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2014

OF CULTURAL AND TOURISTIC EVENTS

CROATIA - THE MEDITERRANEAN AS IT ONCE WAS



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An aerial photograph of a Croatian coastline. The water is a vibrant turquoise color, transitioning to a deeper blue further out. Several small, sandy islands and peninsulas are visible, some with green vegetation. The sky is a clear, pale blue.

Dear Visitor, welcome to Croatia!

We are pleased you have decided to visit our country and learn about a part of our rich cultural heritage.

Croatia abounds with various cultural & tourist events and festivals all year long. Some of them are a result of the long-standing tradition and diligent dedication of each region, some are organized to revive our ancestors' customs and festivities, and some follow the contemporary cultural developments. Many of them include creative workshops where one can acquire many interesting experiences, meet other people and have a good time.

Having been a part of Europe for a very long time, Croatia has numerous and widespread links and forms of cooperation, and is being visited by numerous internationally renowned artists and performers.

We hope the cheerful and exciting atmosphere of each event will enrich your stay in our country, and that our hospitality will make you feel comfortable and relaxed.

Welcome to Croatia!

Yours truly,
Croatian National Tourist Board

RAB FIESTA (RABSKA FJERA)

Rab
25 - 27 July



Photo: Goran Novotny

The holidays of the St. Jacob, St. Ana and St. Christopher take Rab way back to its medieval past. Competitions in the ancient games of chivalry are presented through the magnificent *Rab Crossbow Tournament* where knights compete and fight for the award, traditionally presented by the Prince Elect of Rab. The atmosphere is enhanced by musicians and flag bearers, while all the participants dressed in medieval costumes are free to join the great procession through the streets. The *Rab Fjera* revives the memory of what the town used to be like in the times when it was celebrating its freedom and its independent municipality.

www.tzg-rab.hr



SINJSKA ALKA CHIVALRIC TOURNAMENT

Sinj, 3 August



Photo: Ante Gašpar

As a traditional tournament of tilting at the ring the *Alka of Sinj* competition is a living monument to the victory by the people of Cetinska Krajina over the many times larger Turkish army in the year 1715. In honour of this heroic event in their history, the people of Sinj conceived a game in which those who took part in the battle played every year on the anniversary of the victory. Later, the tradition was carried on by their heirs and by those who matched their courage, and so to this day. At authentic locations, such as Grad, the old fortress of Sinj, the back-up fortification of Kamičak, the Alka Halls and the Alka race course - numerous Alkars and their pages have proudly maintained the three-centuries-old tradition symbolizing bravery and desire for freedom. The three-day event culminates with the popular competition for Alka. Of course, the knights do not fight each other, they test their skill by tilting at the ring, attempting to hit the centre of the Alka with a long spear while riding a horse at full gallop. The contestant who collects the highest number of points is the winner, entitled to all honours of his heroic ancestors. As a reminder to one of the most glorious events in Croatian history, the *Alka of Sinj* holds a special place in our programme of culture tourism.

www.alka.hr



ISTRIA

LITTLE ACADEMY OF PILCHARDS' FISHING

Fažana

26 April - 31 August



Photo: Istria County Tourist Board

You don't need to pass an entry test to enrol at the *Sardine Academy* in Fažana. All you need is a sound appetite and a desire for new gastronomic experiences. A stroll down the Pilchards' road will take you to restaurants and cellars that will introduce you to over a hundred ways of preparing this oily fish. During the month of May you can also partake in the special Fažana School of Pilchard pickling, and learn everything about packing fish into tins, about condiments and oils. With this kind of know-how you will be a welcome guest at whichever Pilchards' Festival along the Adriatic coast you may happen upon.

www.istria-fazana.com

WINE DAY - OPEN WINE CELLAR DAY IN ISTRIA

25 May



Photo: Goran Šeblić

Every year, the last week of May marks *World Wine Day*. Since 1999 Istrian wineries have followed suit in marking this occasion. And should you happen to be passing on this day, you can visit some of the Istrian wine cellars, and, as well as good wine, friendly Istrian landlords have a surprise up their sleeve for, in addition to the tasting glasses, you can also find on the table some secret bottles for special occasions.

www.istria.com

www.istria-gourmet.com

PULA SUPERIORUM

Pula
12 - 14 June



Photo: Istria County Tourist Board

The people of Pula are rightfully proud of their glorious Roman history. Magnificent edifices preserved from ancient times amaze guests from all over the world. However, it is especially interesting to visit Pula at times when scenes from ancient history walk the streets right in front of our eyes. For a few days, the streets of Pula are turned into a stage of the picturesque Roman theatre - the centre of ancient tragedies and comedies. The Arena remembers its days of glory when gladiators fought within its stone walls. Beautiful women wearing dresses and hairstyles of those ancient times, historical spectacles of sound and light leave us breathless at almost every corner, while Roman feasts and the indigenous Istrian mouth-watering specialties refresh our palate. To put it into a nutshell - in June all roads lead to Pula.

www.istria-pula.com

CASANOVAFEST

Vrsar
26 - 28 June



Photo: Istria County Tourist Board

The Venetian seducer Giacomo Casanova on two occasions, in 1743 and 1744, visited Vrsar which was already well known for good food, good wine and beautiful women: 'at lunch a good woman serves us fish prepared in oil, which is excellent there, and offer Refosco, excellent Istrian wine.....'. *Casanovafest*, the festival of love and eroticism, celebrates the connection between the famous seducer and Vrsar. Through various artistic spheres - literary evenings, exhibitions and lectures, filmshows, erotic movies, musical events, the timeless theme of love and relationships that Casanova himself experienced intensively - and vividly described in his memoirs - will be examined.

www.casanovafest.com

ISTRIA INSPIRIT

Istria

1 July - 31 August



Photo: Istria Inspirat

Istria Inspirat consists of nine experiences that bring to life the mystical Istrian history at authentic locations around the peninsula, and take their visitors on a journey through time. Istrian castles, Roman villas, old towns and museums, Roman feasts, medieval executions, Baroque balls and a stay in the black mine; they are a fraction of what will reinvigorate emotions of people and cultures that have imbued the area, from prehistoric to present times. With first-class actors and superb scenery, the timeless magic of Istria will culminate with entertainment, dancing, dinner from various historical periods and various surprises. You are welcome to participate in reliving the spirit of the Istrian past.

www.istrainspirit.hr

THE LABIN ART REPUBLIC

Labin

1 July - 31 August



Photo: Istria County Tourist Board

In July and a good part of August Labin turns into a veritable small republic of arts. Its Little Theatre, the church, the old square, streets and stairways take on the role of a stage. A variety of theatre groups and musicians come to perform on those “stages”. The sounds of “klapas”, of orchestras of classic and folklore music, and jazz bands resound through the narrow streets of Labin. In August, during the *Festival of visual theatre*, the musicians relinquish their places to actors. Do not miss the opportunity to enjoy the ambience of this town which imbues theatre with a completely new visual identity.

www.istria-rabac.com

EVENINGS OF FISHERMEN TRADITIONS

Rovinj
5 July



Photo: Dalibor Talajić

The town of Rovinj remembers the traditions of its elders through two thematic manifestations. Notably, it was not all that long ago that life in Rovinj was inconceivable without *batana* - a local type of boat which became famous throughout the world. To feed their families, the fishermen sailed their batanas out at dawn and returned in the evening with their catch. *Evenings of the Fishermen Tradition* is a manifestation which celebrates not only the old customs but also the building of a batana, the launch of which attracts the entire town to the port. Come and be a part of the revival of the traditions that are a part of the people of this beautiful town.

www.istria-rovinj.com

61ST FILM FESTIVAL

Pula
12 - 18 July Kaštel
19 - 26 July Arena



Photo: Istria County Tourist Board

Thanks to its screenings in the historical locations of Kaštel and Arena, the *Feature Film Festival* in Pula is one of the most attractive outdoor film festivals in the world. In fact, few are the festivals which can boast a stage of such historical depth and atmosphere. Continuing its rich, long standing tradition, this year the Festival will offer its visitors, film enthusiasts, various programmes of international and domestic film novelties divided into several programme sections. The screenings at Kaštela should be highlighted, where as an overture to the festival, films from the international programme will be shown, as well as screenings from the national programme. This will also include film screenings of current Croatian productions in the Arena. Of course, this year Pula will once again be host to numerous attractive film hits.

www.pulafilmfestival.hr

ATP VEGETA CROATIA OPEN

Umag
17 - 27 July



Photo: Istria County Tourist Board

ATP Studena Croatia Open at Umag is the major Croatian sporting event which has run continuously for 24 years now and is one of the most attractive summer social events in the country. Brilliant players such as Ivan Ljubičić, Nikolaj Davidenko and Juan Carlos Ferrero guaranteed the tournament at Umag a high status among sporting events and a classic combination of top-level sport, gourmet catering and entertainment in the very best tradition representative of the Istrian lifestyle. And this year Umag will be treated to top-level tennis with topnotch players from the ATP rankings. The event featuring the best tennis players in the world will be followed by a gourmet festival, concerts and many parties with national and international singers.

www.tenistra.com

DANCE & NON-VERBAL THEATRE FESTIVAL SAN VINCENTI

Svetvinčenat, 18 - 22 July



Photo: Istria County Tourist Board

The Festival of Dance and Non-verbal Theatre is a unique and favourite gathering event for dance professionals and enthusiasts. The festival's international programme comprises contemporary dance, theatre, mime, circus performances, street theatre and educational seminars and workshops. The main programme includes dance and non-verbal shows, *site specific* works, performances and installations, while accompanying events bring various forms of educational and other exhibitions. The programmes take place on a big stage in the Grimani castle, on the scene of the Cultural Centre, in the square and at various other locations of this romantic central Istrian Renaissance town.

www.svetvincenatfestival.com

MOTOVUN FILM FESTIVAL

Motovun
25 - 30 July



Photo: Istria County Tourist Board

Over the last few years a particular norm has become a rule - come the beginning of August, every self-respecting film enthusiast must come to Motovun, when this small Istrian town becomes the Croatian film Mecca. Enchanting and simply beautiful, perched atop a steep mount, it is an idyllic setting for the Festival, which has ignored the increasingly present commercial character of the film industry. Instead, it appreciates independent film production, in other words, films that set new standards of innovative and artistic expression. In Motovun you can watch professionally selected films within the current world production of various genres. The five-day marathon of daylong film projections will surely satisfy even the most demanding film appetites, and the *Motovun Film Festival* certainly offers top entertainment even when your eyes are not focused on the screen.

www.motovunfilmfestival.com

LEGENDFEST

Piĉan
1 - 3 August



Photo: Istria County Tourist Board

The medieval streets of the small town of Piĉan are filled with an atmosphere which seems to be out of this world, an atmosphere reminiscent of fairy tales and stories of which we know neither the author, nor the time when they were written. Istria is replete with such stories, legends and myths the plots of which take place in its picturesque forests and hills. The *Legendfest* provides the opportunity for all these stories to be told in one place. Many theatre groups and associations come to Piĉan to participate in the *Legendfest* and through their productions they uncover the world of literary and folk stories of Istria. During the Festival, the entire town is specially decorated with traditional Istrian fabrics, while giants, štrige - or rather witches - as some might call them, pirates, fairies and other fairy tale characters walk the streets.

www.legendfest.hr
www.istra.com

NIGHT OF ST. LAWRENCE

Rovinj
9 August



Photo: Dalibor Talajić

On the night of August 10th, trails of numerous comets streak across the sky. As this day is also the feast of St. Lawrence, this celestial phenomenon became known among the people as the tears of St. Lawrence. To make the experience of the sky criss-crossed with falling stars still more special, the public lighting on the Rovinj water front is turned off so as to allow the stars to shine still brighter. The catering establishments also turn off their lights, making their premises romantic, and creating an atmosphere which imbues one's soul and relaxes just about everyone.

www.istria-rovinj.com

DIMENSIONS FESTIVAL

27 - 31 August

OUTLOOK FESTIVAL

3 - 7 September
Pula



Photo: Tourist Board of Pula

'Dimensions' is an underground festival of electronic music which is held at Fort Punta Christo, one of the most memorable festival locations. With great acoustics, 'Dimensions' is a perfect venue to enjoy the best that techno, house, dubstep, drum & bass and other electronic sounds can provide.

www.dimensionsfestival.com

Outlook Festival is a feast of sound system culture that explores music in the friendly and warm embrace of the inspirational peninsula overlooking the sea, with more than 400 events in and near the 150-year-old Fort Punta Christo. There is a one kilometer-long beach and numerous small boat parties.

www.outlookfestival.com

DOLPHIN OF POREČ

Poreč
6 - 7 September



Photo: Istria County Tourist Board

For all those who prefer sports competitions in natural surroundings this is a far more enjoyable experience than any swimming pool competition can ever be. In Poreč, competitors who come to find out whether they are as swift as a dolphin, swim in the sea regardless of temperature, currents or waves. The *Dolphin of Poreč* is the central event of the swimming festival, attracting recreational swimmers who compete in several disciplines. This is how the people of Poreč celebrate their union with the sea, the source of their life and livelihood. Come and join them.

www.poreckidelfin.com

DAYS OF TRUFFLES

6 September -
30 November



Photo: Igor Zirojević

No gourmet in the world is worthy of the name if they never wanted to taste truffles, gastronomic crown jewel of Istria. Truffles, mushrooms that grow underground, are a trademark of Istria, and Istrians show their gratitude by strictly guarding the recipes indigenous to their peninsula. The chance to encounter today the richness of truffles in every possible combination of flavours provided on Truffle Days enriches Subotina - an event that successfully transports us to the time and atmosphere in which the old people from Buzet lived and worked. On that day, the streets are filled with the aromas and sounds of tradition, and the citizens of Buzet are dressed in their original folk costumes, peasant and urban clothes from the late 19th century. In summary, the entire Old Town becomes a museum of customs and traditional crafts, games, musicians and traditional food.

www.istria-buzet.com
www.istria-gourmet.com
www.istra.com

GIOSTRA

Poreč

12 - 14 September



Photo: Istria County Tourist Board

The historical festival of *Giostra* takes us back to the distant history of Poreč. To be more precise, back to the year 1672 when, according to the archive records of the Regional Museum of Poreština and the National Archive in Pazin, a popular fiesta known as *Fiera franca friudana* took place in the streets of Poreč. Its participants competed in crossbow shooting, a variety of dances and popular games, but the main attraction was the *Giostra* horse race. Visit Poreč and experience for yourself this return into history.

www.giostra.info

ISTRIA BIKE DAYS

Umag, Novigrad, Buje,
Brtonigla

21 September - 5 October



Photo: Istria Bike Days

Istria Bike Days is a complete series of carefully designed autumn cycling programmes that take place in northwestern Istria, specifically the towns of Umag, Novigrad, Brtonigla and Buje. With its wide range of activities, this programme embraces numerous cycling events and specially designed packages and offers which earn Istria Bike Days the name of an event with exciting cycling facilities.

www.coloursofistria.com

OL ISTRIA MTB TOUR - PARENZANA CUBE

Istra
26 - 28 September



Photo: Istria County Tourist Board

Parenzana was once a narrow-gauge railroad which, going deep into the Istrian peninsula, from Poreč to Trst, connected 33 Istrian towns. Today, its former track is the venue for a marathon cycling race which, due to the beauty of its surroundings and picturesque scenery, has been included in the calendar of the World Cycling Association. It is expected that the best cyclists in the world will attend, making *Parenzana* a superb sporting event and one which cycling enthusiasts should not miss.

www.parenzana.com
www.istria-bike.com

ADRIATIC WINTER RHAPSODY

Umag, Novigrad, Brtonigla,
Buje, 15 October 2014 -
15 March 2015



Photo: Istria County Tourist Board

Sole fish days

15 October - 30 November 2014

Days of Adriatic squid

1 December 2014 - 6 January 2015

Days of seashells

1 February - 15 March 2015

A combination of traditional fishing, resources of the sea and tourism development has led to a flourishing of gastronomy in coastal northwestern Istria. A series of top restaurants will offer you an unforgettable gourmet experience based on fresh fish and seafood, combined with fine Istrian wines and extra virgin olive oil.

www.coloursofistria.com



KVARNER

RIJEKA CARNIVAL

Rijeka
17 January -
5 March



Photo: St. Valter

A tradition reaching down the centuries to ancient times when ferocious masks, so legends tell us, banished the *forces of evil* through hilarious rejoicing, has turned Rijeka into the Carnival Capital of Croatia. Throughout the carnival days the city gates are firmly closed to any solemnity and soberness, and are wide open to colourful and carefree merry-making. It will be no different this year. Once the keys of the city are handed over, the carnival revelry will sweep the streets and all those who happen to be in Rijeka. The sea of masks, which allow their wearers to forget their sorrows, at least for a moment, will spread good humour for days, while the climax of the *Carnival* comes on its closing day when the grand parade - known as the *International Carnival Parade* - makes its thunderous way across the city.

www.rijecki-karneval.hr

LOŠINJ CULINARY FESTIVAL

Mali Lošinj
25 April - 9 May



Photo: Dalibor Cvitković

The *Lošinj Culinary Festival* showcases the gastronomic offerings of the Island of Lošinj, in the shape of authentic, local island cuisine, with a presentation about food from the sea under the title "Around The World under Lošinj's Sails", which along with aromatic dishes, is a component part of the menus of Lošinj catering establishments. About 20 catering establishments from the district of the Island of Lošinj take part in the event and for the duration of the event they offer two of their specialities under the theme "Around The World under Lošinj's Sails". Along with a number of accompanying events from seminars about aromatic cuisine, gastro walking tours, wine presentations, courses and so on... the greatest attraction is the final celebration in the town square of Mali Lošinj, where all the specialities are displayed accompanied by tastings, the competitive element of choosing the best food and the evening entertainment programme.

www.tz-malilosinj.hr

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF SMALL THEATRE

Rijeka, 2 - 11 May



Photo: Petar Fabijan

This Festival has become one of the favourite gathering points for European theatre enthusiasts with a special love for an unconventional approach to the stage and performing arts. At the international level, the name of the Festival stands for provocation and challenge. Independent theatre production has for many years been in full swing and the audiences have recognised it. It therefore comes as no surprise that some of the most stirring theatre productions have been produced by the creative energy of small theatre stages. In addition to theatres from all the neighbouring countries, theatres from the UK, Switzerland, Belgium, Germany and other European countries have also performed in Rijeka. Among the many famous names, we should highlight the performance of the leading lady of the Italian Theatre, Emmy Dante, and the winner of the European award for new theatre realities, Alvis Hermanis. We believe this year's Festival will surprise us in a pleasant way with its guest performers and various shows.

www.theatrefestival-rijeka.hr

OFF TO THE SEA (MORAM U MORE)

Mali Lošinj

1 - 21 June



Photo: Marko Todorov

The festival *Moram u more* is dedicated to the sea and the lives of the island people, who since time immemorial have lived from the sea and for the sea. Throughout the festival many events will be organised, from exhibitions and presentations on the waterfront (the old fishing ways, weaving of the fishing net, sea knots, caulking, sailing....) as well as various spectator activities (diving, angling, surfing, water skiing...) swimming competitions, numerous concerts, onboard music from boats along the waterfront...On the final day of the festival the winners of the photographic competition *Moram u More* will be announced. Over 50 photographers participate with more than 250 photographs of the sea, underwater photography, photos of the beaches, the coastline, fishermen, sporting activities connected with the sea etc....

