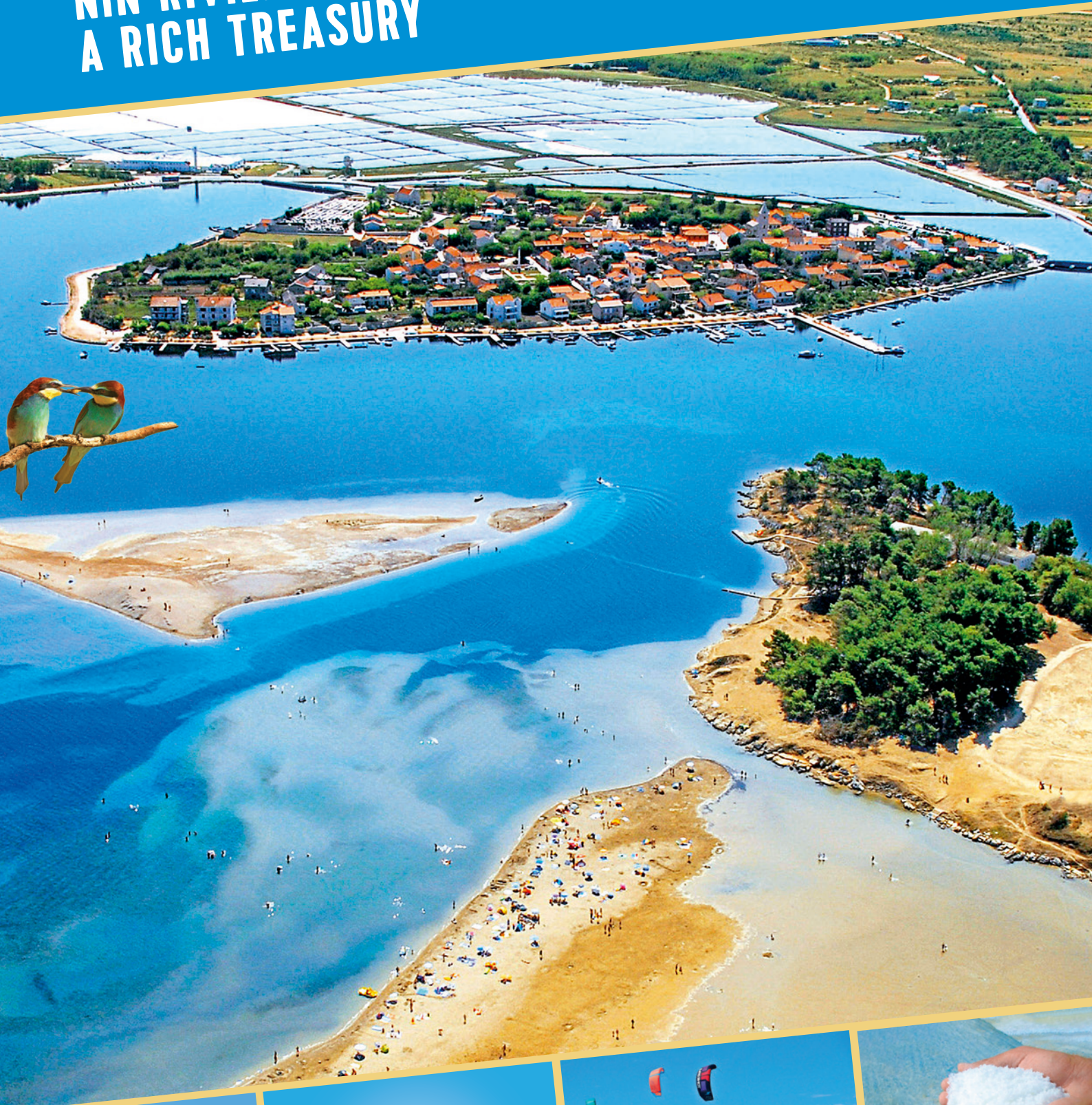


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VISIT NIN

VISIT THE CULTURAL HERITAGE

Nin is the oldest Croatian royal city not living only from its former glory. The past and the present go hand in hand. Nin is a Dalmatian city where it is pleasant to live and beautiful to vacation. It is said that Nin has the smallest cathedral in the world and one of its most beautiful beaches. People come here for a vacation and recreation. Nin offers fun, restores health, energy and self-confidence. Nin is the European destination of excellence and one of the most romantic destinations in Europe.

So much is interwoven from the past into the present, into what nature has provided and what man has made. Nin has its story! Life has endured here for thousands of years. And the day lasts even longer. If you don not believe, check and see - the proof is there.



Nin - a longlasting story

The first reason: A rich treasury

Everything in Nin – a tourist center situated in Zadar County – breathes history and a glorious tradition woven into the life of this region and that of Croatia.

Nin is the oldest Croatian royal city, the cradle of the Croatian state, and it is also known as the Croatian Bethlehem.

Nin's many well-preserved cultural monuments testify to its past, especially the Old Croatian churches from the 9th and 12th centuries. They are unique not only in Croatia, but also throughout the Mediterranean. The pre-Romanesque Church of the Holy Cross from the 9th century, known as the smallest cathedral in the world, is only 36 paces long. The romantic Church of St. Nicholas, dating from the 12th century, is also one of the symbols of Nin and is connected by popular tradition to the coronation of Croatia's kings. The Museum of Nin Antiquities displays a copy of the 9th century baptismal font of Prince Višeslav and two original, reconstructed Old Croatian boats – the Condura Croatica from the 11th century and a replica of the Serillia Liburnica from the 1st century. They were both found in the area of Nin and are proof of the town's close connection with the sea.



