, but rather swam into the basket in the course of their nightly foray for food. Aside from allowing young animals to escape and, thus, the species to thrive, this sustainable method of catching also prevents the animals being crushed or injured, making it possible for them to be delivered live to the customer.

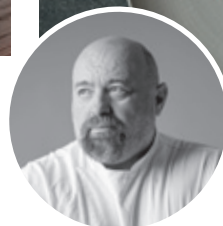
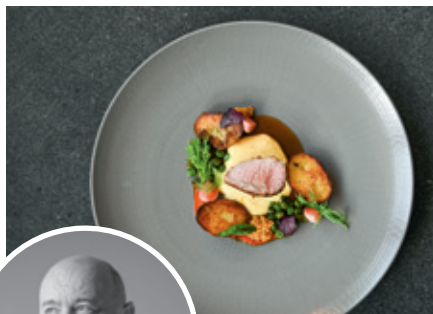
»The best restaurants and konobas, in particular, appreciate the top-quality product«, says Bruno, weighing the scampi. Only now do I find the courage to ask: »Are the baskets always so empty?« Which provokes a laugh from the fisherman: »I was waiting for that question. Six kilos! – Today was a super catch. Time for a *biska*?« – You bet!



▼ **Deni Srdoč**  
Head chef at restaurant  
NEBO, »Hilton Rijeka Costabella  
Beach Resort & Spa«  
near Rijeka



◀ **Michael Gollenz**  
Head chef at  
restaurant  
ALFRED KELLER,  
Boutique Hotel  
»Alhambra«,  
Island of Lošinj



◀ **Zdravko Tomšić**  
Head chef at the restaurant  
of Boutique Hotel »Draga  
di Lovrana« near Lovran.

# 3 STARS

over Kvarner Bay

WITH THREE OF THE TEN TOTAL  
MICHELIN STARS IN CROATIA,  
KVARNER BAY BOASTS THE  
BRIGHTEST STARLIT SKY IN THE  
COUNTRY. 🌟 🌟 🌟

The only thing that counts is the dish. Adeptly, the inspectors from Guide Michelin ignore the table setting, the ambience and the views in order to concentrate squarely on the essential criteria: the quality of the ingredients, the flavors, the cooking techniques, the chef's kitchen presence, value-for-money and consistency. Positive recognition is more prestigious still for an entire kitchen team, a restaurant and, beyond that, an entire region.

## »Nebo« means heaven

When, in 2019, young chef Deni Srdoč at Hotel »Draga di Lovrana« cooked up Kvarner Bay's first Michelin star, the joy was immense. Now, this likeable, creative cook has achieved the same feat at the NEBO, the gourmet restaurant of the new Hotel Hilton near Rijeka. His sensitively created plates captivate every bit as much as the views from the 5<sup>th</sup> floor. The fact that NEBO translates to »heaven« is underscored in multiple ways.

## A beautiful gastronomic story

When we visited Deni at the »Draga di Lovrana« in 2019, the young man had just taken over from two-toque chef Zdravko Tomšić, the pioneer of Kvarner gourmet cuisine, and was being celebrated as a shooting star due



Nebo ★ Draga di Lovrana ★ Alfred Keller

to his Michelin star. Modestly, he questioned whether this meant he was actually the better cook: »I learned an incredible amount from Zdravko«, showing his mentor due respect. – Rightly so: After his celebrated »student« moved to the Hilton, Zdravko again took over the reins, likewise cooking up a Michelin star at the »Draga di Lovrana«! In doing so, he remained true to his more puristic style.

## Star above Čikat Bay

Some might be rather surprised that the restaurant of 5-star Boutique Hotel Alhambra on the Island of Lošinj bears the name ALFRED KELLER. – It is actually a homage to the Viennese architect who envisioned this historic building. The irony of destiny: Since 2021, this place has again been shaped by an Austrian. 26-year-old Upper Austrian Michael Gollenz runs the ALFRED KELLER for Swiss 2-star chef Christian Kuchler and successfully rustled up the first Michelin star for Kvarner Island.

Excited by the quality of regional products, he refined the Mediterranean cuisine of this establishment with his own very personal signature, French nuances and gently employed Asiatic aromas.

Photos: Alhambra (2), Blaha (1), Draga di Lovrana (2), Grzinic (1), Heuer (1), Hilton (2)

Photos: Heuer (2), Duboković (1), Kermayer (1)



Dining at the Plavi Podrum. / Welcome to the Kukuriku, and the Johnson fish restaurant of Dragan Jurdana. (left to right)



## TOP CUISINE

The colorful logo labeled »Gourmet« indicates the best restaurants on Kvarner bay as rated by the KVARNER GOURMET initiative.

