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MEET OUR FRIENDLY HOTELS AND CAMPSITES IN CROATIA'S TOP DESTINATIONS

AMINESS - A GUEST'S BEST FRIEND



Aminess Hotels & Campsites is a unique brand in the market thanks to its employees and guests. Its uniqueness is reflected in the caring and friendly approach our staff has been nurturing for decades with guests. Aminess personifies hospitality, as echoed in its name derived from the French word ami (friend) and the suffix ness, highlighting our core values: friendliness, kindness, happiness. Rather than being just a newly coined term for friendship, the Aminess brand embodies the experience of staying at our facilities offering a pleasant and friendly atmosphere in which our guests feel relaxed and welcome. The brand also symbolises our dedication to creating inspirational experiences you will want to relive again and again. It is precisely our friendly attitude to guests that creates lasting relations.

ABOUT AMINESS



From the small Novigrad company established in the 1970s, Laguna Novigrad d.d. has grown into a reputable tourist company operating under the Aminess brand, whose portfolio includes a total of twelve hotels, four camp sites, and holiday villages in Istria, Dalmatia and Kvarner.



As part of Umag and Poreč tourist companies established about fifty years ago, and then a separate business entity based in Novigrad, Laguna Novigrad became a joint-stock company in 1994 after undergoing an ownership transformation process. The company has gradually expanded its portfolio from Istria to Dalmatia by acquiring hotels on Korčula, Pelješac and Krk, now managed under the Aminess Hotels & Campsites brand launched in 2016. Given its capacities and development potential, the business goal of Laguna Novigrad d.d. is to be among the five leading hotel groups in Croatia.

Our name reflects our essence

The name Aminess is derived from the French word ami (friend) and suffix -ness echoing hospitality and our core values: friendliness, kindness, happiness. It embodies the experience of staying with us, in a pleasant and friendly environment where everyone feels cheerful, relaxed and welcome. The Aminess brand is a reflection of the company's efforts to create inspirational experiences to which people are happy to return. This is best evidenced by the many guests that keep coming back to us for years.

Serving you relaxing and sunny destinations

Aminess Hotels & Campsites are located in Novigrad in Istria, on the islands of Krk and Korčula and the Pelješac peninsula. In the immediate vicinity of the sea, bathed in sunlight and surrounded by the Mediterranean greenery, they offer a friendly service and a wealth of amenities. However, they are most treasured for the special feelings they evoke: a getaway from the hustle and bustle in which you can celebrate the little things: nature, sea, sun, happy gatherings, pleasant music, gourmet food and a myriad of sports activities...

We are all eyes and ears for you

Each of our guests has their own vision of a perfect holiday, so each of our hotels and campsites has something unique to offer. You can choose among romantic, family-oriented or pet-friendly properties nestled in the heart of the city, near enchanting beaches, or immersed in vineyards and olive groves, becoming one with the nature surrounding them. We want you to find accommodation that resonates with your desires and interests and meets all your needs. That is why we organise gourmet evenings, weddings, congresses and seminars, create special wellness packages, take you on authentic excursions, recommend the best beaches in the area and offer a handful of tips for a holiday full of unforgettable moments.







HOTELS

NOVIGRAD, ISTRIA Aminess Maestral Hotel 4* Aminess Laguna Hotel 3*

NJIVICE, KRK ISLAND

Magal Hotel by Aminess 3* Veya Hotel by Aminess 3*

OREBIĆ, PELJEŠAC PENINSULA

Aminess Grand Azur Hotel 4* Aminess Bellevue Hotel 4* Aminess Casa Bellevue 4* Orsan Hotel by Aminess 3*

KORČULA, KORČULA ISLAND

Aminess Port9 Hotel 4* Aminess Liburna Hotel 4* Aminess Korčula Heritage Hotel 4* Marko Polo Hotel by Aminess 4*

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KORČULA ISLAND, DALMATIA Aminess Port9 Residence 4*

OREBIĆ, PELJEŠAC PENINSULA Aminess Bellevue Village 4*



HOLIDAY HOMES

NOVIGRAD, ISTRIA Holiday Homes Maravea 4* Holiday Homes Sirena 4*

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KORČULA ISLAND, DALMATIA Port9 Holiday Homes by Aminess

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NOVIGRAD, ISTRIA Aminess Maravea Camping Resort 4* Aminess Sirena Campsite 4*

NJIVICE, KRK ISLAND Aminess Atea Camping Resort 4*

KORČULA, KORČULA ISLAND Port9 Campsite by Aminess





Connected by an invisible thread

Aminess Hotels & Campsites is a unique brand in the market thanks to its employees and guests who have made it such together. This uniqueness is reflected in the caring and friendly approach our employees have been nurturing with guests for decades. It is a relationship that transcends mere kindness and turns every interaction into pure pleasure for both the guest and the employee. An individual, thoughtful and reliable approach is the secret ingredient of the Aminess brand serving you magical holiday moments and nurturing what we are immensely proud of – lasting relations.





INTERVIEW WITH THE CEO ZRINKA BOKULIĆ



Aminess Hotels & Campsites have long been the first choice of those who look for a unique holiday experience in Croatia's most beautiful tourist destinations. Zrinka Bokulić has held the position of Laguna Novigrad's Management Board Chairwoman for almost a decade now, boosting the Aminess brand awareness together with her team. Read our exclusive interview with Zrinka Bokulić to find out why Aminess is every guest's best friend.

1. The development of the Aminess brand has been a turning point in Laguna Novigrad's more than 50-year-old history. What can you tell us about today's Aminess and what makes you especially proud?

Laguna Novigrad is a hospitality company with a rich history, which in 2016 saw a major turning point with the launch of the Aminess brand. Our portfolio has significantly increased over the last year and a half with the acquisition of hotels, campsites, an apartment village and a villa resort in Njivice (Krk island), on the island of Korčula and in Orebić (Pelješac peninsula). The acquisition of accommodation facilities on Korčula and in Orebić in the late 2020 was the company's largest portfolio purchase in the last 50 years. Aminess Hotels & Campsites today include 12 hotels, 4 campsites with more than 450 mobile homes, 92 apartments and a resort with 80 villas, with a total capacity of 4,850 accommodation units that can host more than 12,500 guests a day. We take great pride in the fact that the Aminess brand has become synonymous with a top-quality tourism product, which we develop in a structured and well-thought manner. Our goal is to build on the special relationship with our guests and create exceptional experiences and feelings, which is exactly why they keep coming back. With the Lasting Relations as our main motto, we nurture long-lasting relationships and hope to continue doing so in the years to come.

2. Aminess Hotels & Campsites is a unique brand in the Croatian market. What can your guests expect from their stay at Aminess?

Our employees and guests are the core components that make Aminess Hotels & Campsites a unique brand in our market. Its name comes from the French word ami, meaning 'a friend'. However, Aminess is not only a newly coined word, but rather a concept reflecting the experience of staying in a pleasant and friendly ambiance in which every person feels relaxed and welcome. Thanks to our diverse accommodation offer, we can keep up with the trends and create a tailored experience to make our guests feel at home and have a perfectly relaxing holiday.

3. We all know that customer satisfaction always comes first. How do you achieve it?

Our guests' wishes are a daily motivator. We put in a great deal of effort into creating a truly unparalleled, relaxed holiday vibe. Let's not forget our friendly employees, who treat each guest as an individual. Their friendly approach is what creates inspiring holiday experiences to which our guests keep returning. Through years of investing into our core values – guest-focused approach, teamwork, integrity and loyalty, we have created brand values that our guests, employees and partners truly appreciate.

4. What is the main advantage of Aminess Hotels & Campsites compared to your competitors? How do you stand out?

The uniqueness of Aminess Hotels & Campsites is primarily reflected through the thoughtful and friendly relationship our employees have been nurturing with guests for many years.

Owing to that special connection, Aminess offers a one-of-akind experience. It also takes pride in its gourmet offer – we have been successfully cooperating with chef David Skoko for many years, and he is the face of our internal Aminess gourmet brand. Members of the Aminess gourmet team have the opportunity to join, learn from and cook with top gourmet experts, which is best reflected in the three successful projects: Aminess Gourmet Lab – employee training, Aminess Wine & Gourmet Nights – exclusive dinners, and Aminess Cooking with Class by David Skoko – gourmet weekends featuring a culinary workshop.

5. Croatia is often placed among the most beautiful countries in the world. In your opinion, what is the future of its tourism?

Croatia is definitely among the world's most beautiful countries. Tourism should be developed in a way to become a sustainable, year-round industry, and this is the guiding force of Aminess Hotels & Campsites. We are constantly improving our products to surprise our guests with a new offer and amenities each year, and to make sure they have a tailor-made holiday. If the global epidemiological situation will allow so, I see both the Croatian tourism and demand for accommodation services growing further in the years to come. We are striving to diversify our tourism offer to the utmost benefit of our guests.

6. What are the future plans of Aminess Hotels & Campsites?

In order to offer our guests an even better level of service and additional amenities, we are constantly planning and developing new projects. We are preparing several major investments and are eager to present them soon. Our guests' satisfaction is what motivates us to do better from one year to another, and this is why we keep investing in Aminess.

7. Why do guests keep returning to Aminess?

Here at Aminess Hotels & Campsites we are focused on what we believe to be the most important thing: our guests' emotional needs. Our facilities offer top service and numerous amenities, and it is precisely the feeling we help create during their stay that makes guests keep coming back to Aminess.



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COLOURFUL. SUNNY. DESIRABLE.

NOVIGRAD

Novigrad is a fishing town on the western coast of Istria that has become a favourite destination of travellers searching for a relaxing seaside holiday. The town harbour of Mandrač, the bell tower with the statue of St. Pelagius, and colourful facades. This will be your first impression of Novigrad. If you dive a little deeper, you will discover friendly hosts, brilliant food, beautiful parks that turn into stages for summer events, a tame countryside interwoven with hiking and bike paths, and charming terraces right by the sea.



Relax. You have chosen one of Croatia's best places to live.

Istria – a perfect holiday destination

Istria combines a playful, sunny coastline and a mystical rural interior. Learn about this perfect destination for your next holiday!

Magical nature that you can discover slowly, because Istria is small enough to fit in your heart. And with 539km of coastline and 2820km2 of fragrant landscapes of vineyards, olive groves, hiking and bike trails, it's big enough to make your Istrian adventure last. Discover fishing towns alongside the turquoise sea and the hilltop fortresses of the rural interior wrapped in the rich history of Istria written by the cultures of the East and West, central Europe and the Mediterranean. Find a great local tavern or agrotourism farm and enjoy fragrant truffles or delicious boškarin beef goulash. If you prefer seafood, try freshly caught sole, calamari, or delectable Mediterranean scallops. And enjoy, because... everything you try in Istria is bursting with unforgettable flavours.





The history of Novigrad

Novigrad was settled in ancient times, and it is mentioned in written documents as Neapolis as far back as the 7th century. Novigrad enjoyed a renaissance between the 8th and 9th centuries as the seat of a Frankish prince and the starting point for feudalisation. Its favourable position and fertile interior brought conquest by the Lombards, Franks, Venetians, Habsburgs, and Italians. The story of the Novigrad's walls and towers began during Venetian rule in the 13th century. After their construction, the walls were renovated a number of times, and are perhaps the best witness to the town's identity and the many builders of its proud history.

Culture in Novigrad

In this modern space, which will pleasantly surprise those who are usually not fond of museums, guides will present a valuable stone collection, the 8th century Mauritius Ciborium, and reveal some of the small secrets of Novigrad's great past. Don't miss Rigo gallery, which was even visited by the famous Noam Chomsky, and make sure to see the Gallerion Austro-Hungarian Navy Museum to discover why it is rated so highly on TripAdvisor.

Activities in Novigrad

Novigrad is only a 1-hour drive from even the farthest away parts of lstria, meaning that all of lstria is within your reach for an active, fulfilling holiday. Start with your bike, a super-healthy mode of transport, which will lead you along well-maintained bike paths along the coast of Novigrad to the charming hilltop towns of rural lstria. Then jump into a kayak and paddle to the fascinating river Mirna ornithological reserve. Or join a boat excursion to eternal Venice or Brijuni National Park. And to finish off, walk to the centre of Novigrad and treat yourself to a glass of local Muscat. You've earned it!

Events in Novigrad

In summer, Novigrad is full of events, whether concerts, children's plays, gourmet festivals, or sports competitions. Novigrad presents its rich fishing tradition at its Gnam-Gnam festivals featuring asparagus, sardines, sole, scallops, and other seafood delicacies. Children will be thrilled by the street performer festivals, when the streets and parks are full of clowns, jugglers, and stilt walkers. Summer nights in Novigrad also often mean a chance to take in the starry night sky through a telescope or to enjoy concerts by young, up-and-coming musicians. Something for the whole family!



MOST BEAUTIFUL BEACHES IN NOVIGRAD AND ISTRIA, WHERE YOU WILL SPEND THE FUN AND CAREFREE MOMENTS OF YOUR HOLIDAY IN ISTRIA







Top 7 beaches in Novigrad and Istria

Aminess Maestral Hotel beach:

a spacious pebble beach with a Blue Flag offering lounge chairs, beach umbrellas and baldachins, beach gear, pedalboats and kayaks. Punto Mare summer fun centre is also close by, with good music, tasty bites, and refreshing drinks.

Aminess Laguna Hotel beach:

a stone and pebble beach with changing booths, showers, lounge chairs, and beach umbrellas. Part of the beach is in the shade of pine trees, which will especially please parents with children, as will the nearby waterpark designed just for kids.

Aminess Maravea Camping Resort beach:

a well-maintained stone beach flying a Blue Flag right beneath the campsite offers a wealth of activities, from tennis and beach volleyball to sailing. This is all complemented by a supermarket, bar and a waterfront restaurant.

Aminess Sirena Campsite beach:

this stone and partially paved beach with a Blue Flag has changing booths, lounge chairs, and showers. At the campsite, you can rent gear for beach and water sports, and you can find refreshments at the nearby restaurant or Punto Mare fun centre.

Kamenjak point, 10km from Pula:

beaches for lovers of the wilderness. They spread across the southernmost tip of Istria, and they offer especially clean sea and rich undersea life ideal for divers. Families with children can enjoy the sandy beaches, and those looking for privacy will love the secluded cliffs.

Koversada in Vrsar:

the largest naturist beach in Croatia and Europe. Koversada is mainly stone, and part of it has been adapted for children. There is a nearby island you can swim to. Lounge chairs and beach umbrellas are available for rent, and there are showers, restaurants, bars, and a special area for pets.

Lone bay in Rovinj:

with an open view of the old centre of picturesque Rovinj and the island of Katarina, the pebble beaches in Lone bay in the protected Zlatni rt forest park are ideal for families. However, there are also quiet corners for those looking for privacy.

FILL YOUR DAYS WITH ACTIVITIES AND PURE HEDONISM

AMINESS MAESTRAL HOTEL

The elegant Aminess Maestral Hotel features comfortable accommodation just above a wave-kissed pebble beach. Enjoy your favourite sport, relax in the sea or wellness centre and treat yourself to delicious food and heavenly wines in the hotel restaurant. Maestral offers you the ideal scenario for a new dimension of pleasure.

As soon as you enter your room, you will feel embraced with a warm lstrian welcome. Depending on whether you're travelling alone, as a couple, or with a big family, choose one of our comfortable single, double, or connecting family rooms. If you're looking for a more luxurious space for a special occasion, choose a suite with a living room and a graceful balcony.

As soon as you step out of the hotel, you'll step onto a beautiful pebble beach where endless tiny pleasures await you. The clean Adriatic Sea, pebbles, sun loungers and umbrellas are here to make your stay as comfortable as possible, not to mention the huge indoor and outdoor pools with a spacious sunbathing area.



One of the greatest assets of the Aminess Maestral Hotel is its gourmet selection. Its restaurants and bars have long been the favourite choice for fine dining with a touch of local or a refreshing cocktail by the sea.

The Aminess Maestral Hotel is a great starting point for exploring exciting local bike trails, playing tennis by the sea or keeping in shape with state-of-the art equipment in the hotel gym. Professional athletes have a number of services and amenities at their disposal for quality pre-season preparations. While your children participate in creative activities under the watchful eye of our entertainers at the Miramì mini club, you can dance and have fun at Punto Mare Fun & Beach Zone. You'll find the Aminess entertainment weekly programme at the hotel reception desk. Browse through it and choose your favourite activity!