There is still so much more to see. The Lower Gates of the city dating from ancient times are still visible. There is the largest Roman temple on the eastern side of the Adriatic, a mosaic from the 2nd century, and the remains of residential dwellings in the center of the city. The remains of the walls on the eastern side of the city demonstrate the importance of medieval Nin. Nearby are the Upper Gates of the city and the Church of St. Ambrose (13th century), and a memorial park dedicated to the poet Petar Zoranić from Nin. The parish church of St. Anselm (6th–18th centuries) is located in the center of the city, once the first cathedral in Croatia, which houses the miraculous statue of Our Lady of Zečevo. Also, take a peek into the Treasury of Sacred Art, The Gold and Silver of the City of Nin.

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Nin is also known for its monuments dedicated to some of its famous people. There is a bronze statue of Bishop Gregory of Nin. According to tradition, if you touch his big toe, your wish will be granted. And it is no wonder that the toe has been worn down by touching because the number of visitors of Nin has grown year by year. The inhabitants of Nin have memorialized a special moment in the life of every country for which they are indebted to Prince Branimir, during whose reign – June 7, 879 – Croatia received its first international recognition, the blessing of Pope John VIII. The city celebrates this date as the Day of Nin, while the country celebrates it as the Day of Croatian Diplomacy.

Have we said everything there is to say about the history of Nin and its monuments? Not even close. The rich treasury of Nin is ideal for further investigation because there are so many monuments, stories, legends and beliefs to be seen and heard here!

The second reason: Rich gifts of nature

Nin is located in the middle of a shallow lagoon. The core of the old city is situated on a small island that is only 500 meters in diameter. It is 14 kilometers from Zadar. Nin's sand beaches are unforgettable and therefore included among the most beautiful beaches in the world.

Nin is also the city of salt, and throughout its history salt has been the source of wealth. The salt works – which produce salt based on a thousand-year tradition – are open to tourists. Here, right at its source, you will learn everything about the production of salt that is the same as in Roman times. The salt works contain the still-preserved remains of the Roman-era stone gates that let seawater into the basin, but you can also learn about the fascinating world of birds and the unique marine life that has adapted to the specific characteristics of this area. Thanks to the clean environment, the many sunny days, the pleasant breeze and Nin's exceptional geographic position, Nin salt with eco-label is counted among the highest quality salts in Europe and around the world. And, we know for certain that after this visit, each time you reach for this important addition to every good meal, your thoughts will turn – where else – but to Nin.



Many people come here to improve their health. Near the beautiful Queen's Beach is a site with medicinal mud (peloid) that has been used for more than 40 years to treat rheumatic diseases, deformations of the spine, problems with the locomotoric system, infertility, and various skin ailments. The therapies are carried out in a pleasant natural ambience and their effects are enhanced by swimming or bathing in the warm sea. The construction of a modern recreational and tourist center will be the next step.

The third reason: Tradition

A non-materialistic traditional heritage has been woven into the patterns of Nin's everyday life, and together they give your present the possibility of a romantic escape and reaching out for eternal values. The appearance of Our Lady of Zečevo, commemorated with a traditional pilgrimage on foot and by boat to the nearby island of Zečevo, is based on an interesting story that goes back to the beginning of the 16th century. In 1516, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to a widowed shepherd woman named Jelena and gave her a message for the people. Our Lady's appearance was confirmed by the tears that appeared on her statue. As a revenge for a defeat that they had suffered in Nin, the Turks burned down the church and monastery on the nearby island, killed the priests, and carried off the statue of the Blessed Virgin. According to the legend, they threw it into the sea, but the Blessed Virgin "swam" to Nin. The unique procession that carries the statue of the Blessed Virgin to the island by small boats is an unforgettable event for residents and guests alike.

Another living tradition is, of course, the Nin "plazulja", a wooden boat with a special appearance whose construction has



been handed down within families by oral tradition. What does it look like? Instead of a description, an invitation: in the harbour of Nin you can see a hundred hand-made boats at anchor.

Another tradition in Nin is playing the tambourine, which is more than 100 years old, and today a-cappella singing is nurtured. Upon coming, do not forget the gastronomic delight of the "šokol". Nin šokol is an authentic dried meat product whose quality is based on the meat used along with the specialties of the region – mulled wine, spices, salt and the north wind know as the bura. The original recipe for šokol – to which a special Nin event known as the Šokolijada is devoted – is closely preserved within the families in Nin and is only passed on by oral tradition. The family secrets in its preparation are not available to anyone, but the šokol itself is. Bon appetit!

The fourth reason: Rich touristic offer

Whether you are coming for a vacation, entertainment, recreation, health, to research the rich historical treasures, travel back in time, or just enjoy the modern rhythm of the present, you are in the right place! The Zaton Holiday Resort with the famous Zaton Campsite, a lovely tourist settlement that has won many international and Croatian awards for its quality and the richness of its accommodations, recreational and entertainment attractions is located in Nin. Nonetheless, there are other types of accommodation – private apartments, apartment hotels, and campsites. You will enjoy Mediterranean specialties, authentic tastes and outstanding gastronomy in the inns, restaurants and pizzerias, and you will take home with you special souvenirs and memories from Nin, a tourist center made up of beauty, enjoyment and health.

