



SUN GARDENS  
DUBROVNIK

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## RESORT OVERVIEW

Sun Gardens Dubrovnik is a fully integrated, 22-hectare destination resort on the beautiful Adriatic coast. Located in the community of Orašac, 11 kilometres from the UNESCO World Heritage city of Dubrovnik and is one of the most comprehensive developments on the Croatian coast. It features a 201 room five star hotel and 207 fully-appointed residences.

Opened in July 2009, the resort has become recognized as one of the prime tourism sites on the Dubrovnik Riviera. Sun Gardens Dubrovnik is a member of The Leading Hotels of the World, a prestigious collection of independent luxury hotels.

Resort facilities include a world-class spa, sports centre, a variety of restaurants and bars, pools and natural pebble beach, retail shopping area, and children facilities, all designed to attract and appeal to the family market, couples and independent travellers alike.

The resort layout replicates the ambience of a traditional Mediterranean village, set amid mature gardens with panoramic views of the Adriatic and Elaphite islands just off the coast of the mainland.

## GETTING THERE

The resort is located 35 kilometres from the Dubrovnik International Airport. The majority of direct flights are operating seasonally, from spring to autumn, while limited routes are available all-year-round. Seasonal direct flights to the USA are also available.

The A1/D8/E65 motorway connects Zagreb with Ploče; guests can take the D8 to Dubrovnik, and exit in Orašac, on the street Na moru.

Ferry connections operate from Italy and other areas of Croatia and there is significant cruise ship trade in the summer.





## HISTORY

In 1512, the Florentine statesman Piero Soderini was driven into exile by the Medici family and is reputed to have settled in the stone castle (palazzo) in the grounds of what is now Sun Gardens Dubrovnik until his return to Italy. The original palace still stands and forms a picturesque focal point within the resort gardens.

Parts of the site were first developed in the late 1980s as a resort frequented by European and local tourists. The on-site nightclub at the time became a popular hangout for many of Croatia's rock musicians. During the 1991-1995 war, Dubrovnik was subjected to a siege lasting many months. The city was extensively shelled damaging many historic buildings and much of the surrounding areas. Sun Gardens Dubrovnik was also badly damaged, burned and looted.

In 2008, a major redevelopment of the site began. The residences, pools and promenade areas were upgraded, replaced and extended, whilst the hotel, spa conference and event facilities and sports centre were constructed. Sun Gardens Dubrovnik opened as a fully-fledged luxury integrated resort in July 2009.

## ARCHITECTURE

The architects of Sun Gardens Dubrovnik resort are Croatian Branimir Medić and Pero Puljiz - who are internationally recognized architects. The duo studied at the Berlage Institute in Amsterdam where they both attained Masters of Excellence in Architectural degrees.

The interior design of the contemporary, nine-storey hotel was inspired by the experienced and highly regarded firm of Hirsch Bedner Associates whose portfolio includes luxury resorts. The hotel building design maximises available light and provides outstanding views across the resort and coastline towards the Elaphite Islands. The hotel lobby and public areas are airy and spacious, while the interior décor is bright and breezy, with use of clear, Mediterranean-inspired colour schemes.

One of the features at Sun Gardens Dubrovnik decorating project was the use of Croatian resources, such as materials, equipment and decorations, and also the selection of artwork, which was specially chosen by Studio Nest Zagreb. Every item of artwork adorning inside the hotel was done by Croatian authors.



## HOTEL

Understated elegance, chic design & top-class amenities are the hallmark of every room and suite in the hotel.

The hotel features a 201 modern rooms and charming suites: 178 Standard, Deluxe and Club Rooms, 23 elegant Suites including Deluxe, Club, spacious Executive and superb, top floor Presidential Suite. The exclusive Club Floor Lounge is situated on the 6th floor offering the hotel guests to experience the ultimate luxury and top notch service.

Club Floor includes complimentary beverages and refreshments such as coffee, tea, soft drinks, beer, wine and selected spirits & afternoon tea time with rich choice of teas, pastries and cakes.

## RESIDENCES

Perfect for families or friends travelling together, the spacious and comfortable residences feature fully equipped kitchens, cosy living rooms with balconies or terraces overlooking Mediterranean gardens or stunning sea views.

The resort features 207 luxury residences: 119 One Bedroom, 85 Two Bedroom and 3 Three Bedroom Residences.

