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This journey through Croatia and the Dalmatian Coast is designed to be a seamless and unforgettable experience, with every detail tailored to your preferences.

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Award-winning program!

This program was recognized in 2024 by the Croatian Tourist Board as one of the country's best travel itineraries.

Organized in partnership with the Croatian Tourist Board, this journey is a seamless blend of exploration, relaxation, and indulgence — promising memories to last a lifetime.

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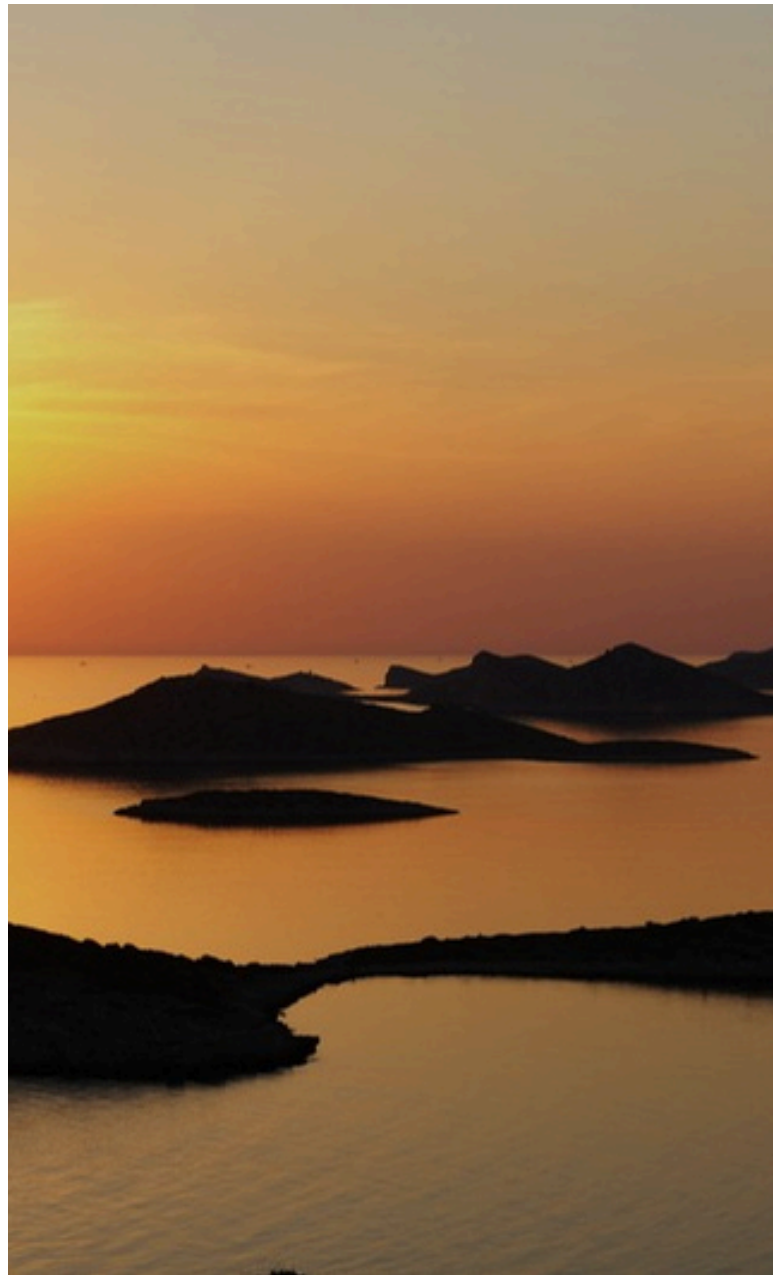
THIS JOURNEY TAKES YOU THROUGH CROATIA'S MOST ENCHANTING HIGHLIGHTS, BLENDING HISTORY, NATURE, AND THE ART OF SLOW LIVING.

Begin in **Zagreb**, where cobbled streets and lively markets reveal the soul of the capital on a private gourmet tour. Continue to **Plitvice Lakes National Park**, a wonderland of turquoise lakes and cascading waterfalls, paired with horseback riding through open meadows and kayaking on the crystal-clear Mrežnica River.

Discover the coastal charm of **Zadar**, then escape to the Kornati Archipelago, where a scattering of islands and hidden coves invite pure serenity. In **Šibenik**, explore the medieval old town before pedaling through Krka National Park on an e-bike and venturing inland for a thrilling quad ride.

Step into living history in **Split**, wandering the marble streets of Diocletian's Palace. Then, embrace **island life on Brač and Hvar**—from peaceful bays and timeless stone villages to lavender fields and lively harbors.

End in **Dubrovnik**, the "Pearl of the Adriatic," where you'll stroll ancient walls, soak in sweeping sea views, and sail to the quiet Elafiti Islands—a perfect finale to your Croatian adventure.





ZAGREB

A CAPITAL WITH CHARACTER

Often overlooked in favor of the coast, Zagreb has a quiet confidence that draws you in. With its grand architecture, green parks, vibrant street life, and fast-growing creative scene, this city of one million feels both refined and refreshingly real.

Start at Ban Jelačić Square, the beating heart of the city, where locals meet, trams glide by, and everything feels in motion. Wander up to the cobbled streets of the Upper Town (Gornji Grad), where time seems to slow. It's all here: the tiled roof of St. Mark's Church, the daily noon cannon blast from Lotrščak Tower, and Europe's shortest funicular, connecting past and present in under a minute.

Zagreb is a place where history and wit go hand in hand. One moment you're admiring 19th-century facades, the next you're in the Museum of Broken Relationships, reading heartfelt love letters and staring at oddly touching souvenirs of romance gone wrong. For a broader view of the city's past, head to the Zagreb City Museum — and along the way, keep an eye out for vibrant street murals that have turned once-grey corners into unexpected works of art.

Travel Tip: Take a stroll through the charming courtyards of Tkalčićeva Street — tucked behind the cafés, you'll find colorful corners that feel like secret gardens.

A TASTE OF ZAGREB

AN AFTERNOON OF CITY HIGHLIGHTS, GREAT WINE, AND LOCAL BITES

This food-focused walk through Zagreb is the perfect way to explore the highlights of Croatia's capital while savoring its rich culinary traditions. Led by a knowledgeable and flexible local guide, this private tour blends storytelling, sightseeing, and a series of delicious stops that reveal how Croatians eat, drink — and live.