### RESTAURANT BEVANDA 🍷 🍷 🍷

Dine with a top view of the bay. On the lido of Opatija, the finest Mediterranean cuisine is served. Good wine selection, bar, boutique hotel. Zert 8, Opatija, T. +385 (0)51 / 493 888, [bevanda.hr](http://bevanda.hr)

### DRAGA DI LOVRANA 🍷 🍷 🍷 JRE 🍷 Michelin 🌟

The breathtaking location with 360° panorama of the mountains and bay, combined with creative seasonal cuisine, is well worth the winding road to get here. Lovranska Draga 1, Lovran (am Berghang), T. +385 (0)51 / 294 166, [dragadilovrana.hr](http://dragadilovrana.hr)

### VILLA ARISTON 🍷 🍷 JRE 🍷

At this historic villa with magical outdoor dining and an elite indoor restaurant, the cuisine is also first class. Chef's table for 2–4 p. Maršala Tita 179, Opatija, T. +385 (0)51 / 271 379, [villa-ariston.hr](http://villa-ariston.hr)

### RESTAURANT JOHNSON 🍷 🍷 🍷

Those who love fresh-caught fish are in good hands with Dragan Jurdana. Good wine selection. Top tips. Outstanding! Majčevo 29 b, Mošćenička Draga, T. +385 (0)51 / 737 578, [johnson.hr](http://johnson.hr)

### RESTAURANT LAURUS 🍷 🍷

A fresh breeze blows in the restaurant at Villa Kapetanović: They serve seasonal dishes that surprise gourmets time and again. Nova Cesta 12 a, Opatija, T. +385 (0)51 / 741 355, [villa-kapetanovic.hr](http://villa-kapetanovic.hr)

### RESTAURANT NAVIS 🍷 🍷 JRE 🍷

Built into the rocky hillside above Preluk bay, this restaurant with boat dock is dedicated to creative fresh cuisine. Top wines. Ivana Matetića Ronjgova 10, Opatija, T. +385 (0)51 / 444 600, [hotel-navis.hr](http://hotel-navis.hr)

### PLAVI PODRUM 🍷 🍷 JRE 🍷

This cult restaurant right by the harbor stands for a more than 100-year hospitality tradition, upscale Adriatic cuisine and first-class wines. Obala Frana Supila 12, Opatija/Volosko, T. +385 (0)51 / 701 223, [plavipodrum.com](http://plavipodrum.com)

### STANCIJA KOVAČIĆI 🍷 🍷

A remodeled old blacksmith's (kovačnica) in the village of Rukavac is home to this elegant yet ultra-cozy restaurant run by the Frlan family. Always-seasonal dishes. Rukavac 51, Matulji, T. +385 (0)51 / 272 106, [stancija-kovacici.hr](http://stancija-kovacici.hr)

### RESTAURANT KUKURIKU 🍷 🍷

The boutique hotel: a zeitgeist hideaway amid centuries-old walls. Its restaurant: a gourmet address with 500 wine labels. Trg Lokvina 3, Kastav, T. +385 (0)51 / 691 519, [kukuriku.hr](http://kukuriku.hr)

### RESTAURANT STANGER 🍷

Many locals also value the classic Adriatic cuisine served at this traditional eatery. Top wines, maritime atmosphere and a beautiful view. Šetalište Maršala Tita 128, Lovran, T. +385 (0)51 / 294 362, [restaurantstanger.com](http://restaurantstanger.com)

### RESTAURANT RIVICA 🍷 🍷

This restaurant with outdoor dining on the harbor of this small town has served fish and seafood since 1934 and been loved by many for equally as long. Ribarska obala 13, Njivice, T. +385 (0)51 / 846 101, [rivica.hr](http://rivica.hr)

### HOTEL & RESTAURANT BARBAT 🍷

Friendly family business with beautiful terrace. The authentic flavor of the island is brought to the plate. A Rab institution. Barbat 366, Rab, T. +385 (0)51 / 721 858, [hotel-barbat.com](http://hotel-barbat.com)

### RESTAURANT ALFRED KELLER 🍷 🍷 Michelin 🌟

At 5-star Boutique Hotel Alhambra, gourmet restaurant »Alfred Keller« has looked to Christian Kuchler since 2021, who garnered 2 Michelin stars at the Swiss »Taverne zum Schäfli«. Čikat ul. 16, Mali Lošinj, T. +385 (0)51 / 26 07 00, [losinj-hotels.com](http://losinj-hotels.com)



At Villa Ariston, Adriatic fish is given a befitting plating.

🍷 🍷 ▶ Top rating from Kvarner Gourmet; 100 points+ 🍷 Outstanding rating from Kvarner Gourmet; 100 points. Michelin 🌟 ▶ One star in Guide Michelin 2021. 🍷 to 🍷 🍷 🍷 ▶ toque(s) in Guide Gault Millau 2021. JRE ▶ Member of the international association of top chefs Jeunes Restaurateurs ([www.jre.eu](http://www.jre.eu)).





# AUTHENTIC & GOOD

Food just like Mama's! Where can you dine well in an authentic atmosphere? The logo of the regional initiative KVARNER FOOD points the way to konobas and restaurants with traditional cuisine and seasonal menus.