The fifth reason: Everyone comes back

Have we forgotten anything?! Of course we have, and for a reason: Nin and its surrounding area offer you many surprises, many stories told and untold, thanks to which it has acquired the flattering title of the European Destination of Excellence.

Nin is waiting for you with delight and a hearty welcome!



Nin became the European Destination of Excellence – EDEN in 2010, and the most romantic European destination. It is mysteriously attractive due to its charming location, mild climate, exquisite cultural heritage, untouched nature, unusual festivals and preserved traditions. In the middle of the shallow lagoon on a heart-shaped islet lies the old town nucleus of Nin in which life began 3000 years ago, hence it is one of the oldest Mediterranean towns. Many civilizations have left traces that can be experienced walking along the romantic streets of the islet – an open-air museum. In prehistoric times, Nin used to be an important Adriatic harbour, later a Roman Municipium, and in medieval times the first capital of the Croats and the oldest Croatian Royal Town, and for 500 years it has been a Marian sanctuary. All its stories, history, legends and monuments as well as its beauty and natural resources are here for you to enjoy and find truly needed inner peace, health and joy. Its unique Croatian lagoon is closed with the Queen's Beach listed among the most beautiful world beaches and Ždrijac Beach. An impressive and breath taking view of the mountain of Velebit stretches from these two beaches. Enriched with numerous legends, mystical and mysterious Nin, a true Croatian gem dandled by the Velebit north wind (bura), offers ancient stories with a taste of salt. Enchanted by the beauty of its nature and inspired by cultural heritage, the poet Petar Zoranić wrote the first Croatian novel “Planine” (Mountains) almost 5 centuries ago. Dive into the exploration:

- **The most famous visual symbol of Nin – the church of St. Nicholas (12th century) in the coronation field – visible immediately when arriving from Zadar direction. After having passed by Zaton, on the left, on a small hill, and in the middle of the field Prahulje, there is a church that folk legend links to a story about the coronation of 7 Croatian rulers. A place for photography.**



- An unforgettable experience is crossing the bridge to enter the old town nucleus where a statue of the Duke Branimir awaits. Excellent photo point.



- The old part of Nin is located on an islet 500 m in diameter, connected to the mainland by two stone bridges.
- In the sea next to the bridge, you will see the replica of the old Croatian ship Condura Croatica (11th century) whereas originals can be seen in the Museum of Nin Antiquities.



- The Lower Town Gate (Donja gradska vrata) leads to the street Kalelarga – today called Branimir Street.
- St. Anselm Church – formerly the first cathedral in Croatia (6th–8th centuries) – is located in the centre of the town, and next to it is a 16th century chapel where the miraculous statue of Our Lady of Zečevo is kept.
- Nin has been a Marian sanctuary for 500 years (1516–2016). Festivities with processions take place 3 times a year and pilgrimages including the transfer of the Lady's statue are on May 5th and August 5th.



- In the parish church treasury, *The Gold and Silver of Nin* is, among other items, a silver coin that belonged to Judas, the ring of of Pope Pio II from 15th century, reliquaries dating between 8th and 14th centuries and other items can be seen.



- The Nin Museum of Antiquities preserves items from ancient history, Roman times, early Christianity, early medieval period, underwater archeology, late Middle Ages and early Modern Age.
- A replica of the baptistery font of Duke Višeslav is in the museum while the original is kept in Split.
- Besides the original Condura Croatica vessel, the museum also has a replica of the Serilia Liburnica vessel from the 1st century.
- A statue of Bishop Gregory of Nin (work of the academic sculptor Ivan Meštrović) positioned in the centre of the town welcomes everyone. In the 10th century, during the rule of the King Tomislav, the famous bishop advocated the preservation of the Glagolitic alphabet. The big toe of Gregory of Nin is listed among the ten world's most attractive good luck symbols. Legend has it that touching its shiny big toe fulfils wishes and brings happiness.
- **The Holy Cross Church (9th century) is especially attractive because it is called the smallest cathedral of the world. The church is compared to Stonehenge because it presents a sundial and a calendar.**
- Not far from the Archaeological museum are the remains of the largest antique temple on the east Adriatic coast dating from the 1st century.
- In Šubića Bribirskih Street, are remains of a wealthy Roman house with a mosaic from the 2nd century.
- Next to St. Ambrose Church (13th century) passing through the Upper Town Gate (Gornja gradska vrata) to the Upper Town Bridge (Gornji gradski most) the remains of the walls can be observed (16th–18th centuries).





- Strolling alongside the remains of the stone walls and the old town streets gives an insight into the presence of various civilizations on the site of Nin.
- After exploring and overviewing the historical stories of the royal town of Nin, you will be convinced that the poet Vinko Nikolić rightfully calls it the Croatian Bethlehem.
- Continue with exploring the natural resources. Visit the Museum of Salt.
- In the area of Nin, biologist discovered 8 NATURA 2000 habitats, 5 endemic, 4 critically endangered, 1 endangered and 5 sensitive plants. Find them and take photos. Here, next to the Queen's Beach, nature placed 4 NATURA 2000 habitats, one next to the other and thus creating an eco natural botanic garden ideal for hiking and jogging. In May and June, observe the blossoming of unusual plants that colourfully enrich the sandy landscape.



- Did you know that Nin has around 8000 meters of sandy beaches?