For an extra touch of luxury guests can book Residences Club Package that includes a special welcome gift, a gourmet breakfast served at the sea view terrace, as well as a tailor-made turndown service.

## PRIVATE VILLA

Discover a five-bedroom authentic Dalmatian resort villa, nestled within lush Mediterranean gardens, perfect for families or smaller groups. Enjoy the privacy and utmost comfort of an exclusive villa, while taking advantage of the resort's extensive amenities. The Villa is not operated under LHW brand.





## DINING

With a fabulous array of 16 restaurants & bars including rich buffets, gourmet breakfasts, boutique eateries, poolside bars that cater to both local and international flavours - at Sun Gardens Dubrovnik there's always something to suit guests' preferences.

Start your day with buffet breakfast in Origano Restaurant or indulge in our gourmet breakfast at Giardino Restaurant, with a charming garden terrace. During the summer season, Club guests can also enjoy al fresco breakfast served on Rooftop Terrace with panoramic views over the turquoise Adriatic Sea and Elaphite Islands.

Experience a variety of dining options, including the authentic Italian flavors of La Pasta, the vibrant tastes of Cilantro, fresh offerings at Market, a relaxing atmosphere at Veranda, and a prime selection of meats at Butcher.

Sun Gardens Dubrovnik reserves the right to amend, modify, suspend, or adjust the availability, operating hours, and dates of all resort facilities, services, and offerings without prior notice.

## YES TO BEAUTY SPA CENTRE

Luxurious and award-winning Spa Centre is meant for moments of absolute indulgence. Spa centre facilities include Hydrotherapy pool, relaxing 18-m lagoon pool, Tepidarium, gym, Thermal area and relax zone with stunning views.

Yes to Beauty offers an integrated beauty program featuring exclusive professional face and body care treatments, signature experiences and an ample selection of massage techniques. **New in 2025:** Spa group programmes from 9 pm to midnight.

Highly trained therapists, educated in the Wellness Academy, use a range of quality and luxury spa products.

Treat yourself to unforgettable moments of relaxation and step into the wellness & spa oasis Yes to Beauty centre in Sun Gardens Dubrovnik!



## SPORTS CENTRE

Sun Gardens Dubrovnik is the perfect destination for sports and fitness enthusiasts.

Guests can workout at the fully equipped gym, available 24/7, and choose from a superb range of indoor and outdoor on-site activities including five-a-side football, three clay tennis courts, squash courts, full-size climbing wall and group classes. For some extra support in reaching training goals, guests can book a session with one of the personal trainers.

Relax at the Sports Bar, located within the center. Enjoy the home-cinema screen and LCD TVs tuned to live sports.

Sun Gardens Dubrovnik offers bike rentals and a dedicated bike room for cycling enthusiasts. Guests can explore the surrounding area with guided hiking and cycling tours, tailored to various skill levels, to enjoy the stunning landscapes and trails of Dubrovnik and beyond.

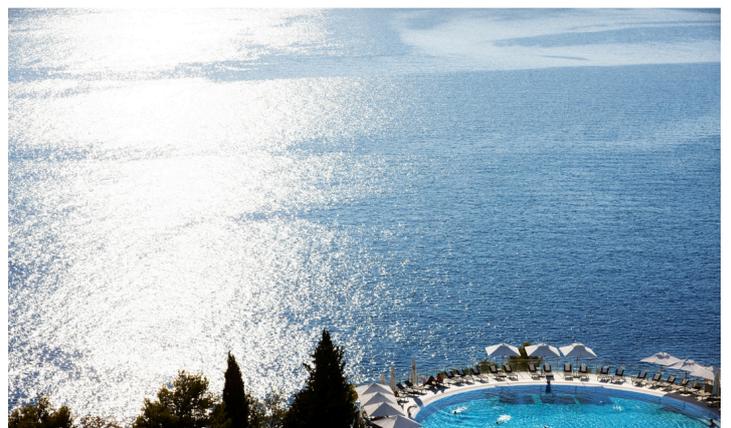
Variety of the water sports are available within Sun Gardens Marina, operated by partner agency.

## POOLS & BEACH

Lounge beside three freshwater pools and choose between family-dedicated Sunset Pool and Lemonia Pool with beautiful water features, a kid's pool and a fantastic bar, or adults-only Marina Pool - ideally secluded for couples to unwind in the Croatian sun.