1 Lamb prepared in many traditional ways has been served for decades at the Gostionica Bukaleta on Cres. 2 What holidays look like: terrace of restaurant »Cigale« in Mali Lošinj. 3 The Toljanić family are the hosts at Vinotel Gospoja on the island of Krk; naturally, the wine comes from their own winery, as do fresh fish and good products from their farm. 4 At restaurant »Barbat« on Rab island, traditional and modern exist in perfect harmony. 5 The terrace of Konoba Nada in the small town of Vrbnik on Krk treats you to unique views. The winegrowing family also runs an outstanding restaurant in the Old Town and produces very good wines.

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Rating system: The businesses accepted by Kvarner Food have generally been awarded 75-89 points, those with the + = Kvarner Food Plus with 90-99 points.  
Michelin ➤ One star in Guide Michelin 2021. ➤ to ➤ toque(s) in Guide Gault Millau 2021. **JRE** ➤ Member of the international association of top chefs  
Jeunes Restaurateurs ([www.jre.eu](http://www.jre.eu)).





## ELEGANT & CREATIVE

### OUTDOOR DINING ROOM BY THE BEACH

Right on the beach of Mošćenička Draga, guests of the elegant konoba »Zijavica« are within arm's reach of the Adriatic. In the glass-sided outdoor dining area, traditional cooking is given a modern interpretation, making it exciting,


creative and super fresh. In 2021, fisherman's son Stiven Vunić and wife Tea were delighted to receive their first 3 toques from Gault-Millau. This creative cook was also accepted into the European association of top restaurateurs, JRE (Jeunes Restaurateurs). The seasonal menu reflects their long family fishing tradition, the selection of open wines their enthusiasm for Croatia's winemaking scene. In the cooler season, this year-round eatery also seats guests in a comfortable dining room. [konoba-zijavica.com](http://konoba-zijavica.com)

## FINE-DINING

### TWO GAULT-MILLAU TOQUES

In 2021, the kitchen of exclusive restaurant NOBILION at 5-star Hotel »Ikador« on the Opatija-Riviera was awarded 2 toques and chef Dino Knežević (photo) received the title »Gault Millau Talent of the Year«. [ikador.com](http://ikador.com)

### ONE MICHELIN STAR

At Restaurant Draga di Lovrana, Deni Srdoč cooked up the first Michelin star on Kvarner Bay in 2019. Now, together with his team, he has garnered the same distinction at his new creative milieu, Restaurant NEBO at the »Hilton Rijeka Costabella Beach Resort & Spa«. [rijekacostabella.hilton.com](http://rijekacostabella.hilton.com) 



NEW

## FROM FARM TO TABLE

A big vision is currently being realized by the winegrowing and restaurateur Toljanić family on the Island of Krk. In future, the farm where they grow organic fruit & vegetables, olive trees, and tend their own animals will supply VINOTEL GOSPOJA and

their family restaurants in Vrbnik. For the most part, the ingredients for the apricot dumpling in the picture are homegrown. A new building next to the winery in Vrbnik is home to a shop, a modern, comfy konoba, a tasting room and the first Pršut production site Kvarner-wide, made from home-raised pork. Two windows allow visitors to look inside the room where the Pršut is prepared and matured. [gospoja.hr](http://gospoja.hr)



## SCENIC

Restaurant »Dida« stands just a few steps above the beach promenade of Crikvenica, nicely removed from the bustling summer activity, featuring a picturesque garden with view of the Adriatic. Here, the team has nothing else on their mind than pampering their guests: with breakfast in the morning and Mediterranean gourmet cuisine from lunchtime on. With friendliness, outstanding wines, fresh-caught Adriatic fish and dishes such as »Gnocchi a la Romana« or homemade liver pâté with onion jam. [restaurant-dida.com](http://restaurant-dida.com)



Hotel Navis also serves super breakfasts!



## TOP DINING EXPERIENCES

### A HOTEL AS CULINARY AMBASSADOR

All kinds of beautiful scenery characterize extravagant 5-star designer Hotel »Navis«: magical Adriatic views from the beautifully set table as well as your bed, the new boat landing can also be reached by taxi boat, with SUPs and kayaks at the hotel's own small pebble beach. Mainly, however, the dream of top restaurateur and former waiter Kruno Kapetanović has been more than fulfilled:

numerous awards, 2 Gault-Millau toques and a Michelin recommendation have crowned the restaurant under young chef Tino Sinožić (photo left). In 2021, Kruno's son Davor (right) was also accepted into the elite circle of Jeunes Restaurateurs.

**NEW:** sashimi, uramaki rolls, nigiri and tataki of Adriatic fish, also to go. [hotel-navis.hr](http://hotel-navis.hr)

Žlahtina – a summery-fresh sparkling wine – also convinces internationally.



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**Kvarner Wines**

Sparkling!



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Photos: Gropuzzo (1), Heuer (1)



The gentle, copper-colored Rosé Trojiščina from the Šipun winery is a genuine rarity, light, summery fresh with aromas of lemon and red grapefruit.

## PATHS TO WINE

The regional quality label KVARNER WINES points the way to exciting winegrowers, specialized in local varieties.