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WELLNESS & SPA IN NOVIGRAD, ISTRIA

Begin your wellness experience in the saunas then indulge yourself on the loungers while enjoying a selection of fresh fruit and teas. Spend relaxing moments in the hot tub under the starry sky or choose one of the massages inspired by the scents of Istrian plants. Couples will love the romantic VIP Lalande SPA corner, and swimming enthusiasts will be thrilled by our semi-Olympic pool with a glass roof.



SPA zone

Abandon yourself to the pleasure of relaxation in the saunas and the hot tub of our sophisticated SPA zone. A special relax corner with a selection of teas and fresh fruit is also here for you to enjoy.

Massages and rituals

Your body deseves only the best, and it is our mission to make that happen. A variety of treatments inspired by the Mediterranean culture, aromas and indigenous herbs, all coming together to provide your body with perfect harmony it truly deserves.

Vip Lalande

Vip Lalande is an exclusive spot, made for complete enjoyment and relaxation for couples. This separated area comes with a heated waterbed, a whirlpool and Finnish sauna, and you can choose from a selection of massages and rituals to elevate your spa experience to a whole new level of pleasure. Relax with a glass of wine or a cup of tea, and spend some quality time with your loved one, soothed by the notes of a curated soundtrack. This is your special little corner where you can provide all your senses with some well-deserved relaxation.

Gym

Get in shape with high-tech exercise machines in our spacious gym with huge glass walls overlooking the surrounding green landscapes. If you need advice, ask our fitness professional, who will gladly assist you.







Tko kaže da se desert poslužuje na kraju?



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AMINESS PUNTO MARE FUN & BEACH ZONE



Some places simply radiate positive energy. At Aminess Hotels, this place has a name – Punto Mare. Maybe it's because you can relax here while taking in the view of the tidal infinity pool that spills into the sea, or sunbathe on comfortable lounge chairs while your kids play in the children's corner. Or because of the tasty treats you can enjoy along with a cocktail and relaxing music. Or maybe it's because you can shut out the outside world and enter the digital world with the great WiFi internet signal. Whatever the reason, Punto Mare is the quickest way to carefree summer fun.

What does Punto Mare have to offer?

- cocktails
- snacks / pizza-cut / ice cream
- tidal swimming pool
- sunbathing area with lounge chairs and parasols
- children's zone
- daily and nightly entertainment programmes
- DJ music / live evening music
- theme nights
- WiFi
- free parking





WHERE DREAMS COME TRUE

AMINESS MARAVEA CAMPING RESORT

Where the Istrian coast meets rolling hills covered in grape vines and olive trees, you will find Aminess Maravea Camping Resort – big enough to fulfil all your wishes, but small enough for a cosy holiday. It's thoughtfully designed accommodation includes a series of themed villages with amenities for families and children, couples, lovers of peace and quiet, and camping purists who love sleeping under the stars. You will be just a ten-minute bike or tourist train ride from Novigrad, and just a few steps from the beach. Imagine sitting on the terrace of your holiday home with a glass of wine in your hand while your children run happily towards the playground, or imagine yourself watching the sunset in front of your tent with the sound of cicadas in the background... and let us turn that dream into reality.

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To fulfil the wishes of all our guests, Aminess Maravea Camping Resort is divided into 825 landscaped pitches. Some of them are nestled amidst an oak forest, some are right on the coast, but all enjoy a lovely swimming pool complex with sunbathing area, modern sanitary facilities, and gourmet points where breakfast is just as thrilling an experience as dinner. Fully appointed pitches, sports facilities, kids' entertainment and free Wi-Fi internet mean you can look forward to a holiday in nature without a care in the world. The campsite also features unnumbered pitches for guests who prefer tent camping and lazing about in a hammock with a view of the blue sky.

The Aminess Maravea Camping Resort features cosy mobile homes distributed in six themed villages to suit various family holiday styles. A meditative setting, a luxurious seaside retreat, a paradise for kids, Istrian feel, Mediterranean details or a true classic. What mobile home suits you best?

Find your sunny corner at the beach or by one of the many swimming pools of the Aminess Maravea Camping Resort. All you need to bring is your bathing suit and we'll make sure you have the best aqua relax & fun moments you could imagine. There are plenty of reasons to be happy.







Kick off your day with warm bread and rolls delivered right to your mobile home or pitch. If you don't feel like cooking, pop by at the charming Loop restaurant or walk down to the Capa à la carte restaurant right by the sea. Take a refreshing break at the One Second lounge bar and if you crave a juicy burger, visit the nearby BBQ Point with a dazzling sea view. Missing a quiet cup of coffee? Bring your kids to MarBar, where we'll keep them entertained at the pools and in the playground.

MIRAMÌ Family Village

This uniquely designed village has been completely tailor-made for children, and offers everything they could possibly want on holiday – the sea, a swimming pool, next-generation playgrounds, all-day fun and entertainment. The educational displays placed around the campsite will inspire children to learn through play, letting them bring not only happy memories home with them, but new knowledge as well.

MIRAMÌ - Brilliant entertainment in the company of a playful octopus

Children are curious, quick, and... tireless. Just like our octopus Miramì, who will entertain your kids all day long at Aminess Hotels & Campsites. Miramì has eight tentacles, and can do many things at once (with a little help from her entertainer friends). She will get your little ones to participate in mini-Olympics, search for hidden treasure while learning about ecology, make souvenirs out of shells, and paint original t-shirts with their own little hands. Many kids will learn to swim with Miramì or perfect their technique in swim school. And for the perfect end to the day, there's another surprise an open-air movie night.

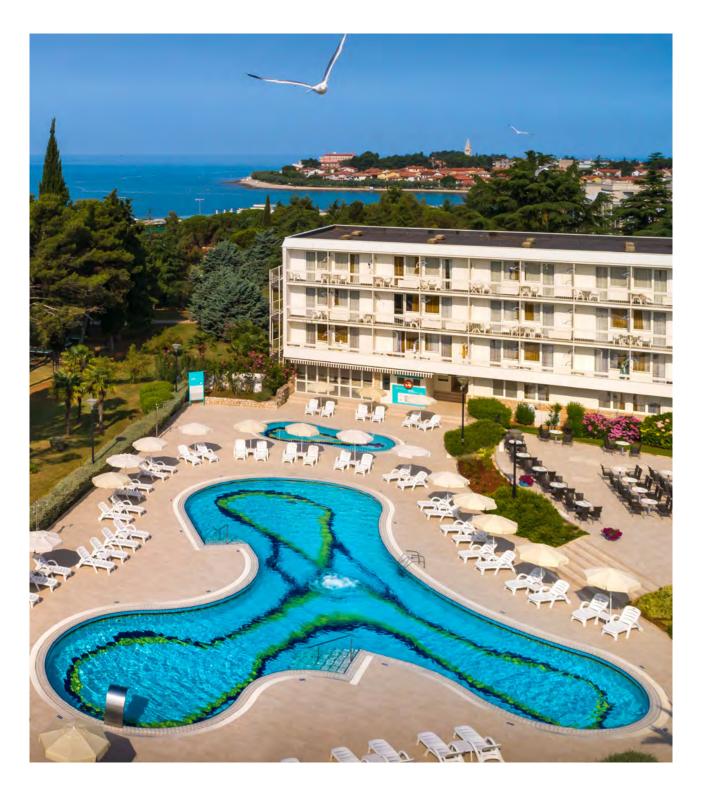
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Aminess Sirena is one of the most beautiful campsites in Istria. It is connected to the nearby town of Novigrad via a romantic coastal promenade. Surrounded by pine forest and peaceful bays, and just a stone's throw from town, Aminess Sirena is a destination for anyone looking to combine relaxation in nature with trips to town. This well-maintained campsite offers everything the modern family needs for a great holiday. Special attention has been paid to detail so that every pine cone, stone, and cicada might find its right place – in your great memories. Book a pitch or holiday home at Aminess Sirena and fill your holiday with magical experiences in one of the most beautiful campsites in Istria.





NOVIGRAD



HAVE A CHARMING HOLIDAY

AMINESS LAGUNA HOTEL

In an excellent location just steps from the beach and a seaside promenade that will lead you right to the centre of events in Novigrad, the Aminess Laguna Hotel is a cosy escape for a family holiday on the Adriatic. Its friendly staff welcome every guest with a smile, and will be glad to recommend local attractions to explore while you're staying in our comfortable rooms. Aside from the turquoise sea and relaxing pine forest, the hotel surroundings are full of sports amenities and well-kept trails perfect for walking, running or cycling. If you want to experience nature in a unique way and discover rare species of birds, we recommend a kayak trip to the nearby Mirna river.



THE ISLAND OF KORČULA

An island of living traditions

Korčula is the 6th largest Croatian island, and its seductive beauty makes it one of the top island destinations in the Mediterranean. The Greeks called Korčula black after the thick forests you will see from the ferry. Once you disembark, you will enter a magical world of bays, bike paths, stone cities, and traditional villages where time passes more slowly and life has a better flavour. Feel it in the taste of local Pošip and Grk wines, in the scent of citrus fruits and fresh fish. Experience the tradition of knights' dances and feel the good spirits of your friendly hosts.

The Town of Korčula

Carved in stone and surrounded by thick pine forest, the town of Korčula is a favourite destination of discerning travellers. The walls and towers surrounding Korčula hide a magical Renaissance-Gothic centre full of cobblestone streets, historic houses, and palaces. Curious travellers come to hear stories of Marco Polo, the famous seafarer. Romantics want to see the Moreška, the traditional local sword dance, while the wild at heart will be drawn to cycling paths and diving in the clear sea waters.



The History of Korčula

The town is intelligently laid out in a fishbone pattern: the angle of the eastern streets protect it from Bora, while the positioning of the western streets leave it open to the cool mistral. In the Middle Ages, Korčula began to develop the craft of stonemasonry, and walking through its streets you will find beautiful examples of 15th and 16th century Gothic-Renaissance style housing architecture. They were built out of local stone, and the facades of its houses, palaces, and churches are covered in intricate decorations and coats of arms. The beauty that will inspire you today was described long ago in the 15th century: Korčula is "as polished as a beautiful gem".



Culture on Korčula

Korčula's culture lives on in its traditional brotherhoods and sword dances, as well as in the melodies of klapa folk singing, which has earned a place on UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage List.

Korčula's residents are especially proud of the Moreška - a knightly sword dance from the 12th century once held across the Mediterranean that has survived only in Korčula. Korčula's brotherhoods, active since 1301 AD, were founded as religious orders whose members were nobles and commoners alike, even despite the great class differences of the times. Visit the local churches and explore their rich heritage.

Activities on Korčula

The island of Korčula is surrounded by crystal waters and 182km of coastline with countless beautiful beaches. If you still want more, you can explore the 48 islets off Korčula's coast.

Korčula is ideal for long seaside walks, cycling on the island's bike paths, or running. You can also rent a boat and search for the perfect bay for yourself or the whole family. The waters around Lumbarda are excellent for sailing and surfing, while the sandy beaches there are among the most beautiful in the Adriatic. If you want to dive deeper, Korčula's experienced divers will introduce you to the local undersea world.

Events on Korčula

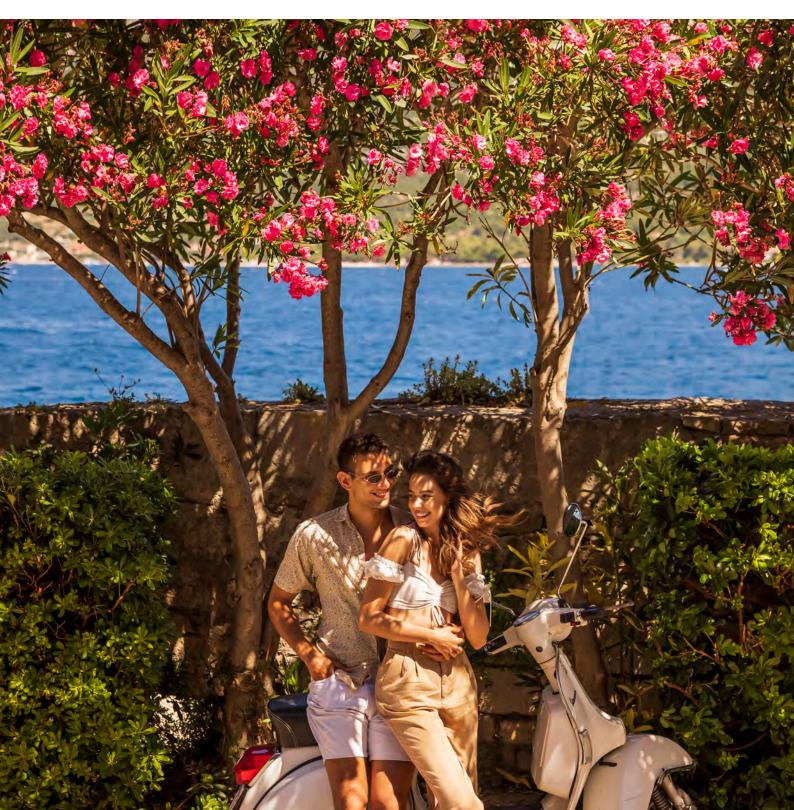
Choose Korčula for your next holiday and you will experience spectacular events, many of which are still held only on this magical Mediterranean island.

Learn about the Moreška, which will thrill you with its romantic story of a battle between a black and white king over a girl named Bula. You can witness a similar sword dance called the kumpanjija in Blato and Smokvica. Korčula's cheerful residents will serve you seafood specialties all summer at the Fishermen's Evenings. Feel the island tradition at folklore evenings and fall in love with the harmonious sounds of Dalmatian klapa folk singing.

Korčula's Cuisine

If it's true that the way to the heart is through the stomach, Korčula is a gourmet destination that you will fall in love with at first taste.

And how could you not, when its cuisine was inspired by the crystal clear Adriatic Sea, from which hardworking fishermen deliver fresh fish daily right to your plate? You will also enjoy traditional makaruni pasta and homemade pašticada stew, which pair perfectly with local Pošip or Grk wines. The juicy seasonal fruits and vegetables will take you back to your childhood, as will the taste of the local homemade cakes.



BEACHES ON KORČULA

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KORČULA IS SURROUNDED BY CRYSTAL CLEAR SEA, AND ITS 182KM OF COASTLINE HOLDS 96 BAYS WITH HIDDEN OR EASY-TO-FIND BEACHES. WE DISCOVERED THEM FOR YOU.



Top 7 beaches on Korčula

• Istruga beach (Smokvica/Brna)

is a small sandy beach in Istruga bay on the southern coast of Korčula. The beach has a restaurant and sports and recreation centre with 2 tennis courts, and is surrounded by Mediterranean vegetation. Istruga bay also stands out because of its 6-metre deep layer of sea mud, which has great therapeutic value.

• Vela Pržina beach (Lumbarda)

is the most popular beach on the island of Korčula, located on the south side of Lumbarda. It faces the open sea and the Lastovo island archipelago. It is surrounded by vineyards and protected from northerly and westerly winds. Vela Pržina is ideal for families with small children and young people in search of fun. It features a beach bar, and you can rent lounge chairs and beach umbrellas or play volleyball.



• Bilin Žal beach (Lumbarda)

is one of but a few natural sand beaches in Croatia. It is located on the north side of Lumbarda, and it has a beautiful view of the Pelješac Peninsula and the islands of the Korčula archipelago. The easy sea entry makes Bilin Žal a favourite beach among families. It also has a restaurant and bar, and the rich undersea life attracts divers.

• Tatinja beach (Lumbarda)

is a sandy beach just a few minutes' walk to the east of the centre of Lumbarda, in Tatinja bay. It features a few cafés, snack bars, pizzerias, and restaurants, making it an ideal spot for all-day seaside relaxation. The beach offers a breath-taking view of a group of small islands in the Korčula archipelago, the Pelješac Peninsula, and the town of Orebić.

• Pupnatska luka (Pupnat)

is located near the village of Pupnat, 15km from the

town of Korčula, and is considered by many to be the most beautiful beach on the island. This pebble beach is surrounded by Mediterranean vegetation, and is ideal for anyone who wants to get away from the hustle and bustle of city life and everyday stress. There is also a restaurant in the bay, making all-day stays possible.

