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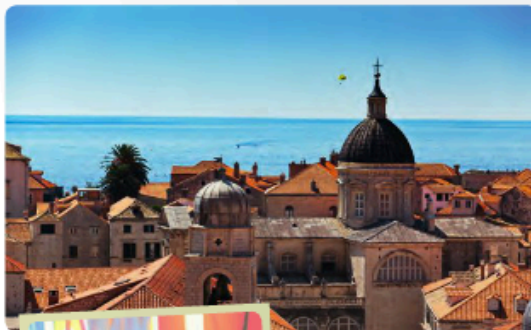
## LITTLE BLACK BOOK DUBROVNIK

**Conor Pierce**, vice president of Nokia UK and Ireland, finds the beautiful city of Dubrovnik, Croatia, an inspiring place to do business.

**"Dubrovnik is great for business travel because ...** Being in such a beautiful location inspires the senses. It's very easy to get to, at less than 30 minutes from the airport. It has a lot of great hotels for business meetings, and delicious restaurants for entertaining customers.

**Best place for meetings ...** For large groups, the conference centre at the **Radisson Blu** (Na moru, +385 20 361 500; [radissonblu.com](http://radissonblu.com)) is great - it's a suitable distance from the hub of activity that is the old town, without sacrificing the stunning views over the ocean.

**Best business lunch ...** **Azur** (Pobijana 10, +385 20 324 806; [azurvision.com](http://azurvision.com)) is deep inside the warren of the old town. The intimate setting ensures great chats with neighbouring diners, and the Mediterranean-Asian fusion menu using fresh, seasonal produce is inexpensive. A little pricier is **Nautika** (Brsalje ulica 3, +385 20 442 526; [nautikarestaurant.com](http://nautikarestaurant.com)), which overlooks the sea and serves Mediterranean food at its best.



**Business drinks ...** The **Buza Bar** is known as the "hole in the wall" because this is literally what it is. As you walk around the old town on the edge of the city, just above Azure Blu, is the "hole", behind which is atmospheric music, good cocktails and a breathtaking view.

**Getting around ...** I always go by scooter. There's plenty of parking, and it's the way the locals travel so you know it's the quickest.

**Best memory ...** Jumping into the freezing cold sea at 6am before my first meeting of the day - a good kickstart!

**On your downtime ...** take a trip on the cable car - at the top are views like no other. If you've time, there's a wonderful restaurant accessible only by boat, called **Villa Ruza** (Koločep Island, +385 98 443 382; [villa-ruza.com](http://villa-ruza.com)). Dining outside, surrounded by water, is hard to beat. To get there, hop on a 30-minute ferry from Gruz port, where boats go roughly four times a day. Just check what time the last one goes, or you could be in for a night under the stars ...

**Technology on the go ...** I rely heavily on HERE Transit to make sure I'm using the quickest route avoiding traffic, and I always use HERE Maps - without it I get lost. City Lens is also a great app to quickly locate nearby restaurants and cafés for spur-of-the-moment coffees and business meetings.

**"I can't travel without ... My DC-50 wireless charger** (£69.99 at [nokia.com](http://nokia.com)). It charges my phone in my pocket while I'm running between meetings so I always have a full battery wherever I am."



## 3 BEST BUSINESS HOTELS IN LONDON



**1 CHESTERFIELD MAYFAIR** Famed for its quaint afternoon tea, this four-star hotel offers 94 business-ready rooms and 16 suites with generous desk space, office supplies, free internet, speakerphones and more. On your downtime take a stroll through Green Park or relax in the Terrace Bar. (35 Charles Street, +44 20 7491 2622; [chesterfieldmayfair.com](http://chesterfieldmayfair.com))



**2 THE CAVENDISH** Make one of this award-winning four-star property's 230 contemporary bedrooms your base for business or host a meeting at one of five meeting rooms which offer natural daylight and complimentary Wi-Fi, as well as being completely carbon neutral. Handy location in the St James' area, and adjacent to Piccadilly. (81 Jermyn Street, +44 20 7930 2111; [thecavendish-london.co.uk](http://thecavendish-london.co.uk))



**3 VICTORIA INN PECKHAM** Tucked away above a traditional English pub in South East London are 18 contemporary bedrooms. As well as offering free Wi-Fi, hearty grub downstairs and bargain room rates, artsy Peckham Rye is just ten minutes by tube to Victoria Station, making connections into the city - and airports - a breeze. (72-79 Choumert Road, +44 20 7639 5052; [victoriainnpeckham.com](http://victoriainnpeckham.com))