In Kvarner Bay, Opatija, Rijeka, Vinodol, Krk, Rab and Cres-Lošinj form the third-largest Croatian winegrowing area. 2 million liters of wine are produced here annually, with three-quarters of the 200 ha total cultivated area planted with the indigenous Žlahtina grape. A distinction of quality coupled with traditional values and hospitality, in addition to KVARNER GOURMET and KVARNER FOOD, as of recently KVARNER WINES also serves as a guideline for gourmets. ►

### Wine Festivals

Under the patronage of winegrowing icon Ivica Dobrinčić (Šipun winery), the winegrowers reorganized, intensifying their collaborative campaigns and presentations. In addition to numerous wine festivals throughout the bay area, the whole regional wine scene also gathers every year in June for the »WineRi Festival« in Rijeka. In addition to the Žlahtina grape variety, you will find other native rarities here, such as the protected-origin white wine cuvée Belica from Kastav and red wines Sansigot, Brajdica and Trojiščina. Local farmers and producers likewise present their own products.



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## Kvarner Wines

### KRK

#### ANTON KATUNAR ESTATE WINERY

Pioneers in production of quality wines since Croatia became a country in 1991. Long since a popular destination for guests throughout the Kvarner Region. Tastings possible at the winery: Vrbnik, Vinogradska ul. 1; appointments recommended. [Nada-vrbnik.hr](http://nadavrbnik.hr)

Vrbnička Žlahtina is a semi-sweet Frizzante, dry sparkling wine and wine, rosé, Merlot

#### WINE HOUSE IVAN KATUNAR

Since 1998, father and son (both Ivan) have continued the more than 100-year winegrowing tradition of the Katunar family. Wine tastings in shops under the banner »Kuća Vina Katunar« on the Island of Krk in Vrbnik and Punat as well as in Crikvenica. [kucavina-ivankatunar.com/de](http://kucavina-ivankatunar.com/de)

Vrbnička Žlahtina as a Frizzante, sparkling wine, wine and dessert wine, Gelber Muskateller, rosé of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon, Sansigot

#### ŠIPUN WINERY

Vintner Ivica Dobrinčić has also made a name for himself as the grower and »resurrector« of indigenous grapes. Tasting room and shop at the winery: Vrbnik, Šipun 16.

[sipun-wine.com](http://sipun-wine.com)

Vrbnička Žlahtina as a sparkling wine and wine, Trojiščina as a rosé, red wine Sansigot

#### GOSPOJA

In 1995, three siblings from the house of Toljanić, with their families, united into a cooperative. Under the label »Gospoja«, three »generations of compatriots« now run the winery, restaurants, a hotel, a farm and a Pršut production facility. Tastings and sales are possible everywhere there, also at wine retailers on the island, in Rijeka and Crikvenica. [gospoja.hr](http://gospoja.hr)

Vrbnička Žlahtina as a sparkling wine, quality wine and dessert wine, red-wine cuvée of Sansigot and Brajdica, rosé (Brajdica)

#### PZ VRBNIK

##### WINEGROWING COOPERATIVE

Established in 1904, this cooperative now boasts 125 members with ca. 80 ha of vineyards. Dedicated oenologist Vedran Gršković provides expert leadership in the production process.

Shop: Vrbnik, Namori ul. 2 [pz-vrbnik.hr](http://pz-vrbnik.hr)

Vrbnička Žlahtina as a sparkling wine (also matured on the seafloor, under the label »Valomet«), wine and dessert wine »Prošek«. Red wine from local varieties Brajdica, Sansigot, Kamenina and Debejan

#### NADA WINERY

With their Restaurant Nada, whose cuisine is based on high-quality regional products, the winegrowing Juranić family has been an institution since 1974, not least because of their in-house wine. Shop next to the restaurant. [Nada-vrbnik.hr](http://Nada-vrbnik.hr)  
Vrbnička Žlahtina as a Frizzante, sparkling wine, dry wine and sweet wine; red wine (Brajdica)

### VINODOL

#### VINODOL PAVLOMIR HOUSE OF WINE

Where wine was already grown in 340 BCE, Miroslav Palinkaš cultivates grapes incl. Žlahtina, which develops its own typicity on the mainland. Shop at the winery, Novi Vinodolski, Pavlomir 2 and the Wine & Gastro Shop, Crikvenica, Frankopanska ul. 6 [pavlomir.hr](http://pavlomir.hr)

Žlahtina as sparkling wine and wine, Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, rosé of Frankovka, Graševina and Muškat Žuti (Gelber Muskateller) as dessert wine.

#### GRAND VILLAGE ESTATE

EKO Selo (eco village) Selce is an exciting, future-looking project between Selce and Novi Vinodolski, where olive trees and healing herbs are also cultivated. 7 ha of vineyards already deliver highly promising results. In foreseeable future, the wines will be sold at the eco village.