www.tz-malilosinj.hr

KASTAV CULTURAL SUMMER

Kastav
6 June - 31 August



Photo: Darko Trbović

On a hill above Rijeka lies the small town of Kastav, a town of culture and education. In keeping with this tradition, summers in Kastav offer a rich cultural programme where visitors can find a wide range of drama, music and art events. Numerous plays, concerts featuring local and international musicians, and various exhibitions enhance still further the romantic atmosphere that charms those who come to the *Kastav Summer of Culture*.

www.kkl.hr

CULTURAL SUMMER

Malinska
7 June - 12 September



Photo: Sanjin Ilić

Malinska on Krk offers its guests an impressive cultural programme, enriching their summer holiday and making it even more precious and memorable. Sounds of classical instruments spread from the Monastery of St. Mary in June, July, August and September. Some of the most talented Croatian musicians choose Malinska as a place to demonstrate the wealth of their talent. In addition, the St. Nicholas Gallery exhibits works painted by numerous recognized artists such as Alma Orlić, Bogomila Karlavarisa and Ambroz Oroši. Don't let your holiday in Malinska go by without enriching your soul with a touch of culture.

www.tz-malinska.hr

FIUMANKA

Rijeka

12 - 15 June



Photo: Foto Flash

The view which will leave one quite breathless is undoubtedly the view of the Bay of Rijeka streaked with a myriad of white sails. Yachtsmen from across the world gather once a year at the *Great Fiumanka* regatta, which follows the route between Rijeka to Omišalj and back, and takes every ounce of strength from even the most experienced. This year, a press regatta called *Press Fiumanka* will be held within the main regatta. A real must for all sport and adrenaline addicts.

www.fiumanka.eu

SUMMER AT GRADINA (FORTRESS)

Rijeka, 21 June -

15 September



Photo: St. Valter

During all three summer months, visitors to Rijeka have the opportunity to participate in various cultural programmes, which take place at *Trsatska gradina* (fortress), built in the place of the former Roman observation post as a means of defence against the Turkish army. Within the walls of this historic edifice, a cultural and entertainment programme takes place, hosting numerous famous Croatian actors and singers. Find your place, cool down from the summer heat among the fortress walls, and enjoy the productions and concerts.

www.ljetonagradini.com

www.bascinskiglasni.hr

RIJEKA SUMMER NIGHTS

Rijeka
25 June - 25 July



Photo: Dražen Šokčević

During the summer months, the squares, streets and terraces of Rijeka are turned into theatre stages. Popular town locations, but also places that the citizens of Rijeka themselves find difficult to envisage as possible stages for actors and theatre props, are for a few weeks turned over to artists of widely diverse styles of musical and scenic expression. The Festival programme comprises everything, from classical drama productions, premieres of more recent works for drama theatre and concerts of classical music, to street theatres and concerts by pop stars. One of the crucial elements of the Festival is probing into the contemporary relations between the industrial architecture and theatre, which is why some of the productions are staged on the premises of old industrial plants.

www.rijeckeljetnenoci.com

SUMMER ON LOUISIANA AND CAROLINA

Čabar, Ravna Gora, Lokve,
Fužine, Delnice - Crni lug, Brod
na Kupi, 1 July - 27 September



Photo: Ninoslav Pleše

Once upon a time, important international routes went through Gorski kotar. In the early 18th century, the Carolina Road was built as an important route connecting Karlovac with the town of Bakar. However, the terrain it passed through was rugged, which prompted the construction of a new road at the beginning of the 19th century - this one being named *Louisiana* after Napoleon's wife Mary Louise. At the time, *Louisiana* was one of the most modern roads in Europe, and it brought significant benefits to the population of Gorski kotar. Today these two roads no longer hold their former significance, but the memory of their golden age is still preserved by this summer event. During these days, caravans of travelers dressed in keeping with the times travel up and down the *Louisiana* and *Carolina*, music can be heard from behind every corner, while the hosts take every opportunity to ply one with homemade food and pastries. Come and join the procession of princes and other nobility and their sumptuously decked coaches.

www.lujzijana.com

VINODOL SUMMER EVENINGS

Bribir, Grižane, Tribalj and Drivenik, July - August



Photo: Dino Lovrić

Summer guests of the Vinodol riviera should be prepared for a holiday which will, apart from the sun and blessings of the Adriatic coast, provide a true musical experience. In historic locations around Novi Vinodolski, such as the Francopan fortresses in Bribir and Drivenik, concerts which, with their variety, broaden our horizons, are held throughout the summer. In complement to the atmosphere of moonlit ancient wooden landmarks, the *Vinodol Summer Evenings* offer top class performances of classical music pieces. Individual evenings are reserved for Croatian ethno music, which uncovers the roots of our culture. Yet, do not be surprised if instead of musicians, actors take to the stage; from this year, the people of Vinodol are preparing numerous theatrical surprises, with which your cultural holiday will be fulfilled.

www.tz-vinodol.hr

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER CARNIVAL

Novi Vinodolski
4 - 5 July



Photo: Ivan Balažević

In the summer months, parades of masked people make their noisy way through some of the towns in the Kvarner area. Novi Vinodolski is no exception - in July, it opens its gates to the masked revelers and temporarily cedes power to the *Summer carnival*. Needless to say, that is a time with no room for serious faces and dark glares, a fun and laughter infectious spread through the town. Leave your worries behind, hide behind a mask and remind yourself how beautiful life really is.

www.tz-novi-vinodolski.hr

LIBURNIA JAZZ FESTIVAL

Opatija
4 - 6 July



Photo: David Kurti - Foto Luigi

If you happen to be passionate about jazz, then summer in Opatija is both the right time and the right place for you. If you don't see jazz as a complex and self-contained musical form intended solely for musicians, rather than a broader audience, the *Liburnia Jazz Festival* addresses you even more than hardcore jazz buffs. This is exactly what the event is about: bringing jazz music closer to a wider music audience. Thanks to this, you can enjoy the music-playing skills of some of the most talented jazz virtuosi within the festival and actively participate in jazz workshops aimed at demonstrating that jazz is one of the music styles open to anyone's affinity. Come to Opatija and become a part of the international jazz community.

www.liburniajazz.hr

10TH HARTERA FESTIVAL

Rijeka
18 - 19 July



Photo: Darko Vaupotić

If you are after new experiences, experiences which break down the boundaries between music and adventure, then the Hartera music festival is just the place for you. When you wander through the entrances and halls of the former paper factory in Rijeka, which is how the festival got its name, you will hear dance music in the mystical atmosphere of the factory architecture, which has been refreshed by contemporary artists. Plus, you will be surrounded by the smiling faces of the people who are dancing. *Hartera* is independently building up its image amongst European festivals, and anyone who wants a good time is more than welcome.

www.hartera.com

OPATIJA - THE IMPERIAL CITY

Opatija
18 - 19 July



Photo: David Kurti - Foto Luigi

The magnificent architecture and beautiful parks of the *Jewel of the Adriatic* can take you to another world, a world of fairy tales in which princes are still riding white horses and proposing to their princesses. That is because Opatija is a piece of heritage left by the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy for whose courtiers it was the favourite place of rest. This royal resort has always been appealing to kings, emperors, princes, counts and baronesses, and very often to artists searching for inspiration. You can meet them all again in the month of July on the streets of Opatija when, with the aim of reviving this atmosphere, the people of Opatija dress up in court clothes and take part in an event which takes the entire town back a few centuries into the past.

www.opatija-tourism.hr

MUSIC EVENINGS OF OSOR

Osor
18 July - 25 August



Photo: OGV

While walking the narrow streets of small picturesque towns on the island of Lošinj and Cres, hearing music coming from behind closed shutters, seems to be the most natural thing in the world. The small town of Osor, which hides an ancient theatre among its buildings, exudes a special artistic atmosphere. If you stop for a moment outside the renaissance Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Osor, you will hear music that seems to have been composed specifically for that place and that moment. However, the music will not be imaginary - a concert is actually given in the church, just one within a series of summer concerts given by our best musicians who come to take part in the *Music Evenings of Osor*.

www.osorskeveceri.hr

KRK FAIR - LOVREČEVA

Krk
8 - 10 August



Photo: Josip Grdan

A Fair of tradition, gastronomy, culture and entertainment... For nearly five centuries, this three day event, where the uniquely rich past and present times meet, has been held in the city of Krk. You can enjoy many programmes staged in the natural venues of this ancient city, immerse yourself in the mysticism of the medieval era in Krk prince's Frankopan square and try the local culinary specialties. And, do not miss programmes that you only can see in the city of Krk, such as a naval battle in barrels and competition in hand-cutting ham. Krk fair is not to be missed!

www.tz-krk.hr

LITTLE ROSE OF VINODOL

Bribir 9 August,
Novi Vinodolski 14 - 16 August



Photo: Ivan Balažević

A story from ancient times has survived among the residents of Novi Vinodolski, handed down the centuries by word of mouth. Traditionally, during the grape harvest, in which all the young took part, special attention was paid to girls, and which one among them was the most hard working. Once the harvest was completed, the prettiest and the most diligent girl was selected and crowned with a crown made from the grapevine, and the whole celebration of a successful grape harvest was dedicated to her. The people of Vinodol decided to revive this tradition, and celebrate their past in a manner suited to present times. Guests of the festivity can savour indigenous dishes of Vinodol, enjoy the local eco-products, partake in different popular games and relax to the sound of tambouritza music.

www.tz-novi-vinodolski.hr

PILGRIMAGE ON THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Rijeka, Trsat
15 August



Photo: Kvarner Tourist Board

One morning back in 1291, the lumberjacks of Trsat saw a cottage in the woods that had not been there before. Frightened and puzzled, they notified Pastor Jurjević of the miracle, and he calmed them down, telling them he knew what it was all about. This happened to be the Nazareth cottage of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which the angels had moved to Trsat in fear of the Turkish conquerors, where it had stood for a full three years and seven months. Then came the time for the cottage to continue its journey to Loreto where it was destined to be in the first place. To console the locals, Prince Martin Frankopan decided to build a Franciscan monastery in the same place. Today, Trsat has its Shrine of the Virgin Mary, known for many answered prayers and pilgrimages involving many people, especially on the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

www.trsat-svetiste.com

LIBURNIA FILM FESTIVAL

Ičići
27 - 30 August



Photo: Dino

Make yourself comfortable and enjoy the recent productions of Croatian documentary films under the bright stary skies above Ičići. This is provided by the programme within the *Liburnia Film Festival* - in addition to a few premieres, all local documentaries awarded at domestic and international film festivals during the previous year are regularly shown here. Such a selection provides the visitors with the best of documentaries produced in Croatia. After the projections, share your impressions with other people while enjoying the performances of superb music guests of the Festival.

www.liburniafilmfestival.com

KRK ISLAND'S WINE DAYS

Vrbnik
29 - 30 August



Photo: Vrbnik Tourist Board

As well as the wines we are very proud to present when we display to the world the rich tradition of the Croatian wine trade, we also include wine from local viticulturists from Vrbnik. The Vrbnik vintners are happy to accept this honour. Every year in August all the wine lovers gather together, including the producers and those who simply like to enjoy a drop of wine. At the *Vrbnik Wine Days* guests can enjoy presentations and tastings throughout the day and they have the opportunity of buying bottles of quality wine direct from the producer and tasting other local gastronomic produce from Krk. Apart from the enjoyment of the tastings and the delights of the palate, there are lectures by experts and exhibitions of the equipment used in the wine trade and viticulture.

www.vrbnik.hr

OLIVE DAYS

Punat
October - November



Photo: Ernest Bonifačić

It is hard to imagine the Adriatic Sea without recalling the scent of olives and the taste of olive oil. Olives are highly appreciated in our cuisine, so it is no wonder that Punat on the Island of Krk has its *Days of Olives*, an event presenting the guests with the complete benefits of this healing fruit. This is a unique opportunity for you to take part in the olive harvest and experience a small part of the islanders' daily routine. While you are picking, the hosts will serve you a home-made snack to the sound of sopile (a woodwind instrument similar to oboe), while a true feast is served come evening with the best cooks from all over Croatia competing in preparing olive based dishes for you to try.

www.tzpunat.hr

CHESNUT FESTIVAL

Lovran 11 - 12 October

Dobreč 18 - 19 October

Liganj 24 - 26 October



Photo: Ana Slamek

The quality of chestnuts in the Lovran area is known to be among the highest in the world. This variety of chestnut is endemic to the Kvarner region, because it is the product of hybridization between the chestnuts brought home from the Far East by sea farers of Lovran and the local varieties. Being very proud of their chestnuts, the folk of Lovran dedicate three weekends in October to them - the first weekend in Lovran itself, and the other two in the nearby villages of Liganj and Dobreč, where the festivity called *Marunada* takes place. You will find various products made of chestnuts - from the traditional roasted chestnuts and other dishes prepared with them, to a variety of deserts, gateaux and pastries. There are also other delights to be enjoyed, such as meads, honey based brandies and local young wine.

www.tz-lovran.hr

FAREWELL TO THE OLD YEAR IN THE OPEN AIR

Fužine, 31 December



Photo: Marinko Jakovljević

Saying goodbye to the old year and welcoming the New Year at midnight in the open air is an original and attractive event which takes place in the centre of Fužine. The unmissable mulled wine and sausages, a local orchestra and an impressive firework display assure an unforgettable and wonderful experience for all the visitors. The event is followed by international media and visited by up to 10.000 people.

www.tz-fuzine.hr



LIKA - KARLOVAC

NOBILITY FAIR

Dubovac

15 May - 2 June



Photo: Igor Čepurkovski

For two weeks every year the small town of Dubovac returns to the Middle Ages. Celebrating the long and interesting history of a town which has lived a vibrant trading life long before Karlovac was established, the people of the area organize a *Great fair*. Passing through the streets of that fair one learns about medieval customs, crafts, arms, games and food. Costume entertainment is provided by actors and musicians, merchants and craftsmen who, like medieval court jesters, do their best to entice visitors to their stands, while knights in shining armor and soldiers from historic units fight for their attention. One never knows, good fortune might decide that some lucky chap gets to ride a white steed and free his maiden from the black tower.

www.karlovac-touristinfo.hr

NOVALJA CULTURAL SUMMER

Novalja

June - September



Photo: Eugen Rebernišak

In order to celebrate their town's patron saint, St. Anthony, on June 13th, the people of Novalja start the long hot summer with a wide range of cultural - artistic and entertainment events. The Novalja cultural summer is made up of, amongst other things, the *Novaljski trijatar*, which this year will play host to a series of drama events, classical musical concerts performed by local and visiting musicians, a variety of art exhibitions, a special exhibition of Pag sheep and Pag cheese, and an ethno evening which will include a Festival of Nakanat Songs from the island of Pag. With such events, the summer in Novalja lasts even longer.

www.tz-novalja.hr

OGULIN FAIRY TALE FESTIVAL

Ogulin
6 - 8 June



Photo: Ankica Puškarić

A mere mention of the name of Ivana Brlić Mažuranić brings sparkles to children's eyes. Her name reminds them of the countless adventures of characters from Croatian fairy tales, and among them Šuma Striborova (Stribor's Forest), the playful Tintilinići and curious Potjeh searching for truth. Ivana Brlić Mažuranić is one of our most famous and most translated authors of fairy tales, which enchant children and delight adults with their imaginativeness. To celebrate the life and work of their famous citizen the people of Ogulin organize the *Fairy Tale Festival* which transforms their town into a *fairyland*. Theatrical groups, writers and musicians come to Ogulin to perform plays, give cartoon projections and organise workshops for children, thus stimulating their creativity and imagination. Forget about reality for a few days and walk down the road accompanied by fairies, dwarfs and other creatures, including of course, ugly evil witches.

www.ogfb.hr

SUMMER IN KARLOBAG

Karlobag, 1 July -
1 September



Photo: Karlobag Tourist Board

A wonderful place to live, that's what Karlobag was called in the past (Vegium), and every year the town prepares for summer by organising a whole series of events for its visitors and those who already feel at home there. Everyone discovers something to their liking, perhaps an evening of serious/classical music, fishing festivals, theatre performances or maybe evenings celebrating the culture of the Lika-Senj area. There is at least one event every week of the summer. The International Art Seminar, also incorporating the Children's Art Seminar, every year delights us and always teaches us something new.

www.tz-karlobag.hr

USKOK DAYS

Senj
4 - 5 July



Photo: Dino Lovrić

Senj is a coastal town under the brow of northern Velebit, and its celebrated history is marked by the bravery of the Uskok knights. On the most famous days of its history, the people of Senj remember these past times with the *Uskok Days* - a three day event of history revived. Knight's tournaments and processions are held on these days in Senj, and the entire town is under siege all day and all night. Visitors can find sanctuary from this excitement in the knight's inns where medieval specialities are prepared, or they can lose themselves in the medieval comedies, entertainers and renaissance players.

www.tz-senj.hr

ECO-ETHNO GACKA

Otočac
26 July



Photo: Otočac Tourist Board

The Gacka eco-ethnic event attracts exhibitors of local produce from Gacka, Lika and other Croatian counties. As well as the show-case and sales fair, there is also a contest in the culinary art of game cooking, children's' workshop, a display by the cultural art society and entertainment by musical groups. Every year an international volunteer group comes to stay and organises educational workshops and children's' entertainment. The event is exceptionally well attended and is developing an international character.

www.tz-otocac.hr

KORANA GATHERINGS IN SLUNJ

Slunj
2 - 3 August



Photo: Vlado Butina

This event has been a tradition for more than 30 years. It contains lots of good entertainment and games that take place next to and on the beautiful river Korana. Teams from Slunj, surrounding towns and neighbouring Bosnia and Herzegovina compete in various interesting games, while organisers prepare a series of interesting games in which visitors can also take part. This event is widely known.

www.slunj.hr

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER CARNIVAL IN SENJ

Senj, 4 - 9 August



Photo: Dino Lovrić

For the people of Senj their Summer Festival is probably the most important event of the year. For weeks before the start, the carnival atmosphere penetrates into the most hidden corners of the town. When it starts, the carnival fun lasts the whole week, without stopping - masked groups compete in the carnival games, there is a masked motorised Alka, dance performances, street performances, pavement painting and so on. Amidst all the events that accompany it, the carnival parade, with as many as 3000 masked revelers, is undoubtedly the peak of the whole week.

www.tz-senj.hr

DAYS OF BEER

Karlovac
end of August



Photo: Filip Trezner, Fin Vučković

For ten summer days, for the glory of beer, on the right bank of the beautiful river Korana in Karlovac, there lives an entire small town of entertainment and cuisine. It is the most visited popular festival in Karlovac, during which the fifth river, 'river of beer', flows through the city. And whilst adults toast with beer mugs and enjoy the magic of "liquid bread", children enjoy eating their favourite big Karlovac pretzels. There are full-day programmes, abundant gourmet delicacies, performances by singers and music bands, rock, pop and other types of music, brass bands, children's choirs, folklore ensembles, majorettes... On "Days of Beer" everyone finds some of their beloved songs, dances, games or other amusements and sport.