- The largest Croatian medicinal mud site (120,000 m³ in volume) is situated in Nin - try it.
- Bird watchers will immediately recognize the lagoon as an important destination.
- On the small space area of Nin there is unusual world biodiversity that forms the area of Eco Park in the Nin Lagoon inside of the bay of Nin.



- If you are a sport lover, you can actively enjoy sport during your vacation all year long. For those who love this type of vacation, we recommend exploring the exciting nature of the Nin Riviera by hiking, jogging or cycling. Visit the small nearby fisherman villages, inhale fresh full of ozone air and enjoy the blueness of the sea and golden sunsets. Try wind and kite surfing on the sandy beaches where micro climate brings lots of favourable winds. The north wind bura blows usually in winter, early spring and late autumn and brings clean air from Mount Velebit. During the summer months, the Mistral wind coming from the sea eases the summer heat.
- Near Nin there is the most famous Croatian Camp Zaton and modern Zaton Holiday Resort.
- Learn something new: local sport called picigin - group playing with a small ball (usually tennis size) in a shallow sea.
- We recommend you to taste the local gastronomy product - Nin šokol (cured pork neck seasoned with different spices and herbs) - produced only in the Nin area.
- In the area of the town of Nin (only 10 km from the old town nucleus) there is the famous donkey farm in the village of Žerava.
- And to finish with last but not least, we recommend you to take a break on a bench in the memorial park of the poet Zoranić - maybe you'll be struck by creativity and inspiration: create your life work, or bring an important life decision.



Museum of Nin Antiquities

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Working hours:

01.01. - 30.04.: Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. (with notice)
02.05. - 30.06: Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
01.07. - 31.08.: Monday - Sunday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
01.09. - 31.10.: Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
01.11. - 31.12.: Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. (with notice)

In June and September working hours can differ, the museum is not open during holidays.

Price: adults and children over 10 years 20.00 kn; adults (groups) 15 kn, 20 kn (with professional guide); pupils, students and pensioners (groups) 12.00 kn, 15 kn (with professional guide); professional guidance in foreign languages 200.00 kn

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The treasury of the church of Sv. Anselm

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Working hours:

During the tourist season (July-August) every day except Sundays and holidays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Out of season according to notice.

Price for individuals:

20.00 kn adults, 10.00 kn children, groups of more than 10 people 10.00 kn.

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MONSTRANCE, 19TH CT



RELIQUARY ARM OF ST. ASEL, 14TH CT



RING WITH THE INSCRIPTION OF POPE PIUS, 15TH CT



RELIQUARY BURSA WITH THE SHOULDER-BLADE OF ST. ASEL 8/9TH CT

JUDA'S SILVER COIN
DIDRAHMA FROM RHODOS, 4TH CT B. C.



Museum of Salt and House of Salt

Address: Ilirska cesta 7
HR - 23232 Nin

Guided tours of the Nin saltworks pools are organized.

Working hours during the tourist season (June–September)
every day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Out of season from Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturdays and Sundays according to notice.

Price: for groups 40.00 kn, individuals 65.00 kn, family tickets 170.00 kn, student groups 20.00 kn.

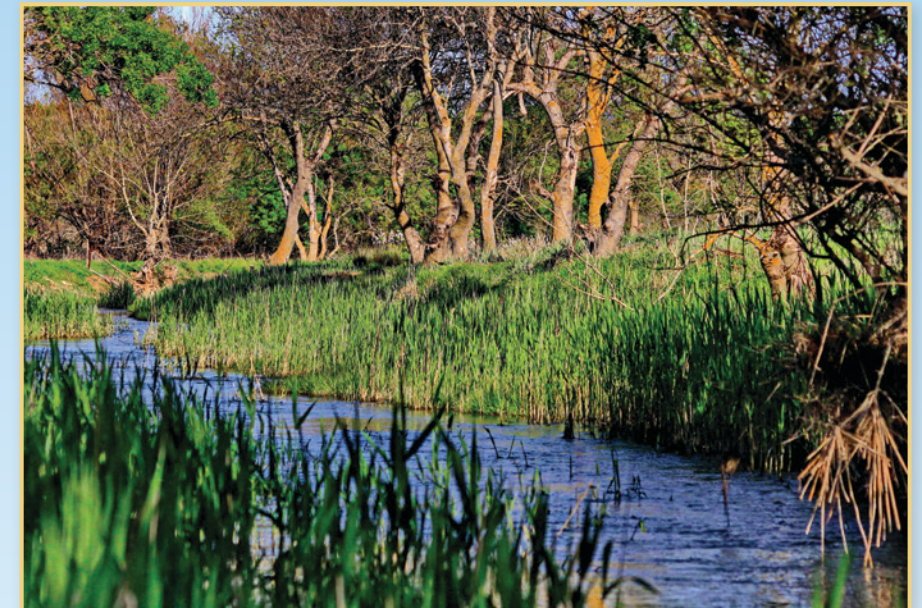
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The town of Nin extends over two coastal tourist destinations - Nin and Zaton, and in the rural area to the tourist resorts Ninski stanovi, Grbe, Žerava and Poljica Brig. Along the coastal area there are more than ten kilometers of sandy beaches. Nin is a city of salt, medicinal mud, rich bird life, preserved nature and protected Natura 2000 habitats.

The larger area is called the **Nin Riviera**, an area with the biggest Croatian sandy beaches.