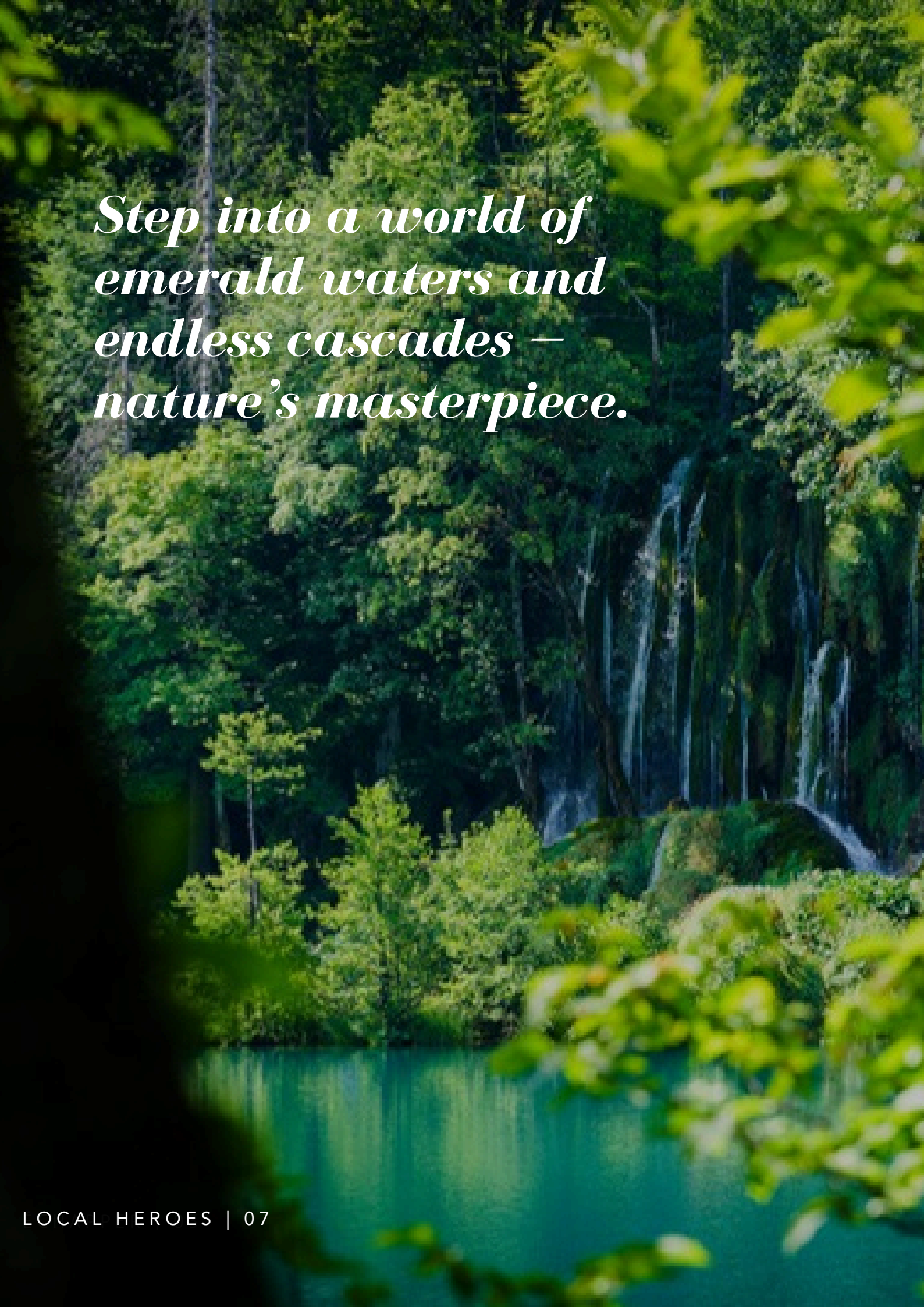


You'll learn about and taste indigenous Croatian wines, each one carefully paired with traditional local bites. On the menu: a mouth-watering selection of charcuterie, semi-hard cheeses, extra virgin olive oil (among the world's best), pumpkin seed oil, and of course, *štrukli* —

a warm, savory pastry from the Zagorje region that's hard to resist.

Your guide will share the stories behind each bite, as well as introduce you to Zagreb's main landmarks and lively neighborhoods. To finish, you'll round off the afternoon with a selection of sweet treats, the perfect finale to this journey of taste and tradition.

"A perfect way to experience Zagreb — through food, wine, and local charm."



*Step into a world of
emerald waters and
endless cascades —
nature's masterpiece.*