Žlahtina, Sansigot, Trojiščina

### KASTAV & MATULJI

#### OPG PLOVANIĆ VINA

In the countryside surrounding the small town of Kastav, Dejan Rubeša produces the white wine cuvée »Belica«, known here for centuries (protected designation of origin). In addition to »Malvazija Istarska«, four native grapes must also go into the bottle: »Mejsko Belo«, »Divjaka«, »Verdić« and »Jarbolka«; »Brajkavaci« is also permitted. Tasting room and shop in Kastav, Sporovna jama 7. [facebook.com/plovanic.vina/](http://facebook.com/plovanic.vina/)

Belica as sparkling wine and wine, Istarska Malvazija

#### OPG RUŽIĆ

Vintner Franko Ružić saved the red and white Jarbola grape from extinction in Zvoneća. These indigenous grapes grow exclusively in the rocky hinterland of Matulji. Tasting room & shop: Jurdani, Zvoneća 35  
White and red Jarbola as a sparkling wine and wine, Belica







# ELDORADO FOR *active vacationers*

## ON YOUR BOARDS & AWAY YOU SAIL!

THE YOUNG SPORT OF STAND-UP PADDLING IS CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING THE BIGGEST BOOM IN KVARNER WATER SPORTS.

**F**resh air and Adriatic feeling to the max: Stand-up paddling, a.k.a. SUP, is the absolute hit in Kvarner Bay right now.

Nowadays, there isn't a single island or riviera that doesn't offer SUP rentals and courses. The port city of Rijeka also boasts two absolute SUP hotspots on the beaches of Kostrena and Kantrida. On the islands, too, stand-up paddlers are in seventh heaven. If you keep your ears open, you will quickly learn what makes this activity so attractive to all age groups: Once you have caught your balance on the board, you have an incomparable way to explore the coastal beauty at your own pace.



A far more challenging variant is SUP yoga. As you train on the unstable water surface, your body tension is taken to a whole new level, penetrating into the deepest muscle groups. SUP yoga is offered by the SUNBIRD windsurfing school ([www.sunbird.de](http://www.sunbird.de)) on Losinj and the Marotti Windsurfing Center in Volosko ([marottiwindsurfing.hr/sup](http://marottiwindsurfing.hr/sup)), to name but two.

Incidentally: If you prefer the freshwater, use your SUP to explore Bajer or Lokvarsko lakes surrounded by the pristine mountain landscapes of Gorski Kotar.

**NEW!** Croatia's first SUP club was founded in April 2021 in Volosko near Opatija. The SUP regattas organized by the club for children and adults enjoy a large international turnout.  
[facebook.com/vopsupteam](https://facebook.com/vopsupteam)

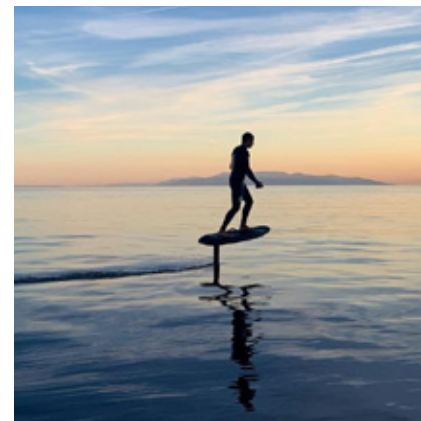


## THE PRIVILEGE OF DIVERS

In shallow reefs overgrown with gorgonia, discover seahorses and octopuses. Search the rocks for lobsters and well camouflaged scorpionfish. Dive down to the ghostly shipwrecks on the seafloor of once-busy trade routes, where scampi, conger eels, spider crabs and small lobsters now make their home. Under the water, Kvarner Bay reveals an exhilarating parallel world.

Photos: Brčić (1), Kvarner Tourism Office (2)

Photos: Heuer (1), Lupić (2) Promotiv (2), Kvarner Tourism Office (1), Lošinj Hotels & Villas (1)



## FLY <sup>NEW</sup> ABOVE THE WATER

There are many opportunities for windsurfing in Kvarner Bay, also at unique locations such as Preluk Bay near Volosko – a surfing hotspot where the Tramontana wind blows in the morning at least 200 days out of the year. Reason enough for world champion Enrico Marotti to open his Windsurf Center there, where you can learn the basics of the sport, also stand-up paddling. Rental equipment is available, as is a rescue boat. A brand-new offer: E-foil surfing, letting you essentially »fly« above the water surface (photo). Add the sunset – an unforgettable experience!  
[marottiwindsurfing.hr](http://marottiwindsurfing.hr)

*What else is possible?*



The Kvarner climate makes it possible: Many sports can be enjoyed year-round under the open skies. A few tips:

### HIKING

More than 300 hiking paths crisscross the variety-rich natural landscapes of Kvarner Bay. Lots of information and maps are available online and from local tourist offices.



### NORDIC WALKING & JOGGING

Numerous promenades right by the sea and beautiful forest paths allow joggers and Nordic walkers to exercise in the healthy fresh air. Many hotels offer Nordic-walking poles to borrow and guided tours.