www.karlovac-touristinfo.hr

AUTUMN IN LIKA

Gospić
4 - 5 October



Photo: Mario Romulić

The beauty of the mountains of Lika can make us forget where we come from and where we are going, and their magic often takes us back to a different time, a feeling which can also be experienced at the manifestation organised by the people of Gospić under the name of the *Autumn in Lika*. The central event is an exhibition where the visitors can testify to and learn about the skills and potentials of small farms and enterprises in Lika. The exhibition also presents some traditional features of the region such as food, and utility and decorative items that have been made by the locals for ages. The exhibition is enhanced by cultural groups and clubs whose music rounds off the full experience of Lika.

www.lsz-lira.hr

www.licko-senjska.hr



DALMATIA - ZADAR

ZADAR COUNTY FLOWER FESTIVAL

Sv. Filip i Jakov
25 - 27 April



Photo: Sv. Filip i Jakov Tourist Board

For fourteen years now the month of April in Sv. Filip and Jakov has been dedicated to flowers. Come and abandon yourself to the intoxicating fragrances rising from the field of flowers and enjoy the magnificent collage of colours. Take a deep breath and allow yourself to be swept by the sumptuous beauty of nature aided by human hand. In addition to offering a feast for one's eyes, *The Zadar County Flower Festival* also enables visitors to take part in the eco- workshops, presentations, advisory sessions and lectures, competitions in flower arrangements, exhibitions and fashion shows. A flower has always been, and will forever remain the gift most dearest to our soul.

www.sv-filipjakov.hr

TRADITIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY ISLAND

Nin, 5 May and 5 August



Photo: Marija Dejanović

Long ago, in 1516, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to shepherds on the island of Zečevo, which is located at the heart of the Parish of Nin. The numerous witnesses of this apparition encouraged Bishop Juraj Divnić to form the holiday, Our Lady of Zečevo, on the day of the apparition, the 5th of May, which the areas surrounding Nin still commemorate, even today. The faithful come from different areas and go on a pilgrimage for the Blessed Virgin Mary because of the miraculous events which occurred over the last five hundred years. On the 5th of August, a statue of the Virgin Mary is carried by boat to the site where the apparition occurred. Let the spiritual experience of this pilgrimage become a part of your life!

www.nin.hr

FESTIVAL OF LOCAL FOOD, DRINK, SOUVENIRS AND FOLKLORE

Biograd n/m, 30 May - 1 June



Photo: Biograd n/m Tourist Board

A six hundred metre long table? This sounds a little unrealistic, but in Biograd na Moru, this table really does exist. It is traditionally put up, and it is impossible to imagine all the things that are on it. There is food and drink as far as the eye can see, and these are local products that are made according to original recipes and are prepared for visitors by the restaurant owners of the county of Zadar. On the table are also souvenirs that have been gathered from all over Croatia and neighbouring countries such as Slovenia, Hungary and Italy. There are a total of 232 exhibitors all on the same table. A sight that should definitely not be missed.

www.biogradnamoru.hr

FOLLOWING THE TRAIL OF WINNETOU

Starigrad - Paklenica
2 - 7 June



Photo: Damir Kovačić

Brave Chief Winnetou rode around our Paklenica National Park (as well as Krka and Plitvica Lakes) but only on film – the natural beauty of these parks were used for a film made forty years ago, and based on the famous book by Karl May. Today, thanks to this event, you can enjoy the locations where the film was recorded, enjoy the natural beauty of Croatia, try out horse riding or archery, or sit around a camp fire in the evening, tasting a variety of delicacies and enjoying country music. All this follows the *trail of Winnetou!*

www.rivijera-paklenica.hr

ZADAR THEATRE SUMMER

Zadar
30 June - 4 August



Photo: Nenad Marčev

Historical buildings of Zadar that have impressed guests on the Adriatic coast for centuries are the venues of a programme that will add a special touch of culture to your summer holiday. The programme is dedicated to stage pieces, which means the visitors are able to follow a gripping plot of a theatre play one evening, and enjoy a dance choreography the next. However, *the Zadar Summer of Theatre* is just as open to music, so you can be sure to have the opportunity to enjoy superb performances from Croatian and international musicians.

www.hnk-zadar.hr

UGLJAN ISLAND CULTURAL SUMMER

Preko, Ugljan, Kali, Kukljica
1 July - 31 August



Photo: Ante Brižić

If you choose to spend your holiday on the Island of Ugljan, one thing is certain, it is going to be an active one. The island is teeming with all kinds of events taking you to a different place every day. Among them, some deserve special mention: *Poetry Evenings* at Brižić dvor, *Regatta* in Ugljan, the *Čepirdljen Night of Fishermen Lanterns*, *Boat Procession* and *Antiques Fair*, while brodettos and all kinds of seafood delicacies are available within the *Kali Fishermen's Nights* in Kali. Kukljica has its Festival of the *Our Lady of Snow* involving up to a hundred boats in their traditional procession, while the fiesta known as *Priješka legrica*, taking place in Preko, is something you are bound to hear about when you get on the ferry leaving from Zadar. The temptations full of fun and entertainment provided by the island of Ugljan are not intended for those seeking a solitary holiday, but those who wish to learn about the local culture will feel as though they were in heaven.

www.preko.hr
www.ugljan.hr
www.kali.hr
www.kukljica.hr

MUSICAL EVENINGS IN ST. DONATUS

Zadar
5 July - 15 August



Photo: Vladimir Ivanov

The Church of St. Donatus is the most distinctive cultural monument in Zadar. Its magnificence and impressive acoustics are the main reasons why such a serious festival takes place on its premises. The *Music Evenings* in the Church of St. Donatus include medieval, renaissance and baroque concerts, thus offering the visitors a chance to enjoy all the values this type of music has to offer. The concerts held in such a sacral ambience also provide the listeners with a spiritual experience. The melodies reach deep into one's soul, their harmony taking us to a different world. Close your eyes, take a deep breath, and surrender to the relaxing energy of the music.

www.donat-festival.com

DAYS OF THE VRANA KNIGHTS

Vrana
17 - 20 July



Photo: Jakov Đindić

The *Days of the Vrana Knights* is a historical spectacle which brings to life the rich and turbulent history of the Pakoštane hinterland. Medieval tents, ancient crafts, medieval cuisine, plays, knights, horsemen, hawkers, beggars and jugglers vividly evoke the historical events of this area.

www.pakostane.hr

NIN'S ŠOKOL FIESTA

Nin
20 July



Photo: Marija Dejanović

The tradition of šokol - a dish prepared with dry-cured pork neck in the region of Nin, reaches back to the 17th century. To this day, the tradition is going strong, so much so in fact, that each family is said to have its own recipe for this tasty dish, and it is this variety that has given the rise to the organization of this delectable manifestation. Preparations for the competition begin in January with the treatment of meat. The competition is accompanied by a hot atmosphere resembling that of the biggest sporting events, culminating with the presentation of the Šokol-maker of the Year award and tasting of the food prepared. Strictly guarded from the *outside* world, the *Šokol Fiesta* is a unique opportunity to try this autochthonous dish.

www.nin.hr

PAG SUMMER CARNIVAL

Pag
25 - 26 July



Photo: Josip Fabijanić

It should be pointed out that the *Summer carnival* on the Island of Pag is the oldest carnival on the Adriatic. This fact alone is a guarantee to all visitors of a rather special experience should they choose to take part in the Carnival. The Carnival goes on for two days - the parade takes place on the first day - and culminates, when the best and most attractive masks are chosen and rich awards presented. Cultural clubs and children's choirs keep the atmosphere bubbling, and those among the visitors who succumb to the merriment of the carnival are welcome to join the traditional wheel-dance of Pag, accompanied by the town Brass Band. The Carnival reaches its climax at the closing ceremony when the Carnival Prince Marko is burnt on the main town square, which, according to the local belief, should cast away all evil forces for the whole of the following year.

www.tzgpag.hr

HOW ANCESTORS LIVED AND WORKED

Sv. Filip i Jakov
26 July



Photo: Klara Eškinja Glavan

Cultural and arts societies of Saint Filip and Jakov area present to visitors the culture and customs of their people. This is a superb experience: members of cultural and arts societies of 'Saint Roko' from Saint Filip and Jakov, 'St. Ivan Glavosijek' from Donji Raštane and of 'Olive' from Turnj show how people used to live in the area. The youngest talented club members are also going to be there and give presentations of old customs and crafts as well as food and delicacies prepared in a traditional way.

www.sv-filipjakov.hr

PAG CULTURAL SUMMER (PAG ART FESTIVAL)

Pag, 1 - 14 August



Photo: Josip Fabijanić

In August, the small renaissance town of Pag plays host to the *Festival of Classical Music* organised and managed by our world-famous pianist Lovro Pogorelić. Guided by the idea of enriching and ennobling both the lives of the locals and the holiday time of their guests by quality programmes, Pogorelić launched the Festival that now brings top musicians to Pag. This year will be no different, already announced is the arrival of the Julliard Quartet from the United States, the cellist Kajana Pačko, the Brahms Trio from Moscow, and the Capella Istropolitana Ensemble.

www.lovropogorelich.net

STARIGRAD PAKLENICA FILM FESTIVAL

Starigrad-Paklenica
2 - 7 August



Photo: SPFF

To experience the unique blend of the Velebit mountain with the Adriatic Sea during the festival, which in an equally unique way blends music and film; that is a guarantee for an unforgettable experience. The SPFF is an international festival of music documentary films whose screenings, concerts, meetings with renowned music and film artists and numerous other events take place in unique locations - in Velika and Mala Paklenica canyons, the most beautiful cinema-theatres in the world.

www.spff.hr

THE SALI FIESTA

Sali, Dugi otok
7 -10 August



Photo: German Grbin

When ships from Sali sail into the port of Zadar, bringing with them the sounds of “donkey music”, it is a sign to all that the Sali Fiesta, popular across the whole of the Adriatic, has begun. Larking about through the streets of Zadar and playing “donkey music”, the merry parade invites everyone to join the three-day celebration in a relaxed atmosphere. The following evening the mouth-watering aromas of the *Fishermen's Night* will make your palate crave for food. It will not be easy to decide what to try first among the many specialties like brodettos, pilchards and tuna dishes, surrounded by the mellow atmosphere of Dalmatian nights still further enhanced by the melodies of Dalmatian harmony singing groups. Sport-inclined visitors interested in trying new and unusual sports will get into their own on the third day of the Fiesta, which comes to an end with the popular *Night of Sali* when entertainment is provided by well known pop stars. The Fiesta ends on Sunday with the traditional *Donkey Race*, a spectacular event and a barrel of laughs.

www.dugiotok.hr

NIGHT OF THE FULL MOON

Zadar
10 August



Photo: Zadar Tourist Board

During the *Night of the Full Moon*, the Zadar quay celebrates the happy cohabitation of the island and coastal cultures. The harmonious cohabitation of these two cultures is something the residents of the Zadar region are particularly proud of - for centuries they have lived by trading with one another. Today, this celebration is an invitation to all to come and find out what life used to be like. Public lighting on the quay is shut down, lanterns and candles are lit, and people meet under the full moon, chatting and enjoying the irresistible tastes of local specialties and quality wines. The picturesque game of shadows created at the occasion is something you will never forget.

www.tzzadar.hr

PILGRIMAGE ON THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Starigrad-Paklenica
15 August



Photo: Starigrad Tourist Board

The magnificent ambience of the Velebit Mountain and the direct contact with nature that believers experience during this pilgrimage enriches them spiritually in a manner they find difficult to convey through words. Celebrating the *Feast of the Assumption* of the Blessed Virgin Mary, believers join in a pilgrimage to the small Church of Our Lady, a votive shrine of the people from the foothills of Velebit and of mountaineers, which is located on Veliki Rujan - the largest plateau of Velebit, and a place safely removed from any intrusion by civilization. Upon their return from the pilgrimage, the believers are welcomed with a traditional festivity that takes place on the main quay in Starigrad. After being spiritually fulfilled, this is a perfect opportunity to refresh your body with some good local food and dance till dawn.

www.rivijera-paklenica.hr

FILM FORUM FESTIVAL

Zadar
23 - 29 August



Photo: Zadar Tourist Board

Film Forum Zadar, the first international film festival focussing on European co-production, took place in 2010 in Zadar. The town which has already played host to many famous musicians, such as soul diva Natalie Cole, Seal, Lenny Kravitz, Jose Carreras, Paco de Lucia and so on, has now put itself on the world's cultural creative map by way of film and particularly by way of the eminent visitors from the world of film, who are flocking to *Film Forum Zadar*. After all, it was about time that the town that the famous Alfred Hitchcock described as having "the most beautiful sunset in the world" should become a film celebrity in its own right. European film director and producer, Sergei Stanojkovski is the creator and artistic head of this ambitious cultural project, which apart from show-casing top film titles, also has the aim of putting together people from the profession and utilising the potential of Zadar and the surrounding area with the intention of strengthening both the film and creative industries. The great numbers of people who attend the film screenings and festival programme have a unique opportunity not only of enjoying the art of film but also of assembling at many different locations in the historic part of Zadar, which for the duration of the film festival transforms itself into one big open air cinema screen.

www.filmforumzadar.com

CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL OF GLAGOLITIC SCRIPT

Sv. Filip i Jakov - Turanj and
Biograd n/m, 11 -15 September



Photo: Klara Eškinja Glavan

In the precincts of the former Benedictine Abbey, which was donated to the Benedictines by King Krešimir IV, glagolitic letter users from various part of Croatia come together with the aim of preserving the glagolitic letters and of presenting them to tourists as an interesting curiosity. As well as Glagolitic singing, there are also various lectures, round table workshops, exhibitions, stands with the original souvenirs, presentations, theatre plays and concerts. Numerous exhibitors from various parts of Croatia, from small children to academics take part in the event, which is a very interesting way of bringing our cultural history to life for tourists.

www.sv-filipjakov.hr

THE ZADAR SEA

Zadar
October



Photo: Adam Vidas

What is it like to live by the sea, live by the tidal cycles and depend on the direction of the wind? Perhaps it sounds ungrateful, but people living by the sea want nothing more. The sea is their life, their greatest love and their best friend. The event celebrating the tradition of living by the sea aims to demonstrate all this. It is celebrated with pictures, verse and music, or rather with exhibitions of old boat models, poetry and harmony singing evenings. It is celebrated by aromas and flavours of seafood specialties prepared in the main square, and through the presentation of traditional crafts and forgotten skills - traditional boat repairing, netting, rope tying and knotting, and of course, by conquering the open seas, which you can experience if you join the *Zadarska Koka* regatta where anyone brave enough is welcome.

www.zadar.hr

BIOGRAD BOAT SHOW

Biograd n/m
23 - 26 October



Photo: Biograd n/m Tourist Board

The autumn nautical show in Biograd is a place where one can obtain plenty of information regarding sailing, close a lucrative deal or have a good time. As it happens, the events within the show are scheduled in a way which makes room for both business and pleasure. During the day, the show is focused on professional seminars and nautical associations' meetings. When the exhibitors close their tents, all available areas in town are filled with concerts and similar events, ensuring relaxation for visitors at the end of a hard business day.

www.marinakornati.com



DALMATIA - ŠIBENIK

ADRIATIC BOAT SHOW

Šibenik
May



Photo: Ante Baranić

It is only possible to enjoy all the beauty that is hidden in the Adriatic Sea by boat. Only then can you discover its hidden coves, places that you cannot get to by foot or access using land based transport. This is why small boat building is extremely important. In recent times it has become possible to find everything that is related to boat building and sailing in one place – the Šibenik boat fair, which attracts an increasing number of sailing fans and has given our nautical tourism a new lease of life.

www.adriaticboatshow.com

INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

Šibenik
21 June - 5 July



Photo: Ante Baranić

In June and July, Šibenik becomes a city of children, a city celebrating children's imagination and creativity. This year it will be host to children of the world, for the 53 years in a row, and its streets will be taken over by children's creations. Just as every year for the past four decades, those who value this children's world of games, joy and goodness will surely come and visit. Notwithstanding the rich tradition of this city, it is the children and the now traditional *International Children's Festival* - a unique cultural event of world proportions during which the city squares are surrendered to children and dedicated to the development of all the artistic forms of their creative drive - that have become the trademark of Šibenik. The festival has three basic programmes: a festival of domestic and international children's ensembles, the workshop programme directly and publicly involving children in the act of creation, and the educational part where a symposium addresses issues such as aesthetic education of children. During these two weeks, Šibenik should be an inevitable destination to those who never forget their playful side, and even more so to those who have completely forgotten it.

www.mdf-sibenik.com

GARDEN FESTIVAL

Tisno
2 - 9 July



Photo: Fiktiv.hr

The Garden Festival constitutes an ideal and well balanced combination of a light note of sunshine and enjoyment in the warm Adriatic sea during the day as well as dancing under the stars. The appearances of world renowned DJs, excellent local cuisine, lots of dancing, sunshine but also freshness places the *Garden Festival* among the priorities for your list of recreation and a good time. In addition to the *Garden Festival* the organisers arrange four further festivals in the same location u

www.thegardenfestival.eu
www.watchthegardengrow.eu

JAZZ & BLUES FESTIVAL

Vodice
29 - 30 July



Photo: Šime Strikoman

Vodice is definitely most famous for its wild night life. Those visitors who want a wild party and a wild time increasingly choose Vodice for their summer holiday. However, Vodice also offers equally interesting events to those guests who want something a little more serious. One of them is the *Vodice Jazz Festival*, where the most eminent Croatian and international jazz musicians take part. The styles in this festival range from the classical rhythms of swing and Dixieland to contemporary genres such as fusion and free jazz. This wide stylistic range and the confirmed status of the performers is one of the reasons why the Vodice festival attracts more and more jazz fans.

www.vodice.hr

PRIMOŠTEN FIESTA (PRIMOŠTENSKE UŽANCE)

Primošten, beginning of August



Photo: Josip Matošin

In the middle of the summer tourist season, when the beaches are packed and the hotels are full, the people of Primošten take the opportunity to show their guests how they used to live and what their ancestors used to do. *Primoštenske užance*, a very famous festival, is a traditional folk celebration that aims to preserve and nurture the traditional ethno-heritage of Primošten. Visitors can enjoy the sights of Primošten weddings, boules tournaments, donkey races, regattas, and finally all the delights that are offered by a fish evening: locally caught fish and top quality wine. Let's hope you will be lucky and find yourself in the Primošten surroundings during this period!

www.tz-primosten.hr

TERRANEO

Šibenik
beginning of August



Photo: Terraneo

Terraneo is not just any summer festival. Take all that you have ever looked for from a summer vacation – sun, sea, recreation, leisure – add to them the captivating bands which you have always wished to hear under the serene night sky (The National, The Thermals, Janelle Monae, The Fall, Crystal Castles), a mass of entertaining events and workshops, lectures from highly thought of experts on the environment, attractive tourist offers for excursions and a beautiful ecological story – and you will have acquired an entirely new and refreshing recipe for an unforgettable five days stay at the heart of Dalmatia under the name, *Terraneo*.

www.terraneofestival.com

TRADITIONAL DONKEY RACES

Tribunj
1 August



Photo: Šime Strikoman

Every town has its festival. Likewise each festival has something specific, making each of our towns special. For the people of Tribunj and their guests, it is the *Donkey race*, a source of all-round laughter and merriment and an event which attracts many people to Tribunj on the first day of the month of August. Seemingly an easy task, all you need to do is get your donkey to reach the finishing line first. However, you first have to get it moving, a task often impossible to achieve, which turns every ride into a hilarious event.