NATIONAL PARK PLITVICE

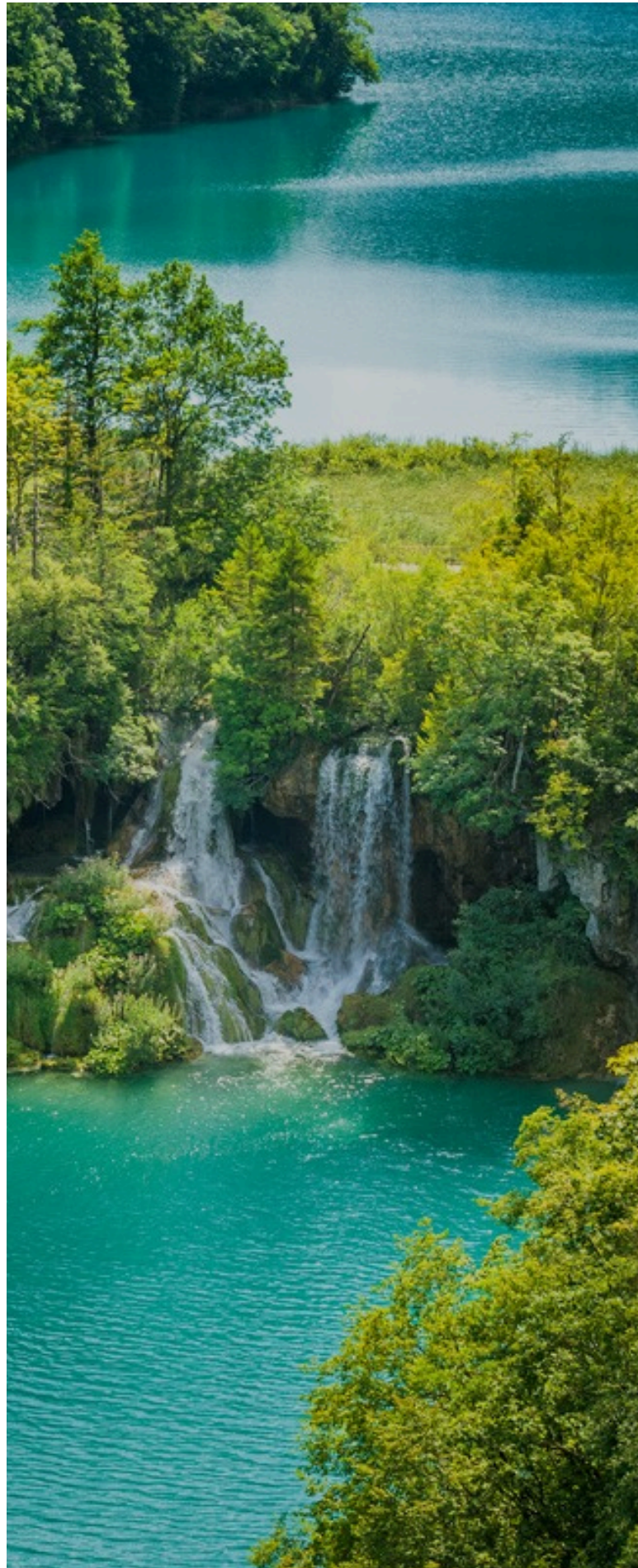
CROATIA'S MOST STUNNING NATURAL WONDER

A place of stillness, sound, and spectacle — Plitvice Lakes is one of Croatia's most iconic natural treasures. Protected as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1979, the park is a maze of turquoise lakes, tumbling waterfalls, wooden walkways, and forested trails that seem to lead you into another world.

The park is made up of 16 interconnected lakes, separated by natural travertine (tufa) barriers that have formed over thousands of years. These barriers grow and shift, shaped by the flow of water and the unique minerals within it — making the park a living, evolving landscape.

Divided into the Upper and Lower Lakes, Plitvice offers a variety of routes that guide you past roaring falls, quiet forest paths, and wide open viewpoints. Whether you're walking across wooden footbridges or gliding across the biggest lake by boat, you'll be surrounded by the glow of crystal-clear water in impossible shades of blue and green.

Despite its popularity, Plitvice never loses its magic. Each corner reveals a new scene, a new sound, a new shade of light — a reminder of just how powerful and peaceful nature can be.



A GUIDED EXPERIENCE AWAY FROM THE CROWDS

A visit to Plitvice Lakes National Park is an unforgettable journey through one of Croatia's most breathtaking natural wonders.

Protected as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, this spectacular park features 16 interconnected lakes, cascading waterfalls, and lush forests, creating an otherworldly landscape that attracts visitors from around the globe.



As one of Croatia's top attractions, Plitvice Lakes can get busy, but with a private guide, you'll navigate the park efficiently, avoiding the heaviest crowds and tailoring the walk to your desired pace and intensity.

You'll visit the Big Waterfall, one of the park's most famous landmarks, before taking a scenic boat ride across Kozjak Lake—the largest in the park. From there, the walk continues through the Upper Lakes, offering some of the most spectacular views of cascading waterfalls and crystal-clear waters. Plitvice's wooden pathways, built directly above the lakes and waterfalls, allow you to immerse yourself in the beauty of nature, with the soothing sound of rushing water accompanying every step.

With expert guidance, priority access, and an itinerary designed for an optimal experience, this tour ensures you see the best of Plitvice—without the stress.

Don't forget your camera, as every turn offers another picture-perfect view of this natural wonder!

Adventure day: kayaking and horse back riding

PADDLE INTO CRYSTAL WATERS

Crystal-clear waters, gentle rapids, and lush green banks make the Mrežnica River a paradise for kayaking. Paddle through quiet stretches where the only sounds are your paddle dipping into the water and birdsong from the trees, then feel the thrill of sliding down natural travertine barriers into turquoise pools. With its mix of calm and adventure, the Mrežnica offers an unforgettable way to experience Croatia's wild beauty.



RIDE THROUGH MEADOWS AND FOREST TRAILS

Just beyond Plitvice Lakes, where waterfalls thunder and wooden walkways wind across the water, a different kind of adventure awaits. Trade the crowds for open fields and forest trails, and saddle up for a horseback ride through rolling meadows and pine-scented woods.

With local horsemen as your guides, you'll trot at a relaxed pace, following paths once used by villagers and shepherds. The rhythm of the ride allows you to slow down and take in sweeping views of unspoiled countryside — a peaceful counterpoint to the drama of the waterfalls and a reminder that Croatia's beauty is as much about its quiet corners as its famous sights.

“Discover Croatia’s countryside by gliding down rivers and riding through meadows.”

*Explore untouched islands
and dramatic cliffs of the
Adriatic.*



ZADAR: Ancient, Resilient, Alive

A CITY SHAPED BY CENTURIES, ALIVE WITH ENERGY TODAY.

With a 3,000-year-old history, Zadar is a UNESCO-listed gem beautifully set on the Adriatic coast. Traces of the Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, and Venetians are still woven into the city's streets, reflecting its rich and layered past.

Although the Old Town carries countless historic remains, much of it looks surprisingly fresh today — Zadar was almost completely destroyed during bombing in the Second World War and later rebuilt. The result is a city where ancient columns stand beside modern façades, and where resilience is part of the character.

The historic peninsula is home to medieval churches, Roman ruins, fascinating museums, and vibrant cafés spilling onto lively squares. Unlike some of Croatia's busier destinations, Zadar remains pleasantly uncrowded, offering a more relaxed and authentic experience.

And then there are its two signature attractions: the enchanting Sea Organ, which plays music through the rhythm of the waves, and the mesmerizing Sun Salutation, a solar-powered light installation that comes alive at dusk. Together, they make Zadar not just a city of history, but also a place of creativity and life — a town that feels as energetic as it is ancient.