At the resort guests can also find a natural pebble beach ideal for the whole family with water sports available at our Marina. The NUKU beach is surrounded with beautiful untouched nature giving exclusive Mediterranean feel.

For those seeking an elevated experience, our NUKU Select area offers premium loungers and cabanas available for hire. Positioned in the first row, you'll have the best seat in the house to soak in the unparalleled sea views and tranquility.





## KIDS CLUB & ANIMATION

Designed with our youngest guests in mind, the Marco Polo Kids Club offers a world of fun, creativity, and adventure. Tailored programs and activities for children aged 12 months to 15 years ensure a memorable holiday filled with games, sports, and new friendships, all under the care of our dedicated and professional team.

Families can enjoy peace of mind knowing their little ones are engaged and entertained in a safe, vibrant environment.

- Baby Club - twelve months to three-year-olds
- Mini Club - three to six-year-olds
- Junior Club - seven to ten-year-olds
- Tween Club - ten to fifteen-year-olds

Mini & Junior Club are supervised from end-May to the mid - September, and Baby & Tween Club are available in high season. From end-May to the mid - September, the resort can arrange babysitting services, upon advance request only.

Teenagers will also enjoy a gaming room featuring PlayStation consoles with a selection of top games. Our childcare services are very popular and operate to strict care ratios so we strongly advise pre-booking.

During the summer, our animation team, based below the Lemonia pool, offers daily & evening activities for all ages. The program includes fun, educational experiences focused on open spaces and ecological awareness. From engaging poolside games to evening competitions, these activities encourage socialization and enjoyment for families, especially older children.





## CHILDREN SPORTS ACADEMY

Sports Academy for children aged 7 to 15 years is available on weekly basis (6 sessions with sports kit) from April 01 until October 31 featuring:

- Football Academy
- Tennis Academy
- Squash Academy
- Swimming Academy

Each participant will receive a Nike sports sack with a sporting kit and, upon completion, a certificate with a medal. Participants are welcome to join the Academy any day of the week, depending on the arrival date.



## CAMPIONI SOCCER & DANCE

**Campioni Soccer Academy** is a professional football school for children of all abilities aged between 6-15 run by ex-Premier League players and UEFA Licensed coaches.

- 26 - 30 May 2025 with Harry Redknapp & Michael Johnson
- 7 - 11 July 2025 with Matt Le Tissier
- 14 - 18 July 2025 with Gabriel Agbonlahor & Adrian Whitbread
- 18 - 22 August 2025 with Michael Johnson & James Collins
- 25 - 29 August 2025 with Michael Johnson & Wes Brown
- 27 - 31 October 2025 with Stuart Pearce MBE and Francis Benali MBE

### **Campioni Soccer Academy schedule:**

- Weekdays soccer training 09:30 - 11:30
- Sunday evening welcome drinks reception with a footballing legend (kit presentation)
- Mid-week parents' game
- End-of-week medal presentation

**Campioni Dance Academy**, led by celebrity choreographer Aimee Azari, provides daily dance on-site courses, suitable for children aged between 5-15, available May 26 - 30 and October 27-31.



## RESORT LIFESTYLE

Life at Sun Gardens Dubrovnik is designed to mirror that of the resort's Adriatic location and surroundings.

One of the most noticeable features of the resort is that the gardens are established and mature, the majority of the trees having been planted more than 20 years ago. Attractive walkways, created from creamy stone from the Dalmatian island of Brač, meander between lush, scented areas planted thickly with olive, pine and citrus trees and oleander bushes.

Within the resort there is a promenade of shops offering fashion brands, accessories, favourite cosmetics and supplies, colourful and original gift ideas and groceries.

A self-service grocery store spread over almost 200sqm where you can find a wide range of food and non-food products, including gluten-free foods, fresh fruit and vegetables, a fresh bakery, dairy products, meats, snacks, beverages, tobacco, and a gift & souvenir shop.

To complement guest's stay in Dubrovnik, the on-site travel agency organizes various day trips or half day excursions taking in the rich cultural heritage of the region, historical cities of the neighbouring countries of Montenegro and Bosnia and Hercegovina, as well as boat trips to nearby Elaphite islands to suit individual preferences.

Explore the resort through our web APP, reserve your experiences, book your table, or order your food and drinks online.

Our dedicated Concierge Team will be happy to assist guests and make their stay at Sun Gardens Dubrovnik most memorable.