www.adriatica.biz

VODICE FIESTA

Vodice
4 August



Photo: Šime Strikoman

The *Vodice party* is like the icing on the cake. Whilst you are thinking that you are having fun like you have never experienced before, you get to the icing and realise that the real party is just starting. It is difficult to overstate what the Vodice night life offers during the summer months, but the *Vodice party* manages this. The fourth night in August offers the maddest night in the summer. Music can be heard on all the town squares and waterfronts, songs blare out from all the cafes, and fireworks fill the night sky. There are not many events that you can compare this to.

www.vodice.hr

EVENINGS OF DALMATIAN CHANSON

Šibenik
22 - 23 August



Photo: Jozica Krnić

There is no place in the world where one can hear music remotely close to our Dalmatian songs. This is only one of the many reasons why it is so appreciated, not only among musicians but among the wider population. The melodies of Dalmatia are one of the trademarks of the Adriatic Sea, reminding us of waves hitting the rocks, the sun that burns our skin and crickets tirelessly chirping their symphony of relaxation. To Dalmatian people, the song is a symbol of life, their history and tradition. The song of a Dalmatian 'klapa', or harmony singing group, is a sound of their everyday life, but Dalmatians are not reluctant to modernize their melodies and adjust them to the modern pop expression. Find out how they do it at the Evening of *Dalmatian Chanson* established in honour of the 700th anniversary of the Šibenik Abbey and the official proclamation of Šibenik as a city.

www.sansona-sibenik.com

INTERNATIONAL MEDIEVAL ŠIBENIK FAIR

Šibenik
beginning of September



Photo: Ante Baranić

The famed cannons on the Šibenik quay are firing once again, their barrels smoking this time not in anger, defending the city from an enemy at sea, but as a part of the *Fair in the Medieval Šibenik*. It is an event that takes place through the streets and squares of the old town by way of which the locals demonstrate the wealth of their city's cultural and historical heritage. The Fair programmes offer a unique presentation of life, work and gastronomic achievements in the times when Šibenik was the largest city in Croatia. Special attention is therefore paid to the features of the traditional culture and old craft production of Šibenik. Numerous local and visiting actors tell stories of the medieval Šibenik, harmony-singing groups and dancing troupes accompany the strollers dressed in traditional costumes and uniforms while jugglers, fanfare, archers and knights lark around to recreate the atmosphere of the fairs of those times.

www.sibenik.hr

BIG GAME FISHING

Jezera
21 - 27 September



Photo: Mladen Šcerbe

Big boys come to catch big fish at the *Big Game Fishing*. This is not a game, things here become serious and offer an unforgettable experience for spectators. The best fishermen in the world gather at the lake in order to take part in this Big Fish fishing competition. The fishing competition lasts for a week where everything, of course, revolves around fish, and what is caught, is eaten.

www.tzjezera.hr

LATIN SAIL REGATTA

Murter
end of September



Photo: Boris Kragić

The Latin sail is a sail that has been used for centuries in the Murter area. For the people of Murter, it is today still a protected symbol. To give thanks to their sail, on the day of St. Michael, the patron saint of the parish of Murter, the people of Murter organise a regatta of traditional boats "leut", "gajeta" and "kaic". The regatta's route follows the labourers' routes of the former generations of Murter who sailed to their lands on Kornati on a daily basis. This sight of the open sails on the sea fills the hearts of all visitors with joy, and the regatta itself is, of course, followed by a variety of events. There are workshops in maritime skills, lectures, and exhibitions, and also the traditional snacks with fried sardines.

www.latinskoidro.hr



DALMATIA - SPLIT

PEARL OF THE SEA - INTERNATIONAL CULINARY FESTIVAL

Supetar
9 - 13 April



Photo: Šime Strikoman

The Chefs' Association of Mediterranean and European Regions is holding this year also an international culinary festival *Pearl of the Sea*. Participating are a large number of professional chefs, amateur cooks, journalists, tour operators, owners and representatives of numerous hotels, restaurants, cities and municipalities from more than twenty countries in European and Mediterranean regions. The festival is held to herald the tourist season every year through workshops, presentations, gastro-exhibitions and competitions, with all the participants representing their countries through gastronomy and increasing thereby the numbers of both hosts and tourists.

www.dalmatinskikuhar.hr

FOLLOWING THE CROSS

Jelsa
17 April



Photo: Paulo Bunčuga

If you choose to celebrate Easter on the island of Hvar, you will partake in a celebration that has not changed for five centuries. The Great Thursday and Great Friday procession called *Following the Cross*, undertaken every year by the folk from the interior of the island, has indeed been held for five hundred consecutive years. This religious custom provides everyone around it with a unique spiritual experience. It is therefore no wonder the good word about the procession attended by the inhabitants of Jelsa, Pitva, Vrisnik, Svirče, Vrbanje and Vrboska has spread a long way and attracted numerous believers. The processions start simultaneously from all six locations, and though they all walk in the same direction, they never actually meet. If you join any of the processions you will never realize you are a part of a much greater whole, but you will feel it in your heart.

www.tzjelsa.hr

ST DUJE FESTIVAL

Split

25 April - 15 May



Photo: Tourist Board of Split

Sudamja - for many years, St Dujе, the protector of the town, has been celebrated with the Day of the Town (7th May). Over a period of about 20 days the town of Split hosts a series of events embracing culture, sport and entertainment, which take place at five different locations in town. One of the events which takes place at this time is "Let the waterfront be decked with flowers". The event has taken place for the past 12 years and involves more than 2,200 of Split's youngest citizens – pre-school and school age children, children from kindergarten and primary schools - who walk in procession and greet the town and the protector. All the children are given flowering plants by the Split Tourist Board. The event has an educationally entertaining character and is especially for the youngest members of the population. That is to say, every child is given a flowering plant and, during the programme on the stage and through communication with the older participants in the event, each child learns how to preserve nature. In this way the children grow up to be responsible members of the urban environment, where they can represent their town in the right way. The leitmotif and message of this event is that we cannot have an impact on all aspects of the education of a young person but we can have an impact on their conscience. The very number of little participants tells us that we are dealing with a highly traditional and ever more sought after event, which was introduced into schools and kindergartens as a part of their educational programme.

www.visitsplit.com

HVAR THEATRE DAYS

Hvar

7 - 10 May



Photo: Ivan Lepen - Lupino

The Croatian literature has found one of its sanctuaries on the Island of Hvar. Every year, the *Days of the Hvar Theatre*, dedicated solely to our written word, take place in the town of Hvar. For those few days, Hvar is totally committed to the call of the footlights. Numerous plays are given on the stage of the old Hvar Theatre and many other sites in the town, and the common thread linking them all is that they are all adaptations of works by Croatian authors. In addition to their artistic side, the *Days of Hvar Theatre* have their scientific side, as the central event of the entire manifestation is a conference dealing with issues concerning our literature. The results of the conference, with participants being experts from across the world, are published later in a specially edited Collection of Papers. The sun and the mild climate are just an additional motive for you to learn more about the literature of a people that have many things to write about.

www.tzhvar.hr

HVAR SUMMER EVENTS

Hvar, 20 April -
15 October



Photo: Marin Kukić

The town of Hvar is proud of its art heritage. The picturesque ambience of this island town with a millennium-long history and rich culture has a special charm to which all artists gladly respond. This is the reason why, during summer months, Hvar hosts numerous theatre troupes, musicians and folklore ensembles from Croatia and abroad. A diverse cultural programme within the *Hvar Summer Events* will enrich the days spent under the bright sky of this sunny island for many visitors.

www.tzhvar.hr

MAKARSKA SUMMER

Makarska
15 June - 18 September



Photo: Željko Fističić

Cappella evenings, pop-rock concerts, folklore evenings, theatre performances, classical music concerts, concert parties - only a small part of the story that conjures up the Makarska summer ambience. Particularly attractive are many fishermen's evenings, summer carnival, games of „skinny-fat“ and festival choirs with mandolins and guitars. During the *Makarska summer* everyone can choose something for themselves from a programme that aims to preserve and present a symbol of its traditional heritage.

www.makarska-info.hr

FESTIVAL OF STREET PERFORMERS

Split
16 - 28 June



Photo: Tourist Board of Split

The International festival of street performers lasts for 15 days and has been taking place in Split for the last 7 years. Artists, street entertainers, performers of informal artistic expression from 16 countries entertain visitors and citizens at 6 locations in the city of Split. City squares and little streets come alive with pleasant sounds of strange instruments, acrobats whose skills border on the supernatural, entertainers who make bystanders helpless with laughter.

www.visitsplit.com

TRADITIONAL CLOTHES AND CRAFTS "NOSTALGIA" SHOW AND ECO ETNO FAIR

Kaštela, 27 - 29 June



Photo: Mirjana Jurić

The review of traditional costume and craftsmanship - Nostalgia - was conceived as a two day event, at which on the first evening are presented traditional national costumes owned by individuals, institutions and cultural societies and on the second evening, are presented unique modern creations, as a link between tradition and high fashion by known and recognised designers. The entrance of all of the models is accompanied by folk dancing and acapella singing. Simultaneously over these two days of the trades and handicrafts fair, sales stands will be displaying gastronomic delicacies, souvenirs and hand-made handicrafts, olive oil, traditional Dalmatian foods.... The aim of the project is to prolong the tourist season, to promote the traditional costumes and ways of life of Kaštel, Zagora, Split, Trogir and Soline, and expand to the promotion of craftsmen, and not only those who even today make traditional costumes, but also those who make modern clothes and are constrained by traditional motives, which today is absolutely the modern trend.

www.kastela-info.hr

LAVENDER FESTIVAL

Hvar
28 - 29 June



Photo: Nela Zaninović

The little bottle of oil and the lavender bag have for decades been a symbol of the island of Hvar and make an ideal souvenir, which with its scent awakens the memories of the picturesque scenery and sunny days spent on Hvar. The story of Hvar lavender started in the beautiful little village of Velo Grablje near the town of Hvar, in which the beautiful rural architecture creates a specific atmosphere. Traditionally, every year at the end of June, the lavender festival takes place in that village. *The lavender festival* is a real feast for the soul, a journey through a revived tradition, a walk through time, fragrance and colour. During the event you can revel in a wide choice of lavender products as well as presentations about traditional lavender distillation, local cuisine, exhibitions, workshops, concerts and many other events. Local people will make sure that your visit to the lavender festival will remain an unforgettable experience.

www.pjover.com

OMIŠ CULTURAL SUMMER

Omiš
1 July - 28 August



Photo: Vlado Zemunik

In summertime, Omiš abounds with cultural programmes. From serious programmes, such as concerts and recitals in churches and the cloister of the Franciscan Monastery, drama plays in town squares and various exhibitions and literary evenings, to public festivities and entertainment events like the *Pirates' Nights*, *Crazy Dives*, *Swimming Marathon*, *Omiš Carnival* and the International *Labor Day*, Omiš offers its guests a truly wide range of interesting events in summertime. The most popular among them is the *Dalmatian Harmony Singing Festival*, which is highly respected along the Adriatic coast, and the winners invariably achieve superb careers, even outside Croatia. If you want to see and hear the elite of harmony singing, the *Festival* in Omiš is the right place to go.

www.tz-omis.hr

SUMMER CONCERTS AT STARI GRAD

Stari Grad
1 July - 31 August



Photo: Paweł Jaroszewski

In Stari Grad, ancient Faros, which together with the Stari Grad Plain is included on the UNESCO List of World Cultural Heritage Sites, summer concerts are held from 1st July to 31st August. Stari Grad enjoys a tradition of cultural and artistic associations, such that within the framework of the summer concerts it is possible to watch and listen to Croatian urban music written 140 years ago, the songs of Faros, theatrical groups from the Little Theatre and the Petar Hektorović Cultural Society, the Festival of Faros, swimming competitions, the Faros marathon, the presentation of the Feast of St Roko on 16th August and many visiting theatre groups, folklore and music. The summer concerts take place in various town squares, courtyards and roads, at the Petar Hektorović pond and in the garden of the Binakin Palace, promising you an authentic atmosphere and local cultural performances.

www.stari-grad.hr
www.stari-grad-faros.hr

KAŠTELA SUMMER

Kaštela
1 July - 31 August



Photo: Mirjana Jurić

With its summer offer, the town of Kaštela is open for all cultural tastes. For those who love classical music, concerts are held in the Vitturi castle throughout the summer, along with exhibitions. Enthusiasts of traditional Dalmatian culture will come into their own in the old town nucleus and at folk festivals or the Evenings of Dalmatian Song, where Klapas (vocal harmony groups) perform. For insatiable entertainment, Kaštela hosts the biggest Croatian music stars in July and August. There is something for everyone!

www.kastela-info.hr

TROGIR CULTURAL SUMMER

Trogir, 1 July -
1 September



Photo: Nina Mišić

The streets of Trogir are alive with a myriad of cultural events all summer long. All visitors to Trogir will find something for themselves. Serious art enthusiasts can enjoy concerts given by classical and chamber ensembles, exhibitions and theatre plays staged within the old town core. Guests who prefer entertainment events will be entertained by Croatian and international stars all summer long, while the all round merriment is provided by public festivals such as *Fishermen's Nights*, when seafood specialties are available on the streets of the town, and the festa celebrating the *Day of Trogir*.

www.tztrogir.hr

www.trogir.hr

SPLIT FESTIVAL

Split
4 - 6 July



Photo: Tourist Board of Split

The Pop music festival in Split or Split Festival is one of Croatia's most popular festivals of light music, which for 53 years has been held every summer in Split. Prokurative square, where the festival has been held from the early 1960s, 'shines' from the beginning of July and becomes the centre of the country music world. The first Split festival was held in 1960 and since then over 800 compositions by the most famous Croatian authors have been performed.

www.visitsplit.com

DALMATIAN HARMONY SINGING FESTIVAL

Omiš, 6 - 26 July



Photo: Vlado Zemunik

Harmony singing has seen a true renaissance over the past few years. Owing to the numerous festivals cultivating the autochthonous Dalmatian music, its popularity has spread far beyond Dalmatia. One of the events that takes credit for this is the *Omiš Dalmatian Harmony Singing Festival*, which has fostered the traditional sound of our coast and islands for three decades. Every year, the best of harmony singing groups come together in Omiš - both to preserve and promote Dalmatian melodies and to modernize them, because harmony singing compositions attract more and more young talented musicians bringing a breath of fresh air to this art.

www.fdk.hr

VIS SUMMER

Vis
7 July - 8 September



Photo: Fjodor Matoković

Summer in Vis, in the town and on the whole island, is traditionally marked by a series of cultural events which, for the entire area of south Croatia at the sunniest time of the year, are unusually lively and active. Indeed, cultural activities in the town are older than those organized summer events, featuring amateur popular groups and individuals who usually in local communities run village activities in general. The pleasant and agreeable environment of Vis in the past has left us with a wealth of places that in the spotlight of summer reflect the character of the venues, especially when attractive music group events take place in spaces such as Batar, Klapavica, Riva, appropriate places in Kut and other squares, castles... Add to this the occasional art events, recitals, folk shows, celebrations and other cultural summer programmes which from year to year are growing in popularity with both the islanders and their increasing numbers of guests.

www.tz-vis.hr

SPLIT SUMMER

Split

14 July - 14 August



Photo: Matko Biljko

Come summertime, Split is transformed into a city of stage arts. The *Split Summer* focuses mainly on opera productions, presenting the Split audiences with prominent opera productions by hand-picked theatres from across the world. Famous singers appear before the audience, inspired by the ancient ambient of the old part of the city, while the streets within the Diocletian Palace provide an ideal setting for the acoustics. In addition to *operas*, the *Split Summer* offers its visitors numerous plays, ballets and exhibitions. In recent years, the organizers have also begun to promote certain forms of contemporary art such as jazz concerts, film projections, and street theatre and performances. An ideal choice for people who like to enjoy both the sea and premium art.

www.splitsko-ljeto.hr

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Sinj, 15 August



Photo: Branko Čović

Every year, hundreds of thousands of believers gather in Sinj for the *Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, because this is where the biggest Marian shrine of the region - the Shrine of Our Lady of Sinj is located. The shrine has become the centre for all Dalmatian believers who walk for hours from their homes to Sinj, a town that wrote our history of defense against the Turkish armies. Join them in the all-night wake, the morning mass and the magnificent procession through the streets of Sinj. Join them in hearing the words of the Holy Mass and take with you the spiritual wealth that has lain here for three centuries.

www.gospa-sinjska.hr

DAYS OF DIOCLETIAN

Split

16 - 19 August



Photo: Ante Verzotti

Although Diocletian's Palace is a symbol of Split's magnificent history, with this luxurious event, the citizens of Split want to show in an even more symbolic way the 1700 years of their city, by returning to their ancient past. Through the streets of the former palace, passers-by stroll around in togas and tunics, vintage carriages pass along the waterfront, taking Emperor Diocletian and his suite to the Peristile, where the emperor addresses his citizens as he once did. Through the narrow passages, seductive scents of Mediterranean cuisine spread, as though you had never stepped into the 21st century, while colourful stalls (promenade of the Croatian National Revival) are filled with delicacies, handicrafts, the past and the present...

www.visitsplit.com

CILI SVIT U SPLIT

Split

19 - 23 August



Photo: Tourist Board of Split

The idea of the event is to exhibit the cultural, historical and gastro-enological heritage of other Croatian and European cities in Split. It includes klapa concerts, performances of folklore ensembles, tambura orchestra, exhibition of souvenirs, wine presentation and preparation of indigenous food specific to a particular city.

www.visitsplit.com



DALMATIA - DUBROVNIK

THE FEAST OF ST. BLASIUS

Dubrovnik
2 - 3 February



Photo: Grga Jelavić

For over a thousand years now the people of Dubrovnik have been celebrating the Feast of St. Blasius. It is the day on which the doors of the City are thrown wide open. In honour of St. Blasius, and the Day of the City of Dubrovnik, numerous cultural, entertainment, musical and sporting events are held. The city is specially decorated and lit, and the procession of inhabitants from around the city attracts much attention with the rich original folk costumes. Following the flight of white doves our eyes reach the heavens, reminding us of the priceless values of freedom. On that day the mass is celebrated in the church of St. Blasius, from which a festive procession starts its passage through the streets of the old city. The festivity of the Dubrovnik patron, a day which reminds us that the saint protecting Dubrovnik in the palm of his hand eternally watches over its freedom, was placed on the UNESCO List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in 2009.

www.dubrovnik.hr

THE FOLKLORE FESTIVAL “MOONLIGHT ON THE NERETVA RIVER”

Metković, May



Photo: Ivica Puljan

When moonlight shines down upon the Neretva estuary, the game of shadows and light under the bright sky surpasses even the most amazing stage sets. It seems as if nature is playing with our feelings, showing us how little is needed for perfect harmony and accord. The people of the area are fully aware of that, and they took the natural light as the starting point of their Festival which enhances the beauty of Croatian nature with the beauty of Croatian music. Thus Metković becomes the gathering point for folklore groups coming both from Croatia and abroad, and their singing and dancing is a hymn to the Moon above their beloved Neretva River.