DIVE INTO THE KORNATI ARCHIPELAGO

YOUR PRIVATE ISLAND ESCAPE

Experience the most beautiful way to travel: cruising through the breathtaking Kornati and Zadar & Šibenik Archipelagos on your own private speedboat. Swim, snorkel (equipment provided), and soak up the stunning scenery as you hop from one picturesque island to the next.

The Kornati Archipelago, often called the "nautical paradise," is one of Croatia's most extraordinary natural wonders. Comprising over 89 islands, islets, and reefs, this protected national park is a mesmerizing maze of turquoise waters, hidden bays, and dramatic cliffs. It's an untouched haven where nature thrives, offering a sense of serenity and awe that's hard to find elsewhere.

What sets Kornati apart is its unique topography. Rugged limestone cliffs rise sharply from the sea, some reaching heights of up to 80 meters, creating a dramatic landscape that's unlike any other in the Adriatic. The underwater world is equally enchanting, with vibrant marine life making it a dream destination for snorkelers and divers. For centuries, Kornati has been a source of inspiration for poets and painters, thanks to its wild beauty and unspoiled charm.

A DAY OF ISLAND HOPPING

Your journey begins in Zadar, where a private speedboat takes you across the sparkling Adriatic to the island of Žut, your glamping retreat for the next two nights. Tucked away in the Kornati archipelago, this is a place to disconnect, unwind, and fall asleep under the stars.

The following day, set out on an excursion to Telašćica Nature Park, famous for its dramatic cliffs, saltwater lake, and quiet bays perfect for swimming. Surrounded by untouched nature, you'll experience one of the most striking landscapes on the Adriatic.

The next morning, it's time for the highlight — a full-day tour through the Kornati Islands. With over a hundred islets scattered like pearls across the sea, Kornati offers endless hidden coves, turquoise lagoons, and rugged stone landscapes. You'll cruise, swim, and stop at some of the archipelago's most beautiful spots before your private boat carries you south to Šibenik, where the journey ends.



Let us take you on a day of unforgettable memories in this stunning island paradise!

This private experience combines adventure, relaxation, and exclusivity in one seamless journey. Instead of rushing, you'll truly live the islands: glamping under the stars, exploring Telašćica's natural wonders, and cruising through the maze of Kornati at your own pace. You have the freedom to swim in crystal-clear waters, discover hidden coves, and even stop at simple island restaurants serving fresh Dalmatian specialties. Far from the crowds, this tour lets you experience the Adriatic as it was meant to be — wild, authentic, and unforgettable.



ŠIBENIK

A HIDDEN GEM WAITING TO BE DISCOVERED

While Dubrovnik and Zadar often take the spotlight, Šibenik remains one of the Adriatic's best-kept secrets. In many ways, it's the coast's underdog — rich in heritage, full of character, and yet still pleasantly free of overwhelming crowds.

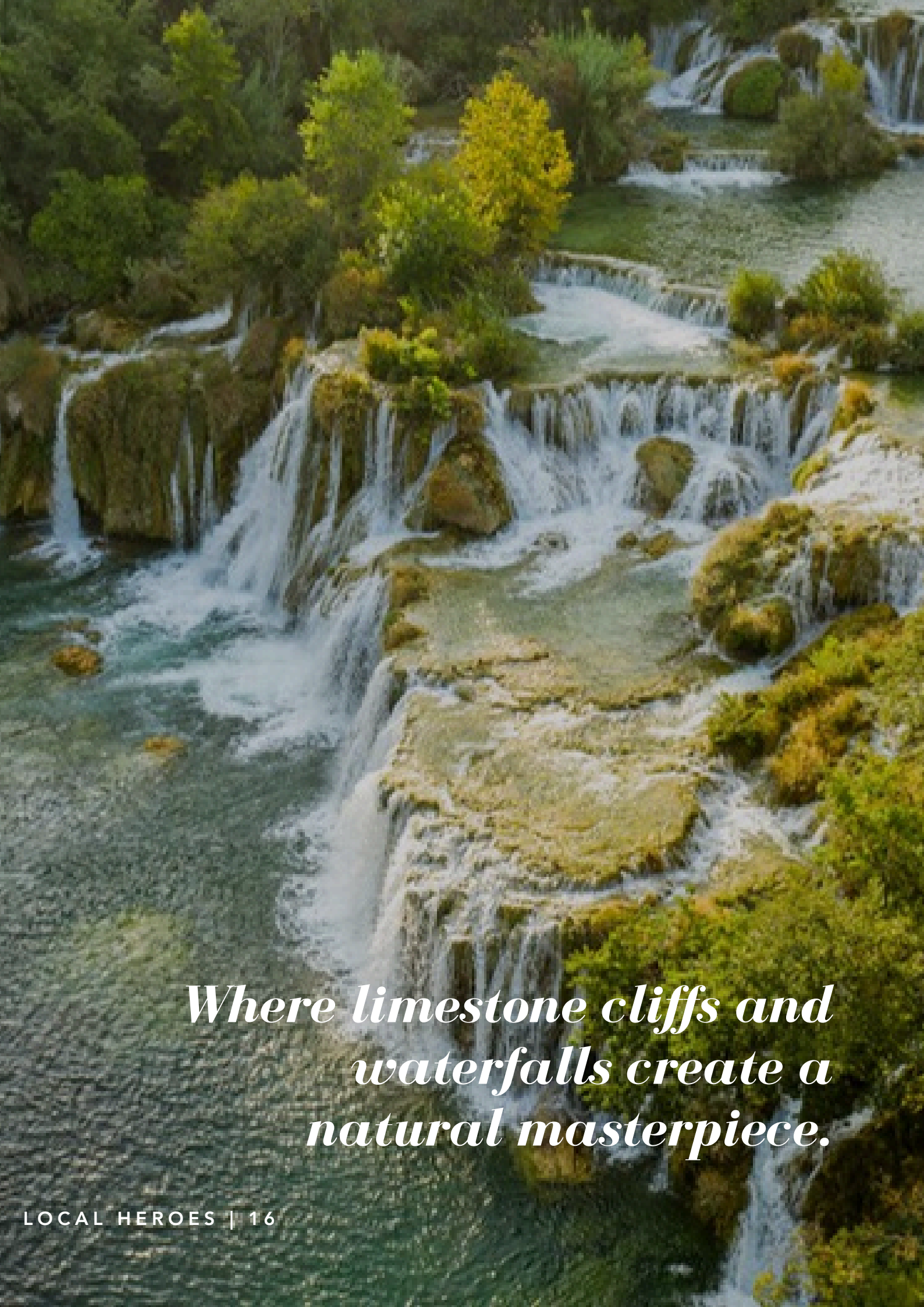
Šibenik is unique in Croatia for having two UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The magnificent St. James Cathedral, built entirely of stone in the 15th century, stands as a masterpiece of Renaissance architecture, while St. Nicholas Fortress guards the entrance to the channel, a proud reminder of the city's maritime past.

