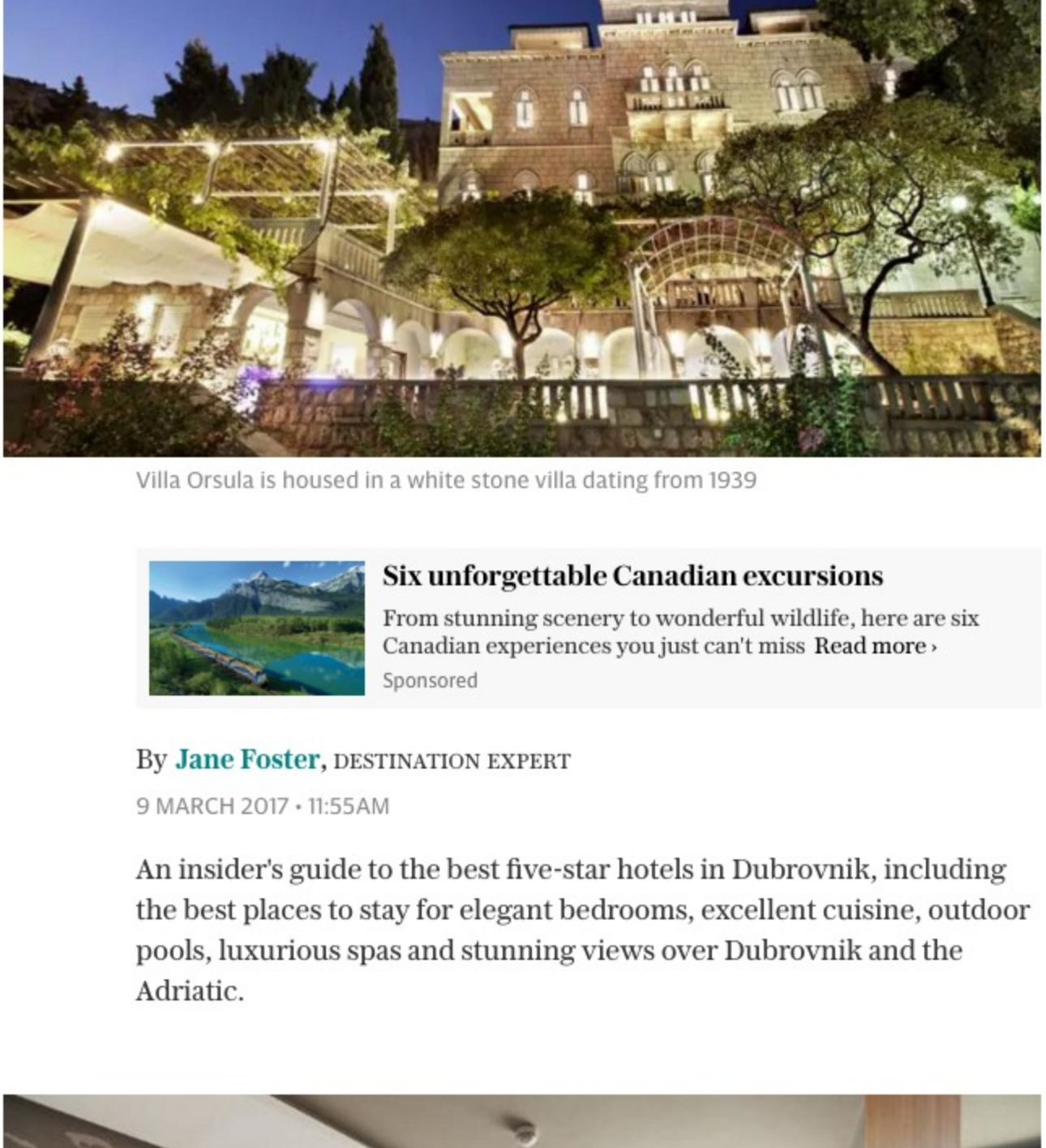


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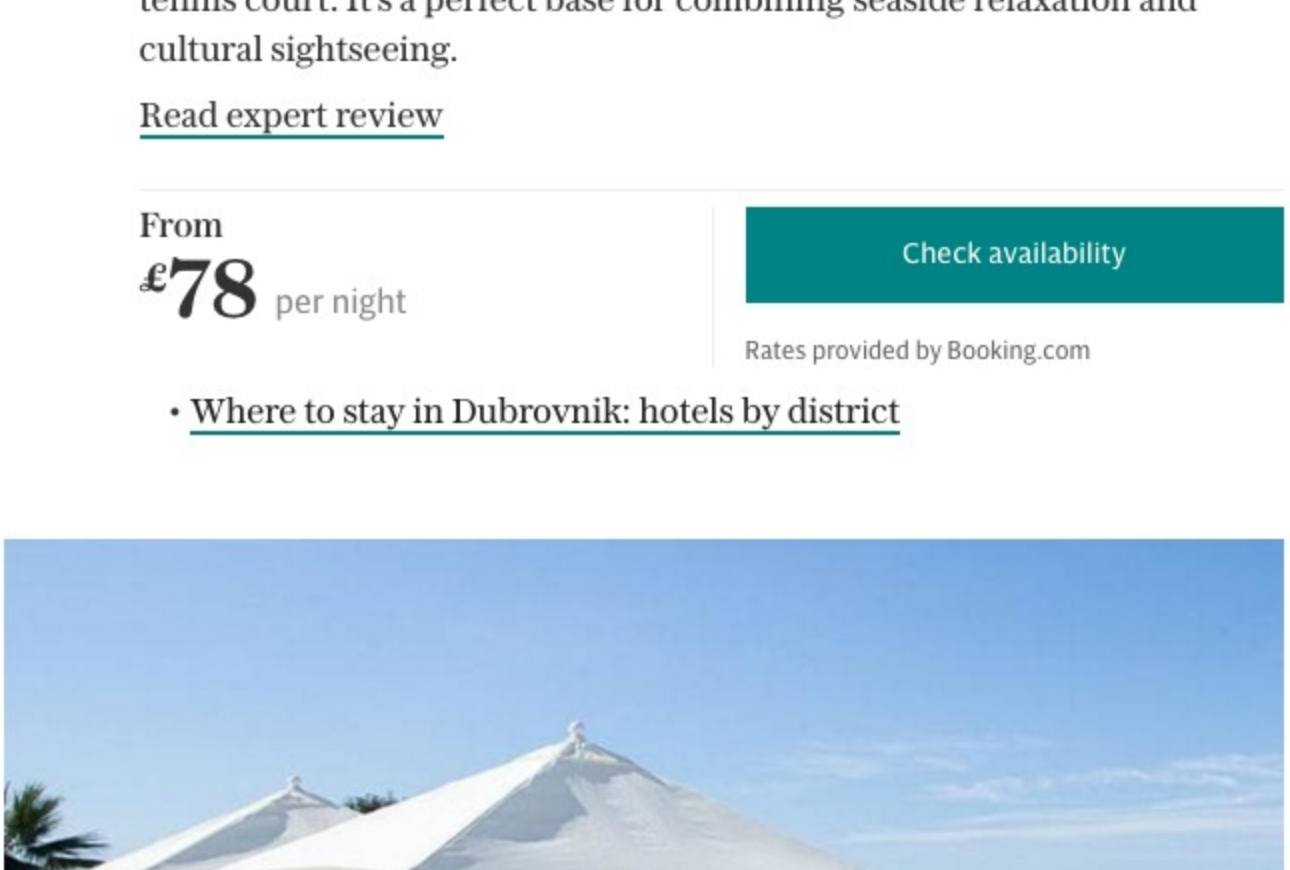
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Hotel Dubrovnik Palace

Dubrovnik, Croatia

8/10 Telegraph expert rating

A luxury waterside hotel on Dubrovnik's Lapad peninsular, three miles from the lovely fortified Old Town. It has 308 rooms with contemporary décor, all with a balcony and sea view, as well as a VIP wing which hosts four ultra-luxurious suites, including the vast and magnificent Presidential suite. Facilities include a rock-and-concrete beach with a scuba diving centre, two outdoor pools, a spa with an indoor pool, and a tennis court. It's a perfect base for combining seaside relaxation and cultural sightseeing.