The story of sandy beaches

Did you know that the Nin Riviera has more than 50 kilometers of sandy beaches in the localities of: Nin, Zaton, Privlaka, Vir and Vrsi? Sandy beaches are one of the trademarks of the Nin Riviera and ancient Nin, and due to the shallow and warm sea, they are especially attractive to families with small children, romantics, nature lovers and the elderly. Staying on the beaches is long remembered, so it is not surprising that they are on the list of the most beautiful beaches in Croatia and the world. On the beach Ždrijac there is a school for *windsurfing* and *kitesurfing* - and the longest, with over 3 km, is the Queen's Beach, which is associated with legend and has a special zone, defined by the *baby* beach. The beaches bear the names of Prodorica and Bilotinjak, while the Zaton beaches are Jaz, Pliša and Punta. During the tourist season beach bars are open on the beaches. The beach in Zaton Holiday Resort has the facilities of a swimming pool with toboggans, amusement parks for children and catering facilities, suitable for the disabled with a rich offer of entertainment activities and sports facilities. The beach bears the internationally recognized Blue Flag quality label. The beach is adapted for guests within the Zaton Holiday Resort, and guests from the surrounding area are charged an entrance fee. All the beaches are extremely attractive - come and enjoy the magic of the sand.





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The story of salt

With production based on a millennial tradition, the saltworks testify to the oldest Nin economy, which was the source of prosperity for the wider area in prehistory and antiquity. Inside the saltworks are the remains of saltworks from antiquity – a Roman stone lock. The technological process of obtaining salt is the same today as in the past, and natural factors are used – a unique geographical location, lots of sun and wind. Of particular interest is the salt flower (French: Fleur de Sel) which is extracted under special conditions with micron sieves when the sea is completely calm (before dusk or dawn). This salt product is offered at a special price. It is highly sought after in the world of gastronomy and it is exported from Nin to the countries of Europe, the USA, Japan and others. The concentration of natural iodine in Nin salt is increased thanks to the algae petula from the Gulf of Nin, so it improves the quality of salt. Nin salt carries an ecological certificate. A few years ago, the Saltworks opened its doors to visitors and tourists by arranging the Salt Museum with a souvenir shop, the House of Salt and organized salt tours for visitors. In the vicinity of the saltworks there are wetland habitats used by wetland birds and it is one of the favourite Croatian places for bird watchers.

Get to know the process of obtaining salt in a natural way, or a process that has been used since Roman times! Find out how to get a salt flower and buy salt-flavoured chocolate, salt for bathing or other souvenirs!

Museum of Salt, House of Salt and visits to the salt pans in Nin:
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Health tourism – eco health resort

Indications for the Application of Medicinal Mud (peloid):

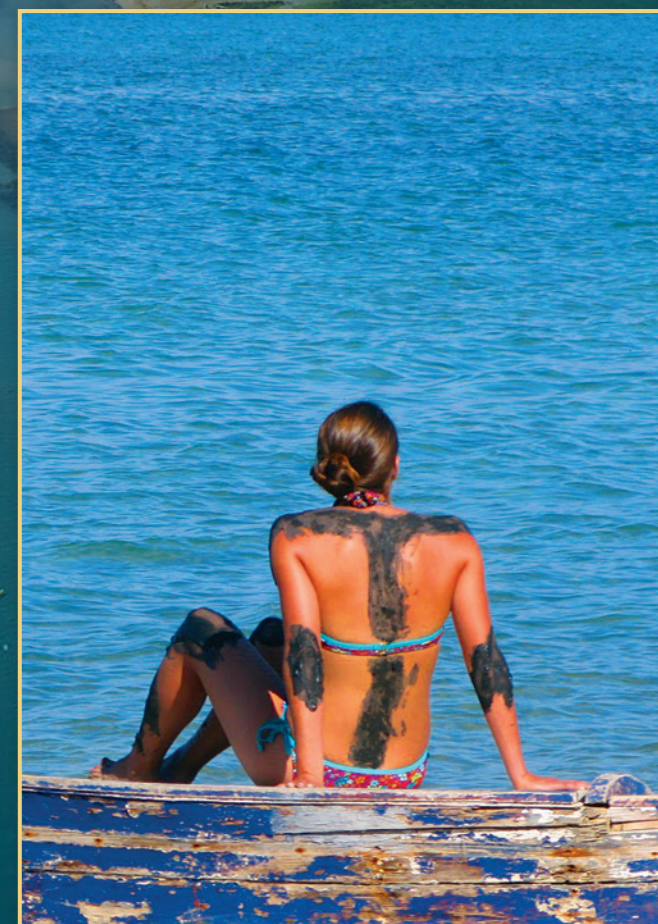
1. Functional disorders and illnesses of musculoskeletal system, rheumatic infections, metabolic bone diseases, rheumatism, different spine deformations and other problems that are a consequence of musculoskeletal system defects.
2. Skin problems
3. Gynaecology – it is good for gynaecology disorders and in treating women infertility
4. Aesthetic medicine – for improving skin tonus and minimising cellulite.

Contraindications: Peloid therapy should be avoided by people with high blood pressure, heart and cardiovascular system issues. It is mandatory to consult a doctor before starting and during the therapy.

