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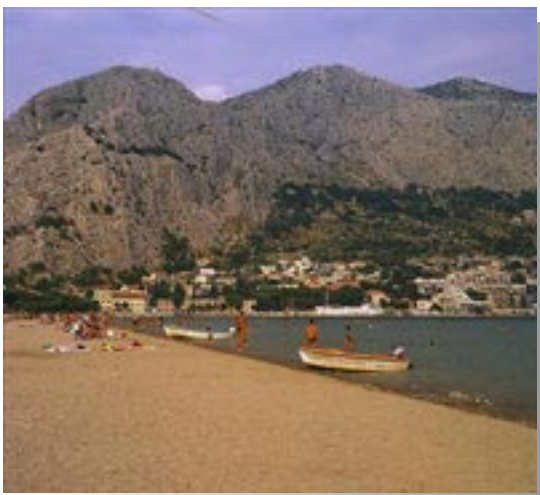
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Omiš

Lift for disabled on the beach



From this season on the large city beach in Omiš, a small town located not far from Split in the Split-Dalmatian County, individuals with special needs will also be able to swim without aid.

Even though the Omiš beaches were already adapted for the disabled this year on one of these a lift was installed which will serve those with special needs. The procedure is very simple – the disabled individual will be placed in the lift-chair, moved towards the sea and then by means of a remote control device lowered directly into the sea.

With this project, which among others, was supported by the City of Omiš and the Tourist board of the City of Omiš – Omiš had become a city in which individuals with special needs can really feel secure and unhindered.

Along with this, a similar beach can be found only five kilometres from Omiš on the way to Makarska. The beach in question is the beach Ivašnjak in the locality Lokva Rogoznica, where although there is no lift, the beach offers easy access to individuals in wheelchairs.

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Jezer

Top acknowledgements for camp activities



The tourist settlement Jezer-Lovišće, in the locality of Jezer on the central Dalmatian island of Murter, recently received high acknowledgments from the auto-club ADAC as it was listed as the only ecological tourist complex in Dalmatia in their guide.

Throughout the entire settlement, tourists are offered the choice of staying in the large auto-camp or apartments which are decorated in typical Dalmatian style and other than the acknowledgement for high ecological value, the camp itself has received top marks - five stars - for the numerous activities it offers.

The camp offers its guests four tennis courts with night lights, mini golf, numerous water sports activities as well as pedallino, sandollino, etc., with organised water aerobics, a diving school and numerous other programs offered by the experienced activities team. Along with all of this parents can entrust their children to an expert team who have organised a mini club for those under 12 years of age, while teenagers can also have fun in the aptly called teen club.

Other than all this, it also offers facilities like an exchange office, hair salon, TV salon, Laundromat, boat berths, boat ramp, etc.

With all these activities and facilities the tourist settlement Jezer-Lovišće truly represents an ideal place for a family holiday and with the close vicinity of the new highway and easy access from the mainland to the Island of Murter, as it is connected by a bridge, this destination is even closer to Europe.

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Magazine In Style

Croatia among the seven top world destinations



In its latest edition, the American magazine In Style ranked Croatia among seven of the top world destinations (Seven great global getaways) and to which the authors of the articles recommend a trip because of its natural beauty, clean sea and historical-cultural heritage. Along with Croatia, the top seven list contains Kenya, South Africa, London, the Greek island Santorini and three American destinations - Aspen, the Napa Valley and Nantucket.

The magazine In Style is published in 1, 6 copies and is read by all those following the latest trends in fashion and travel.

In the extensive article about Croatia, titled "The Dalmatian coast, Croatia", the author points out that this is a country which other than untouched nature and an indented coastline, with more than a thousand islands, also has one of the cleanest seas in the world, making it ideal for sailing.