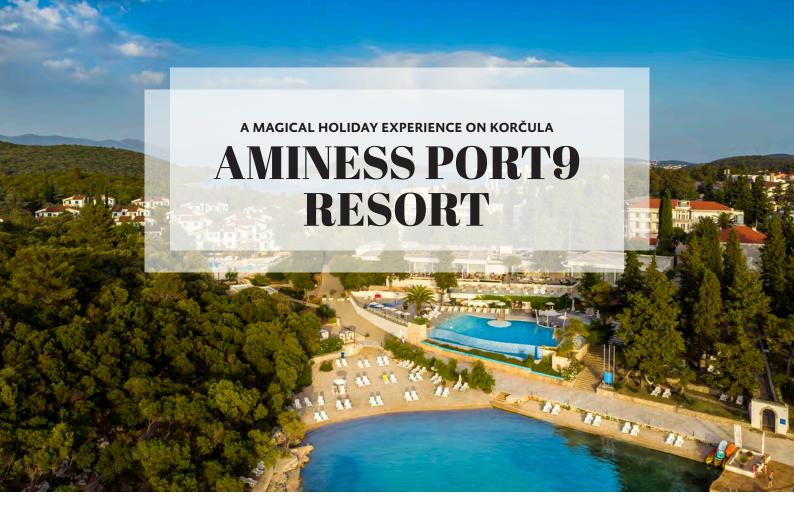
• Vaja beach (Račišće)

is located 1km west of Račišće and 12km from the town of Korčula. It is covered in pebbles and surrounded by crystal waters. This romantic, isolated place is ideal for those seeking peace, quiet, and complete relaxation.

• Badija island and its pebble and stone beaches

is just a 20 minute boat ride from Korčula harbour, and an excellent choice for a day trip. The island has a Franciscan monastery and restaurant and bar that are open in the summer months.





Countless songs have been sung about harbours. They are places which signify travel, adventure, and a desire to see the world - while simultaneously providing a sense of safety, the warmth of the hearth, and a safe heaven. If you are in the mood to explore – the Island of Korčula is full of treasures and stories about its thousand-year-old history and breath-taking natural sights.



Aminess Port9 Hotel

You are sure to discover your favourite summer resort amongst the excellent selection of accommodation at the Aminess Port9 Hotel! Get inspired by the stylish rooms amidst greenery in the Makul, Timun, Petral and Orno Pavilions or treat yourself to a touch of luxury and elegance in our newly renovated Melion. Whatever you choose, one thing is certain: prepare to be charmed by the scenery, the sea, swimming pools and various recreational and entertainment opportunities at the resort. The view, ambiance and gourmet experience at each of our ten Korčula-inspired restaurants and bars are sure to leave a lasting impression.

Aminess Port9 Residence

Aminess Port9 Residence, situated in a quiet area of the homonymous resort, offers a relaxing family holiday in modern apartments surrounded by olive trees, pines, cypresses and fig trees. If you are travelling with children, you will find everything you need here, from the beach and pools to the restaurants, bars, top entertainment and sport facilities. Once here, you will not want to return home!

Port9 Holiday Homes by Aminess

Fantasising about sailing in a boat to your little house on the Island of Korčula where the idyllic Mediterranean sea, pines and crickets are waiting for you? You are on the right spot then. In the quiet and intimate area of Port9 Holiday Homes by Aminess you will get a feeling as if you have stepped into a parallel universe. Being surrounded by pristine nature and, at the same time, close to a series of top facilities of the Aminess Port9 Resort, seems perfectly enough for planning unforgettable island experiences and adventures.

Port9 Campsite by Aminess

Whether you prefer the comforts of a hotel surrounded by old pine trees or an authentic camping experience, you'll find your favourite spot at Port9 Campsite by Aminess, just off the lovely Korčula town. With alluring sandy, rocky and pebble beaches kissed by the blue Adriatic on one side, and Aminess Port9 Resort activities galore on the other, you're in for a truly dynamic family holiday that will make both you and your children happy.



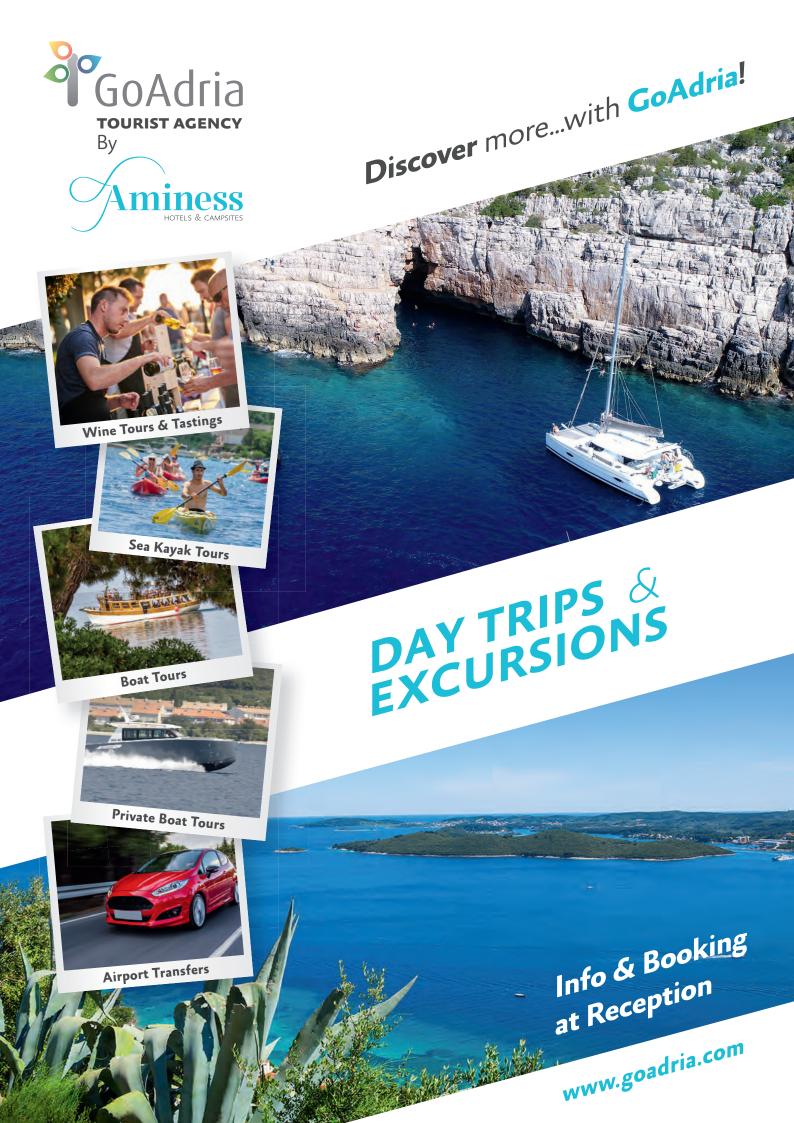


A swim in the sea to wake up in the morning, a cocktail in the pool with a spectacular view or an uproarious pool party? Our spaces and facilities cater to your every whim and mood. Pamper yourself at our beautiful, newly renovated beach or get comfy on the terrace by one of the inviting outdoor pools.

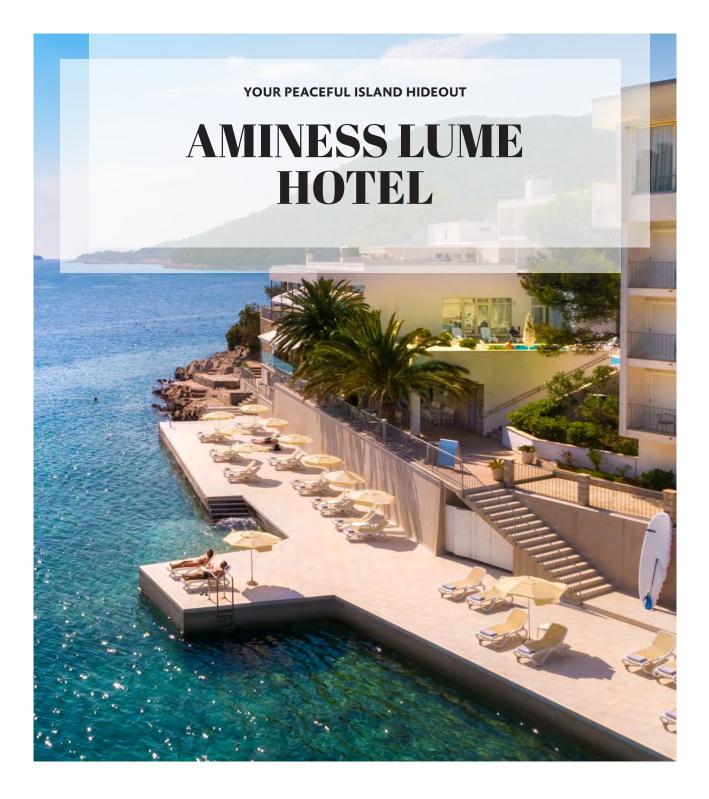
With ten restaurants and bars to choose from at the resort, you can treat yourself to a fully relaxed family holiday, free from worries about food or drink. Our well-stocked buffet will cater to the taste of every family member; and when you want a change of ambiance, you can pick between our à la carte restaurant, vintage tavern, or a whole range of bars for that perfect summer refreshment. Looking forward to spending time with your kids while enjoying a game of tennis, basketball or table tennis? Don't worry, our resort will cater to your every need, from a multipurpose playground and diving school to cycling, canoeing and SUP surfing.

Creatives, revellers, actors, dancers, athletes, gamers, the young and the young at heart – everyone will have their 5 minutes of glory with our carefully tailored programme of Aminess animation activities. Take some time to exercise, dance or just relax while the little ones act out their favourite roles at the Miramì Mini Club. Take a look at our programme and choose what works best for you!





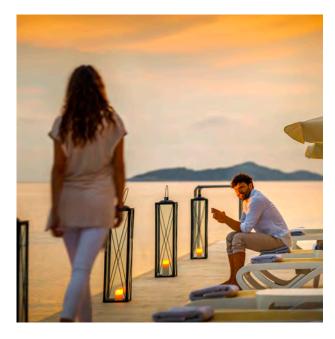
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Whenever you wish to escape the crowds, slow down, and find your happy place far, far away, the Aminess Lume Hotel's door are wide open. Hidden in a peaceful cove near the small village of Brna, a 20-minute ride from the town of Korčula and three meters from the sea, this hotel is an ideal romantic escape.

Turn off your mobile phone and computer and set your mind free. Wake up to the sound of the waves and rest your eyes on the magical blue from your balcony. While you are enjoying the relaxing moments cuddled up in your stylish room, leave everything else to our discreet and friendly staff.

Walking from the hotel to the sea, only one thought will occupy you – diving into the crystal clear waters. Stretch out on a warm towel on the beautiful beach in front of the hotel or on nearby, secluded rocks. If you like to laze in the swimming pool, you'll be thrilled by our outdoor pool overlooking the sea, and if you get the urge to explore, rent a canoe or learn to windsurf in the school nearby.







As you indulge in the aromas of the dishes specific for Korčula at the hotel restaurant's unique terrace, you will feel as if you were in a scene from a movie. Experience pure relaxation with the tasteful little morsels and cocktails offered at the aperitif bar by the sea, or visit a winery in the nearby Smokvica, a special experience for any wine enthusiast.

Learn to windsurf under the watchful eye of experienced instructors on the beach below the Aminess Lume. Rent a bike at the hotel and set off to explore magical Korčula's landscapes or join our kayak tours, which are an incredible way to get to hidden coves from the sea.



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A TRUE URBAN GEM AT THE HEART OF KORČULA AMINESS KORČULA HERITAGE HOTEL



Aminess Korčula Heritage Hotel, a vintage old-school lothario, located on the coast in the heart of the historic centre of the town of Korčula, not far from the city harbour - a hotel which has, for over a century, delighted travellers, guests, tourists, and hikers with its irresistible charm.

Hotel de la Ville, as it was named in 1912, was the first city hotel that, while harmoniously embedded in the lace-like stonework of the City, illuminated the zeitgeist with its belle epoque flare. This reputation has turned it into a monument of the tourist tradition of Korčula, and you can still feel this flattering praise as you step into the discreet shade of its spacious, hospitable terrace. A unique view of the Pelješac channel, which buzzes with the liveliness of sailing, yachting, boating, and surfing during the day, provides an amazing view of the spectacular sunset in the evenings.

Unsurprisingly, many celebrities and other famous people, like King Edward VIII, Wallis Simpson, the English writer Rebecca West, Jackie Kennedy, Sofia Loren, Henry Moore, and others have visited it throughout the whole century of its existence. On one of the islands most beautiful terraces, which has attracted select company for a variety of occasions throughout its long history, you will always find a safe heaven and serenity, shade and refreshment, a place for you to have fun with a lot of people or relax in a lonely corner; quests can feel the magical grandeur of its constancy even today.

The irresistible offer of this hotel is the moment when you step into the interior of the hotel reception, which, through its serene and hospitable whiteness, invites you to experience the adventure of staying in one of the rooms while signifying countless possibilities of a series a happy events awaiting you when you unlock the doors of its chambers and see the calming elegance of its halls. These are the spaces that inspired many young couples to celebrate their wedding. The charm of this timeless old-school Lotharios rooms reminds us of adventures straight out of our favourite novels. There are countless new stories written by the arrival of each new guest. However, the most important thing is to transform these experiences into the most beautiful memories. A COMFY HOTEL IN A FANTASTIC LOCATION ON KORČULA

AMINESS LIBURNA HOTEL



At a time when the tourism of the Island of Korčula experienced its first renaissance, in the now distant 1985, a new high-rise hotel building for tourists from all over the world appeared: the Aminess Liburna Hotel.

Another outstanding project by the excellent Croatian and International architect Bernard Bernardio, a Korčula native, who, in the 1950s, created contemporary works of architecture and design which certainly represent an indelible part of Croatian cultural history. His efforts, whether to create a good timeless practical product, or architecture which subtly communicates with the environment in which we live, have been permanently woven into the contemporary history of architecture and the structure of the Island of Korčula. They have undoubtedly anticipated changes in the future style and life of the city.

Now it is a four-star hotel, with 112 accommodation units categorized as rooms or suites. A large part of the accommodation units boasts, thanks to the enviable location of the hotel, a wonderful view of the city of Korčula. A rich part of the gastronomic offer constitutes of bar-concepts, where guests can choose from a selection of varied local and foreign drinks and cocktails and enjoy the specifics of the wine list. The richness of the vineyards of Korčula and Pelješac will satisfy the palate of every guest, and the unique interpretation of Mediterranean recipes pair well with local seasonal ingredients.

During their stay in the Aminess Liburna Hotel, guests can relax with the wellness treatments on offer, enjoy the pool or the beach right below the hotel, and the hotel also prrovides a variety of sports facilities - guests can play tennis with a view of Korčula.



KORČULA AT YOUR FINGERTIPS MARKO POLO HOTEL BY AMINESS

When in 1967 the architect Bernardo Bernardi placed the Marko Polo Hotel on a hill above the sea, an amazing location in the vicinity of the town from which, as many of our loyal guests would say, the most spectacular view of the Renaissance Korčula can be seen – who knows if he could have guessed that the area which was then known as "the zone outside the city walls" would transform into a picturesque extended part of the urban area. The Marko Polo Hotel by Aminess, named after one of the most famous sailors and the first ambassador ever, who sailed to the unknown from this very island to then provide the world with new knowledge – is the ideal refuge for world travelers.

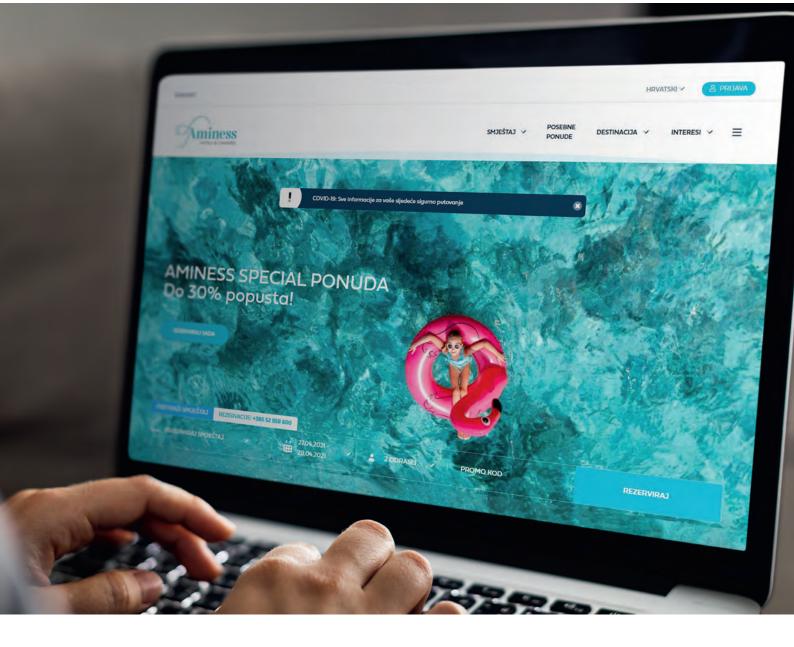
The quiet beauty of the well-planned architecture and design of this Mediterranean refuge is in harmonious sync with the peaceful exterior of the island, and it invites you to relax your mind and body completely. You can make your stay at the Marko Polo Hotel by Aminess active and adventurous if you choose to join the sailing school, where you can test your strength, technique and balance. You can explore the coastline of the island from a rented canoe, boat or paddleboat. If you like to praise the sea, but stick to the shore, as the old islanders would say, you can enjoy the walks or go jogging through the preserved nature of the most wooded Mediterranean island.