## FESTA

Our summer dinner concept, FESTA, will offer vibrant ambiance, wonderful authentic food, and award-winning local wines during resort dining events. Don't miss out on the fun and excitement for the entire family!

### 23.06.-13.07.2025.

- Mondays: Cabaret Dinner & Show
- Wednesdays: Traditional Dubrovnik Event - Buffet dinner & Traditional Entertainment
- Fridays: Oriental Sunset Night - Asian Buffet Dinner & Fire Show (July 3, instead of July 4)

### 14.07.-17.08.2025.

- Mondays: Cabaret Dinner & Show
- Tuesdays: Cocktail Beach Party
- Wednesdays: Traditional Dubrovnik Event - Buffet Dinner & Traditional Entertainment
- Fridays: Oriental Sunset Night - Asian Buffet Dinner & Fire Show
- Saturdays: Dance Beach Party
- Sundays: Grill & Groove BBQ - Buffet Dinner & Rock Band

### 18.08.-01.09.2025.

- Mondays: Cabaret Dinner & Show
- Wednesdays: Traditional Dubrovnik Event – Buffet Dinner & Traditional Entertainment
- Sundays: Grill & Groove BBQ - Buffet Dinner & Rock Band

All dinner events include a dedicated kids' corner and programme to keep our youngest guests entertained throughout the evening. Table reservations are mandatory. Table bookings for groups of 5+ people receive a 10% discount.





## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Stunning Croatian setting, accessible location and some of the most extensive facilities in Croatia and Adriatic region make Sun Gardens Dubrovnik the ultimate destination for an event.

Whether conference, automotive event, incentive trip, cocktail party or banquet, the impressive 1,800 square meters of space provides the platform to create the perfect event. Our wide variety of function and meeting rooms, including a stylish multifunctional grand ballroom, eight additional conference rooms and leisure and spa facilities are every event organizer and delegate's dream.

The resort spans 200,000 square meters and features beautifully landscaped grounds, offering event organisers the potential to create a unique event that is custom designed to their exact specification, all in one stunning and convenient location.

Our dedicated on-site Meetings & Events team is at the disposal during the entire event planning stage and event itself in order to make event experience a real success!

## SUSTAINABILITY

Sun Gardens Dubrovnik is proud to be named a Sustainability Leader by The Leading Hotels of the World. This distinction highlights our commitment to the highest standards of cultural, social, and environmental responsibility, as certified by the Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC) criteria.

- Green Key-certified since 2013
- Initiatives include recycling, waste reduction, energy and water conservation, natural composting, and eco-friendly cleaning practices.
- Supporting local schools, associations, and charities through donations, maintenance activities, and scholarships.
- Partnerships with organizations such as local schools, sports clubs, and community groups to promote education, well-being, and inclusivity.
- Immersive guest experiences celebrating Dubrovnik's heritage, including local artisans, authentic Croatian cuisine, and cultural events.
- Commitment to preserving and promoting the region's traditions and history for future generations.



## DUBROVNIK

Named 'The Pearl of the Adriatic' by writer George Bernard Shaw, the historic city of Dubrovnik is a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the most beautiful and famous cities in the world. The city's origins date back to the 7th century but it is best known for its high, sea-facing medieval walls and old town, featuring a mix of Renaissance and Baroque architecture, marble-paved streets and vibrant social scene.

Dubrovnik is becoming established as an important destination in Europe, with annual tourist numbers currently estimated at around two million.

Dubrovnik has a long and rich love affair with Hollywood's finest. The 1960's were a golden era for the city with A listed celebrities such as Sophia Loren, Yul Brynner and one of the most celebrated couples of all time Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton. When the popular HBO series Game of Thrones rolled into town in 2011 Dubrovnik was suddenly not only in the focus of their cameras but also the cameras of half the world.

One of the most popular serials of all time, certainly put Dubrovnik back on the map for filmmakers and opened a new door for Dubrovnik. The 16th century drama Borgia filmed the third and final season of the series in Dubrovnik and Star Wars VIII used many locations around the historic city core as locations, the Stradun, the main street had a complete makeover and even a ship was used in the filming. And to make a "full house" a Hollywood blockbuster Robin Hood: Origins, starring actors Jamie Foxx, Taron Egerton and Jamie Doran was also filmed in the city.