Medicinal mud – peloid – is used mainly for health reasons but also for fun or photography

The Peloid site – medicinal mud is located in the centre of Nin Lagoon close to the longest sandy beach in Croatia, the well known Queen's Beach. The site is located in a natural oasis of shallow, long and sandy coast, far from industrial zones and isolated from direct traffic and the main road routes. Even the old Romans recognized the therapeutic benefits of Nin peloid on human health. Unearthed flues – round bricks used in baths for hot air circulation, and today exhibited in the Museum of Nin's Antiquities – are indicating its use in the Roman time. On the site of Punte the statue of Liburnian divinity Venus Anotica from the 1st century was discovered. She represented the goddess of fertility and procreation so this might indicate that baths used to be in the area during the Prehistoric and Roman time. Among Nin's rich natural resources one of the most valuable is its medicinal mud (liman, peloid) that has been healing and helping for decades. Directly before the 1st World War peloid experts from the Medical University of Vienna analysed Nin's medicinal mud and decided to construct a health centre, unfortunately cancelled by the war.

In 1960 Nin was registered by the Academy of Medical Sciences in Zagreb as a thalassotherapy health centre and site of the sea peloid in the Northern Dalmatia with a summer clinic for outdoor peloid therapy.



The Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation of the School of Medicine of Zagreb University conducted researches of the peloid sites in Nin's Lagoon a couple of times (in 1968 and 1988). Nin is the biggest site of medicinal mud in Croatia, 120,000 m³ in size. Exceptionally high quantities of peloid and specific micro-climate of Nin's Lagoon enabled the starting of organised therapy on the site back in 1965 and that has continued to the present day.

Application and Direction for Use – For almost 50 years medical staffs of Zadar General Hospital organise and supervise the mud treatments for various disorders. Rehabilitation and mud wrapping is conducted in the Health Centre of Nin during the summer months of July and August, and occasionally in June and September. Since the beginning of the clinic in the open archived database has shown that more than 15,000 patients have gone through efficient therapy with Nin's medicinal mud. Always fresh and of high quality, the mud is extracted from its natural environment and applied on the body. It consists of humus and minerals produced through the century old natural process of dissolving of different plants by mixing fresh and salt water in the shallow lagoon. The therapy starts in the morning hours with group exercises after which peloid is applied on the body. Afterwards, in a pleasant natural ambient in the open, patients are sunbathing on a sandy beach for about 30 minutes, until the mud on their body dries. In the end, the mud is rinsed and swimming in the warm sea follows which prolongs the therapy. The therapy is repeated twice a day for an increased effect. Peloid therapy lasts for a minimum of 10 and up to 20 days. The effects of peloid are indicated through physical, mechanical and chemical reactions.

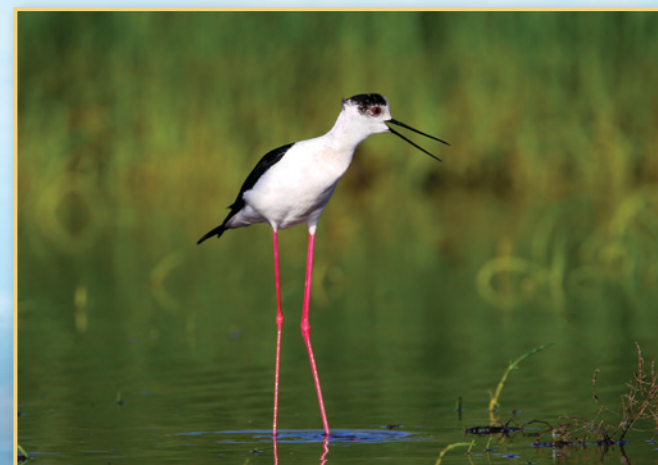
Before the usage of the medicinal mud, it is recommended to consult the medical staff that will guide you through the mud application, time needed for rinsing, multiple usages during the day and duration of the therapy.

Patients come to the organised Summer Clinic in the open on the site of Nin's mud with prepared illness documentation, and specialised care referral from a general practitioner or physiatrist. Medical experts open a folder for every patient in which they write the course of medical treatment and perform a medical exam if necessary.





Bird watchers will immediately recognize Nin Bay as their important destination where they can enjoy watching the life of various types of birds. Nin is a place birds choose for their habitat for it represents an ecologically preserved oasis with a clean environment. Nin Bay and Nin Lagoon with muddy and sandy shallow shores and wetlands, near the Queen's Beach and the surroundings of the saltworks, are of exceptional biological value and are one of the few habitats on the Croatian coast and European territory. These habitats are very important for a large number of different species of birds that rest here during the autumn and spring migration. Some birds, such as endangered species of woodpeckers and sea urchins, come for nesting, and some are resident birds. By joining the European network of EDEN destinations (2010), Nin has accepted the respect for the principles of sustainable development. Since then, the local tourist board has started researching and intensively promoting the eco-destination and educational processes: cooperation with biologists and ornithologists, ecological encounters in the salt fields and the protected area along the Queen's Beach, exhibitions, lectures, the European Birdwatching Day event, and other. Wooden promenades and a bird observatory have been built, and the Visit Centre Wings for Nature project is being developed. There are about 400 different species of birds in Croatia, of which 240 different species have been recorded in the area of Nin, which represents more than half of the Croatian population. If you walk along the Nin Lagoon or the ornithological part of the Nin Saltworks, you will experience exciting moments and see and take pictures of unusual birds. Visit the Tourist Office and take a brochure and binoculars, and start researching. You will discover the wonderful world of feathered friends, and a look at their simple life will enrich your everyday life. Look at the film Birdwatching Croatia the Black – winged Stilt.



