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A LUXURY FAMILY ESCAPE

Independent School Parent has joined forces with the five-star resort, Sun Gardens, Dubrovnik, to offer your family the holiday of a lifetime

Stunning views of Sun Gardens, Dubrovnik and first-class facilities for families make this a holiday with the best of both worlds



Sun Gardens, Dubrovnik is a charming, fully integrated 22-hectare resort, set amid striking, classical Mediterranean gardens, where the scent of umbrella pines and lavender floats sublimely in the air. The resort enjoys a prime waterfront location on the desirable Dalmatian coastline and boasts unrivalled views over the cobalt blue Adriatic and Elafiti Islands in the distance – it's undoubtedly the perfect destination for a family escape this May half term.

SEVEN-NIGHT STAY

The resort is offering one lucky family a seven-night stay, on a bed-and-breakfast basis, in a spacious two-bed residence.

This May, parents can relax, unwind and discover the beauty of Croatia, while the children roam carefree around the resort, taking part in treasure hunts, tennis lessons and team activities, to name just a few of the activities on the holiday agenda.

Sun Gardens, Dubrovnik is a family resort through and through. Thanks to an array of outdoor activities, a bustling sports centre, esteemed kids' clubs and three pools, families will be spoilt for choice. For those wishing to hone their hand-eye coordination skills, private

There's lots of relaxing time to be had at Sun Gardens, Dubrovnik



"The kids' clubs at Sun Gardens will keep children busy with an array of outdoor activities"



tennis and squash lessons can be arranged at the resort's clay tennis courts and indoor squash courts. A bike tour through the hills of the local Orašac region is the perfect excursion for the active family seeking some adventure.

KIDS' CLUBS

The resort is home to two Worldwide Kids Company kids' clubs, which cater for children of all ages. The Marco Polo Kids' Club, aimed at the three to 11 age group, has an array of outdoor activities and various, creative arts and crafts options for them to enjoy. Just like the explorer Marco Polo, children will have the opportunity to explore on both land and sea, with treasure hunts and water-based activities.

For families with older children, Hideaway will keep teens busy with a jam-packed itinerary of water sports, team activities and many surprise events.

SEAFOOD AND WINE

The resort facilities are extensive at Sun Gardens, Dubrovnik, including countless restaurants and bars offering a melange of international cuisine from local Croatian fare through to a diverse menu of fresh

seafood at Cilantro, which boasts a spectacular open kitchen. Unbeknownst to many, Croatia boasts a kaleidoscope of wine varieties, including 64 variations of grapes, many of which can be sampled at the resort under the expert knowledge of the resort's sommelier: the perfect afternoon activity for parents.

SPA TREATMENTS

A stay at Sun Gardens, Dubrovnik wouldn't be complete without a sumptuous spa treatment at the award-winning Spa by OCCO. The prize winners will receive two complimentary spa treatments to ensure complete relaxation of body and mind. Parents can unwind with an OCCO treatment, which uses organic products inspired by the natural beauty of the Dalmatian coast.

The surrounding region is no doubt another allure, as guests are continually enticed to this European slice of paradise. The vibrant culture of the Dalmatian region is palpable, from the intriguing

history of Dubrovnik Old Town, otherwise known as the "Pearl of the Adriatic" to the ancient walls of Ston. Croatian culture is right on the doorstep with the UNESCO World Heritage site of Dubrovnik just six miles away and regular transfers arranged daily by the resort. Further afield, the medieval city of Ston boasts one of Europe's longest protective walls and has remained wonderfully off the tourist radar.

Sun Gardens, Dubrovnik offers the perfect backdrop for an unforgettable family holiday in one of Europe's most spectacular destinations. ♥

HOW TO ENTER

For your chance to win, answer the following question by Friday 4th March 2016 on our website at independentschoolparent.com/win

Q. Which coast does Sun Gardens, Dubrovnik sit on?

A – Adriatic, Croatia

B – Algarve, Portugal

C – Central Coast of California, USA

Terms and Conditions: Prize to be redeemed during May 2016 half term (exact dates to be confirmed but approximately 30th May-3rd June 2016). The prize covers a family of four, for seven nights on a B&B basis, not including flights. The prize includes a spa treatment for each parent.


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