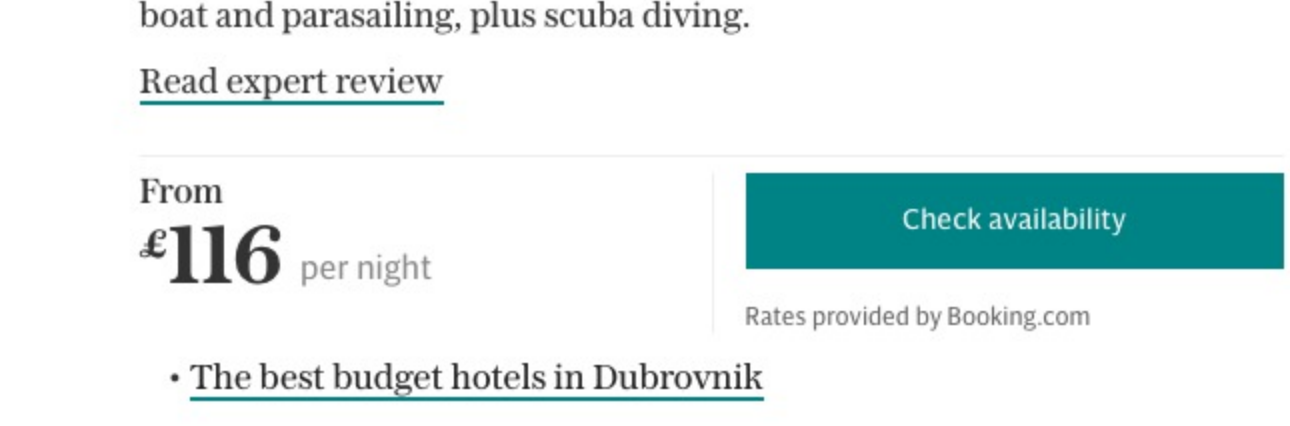
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Valamar Dubrovnik President Hotel

Dubrovnik, Croatia

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Valamar Dubrovnik President is a big, modern five-star seaside hotel, a short distance from the Old Town. All 292 rooms have balconies and sea views, and there's a wellness centre, indoor and outdoor pools, watersports, a kids' club and spaces for conferences and events. The stand-out feature is the hotel beach, a pebble cove with sun beds, parasols, baldachins and palm trees. The Abyss Diving Centre is based here, offering jet-ski, water-ski, wake-board, stand-up paddle, banana-boat and parasailing, plus scuba diving.