### ADRENALINE KICKS

Wakeboarding, rafting, skydiving, paragliding, climbing, ziplining high above the sea, or putting the pedal to the metal on the former Grobnik Grand Prix racetrack (near Rijeka) – if you love adventure, you won't have to look for long.



Find even more inspiration here: [kvarner.hr/deu/tourismus/Was\\_unternehmen](http://kvarner.hr/deu/tourismus/Was_unternehmen)



## 1300 KM OF BIKE PATHS

The port city of Rijeka, EUROPEAN CITY OF SPORTS 2022 (category pop. 25,000–500,000), and the exciting region surrounding it have been developed marvelously for casual cyclists and ambitious bikers.  
[bikerijeka.com](http://bikerijeka.com)

If you want to explore the coastal range, with its canyons, karst caves, forests, lakes and rivers, on two wheels, you will find 33 routes online (3 for road bikes, 9 for trekking bikes, 21 for MTBs) with English descriptions and GPX downloads. [gorskikotarbike.com](http://gorskikotarbike.com)

How about some racing? The professionally organized event »4 Islands MTB Stage Race« from 19. – 23.4.2022 is designed for amateurs with excellent stamina: [4islands.hr](http://4islands.hr)



## RAB: INTERACTIVE OPEN-AIR ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM <sup>NEW</sup>

THE TRAIL LEADS HIKERS, BIKERS AND MOUNTAINEERS TO THE SITES OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDS. AN APP PROMISES FASCINATION FOR BIG & SMALL.

Within a few kilometers, the natural landscapes of the southernmost Kvarner island are constantly transformed: sandy beaches, rocky crags, barren steppes, lush green meadows. Millennia-old artefacts and excavations, such as a ceramic oven used by the Romans, attest to the long settlement of this island. In 2021, three interactive theme paths spanning 40 km, leading to 30 archaeological sites, were signposted to create an outdoor museum of archaeology. Info boards and an app (with offline functionality) with virtual storytellers, augmented reality, games and exciting puzzles, also involve younger explorers. Info, videos, app: [rabarchaeologicaltraces.com](http://rabarchaeologicaltraces.com)



# Treasure Island LOŠINJ



Ivan Ljubičić, current trainer of Roger Federer, opened a tennis academy with world-class coaches on Lošinj.

NATURAL LANDSCAPES AND THE CLIMATE HAVE ALWAYS MADE LOŠINJ AN ELITE PART OF THE WORLD. IN RECENT YEARS; THE ISLAND HAS ALSO DEVELOPED INTO A LUXURY DESTINATION. WITH THE »LJUBICIC TENNIS ACADEMY«, THIS »ISLAND OF VITALITY« IS NOW ALSO ESTABLISHING ITSELF IN TOP-FLIGHT SPORT.

**F**undamentally, of course, Lošinj is there for everyone: The island offers a wealth of opportunities for holidays and sports, lots of intact nature, a healing climate, decades-old, proven, state-of-the-art asthma therapies for big and small, a crystal-clear sea and imposing flora & fauna.

In the past several years, it has also developed as an **insider tip for luxury travelers**. With three 5- and nine 4-star hotels, the quality of offers is also growing, Čikat Bay, for example, regarded as one of the most beautiful of its kind – family-friendly with Aquapark and campgrounds, simultaneously spacious enough for luxury oases with lifestyle offers and ultra-cool beach club atmosphere. More than 200 million euros have been invested in hotel infrastructure there since 2014. The first Michelin star on Kvarner Island also makes its »home« here.

## Tennis academy of world-class caliber

In 2021, Ivan Ljubičić, himself once ranked No.3 in the world and current trainer of Roger Federer, in cooperation with the hotel group »Lošinj Hotels & Villas« opened the LJUBICIC TENNIS ACADEMY at Hotel »Punta Vitality«. – Needless to say, with a first-class team of trainers, physios and fitness experts,

pros who still work closely with the likes of Roger Federer, Maria Sharapova, Marin Čilić and Jannik Sinner.

On the island, you can play outdoors practically year-round, with the quality of the GreenSets comparable to those of Melbourne, site of the first Grand Slam tournament on the annual calendar, the Australian Open, and the ATP Finals in London. The terraced design of the facility keeps players focused squarely on their own game. As a former elite player, Ljubičić knows what it takes to make it all the way to the top, especially when it comes to mental strength, which demands far more than mere will-power.

Knowledge his team wants to share above all with up-and-coming pros. True to that sentiment, they have set themselves a high bar: to become the world's best tennis coaching center. Roger Federer and his daughter already »tested« the facilities during their summer holidays.

But amateurs can also benefit from the coaching team, from whom they pick up valuable tips and tricks. – An opportunity you won't find in comparable form anywhere else.

Fadi Shalabi is director of the »Ljubicic Tennis Academy«, a tournament organizer and was, for 14 years, the agent for some of the world's top tennis players.