The author also goes on to say that as well as the natural beauty, one can also enjoy in the rich cultural-historical heritage, characterised by various styles of architecture which are a result of a rich and diverse history, whereupon he especially recommends a visit to Dubrovnik which he has dubbed the cultural centre of the country. Aside from Dubrovnik, the author mentions the central Dalmatian city of Trogir, which in his words, looks like a city modelled on Venice. He also goes on to mention the Island of Hvar which should be one of those must see places while travelling around Croatia.

Similarly, other than the American magazine In Style, Croatia has been written about in many European magazines - like, for example, the German edition of Cosmopolitan magazine.

Magazine In Style

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Pula

New ship service Pula - Rimini

With the introduction of a catamaran service between the Istrian city of Pula and the Italian city Rimini, Istra has gained another express connection to neighbouring Italy which will, other than tourists in the summer season, also greatly help with economic ties between the two countries. Other than the economy, it will also significantly enrich excursion tourism between these two very popular tourist destinations.

The new catamaran service was recently represented by means of a promotional cruise lasting about two hours and it was announced that the catamaran would sail from Pula at eight in the morning every Thursday and Sunday. The catamaran will arrive in Rimini about 10,30 and all those interested will be able to enjoy a tour of San Marino and then return from Rimini to Pula at about 17 hr.

In this way Istrian tourists will, at least for one day, be afforded a so called international holiday which is the result of the excellent cooperation that exists between the two mentioned cities of Pula and

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Rimini. The city of San Marino and the Island of Rab will be cooperating in a similar fashion as, according to the legend, the founder of San Marino was a particular Marin from the Island of Rab.

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Srdela snack

The sixth of a chain of restaurants opened

Many offer fish, but there is only one "Srdela Snack", is the slogan under which in Croatia last year began the chain of home brand health food and up to date six restaurants have opened offering this fast but exceptionally healthy food.

As the name itself states - Srdela snack is a restaurant which offers a rich menu with blue Adriatic fish - pilchard (srdela), mackerel and tuna, which along with local red and white wine and olive oil are offered in a variety of ways.

The fish are offered fried or grilled, with the menu including various salads and home-style fritule, a well known Dalmatian desert.

The first such restaurant opened last year in the locality Kali on the Island of Ugljan, not far from Zadar. In the meantime, such catering facilities have opened their doors in Zagreb, the locality Barbat on the Island of Rab, in the locality Murter on the island of the same name, Biograd on the sea and Dubrovnik.

The food offered in "Srdela snack" is rich, healthy and fast and as such poses competition to popular hamburgers and pizzas. Aside from this, it offers tourists authentic Mediterranean or Croatian local food. Further, all the mentioned restaurants are decorated in true Dalmatian style - in stone houses - so that the whole ambient completely represents autochthonous Dalmatian atmosphere.

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Gračac

The largest cave in Croatia discovered

To the south of the city Gračac located in the Lika-Senj County – mountaineers recently discovered the largest cave in Croatia to date. The cave which is located on the mountain Velebit, in the massif Crnopac south of Gračac, has been named the Šibenik channel by mountaineers – as a sign of remembrance of this great independent discovery by Šibenik archaeologists in which has participated the most numerous Šibenik speleological expedition.

Namely the crew from Šibenik set out to explore the also recently discovered cave Kita Gaćešina and by accident stumbled upon the opening which revealed to them the largest cave in Croatia.

The entry into the Kita Gaćešina is located about 950 metres above sea level and is entered into through a narrow opening in which one experiences a very strong air current. However, neither the strong air current, nor the vertical one hundred metre drop, nor the following one hundred metres of narrow sinuous passage stopped the Šibenik speleologists in their exploration, so that after a torturous few days spent in the cave they discovered the Šibenik channel.

The Šibenik channel is from 10 to 35 metres wide and is longer than one kilometre and because of this has been pronounced the largest cave. However, as this region makes up part of a large but up to date unknown speleological system because in it are a large number of holes with lead to new caves so that speleologists still don't know what they might come across. Namely, because of the great size of the system it is expected that exploration may take years and no one can predict what will be found here. Even though tourists are not permitted to enter the cave, it is important to stress that in Croatia – not only on the Velebit but on other mountains also, from year to year new caves and new complete speleological systems which will soon most certainly be offered as an integral part of a increasingly rich speleological offer in regards to adventure tourism.