Ideal romantic destination
for weddings

You are searching for a perfect destination for your wedding? Choose the royal city of Nin! You have found the love of your life, a soulmate and are planning a dream wedding. You are faced with the sweet worries of planning, and the first on the list is your choice of the perfect location. The act of saying a fateful YES is an unforgettable experience. It is extremely important to choose a romantic oasis for a special day that you will remember your whole life. Nin is a magical place. The ancient city magically attracts with its fairy tale landscapes, picturesque locations, interesting scenography for magnificent photographs, romantic paths in the lagoon... Newlyweds have been choosing attractive locations for their wedding ceremony in Nin: sandy beaches, Old Croatian Condura vessel, the former first cathedral in Croatia – the church of St. Anselm, the romantic small church of the Holy Cross and St. Nicholas ... These romantic locations are unique due to the position of Nin itself, right in the middle of flat fields where the magnificent mountain Velebit is a natural background. Wedding scenes are enriched by that magic created by nature. In this small corner of paradise, you will experience the most romantic sunrises over the mountain tops, and you will accompany the sun to rest with unforgettable sunsets on the sandy beaches. Gemma and James, two young people from Bolton, Manchester County, England, were charmed by Nin and recently chose it for their church wedding and honeymoon. Did you know that since 2015 Nin bears the title of one of the most romantic destinations in Europe? Mysterious and romantic, the ancient city awaits some new newlyweds to experience unforgettable moments to remember in its idyllic arms. Whether you dream of an intimate, romantic or glamorous wedding, your wishes will easily turn into reality. Nin Agency will help you design a wedding ceremony that includes accommodation, welcoming guests, dinner and the ceremonial act. During the warmer months, celebrate your wedding outdoors, and during the colder months, enjoy a tavern or wedding hall for up to 450 people. The destination offers restaurants with a rich experience in organizing intimate weddings, refreshments, gala lunches and family celebrations. After the wedding, the newlyweds can stay in Nin on their honeymoon, and the wedding escorts will be able to extend their stay and explore Nin and its surroundings. Searching for the place of your wedding and honeymoon, choose a piece of paradise on earth. Choose Nin, a non-traditional tourist destination that since 2010 bears the label EDEN - European destination of excellence. Toast to your new chapter of life in a special place, be a king and queen for at least one day in the royal city of Nin!



ACTIVE TOURISM - EXPERIENCE IT

Active tourism lovers can enjoy their stay in Nin. It has become an increasingly popular destination for kite boarders. There is a school on Ždrijac Beach where kiteboarding, surfing or the popular sport of stand-up paddle boarding can easily be learned. The surroundings can be explored by bike or by trekking. Well-arranged promenades and endless natural sandy beaches are a favourite place for families with small children, romantics and lovers. Out of season, they are a popular place for long walks in nature. The offer of all possible water sports is located within the facilities of Zaton Holiday Resort.

KITING AND SURFING

Nin is an attractive surfing and kiting destination. The evening hours are reserved for real surfing activities, and the sea is then crowded with surfers, while the sky is decorated with numerous kite boarders. Nin Bay and the shallow and protected lagoon with a slight to moderate wind are ideal for kiteboarding training. Air circulation is present every day with plenty of the western mistral wind and the influence of the northern bura wind enabling windsurfing and kitesurfing for the advanced, while beginners have an organized school on the sandy Ždrijac Beach in Nin. The school, about 700 m from the old town on the island, has quality instructors with international licenses. Unlike windsurfing, kitesurfing is a slightly more dangerous sport and must be learned with instructors. The offer consists of a windsurfing intended for children from the age of 6 to 12 and the fast growing sport that is popular in the entire world – stand-up paddle boarding which is a mixture of surfing and rowing, and suitable for everyone.



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CYCLING THROUGH THE NIN RIVIERA

The Nin surroundings offer almost 110 km of cycling trails. Take a map of the bike paths of the Nin Riviera at the tourist agency and the Tourist Information Centre as part of the Zadar Bike Magic project. Nin is located on the EuroVelo 8 Mediterranean Route. Many private accommodation renters have an offer of bicycle accommodation or rent a bike on request.



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Zaton Holiday Resort

Zaton Holiday Resort is a high quality offer of accommodation in the city of Nin area. A modern paradise for families, it covers an area of 100 ha of pinewood with a 1.5 km long sandy and pebble beach. Along the main promenade there are bars and restaurants with a varied gastronomic offer.

Zaton Holiday Resort is the ideal place for a family vacation with lots of entertainment and sport. It has been a member of the prestigious international association „leading Campings of Europe“ since 2009. Pitches with water, electricity and drainage, new air-conditioned mobile homes, glamping tents, as well as modernly equipped 3 and 4 star apartments offer superior comfort.

When it comes to the most demanding guests, Zaton Holiday Resort offers a wide range of sports and entertainment activities: horse riding, diving, tennis school, cycling, trim track, aqua aerobics, fitness center, Adventure Golf, Zatonino Kids Club. This offer is complemented by animation programs and a complex with swimming pools. A rich offer for every guest makes this tourist complex an ideal family destination.

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PRIVATE ACCOMODATION

In the Nin area, we offer accommodation in villas with swimming pools, apartments, holiday houses and small car campsites.

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Visit Nin, Nin tourist guide, includes all the beaches in Nin with locations, a guide through activities and sights, calendar of current events, gastronomy, cultural and natural heritage of Nin.