www.metkovic.hr

“MUSIC AND WORD” FESTIVAL

Konavle,
June



Photo: Konavle Tourist Board

The *Music and Word* festival was launched in 2007 by the “Konavle - Art” Association. The festival offers music, theatre, dance and other events, held in Cavtat and different stages around Konavle, reviving and uncovering places forgotten to art. All events are free to visitors.

www.konavle-art.hr

VELA LUKA SUMMER

Vela Luka
June - August



Photo: Mak Dodan

In the Vela Luka Summer programme, which includes over 50 evenings of cultural and entertainment events, we recommend the performances of the Kumpanija Folklore group, who perform old Vela Luka dances and knight's games on Tuesdays, Klapa harmony singing and classical music evenings in the Atrium Centre on Wednesday nights, and fishermen's evenings on Thursdays in the town centre. At weekends, there are exhibitions by renowned artists, drama evenings and music concerts by famous Croatian artists.

www.tzvelaluka.hr

TRADITIONAL KNIGHT'S GAMES

Korčula
June - October



Photo: Sergio Gobbo

From June to October there are regular performances by Knight Societies on the island and in the town of Korčula. The war dances Moreška, Kumpanija and Moštra have a four centuries long tradition which has been protected and kept alive on the island of Korčula. Some of the war dances symbolise the defence of the island from invaders, while the Moreška dance symbolises the battle between good and evil through seven dynamic sword dances; the battle between the white and dark kings for a beautiful girl, the bride of the white king.

www.kulturakorcula.hr
www.visitkorcula.eu

ANA IN TOWN

Dubrovnik
21 - 23 June



Photo: Željko Tutnjević

The weekend festival *Ana in Town* celebrates a young artist, a cellist with a recognizable musical style, Ana Rucner in a double role as classical musician and crossover instrumentalist. The idea of this short festival, at the start of the summer music season, is to bring to the City something for everyone. Thus fans of classical music will be able to enjoy the chamber concert in the Ducal Palace with Ana and visiting musicians, while an audience empathetic to modern expression will be able to delight in a stage appearance which regularly attracts much attention.

www.anaugradu.com

STON SUMMER

Ston

23 June - 14 September



Photo: Ston Tourist Board

The Ston diocese is the oldest in Croatia. For this reason, every visit to Ston is a direct contact with ancient times and events. Located on the beautiful Pelješac peninsula, which was often the target of conquerors, the 5.5km long walls once protecting the town's salt pans bear the scars of centuries of struggle to preserve the native culture. The outcomes of these struggles are best seen as part of the Ston Summer event. During the summer months, the streets of Ston are filled with concerts, fashion shows and Klapas (vocal harmony groups) singing. With the town's tradition of shellfish farming and salt production, it is also a unique opportunity to visit Ston's restaurants and taverns. There, you can taste exotic dishes of the Croatian Adriatic.

www.ston.hr

CAVTAT SUMMER

Cavtat

28 June - 7 September



Photo: Konavle Tourist Board

Leaning on magical Dubrovnik and beautiful Konavle, in which the spirit of past times can still be felt and the centuries old traditions of our ancestors experienced, Cavtat is the ideal destination for rest, where everyone can find something for themselves: enjoying the tranquillity of secluded coves and long walks along the waterfront, or spending an active holiday with a choice of sports and recreational activities, excursions, fun and cultural programmes. *The Cavtat Summer* is a cultural and entertainment event with classical music and jazz concerts, Dalmatian Klapas (vocal harmony groups), dance events and folklore group performances. The Cavtat Summer Carnival is held on the last weekend in July and includes performances by numerous groups of street entertainers, jugglers and performers. The finale of *the Cavtat Summer* always belongs to the Klapa gathering entitled "Cast your eyes on me". The event brings together eight of the best Klapas from Dubrovnik and other parts of Croatia in the last weekend of September. All performances are held on *the Cavtat Summer* stages and are free.

visit.cavtat-konavle.com

SUMMER IN THE ELAPHITES, ZATON AND ORAŠAC

Elafiti, Zaton and Orašac
July - August



Photo: Dubrovnik Tourist Board

Experience the Mediterranean as it once was in the small tourist towns around Dubrovnik and the Elafiti islands, picturesque and peaceful settlements, which tourists choose for the pleasant atmosphere, beautiful beaches, clear waters and friendly locals. For many years, in the Elafiti islands, in Zaton and Orašac, they have been organising music and entertainment programmes to familiarise tourists with Mediterranean folk music, folklore and customs that have been cherished for ages. With special programmes of traditional folk festivals and fetes this summer, guests will be able to enjoy some thirty events - concerts of Dalmatian klapa, folk dance performers, classical music concerts and appearances of Croatian pop stars, that will be held at Koločep, Lopud, Šipan, Zaton and Orašac.

www.tzdubrovnik.hr

LASTOVO CULTURAL SUMMER

Lastovo
July - August



Photo: Andrija Carli

Lastovo is the youngest of Croatian Nature Parks, a still undiscovered pearl of the Adriatic. Apart from beautiful nature and rich gastronomy, Lastovo is stage to a varied cultural and entertainment programme in the summer months. During the Lastovo Cultural Summer, visitors can enjoy various exhibitions, classical music concerts, fishermen's evenings and the Lastovo Night.

www.tz-lastovo.hr

www.lmi.hr

DUBROVNIK SUMMER FESTIVAL

Dubrovnik
10 July - 25 August



Photo: Damil Kalogjera

The *Summer Festival of Dubrovnik* is the oldest and most famous of all the Croatian festivals. From 1956 the Festival has been building its reputation and has, by way of the prestigious Association of European Festivals, become an integral part of European integrations. Imagine yourself enjoying the most beautiful pieces of classical music and the best of the theatre performances the world stage has to offer, while sitting comfortably surrounded by ancient city walls. That is precisely what Dubrovnik offers. Within the Summer Festival, classic theatre pieces and ballet performances are staged in the streets and plazas of this proud Renaissance-cum-Baroque city. Only high quality art can find its place in this city built of stone and light that holds so much beauty. In that art, numerous actors, dancers and musicians will find inspiration for both themselves and their public throughout the lovely Dubrovnik summer. Year on year the *Dubrovnik Summer Festival* hosts the renowned names of the art world's elite. Composers, soloists and orchestras perform in and among the buildings within the old city - such as the atrium of the Ducal Palace - which possess exceptional acoustic properties and convey to this festival a unique charm. Once again the inimitable beauty of the streets, squares, parks, palaces, medieval fortresses and isles of Dubrovnik will become the proud and equal partner to the artists of the world.

www.dubrovnik-festival.hr

BOAT MARATHON

Metković
9 August



Photo: Ivica Puljan

In the past, the traditional Neretva boat played a key traffic-economic role for people of the region. For centuries it has been the main means of transportation, and each year, an amateur race of these boats takes place. Participants race with boats down the Neretva River, from Metkovic, starting from the town bridge, all the way down to Ploče 22.5 kilometers away. There are about 40 teams and seven hundred rowers participating in the race and giving the best of themselves. But, although it is a matter of prestige, victory in this race is not the most important. The main factors are the courage and the desire to uphold the tradition, to remember the lives and efforts of our ancestors.

Other races which precede the Neretva Boat Maraton:

Krvavac: 'Cup of Our Lady of Mount Carmel' 15 July

Vid: 'Boat Duel Cup of Duke Domagoj' 4 August

Opuzen: 'Racing for the start positions' 7 August

www.metkovic.hr

www.maraton-ladja.hr

EPIDAUROS FESTIVAL

Cavtat
September



Photo: Epidaurus festival

The Epidaurus Festival is an international music and art festival started and run by a young pianist from Dubrovnik with Cavtat roots, Marija Vidović. The festival comprises a number of events, from classical music and jazz concerts to courses for young artists, exhibitions, theatre performances and lectures. In addition to performances by established local and international artists, the festival pays special attention to young artists, enabling them to stage independent performances and to perfect their art with renowned local and international artists as part of the “Scuola Epidaurus” courses held throughout the festival. *The Epidaurus Festival* is one more reason to visit Cavtat in September.

www.epidaurusfestival.com

STON WALL MARATHON

Ston
14 September



Photo: Ston Tourist Board

One of the more difficult marathon races is also one of the most unusual in the world, and is held every year in early September on the peninsular with the start and finish in a historic jewel, the small town of Ston. The course, though stressful, is well thought-out - after the first easy kilometer at the beginning when the body and the spirit gradually prepare, the race continues along the steep high *Ston walls* which stay on the left side of the track. After the walls and passing through Ston, the track gives an opportunity to rest and catch up along a straight path by the sea. Refreshed, you are ready to go through a pass which takes you to a new world, a world of wild nature and magnificent views through which only the road passes. On this course you will not achieve a personal record, you will not even be close. You will not see any crowds, you will not hear their noise, you will not see advertisements. You will see untouched nature, you will feel the history. It will be hard, very hard, but unforgettable.

www.ston.hr

KORČULA BAROQUE FESTIVAL

Korčula
6 - 13 September



Photo: Boris Berc

The world's leading baroque ensembles such as the European Union Baroque Orchestra, La Venexiana or His Majesty's Sackbuts and Cornetts together with leading Croatian ensembles and soloists such as the Croatian Baroque Ensemble, Antiphonus, Ivan Goran Kovačić Academic Choir, Laura Vadjon, Krešimir Has will perform at this festival. Along with French, English, Italian and German masterpieces, the musicians will perform works by Croatian Baroque masters such as Skjavetić, Lukačić, Jelić, Usper, Cecchini and others. The festival continues its mission: to promote the interpretation of Baroque music and present the beauty of Croatian culture and national heritage and thereby contribute to profiling the town of Korčula as a unique and elite cultural tourism destination.

www.korkyrabaroque.com
www.facebook.com/korkyra.baroque

WINE & JAZZ FESTIVAL

Dubrovnik
25 - 28 September



Photo: Željko Tutnjević

Dubrovnik will soon swing to the sounds of jazz music in the heart of the old town. Jazz and Broadway tunes, Croatian wines and Croatian artists will season autumnal Dubrovnik days with a special atmosphere of high-quality music, local wines and unique art works.

www.dubrovnikwinejazz.com



CENTRAL CROATIA

INTERNATIONAL PERCUSSIONIST WEEK

Bjelovar
16 -18 January



Photo: Tourist Board of Bjelovar-Bilogora County

Rhythm is in the foundation of each piece of music. Consequently, percussion instruments are most often used as a group providing a rhythmic background to soloists, but sometimes, they also create the complete entity of a piece. Percussion ensembles are very dynamic and attractive, so it is no wonder that percussion festivals are becoming increasingly commonplace and popular. One such festival is the *International Percussionist Week* in Bjelovar, hosting some of the greatest percussionists from Croatia and abroad. Gain insight into the very essence of music - the rhythm - with the help of superior artists of rhythm.

www.tzbbz.hr
www.lisinski-bj.hr

ST VINCENT'S DAY FEAST

Medimurje wine road,
25 January



Photo: Rudi Gula

The people of Medimurje also have their customs and ceremonies concerning winemaking, some of them dating back to ancient times, some even to the time before Christ. One of the very old customs is *Vincekovo*, or rather *the Day of St. Vincent*, celebrated in late January, a time marking the beginning of a winegrowing year. Traditionally, people celebrate *St. Vincent's Day* in the belief that it will ensure a fruitful year for grapevine, but today the manifestation has been adapted to numerous visitors, lovers of wine and nature. The snow-covered hills of Medimurje create an idyllic atmosphere for a daylong walk during which you are offered choice wines and traditional dishes of the region for sampling at every step, and all in the company of the ever boisterous and joyful local band of *mužikaši* (musicians).

www.strigova.info
<http://visitmedimurje.com>

PEASANTS' UPRISING

Donja Stubica
8 February



Photo: Sven Šams

The event presents Gubac urging the peasants into revolt and portrays the final battle (cannons, rifles, legendary peasants' weapons, archers, the gentry and peasant armies) with the participation of over 100 extras and 150 members of various associations. It is a brilliant staging of the battle, failed negotiations and the tragic finale of the defeated peasants, the capture of Matija Gubac and his deportation to Zagreb. There are also interesting interactive workshops which attract visitors' attention and urge the participation of parents and children alike (mostly from Zagreb), who join in the events, dressed as peasants or the gentry.

www.tzdonjastubica.hr
www.druzba-vitezova.hr

SAMOBOR CARNIVAL

Samobor, 21 February -
4 March



Photo: Goran Ternjei

The most anxiously awaited event in Samobor is definitely the local carnival, a rampant manifestation by which the people of Samobor chase away evil spirits from the year that just ended, bid goodbye to winter, and open their hearts and hopes to the upcoming spring. Since long gone 1855, Samobor has been the carnival centre of this part of Croatia. During the carnival days, the town streets are filled with complete carefree joy, thousands of masks conceal laughter and merry songs, and dancing is a way to welcome new life. On the other hand, not everything is so carefree - uncertainty goes on until the *Fašnik*, or rather the Prince of the Carnival, is put to trial, which is the central event of the carnival. In the main town square, a performance is staged where *Fašnik*, guilty of all things bad that happened in the last year, is tried. All the anger, sorrow and misery is vented upon him, and then on Shrove Thursday he is burned in a spectacular ceremony, the ancient belief being that this rids us of everything negative in the coming year. Once the *Fašnik* has been punished, a riotous celebration begins which should set the tone for the whole coming year.

www.fasnik.com
www.tz-samobor.hr

DAY OF THE WORLD'S CENTRE

Ludbreg
1 April



Photo: Darko Gorenak

Have you ever spread the map of the world to try and find out which town is the nearest to the centre of the world? This is not an April Fools' joke! The people of Ludbreg have believed since ancient times that the ancient circles of the earth issued from this Croatian town, and that all major European cities were situated around their edges. According to the belief, Ludbreg has its antipode on the opposite side of the planet - a small island called Antipodes in the South Pacific, which is the remnant of the ancient ante-Podravina. In line with that story, every year the citizens of Ludbreg add another tile bearing the name of one of the cities of the world to their main square. The custom was established on the Town Day when the birthday of Ludbreg is celebrated, and when slices of the celebration cake are served to all visitors born on that day, and domestic wine of Podravina is poured directly from the town's fountain. All who believe themselves to be cosmopolitan, simply must visit the centre of the world.

www.ludbreg.hr

FISHERMEN TO THEIR TOWN

Koprivnica
12 - 13 April



Photo: Mario Borštnar

Freshwater fish is a true gourmet delight, alongside which fresh water fishing spells a romantic atmosphere. Finding a good and comfortable spot on the bank of a river and waiting for the right one to bite is a form of relaxation and fun cherished by many who live in the Koprivnica-Križevci County. This is why dishes made with their catches are particularly delicious, and the opportunity to taste some of the best ones is provided by the *Fishermen to their Town* event. It should not be missed. Up to six hundred liters of traditional paprika seasoned fish stew are prepared in giant pots. The most skillful cooks compete in who is going to make the most delicious fish stew, and the results of their skills are there for you to savour. Though do not limit yourself to eating only what other people have caught - grab a rod and catch your dinner in a special fishing pool.

www.koprivnicatourism.com

URBANOVO - WINE DAYS IN THE ZRINSKI COUNTY

Medimurje wine road
16 - 30 May



Photo: Denis Perčić

Urbanovo is a traditional international event which promotes the culture of drinking wine with recognised top class wines and traditional Medimurje culinary specialties, all on the familiar Medimurje wine roads and wine tasting venues. During the ten day programme, enjoy the fair, the "Pušipela Festival", wine games, Days of Open Cellars and more.

www.strigova.info
<http://visitmedimurje.com>

THE FESTIVAL OF THE IRIS

Donja Stubica
17 May



Photo: Nikola Sinković

In ancient times, the iris thrilled people with its beauty. Myths and legends about it were popular among the ancient Greeks and likewise, numerous fair tales have through centuries been woven around this lovely flower. In fact, in Croatia the iris has been adopted as the national flower and the *Festival of the Iris*, which takes place in the Croatian Garden of the Iris, demonstrates how much we cherish our natural wealth. Come and enjoy different varieties of these beautiful flowers of all colours and the wonderful scent it enchants us with. This entertaining event, a gathering of all flower enthusiasts, will be enriched with classical music concerts, romantic floral dances, traditional food and natural fruit juices.

www.tzdonjastubica.hr

THE "SVETA HELENA" INTERNATIONAL KNIGHTS' TOURNAMENT

Sveti Ivan Zelina, 17 - 18 May



Photo: Branko Houška

Brave knights struggle for your attention. Their combat is just a part of the games they stage, so you need not worry about somebody getting hurt. However, they still manage to evoke the ambience of medieval tournaments of knights. Sparks fly under the blows of the swords, while the ladies, squires and pages hold their breath at each swing. In the knights' camps one can see the entire arsenal of medieval weapons, colorful shields and metal costumes. If you get hungry, you will find refreshment in hot kasha made of the now almost forgotten cereals, or duck with honey prepared according to medieval recipes. A siege of the town, rocks flying from catapults and battering rams trying to break down the solid town gate - all this will take place right in front of you. You don't have to be a mere observer at the *Sveta Helena tournament*, join in the games, test your archery skills, take a ride in a carriage or get on a horse.

www.turnir-svetahelena.com
www.vitezovi-zelinsgradski.hr
www.tz-zelina.hr

LOREKO

Gudovac Fair
24 - 25 May



Photo: Tourist Board of Bjelovar-Bilogora County

Loreko – the hunting, fishing, ecology and rural tourism fair comprises a series of attractive events linked to hunting, fishing, nature, ecology and tourism. During the events, there are a number of exhibitions and competitions, including a live game, horse and horse equipment exhibition. The fair has been held in the exhibition space of the Bjelovar Fair Company in Gudovac since 2009 and is attended by providers of tourist services and many tourist agencies from Croatia and abroad.

www.bj-sajam.hr
www.tzbbz.hr

LOVRAK CULTURAL DAYS

Veliki Grđevac
30 May - 7 June



Photo: Tourist Board of Bjelovar-Bilogora County

As a favorite Croatian children's writer whose stories have been a loved companion to generations of the youngest readers in Croatia, Mato Lovrak most certainly deserves this event. This gift, in the form of a cultural programme organized in Veliki Grđevac, has been bestowed upon him by the folk of this town. The event is largely dedicated to children, and for a few days Veliki Grđevac becomes the town of children, who gather in the Lovrak Centre, its concept based on motifs from the writer's works. *The Kukavica Centre* is the venue for various sporting events for primary school pupils, the presentation of awards and acknowledgements to primary school pupils for participation in the 'I Love Croatia' campaign, and creative workshops for the production of traditional souvenirs and items inspired by Lovrak's stories. Come and bring your little ones to familiarise themselves with the stories of the favorite Croatian children's author.

www.turizam-bilogorabjelovar.com.hr
www.tzbbz.hr

DAY OF THE EUROPEAN STORK VILLAGE

Čigoć
June



Photo: Eduard Bogović

It may be hard to believe, but the small village of Čigoć has more winged inhabitants than human ones. Čigoć has a population of 120 people and around 200 storks, which are regarded as permanent residents of the village. Due to their harmonious cohabitation, Čigoć was proclaimed the *First European Village of Storks*. To celebrate this, a manifestation is now organised, within which the visitors can take a ride on a tour boat or a horse carriage, take part in a cycling race or take a tour of Lonjsko polje (the Lonja Range). Those not so keen on the said activities can enjoy concerts and a fine selection of food specific to the region. Come and find out for yourself what life is like in the village the storks have chosen as their home.