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Novi Vinodolski

Official opening of the first family resort



Recently in Novi Vinodolski, a small town located in the northern Adriatic in the Primorje-Goranska County, in place of the old apartment settlement Zagori the first Croatian family resort has opened its doors. Actually, only the first phase of the construction has been completed, however, the Novi resort as it is now called, will already offer quality accommodation to tourists in the restored and renovated facilities this season.

The Novi resort extends over a total of 350 square metres and has a total of 538 accommodation facilities, that is 218 rooms and 320 apartments.

Also completed is the central tennis terrain on which the tennis tournament Novi Classic was held this summer, where along with the best Croatian tennis player Goran Ivanišević, the tennis champions Boris Becker, John McEnroe and the famous soccer player Diego Maradona also participated. The start of the tournament also marked the official opening of the resort so that among its first guests were world famous stars like Tommy Lee and Vanessa Mae.

Along with this, the Hypo tennis academy centre was also opened with eight courts intended for the education and training of promising young sporting hopefuls.

However, the mentioned offer is only a small part of what will be offered to tourists after the whole resort is completed according to existing plans.

In this way the next summer season will see the full completion of the first phase as the Novi resort will by then have a large wellness centre which will extend over about 5000 square metres and will be located a stone's throw away from the sea.

The centre will have a complex of indoor pools and a series of accompanying facilities – sauna, massage, etc., and all programs will be based on eastern oriental methods of relaxation and health improvement. Located on top of the facility, as announced by the investors, will be a large square and amphitheatre in which will be organised various concerts and theatre shows and will have a capacity of about 2000 people. Along with the amphitheatre, also located on the square will be three top class restaurants and shopping zone. The resort will also have a large children's city with slides, pools and similar attractions, and will extend over 4000 square metres. Aside from this, a congress centre and large parking area will also be constructed, so that by next summer the resort will have a four star rating.

Following this, the second phase of construction should begin at the end of 2006 at which point the

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Novi resort will have a five star hotel and complex of attractive villas.

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Malinska

Opening of a big fitness centre

As part of the large Business-residential centre Polje in Malinska, located in the north-west part of the northern Adriatic island of Krk, a new, big Wellness and fitness centre has opened its doors.

Trumm gym, fitness hall, is fitted with top class equipment and staffed by a specialised team which will work on an individual basis with all patrons – as each person has their own wishes and specific needs when exercising so that the expert team will be of great assistance when creating an exercise regime. Also on offer will be aerobic sessions for both men and women and given that the owners of the centre believe that it will be frequented by both tourists and locals, they will adapt working hours to the needs of their members.

Along with this, members will also have at their disposal an expert physiotherapist who will offer various massages as part of the services offered at the wellness centre. The wellness centre will also have a sauna and autumn will see the introduction of a solarium.

With this centre the inhabitants of Malinska have a new location to exercise and relax, while tourists have yet another facility in which they will be able to enjoy during their stay on the Island of Krk. Let us also mention that in close vicinity of the Trumm gym, as part of the business centre, many other facilities have also be opened – from hairdressing salons, hospitality facilities, a wine cellar, Laundromat, etc.

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Sveti Martin on the Mura

The most complete wellness offer in Croatia



After a complete renovation worth 6,5 million Euros, in Sveti Martin on the Mura - located on an express way leading from Zagreb to Čakovec, the Toplice Sveti Martin on the Mura (Springs) which today represent the most complete wellness offer in Croatia were opened.

The springs and locality of the same name are located in the Međimurje County and to date did not have a strong tourism tradition, however with this large investment the situation is changing radically.

Up to now Međimurje has offered its guests just over 300 beds in various forms of accommodation, which was already proving to be too little with the development of a wine road offering quality autochthonous wines in well decorated wine tasting cellars.