But history is only part of Šibenik's appeal. Just offshore lies the Kornati archipelago, a sailor's paradise of scattered islets, while inland, the world-famous waterfalls of Krka National Park are only a short drive away. The city itself charms with its narrow streets, lively squares, and a relaxed, authentic atmosphere.

Šibenik is also a rising star on Croatia's culinary map. From family-run taverns to Pelegrini, a Michelin-starred restaurant overlooking the cathedral, the food scene here is reason enough to stay a while. Combined with its affordability compared to better-known neighbors, Šibenik offers a perfect mix of culture, nature, and gastronomy.

*“A hidden gem on the
Adriatic..”*





*Where limestone cliffs and
waterfalls create a
natural masterpiece.*

EXPLORE KRKA'S HIDDEN GEMS

A UNIQUE WAY TO EXPLORE KRKA NATIONAL PARK: CYCLING, DINING, AND BOATING

Experience Krka National Park like never before, away from the crowds of day tourists. Enjoy a scenic bike ride through this breathtaking park, soak in stunning views, explore the historic town of Skradin, indulge in a delicious lunch at a secluded restaurant accessible only by boat, and end your day with a relaxing private cruise back to your hotel.



"The perfect way to explore Krka National Park: cycling through stunning landscapes, savoring a secluded lunch by the water, and ending the day with a private boat ride back to your hotel."

Your journey begins at a stunning viewpoint above Torak Lake, cycling along the canyon's edge with breathtaking views of the Krka and Čikola Rivers. After visiting the iconic Skradinski Buk waterfalls, you'll continue to the charming town of Skradin, steeped in history and modern elegance.

From Skradin, a boat will take you to Vidrovace, a hidden gem restaurant accessible only by water. Indulge in fresh seafood and unwind on the shaded beach, with time for a refreshing dip. To top it all off, enjoy a serene private cruise through the Skradin Channel, returning you directly to D-Resort Šibenik.

This is the ultimate way to experience Krka National Park—adventurous, relaxing, and unforgettable.



RIDE THE TRAILS OF THE DALMATIAN COUNTRYSIDE

DISCOVER CROATIA'S UNTAMED BEAUTY ON A THRILLING QUAD ADVENTURE

Why settle for a standard transfer when you can turn the journey into an unforgettable adventure? This quad biking tour through the stunning Dalmatian hinterland is the perfect way to break up your trip. Starting with a pick-up in Šibenik, this tour combines thrilling exploration, local flavors, and a seamless transfer to Split.

Discover the unspoiled countryside above Split, where you'll hop on an automatic quad bike, perfect for beginners and experienced riders.

With a professional guide leading the way, you'll traverse rolling hills, green meadows, and deserted villages that feel frozen in time. The quiet trails, alternating between gravel paths and open fields, offer breathtaking views and a sense of serenity far from the crowds.

The experience doesn't end when the engines stop. A delicious lunch at a local farmhouse awaits, where you'll savor traditional Croatian dishes in a peaceful rural setting. After a leisurely meal, you'll continue your journey with a comfortable transfer to Split, arriving just in time for your next adventure.





SPLIT

FROM ROMAN PALACE TO VIBRANT PORT CITY - A SOUL OF DALMATIA

Split, nestled in a picturesque bay, offers a view best admired from the sea. At the heart of this vibrant city lies the magnificent Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with a history as captivating as its architecture. Once a sanctuary for Roman Emperor Diocletian and refugees fleeing the Huns, the palace is now a lively hub teeming with life.

Wander through its ancient walls, and you'll find a bustling world of contrasts. On one side, the vegetable market bursts with vibrant colors and fresh produce, while the fish market showcases the Adriatic's morning catch. Just steps away, the old town beckons with its narrow streets, charming squares, and hidden alleys lined with shops, cafés, and restaurants.

Despite its popularity among tourists, Split retains its local charm. As Croatia's second-largest city, it offers a delightful mix of authenticity and modern energy. The Riva promenade, one of the Mediterranean's most beautiful, is the social heart of Split. Mornings see locals savoring coffee in their cherished daily ritual, while afternoons invite visitors to relax with cocktails under the warm Dalmatian sun.

Split is more than a destination—it's an experience where history, culture, and modern life blend seamlessly, offering something special for every traveler.