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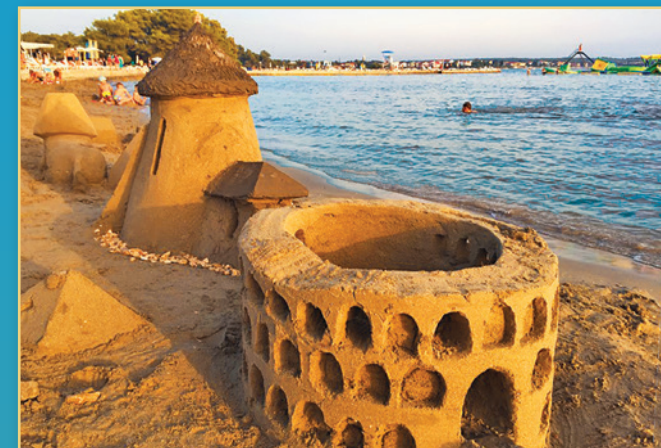
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AN OVERVIEW OF FOOD AND BEVERAGE FACILITIES (in alphabetical order)



	Overview of events
25 th April	The feast of St. Mark and the smallest procession in the world along the church of St. Nicholas in Prahulje Field
April/May	Recreational cycling "From Branimir to Branimir" (Zadar-Nin)
5 th May	Maritime pilgrimage and transfer of the statue of Our Lady - Day of the Apparition of Our Lady on Zečevo
23 rd May	Traditional feast of Our Lady of Zečevo in Nin
21 st June	The Festival of the Sun and Light in the church of the Holy Cross
17 th July	Nin Šokol, Gastro and Etno Festival
25 th July	Traditional procession on the feast of St. James in Nin
5 th August	Maritime pilgrimage of thanksgiving with the transfer of the statue of Our Lady to the island of Zečevo
August	Festival of Salt
8 th – 14 th August	Romantic week in the most romantic destination in Europe – Nin
20 th August	Festival of sand – magic that appears and disappears
25 th and 26 th August	Traditional feast of the Nin patron saints St. Marcella and St Anselm – holy mass and opening of the chest of St. Marcella
October	European Bird Watching Day in Nin Lagoon
November	Small Marathon Nin – Zadar
Every second Friday in July and August	Free costumed tour in Croatian, English and German – Poet Zoranić and the fairy take you on a tour of the history of Nin
Every second Thursday in July and August	Open Doors Day of Nin Saltworks

The calendar is subject to additions and changes. See more information at www.nin.hr and the application www.visitnin.hr



*The miraculous church and the festival of the
sun and light*

The Festival of Sun and Light is held on the first day of summer in Nin. The event is connected with the church of the Holy Cross that is on the coat of arms and flag of Zadar County, so it is a kind of symbol of the region. The manifestation starts in the early morning hours at 5.30 a.m. there are various events that take place throughout the day: art workshop, solstice celebrations, lectures, exhibitions, evening music program, costumed city tour, etc. The festival welcomes the first day of summer and marks the World Music Day.

This unique Festival of the Sun and Light in the Church of the Holy Cross has developed from the valuable astronomical and architectural significance of this 9th century church. The English architect Thomas Graham Jackson named it the smallest cathedral in the world. A magical play of the sun, light and shadows is displayed inside the church, therefore some experts compare it to Stonehenge. There is a special relationship between the sun and the church, visible through light communication. The church is used as the sun's solar clock and calendar. The festival is based on the research of Mladen Pejaković. On the first day of summer, June 21st, during the summer solstice, the light can be observed for two hours in the morning in the church's central apse: between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. During these hours the sun is positioned very high in the sky and at this point a minimum amount of light rays enter the church. On the first day of spring, exactly at 10:00 a.m., the equinox light rays enter parallelly through 3 windows forming three parallel oval shapes in the middle of the church. The same formation of the sun rays happens on the first day of autumn, however, at 11:00 a.m. due to daylight saving time. On the first day of winter, the first morning sun rays are visible in the church, and all the sun rays vanish exactly at noon.



EXCURSIONS

Nin is the micro region centre named the Nin Riviera, starting point for getting acquainted with the beauty of the nearby national parks. It is situated in an ideal position for organizing numerous excursions to historical towns. By visiting the neighboring picturesque tourist and fishing village of Prilaka, 6 km away, guests can get acquainted with fishing customs. The island of Vir is 7 km away and is connected to the mainland by a bridge. It bears the slogan Island with Two Faces. While one part of the island is crowded with inhabitants, two parts of the island are not developed with housing and are covered by forest vegetation. At the extreme western points, it is easy to see dolphins with a sea route to the north and vice versa. A sailor's locality is four kilometers away. Vrsi has a thirty-kilometer-long coastline with sandy, pebble and rocky beaches, and bays suitable for diving. The tourist attraction in the place is the cowboy village of Bufalo Bill City, a frequent destination for tourists. The county centre of Zadar is at a distance of 14 km with the centre enclosed by impressive ramparts protected by the UNESCO Heritage. It is well connected with Nin by buses. The recommendation is to visit the historical cities: Biograd (30 km), Pag (50 km), Šibenik (90 km), Knin (105 km) and Split (170 km). Nature lovers can visit the protected areas: Paklenica National Park (around 62 km), Kornati National Park (daily visits organized during the tourist season), Krka National Park (94 km), Plitvice Lakes National Park (155 km), North Velebit Nature Park (182 km), Telašćica Nature Park (daily visits organized during the tourist season), Lake Vrana Nature Park (54 km) and the Zrmanja River (76 km).

Visit Nin once and you will always come back with love!