One of the most popular things in this hotel – one of our loyal guests' favorites – is the opportunity to enjoy local meals during themed evenings, which, accompanied by the Dalmatian melodies on the hotel terrace and good company in the lobby bar – are prepared by our chef who follows only local recipes, where little secrets of great experts are hidden.





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A SOUTHERN WIND OF ADVENTURE

OREBIĆ

Orebić lies on the southwest of the Pelješac Peninsula, below Sv. Ilija hill, and it faces the green island of Korčula, just a 15-minute boat ride away.

The town was made famous by captains and sailors, whose heritage speaks from the luxurious gardens of the captains' houses. Today, Orebić is a favourite destination of Europeans looking to escape the hustle and bustle of big cities. Spend your carefree moments here swimming, diving, or surfing at one of the most beautiful beaches in southern Dalmatia. And when you get hungry, look for a tavern and delight in fresh fish or lamb and delicious local Plavac Mali wine.

The History of Orebić

In 1584, Orebić was named after the Orebić family of sea captains who renovated the old castle and laid the foundations of the town.

Founded at the turn of the 16th century within the Republic of Dubrovnik, Orebić has always been a seafaring town. In the 17th century, the ships of Pelješac were an important part of Dubrovnik's merchant marine. The first shipyard on Pelješac was founded by Emperor Franz Joseph in the late 19th century. The importance of seafaring is witnessed by the many captains' houses and summer residences, and the vineyards and olive groves show how agriculture developed alongside it.









Culture in Orebić

Like the rope that ties ships to the coast of Pelješac, the culture of Orebić lives in its lasting relationship with its captains.

Valuable books, exotic plants, and items such as the Murano glass chandelier in the Our Lady of the Angels monastery... these have all been preserved today as a reflection of the wisdom and grace of the sailors that brought them from their long journeys. It is no surprise that it is still considered an honour to be a sea captain in Orebić. Orebić also has a strong Catholic tradition, boasting more than 40 churches and chapels and 17 Catholic graveyards.

Activities in Orebić

You've certainly heard that Pelješac is Croatia's top surfing destination. Thanks to the mistral, you can have endless fun doing windsports.

Surf on the waves, windsurf in the Pelješac Channel, or fall in love with paragliding. Bike or hike to the top of Sv. Ilija hill, the highest point on the peninsula, or relax with your family on the sandy beach of Trstenica beside the crystal clear sea. Try indigenous Plavac Mali wines on the "Pelješac Empire of Wine" wine route, and investigate the surroundings with a boat trip to Korčula or Mljet. Take an excursion to top destination Dubrovnik for your grand finale.

The Cuisine of Orebić and Pelješac

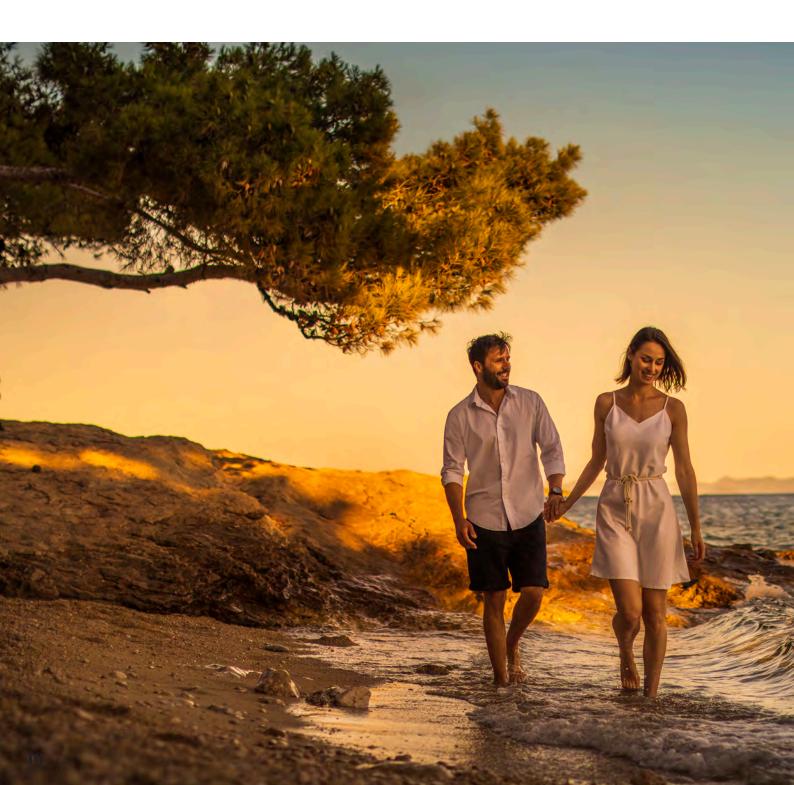
Even if you aren't a wine lover, you will be intrigued by the story of the Plavac Mali varietal from the southern slopes of Pelješac, told by hardworking winemakers.

Visit the steep vineyards of Plavac Mali that produce the grapes for the excellent Dingač and Postup wines. Seek out wineries, agrotourism farms, restaurants, and shellfish farmers in Orebić and on the Pelješac tourist road. Enjoy the aromas of orange and lemon, and make delicious seafood specialties like oysters from Ston and grilled sea bream or sea bass even more delicious with a drizzle of local olive oil. End your gourmet adventure with sweet arancini, klašuni or fritters.

Events in Orebić

If you choose Orebić and Pelješac for a holiday in Croatia during the warmer part of the year, in addition to the fantastic accommodation, you'll get a package of events to occupy your body and soul.

Numerous gourmet events will spoil your tastebuds with the best southern Dalmatian red wines and delicious traditional meals. A cappella klapa folk music on the promenade will provide a fascinating musical background. If you want to learn to sing, attend a music workshop held by Klapa Nava. And if you want to see the best surfers, don't miss the Croatian Open Windsurfing Championship in Viganj.



BEACHES IN OREBIĆ AND ON PELJEŠAC

Top 9 beaches on the Pelješac Peninsula

Pelješac is well-known for its pristine nature and its coast lined with sandy and pebble beaches. Far from roads and traffic, and yet easily accessible by car. Discover your favourite among the top 9!

• Aminess Grand Azur Hotel beach

is a pebble beach that offers lounge chairs, a bar, an à la carte restaurant, and a beautiful view of the island of Korčula. This beach is visible from Marco Polo's house. Who knows, maybe it was this very beach that inspired him to explore the world...

• Trstenica beach

on the south side of the peninsula near Orebić, is one of the best-known family beaches in the region. The waterline of the beach is lined with pebbles, while the underwater part is sandy. You can rent lounge chairs and beach umbrellas at Trstenica beach, or simply lay out in the natural shade of the trees.

• Prapratno beach

is located in Prapratno bay on the south side of the Pelješac Peninsula, 6km from Ston. This long and shallow sandy beach is especially suitable for families with small children and non-swimmers. As well as for anyone looking to relax surrounded by old pines and olive trees or play beach volleyball, tennis, basketball, or paddle-boating.





• Divna beach

is located in Duba bay, 10km from the town of Trpanj. This sandy and pebble beach attracts travellers with its natural beauty and striking contrast of green and blue.

• Jezero beach

is located in Jezero bay, 1km from the village of Duba. This sandy and pebble beach is the ideal place to set off on a boat ride to get in touch with unspoiled nature. Its beauty and simplicity is accentuated by the lake that surrounds it, whose water runs into the sea through a clear stream that runs over the white beach.



• Viganj beach

is located in a wide bay, and is a large pebble beach surrounded by clear waters. Viganj is a surfing and windsport centre. But it also offers a multitude of other activities, like diving, cycling, hiking, or free climbing.

Podobuće beach

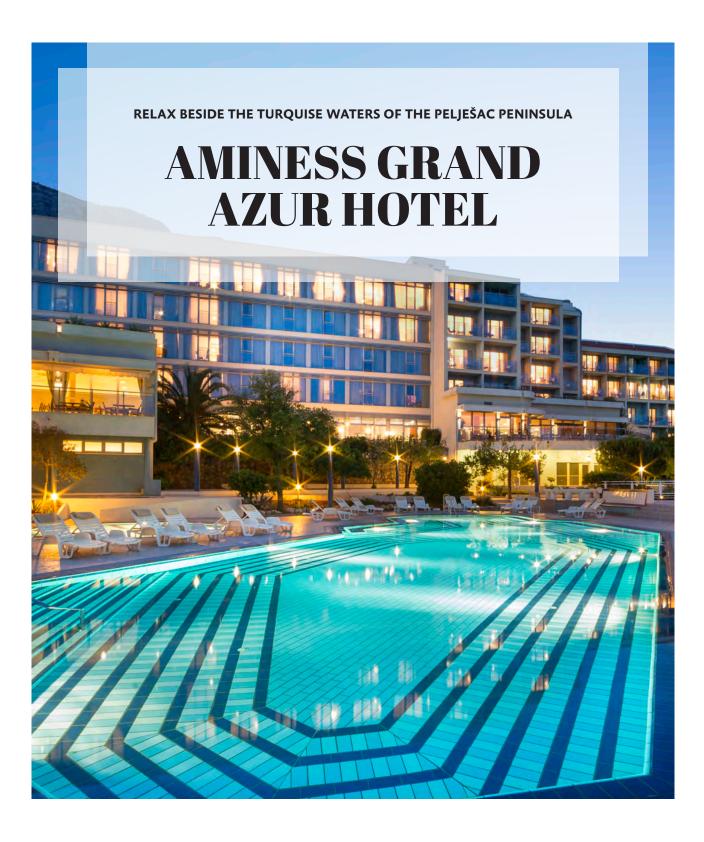
is located in a peaceful bay on the south side of the Pelješac Peninsula in the town of Podobuće, 11km east of Orebić. In addition to the lovely beach in the town centre, there are many more small beaches nearby. The water is very clean, excellent for swimming and all kinds of water sports, while the western part of the village offers a wonderful view of the surrounding area and is ideal for a stroll.

Mokalo beach

is located on the south side of the Pelješac Peninsula in the village of Mokalo, 4km east of Orebić. This beautiful pebble beach faces the island of Korčula, and it is surrounded by crystal clear waters.

Vučine beach

is located in Žuljana bay in a peaceful village on the southwestern coast of Pelješac with a view of the island of Mljet. The bay is full of pebble and sand beaches, one of the most beautiful of which is Vučine beach. Surrounded by turquoise waters and thick pine forest, it is a favourite among families, and its numerous undersea caves attract many divers.



The magical view of the sea from your room at the Aminess Grand Azur will make you immediately forget about the rest of the world and surrender to the waves of complete relaxation. Swimming in the immense blue sea, the outlines of Korčula in the distance, pebbles under your feet, tasty breakfast on the hotel restaurant terrace... those are just a few of the pleasant experiences awaiting you here. Welcome to your well-deserved holiday in the beautiful South Dalmatia. Make yourself comfortable in one of the 185 rooms or suites and enjoy a warm Dalmatian welcome coupled with a truly spectacular sea view. Just in front of the hotel, you'll find a lovely beach covered in fine pebbles, perfect for a natural foot massage. If you'd rather enjoy a professional massage, visit the beauty salon located on the ground floor of the hotel. Children will be thrilled to dive in the transparent sea or bathe in the action-packed swimming pools. For those of you who like to build castles, there is a large sandy beach in Trstenica bay, and if you'd rather find a nice hideout, there are many secluded rocky coves in the area.



The hotel restaurant awaits you with fresh ingredients and excellent olive oil. Let us remind you that Pelješac is home to one of the most appreciated Croatian wines, Plavac mali, which will enhance your dining experience.

Hotel's location right near a pebble beach means loads of fun sea activities, like swimming or exploring the undersea world. Dive into in and discover sunken ships or unique submarine caves while your kids are playing barefoot in the shallows and looking for shells. If you are drawn to mountains, climb to Sv. Ilija peak and enjoy a magnificent view.

The Aminess Grand Azur is an exciting playground for the whole family. Our cheerful entertainers take turns on the outdoor swimming pool stage inviting you to join aerobics, tabata or dance. Children are offered tons of fun at the pool, in the playroom and Miramì mini club.



AMINESS BELLEVUE HOTEL

Boasting a spectacular location by the sea, in the renowned wine-growing region of Croatia, the Aminess Bellevue Hotel will enchant you with its classic ruby-red elegance. In 1935, when it was built, Bellevue was one of the most beautiful local palaces. Its traditional-style renovation honouring the maritime history of Orebić has given it a new splendour. You'll appreciate the heavenly view from its luxurious rooms and easy walking distance to the town. The island of Korčula is just a 15-minute boat ride away, and if you decide to hang around, a beach and a swimming pool are literally at your feet.

The Aminess Bellevue Hotel boasts stylish interiors inspired by the glorious maritime tradition of Orebić. Superb and friendly service is beyond question no matter what room you choose, however, for the truly romantic souls we recommend rooms overlooking the sea.

Set in the shade of slim pine trees just a stone's throw away from white pebble beaches, the Aminess Bellevue Hotel offers a magical view of Korčula. If you are dreaming about a relaxing stay on Pelješac, this hotel ticks all the boxes. Add a sun lounger and an umbrella, a crossword or a good read, and enjoy your well-deserved rest in South Dalmatia!

One look from the restaurant or the piano bar terrace is all it takes to wash your worries away and get you in the holiday mood. Choose from a variety of local and international dishes each day and enjoy our friendly service. In the evenings, sit on the piano bar terrace, the hotel's all-time hotspot.









Just off the hotel is a promenade that leads to the heart of Orebić. It's ideal for jogs and walks early in the morning or at sunset, when it's all peace and quiet. Tennis, table tennis and bocce courts are also available within the hotel. Want to try scuba diving? Take a scuba diving course in Orebić and explore the underwater world under the watchful eye of experienced instructors. You can also try your hand at windsurfing in Viganj, with fellow surfers from all over the globe - family fun guaranteed!



A DALMATIAN - STYLE HOLIDAY

AMINESS CASA BELLEVUE



Your stay at the Aminess Casa Bellevue, sheltered by a pine forest and Mediterranean greenery, will feel like resting in a magical garden with a sea view. Only a stone's throw away from the beach, this is a perfect getaway to enjoy the moment. It's great for families and travellers who appreciate privacy, natural surroundings and peace. The Aminess Casa Bellevue facilities include four accommodation blocks, named Dingač, Postup, Plavac and Mali after famous local wines, echoing Pelješac's distinct wine culture. All family rooms and suites feature a seaside balcony for you to enjoy the bracing sea air as soon as you open your eyes. If you're travelling with kids, you'll appreciate our comfy family rooms. Beaches that stretch right underneath your window invite you to feel smooth pebbles under your feet and dive deep into the turquoise Pelješac sea. With waters of the South Adriatic being so clear you can see right to the bottom, lying on the beach in the deep shade of pine trees will be a full-on wellness experience.