As it has recently become a popular filming destination, Dubrovnik is a favourite holiday spot for an expanding list of wealthy and well known people, including business people such as Roman Abramovich, Bernie Ecclestone and Bill Gates, and Hollywood A-listers, such as Tom Cruise, Morgan Freeman, Gerard Butler, Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, John Malkovich (whose family originates in Croatia), Steven Spielberg, Beyoncé and Jay – Z, Jamie Foxx and Bono Vox.



## ADRIATIC COAST

The Adriatic is a dramatic and beautiful coastline with small, rocky bays, numerous islands, pretty beaches and clear waters. Its waters offer some of the best sailing in the Mediterranean with 'island to island' hopping, numerous small marinas and winds through the spring and autumn. The eastern Adriatic is also reputed for its diving, with accessible wrecks spanning two millennia and was a favourite destination for marine explorer Jacques Cousteau.

## ISLANDS

Just off the Dubrovnik coast lie beautiful islands including the nature reserve of Lokrum and the three Elaphite Islands, which offer pretty bays for bathing, medieval villages and, on Lopud, a well-regarded contemporary art gallery. Regular boat trips from the city or resort take tourists to visit these islands.

## CLIMATE

The Dalmatian climate is typically Mediterranean. The summer months of June to September can be very hot and dry with average temperatures of 20 to 28 degrees. Winters are mild with average temperatures of 5 to 10 degrees.

## DUBROVNIK REGION

Historical tours of Dubrovnik are a must as are visits to nearby Cavtat, a medieval town in a stunning location 18km from Dubrovnik. Nearby, there is also the pretty coastal village of Trsteno with its historic arboretum, which covers 25 hectares. It was built as a country estate for a local noble family in the late-1400s and became one of the region's most influential cultural centres. Today it is renowned for its diverse botanical collection and Renaissance statuary.

## FOOD & WINE

Wines were introduced to the Croatian coast by Greek settlers over 2,000 years ago. The region's vineyards, particularly those of the rural Pelješac Peninsula, provide good local wine, including Plavac and Chardonnay. Tours of vineyards in the Dubrovnik area can easily be arranged at the resort.

Gastronomy is another local attraction. Croatia is renowned for some of the best and freshest seafood in Europe and foodies flock to Ston, 54km from Dubrovnik, to sample the area's famous oysters. The local peppery olive oil and organic agricultural produce is also highly regarded, especially in autumn around grape and olive harvest times.



## EVENTS AND CULTURE

Dubrovnik is a lively town year-round with plenty of festivals and cultural events attracting locals and tourists alike - from exhibitions by international and Croatian artists in galleries to theatre and musical performances on the baroque stage of the Marin Držić Theatre or the city's palaces, atriums and fortresses. Be sure to attend one of the concerts of the Dubrovnik Symphony Orchestra or enjoy Lindo folk dance performance, performing throughout the year.



The Dubrovnik Summer Festival is the most important date on the cultural calendar of the city. During the 45 days in July and August all of Dubrovnik becomes a big stage for ballet, jazz, folklore, classical and opera concerts and theatre performances. Among the other main events are also Shakespeare's "Midsummer Scene" and Tino Patiera Opera Festival in June.



The colder weather heralds a string of events including the Dubrovnik Winter Festival, which runs from November and during Christmas week regular festive concerts take place around the city. The most significant date on the city's calendar is 3rd February, St Blaise Day, which sees processions of locals dressed in traditional costume followed almost immediately by Carnival.



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## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

### 2024

- 2024 World Luxury Hotel Awards - Best Luxury Resort in Croatia, Best Luxury Sustainable Resort in Southern Europe & Best Luxury Family Resort in Croatia
- 2024 Luxury Restaurant Awards for Cilantro Restaurant - Best Luxury Resort Restaurant in Southern Europe & Best Mediterranean Cuisine in Croatia
- 2024 World MICE Awards - Croatia's Best MICE Hotel
- Green Key Award
- TripAdvisor 2024 Travellers' Choice Certificate

### 2023

- LHW Sustainability Leader - GSTC (Global Sustainable Tourism Council) certified
- TripAdvisor 2023 Travellers' Choice Certificate
- Green Key Award
- 2023 Luxury Resort Spa Awards for Yes to BEAUTY SPA - Best Luxury Traditional Thai Spa in Europe, Best Luxury Resort Spa in Croatia and Best Luxury Spa Retreat in Croatia
- 2023 Luxury Restaurant Awards for Cilantro Restaurant Best Luxury Resort Restaurant - Global, Best European Cuisine in Europe and Best Mediterranean Cuisine in Croatia