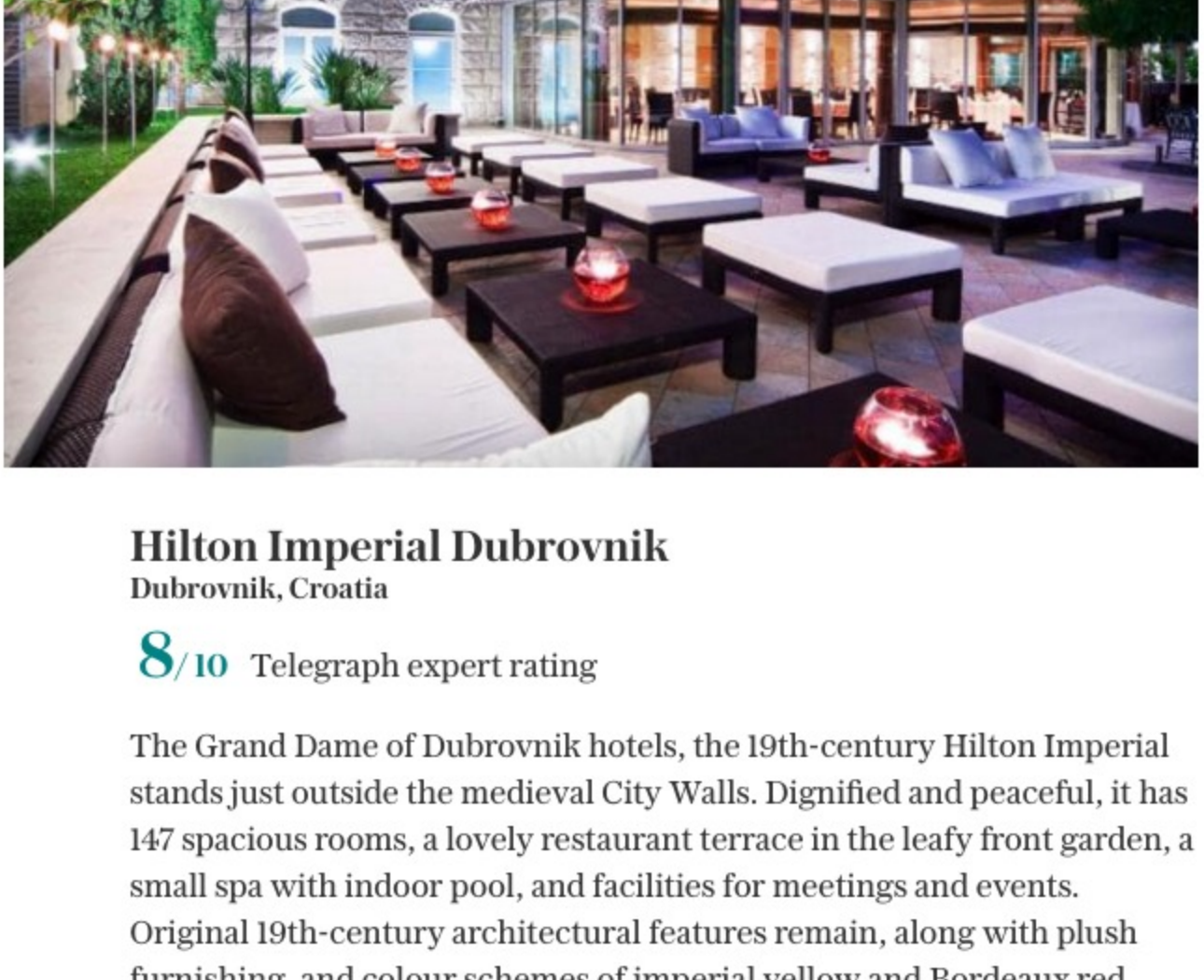
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Hotel Bellevue Dubrovnik

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On the coast, midway between the Old Town and Lapad Peninsular, this slick, modern hotel has a sheltered pebble beach and a wellness centre with an indoor pool, whirlpool bath, sauna, and gym, making it a restful retreat the year through. All the 91 rooms and suites come with wooden floors, modern wooden furniture, fabrics in earthy tones of cream, beige and brown, marble bathrooms and sea views. Most have balconies too. The Nevera Beach Restaurant, open for lunch, has a sunny terrace overlooking the bay – top dishes here include oysters from Ston, and barbecued fresh fish.