## ASK THE EXPERT

**The »Ljubicic Tennis Academy« aims to turn young tennis players into successful pros. Can dedicated amateur players also benefit from it? If so, how?**

Amateur athletes wanting to improve their game and spend a week training similar to elite players can do just that on the same, or comparable courts, working with the coaches of our aspiring professionals.

## What is the main difference?

Naturally, we do not demand the same training intensity from amateur players, because the workload would simply be too high. However, they will benefit from top coaches and the advice of Ivan Ljubičić, trainer to one of the greatest tennis players in history.

## And as a counterbalance to the training ...?

... players can enjoy our fantastic 4-star Hotel Punta Vitality on the Island of Lošinj, the climate and a truly unique Adriatic island.

[ljubicicacademy.com](http://ljubicicacademy.com)

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Terrace of a »Marine Premium Home« at »Padova Premium Camping Resort« on Rab.



Maritime Pole Position at »Ježevac Premium Camping Resort« on Krk.

# EUROPE'S MOST BEAUTIFUL CAMPGROUNDS

WHY CAMPING IS SUCH A LUXURY? – BECAUSE, ON THE CAMPGROUNDS OF KVARNER BAY, PRACTICALLY EVERYONE CAN FIND THEIR OWN PERSONAL »HIGH-END EXPERIENCE«: NATURE LOVERS BETWEEN THE ADRIATIC AND PINE TREES, FAMILIES IN A MOBILE HOME WITH POOL AND BEACH, ADVENTURERS UNDER A STARRY SKY, AND LOVERS ... – PERHAPS IN A GLAMPING TENT?

**A** success story: The development of a holiday culture also marked the beginning of the camping era on Kvarner Bay, immensely popular from the very outset. Top locations right by the sea compensated for the basic campground amenities back in socialist times. Since privatization, with operators who are often experienced hotel businesses, camping holidays were transformed into one of the most multifaceted tourism segments with top infrastructure. – The successful balancing act between nature and luxury, freedom and entertainment created whole new target groups. The result: Around 24% of today's Kvarner vacationers stay at campgrounds.

## Diverse holiday worlds for all

Comfortable mobile homes and glamping tents with all the frills, pools, aquaparks, playgrounds, sports facilities in every form, shops and restaurants as well as wellness, activity and excursion programs (...) – many of today's camps offer the infrastructure of a village.

## 3 x near-nature and family-style

Of course, you will also find smaller spots in the region, such as KAMP PARK, a mini campground at the entrance to Risnjak National Park, with many opportunities for fishing, mountaineering, hiking, biking and wildlife watching: [kamp-park.com](http://kamp-park.com).

DRAGA CAMPGROUND, near the village of Mošćenička Draga and recipient of multiple awards as the best small camp, offers 2 natural highlights: It is only 300 m from the sea and 15 km from the forested Učka Nature Park [autocampdraga.com](http://autocampdraga.com).

Deer also live on the island of Cres and are welcome visitors at the close-to-nature BALDARIN CAMPGROUND right on the Adriatic coast [camp-baldarin.com](http://camp-baldarin.com).

## Safety and a clean environment

The label »Stay safe in Croatia« highlights a standardized and safe hygiene concept for campgrounds, hotels and restaurants. Camp Čikat on Lošinj is the first Croatian campground on whose beach the »White Flag« blows, the international symbol for a clean sea and clean seafloor.



## WHERE TO GO?

For decades, the ADAC CAMPING GUIDE SOUTHERN EUROPE has made that decision a lot easier. Together with its camping web portal, it is a treasure trove of information with convenient

enquiry and booking opportunities: [pincamp.de](http://pincamp.de).

The Croatian Camping Association also provides a good overview: [camping.hr](http://camping.hr).



Uwe Frers runs the ADAC camping portal and is very enthusiastic about Croatia.

## ASK THE EXPERT

**MR. FRERS, WHAT MAKES CAMPING ON KVARNER BAY SO UNIQUE?**

»For me, Kvarner Bay is one of the most beautiful camping regions in Europe and rightfully one of the most popular camping destinations for Germans. The quality and amenities of the campgrounds in the Kvarner region are inspected annually by ADAC. The results are very impressive: Four facilities received ADAC's highest 5-star rating as a Super Campground. My tip for summer 2022: To ensure your dream campsite, book your camping holiday on Kvarner Bay well in advance at [pincamp.de](http://pincamp.de).«

## ADAC SUPER CAMPGROUNDS 2021 ★★★★★

- Camping Omišalj, island of Krk
- Krk Premium Camping Resort, island of Krk
- Camping Čikat, island of Lošinj
- Baška Beach Camping Resort, island of Krk





An idyllic beach and one of the most popular sandy beaches on the island of Rab, 1.5 km long.

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Stay in the middle of nature or with the locals. Get to know the people and traditions, grill with your hosts or feed the farm animals. »Kvarner Family« holiday resorts and private apartments guarantee certified quality, often with personal family contact. Some providers, museums and taxi operators offer »Special Family Deals«.