www.pp-lonjsko-polje.hr

OUR DEAR “KAJ”

Sveta Nedelja
Orešje Lake
1 June



Photo: Edi Kirschenheuter

In the natural surroundings of the old church village, in a number of old improvised village courtyards covering some 400 m², visitors of the gastro-ethno-music event discover village life in its original form, with all the beauty, charm and magic of the past and somewhat forgotten way of life. Here, traditional kajav expressions are cherished and visitors can try their hand at washing clothes in a trough, chopping wood, mowing grass, gardening, feeding farm animals, harvesting and stacking clover, working with old tools (scythe sharpening, weaver's loom, feather stripping), preparing traditional meals and drinks (brandy distilling, cabbage crushing, grape crushing, bread baking, frying pork scratchings, roasting suckling pig...). In addition, visitors can sing and dance as it was done at various occasions. This event is unique to the region and at the end, is accompanied by the kaj music scene festival.

www.svetanedelja.hr

VINODAR - INTERNATIONAL WINE AND TRADITIONAL PRODUCTS EXIBITION

Daruvar, 1 - 8 June



Photo: Ksenija Škorić

The Vinodar Wine Exhibition lasts seven days. The first part of the week consists of various professional lectures, an expert evaluation of wines, round tables dedicated to the cultivation of grape vines and to the production and storage of wine. In the central town square, during the last three days of the manifestation (Friday, Saturday, Sunday), the town transforms from an urban centre into a fair which offers visitors a rich gastronomic experience and a fair of traditional trades, among other things. Folklore groups from the whole of Croatia, aero picnics, the live music of tambura players, carp on forked branches and free concerts by famous Croatian musicians guarantee fun in the very centre of the town.

www.visitdaruvar.hr

SUMMER IN MARIJA BISTRICA

Marija Bistrica
7 June - 3 August



Photo: Tourist Board of municipality of Marija Bistrica

The tradition of this twenty year old event is linked to the Feast of Our Lady of Bistrica. The “Summer” comprises concerts by cultural and church societies of Marija Bistrica, a colony of wood carvers, various stage performances, exhibitions, fair days, a presentation of old customs entitled “On the trail of Old Customs”, the entertainment evening “The Bistrica Night” and the widely known night processions with candles. The event sees the meeting of cultural-artistic societies and mountaineers, trips to mountaineering trails, sports competitions, a bikeathon, firefighting exercises, childrens’ workshops and theatre, and fun evenings.

www.info-marija-bistrica.hr

KNIGHTS’ TOURNAMENT - THE MIDDLE AGES IN HRVATSKO ZAGORJE

Gornja Stubica, 13 - 15 June



Photo: Miljenko Hegedić

In medieval times, taking part in the Knights’ Tournament was a great honour. Only the bravest and most skilled would go in front of their competitors, and only the most daring would come away as winners from these tournaments. These days are, of course, long forgotten, but it is as though the *Stubica knights’ tournament* has woken up the knights’ honour that has been slumbering for centuries. The results of the knights’ struggles are today perhaps not as unpredictable as they were before, but the excitement definitely still remains. Visit the Peasants’ Revolt Museum in Gornja Stubica and learn more about these heroes from medieval times.

www.viteski-turnir.com
www.mhz.hr

TERESIANA

Bjelovar
13 - 15 June



Photo: Tourist Board of Bjelovar-Bilogora County

Teresiana, the biggest Bjelovar show, a multi-day international, entertainment, cultural and tourist event, which in its commitment to music and other stage performances, as well as some specific tourism events, profiles itself as a RETRO FEST. The main idea for the festival, which started almost two decades ago, is associated with the Empress Maria Theresa who founded the city of Bjelovar in 1756, but never came to Bjelovar. The idea behind the event was to 'correct' this historical injustice and to organise that every year 'She', in her carriage and, accompanied by historical cavalry troops 'Bjelovar border guards Hussars of 1756', visits the city at the time of TERESIANA. During the three day event, there are interesting catering facilities, lots of street performers, traditional arts and crafts artists and three stages with free folk and retro concerts. TERESIANA is an event that everyone should visit.

www.turizam-bilogorabjelovar.com.hr
www.tzbbz.hr

THE GREAT GET-TOGETHER AT KRIŽEVCI

Križevci, 13 - 15 June



Photo: Dalibor Brlek

Back in 1242, in front of the Tatar invaders, King Bela IV and his army found shelter within the walls of Kalnik - a burg located on the slopes of the mountain of Kalnik. The persistence of the Tatar army in trying to penetrate the walls and defeating the royal army was upset by the Kalnik villagers who sustained the brave soldiers with domestic plums. The nourishing fruit gave the King's soldiers strength to persevere and ultimately beat off the Tatar attack. In a gesture of gratitude, King Bela IV knighted all the villagers who gave their help. The gesture angered the burghers of Križevci, and their anger persisted for years until the chance marriage of a Kalnik plum grower and a town girl. Their wedding was the crucial step in the reconciliation. The event is deemed of such significance that today, the citizens of Križevci stage it, and during this scenic presentation the keys of the town are handed over to the town magistrate, which is followed by three solid days of revelry.

www.tz-krizevci.hr
www.spravisce.com

THE COCKEREL

Đurđevac
27 - 29 June



Photo: Siniša Milašinović

Having failed in the attempt to conquer the Đurđevac Fortress in a single attack, Ulan Beg decided to lay siege to the town and wait until hunger brings the defenders down and forces them to surrender. When no more food remained within the fortress walls but a single cockerel, the people of Đurđevac devised a desperate plan. They fired their last bite of food at the Turkish army out of a cannon. Ulama Beg fell for their plan and, seeing that the defenders are shooting cockerels from their cannons, convinced they have an inexhaustible supply of food, he pulled his army back. While retreating, he put a curse on the people of Đurđevac, referring to them as cockerels. Towards the end of June, the folk of Đurđevac celebrate this legend by a unique outdoor stage performance. It takes place at the authentic location, where the legend actually happened, and involves hundreds of extras, cultural amateurs, horsemen and professional actors. This event has been given the status of a non-material cultural good of Croatia.

www.picokijada.com

PODRAVINA MOTIVES

Koprivnica
27 - 29 June



Photo: Marijan Sušenj

Naive painting is an autochthonous Croatian style, a style dealing with motifs of rural living in harmony with nature and all its beauties. It is the life of Podravina villages, wide meadows, forests and fields. This is the main reason for which, in the first weekend of July, Koprivnica transforms into a huge exhibition area dedicated exclusively to naive art. Beneath the clear skies of Podravina, a hundred or so prominent painters exhibit and create their paintings, celebrating the enchanting plethora and artistic achievements of the Hlebine School of Painting.

www.koprivnicatourism.com

INTERNATIONAL CRUISE OF THE MURA LADJA

Sv. Martin na Muri
5 - 6 July



Photo: Rudi Grula

At the beginning of July, fifty traditional wooden boats sail from Bad Radkersburg in Austria, through Slovenia, to Sveti Martin na Muri. This three-day ecological, recreational and tourist event is a real attraction for all those who love a little adrenaline, preserved nature and traditional culture. In addition to numerous entertainment programmes, experience the Mura river, which is and always was the natural shaper and creator of a verdant life of rare and even extinct types of flora and fauna.

www.svetimartin.hr
<http://visitmedimurje.com>

COMMANDMENT BENEATH THE LINDEN TREE

Čazma - Miklouš, 13 July



Photo: Davor Kirin, Franjo Jagatić

July is the month when the residents of Miklouš and the surrounding villages celebrate their ancient customs and cultural tradition. Out into the light of day, the residents bring a variety of lovingly preserved old items and folk costumes, houses and streets are decorated with traditional ornaments, and everything is prepared for a merry get together, shared with the visitors who come for a daylong stay. While men-folk demonstrate the use of old tools, women offer cheese and egg pies and other savoury and sweet cakes they baked for the occasion. Then, in a festive procession, they all go to the old linden tree where the village elder reads them a tongue-in-cheek commandment which, in a witty and humorous, and yet traditional manner, comments on all the current problems and events, thus demonstrating how people used to deal with issues that bothered them. The commandment always ends with an invitation to the young to rejoice and chase away gloomy thoughts by dancing and singing. Like contagious disease, such mood spreads to all the visitors of this celebration.

www.tz-cazma.hr
www.cazma.hr
www.tzbbz.hr

PORCIJUNKULOVO

Čakovec

30 July - 3 August



Photo: Rudi Grola

The people of Čakovec are grateful to the Zrinski family, whose reign in the region brought a strong economic and cultural rise to Čakovec. To show their lasting respect, and honour their memory, the summer programme of culture is organized in the town, where one can enjoy numerous performances and productions, concerts and exhibitions. In addition to all that, one of the most attractive events is the changing of the guards, the traditional Zrinski Guard, which takes place every Saturday in front of the Eagle - the monument to Nikola Zrinski. The summer of culture ends with the Fiesta of Our Lady of Angels, popularly known as Porcijunkula, the main parish fair in Čakovec where the entire population gathers to enjoy concerts, presentations of old crafts, art colonies, but also archery and equestrian competitions.

www.tourism-cakovec.hr

<http://visitmedimurje.com>

SUMMER WITH THE KRAPINA NEANDERTHALS

Krapina

August (Sundays)



Photo: Željko Kovačić, Jakov Radovčić

One of the most striking symbols of Krapina is certainly the primeval Neanderthal man of Krapina, a unique source of pride and a witness to the town's ancient and rich history. Therefore, a visit to Krapina is not merely a visit to a town, but a visit to a well known archaeological site, one of the cradles of humanity in this region. In order to highlight Krapina's importance, various programmes organized under the common name of *Summer with the Neanderthals of Krapina* take place during the month of August in the streets of the town. Also, during the five Sundays in August, themed programmes are organized on Hušnjakovo: *Burghers' Sunday, The Sunday of the Krapina Neanderthal* and *Ethno Sunday*

www.tzg-krapina.hr

WHAT OUR FOREFATHERS ATE

Vrbovec
23 - 25 August



Photo: Dražen Breitenfeld

Continental Croatia is well known for the wealth of variety of its cuisine. Each small town has its own traditional recipes and a way of preparing individual dishes. The residents of Vrbovec present their traditional gastronomic offer in late August within the manifestation appropriately called *What Our Forefathers Ate*. Those are the days when the entire town is simply awash with mouth savouring aromas of traditional dishes prepared with a great deal of care and love so as to ensure they remain a delicious memory on one's palate. The folk of Vrbovec compete in cooking the best traditional dishes. Visitors keen on competing themselves can do so in a number of sports on offer. Others can enjoy the music programme which is also available.

www.vrbovec.hr

ŠPANCIRFEST (STROLLERS' FESTIVAL)

Varaždin, 23 August -
1 September



Photo: Siniša Sović

Year after year an increasing number of guests want to join the Varaždiners, or rather the citizens of Varaždin in their celebration of what for them is, one can safely say, a traditional way of spending leisure time - a casual stroll through the streets of the city, or as the Varaždiners themselves would say - a špancir. Every year, come August, Varaždin is transformed into a colourful street entertainment venue for a week or two, a town of laughter and merriment. Numerous performers, musicians, actors and entertainers come out into the streets, and the entire town serves as a public area to present Croatian tradition. The stands are full of traditional craft products, artifacts made by artists of applied arts, food and beverage prepared in traditional ways, and various souvenirs. During the *Špancirfest*, it is easy to get lost in Varaždin. Sailing the endless sea of imagination, and constantly attracted at every step by a different event, one does not realize how fast the time goes by. You can just stroll around the whole day and then ask yourself how come it is night-time already, and why you have to go to sleep already.

www.spancirfest.com

RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

Koprivnica
28 - 31 August



Photo: Ivan Brkić

In September, a true historical spectacle takes place on the walls of Koprivnica's old town. Knights sharpen their swords inside their tents to win the hand of their maiden in a duel, hunting hawks circle around, executing their masters' orders, while tradesmen and craftsmen shout loudly to try and attract customers to their stalls full of all kinds of handicrafts and products typical of those distant times. The streets are filled with alluring aromas of the Renaissance cuisine and exotic ingredients that were once used. The only rule of the *Renaissance Festival* is that nothing should give away the fact that we are actually in the twenty-first century.

www.renesansnifestival.hr

CELTIC NIGHT

Sisak
September



Photo: Igor Palotay

When the young September moon appears and night falls over the town of Sisak, an uninformed visitor could think they were in a time loop, traveling back in time through many centuries to a far-away past when rafts sailed the Kupa River, and knights and fairies walked the streets of Sisak. Don't get spooked, it's just a show. With this one hour play, and the River Kupa as stage, the locals remind us of what their town looked like once upon a time. A procession consisting of five rafts, twenty riverboats and three hundred floating torches sails down the Kupa. Scenes from the lives of Celts and Romans are played out on the vessels in front of the visitors. All vessels are abundantly decorated with torches and similar ornaments, and the spectators are guided through the events by a voice coming from a PA system mounted on the Pogorelec side of the Kupa, where the Celts once lived.

www.sisakturist.com

JASKA WINE FESTIVAL

Jastrebarsko
September



Photo: Jastrebarsko Tourist Board

The traditional September wine festival has been held for 20 years and every September it promotes the wines and wineries of this region, announcing the coming harvest. It is the most important event and social happening in Jaska and the region. The rich cultural day programme, wine tasting and sale exhibition with culinary delights, and the evening entertainment make of this festival under the tent an event not to be missed. Apart from the events on the Plešivička wine road and in the Fair tent, the *Jaska wine festival* is completed by wine themed exhibitions, sport competitions, wine trekking and many other events. Traditionally, the candidates for the Wine Queen of Zagreb County are also presented at the Jaska wine festival.

www.jastrebarsko.hr
www.tzgj.hr

VOLODER AUTUMNS

Popovača
September



Photo: Zdenko Cvetko

When the first bunches of grapes are cut in the vineyards of Voloder, it is time for the *Voloder Autumns* to begin. The people of the Sisak-Moslavina County have been marking the beginning of the grape harvest in their region for 41 consecutive years. In addition to the wine and must fair, the event also features numerous folklore groups from across Croatia, art exhibitions and exhibitions of winegrowing and fruit growing equipment and tools, as well as various handicrafts, folk costumes and traditional trades. The evening programme is adjusted to the younger generations, with performances by numerous pop singers, while the event as a whole is brought to an end with a grand fireworks display. We warmly recommend to all true wine enthusiasts visit Voloder in mid-September and take part in the feast of the palate.

www.popovaca.hr

ST MARK OF KRIŽEVCI DAY

Križevci
7 September



Photo: Križevci Tourist Board

The third proclaimed Croatian saint is from Križevci by birth. Born Marko Krizin, he chose priesthood, studied theology and philosophy in Vienna and Graz, then resided in Rome. During the Thirty Year War, he found himself in Košice, where together with Mlechior Grodziecki and Istvan Pongrazc he was captured and tortured on 7th September 1619 (the Košice martyrs). From 1904, he is celebrated as the blessed Marko of Križevci and canonised in Košice on 1st July 1995. The programme of celebrations for St Mark of Križevci, patron of the town of Križevci and the Bjelovar-Križevci County, is held from 28th August to 15th September and includes numerous spiritual events.

www.svanakrizevci.info

KAJKAVIAN CULTURE WEEK

Krapina
7 - 13 September



Photo: Željko Frankol

During the week of Kajkavian Culture, visitors to Krapina will see just how much the kajkavian culture is still alive and topical. All those attending the exhibition *Kaj in words, pictures, songs and dancing* and *The youngest Kaj is the sweetest Kaj* will be able to confirm that. These exhibitions are clear examples of the kajkavian dialect being an essential part of the Croatian written culture, a language of illustrative poetry and countless enlightening stories. This is only a small part of the programme, which will take place in Ljudevit Gaj Square, at the Krapina Town Gallery, at the Museum of Evolution at Hušnjakovo and at the Festival Hall. However, a mere walk through the town will make you feel the well-known hospitality of Zagorje.

www.tzg-krapina.hr

INTERNATIONAL LACE FESTIVAL

Lepoglava
18 - 22 September



Photo: Božidar Breški

It is believed that the Paulines, also known as the white friars, brought lace to this part of Croatia a few centuries ago. Having recognised its beauty, the rural population accepted lace as its tradition, one which is cherished to this day, particularly in the town of Lepoglava. Proud of their lacemaking tradition and skill and of the inclusion of Lepoglava lace on the UNESCO World List of Intangible Cultural Heritage, the people of Lepoglava organize the *International Festival of Lace* every September, thus successfully promoting the value of lace as their ethnographic treasure. Although prestigious lace creations from numerous European countries, such as Hungary, Slovenia, Belgium, Estonia and Spain are available at the festival, visitors always find the local works from original Croatian lace centres particularly attractive - in addition to Lepoglava, such centres include Pag, sv. Marija and Hvar.

www.cipkarski-festival.com
www.ekomuzej-lepoglava.hr

VARAŽDIN BAROQUE EVENINGS

Varaždin
20 September - 2 October



Photo: Helena Huet

The concerts within the *Varaždin Baroque Evenings* will take you a few centuries back into the past, to an era when music was a highly aestheticized art. The numerous concerts at which renowned Croatian and international ensembles present all contemporary interpretations of baroque pieces create a romantic atmosphere in this baroque city. The evenings also have a very serious side in terms of musicology because their programmes often include pieces that have only just been discovered, or those that have not yet been played. By presenting such pieces, as well as the contemporary interpretations of pieces already famous, the Baroque Evenings achieve enviable results in their professional approach to baroque music. Let the strings of violin and cello touch your imagination and take you on this long musical journey.

www.vbv.hr

CHESNUT FESTIVAL

Hrvatska Kostajnica
October



Photo: Antun Pavičić

There is not a single dish including chestnuts that cannot be found at the Chestnut Festival in Kostajnica. In addition to trying various dishes made of baked and boiled chestnuts and sweets made of delicious chestnut puree, all visitors are invited to take part in the chestnut harvest. This is an opportunity to take a walk through chestnut woods, spend some time in good company, sing a song or two and do all other things guaranteeing a good atmosphere.

www.hrvatska-kostajnica.hr

JELAČIĆ DAYS

Zaprešić
4 - 19 October



Photo: Dražen Breitenfeld

Josip Jelačić is the Croatian ViceRoy whose name symbolizes the Croatian people's aspiration toward autonomy and independence from imperial conquerors. After a turbulent life spent in the struggle for Croatian national interests, he was buried in 1859 in St. Joseph's Chapel in Zaprešić. That is why the residents of Zaprešić celebrate the life and achievements of this great figure in our history on the same day they celebrate their town. The event, which in May commemorates the death, and in October celebrates the birth of Josip Jelačić, includes an array of cultural, sporting and entertainment events, along with a traditional business fair. Visitors can also take a tour of the New Jelačić Palace, a valuable example of preserved cultural and historic heritage.

www.zapresic.hr

ASSITEJ

Čakovec

14 - 18 October



Photo: Mario Jakšić

Once a year, Čakovec hosts local theatre actors who have devoted their professional lives to the most grateful, but at the same time the most demanding audience - children. Watching the performances of some of our most talented young actors, for an hour or two, the children simply forget everything that may worry their little heads. During those five days, dedicated exclusively to children, the atmosphere in Čakovec is joyful, reverberating with children's laughter and play, a mood that adults are easily infected with. Bring your kids and let them enjoy an excellent theatrical event together with the children of Medimurje.