DISCOVER SPLIT: A WALK THROUGH 2,000 YEARS OF HISTORY

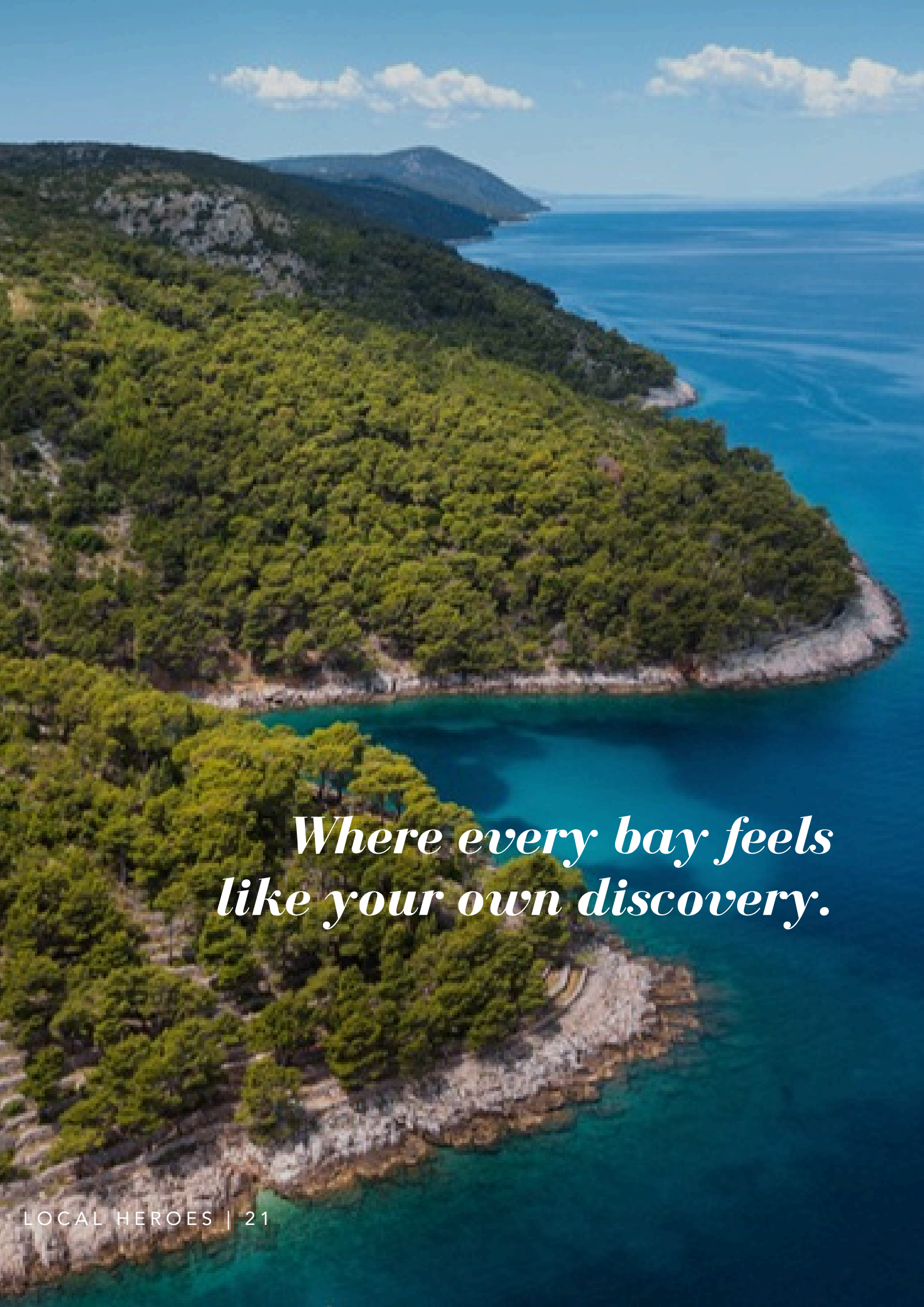
EXPLORE THE VIBRANT HEART OF DALMATIA

Exploring Split is like stepping through layers of time. At the heart of the city stands Diocletian's Palace, the emperor's seaside refuge and today a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Once a fortress, later a shelter for villagers, it is now the living core of the old town, where ancient walls embrace shops, homes, and bustling cafés.

As you wander its narrow streets and stone-paved squares, history and daily life intertwine. One moment you're admiring centuries-old architecture, the next you're swept into the energy of the fish market or the colors of the vegetable market, where the Adriatic's bounty fills the air with fresh aromas.

Visit Riva promenade, the city's social stage. Here, locals sip coffee in the morning sun, families stroll in the evening, and visitors soak in the Mediterranean rhythm.

“Split is more than a destination — it's a rhythm you join.”

An aerial photograph of a stunning coastal landscape. A dense, vibrant green forest covers a rugged coastline that curves into a bay. The water is a brilliant turquoise color, transitioning to a deeper blue further out. In the distance, more forested hills and mountains are visible under a clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds. The overall scene is one of natural beauty and tranquility.

*Where every bay feels
like your own discovery.*



BRAČ & HVAR

ADRIATIC ICONS - ISLANDS OF STYLE AND HERITAGE

Among Croatia's many islands, Brač and Hvar stand out as destinations that blend luxury with authenticity, offering experiences that go far beyond the ordinary.

On Brač, life follows a slower rhythm. Boutique hotels tucked into quiet bays invite you to wake to the sound of waves and panoramic sea

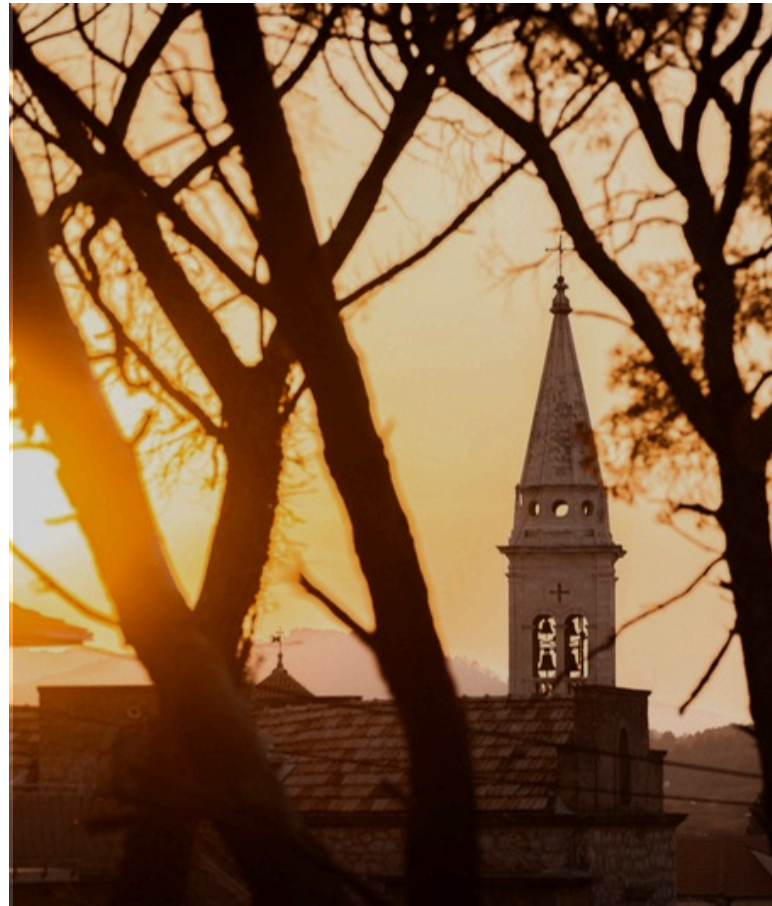
views. Days are filled with discovery: wandering through stone-carved villages, visiting centuries-old monasteries, or sampling local olive oils and wines that reflect the island's deep traditions. Brač's white limestone, used to build Diocletian's Palace, adds a sense of timeless dignity to its architecture.