[kvarnerfamily.hr](http://kvarnerfamily.hr)

## Airy heights and thrills

Shady treetop paths and eight ziplines totaling more than two kilometers: »Zipline Edison« on the Island of Krk is all about action, including arrival by jeep and breathtaking speeds up to 80 km/h. That said, the friendly team's top priority is safety. Registration: T: +385 98 626061, [zipline-edison-krk.com](http://zipline-edison-krk.com)

## Building sandcastles

The littlest kids have the biggest fun on

sandy beaches. There is good reason the Island of Rab is so popular with families that have a bucket and spade tucked away in their car trunk: You will find 22 natural sand beaches on the Lopar peninsular alone. Also on the Riviera of Crikvenica, the Island of Krk (at Silo fishing village + below the small town of Risika) as well as the islet of Susak, you have wonderful opportunities to stick your feet into the sand.

## Sight dolphins off Lošinj

»Who can see a dolphin?« For many children, hiking is far more fun if they have a concrete task. The »Dolphin Path« (20 km) on Lošinj leads from Veli Žal beach in a sunny bay along the coast, via the swimming bays of Krivica and Balvanida to the interesting seafaring town of Veli Lošinj, with a high likelihood of spotting these seagoing mammals. Buses and taxi boats make the return trip easy.

## Mobile Homes

Inexpensive accommodations with fully equipped kitchen, children's beds, playground, pools and lots of surrounding nature make families happy, as do campgrounds in general. Combined, they are difficult to beat. Just as »Glamping« holidays in comfy luxury tents bring joy to couples, mobile homes do the same for families. Most campgrounds offer these small homes in various categories.

## Aquapark in Čikat Bay

Divided into a fun area with water slides and children's pool, a fitness area for swimmers and a Chill Zone with massage and water jets, this water park on Lošinj is perfectly equipped for families, free to residents of Camp Čikat as well as children under 3; everyone else pays ca. € 10 (children under 7) or € 13.50 for admission. [camp-cikat.com/de/aquapark-im-cikat-camping-platz.aspx](http://camp-cikat.com/de/aquapark-im-cikat-camping-platz.aspx)



MOBILE HOMES offer families comfort and value for money, meanwhile AQUAPARK ČIKAT promises great fun and recreation, ZIPLINE EDISON nerve-tingling excitement.

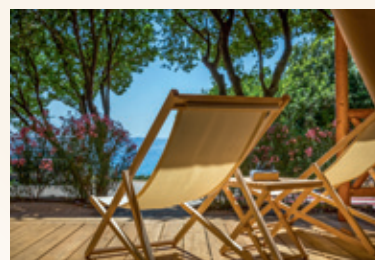
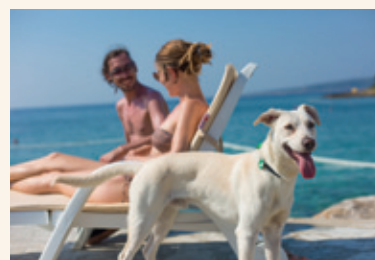
## Holidays with your four-legged friend

Back in 2007, Camp Slatina on Cres launched its project CAMPING-CUM-CANE® (camping with dog), receiving the ADAC Camping Award and other recognition. Since then, Camps Baldarin (also on Cres) and Čikat (Lošinj) have joined this exemplary initiative. With customized facilities and offers, this innovative concept allows holidaymakers with or without dog to live side by side, also making dogs happy thanks to specially equipped mobile homes and free dog training in the summer months. Of course, carefree family holidays with pets are also possible at other Kvarner locations, such as Camps Klenovica near Novi Vinodolski, Padova on Rab, in holiday homes and private accommodations. Separate dog beaches can be found everywhere – always very natural, sometimes almost luxurious, such as »Montys Dog Beach & Bar« near Crikvenica.

[camp-slatina.com](http://camp-slatina.com), [camp-baldarin.com](http://camp-baldarin.com), [cikat.com/de/camping-hunde-cikat.aspx](http://cikat.com/de/camping-hunde-cikat.aspx), [camp-klenovica.com](http://camp-klenovica.com), [rab-camping.com](http://rab-camping.com), [monty.hr](http://monty.hr)



The »Pet Friendly« seal indicates accommodations with an appropriate infrastructure for guests with pets. This includes avoidance of pesticides or cleansers that might cause irritation. [kvarner-petfriendly-eng.weebly.com](http://kvarner-petfriendly-eng.weebly.com)



## PERSONAL *Luxury*

For some, an elegant hotel with every comfort is the ultimate holiday feeling – meanwhile, others find happiness surrounded by nature. Families with children prefer places where the kids can have fun and the grown-ups can unwind wonderfully.

Pet owners want to have their four-legged friends with them during their holidays and take them to the beach; many young travelers look for lodgings that are gentle on their budget. People with physical issues yearn for relief, active sports fans for physical challenges.

## Personal versions of holiday luxury have very different faces.

And the Kvarner Region has the widest variety to ensure your holiday dreams come true. Find your favorite address(es) on the following pages.

## CAMPGROUNDS, HOTELS & HOSTELS ►

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