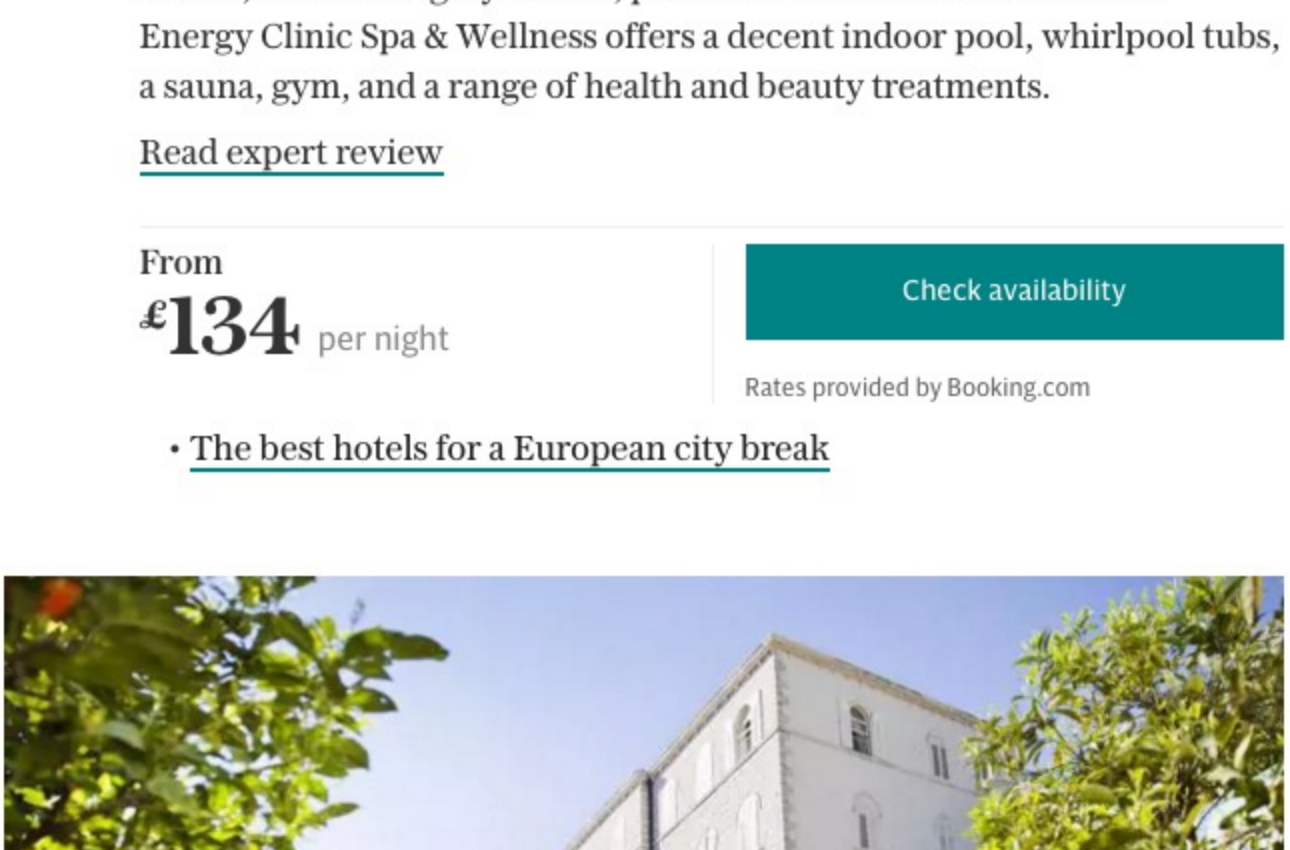
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Hilton Imperial Dubrovnik

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The Grand Dame of Dubrovnik hotels, the 19th-century Hilton Imperial stands just outside the medieval City Walls. Dignified and peaceful, it has 147 spacious rooms, a lovely restaurant terrace in the leafy front garden, a small spa with indoor pool, and facilities for meetings and events. Original 19th-century architectural features remain, along with plush furnishing, and colour schemes of imperial yellow and Bordeaux red. The Porat Restaurant has a lovely front terrace, with tables under big green parasols and two camphor trees, offering seasonally-inspired Mediterranean dishes.

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Hotel Excelsior

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Dating back to 1913, the Excelsior has hosted numerous illustrious guests, including Queen Elizabeth II, Sir Roger Moore and Francis Ford Coppola. It comprises the original building, Villa Odak, plus a modern extension, all built into a steep hillside. The 141 rooms and 17 suites are functional and comfortable, with dark-wood furnishing and a natural palette of brown, cream and grey fabrics, plus slick modern bathrooms. The Energy Clinic Spa & Wellness offers a decent indoor pool, whirlpool tubs, a sauna, gym, and a range of health and beauty treatments.