Hvar, by contrast, balances heritage with cosmopolitan energy. Its old town dazzles with Venetian palaces, marble squares, and a hilltop fortress overlooking one of the most beautiful harbors in the Adriatic. Staying on Hvar means immersing yourself in refined island living: exploring historic monuments in the morning, then savoring fine dining and local wines on elegant sea-view terraces by night.

Together, Brač and Hvar capture the essence of the Dalmatian islands — stylish yet authentic, historic yet vibrant!

PAKLENI ISLANDS

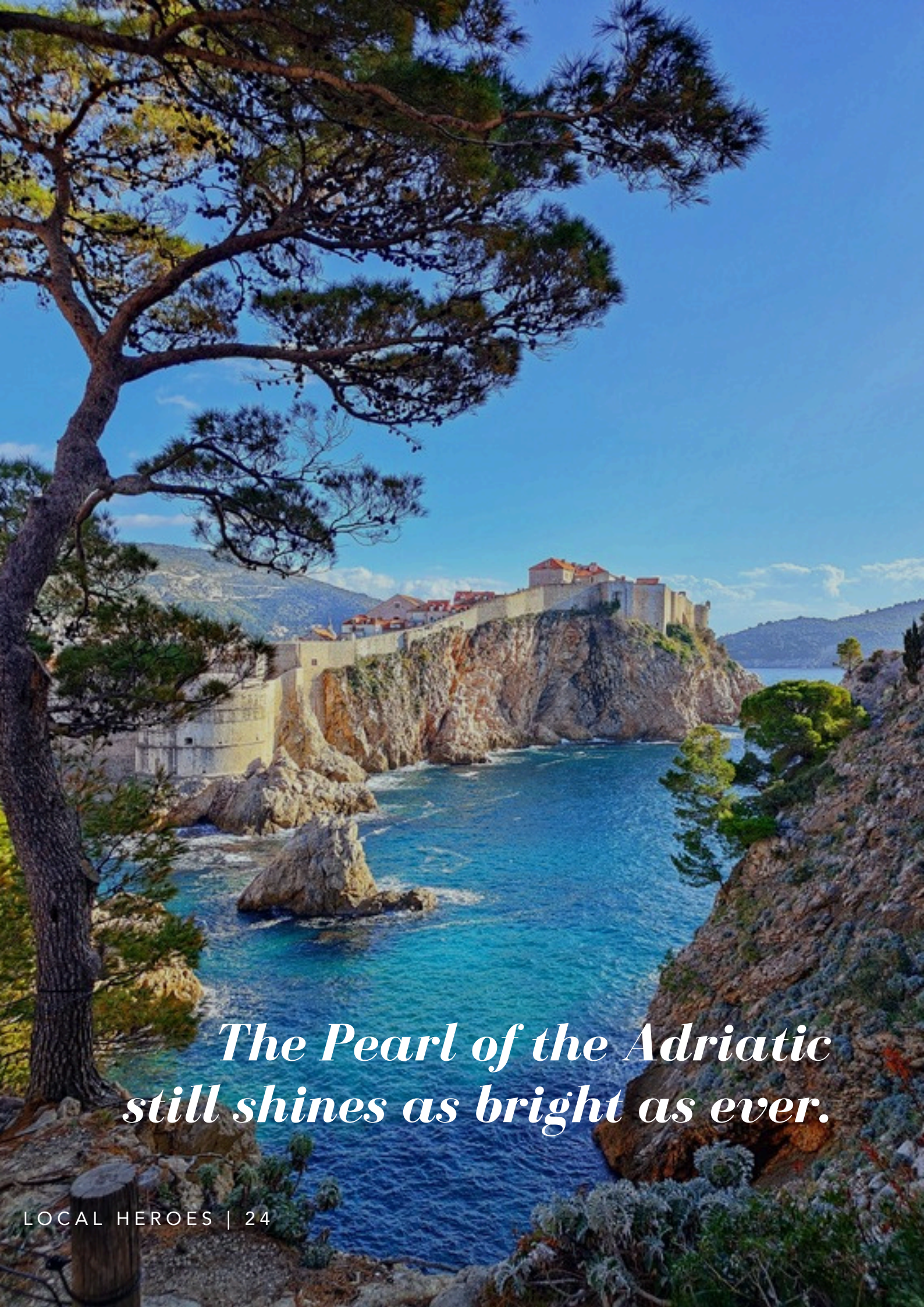
Just across the bay from Hvar lie the Pakleni Islands, a scattering of small islets wrapped in turquoise water. Best reached by private boat, they are the ultimate playground for swimming, snorkeling, or enjoying a long, leisurely lunch at a chic waterfront restaurant. Hidden coves and pine-fringed beaches create the perfect backdrop for a day of total relaxation, where time feels suspended between sea and sky.



STONE VILLAGES AND THE ISLAND WAY OF LIFE

Away from the coast, the islands reveal a quieter side. Narrow lanes wind through timeless stone villages, where church bells mark the hours and locals gather in shaded squares. Family-run konobas serve recipes passed down for generations, paired with wines and olive oils grown just beyond the village walls.

This slower pace — marked by tradition, community, and the rhythm of the seasons — is as much a part of the island experience as the beaches and the sea.



*The Pearl of the Adriatic
still shines as bright as ever.*



DUBROVNIK

DUBROVNIK: THE TIMELESS PEARL OF THE ADRIATIC

Dubrovnik is without a doubt Croatia's most famous and iconic destination. Whether it's your first visit or your hundredth, the sight of its majestic medieval walls, marble streets, and the shimmering Adriatic beyond never fails to inspire awe.