www.assitej.hr

www.czk-cakovec.hr

GREAT SAINT MARTIN'S ŠPELANCIJA

Koprivnica

24 October



Photo: Koprivnica and Križevci County Tourist Board

'Martinjski' customs and traditions following 'Križevci statute' and 'Koprivnica regulations' for merry societies in the vineyards and restaurants have a long history. Great Saint Martin špelancija is a meeting of about thirty "martinjski bishops" from the whole of Croatia. They will elect the Grand Master of the Saint Martin ceremony, the first among equals, to whom they will hand over the seal and bishop's cap. In accordance with the unique ritual, at the end, they 'baptize,' or introduce, young wine into the wine and issue the owner a "christening certificate" as proof that the "pagan" musts passed into a fine glass of wine that people will be happy to drink. In addition to the rituals, visitors can enjoy a good glass of wine when offered at the tasting by eminent winemakers from Croatia, abroad and from the winemakers' association.

www.tz-koprivnicko-krizevacka.hr

KOPRIVNICA-KRIŽEVCI COUNTYTRADES AND CRAFTS FAIR

Križevci, 7 - 9 November



Photo: Križevci Tourist Board

The origin of the *Trades and Crafts fair* dates back to 1996 when the Association of Craftsmen in Križevci organised the first fair, which was attended by 30 exhibitors-producers from Križevci. Since then, the fair has grown in size and with the joint effort of the organisers, has profiled itself as the most important Country trade event. In 2008, the fair officially became a regional event and is listed in the calendar of most important fairs in Croatia. As the fair is traditionally held in the month of wine, or 'christening' of must, one of the popular events is the great stroll on St Martin's day, when must is christened according to the Križevci Statutes. The fair successfully combines economy and tourism through part of the programme brought to visitors, including a fashion show and hair show, sports competitions, various educational workshops and funparks for children, and tasting of food and drink from the region.

www.kpc.hr

ST. MARTIN'S DAY IN THE ZAGREB COUNTY

Dugo Selo, Samobor, Sv. Ivan
Zelina, V. Gorica, Jastrebarsko,
Vrbovec, 11 November



Photo: Nada Kozić

In November, on St. Martin's Day, must turns into wine. The popular St. Martin's Day celebration is a wine holiday deeply embedded in the tradition of northwestern Croatia, and as such it is celebrated in a special way. In the Zagreb County, *St. Martin's Day* is celebrated in many towns and villages. Standing out among them, both with their special features of that tradition and the variety of their programmes, are Dugo Selo - whose patron saint is St. Martin is, as well as Samobor, Sveti Ivan Zelina and Velika Gorica.

www.tz-samobor.hr

www.tzvg.hr

www.tzds.hr

www.tz-zelina.hr

www.tzgjh.hr

www.tz-vrbovec.hr

MINER DAYS IN IVANEC

Ivanec
4 December



Photo: D. Gorenak, B. Jagetić Daraboš, B. Težak

The Miners' Days in Ivanec demonstrate the importance the people of this area attach to keeping alive the memory of their traditional ways of social and cultural life, as well as to teaching the young people to cherish their cultural and historic heritage. This also provides all visitors with an exceptional opportunity to see the exhibition of the old tools and other equipment used by miners in the old days, and thus learn about the hardships of our ancestors. The exhibition is supplemented by children's works on the subject of mining, and by the miners' sculptures. Undoubtedly the most attractive part of the event is the procession of the historical Ivanec Miners' Company that is in charge of receiving the guests and ensuring that everyone feels welcome.

www.ivanec-turizam.hr
www.ivanECKi-vitezovi.hr

ČAZMA'S CHRISTMAS STORY

Grabovnica, 6 December 2014
- 8 January 2015



Photo: Tourist Board of Bjelovar-Bilogora County

All Christmas stories are romantic and educational, especially if you are a guest of the Salaj family in Grabovnica. At Christmas time, the Salaj family prepares a special treat for all the Christmas time enthusiasts, when their garden is alight with thousands of multicolored lights, offering all who come a magical sight and an idyllic atmosphere. The Christmas stable, the manger and the decorations all over the garden, including the multicolored Christmas lights and ornaments shining in the night, offer an unforgettable sense of a deep dream followed by awakening in a world of fairy tales, a world of a true Croatian Christmas story.

www.tzbbz.hr
www.tz-cazma.hr



SLAVONIA

KUTJEVAČKO VINCELOVO

Kutjevo
18 January



Photo: Požega County Tourist Board

Kutjevačko Vincelo is the traditional local festival in honour of the feast of St. Vincent, patron saint of wine makers that in Kutjevo, throughout the centuries, marked the start of pruning the vines in their vineyards. The event is held in the unique wine square in our country - Graševina Square in the presence of several thousand people. The event starts with the lighting of the „vincelovska fire“ around which visitors traditionally bake the famous „vincelovski spit“. From their wine cellars, wine makers arrange a wide variety of wines from Kutjevo vineyards. Apart from the wines, there is a rich gastronomic display as well as ethnic handicrafts and gold embroidery, while experts from Adriatic countries prepare seafood for every visitor. Throw in the top-class entertainment for all lovers of folklore, tambura and pop, brass music, song and dance long into the night, and everything is conducted with spicy, unforgettable good humour.

www.tz-kutjevo.hr

THE FESTIVAL OF ŠOKCI

Županja
22 February - 4 March



Photo: Franjo Andrašević

All the hard work and dedication that the people of Županja invest into preserving their priceless cultural heritage become evident during this festivity stemming from the wealth of the Slavonian tradition. Sumptuously appointed horse-drawn carriages, which look as if they were taken from a museum, ride across the town with their proud coachmen dressed in most beautiful Slavonian folk costumes. Always attractive to guests regardless of where they come from, the Carnival parade is invariably accompanied by appropriate customs - brandy distilling and pig slaughtering. This year, all the colourful diversity will once again be enriched still more with folklore groups coming from other parts of Croatia and abroad.

www.tz-zupanja.hr

DORF - FESTIVAL OF DOCUMENTARY ROCK FILM

Vinkovci, 6 - 9 March



Photo: Tourist Board of Vukovar-Srijem County

If a music documentary links a picture and a sound into an ideal form, then DORF provides links between film lovers and music lovers in the best possible way. Amidst the inspirational surroundings of Vinkovci, one can enjoy the unconventional *Festival of documentary rock film* from Croatia and other countries. The genres of diverse, innovative film stories about music idols are sure to impress not only the fans of documentaries, but also the lay persons in the field of film art, who will again be able to enjoy numerous workshops, exhibitions, promotions of books and of course concerts.

www.dorf-vk.com

IN THE FAIRY TALE WORLD OF IVANA BRLIĆ MAŽURANIĆ

Slavonski Brod, 13 - 18 April



Photo: Josip Perčević

Ivana Brlić Mažuranić, a Croatian authoress who wrote some of the most beautiful children's fairy tales, spent a part of her life in Slavonski Brod. Every year, the citizens of this town celebrate her birthday and enjoy the opportunity to abandon themselves to exuberant imagination. For a full week, the entire town becomes a venue for children's encounters and events such as literary, theatrical, art and photo workshops. This children's gathering begins with a play taking place at Ivana Square, right in front of the house where their famous citizen used to live. It ends with the returning of the town keys to the mayor and a formal production in the Ivana Brlić Mažuranić Primary School, a school known as the "colourful school" in Croatia as it is painted with characters from Ivana's fairy tales on the inside and the outside.

www.slavonski-brod.hr
www.usvijetubajki.org

CROATIAN ONE-MINUTE FILM FESTIVAL

Požega
May



Photo: D. Mirković

Film makers regard the one-minute film format as a special challenge. Such format requires significant adjustments in the conception and implementation of ideas. The film has to squeeze in all required elements of the story into a single minute - the plot, the culmination and the outcome. In addition, one-minute films often attract film amateurs who do not have the opportunity to engage in major film projects, which does not necessarily mean they lack the required quality. A formidable collection of films of all genres, on all kinds of subjects and with all kinds of messages, their only common feature being the minute length, can be viewed at the one-minute film festival in Požega, a festival that has gained an international reputation over the past few years.

www.crominute.hr

BONOFEST SPIRITUAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Vukovar
May



Photo: Design Studio D

In two festival evenings at the *Bonofest Spiritual Music Festival* in Vukovar, numerous famous artists perform alongside less known young musicians, whose compositions are chosen by an expert committee. Besides showing the beauty and richness of spiritual music, the festival encourages writers and composers to write new spiritual pieces, conveying a message on the beauty of faith and the human need for spirituality. It is symbolic that this spiritual music renewal takes place in Vukovar, which by virtue of circumstance had to go through material and spiritual renewal after the Homeland War.

www.filipjakov-vu.com

EUROPEAN GEOPARK WEEK

Papuk
May - June



Photo: JU PP Papuk

Papuk - the first Croatian Geopark - together with all the European Geoparks, participates in the celebration of *European Geoparks Week*. The Week is held every year in late May and early June to raise public awareness of the importance of protecting and promoting geological heritage. Additionally, the purpose of events in the Geopark Week is to inform the general public about geo-tourism and educational activities in Geoparks. Events are varied and typically include public forums, workshops for children, guided tours, variety shows, bike races, etc. Visit Papuk in *European Geopark Week*!

www.pp-papuk.hr
www.papukgeopark.com

FOLKLORE “PRESERVE HOMELAND TRADITIONS” & THE LONGEST TABLE

Velika, 23 - 25 May



Photo: Velika Tourist Board

Over the last weekend in May every year, the whole of Velika is taken over by folklore with the international folklore festival *Preserve Homeland Traditions*, held since 1990, where traditional clubs and folk groups from Croatia, Bosnia, Serbia, Hungary and Romania come together. Participants spend several days living with the inhabitants of Velika, thanks to their friendship and hospitality. During the programme, participants parade through the town before performing on stage. In the Folklore festival, guests join in the *Longest Table*, an event at a kilometer-long table to enjoy a variety of traditional dishes from Croatia and nearby countries, with a selection of traditional drinks.

www.tz-velika.com

ORAHOVICA SPRING

Orahovica
26 May - 1 June



Photo: Josip Nemeć

The town of Orahovica opens its gates to visitors from across the world with its multi-day event *The Spring in Orahovica*. The event marks the official opening of the summer tourist season in Orahovica. The programme is diverse, offering a little bit for everyone. Sports enthusiasts will look forward to the soccer and boccie tournaments, while visitors seeking cultural programmes will find a quiet corner in one of the theatre productions. The music audience will be able to enjoy performances by folklore groups and concerts given by local pop & rock stars.

www.tzgorahovica.hr

SUMMER IN PAKRAC

Pakrac
June - July



Photo: Pakrac Tourist Board

The citizens of Pakrac celebrate their medieval heritage with the *Summer in Pakrac*, a multimedia event both in programme and in character. In addition to theatre productions and concerts of various genres, the visitors are able to watch numerous sporting events such as the cycling race, soccer tournament, mountain bike marathon or martial arts seminar. All the events are organised in the manner of the Middle Ages, the time when the Templar Knights and the Hospitallers resided in Pakrac, and the town played an important economic role thanks to its mint, the first and the only one in the whole of Croatia at the time.

www.pakrac.hr
www.tz-pakrac.hr

THE WHEEL DANCE OF BROD

Slavonski Brod
1 - 15 June



Photo: Darko Janković

Slavonski Brod is renowned for its traditional events, the most famous among them being the *Wheel Dance of Brod*. The townsfolk used to gather in the main town square to celebrate St. Stephen's Day and dance the great wheel dance of Brod, a wheel dance often involving hundreds of joined hands of resplendently dressed girls and boys. The whole town lives for the wheel dance, but the programme for the event has become somewhat different. The visitors are now able to visit various ethnographic and art exhibitions, attend children's shows, see - and indeed taste - the cake fair, enjoy the horse team shows, equestrian hurdle and two-horse team competitions. In addition, the whole town resounds with music performed at the festival of indigenous folk songs and folklore groups. One of the most attractive events is the *Miss Croatia in a Folk Costume* pageant. Relax, stretch out your arms, hold tight and don't let the wheel dance break.

www.brodsko-kolo.com
www.fa-broda.hr

BARANJA BEČARAC

Draž
5 - 6 June



Photo: Antonio Sobol

The people of Baranja are well known for their gatherings that always turn into all-round merriment. There is not a single festivity in Baranja where you could get bored. The Baranja Bečarac (Bečarac being a typical amusingly ribald folk song of Slavonia) in Draž only proves this. In addition to performances of many folklore groups, wheel dances and an abundance of food and drink, you can partake in the election of the most beautiful girl or newly-married woman, see interesting working clothes shows and exhibitions of needlework, old furniture, tools and some really mysterious items from grandma's chest. Bull's eye if you are interested in the tradition of the Baranja region, and great fun, of course!

www.draz.hr
www.tz-draz.hr

ĐAKOVO EMBROIDERY

Đakovo
7 June - 6 July



Photo: Željko Brzica

In summertime, Đakovo celebrates its long standing and rich tradition, by presenting three different aspects of Slavonia's cultural tradition, integrated into a single event in July: folklore, which the visitors can enjoy within numerous music programmes; gastronomy, the highlights of its diversity being the famous fish stew, *čobanac* (shepherd's stew) and *Đakovo kulen*; and the horse breeding tradition, its splendor presented in the equestrian competitions at the Đakovo hippodrome. This year, all lovers of Slavonia's and Baranja's cultural heritage will once again be able to enjoy thousands of folk costumes, music, dances and customs, all of which are a great source of pride for this region. They will all take part in the colourful and merry festive procession.

www.tzdjakovo.eu

QUEEN'S OR "LJELJA'S" ANNUAL SPRING PROCESSION

Gorjani, 8 June



Photo: Tourist Board of Osijek-Baranja County

The tradition of "Ljelja", which in Gorjani is held on the Pentecost, dates back to the beginning of the last century. A group of village girls dressed up as kings and queens gather in front of the church at Mass after which they dance in a ring to the music of tambourine players. After leaving the church area, they go in a procession around the village and visit the homes of their fellow inhabitants who have said they want to be visited. The "Ljelja" procession through the village results in a happy atmosphere, smiling faces and dancing. Normally a bag pipe player follows them, as well as two male beggars. When comparing today's "Ljeja" with photographs of the processions from the beginning of the 20th century, you can notice that today's version of this tradition has not greatly changed from how it was at the beginning.

www.tzosbarzup.hr



SONGS OF THE PODRAVINA REGION

Pitomača
13 - 14 June



Photo: Marijan Begović

The origin of songs from the Drava region is easily recognised. Although similar, they differ in the music and lyrics, in the diversity of their features, from wide melodic elegiac melodies of the plains, to the rustic play of folk dances, songs and jokes tailored to the occasion. *The Songs of the Podravina Region* music festival, in which known traditional Croatian music artists perform each year, is dedicated to fostering contemporary folk songs based on the music and poetic tradition of Croatian towns along the river Drava. On the first night, the festival is dedicated to songs from Podravina, while on the second, musicians from the entire Podravina region, including from Slavonia and Baranja, perform along with numerous tambura ensembles and soloists.

www.pitomacafestival.hr

SLATINA SUMMER OF CULTURE

Slatina
20 June - 1 September



Photo: Robert Turkalj

Summer guests of the town of Slatina will be pleasantly surprised with a variety of cultural events, which turn this town into a real treasury of culture. Events that take place in the streets and parks change the town and give the visitors a new sensibility towards culture and art. Variety is the key to success. To be more precise, during those days in Slatina, you will be able to find a form of cultural expression that suits you best - theatre productions, concerts, film screenings, exhibitions, presentations of old crafts or culinary specialties. The recently published cultural-tourist guide featuring all these events is now at your disposal.

www.tz-slatina.hr

SUMMER IN VALPOVO

Valpovo
26 - 29 June



Photo: Predrag Matijanić

In summertime, the entire Slavonia is bursting with joy and celebration. The streets will feature a parade of indigenous folklore related to horse-drawn carts, choirs and amateur singers. Needless to say, a Slavonian festivity would not be complete without its rich gastronomic offer of traditional food and drink. All this is a guarantee of a superb atmosphere and great fun for all those who come to rejoice and enjoy the rich tradition of Valpovo.

www.tz-valpovo.hr

OSIJEK SUMMER OF CULTURE

Osijek
29 June - 21 July



Photo: Marin Franov

The Osijek Fort, which used to be the site of turbulent historical events, turns into a venue for premium art programmes in summertime. The *Osijek Summer of Culture* takes place on its very squares and streets, where the baroque ambiance enhances numerous theatre productions, artistic performances, exhibitions, concerts, and literary and film evenings. Of course, special emphasis is placed on presenting local artists from Osijek, but performances by guests from all parts of Croatia and abroad have also been announced.

