



Croatia - The perfect choice for those seeking a host for a successful event

Meeting planners are always seeking something unique, creative and memorable from the destinations they choose for their events, while also considering amenities, infrastructure, security, safety, and flexibility. If your checklist contains these points - in addition to factors such as **rich history, nice climate, comprehensive conference and convention facilities, wide range of hotel accommodation, excellent restaurants and traditional cuisine and top class wines** - Croatia could be the unique destination you are searching for.

Dubrovnik Incentive Suggestion



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One of the lovely features of Dubrovnik is that one can make a tour of churches, museums, palaces and city walls on foot. In the summer heat it is pleasant to sit in the deep shade of the palaces and monasteries, waiting for night to bring a light mistral wind to cool the hot city walls.

Dubrovnik represents living history – **the pearl of the Adriatic**, spread out on stone rocks and cliffs descending into the embrace of the sea and the waves.



HOTEL SUGGESTIONS

HOTEL VILLA DUBROVNIK 5*; www.villa-dubrovnik.hr

Villa Dubrovnik, Croatian most exclusive and most awarded boutique hotel introducing an unprecedented level of luxury and style to one of the world's most famous cities. Prominently positioned on the cliffs above the Dubrovnik's prestigious St. Jacob precinct, newly renovated Villa Dubrovnik is minutes from the fortified beauty of the Old City cultural landmarks and few steps to everything that Dubrovnik offers to its guests for centuries. With spectacular views of the Old City and Island Lokrum, all 56 residences of the Villa Dubrovnik provides legendary service as they embodies contemporary luxury and refined elegance. Hotel offers private beach and swimming pool, together with Spa located on the two floors in the very heart of Villa Dubrovnik, Villa Spa allows you to delight your senses and soothe your soul with innovative body treatments alongside classical enjoyment in saunas or massages. Villa Spa welcomes you to feel that traditional touch of unprecedented hospitality within the state-of-the-art setting of our Spa facility.



HOTEL BELLEVUE 5*; www.alh.hr

A heaven for the senses, Hotel Bellevue will immerse you into a world of luxury and elegance. Hotel Bellevue is a unique hotel in Dubrovnik, perfect for discerning guests, who appreciate first-class service and attention to detail. Located on a spectacular clifftop, 30 meters above Miramare Bay, Hotel Bellevue is within walking distance from the Old Town, and each of the 91 rooms and suites has splendid sea views. Gastronomic options include a fine dining restaurant, a beach restaurant and chic lounge bar – all featuring excellent service and cuisine. A secluded pebble beach, a rare find among the rocky cliffs of Dubrovnik's seaside, is on the Bellevue's doorstep, and there's also an indoor pool within the spa area. The magnificent Comfort Zone Spa and Wellness Center is just one of the many comforts that will make your stay memorable. No wonder Hotel Bellevue was proclaimed as one of the Europe's coolest new hotels by UK newspaper, The Sunday Times.



TRANSFERS



REFRESHMENT IN VEHICLES

Activity suggestion

Dubrovnik sightseeing

Meet your local English speaking guide at the hotel reception. Private transfer to the Dubrovnik Old City. Walking sightseeing tour of Dubrovnik. A pleasant walk will take you to the Rector's Palace, the Dominican Monastery housing a rich collection of medieval paintings, the Franciscan Monastery among other intriguing sites.



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While walking through Dubrovnik Old town a wine or sparkling wine session will be organized in Oyster & Sushi Bar Bota Sare along with oyster, mussels & sushi degustation.



Also, you will have an opportunity to try some traditional local sweets such as 'arancini' (sour orange peel in sugar), 'brustulane mjendule' (caramelized almonds) & dried figs.



EXTRAS

Sightseeing can begin or end with funicular ride to Srđ mountain. Vestibule can be privatized and the ride lasts approximately 4 minutes. The cable car runs until 24 hrs.



Once you reach the top enjoy the view on the terrace of the restaurant Panorama along with some light snacks and drinks. Also this could be organized before dinner and they can have glass of champagne while watching sunset.



Private transfer from the hotel to the Dubrovnik port.

Sail into the archipelago northwest of Dubrovnik of which only three islands are inhabited; Kolocep, Lopud & Sipan that were the islands chosen by the Dubrovnik Republic aristocracy for their summer residences. Visit the island of Sipan, the largest of the Elafiti islands and with most inhabitants. Spreads across the island are about thirty scattered churches, dating from the middle-ages, of which a lot of them have turned into ruins.



Lunch in Villa Ruza restaurant on Kolocep island.



Around 14:30 hrs - Return to old Dubrovnik port.

A short walk from the port to the Desa art & humanitarian association located in Lazareti (aprox. 5-10 min).



Lazareti

DEŠA (desha) is a non-governmental organization operating in Dubrovnik whose aim is to help women refugees, immediately after the tragic events which took place there in 1991/1992. While it has maintained its humanitarian and peace promoting activity up till now, as time went on, DEŠA's programs have sought to adapt to the requirements of modern life. Nowadays, DESA has become an organization which aims to help women to find their independent place in the society. Through its educational and developmental projects, DEŠA encourages women to become economically independent and to get actively involved in the transition processes of the society. <http://desa-dubrovnik.hr/default.aspx?id=60>



A simultaneous five-part workshop will be organized;

1. Workshop on making indigenous delicacies (arancini and almonds coated in sugar), where the participants will have an opportunity to try to make these delicacies themselves – after finishing, they take with them their samples.