Precisely because of this the newly renovated Toplice with its apartment settlement in which guests are offered 84 apartments, that is 392 beds will be of great support to the accommodation of new guests. Namely, given the rich offer of the Toplice, it is believed that guests will come in increasing numbers to enjoy in the delights of Međimurje.

Presently the Toplice have at their disposal 1750 square metres of indoor and outdoor heated pools with various attractive effects - hydro massage, wild river, man-made island with a palm tree and jacuzzi, cave with a waterfall - distributed among six pools with the most modern filtering and water maintenance system. It also has the largest aqua-park in Croatia, with a total length of 380 metres, steam and Finish sauna, massage areas, cosmetic and hairdressing salon, fitness centre and solarium. Also on offer are various other facilities like trim track, tennis courts, small soccer field, courts for volleyball and basketball, bowling green and table tennis tables.

Aside from all this, the investors have also announced the second phase of construction adding to the already rich offer of the Toplice, with the planned construction of another hotel, amphitheatre with a stage on the water seating about 4000 people and another pool 1600 square metres in size.

Along with the Toplice and the developed wine roads which lead along the entire border with neighbouring Slovenia, there are intensive efforts to also revitalise numerous old customs and crafts in the Međimurje region. The most well known craft which has for a long time connected Međimurje with the river Drava is - panning for gold. Today there are only two local inhabitants who are masters of this craft who are readily waiting to pass on the secrets of their trade, with efforts being made to encourage

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others, so that interested tourists may partake in this exciting experience

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Istraturist

High acknowledgements to the camp Park Umag

On the occasion of the official opening of the newly renovated camp Park Umag, which operates as part of the Istrian company Istraturist from Umag, the Croatian camping association awarded it with the CCU ECO PLUS award which, according to the high ADAC criteria, are only received by camps with high ecological awareness and orientation of the management.

In the last year or so about 3 million Euros have been invested into this camp which was formerly known as Ladin gaj, so that this season it has greeted guests with a high four star rating. Also, because of its quality, diverse offer and horticulturally rich landscaped appearance it has been described as a small nature park. It is the first camp in Croatia which has installed a filter for waste waters and its implementation enables the re-use of waste water thus ensuring protection of the aquatorium and environment.

The afore mentioned filter system, along with a series of other eco-standards implemented in the renovation of the camp are reasons because of which the Croatian camping association decided to award the Park Umag. Other than this camp, another eight Croatian camps were also awarded for the conscientious, ecological management of their camps.

The success of Croatian camps is witnessed by the fact that according to the ADAC criteria on the region of the entire Mediterranean at total of 7054 camps were assessed and only 276 camps received awards, which in turn means that only 3, 9 percent of the chosen camps received this high ecological award.

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Lipik

The first thermal water springs renovated

In Lipik – a small town located in the region of western Slavonia, in the Požega- Slavonia County, which was completely devastated in the Homeland war – one of its identifying features, the first thermal water springs, have been renovated. The springs in question are the Grofovo vrelo (Count's springs), which is in fact a small pavilion located in the centre of a Lipik park and from which springs hot thermal water with a temperature of about 68 degrees Celsius. It is the first constructed thermal springs on the region of Lipik, dating back to 1870 and so is today a cultural monument.

Lipik was long recognised as a tourist destination which attracted tourists because of highly medicinal thermal waters. However, the war took its toll and extensive financial investments are needed to once again restore it to its former glory as presently – as opposed to the once large Health and recreation centre Lipik with a large hotel – it currently has at its disposal only twenty accommodation units in the small hotel Lipa.

Regardless, the summer season in Lipik today is still attractive to visitors because it offers a large pool complex in which normal water is mixed with the thermal spring water so that bathers can enjoy in an ideal temperature and the medicinal qualities of the thermal spring water. Aside from this, Lipik is also attractive as a rehabilitation centre because in the Specialised hospital for medical rehabilitation also on offer are various programs in which the medicinal spring waters are used.

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