OREBIĆ

A RELAXING VACATION AWAITS YOU

AMINESS BELLEVUE VILLAGE

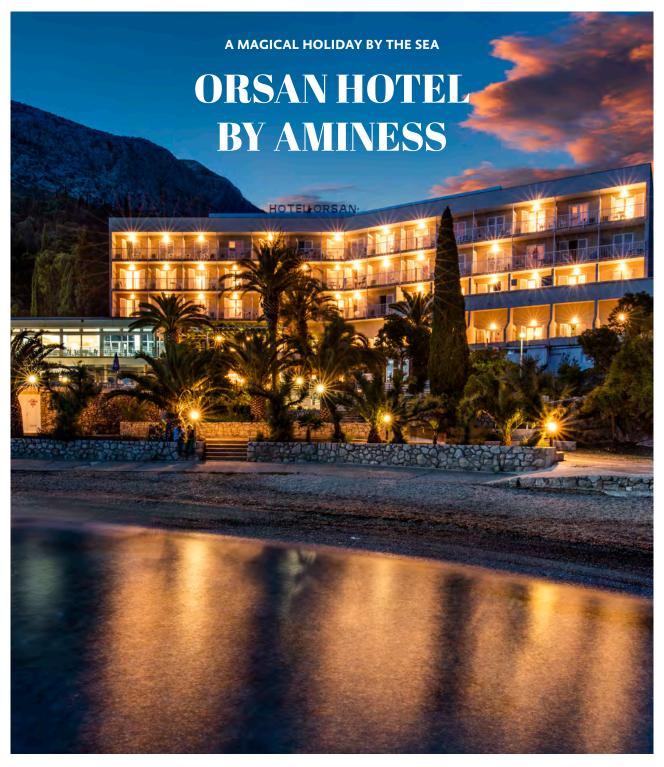


Surrounded by a garden full of orange trees, rosemary and sage, it is definitely a place where your whole family will find a peaceful haven. These traditional houses will charm you with their view of the greenery and the murmur of the Adriatic Sea you can almost touch from your terrace. When planning your holiday itinerary, be sure to include a boat trip to the island of Korčula, Mljet National Park or the world-famous city of Dubrovnik!

Aminess Bellevue Village includes 14 houses with 34 refurbished rooms. Nestled right next to the Aminess Bellevue Hotel, above a pebble beach and immersed in the Mediterranean garden, it can accommodate two to five people in three types of rooms you can choose from. All of them have a terrace overlooking the greenery or sea and everything you need for a cosy family holiday.

Diving into the crystal clear Adriatic Sea is simply a must on Pelješac. Known for its captains and sailors far and wide, in Orebić you'll feel the strong bond between its residents and the sea. If you'd like to try one of the Pelješac wines, you're at the right address. Make yourself comfortable on a terrace overlooking the Pelješac Channel and treat your senses to exguisite Dalmatian flavours.





Looking for a hotel on Pelješac that will offer you the whole package: a good vibe, a sheltered position by the sea and breath-taking island vistas? Orsan Hotel by Aminess has it all. Our kind staff will make sure you feel cosy all day long, and if you wish to visit the island of Korčula, there's a boat waiting just outside the hotel!

The Orsan Hotel by Aminess offers excellent value for money so you won't hesitate to splash out on attractive excursions to Mljet or Dubrovnik, or on tasting superb Pelješac wines such as Dingač and Postup at some of Croatia's renowned wineries. Nestled in a tranquil cove with a beach that runs parallel to it, shaded by tamarisk and palm trees, the Orsan Hotel by Aminess has all the ingredients for a perfect holiday on Pelješac. Laze on a sun lounger or take a swim in our seawater pool overlooking the charming islets.

The hotel restaurant offers an array of Mediterranean specialities and a gorgeous view of the sea and the island of Korčula. Treat your palate to traditional Dalmatian dishes and renowned Pelješac wines at themed gourmet evenings. Order your favourite coffee at the aperitif bar or get comfy on the pool bar terrace and enjoy the view.



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The island of Krk is an extraordinary place brimming with culture, history and wonders of nature. This popular sun and sea holiday destination is also the cradle of the Glagolitic script and Croatian aristocracy. An exceptionally diverse island, stretching on an area of 405 square kilometres, offers countless possibilities for an active holiday and exploration. Feed your appetite for adventure on the Moon Trail and wild shepherd trails or on 300-kilometre-long bike trails while falcons, swifts and griffon vultures fly high above you, and create a memorable experience.

Njivice

The harmony of green and blue

If you're stressed out by your everyday routine and longing to switch off completely, park your car in Njivice and forget about it for the rest of your stay. This fishermen's town is located in the northwest of Krk, close to the bridge and the airport. In the place where the clear blue sea kisses the green forest find a secluded cove of your dreams. Watching the rippling waves, the dancing of butterflies and children playing without a care in the world, you will feel the peace you have long been craving. Come to Njivice to come back to your true self.









History

The earliest traces of human settlements on Krk date back to the time of the Illyrians, who built fortresses on the tops of hills. The island's mild climate and plenty of arable land attracted first the Greeks, and then the Romans, who built baths, temples and military camps here. Christianity was adopted as early as the 5th century. From the 12th century on, there are records of the famous Croatian noble family Frankopan of Krk who owned a territory corresponding to a half of today's Croatia at the peak of their power. Many rulers reigned over Krk after their decline: from the Venetians, the French and the Austro-Hungarian Empire to Italy, Germany, Yugoslavia and presently Croatia.

Culture

You will encounter unusual letters of the Glagolitic script, a Slavic alphabet created in the mid-9th century, across many island locations. The text engraved on the 12th-century Baška Tablet, valuable proof of Croatian literacy weighing an incredible 800 kilograms, is also written in the Glagolitic script. You are also bound to come across the traces of a family inextricably linked to Krk's cultural life – the Frankopan family. Throughout its 6th-century-long history on Krk, many Frankopans were awarded the title of ban or were famous writers and warriors. The family's former residence and castle can be visited in the town of Krk, where a number of events dedicated to the memory of this grand and influential family are organised.

Activities

The island of Krk offers a host of opportunities for a dynamic outdoor holiday. Peek into the Biserujka cave or go wreck diving near the islet of Plavnik in the north. If you plan to visit the south of the island, be sure to hike to the Moon Plateau above Baška, a rocky desert-like area resembling the Moon's surface. Nearby you can find magnificent mrgari, flower-shaped dry stone sheepfolds. Zip through the trees on the Edison zipline, and make sure to switch to pedal power and use a bicycle instead of car. It's definitely worth the effort.

Events

There's always something cooking on the island of Krk! The spring and the autumn days bring popular sports and gourmet events, while in the summer you can attend festivals and events that bring together concerts, performances and local produce such as šurlice pasta, lamb, asparagus and figs.



Top 5 beaches on Krk

• Beach of the Aminess Atea Camping Resort (Njivice):

a pebble beach in the shade of pine trees, where you can enjoy the crystal clear sea and a view of the island of Cres, rent sun loungers and umbrellas, SUP boards, kayaks and pedal boats, have a drink at the lounge bar or sign up for an outdoor massage. Ideal for: families, couples, and active guests

• Beach of the Veya Hotel by Aminess (Njivice):

a pebble and rocky beach right next to the hotel, where you can rent sun loungers, umbrellas and boats, or pop in the hotel lounge bar for a quick refeshment. Ideal for: families and couples

Vela plaža (Baška):

the most famous and the most stunning natural pebble beach, stretching for 1.8 kilometres and boasting turquoise water and sandy bottom. It offers many facilities for both adults and children. Ideal or: all types of guests

• Oprna (Stara Baška):

a secluded beach with sand mixed with fine gravel. You can reach it by boat or on foot, following a karst path, to find true enjoyment in the sun and turquoise sea as well as a much-needed break at the beach bar. Ideal for: adventure-seekers and couples

• Klimno Cove (between Rudine and Šilo):

a beach known for its healing mud and exceptionaly shallow sea where you will get to see people lazing around completely covered with mud. Ideal for: children and adults







A BLEND OF MODERN INTERIOR AND SOUL HEALING GREENERY

AMINESS GAIA GREEN VILLAS

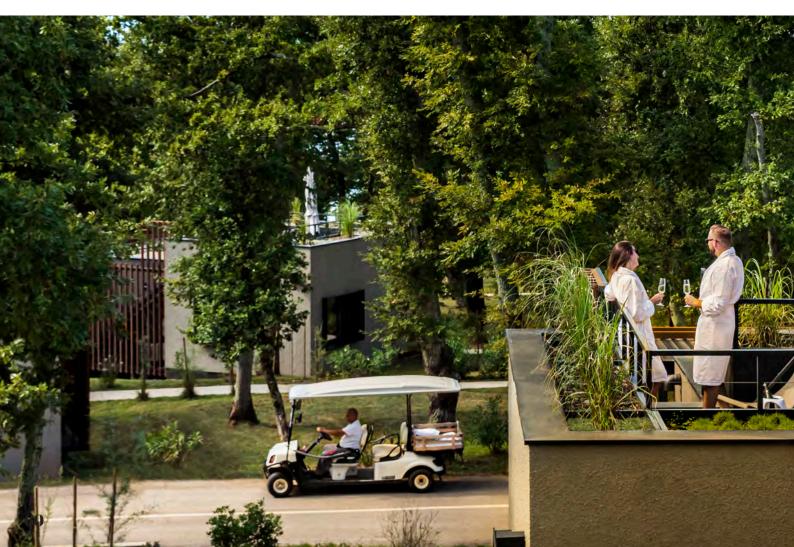
The Aminess Gaia Green Villas are located in a Mediterranean wood of the island of Krk, near the sea and the enchanting beaches of Njivice. Owing to their modern industrial design that perfectly blends into the lush greenery, they are a perfect place to recharge your mind and soul. Whether you're travelling with kids or a group of friends, our villas offer just about anything you might wish for! .

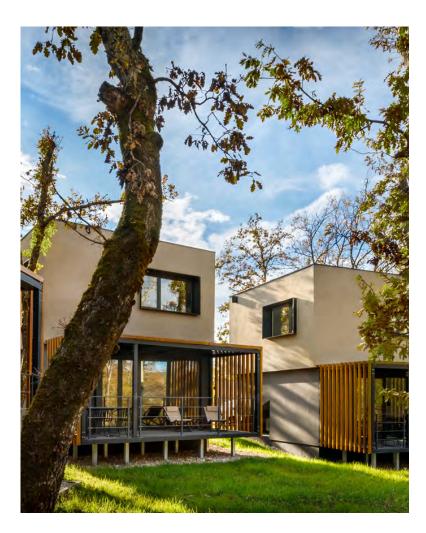
Welcome to a whole new level of holidaying on the island of Krk.

The Gaia Green Villas accommodating 2 to 8 persons boast a perfect synergy of architecture and nature to guarantee you privacy and peace in any corner of the resort.

As soon as you enter the villa, open the terrace door to breathe in the silence and let the colours and the scents of the wood overwhelm you. Feel one with nature brimming with aromatic herbs, trees, squirrels and birds.







Take a peak at the Lilium, Salvia, Pinus and Olea villas and book one to fill your heart and soul with peace and joy.

Just a stone's throw away from the villas is the Bukaleta pizza place with a great choice of light lunch dishes, while the Plava terasa and the Cabana bar&more lounge bars are perfect for your morning coffee and croissants, or cocktails at sunset. You can also dine at the nearby Veya Hotel by Aminess and Magal Hotel by Aminess, while the centre of Njivice offers numerous authentic restaurants and taverns within a walking distance.

The airy terrace of your villa is a great substitute for the gym, so take your mats outside and enjoy exercising in the fresh sea air. You'll have plenty of possibilities for hiking, jogging or cycling around Njivice, along numerous trails with various difficulty levels....not to mention swimming and scuba diving...





A PERFECT FAMILY CAMPING

AMINESS ATEA CAMPING RESORT

If you're longing to become one with nature, wake up to the sound of waves and tune into the laid back island atmosphere, the Aminess Atea Camping Resort in Njivice is the place to go. Relax on the spacious pitch or the charming terrace of your holiday home and watch your worries dissolve. With a whole range of refreshing activities for both you and your kids, you're in for a 'funtastic' holiday.

Aminess Atea Camping Resort covers the area of 14 acres, where every guest can find their place for camping. Find a mobile home to your taste. Opt for an incredibly cosy home right by the sea, next to the children's pool or in the cool shade of oak trees. If you're craving a touch of luxury, book a Prestige Holiday Home with a private pool right next to the beach. Revel in the summer pleasures on Atea, an idyllic pebble beach with a stunning view, caressed by the crystal clear seawater. Relax in the shade or have fun in the water. Let your kids have the time of their life in the Miramì Park children's pool with slides.

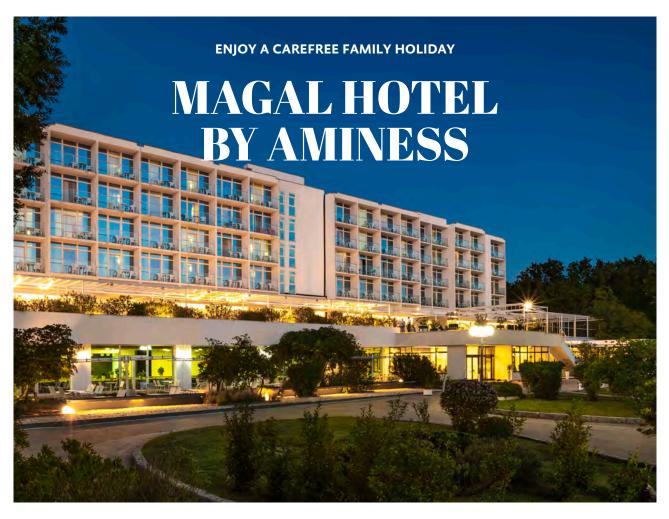
While camping in Aminess Atea, you'll have a restaurant, a grocery shop, a bakery and a number of bars near-at-hand. So, why not create your own memorable gourmet experience? Visit Cabana bar&more and enjoy your morning coffee or an evening cocktail by the sea. Treat yourself to a crunchy pizza at Bukaleta right on the coast. Be sure to explore a variety of other gourmet destinations on the island, too.

If you're a cycling or hiking fan, you won't be able to resist the inspirational promenades, the exciting climbs and the mind-blowing nature of the island of Krk and Njivice. The Aminess Atea Camping Resort also offers organised sports activities, tennis courts, bike rental and water sports.

While your kinds are busy enjoying the creative activities at the Miramì Mini Club, take a little time for yourself. Join yoga or pilates classes by the sea, under the tree crowns. For the perfect evening fun, take your kids to Mini Disco, Miramì Bubble Party and Mini Cinema.







KRK

Situated in a quiet forest close to the sea, the impressive Magal Hotel by Aminess has everything you need for a relaxed family holiday in Njivice. Revel in the sun, sea and recreational activities in untouched nature while your little ones hang out with our cheerful mascot at the Miramì mini club. Enjoy a wide selection of dishes in the hotel restaurant with an amusing children's corner.

Spacious rooms and suites of the Magal Hotel by Aminess are ideal for families with children and a lot of baggage. Aside

from the maximum comfort, they offer a fantastic view of the Kvarner Bay or the Mediterranean forest.

Let your mind wander freely as you gaze upon the Kvarner islands from a beautiful pebble beach located right at the base of the hotel. Dive into the crystal-clear waters, and then relax in a lounge chair. If you are travelling with children, surprise them with a fun paddle boat ride while you keep an eye on them from the beach, basking in the summer sun.



THE ICONIC NJIVICE HOTEL RIGHT BY THE SEA

VEYA HOTEL BY AMINESS

The original building of this historic hotel was constructed way back in 1922. Owing to its unique location right by the sea, near the airport and the Krk Bridge, Veya Hotel by Aminess has long become a place to which guests keep returning. Perhaps it's because they feel like staying on a boat anchored by the seaside promenade. Or maybe it's the magnificent view of the sea and the Kvarner Bay they can enjoy every morning from their window. Check for yourself! Get on board to experience unique holiday moments on the island of Krk. A lovely beach under the Veya Hotel by Aminess is so close that you can jump into the sea right from the restaurant's terrace. Relax on the pebbles or sit in the lounge bar and let your mind wander as the skyline kisses the sea.

Choose our half-board option and spend your holiday without having to worry about cooking. The hotel restaurant offers a variety of dishes and drinks with a breath-taking sea view. Wake up to your morning coffee on the deck of the Veya lounge bar or go up to the lobby bar terrace, where you will enjoy magical views of Kvarner hidden from curious eyes.



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The Mediterranean, including the Adriatic coast, is deeply imbued with various cultural identities and influences reflected in the flavours of our cuisine. Menus change with the seasons to include fresh ingredients such as squid, scallops, sole, asparagus and island lamb, accompanied by top wines and extra virgin olive oils, such as our own award-winning Vergal olive oil. In the spirit of the best Croatian tradition, we therefore invite you to join us for a meal at Aminess Hotels & Campsites.

À la carte restaurants at Aminess facilities offer local ingredients in deliciously unique recipes. Our chefs prepare their dishes with a focus on the local gourmet culture and a modern approach to cuisine. Experience à la carte à la Aminess!