2. Workshop on embroidery (Konavle and Mljet embroidery) - participants will be demonstrated basic techniques of these embroideries, they will have an opportunity to embroider some samples themselves and they can keep their pieces of embroidery



3. Weaving Workshop- to the participants will be demonstrated the basic techniques of weaving, and they will be able to try their hand at the same



4. Workshop patchwork technique – participants will be shown the basics of patchwork, and they will have the opportunity to create something themselves.



5. Workshops on silk painting – participants will be shown the basic techniques, and they will have an opportunity to keep their artwork.



The workshop lasts approximately 2 hours; the participants can slightly walk from one to another. Each workshop has a professional leader, and the group will also have two translators at their service.

Transfer back to hotel

Type of boats for Elaphiti islands:

4 x motor yachts (one of them is Monte Carlo and other 3 are the same category)



Or Elapiti excursion by Karaka boat



Or Elapiti excursion with Dufour Yachts



OYSTER FARM AND WINE TASTING AT PELJEŠAC PENNINSULA – full day excursion

Departure towards the town of Ston built in the 14th century in the form of a two-fold fortification system with Large and Small Ston, aiming to protect the salt plants, one of its major economic resources. A 5 - kilometer long wall – the world’s second longest wall after the Wall of China – connects two fortified cities: the first was built in order to protect the salt plants and the second as the salt export harbor.



In Croatian Gastronomy – the Ston Bay is the cradle of farming of mussels and oysters. Boat trip in Mali Ston bay – tour of the oysters and mussels farm, learn about shellfish farming that dates back over 100 years, enjoy the tasting of fresh oysters and mussels just take out of the sea and from the sea enjoy the beautiful view of the Mali Ston.



Wine tour of the Peljesac peninsula, a region that was cultivated as far back as the prehistoric and ancient times.

Following wineries can be visited:

Miloš winery in Ponikve www.milos.hr



Vukas winery in Ponikve; www.vinavukas.com



Matuško winery and restaurant in Potomje; www.matusko-vina.hr



Korta Katarina winery and restaurant in Orebic; <http://www.kortakatarinawinery.com/>



Wine tasting and lunch in one of the winery.

ELAPHITI ISLAND – SPEEDBOATING AND SEA-KAYAKING ELAPHITE ARCHIPELAGO



Tour starts with exciting speedboat ride around the amazing Elaphite islands and their spectacular natural beauty, continues with kayaking and swimming in mesmerizing Green Cave and finishes with special gourmet lunch experience at the high-end local restaurant. Our trip starts at the hotel. After embarkment we will turn on the powerful engines, hold on tight while heading towards Dubrovnik and its impressive city walls which are always a new experience looking from the water up. Our journey will take us next around Kolocep Island where we will admire the majestic cliffs on its outer side before continuing towards Lopud where we start our kayak expedition.

After a safety talk and paddling instructions, we set off across the channel for the island of Šipan. Heading south and west, we first go to a giant natural stone arch which is a perfect photo-op. Under this archway, you can see the Adriatic open up in all of its glory. Next, we regroup and paddle along the coast to the hidden Green Cave. We'll then tie up our kayaks and get ready for a wonderful morning of swimming and cliff jumping. But first, we'll grab snorkels and masks and swim down through the cave's opening. Very few know about this cave ... even the locals. Inside, where there is plenty of room for swimming and even standing, this large, and safe, cave opens up to reveal an ethereal green light caused by the sun's reflection off the sandy bottom.

After, the group will swim in the deep cove outside the grotto's entrance and even try some rock jumping.



Following a short brake on land we will head to Lopud where we will get a chance to discover this charming little town but more importantly, enjoy a delicious lunch of local specialties in one of the best restaurants in this area. After, we will board our speedboats and head back to Dubrovnik where tour ends. Optionally, we can organize celebratory drinks at Buza Bar with an amazing view to the Adriatic and unforgettable sunsets.

MONTENEGRO – Jeep adventure

A.m. Depart from Dubrovnik by private minivans for the one hour drive into Montenegro. Arrival Herceg Novi in the Bay of Kotor. Welcome and depart by fast speedboat to Tivat (20 mins). Jeeps will be waiting to meet you and head onwards to the spectacular Lovcen National Park (1.5 hours drive). Upon arrival in the National Park enjoy a welcome drink and light lunch including snacks of locally produced, organic cheeses, hams, honeys and nuts. Continue off-road for 5 kms before arriving at Krstac, the most spectacular viewpoint over the Bay of Kotor, with views as far as Croatia and Bosnia.

Descend the famous serpentine road to the ancient walled fortress town of Kotor (one hour drive). Spend some free time exploring the Old Town and then drive onwards to enjoy a meal at Stari Mlini restaurant, located on the waterfront of the Bay in a spectacular location. Returning late afternoon by private minibus to Dubrovnik.



Lovcen National Park



DEPARTURE

After check out, transfer from the hotel to the Sky Cellar, a cave underneath the Dubrovnik airport where a light lunch finger food will be organized accompanied with local wine session. The cave will be privatized for the group (approx. 2 hrs).



*** NOTE – the cave can be decorated with lights, candles, flowers, etc. Music can be added as extra value. No possibility of tables with chairs. ***

SUGGESTED RESTAURANTS – DINNER

Restaurant Proto, Dubrovnik www.esculaprestaurants.com



Restaurant Dubrovnik, Dubrovnik www.restorandubrovnik.com



Restaurant 360, Dubrovnik www.360dubrovnik.com





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