The city's story begins in the 7th century, when refugees fleeing the Avars sought safety by the sea. Over time, Dubrovnik grew into a cultural and political crossroads, shaped by Venetian, Hungarian, and Ottoman influences.

By the 12th century, it had become a flourishing trade hub linking the Mediterranean with the Balkan states.

During its golden age, Dubrovnik — then known as Ragusa — thrived as a proud and independent city-state, rivaling even the powerful Venetian Republic. Today, that legacy lives on in the Old Town, where palaces, centuries-old churches, and lively alleyways together tell the story of its remarkable past.

But Dubrovnik is more than a monument to history. It's a city alive with cafés, festivals, and the rhythm of daily life within its ancient walls. To walk here is to feel both the weight of centuries and the energy of the present — a rare blend that makes Dubrovnik as inspiring today as it was in its golden age.

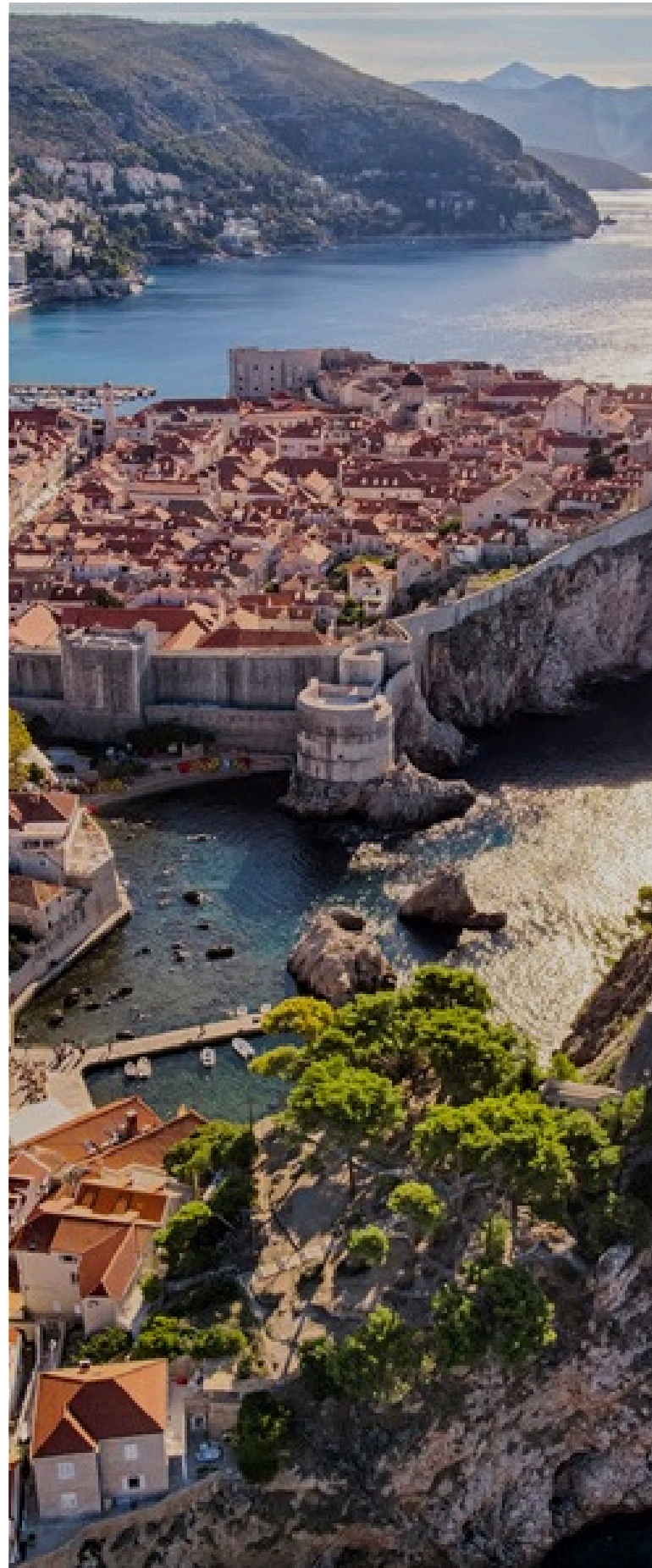
A WALK THROUGH HISTORY

DUBROVNIK: THE TIMELESS PEARL OF THE ADRIATIC

One of Dubrovnik's most memorable experiences is a walk along its ancient city walls with a local guide at your side. As you follow the path around the Old Town, the guide brings the stones to life with stories of battles, trade, and resilience that shaped this remarkable city.

From the top, the views are spectacular — terracotta rooftops stretching toward the shimmering Adriatic and nearby islands — but the real magic lies in the stories you hear along the way. A good guide doesn't just recount history; they reveal how people live here today. You'll learn about everyday life within the walls, from family traditions and local customs to the cafés and markets where the city's rhythm is felt most strongly.

This walk is more than a lesson in history — it's an invitation to understand Dubrovnik as a living, breathing city, where heritage and daily life continue to unfold side by side.



CITY ESCAPE TO ELAPHITI ISLANDS

A PERFECT DAY ON THE ADRIATIC

This is your day on the Adriatic — your own boat, your own crew, and the freedom to do as much or as little as you like. Step aboard, settle in with a cool drink, and let the rhythm of the sea set the tone for a perfect escape from the city.

With a private skipper at the helm, you'll glide past Dubrovnik's walls and into the Elaphiti Islands, a chain of small, green oases scattered across turquoise waters.

Each stop brings something different: the quiet, car-free lanes of Lopud with their old stone houses and lush gardens; the olive groves and vineyards of Šipan, where time seems to move more slowly; and the natural beauty of Koločep, dotted with hidden coves and sea caves waiting to be explored.

Between island visits, anchor in calm bays where the only thing to do is dive into the crystal-clear water or relax on deck with a drink in hand. If you wish, enjoy a long lunch at a seaside konoba, tasting freshly caught fish and local wine, before returning to the boat to stretch out in the sun.

A private Elaphiti tour is more than just island-hopping — it's about slipping into the easy rhythm of the Adriatic, where comfort, discovery, and relaxation blend seamlessly into one unforgettable day.



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