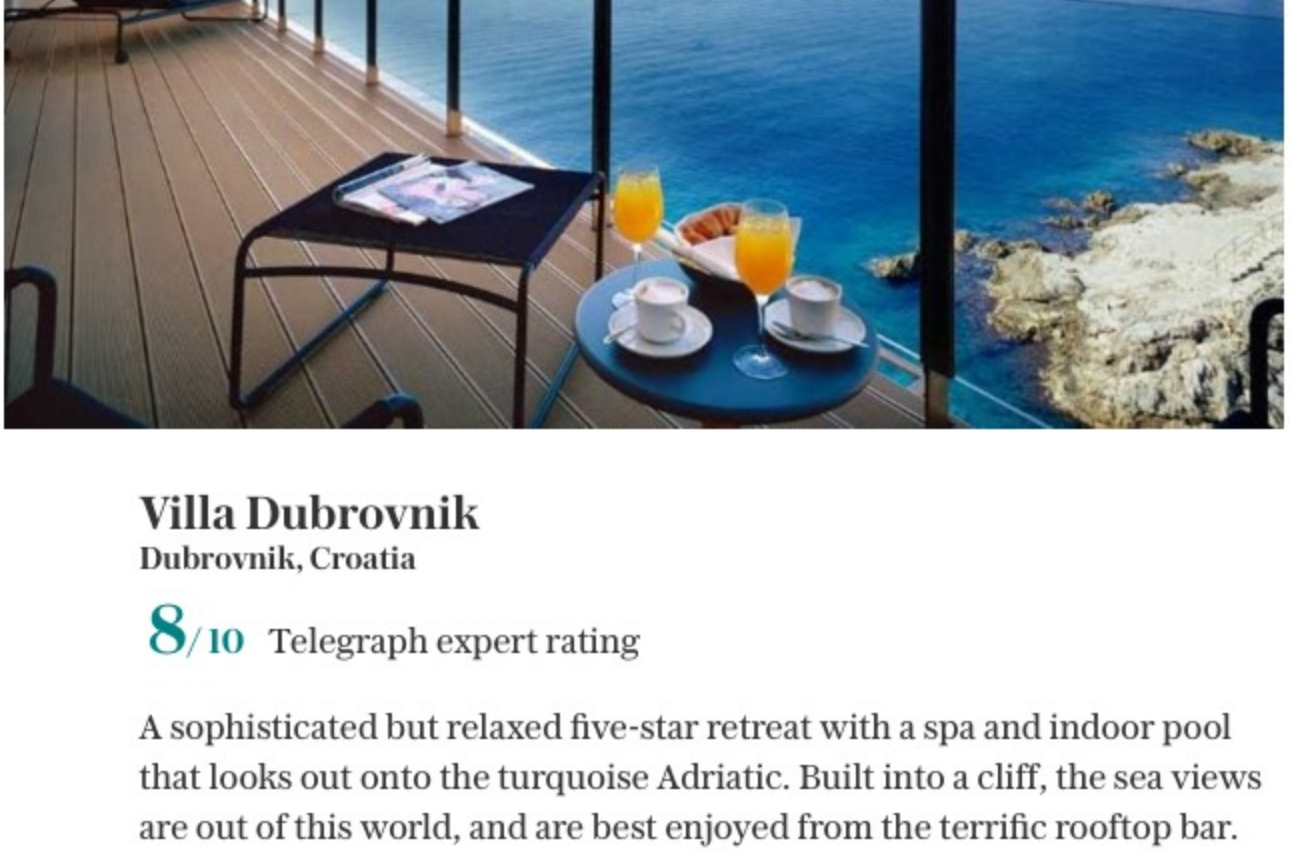
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Grand Villa Argentina

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Set in a terraced garden, this hotel affords fine views down onto the sea and towards the Old Town, beautifully illuminated at night. Rooms in the old wing are the nicest, with high ceilings and small stone balconies, dark-wood furniture, heavy sweeping curtains tied with cords and tassels, gilt-framed oil paintings, and dark blue carpets. The garden, planted with lemon trees, cypresses, rosemary and lavender, has plenty of secluded areas for sitting out. From here, steps lead down to an outdoor pool, lined with wicker sun-beds and big white parasols, and a bathing platform affording easy access into the sea.

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Villa Dubrovnik

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8/10 Telegraph expert rating

A sophisticated but relaxed five-star retreat with a spa and indoor pool that looks out onto the turquoise Adriatic. Built into a cliff, the sea views are out of this world, and are best enjoyed from the terrific rooftop bar. Suites have the added luxury of an in-room whirlpool tub, while the deluxe suites have vast terraces with outdoor whirlpool tub and views towards the old town. The Villa Spa sums it up - beauty treatments, massage, yoga, and an indoor pool with views over the sea. Expensive, but worth it.

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Sun Gardens Dubrovnik

Dubrovnik, Croatia

8/10 Telegraph expert rating

A family-friendly seaside resort and spa, with a beach and wonderful sunset views over the Elaphiti islands, just a 20-minute drive from the centre of Dubrovnik. The grounds are planted with pines, palms and olive trees, and give onto a shoreline with three pools and several small open-air bars and restaurants overlooking the Adriatic. There's a sophisticated spa with indoor pools, offering a full range of health and beauty treatments, making it a very fine winter destination too. All rooms have either a balcony or terrace.

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