Our à la carte restaurants:

- Oliveto Restaurant at the Aminess Maestral
- Hotel Novigrad
- Capa and Loop Restaurants at Aminess Maravea Camping Resort – Novigrad
- Lungo Mare Restaurant at the Aminess Grand Azur Hotel – Orebić
- Half 8 Restaurant Novigrad
- Ala Longa Restaurant at Aminess Port9 Resort Korčula
- Tavern Lantera at Aminess Port9 Resort Korčula

Discover the most enticing gourmet destinations on the Adriatic!

Half 8 Restaurant

An ideal place to relax in after spending an exciting summer day in Novigrad.

If you are looking for a cosy seaside ambiance and a unique gastronomic experience, Half 8 Restaurant is perfect for chilling out in good company. Start your day with a delicious breakfast, continue it with a light lunch, and end it with an exquisite dinner under the stars.

Buffet restaurants

In all Aminess' hotel restaurants you'll find a combination of the most popular Croatian and international specialities prepared from fresh local ingredients. Enjoy the warm and friendly atmosphere while relishing in exquisite breakfasts and lavish dinners that will make you crave for more.

Bars

Most of our bars are located right on the seaside, creating a magnificent backdrop for a romantic evening or a great night out with friends. Sip a glass of local wine while the sun kisses the horizon on the islands of Krk or Korčula or get into the rhythm of salsa or DJ music at Punto Mare Fun Centre in Novigrad. Whichever destination you choose, we invite you to Aminess bars to lift a glass to friendship.







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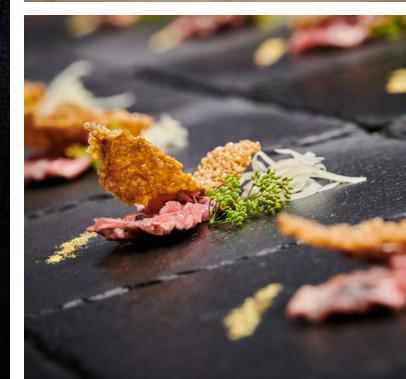
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WITH RENOWNED CROATIAN CHEF DAVID SKOKO

AMINESS WINE & GOURMET NIGHTS

Wine & gourmet fish delicacies from northwestern Istria, a dash of the exotic, and the comfort of the Aminess Maestral Hotel in Novigrad are the ideal option for a romantic holiday or a friendly get together during Aminess Wine & Gourmet Nights. To promote Istrian cuisine in Novigrad, Wine & Gourmet Nights will be held from March to October in cooperation with chef David Skoko. The dinners are held once a month at the Aminess Maestral Hotel's Oliveto restaurant, where Konoba Batelina owner Skoko is joined by renowned Istrian winemakers who pair their world-class wines with the chef's renowned fish specialties.







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David Skoko

Aminess' guests and foodies are delighted with our cooperation with Croatia's renowned chef David Skoko. At Aminess Wine & Gourmet Nights, organised over the past several years, Skoko has hosted a number of top regional chefs, winemakers and sommeliers.

Gala dinners take place on the last Friday of each month, from March to October, and guests are given the opportunity to taste and learn about the magical Istrian cuisine, presented in a creative way. Being one of Croatia's most popular chefs for quite a few years now, David Skoko will take upon any cooking challenge, whether it takes place at the Wine Museum in Bordeaux or at the Chill & Grill Festival in Zagreb.

This year, Skoko is the star of our latest project called Aminess Cooking with Class by David Skoko – a new gourmet concept that combines enjoying the beautiful sights of Istria and Novigrad and cooking with the renowned chef. The project features a special programme that will both entertain and inspire our guests to learn how to cook tasty dishes, courtesy of Skoko's secret tips.

We interviewed the owner of a popular family restaurant to learn more about his new project, plans and successful cooperation with Aminess.

• Tell us more about 'Aminess Cooking with Class.' How did you come up with the idea about this interesting gourmet project?

I've been cooperating with Aminess for years now, on highly successful projects. At Aminess Wine & Gourmet Nights, held on the last Friday of each month from March to October, we familiarised our guests with the great value and potential of local produce through top menus and dishes served in several courses. Some of the greatest icons of regional gastronomy joined us at those gourmet events. After the two great seasons we decided to honour our hardworking cooks and waiters/ waitresses through the Aminess Gourmet Lab project, which gave them the opportunity to learn from and cook with topclass educators. The topics included haute and tradition



al cuisine, pairing food and drinks, modern cuisine, gourmet trends and preparation of simple yet creative dishes from local ingredients, all with the aim of raising awareness about the importance of lifelong learning and increasing the quality of service at Aminess hotels and campsites. After the two great and exceptionally successful gourmet ventures, we came up with the Aminess Cooking with Class project to offer our guests the possibility to join us in the kitchen and see how creative dishes are prepared from seasonal ingredients, as well as to teach them in a fun way how to prepare restaurant dishes in their own kitchen.

• What is the project goal?

The main goal of the Aminess Cooking with Class project is to show our guests that creating innovative dishes from simple local ingredients can be truly fun, and to let them in on the secrets of top restaurant cooking. Can there be a better combination than enjoying a well-deserved rest in the beautiful town of Novigrad and taking classes to hone your culinary skills?

• As you mentioned before, you're an experienced culinary instructor who has already worked with Aminess employees. But how did it go with hotel guests? Were there any surprise talents?

I've been training professional chefs for some ten years now, and by teaching others you learn a lot yourself. When holding courses for amateur cooks, I try to demonstrate basic cooking techniques that can turn a simple ingredient into a miracle dish owing to a few fun tricks.

Most of the attendees are true foodies with domestic cookery experience, so every once in a while I get pleasantly surprised by some really cool tips and tricks they pull out of their sleeve.

• After such a challenging year, new projects bring positive changes and a brighter outlook for the future. Can you share some news with us? Will you continue working on the Aminess Wine & Gourmet Nights project?

I'm always coming up with new ideas, so I try to put into practice the ones I consider achievable. Last year was really tough because we simply couldn't work. I think it was particularly difficult for creatives.I'll make use of this year to the maximum – I started presenting my ideas as soon as we could work again. The Aminess Wine & Gourmet Nights project will continue, and I've also been working on some cooking classes and TV shows. If I get to relaunch all the projects that were halted, I'll be super busy.

• Last but not least, do you have any advice for our readers who like to cook and prepare meals?

Don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone, you'll be thrilled with the results!

RECIPE by Chef David Skoko RICOTTA TORTELLINI WITH SPINACH, CORN AND SAFFRON CREAM, BABY SPINACH AND PINE NUTS

Tortellini 250 g Milk 1.5 dl Sweet corn 100 g (fresh or canned) Saffron 0.5 g Baby spinach 100 g Feta cheese 50 g Olive oil 0.5 dl Pine nuts 50 g Salt Pepper Add sweet corn and crushed saffron to milk, season with salt and pepper and boil briefly. Blend into a fine liquid cream as soon as you remove it from the fire. Boil the spinach and mix it with feta cheese and olive oil into a purée. Toast the pine nuts in a dry pan. Cook the tortellini for three minutes and drain them. Put the tortellini on the corn cream, garnish with the spinach purée and tiny spinach leaves, and add toasted pine nuts. Enjoy your meal!



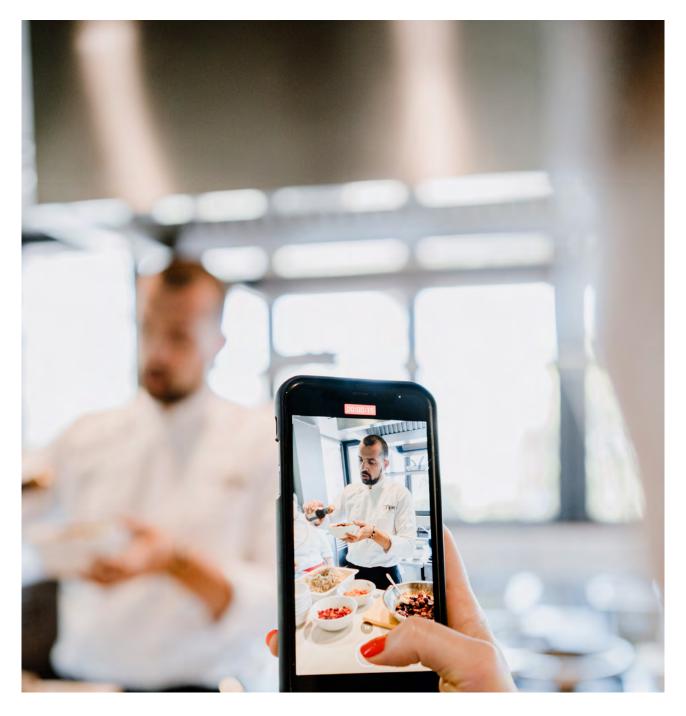
A WEEKEND DEDICATED TO RELAXATION AND COOKING WITH ONE OF CROATIA'S BEST CHEFS

AMINESS COOKING WITH CLASS BY DAVID SKOKO

Cook alongside David Skoko, relax in the Aminess Maestral Hotel, taste exquisite Istrian wines and go hunting for truffles!

Aminess Cooking with Class by David Skoko is a new gourmet cooking concept combining enjoyment in the beautiful surroundings of Istria and Novigrad and cooking alongside renowned chef David Skoko. Yes, you read that right – we have prepared a special programme to help you relax, but also inspire you to learn how to prepare delicious dishes from one of Croatia's finest chefs, David Skoko, ready to lend you a skilful hand and helpful advice.

Take the opportunity to discover our award-winning Vergal olive oil, the ideal partner for creating impeccable delicacies.







Your host, the Aminess Maestral Hotel, is the perfect place for recharging your batteries, and it offers carefully selected

wellness packages, active sports programmes, and cooking, as an additional reason to visit Novigrad.



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PERFECT SPECIALITES PREPARED BY TRAINED EMPLOYEES FOR ALL AMINESS GUESTS AMINESS GOURNET LAB

What is Aminess Gourmet Lab?

Aminess Gourmet Lab is a project headed by chef David Skoko that trains young chefs, waiters, bartenders and other members of the Aminess gourmet team. This unique concept brings together the greatest experts from various catering areas to allow the guests staying in one of our hotels, campsites or villas to enjoy superior gourmet experiences while on holiday. Croatia has a rich gourmet scene, and cooperation with the greatest professionals in the field offers team members an opportunity to learn from the best, develop their competencies and raise the level of service, for the greater satisfaction of our guests. Renowned chef David Skoko is just one of the experts who has believed in this project from the very beginning, and



the results are now reflected in our guests' comments. Targeted training of employees represents a significant step forward in improving both the quality of our service and the experience of staying in our hotels and campsites. We want our guests to come back not only because of the sea and sun, but also because of the top specialties they tasted during their well-deserved holiday in one of our top Croatian destinations. Secrets about wine, or how to prepare a perfect pizza or pasta or learning about modern craft beers or top cocktails, all this is part of the professional training aimed at preparing our gourmet team members for all the challenges that the working season brings. They say that love goes through the stomach, so why not spice up your perfect holiday with top specialties from the Aminess kitchens in Istria, Dalmatia and on the island of Krk.



ORIGINAL AND PURE - OUR LIQUID GOLD

VERGAL EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL

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Bearing the name once used in Novigrad for a natural spring, Vergal olive oil is a symbol of life, purity, and health. Made with care from the best olives ripened in the warm summer sun of our olive groves, this extra virgin olive oil offers guests an authentic taste of the tradition of Novigrad and Istria. That's why we use it in preparing our culinary delicacies in all of our restaurants. And as you can buy it in our souvenir shop, hotels, and campsites, you can experience that same unique

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flavour again when you return home. An ideal climate, expert processing and a story that continues to enrapture aficionados of authentic Istrian olive oil year after year – all of these can be found in each and every single bottle of Vergal olive oil. From our olive groves in perfect seaside locations, brought to your plate; you are served an authentic experience of Novigrad which offers a unique synthesis with part of our local traditions.

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All of our oils – Frantoio, Leccino and Vergal Blend – are produced directly from hand-picked olives, using a mechanical process of cold pressing, so as to ensure that the quality and flesh of the fruit are preserved throughout. Vergal extra virgin olive oil is one of the finest lstrian olive oils, a claim substantiated by the many prizes won at prestigious international competitions, and it is certainly the most valuable souvenir you can bring home from Novigrad.







Did you know?

The name Vergal derives from the old word for spring/brook. Just as it used to signify health, purity and life, springing from the intact depths of the Earth, so Vergal continues to thrive today, as pristine and as vigorous as ever.

Even the guests at Aminess Hotels & Campsites take part in olive harvesting, which brings them even closer to the local culture and tradition.

Our olive groves are grown exclusively by the sea, which is a most favourable setting for the fruit of olives and the quality of olive oil.

Aside from benefiting the health of the cardiovascular system and liver, olive oil rejuvenates and energises, lowers "bad" cholesterol and reduces physical pain.



ISTRIA - A REGION STRONGLY INFLUENCED BY WINE CULTURE

The wine renaissance is one of the most interesting phenomena in the short history of independent Croatia. Its beginning can be precisely determined. It was sparked by a vision of several young Istrian winemakers who benefited from collective regional support.

In the early 1990s, they took a thorough and uncompromising inventory of the region's rich wine heritage, with roots that date back to the ancient times before Christ. Over the centuries, Istrian winemakers, together with their followers, have continuously strived to make their region stand out, with numerous vineyards (some of them huge), perched on excellent locations blessed with a favourable microclimate and all other natural benefits. The predominant wine varieties have been the native ones: white Istrian Malvasia and red Teran.

And what were those wines from the early 1990s like? Affordable, cheap and honestly: barely drinkable! Malvasia was sometimes flat, sometimes oxidized, often produced far from any winemaking rules. The acid was so overemphasized in Teran that local people used to put it in the so-called 'Istrian soup' and serve in a jug called bukaleta with toasted bread on top, sweetened with sugar and sprinkled with olive oil. In the early nineties, young Istrian winemakers wondered if their wines had to be so unambitious, asking themselves what were the potentials of Malvasia and Teran, what was their hidden nature? What to do in the vineyards, how to plant clones and which ones to choose, how to take care of the vineyards, how to restrict yields, when to harvest, how to vinify grapes, how to age wines, for how long and in which barrels, and finally how much to stick to tradition and what to use from modern knowledge and technology?

In short, these young visionaries were the real wine revolutionaries in the literal sense of the word.



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Three decades later, Istria has become much more than a world-renowned wine region. The explosion of modern winemaking was followed by the flourishing of olive oil production and gourmet scene, rarely seen even on a global scale. Among numerous Mediterranean Malvasias, Istrian Malvasia is today the leader in terms of all key determinants: volume, revenue, relevant international awards, and the variety of styles presented to the market ranging from fresh and sparkling Malvasias, to aged, characterful and predicate ones.

Teran has changed beyond recognition, especially in its elite aged edition. In fact, it has impressed world-renowned experts such as Gary Vaynarchuk so much, that they've declared it the wine with the strongest personality of all native Croatian varieties, and according to the latest findings, there are as many as 130 of them.

The Istrian wine renaissance has shown that wine tourism, as a special branch of tourism, is a desirable business in every respect: it attracts educated guests who find the quality of the entire offer important and share their experience with like-minded people. They are attracted by comfortable accommodation surrounded by beauty which Istria unquestionably boasts. Istrian wine roads are impeccably developed and marked to allow wine aficionados to go from one appealing winery to another on foot, by bike, by car (convenient if you are planning to stock up) or even on horseback. Istria's gourmet scene includes both rustic konobas and elite restaurants recommended by Michelin and most of them feature excellent wine lists with local wines in the forefront.

Istrian wines boast an excellent price-quality ratio, whether fresh young wines or the prized aged ones. They are easily paired with iconic seasonal delicacies typical of the area, such as four types of truffles, fifteen monosort olive oils tailored to dishes based on wild herbs, seafood, homemade pasta, firstclass meat, game, excellent cheese, and fruit desserts.

And finally, the Istrian wine revival went beyond the region itself; it has lit up the entire Croatia's wine scene.



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TWO DESTINATIONS FOR A UNIQUE MY EXPERIENCE

KORČULA AND PELJEŠAC



What is the ultimate Mediterranean destination that the most refined wine palates would choose to sip wine just steps from the stunningly beautiful vineyard it was produced in? A unique location in the Adriatic, perched between the island of Korčula and the Pelješac Peninsula, would definitely be on a shortlist. Vineyards grown in these extreme positions attract visitors because of their uniqueness and the views they offer, especially from the very top. Some of them lie on the steep slopes that turn the visit itself into an adventure and vine planting and harvesting into an admirable endeavour to be undertaken every year. Korčula and Pelješac are so close that they can be considered a whole in every respect. Their diversity blends harmoniously, especially when it comes to wine. The most respectful Croatian native wine variety, Plavac Mali, reigns on Pelješac. Korčula's main native varieties are white, Pošip and Grk. Many connoisseurs consider at least one of these two as grapes that produce the best Dalmatian white wines, and some even position them high above the strong competitors. Others argue that, in addition to these two, there is another white front-runner, Rukatac, known as Maraština.







