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Discover Croatia at its culinary best



If you want to enjoy some late summer sun this year, look no further than Croatia. Sun Gardens, a luxurious resort marina in Dubrovnik, offers an indulgent gastronomic package that takes sun-seekers on a mouth-watering tour of Croatia at its culinary best.

A private boat from Sun Gardens will take you to Croatia's famed Pelješac wine region to taste some of the country's sixty native grape varieties. Pelješac's vineyards are renowned for producing the Plavac Mali red grape, and you will be able to meander through the rows of lush green vines, learning about the unique topography of the vineyard, as you go along.



After the vineyard tour, taste some of the finest wines in one of Croatia's leading wine cellars, followed by a lunch of fresh seafood at Mali Ston. For oyster lovers there is no better place to sample them. Shuck open fresh oysters, washed down with some delectable Croatian wine, of course.

Back at Sun Gardens, Dubrovnik, an even greater treat awaits in the 'Tastes for all senses' menu. Showcasing the very best regional produce, each course is matched alongside a hand-picked local wine. Among the delights on the menu are Mediterranean shrimps coupled with Istrian black truffle, as well as fresh fillet of John Dory which comes paired with a crisp Croatian white wine.



Gastronomic delights are not the only thing to enjoy during your visit. Croatia boasts the second longest protective wall in Europe, the 'Walls of Ston.' Step inside the ancient walls of this medieval city that is only about an hour drive from Dubrovnik, and explore the cobbled streets of a former major fort of the Ragusan Republic. Picturesque white-washed houses, replete with typically Croatian terracotta roofs, line the streets and help to make Ston an idyllic spot in which to while away an afternoon.

Sun Gardens in Dubrovnik enjoys beautiful views of the Adriatic and of the chocolate-box villages, a characteristic Croatian architecture found at the nearby paradisiacal Elafiti Islands. If you are keen on catching those last summer rays, the resort has access to an idyllic beach that offers an array of water-based activities, as well as a wealth of international bars and restaurants and a fitness centre. And for those who don't mind being indoors during the hottest part of the day, there is much pampering to be had within the resort's award-winning Spa by OCCO. Leave this sweet-smelling sanctuary feeling refreshed and rejuvenated after a treatment using the locally inspired products.