<http://ljetokulture.osijek.hr/>

FIŠIJADA

Slavonski Brod
4 July



Photo: Danko Dorić

Fiš, a spicy fish soup, is a protected gastronomic symbol in Slavonia. If you are visiting Slavonia, it is a dish that you simply must try. In so far as your trip takes you to Slavonski Brod at the beginning of July, you won't be able to avoid the scents that spread along the length of the river Sava. You won't be able to resist them either because the greatest masters at making *Fiš* gather in order to see whose fish recipe is better. Around 150 competitors attend the Brod *Fiš* festival, and their friendly cooking competition is, of course, most enjoyed by the visitors. The atmosphere is made all the better by Slavonian wine and joyful melodies played by the tambourine players.

www.tzgsb.hr

HARVEST AND THRESHING IN THE PAST

5 July



Photo: Zvonimir Tanocki

The works associated with the annual harvest are so deeply embedded in the social and cultural lives of Slavonian people that, with time, they became not only a vital necessity, but a symbol of their diligence. This is why it is always a special experience to participate in events which, in addition to the hard labour, also celebrate the beauty of the harvest customs. For example, during July, visitors to Županja can see some folklore garments intended for this kind of labor, as well as savour some food and drinks typical of that time of year. Along with the customs associated with harvest, there is also an exhibition of needlework and handicrafts, from Bosnian embroidery to Graištane's small pumpkins (graištanske tikvice). Visitors can also take a ride in a horse-drawn carriage. Come and visit Županja and let the spirit of these diligent people embrace you.

www.tz-zupanja.hr

MIHOLJAC FESTIVAL

Donji Miholjac
12 - 14 July



Photo: Melia Vidaković

In June, Donji Miholjac becomes the venue of a traditional Slavonian folklore festival for four days. Culture and art associations from Slavonia and other parts of Croatia come together on the streets of Donji Miholjac. It is a rare opportunity to have such a number of various folklore groups in one place at the same time. The parades and performances of these folklore groups are filled with joy, singing and dancing, while the art exhibitions and ethno exhibitions show the daily routine as it once was. The aromas spilling through the air will inevitably attract you to taste some of the popular Slavonian specialties.

www.tz-donjimiholjac.hr

THE FEAST OF ST. ROCH

Virovitica
5 - 16 August



Photo: Dario Vranke

St. Roch is the patron saint of the town of Virovitica. It is therefore no wonder that the people of Virovitica decided to celebrate the day of their town on August 16th, and made this day the central part of the multi-day festival called *The feast of St. Roch* (Rokovo). As the people of Virovitica like to say, the event grows year after year. Once, this manifestation was merely a modest fair, but today its programme has transformed it into a true marathon of festivities. During those days, the whole of Virovitica lives in an atmosphere of omnipresent joy, with and cultural programme and unpredictable sports competitions live up to the atmosphere. The Feast of St. Roch combines the new and the old in an attractive way. Come and see the wealth of Virovitica's tradition and enjoy the performances of great entertainers.

www.rokovo.com

PILGRIMAGE ON THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Aljmaš, 14 - 15 August



Photo: Antonio Sobol

On the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, thousands and thousands of believers join in the pilgrimage to the Aljmaš Shrine, the most renowned Marian shrine in the Osijek-Baranja County. Over the past few years, the shrine has had some of the most glorious moments in its four-centuries-long history. According to many believers, the new Church of the Visitation of the Virgin Mary, built in the same place where the old one used to stand, is even more resplendent. Make sure you don't miss the amazing spiritual experience provided by this shrine.

www.svetiste-aljmas.hr

NOVA GRADIŠKA SUMMER OF MUSIC

**Nova Gradiška
16 - 17 August**



Photo: Željka Idžotić

The cultural and musical events has a 17 year tradition and is held on an outdoor stage, on the city streets and spaces offering many cultural events – exhibitions, classical music concerts, rock, pop and tambura music concerts and folklore performances by the most famous artists from the Croatian music scene.

www.ngljeto.com

VUKOVAR FILM FESTIVAL

Vukovar
18 - 24 August



Photo: Vukovar film festival

The river of films flows again. The river Danube is the grand symbol which links all the countries through which it flows, or upon which it bears influence due to its proximity. Consequently, the Vukovar Film Festival becomes a significant presentation of one of the most vibrant film industries in the world – the films made in the countries of the Danube basin. The screening of films on the banks of the river, on the Danube barge or in the house of the Nobel prize winner Ladislav Ružička, combined with the hospitality of the local population and the indigenous gourmet delicacies, provides an ideal atmosphere for socializing, and conveys the message that Vukovar and the Danube have that ‘something’ which cannot be described by words. It can only be experienced.

www.vukovarfilmfestival.com

WORLD WITHOUT BORDERS

Osijek, 28 August -
1 September



Photo: Osijek-online

World without Borders is an international, cultural and educational project with the aim of promoting the creativity of children and young people, including children with special needs. In the world of creativity and imagination, international and local artists teach children and youth various artistic skills in six-day workshops with the final event being a scenic joint story and rich cultural programme representing all they have learned and created during workshops in public urban spaces in the world of children's imagination. Every year this event is held under various show titles.

www.breza.hr

OLD SPORTS OLYMPICS

**Brodanci
30 August**



Photo: Marin Janković

What kinds of sports did our ancestors practice to match their strengths and skills? Written history does not provide the information. To discover them, you will have to listen to your grandfather's or grandmother's stories, or visit the Old Sports Olympics. Brodanci is the venue for a competition in various ancient sports that were once practiced by shepherds while tending their herds, farmers during their breaks, and children at play. Young men used to engage in such sports to try to impress their chosen ones or to compete with boys from a neighbouring village. Today, sports disciplines such as rope pulling, rock throwing, horseshoe tossing or partaking in a sack-race do not have a serious competitive character, but provide great fun for both the participants and the supporters.

www.opcina-bizovac.hr

AUTUMN IN BARANJA

**Beli Manastir
September**



Photo: Ivica Bela

In autumn, Baranja is dotted with a collage of colours. Wherever you look, the image blurs in shades of red, yellow and brown. This is a time when chimneys in Baranja spill the mouth-watering aromas of homemade food, when brandies are distilled, and vegetables are pickled for the upcoming winter. Those are the days when the entire wealth of traditional Baranja cuisine is available in one place - in Beli Manastir. While you're trying to decide which pot to dip into, check out some of the stands where the hosts present ancient crafts and trades. The pleasant atmosphere is enhanced still further by numerous folklore groups performing authentic Baranja songs.

www.tzbaranje.hr

VISITING THE OLD TIMES

Otrovanec
September



Photo: Josip Mikolčić

Those curious of the past can visit the “Zlatni klas” farm estate, which displays a multitude of ethno details relating to this part of Podravina. Visitors can see how our forefathers lived and a demonstration of crafts and trades (manufacture of wooden bowls, barrels, weaving, forging, wood turning), brandy distilling, cooking of pumpkin seed oil, old social customs, folklore and national costumes, and create works of art using the oil on glass technique. This part of Podravina is also specific for its type of national music, which is dominated by cymbals and the violin, and can also be heard at the estate. Not to forget horses, which form an integral part of “Zlatni klas” and which visitors can ride or opt for a trip in a horse-drawn carriage.

www.pitomaca.hr

SLAVONIA MUSIC FESTIVAL

Požega
4 - 7 September



Photo: Foto Knajs

If you want to learn about the original Slavonian music, your search ends at this festival. As it happens, the *Slavonia Music Festival* is a festival nurturing only the music of the endless Slavonian plains, the sounds of tambouras and love verses about family, loved ones and the homeland. The festival programme will take you on an unforgettable journey through the long standing musical tradition of Slavonia, and provide you with the opportunity to hear some modern music, songs that never leave the top of the radio charts. Since the *Slavonia Music Festival* is a successful combination of traditional and entertainment events, each visitor is guaranteed a good time.

www.pozeskifestival.hr

ILOK GRAPE HARVEST

Ilok
6 - 7 September



Photo: Sergio Gobbo

In the easternmost part of Croatia – in the town of Ilok, the Ilok Grape Harvest has been traditionally held since 1962. The event ensues from an old Srijem custom known as “pudarina”, where commoners gathered at the beginning of the harvest to guard the vineyards, prepare the work and celebrate a good year and yield, and of course, to socialise. Visitors can travel to the event through the excursion programme “Traminac express” and enjoy the daytime and evening cultural entertainment programmes, ranging from preserving customs in the vineyards, professional and fun workshops and promotions, to exhibitions, sports events, folklore and concert events and of course, the accompanying eno-gastronomic offer, mostly found in the old town core – the fortress.

www.turizamilok.hr

VINKOVCI AUTUMNS

Vinkovci
19 - 21 September



Photo: Darko Puharić

The people of Vinkovci often say: “Once you’ve been to *the Vinkovci Autumns*, you will always return!” Indeed, it is hard to resist the charms you are immersed in during those ten autumn days. The whole town and its visitors live for the songs and dancing. *The Vinkovci Autumns* is a folklore festival nurturing not only the tradition of Slavonia, but also other customs from across Croatia, thus celebrating the time of year when nature rewards our yearly efforts. The louder the singing and laughter the greater the gratitude of people for good crops - you are invited to join them and experience the atmosphere of times gone by.

www.vk-jeseni.hr

WINE MARATHON

Zmajevac
4 October



Photo: Ivica Getta

The Wine marathon is a first-class spectacle that is, probably, the best wine event in the whole of continental Croatia. The event includes a full-day programme with a gourmet occasion, fairs, exhibitions, performances of folk groups, competition for wine producers and their wines evaluated by marathon-visitors, while at the end of the evening there are concerts held in the wine surduks (furrows), which are among the most beautiful examples of cultural heritage in Baranja.

www.tzbaranje.hr

EMPRESS MARIA THERESA AND BARON FRANJO TRENK ON SAINT MARTIN IN

KUTJEVO, Kutjevo
8 - 9 November



Photo: Zlatko Burivoda

The citizens of Kutjevo never miss a chance to share their good times with their guests. Hence the celebration of the visit of Maria Theresa who stayed in Kutjevo back in 1741. The locals never forgot the honour she thus bestowed on Kutjevo, and they celebrate it with a grand extravaganza that easily takes us back three centuries into the past. A formal procession of historical formations, brass music and various associations marches through the town, and a theatre production is staged in front of the Kutjevo Castle.

www.tz-kutjevo.hr



CITY OF ZAGREB

AUDI FIS SKI WORLD CUP “VIP SNOW QUEEN TROPHY” 2014

Zagreb, 4 and 6 January



Photo: Studio Hrg

Sljeme mountain and Zagreb expect the best slalom skiers from four continents and also some hundreds of team members and officials. Together with the sporting excitements that await us on Sljeme mountain, the city itself will experience a true skiing atmosphere. On the main Ban Jelačić square, a few days before the competition starts, a public draw of numbers for the competition will take place and this will be accompanied by an entertainment programme and concerts. On Sljeme, after the day women's slalom, one of the greatest racing ski legends, the traditional 'dm Zagreb Ski Legends' will take place.

www.vipsnowqueentrophy.com

KRAVAT-REGIMENT GUARD CHANGE

Zagreb
April - September



Photo: Vladimir Superina

The Kravat Regiment is a Croatian light cavalry regiment from the XVII century. Except for the extraordinary heroism of its soldiers, the cavalry was recognisable for the picturesque scarves worn around the neck by its soldiers as part of their uniform, after which the tie is named. The scarf, worn in a knot, quickly became a fashion accessory and was known by the ethnic name of the Croats; as Krobatten in Germany and as Cravate in France. Through the establishment in 1664 of the Croatian regiment, the Royal Cravattes, in the French Royal Army, the cravat officially received a certificate of originality. Tourists can learn more about this and other stories if twenty minutes to noon, they head toward the Upper Town. Each guard change begins with a parade and review of the guard's arms. The ceremony involves an entire formation of 12 soldiers and horsemen, after which they separate and head for St. Mark's Square (side entrance to St. Mark's Church), the Ban Josip Jelačić square and the Statue of Virgin Mary on Kaptol. They are accompanied by armourers, trumpeters, drummers, standard bearers and the commander. The whole event gives tourists an insight into the lost traditions of soldiers from the glorious past.

www.zagreb-touristinfo.hr

ZAGREB TIME MACHINE

Zagreb, 12 April -
28 September



Photo: Tourist board of Zagreb

As soon as the April sun finds its way through the remnants of the winter clouds, the streets of Zagreb become the venue for a whole array of happenings which last until the autumn chills start, and which take us back through the history of the city. Walking through the streets of the Upper Town, the old part of Zagreb, you are certain to come across characters that made Zagreb famous - singers of old parlour ballads, bohemians or peasant women from the village of Šestine. Meanwhile, from the pavilion in the Zrinjevac park in the centre of town, the enchanting sounds of the waltz and tango will be heard again, just as depicted in old films and sentimental photographs.

www.zagreb-touristinfo.hr
facebook.com/zagrebbackivremeplov

FESTIVAL OF ST. MARK

Zagreb
25 April - 11 May



Photo: Luka Gusić

The Upper Town of Zagreb, its old town core and the national political and administrative centre, and downtown Zagreb, representing a broader centre of the city, are abundant with centuries-old sites - the driving force behind the cultural life. There are countless facilities that seem to have been built for high art, especially music. Keeping that in mind, the organisers of *St. Mark's Festival* decided to use all these concert and sacral facilities to provide the residents of Zagreb and their guests with a few days of virtuosic music. This year, we are once again expecting both local and visiting soloists and ensembles, whose performances will leave you breathless.

www.festivalsvmarka.hr

GRIČ SECRETS

Zagreb

May - September

(Fridays and Saturdays)



Photo: Nina Đurđević

Zagreb's tourist offer is enriched by an interesting night tour of the Upper town (Gornji grad) - *Secrets of Grič*. The tour of the Upper town in the late evening hours is for all those visitors and citizens of Zagreb wishing to discover the historic and mysterious side of the capital. Visitors actively participate in various feature events of Zagreb's past, some of which will make them shiver and some of which will move them. The tour is based on historic facts, on parts of a novel by Marija Jurić Zagorka, and on urban legends. It is also unique, as it takes place in the evening, with costumed guides and characters that interactively depict historic events from the city's past.

www.tajnegrica.hr

www.zagreb-touristinfo.hr

SUMMER AT STROSS

Zagreb

23 May - 15 September



Photo: Proglas

In one of the most romantic parts of Zagreb's Upper town (Gornji grad) - the Strossmayer promenade - an event with free daily ethno, jazz, soul, rock and other concerts is held. A fine arts colony and other interesting sights are also on offer to visitors. As part of *Summer at the Stross*, some bigger traditional events are also organised, such as a countdown to the half-year with celebration fireworks, a beauty pageant for mixed-breed dogs and a fashion show by students from Zagreb's schools for textile and design.

www.ljetonastrosu.com

FLORAART

Zagreb
28 May - 1 June



Photo: Floraart

A part of Zagreb referred to as new Zagreb stretches along the south bank of the Sava River. Different parts of new Zagreb are dotted with green oases. Budek, a lake with a promenade around it and a children's playground nearby, is one of those oases. Thanks to its beauty, Budek is a perfect location for the international gardening show *Flora Art*, a flower exhibition offering endless combinations of colours and scents coming from diverse and interestingly arranged flowers.

www.floraart.net
www.zrinjevac.hr

ZAGREB TOURFILM FESTIVAL

Zagreb
5 - 7 June



Photo: Zagreb Tourfilm Festival

Zagreb Tourfilm Festival is an international festival of tourism films that show various types of tourist attractions – from the promotion of tourist destinations, offers of adventures, extreme sports, nautical tourism, hotels and resorts, people, culture and traditions, religious, rural tourism, and many other specific forms of tourism. It is a venue for gatherings of travel lovers who will be able to enjoy the festival which will screen the best films in the world in different categories. Along with the film programme, there will be a varied entertainment programme for festival guests. During the festival, there will also be a 'round table', a variety of workshops, promotions of travel books, prize contests for visitors, special exhibitions and many other surprises that will enrich the cultural life of Zagreb.

<http://zagreb-tourfilm.com/>

CEST IS D'BEST

Zagreb
5 - 12 June



Photo: Proglas

There is not a single spot in the city centre that cannot be used by street entertainers, merry and wonderful people taking every chance to brighten the daily routine for passersby hurriedly carrying out their daily chores. Stop for a while and let a silly clown bring tears of laughter to your eyes, reward the effort of a man dedicating his life to spreading good vibrations with a laugh. Close your eyes and get into the spirit of music played by the street musicians or let an acrobat convince you that the human body is much nimbler than you thought it was. Let the jugglers and fire eaters hypnotize you with their street spectacles, let mimers and magicians extend the scope of your imagination and make an effort to reward them by a sincere applause and toss a coin or two into their hat. They are all here during the *Cest is d'best*, a festival transforming the streets of downtown Zagreb into a bright world of circus and street theatre for a week or two. The city is never so colourful and never so full of positive spirit of carelessness as when clowns and entertainers walk its streets. Believe us, they come to the Zagreb festival from the remotest parts of the world.

www.cestisdbest.com

EVENINGS ON GRIČ

Zagreb
21 June - 15 July



Photo: Daniel Ilie

From classical music, to jazz and folklore, lovers of serious musical genres will come into their own when summer arrives in Zagreb. Walking through the streets of Zagreb's Downtown and Upper Town, the romantic sounds can be heard from practically every corner. In the course of its tradition of a quarter of a century, the *Evenings* have hosted not only the established artists but also the young and up and coming, and undoubtedly enthusiastic musicians whose vibrant approaches ensure that the programme always remains fresh and topical.

www.kdz.hr

INMUSIC FESTIVAL

Zagreb
23 - 25 June



Photo: Samir Cerić Kovačević, InMusic

The ninth edition of InMusic festival will be held from 23 to 25 June 2014 at the already familiar location of the Isle of Youth in Zagreb's Jarun. Each year, the InMusic festival attracts many current and legendary names from the world music scene, and some of them, who have performed over the past years, were: Arctic Monkeys, New Order, Mando Diao, Franz Ferdinand, Nick Cave, Moby, Lily Allen, Iggy & The Stooges, Kraftwerk, Billy Idol, Massive Attack, Morcheeba, Arcade Fire, Jami-roquai... In 2013, the InMusic festival received great acclaim such as that by U.S. Huffington Post which ranked the Inmusic festival among the top 10 festivals in the world to visit as did travel portals such as Global Grasshopper and Travel Freak . In the recent years, for two consecutive years, the CNN included InMusic among the top 50 festivals in the world and the BBC published an excellent review about the InMusic festival

www.inmusicfestival.com

FANTASTIC ZAGREB FILM FESTIVAL

Zagreb
27 June - 5 July



Photo: Nina Đurđević

Fantastic Zagreb Film Festival is a fiction and related genres (science-fiction, horror, thriller, suspense, fantasy, animation, experimental, amazing drama) festival, and the first open-air film festival in Zagreb, which already in its initial stage, has been greatly accepted by the audience! With the perfect location of a summer stage at Tuškanac Open-Air cinema, *Fantastic Zagreb* will, through a series of attractive outdoor screenings and other festival events, further enrich the summer cultural scene in Zagreb.

www.fantastic-zagreb.com

INTERNATIONAL FOLKLORE

Zagreb
16 - 20 July



Photo: Davor Šiftar

The 48th International Folklore Festival will be dedicated to the folklore and other traditions of Medjimurje region. In this small area, there are many forms of traditional culture, especially folk music and dance. Along with the performances of numerous Medimurje folklore societies that promote artistic expression of their region, selected ensembles from other Croatian regions and also from distant foreign countries on the stages of Gradec and main Ban Jelačić square, there will also be presented a tradition of distinctive church singing as well as contemporary pieces from the field of ethno-music. Stage performances will combine with accompanying programmes - dance and music workshops, an exhibition and fair of traditional crafts and souvenirs.

www.msf.hr

I.A.A.F. - WORLD- CHALLENGE ZAGREB - HANŽEKOVIĆ MEMORIAL

Zagreb, 2 September



Photo: Renato Brandolica

This I.A.A.F. - World Challenge Zagreb is the oldest competition in Croatia, which sees regular appearances by the best Croatian athletes, led by Blanka Vlašić, Sandra Perković and the most promising Croatian talents. The memorial 110m hurdles has long been named after the pre-war Zagreb representative, Boris Hanžeković. In the past six decades, more than 100 Olympic, world and European champions and record holders have competed at athletic venues in Zagreb.

www.zagreb-meeting.com

ZAGREB FILM FESTIVAL

Zagreb
19 - 26 October



Photo: Zagreb Film Festival

Zagreb Film Festival is a venue not just for film buffs, but for many other visitors to whom the festival programme successfully opens up new horizons into the field of film art. The Festival programme includes films that are not necessarily of a commercial character, but lean towards artistic creation. However, the films presented at the *Zagreb Film Festival* invariably become hits among serious film audiences. As these are often films having no regular distribution, the festival also represents a unique opportunity to even see the films. Film screenings are accompanied by excellent concerts, so you are guaranteed a great time in addition to new films.

www.zagrebfilmfestival.com

ADVENT IN ZAGREB

Zagreb
29 November 2014 -
6 January 2015



Photo: Unex Group

Advent in the Heart of Zagreb is a series of holiday events held on the city's squares, bringing the spirit of Advent and Christmas to guests and citizens of Zagreb through a rich musical and artistic programme. Interested citizens, guests and passers-by can enjoy various programmes by numerous cultural societies, children's choirs, drama ensembles, dance groups and music bands, or shop at fairs tailored for the occasion.

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