The history of these native varieties is extremely rich, as are the many stories of prestige they gained in hands of our most distinguished winemakers. Some of them have achieved worldwide fame, such as the Californian-Dalmatian wine champion Mike Grgić. Upon returning to his homeland, Mike could choose the positions he wanted. He chose Pelješac.

Pelješac slopes have been attracting winemakers since ancient times. More recently, in the middle of the last century, Croatian experts have decided to protect these exceptional positions (just as the French have labelled their legendary vineyards or vine-growing positions with the highest quality designation: the Grand Cru). In the 1950s, the first such designation was assigned to the Pelješac position of Dingač. In the 1960s, Plavac Mali of Pelješac was protected at the Postup position as well.

Dingač and Postup are positions on the slopes that produce extremely low yields, have double insolation of direct sunlight with sunrays reflected from the sea surface, and their vines are not pruned. The result are grapes of exceptional aromatic concentration, earning Dingač and Postup quickly a cult status and hordes of worshipers.

There are several other exceptional vine growing locations in Croatia that deserve extraordinary recognition, Korčula being one of them. Pošip and Grk are the most important varieties on the island. Its distinct terroir often gives birth to wines of accentuated character, both drinkable and enjoyable. Visiting the vineyards of Korčula and Pelješac and chatting with wine cellar owners is truly an exceptional experience. Some of these wineries have preserved a traditional atmosphere, while others are masterpieces of modern architecture! Just as the environment they live in and reach oenological excellence, winemakers are usually fascinating personalities, and we advise you to taste wines they are especially proud of. They work in vineyards on positions where one must excel in every aspect. In fact, top Korčula and Pelješac winemakers are actually competing with themselves being doomed to a constant search for excellence at the global level.

To complete the experience, top-notch wines have to be paired with top-notch food. The wealth of natural resources is such that the gourmet trend known under the Italian term of 'chilometro zero' (zero kilometres from farm to table) has been gaining momentum. Chefs find the key ingredients for their dishes in their immediate environment and respect the seasonal offer without compromise.

Korčula and Pelješac have been attracting both Croatian and international culinary stars, providing everything gourmet experts could wish for, even a chance to prove themselves to the most demanding audience.





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AGROLAGUNA

Agrolaguna is the leading food company in Istria with operations in three production segments - wine, oil and cheese. Its products are locally and globally recognized brands - Vina Laguna, Ol Istria and Istrian cheeses Špin. All brands can boast of numerous gold medals from world competitions. The Špin cheese factory is located close to the townlet of Tar, in an area where there are material traces of a millenarian tradition in sheep breeding. Today's modern cheese production facility is located next to a traditional Istrian farm building, which perfectly illustrates the approach to the production of Istrian cheese at Špin. State-of-the-art technology only complements the wisdom of the centuries-long tradition in dairy production and the lushness of Istrian pastures. At Agrolaguna's Špin cheese production facility cheese is only produced of fresh milk with no additives. Authenticity is the major rule in the production of Špin cheeses and modern know-how and technology are only there to facilitate the process. The irresistable simplicity and full taste of sheep cheese, cow cheese, mixed cheese, cow cheese with truffles, cow cheese aged in terrano wine and mixed cheese in walnut leaves stand out appropriately when consumed alone, as a starter, dessert or a simple meal made for enjoyment.

Ol Istria extra virgin olive oil has since years been the synonym and standard for Istrian olive oil quality, as confirmed by numerous awards won by that oil from year to year. Agrolaguna counts 65,000 olive trees at five locations by the sea. After picking, the olives are processed at the company's own stateof-the-art crushing facility in a cold-press procedure. Each drop of this extra virgin olive oil blends centuries-long tradition and state-of-the-art crop management and production technology. An absolute trend in the production of olive oils today are single varietal olive oils. Like wine, oil can also be produced as single-sort or as a cuvée of several varieties. Particular attention has to be paid to the features of single-varietal oils and one has to use both imagination and knowledge to pair them with specific meals. The OI Istria brand comprises single-sort olive oils Picholine, Pendolino, Ascolana, Leccino and the indigenous sort Istarska bjelica, as well as extra virgin olive oil won by selecting several sorts of olives of extraordinary quality. Brand Ol Istria has received a certificate of origin control for extra virgin olive oil, ZOI Istra, which implies strict control of exclusively Istrian origin of olive plates, only selected varieties, processed in a short time at a maximum temperature of 27 °C, and stored in controlled temperature conditions and internal atmospheres.





Vina Laguna have been fostering the tradition of continuous wine production since the foundation and construction of the wine cellars Cantina Sociale di Parenzo in Poreč in 1934, focusing exclusively on the production of wine of controlled origin. This small part of Istria features a mixture of Mediterranean and Submediterranean climates with a clear influence of continental climate. Own vineyards on an area of 600 ha on Istrian red soil (terra rossa), as well as white soil on flysch (terra bianca), spread from the very coastline to hills on an altitude of up to 260 m above the sea, at a distance of not more than 20 km from the Vina Laguna cellars in Poreč. Vina Laguna are arranged in a pyramid from fresh wines for everyday consumption to exceptional, complex wines for wine connoisseurs, all with one goal - pleasure and enjoyment in the Istrian way, s lakoćom. Premium wine line Festigia - wines for special occasions, such as Istrian feasts and festivities. Only the best bunches of grapes from select vineyards are picked for Festigia premium wines, that pair well with Istria's most celebrated meals, from truffles to boskarin beef. Vina Laguna select, the quality and simplicity whereof reflect the lightness of being in Istria - due to the low alcohol content well suited for daily consumption, combined with light lstrian dishes reveal the sense of satisfaction with the Istrian way of life. High quality wines made of grapes from select locations, carefully cultivated and produced with the help of state-of-the-art technology - all with one goal: pleasure and enjoyment the Istrian way.





AMINESS AND SUSTAINABLE TOURISM GO HAND - IN -HAND

FRIENDLY TO GREEN HERITAGE

Long-term economic balance and conservation of natural and cultural heritage lie at the core of our business.

Sustainable tourism has become one of the most trending topics in recent years due to an increasing pressure on hospitality companies to reduce their environmental impact and positively influence the society. Being one of the major hospitality companies in Croatia, the Aminess Hotels & Campsites Group has from its very beginning aimed at implementing and promoting the best sustainable business practices, all with high-quality service and customer satisfaction in mind.

Environmental protection and energy efficiency

All our hotels and campsites operate in line with a specially designed Company policy on environmental protection and proactively implement related sustainability measures to conserve the environment for future generations. Our day-to-day efforts are focused on mitigating detrimental environmental impacts and contributing to a cleaner and safer environment.





These are only some of our activities:

- reducing the amount of waste and promoting waste recycling and sorting within the Company, but also among guests and suppliers
- smart use of water through the introduction of efficient systems and education of employees and guests
- reduction of pollutant emissions by opting for efficient fuels and energy sources, and
- cooperation with suppliers that implement environmental protection measures and those aimed at mitigating detrimental environmental impacts.

We save energy by:

- controlling energy consumption on a daily and weekly ba-
- using energy-saving light bulbs and electrical appliances with the highest energy efficiency rating
- installing motion sensors
- introducing smart room systems with heating, cooling and lighting system
- implementing the on-request towel change policy

We reduce:

- water consumption by installing automatic rinsing and consumption monitoring systems, and tap aerators
- packaging waste by purchasing large packages of food and cleaning products
- water and environment pollution by using lower washing temperatures and environmentally friendly detergents and cleaning products, and by instructing our employees on proper product use and dosing



We recycle:

- paper
- cardboard
- glass
- plastic
- edible oil
- kitchen waste
- printer cartridges
- electronic waste

Our awards and certificates

Sustainable tourism is definitely the future. This is why Aminess has been investing considerable efforts to fulfil the related requirements whenever possible, which has resulted in a number of certificates:

• Travelife Gold certification – the most important international certificate awarded for accommodation sustainability • Sustainable Hotel – a certificate awarded by the Association of Employers in Croatian Hospitality (AECH) under the auspices of the Croatian Ministry of Tourism

• Ecocamping – an eco-certificate of the German Ecocamping association given to environmentally sustainable campsites

• Environmentally friendly – a label assigned by the Ministry of Environmental Protection, Physical Planning and Construction

• Blue flag – an international quality mark certifying that a beach is safe, clean, well-managed, and that it meets the highest environmental standards.

Safeguarding local community values and economic balance

Aminess recognises the role of local community in the development of a tourist destination. In collaboration with many tourist boards and local associations, we organise and promote cultural, music, sports and culinary events and gatherings. We also actively contribute to the development of local communities by donating funds to a number of institutions, associations and local organisations and upholding the principles of affiliation, social responsibility and partnership.

Aminess takes care of the quality of jobs and is the only hospitality company in Croatia that has obtained the prestigious Employer Partner certificate for two years in a row.



Here are some of our guidelines on cooperation with local communities:

- recruitment of local population
- quality jobs
- procurement of products and services from local suppliers
- valorisation of historical background, authentic cultural heritage, traditions and specificities of a destination
- maintaining and improving the quality of environment and avoiding visual pollution or any other kind of environmental degradation
- investing in beaches and outdoor facilities available to both hotel and non-hotel guests
- operating a wellness centre available to both hotel and non-hotel guests
- financing key projects in the town area

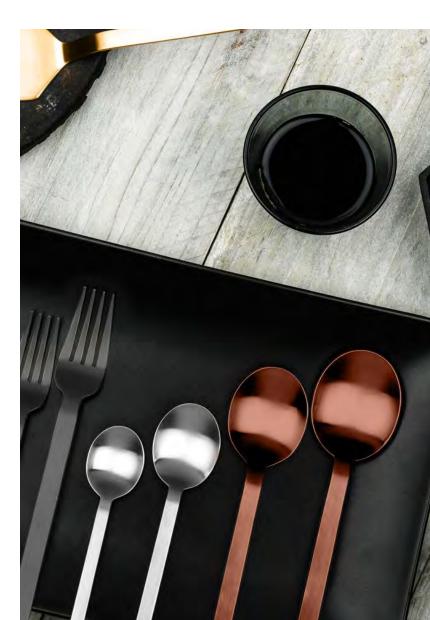


We are well aware that, in order to remain on the tourist map, destinations will have to successfully manage physical planning, use available resources with maximum efficiency and protect the entire area from harmful impacts.

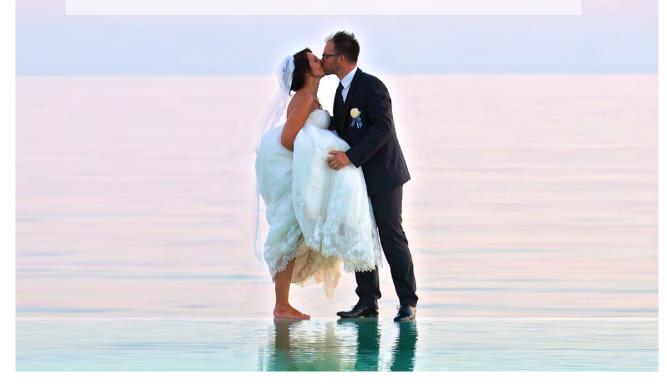


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Aminess is all about nurturing lasting relationships. If you're looking for a perfect setting for your special day, choose among the most beautiful locations from Istria to Dalmatia and Aminess will make sure you get the top service for a spectacular wedding! Whatever you have in mind, whether a relaxed and informal reception on a green lawn, an exquisite and intimate one by the infinity pool, or a sophisticated and impressive wedding in an elegant hotel venue, we have a perfect location for you.

To celebrate your love, opt for the place that perfectly reflects the two of you. Whether you prefer Istria's tame coast or the wild landscapes of Dalmatia, all of our hotels offer locations where the sea meets the sky – a scene that will make your special day a truly memorable experience.

Aminess also offers a superb selection of food and beverages. Our gourmet team will give their best to create a delicious menu tailored to your wishes. There are also ready menus to choose from, which you can taste at our restaurants. If you're lacking ideas or have no time to prepare every single detail, our professional team will be more than glad to help you, so that you can enjoy your special day with no worries on your mind.





If you opt for one of our breath-taking locations, Istria, island of Krk or Dalmatia, Aminess will take care of:

- Organisation and coordination of the entire wedding (both the ceremony and reception)
- Wedding protocol and timeline
- Lighting, flower arrangements and decorations
- Invitations, thank you cards, confetti and lapel pins
- Rental of tents and equipment for the wedding in the open
- Music
- Wedding photographer and videographer
- Limo and old-timer rental

YEARNING FOR AN ACTION - PACKED HOLIDAY? LISTEN, THE ADRIATIC IS CALLING!

SPORT IN AMINESS

Resting amidst splendid nature, embraced by the sea, pine forests and wine-growing hills, Aminess Hotels & Campsites offer great opportunities to awaken your sporting spirit. Triathlon, jogging, cycling, swimming, stand up paddle boarding, surfing or kayaking? They are all at your fingertips at Aminess destinations in Istria, Kvarner and South Dalmatia.

Cycling

Bicycle is a fantastic means of transport if you wish to dig deeper into Aminess destinations. Explore medieval towns scattered through the rural Istria, pedal to Pelješac vineyards, climb to Korčula lookout points or cycle to the wild landscapes





of the island of Krk! All Aminess Hotels & Campsites are located close to the marked cycling trails, they offer rental of bikes, maps and itineraries, and we also have three specialised bike hotels with complete service for cyclists: Aminess Maestral Hotel (Novigrad), Aminess Laguna Hotel (Novigrad) and Magal Hotel by Aminess (island of Krk).

Tennis

If you are fond of tennis, you'll be delighted with our clay courts in Novigrad and on the island of Krk, just a stone's throw away from the sea and your accommodation. In addition to courts, in Novigrad you can also sign up for tennis school, take private lessons, rent equipment and benefit from special packages for tennis players. There must be something special about Novigrad's courts for even famous Serena Williams chose them to step up her game!



Football

At Aminess Hotels & Campsites in Novigrad, football clubs have three FIFA Quality Pro fields to choose from in the town, and three more in the surrounding area, all featuring excellent conditions for training. Furthermore, at the Aminess Maestral Hotel football players can use a well-equipped fitness centre, a wellness centre and a 25-metre heated pool. More than a hundred football teams have visited us so far, drawn by the excellent infrastructure and mild climate suitable for outdoor trainings all year round.

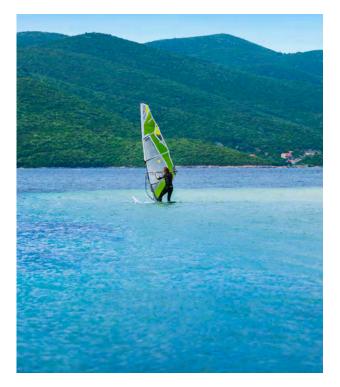
Kayak and canoe

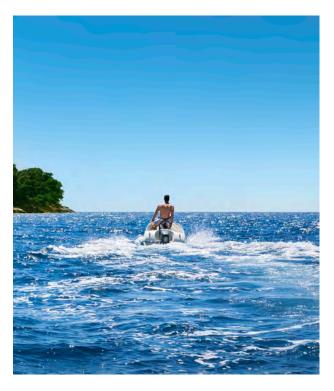
Rent a kayak or canoe near Aminess Hotels & Campsites and set off to discover the Mirna river in Istria, the magical Kvarner coves on the island of Krk, or southern Dalmatia seascapes around Pelješac and Korčula. You can sign up for organised panoramic kayak tours at most of our facilities and if you want to top off your paddling adventure, choose additional amenities or special packages suited to kayak and canoe enthusiasts.



Water sports

Istria, Kvarner and South Dalmatia are perfect for delving into fun water activities. Naturally, all credit goes to the Adriatic Sea providing a myriad of options to curious adventurers and challenge-driven travellers. Stand up paddle boarding, scuba diving, banana boat rides, jet-skis, paddle boats, exciting parasail and boat rides, water parks in the sea... Choose your favourite activity and get ready for a thrilling dance with the winds at all Aminess destinations in the Adriatic!