### 2022

- Croatia's Best MICE Hotel - 2022 World MICE Awards
- Global Winner - Luxury Resort Spa of the 2022 Luxury Resort Spa Awards for Yes to beauty Spa Centre
- Luxury Resort - Continent Winner of the 2022 Luxury Restaurant Awards for Cilantro Restaurant
- Best Country Spa in Europe - Haute Grandeur Global Excellence Awards 2022
- Best Spa Destination in Europe - Haute Grandeur Global Excellence Awards 2022
- Green Key Award

### 2021

- TripAdvisor 2021 Travellers' Choice Certificate
- Safe stay in Croatia & Safe Travels Certificate
- Green Key Award
- Continent Winner of the 2021 Luxury Resort Spa Awards
- Continent Winner of the 2021 Luxury Resort Restaurant Awards - Cilantro Restaurant
- Croatia's Best MICE Hotel - 2021 World MICE Awards

### 2020

- TripAdvisor 2020 Travellers' Choice Certificate
- Green Key Award
- Regional Winner of the 2020 Luxury Resort Spa (for Southern Europe)
- Regional Winner of the 2020 Luxury Resort Restaurant Awards (for Southern Europe) - Cilantro Restaurant

### 2019

- 2019 Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards - Top 30 Resorts in Europe
- Best Family Hotel, Gold - The Junior Design Awards 2019
- Best Restaurant View in Croatia (Cilantro) - Haute Grandeur Global Excellence Awards 2019
- Best Resort Restaurant in Croatia (Cilantro) - Haute Grandeur Global Excellence Awards 2019
- Best Mediterranean Cuisine in Europe (Cilantro) - World Luxury Restaurant Awards 2019
- Best Luxury Resort Restaurant /region (Cilantro) - World Luxury Restaurant Awards 2019
- Best Luxury Resort Spa in Croatia - World Luxury Spa Awards 2019
- TripAdvisor 2019 Travellers' Choice Certificate
- Green Key Award

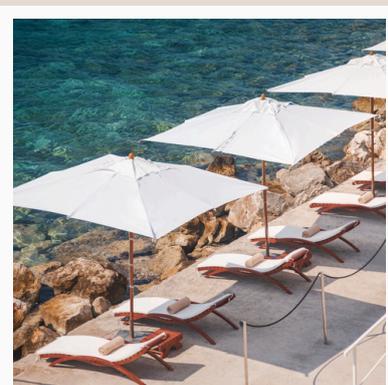
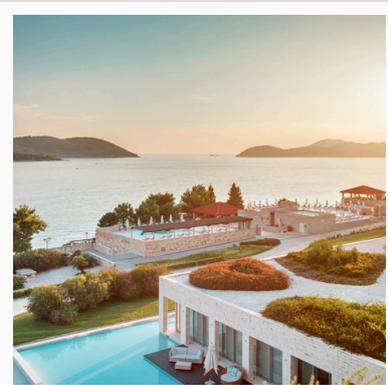
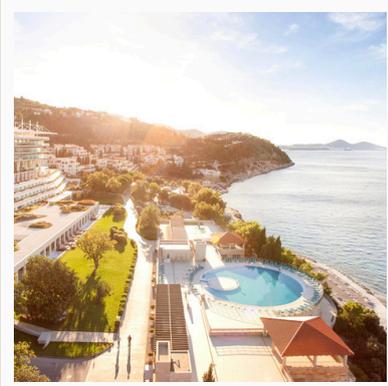
### 2018

- Best Kids Club - The Family Traveller Awards 2018
- Best Family Hotel (UK & Worldwide), Silver - The Junior Design Awards 2018
- Best Luxury Resort Spa in Croatia - World Luxury Spa Awards 2018
- TripAdvisor 2018 Travellers' Choice Certificate
- Green Key Award

### 2017

- Best Family Hotel (UK & Worldwide), Silver - The Junior Design Awards 2017
- Best Luxury Resort Spa in Croatia - World Luxury Spa Awards 2017
- Best Luxury Destination Spa (Croatia) - World Luxury Spa Awards 2017
- TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice® Top 25 Luxury Hotels in Croatia
- Best Venue for Car Launch - SEEbtm Awards

# ANY QUESTIONS?



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