Surfing, windsurfing and kitesurfing

If you are planning a holiday on Pelješac and you like surfing, you'll be as pleased as punch! Whether you are an experienced surfer o would like to become one, Viganj and Kučište near Orebić are the best Croatian destinations to ride the waves. In Novigrad and close to our hotel on Pelješac , you can rent full windsurfing or kitesurfing equipment and master the basics under the guidance of experienced instructors.





Running and hiking

Aminess Hotels & Campsites are excellent starting points for both short and long jogging or hiking tours. They are all located near picturesque seaside trails, which are mostly flat, easy and enjoyable. If you are looking for a hiking challenge on Pelješac, climb Sv. Ilija hill, while magical bird reserves await you both in Novigrad and on the island of Krk. For those longing for spectacular views, secluded villages and postcard-perfect vineyards are all ready for you on the island of Korčula.



THE TOWN'S HEART AND SOUL

KORČULA SWIMMING CLUB

Korčula Swimming Club, founded in 1930, is the town's first and most renowned sports association. Just like the Moreška knights' game, Korčula's fraternities and Marco Polo, it is the town's iconic symbol.

Water polo was introduced to Korčula in the 1920s, by the pupils who attended school in Dubrovnik and Split. The town had no swimming pools and water polo was played in improvised locations suitable for both players and spectators. The first competitions were organised in 1930, when the legendary Korčula Swimming Club was founded.

The smallest town in Europe with the European title

Korčula Swimming Club boasts water polo and swimming sections, training children and participating in official competitions organised by the Croatian Swimming Federation and the Croatian Water Polo Federation.

Led by the then young and little known water polo expert Dušan Dule Antunović, the Club made its historical success on 3 December 1978 by winning the LEN Cup Winners' Cup. The team gathered local players, mostly students, and two ex-Yugoslavia's national team members. On this day, Korčula became the smallest town in Europe that has ever won the European title in a competitive team sport, which has earned this glorious sports success a place in history books.

What is even more fascinating, the Korčula Swimming Club was at the time the only European competition participant that had no indoor pool.

Iconic swimmers from the sportiest island

In addition to famous water polo players, the island of Korčula produced legendary swimmers such as Vinka Jeričević, multitime national record holder who ranked fourth in the 200 m breaststroke at the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne.

In 1965, Korčula's 'dolphin' Andro Depolo set the European record in the 100 m butterfly, which he held until 1967. Of younger generations, Korčula's Mario Todorović clinched silver in the 4 x 100 m medley relay at the 2008 European Championship and gold in the 50 m butterfly at the 2009 Mediterranean Games.



Gojko Arneri indoor swimming pool

Korčula's sport recorded yet another historical milestone in 2012 with the ceremonial opening of the semi-Olympic swimming pool, named after the legendary water polo player and coach Gojko Arneri. This was a turning point for many generations of Korčula swimmers and water polo players. Children from both Korčula and the neighbouring Pelješac peninsula were finally granted suitable conditions to practice their favourite sports, and the Club returned to its golden path of producing state club and individual champions.

Go Korčula swimmers! (Plivaj, praši, naprid naši)

As Croatia's most successful island sports association and Korčula's sports phenomenon, Korčula Swimming Club keeps proving that impressive results can be achieved even in the most challenging conditions.

It is so much more than a mere sports club – it prides itself on gathering as many as 300 children in the summer months, which perhaps beats even the greatest of its sports achievements.



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Durđica Orepić - famous female triathlete and Ironwoman contender

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WHAT TO VISIT?

Top experiences in Novigrad

- Lapidarium museum
- Church of Sts. Maximus and Pelagius
- a walk alongside the town walls
- Gnam-Gnam Fest, Sole Days, wine trails and olive oil trails
- Istralandia waterpark (among the 5 best in Europe)
- Punto Mare fun & beach zone summer fun centre
- Sunset Panorama boat excursion

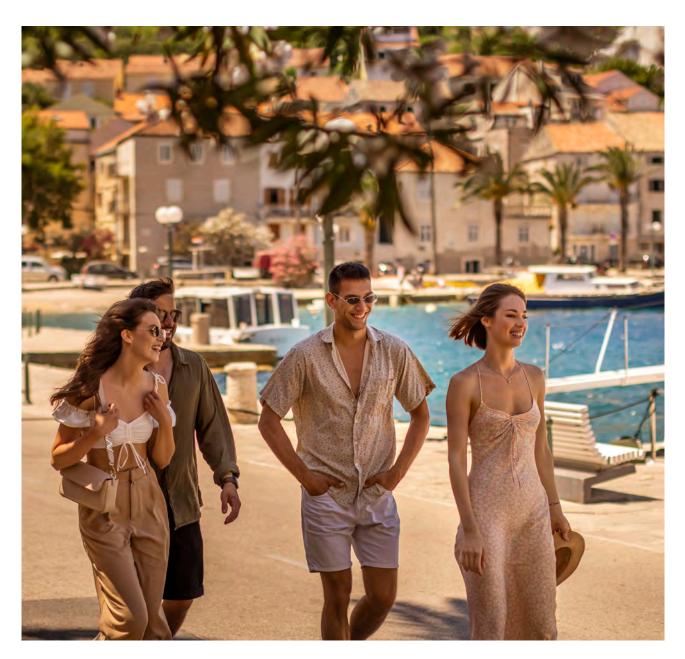
Top experiences in Orebić

- Trstenica sand beach
- hiking on Sv. Ilija hill, with its Franciscan monastery on a cliff 152m above sea level
- boat excursions to Korčula, one of the most beautiful Croatian islands
- maritime museum with items from Orebić's glorious seafaring past
- Mimbelli summer residence and captains' gardens with exotic plants, such as bananas and avocado











Top experiences on Korčula

- Marco Polo's house and the Mediaeval centre of Korčula
- Diving off the coast of Korčula
- The Moreška knightly tournament, kumpanjija and moštra line dances
- Island wine tour
- 20 cycling paths and 25 hiking trails

Top experiences in Njivice

- Seaside yoga in the shade of trees
- Hiking, running and cycling on the Kijac Panoramic Trail
- Stand-up paddling at sunset
- Fish dishes and a glass of Žlahtina in local taverns
- Family picnic at the Jezero Bird Reserve



AMINESS EXPERIENCE



Business and pleasure go hand in hand at Aminess

We see every event as a chance to offer you professional and friendly service. Take advantage of it at our top seaside locations in Istria, on the island of Krk or the Pelješac Peninsula.

Business events in Istria

Owing to its fantastic location and excellent connection with numerous European capitals, Istria is a popular business destination. Aminess offers only the best of its MICE segment in Novigrad, complementing your business events with excellent menus, professional service and a charming Mediterranean setting.

Business events on the island of Krk

In addition to being the only Croatian island with an international airport, Krk offers an interesting array of supporting amenities, from the gorgeous Kvarner landscapes to historical sights and delicious seasonal cuisine. It is an ideal destination for a more intimate business event.

Business events on the Pelješac peninsula

Home to fantastic wines, panoramic lookouts, delicious oysters and Ston town walls, Pelješac is the ideal place to blend business with pleasure. The nearest airport is located in Dubrovnik, and the island of Korčula is only a 15-minute ferry ride away.







Transform your journey into a unique experience

During warmer months of the year, all Aminess' destinations in the Adriatic host a myriad of interesting events. Visit gourmet festivals dedicated to fantastic wines and food that will let you peek into the world of the Mediterranean cuisine. Join sports competitions with fellow participants from different countries sharing the same passion. Or enjoy impressive music performances to connect with people through this universal language.

Events in Novigrad

We've poured all our passion for food into Aminess Wine & Gourmet Nights. These dinners are an opportunity for you to sample top delicacies at our restaurants, prepared by Istrian star chefs led by David Skoko, with participation of prominent regional winemakers. Wine aficionados have two more Novigrad events to choose from: Wine and Walk by the Sea and Wine Trail, another fantastic opportunity to taste the best wines of our terroir. Music fans will be thrilled with jazz and music nights, runners with the Novigrad Cittanova RUN race, and children with street performer festivals and stargazing with telescopes. Tons of fun for the whole family!

AMINESS EXPERIENCE



Our recommendations

- Gnam-Gnam Fest dedicated to local food
- Festival of St. Pelagius, with music, dance, and delicious food and wines
- Lunasa astro-party with stargazing and ambient music
- Street performer evening with acrobatics, tightrope walking, and other circus acts
- Parkfest, urban music festival
- Foto ex tempore, autumn international photo competition
- "Ethno under the bell-tower" folklore evenings

Events on the island of Krk

There's always something cooking on the island of Krk! The spring and the autumn days bring popular sports and gourmet events, while in the summer you can attend festivals and events that combine concerts, performances and local produce such as šurlice pasta, lamb, asparagus and figs. Another must-visit festival is one dedicated to Žlahtina wine. It's really worth the trip to Vrbnik, and while you're there, be sure to pass through the narrowest street in the world, located in the town's centre. Cyclists are invited to the MTB marathon, and hiking enthusiasts to the Black sheep event in Baška.



Our recommendations

- Krk Food Fest in April and May at selected island restaurants
- Black Sheep (Crna ovca) an early May event in Baška, revolving around sports, music and Baška lamb
- ${\scriptstyle \bullet}$ Krk Summer Events in the town of Krk in July and August
- Eat and Drink Fest (Popi' i pojedi) a summer festival of wine and local specialities in Vrbnik
- The Krk Fair and the naval battle in the town of Krk in August, on St Laurence's day
- Krk 'n' Roll MTB Marathon



Events on the Pelješac peninsula

The Taste Pelješac gourmet event will spoil your taste buds with the best southern Dalmatian red wines and delicious traditional food. You cannot pay a visit to this wine-growing region without tasting brilliant Croatian wines, Postup and Dingač, produced from the highly-praised Plavac Mali variety. The klapa a cappella singing groups will add an authentic touch to your holiday, along with numerous folk festivities. The best oysters are worth a travel to Ston and while there, be sure to climb its spectacular walls. If you're a passionate runner, sign up for the STONe Wall Marathon and run 4, 15 or 42 kilometres along the longest fortified wall in Europe!

Our recommendations

- Pelješac wine cellar open doors (late April/early May) including a tour of Pelješac's wine roads, wineries, and wine cellars
- Croatian Open Windsurfing Championship (May) windsurf slalom regatta in Viganj
- The Sounds of Dalmatia (once a week from June to September) klapa or brass bands on the promenade in Orebić
- The Flavours of Pelješac (once a week from June to September) tastings of wine and food from Pelješac
- Kids' Shipbuilding workshop (July) on the promenade in Orebić
- Music workshops led by Klapa Nava, who is organising klapa workshops in the Church of the Annunciation in Orebić
 Rozariada (late September, early October): Viganj Games, a local olympics in extreme outdoor and traditional sports with a cultural and entertainment programme

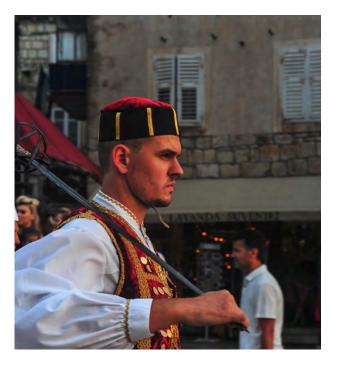


Events on the island of Korčula

Experience unique events on Korčula, many of which are held only on this magical Mediterranean island. On of them is Moreška, a romantic sword dance taking place in the town of Korčula for many years now, and kumpanija, held in Blato and Smokvica. Korčula's cheerful residents will serve you seafood specialities paired with fine Pošip and Grk wines at summer wine festivals and fishermen's evenings. Folklore evenings are an ideal opportunity to listen to Dalmatian klapa multipart singing and check why it has earned its place on the UNES-CO's list of intangible cultural heritage.

Our recommendations

- Folklore evenings Lumbarda (1x weekly in summer)
- Smokvica tradition evenings Smokvica (1x weekly in summer)
- Moreška, sword dance town of Korčula (2x weekly in summer)
- Kumpanjija, sword dance Blato, Smokvica (1x weekly in summer)
- Half of the New Year masquerade with live music, masked ball, night swimming, and fireworks town of Korčula (30 June)
- Fishermen's evenings of traditional Vela Luka cuisine Vela Luka (1x weekly in summer)
- "Black Island White Wines" festival with tastings of local Pošip and Grk wines – town of Korčula (July)
- Makarunada, an event dedicated to local makaruni pasta with workshops and tastings Žrnovo (August)
- International Open Jazz Festival Vela Luka (August)





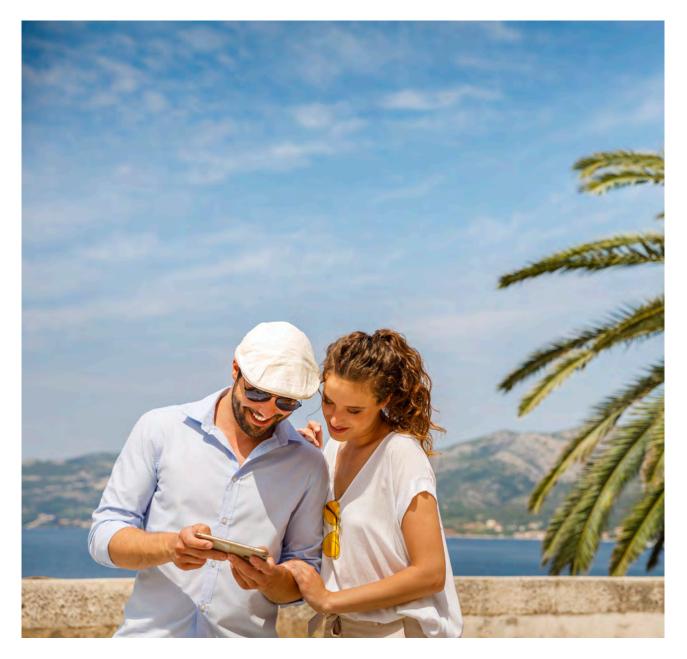
TRADITIONAL DRAMATIC DANCE



The phenomenon of Moreška in Korčula is deeply ingrained into the pride of this island. Moreška is a traditional dramatic dance spectacle featuring textual, musical and choreographic elements. In its textual section, preceding the famous sword dance, the narrative context of the performance is presented: there are four characters; the black king, the white king, Otmanović - the father of the black king, and Bula, the only female (and unarmed) character around which two armies fight with an elaborate dance choreography and powerful blows of swords. Moreška has been danced in Korčula for more than 400 years and the tradition of performing sword dances is preserved in knightly associations. Moreška, as it is currently danced on Korčula, is definitely the most attractive sword dance you can see in Europe and, because of the great interest of the people who visit Korčula, it is performed at least once a week.

BE SAFE AND HEALTHY

AMINESS CLEAN & SAFE STAY PROGRAMME



To make sure your fully enjoy your holiday at our hotels and campsites in Istria, Dalmatia, and on the island of Krk, we've developed our "Aminess Clean & Safe Stay Programme" for a safe and pleasant stay. In response to the coronavirus developments, we are doing our best to make your stay at our facilities perfectly safe. For this reason, we have introduced even stricter hygiene and cleaning measures, and more frequent disinfection of all premises at our facilities. We're adhering to the measures prescribed by the National Civil Protection Headquarters and the World Health Organization (WHO), and following the advice given by relevant health and government bodies. In order to provide our guests with the best and safest possible service, Aminess Hotels & Campsites continue to perform COVID-19 tests. Testing will ensure a safe trip back home and is available to all the guests at our properties.

Our "Clean & Safe Stay Programme" has been thoughtfully planned to minimise all possible risks, and make your stay at Aminess just as you've imagined it!

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Catch a moment to remember – choose your favourite photograph that best describes your #AminessExperience. Share your photo with the comment and hashtag #AminessExperience.

To take part in the contest, the following four steps are necessary:

• Contestants must take a photo at any of Aminess' hotels or campsites and share it on their Facebook or Instagram profiles, tagged with #AminessExperience

- Photos must contain the hashtag #AminessExperience and a brief title
- Photos must be the original work of the contestant, and they must be the exclusive property of the contestant
- Posts with photos must be public

First prize for the photo contest:

• A five-day stay for 2 persons in the Aminess Hotels & Campsites accommodation facility of their choice, subject to availability and the rules set out below.

Second prize for the photo contest:

• A two-day stay for 2 persons in the Aminess Hotels & Campsites accommodation facility of their choice, subject to availability and the rules set out below.

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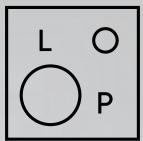
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