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Šibenik is one of those places that quietly stays with you long after summer ends. Set between stone fortresses, hidden Mediterranean streets, and the blue Adriatic, the city blends history, culture, food, music, and sea views with an effortless sense of charm that never tries too hard.

Everything here feels close: morning coffee, afternoons exploring UNESCO heritage and centuries-old alleys, sunset concerts above the city walls, and long dinners filled with Dalmatian wine and local flavours. Beyond the old town, islands, waterfalls, vineyards, and hidden villages reveal an entirely different side of Dalmatia waiting to be discovered.

This guide brings together some of our favourite places, events, restaurants, beaches, and insider recommendations to help you experience Šibenik the way locals love it most: slowly, curiously, and always with time for one more glass of wine at sunset.

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ŠIBENIK, THE ADRIATIC'S CULTURAL OBSESSION

DURING SUMMER, ŠIBENIK BECOMES ONE OF THE ADRIATIC'S MOST VIBRANT CULTURAL DESTINATIONS. BETWEEN MEDIEVAL STONE STREETS, SEA-VIEW FORTRESSES, AND THE UNESCO-LISTED CATHEDRAL OF ST. JAMES, THE CITY HOSTS A RICH CALENDAR OF FESTIVALS BLENDING CONTEMPORARY ART, MUSIC, FILM, LITERATURE, GASTRONOMY, AND MEDITERRANEAN LIFESTYLE IN UNFORGETTABLE OPEN-AIR SETTINGS.



Ana Paške, Press

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MARTINSKA?

JUST ACROSS THE WATER FROM ŠIBENIK, THE PINE-COVERED PENINSULA OF MARTINSKA HAS QUIETLY EVOLVED INTO ONE OF THE ADRIATIC'S MOST EXCITING ALTERNATIVE SUMMER STAGES. THROUGHOUT JULY AND AUGUST, THE WATERFRONT TRANSFORMS INTO A LAID-BACK MIX OF FESTIVALS, UNDERGROUND MUSIC CULTURE, CAMPING, AND OPEN-AIR NIGHTS BENEATH THE STARS ALL FACING THE ILLUMINATED SKYLINE OF ŠIBENIK ACROSS THE BAY.

The season begins with **Sea Sound Festival from 16 -19 July**, bringing reggae, dub, bass, and electronic music to the pine forests and seaside stages of Martinska. Known for its custom-built sound systems, beach atmosphere, and relaxed camping culture, the gathering combines daytime swimming with long nights by the sea.

NIGHTS AT ST MICHAEL'S FORTRESS

THIS SUMMER'S PROGRAMME AT ST. MICHAEL'S FORTRESS HAS ALREADY SOLD OUT SEVERAL HEADLINE PERFORMANCES, INCLUDING THREE NIGHTS BY ROBERT PLANT, BOTH CONCERTS BY SKUNK ANANSIE, AND WILCO IN SEPTEMBER.

There are still a few unforgettable evenings left on the calendar. Soul icon **Joss Stone** performs on **15 July** bringing her signature blend of soul, jazz, and R&B, followed by legendary downtempo collective **Thievery Corporation** on **22 and 23 July**, while **Chet Faker** arrives on **28 July** with his intimate mix of electronic music, indie, and soulful vocals. August continues with **Tribute to The Purple One: Echoes of Prince** on **13 August**, followed by the popular 4

Tenora on 27 August. The season closes with **SHIP Festival from 10 - 13 September**, one of the region's leading showcases of emerging artists, new music, industry panels, and late-night concerts spread across Šibenik's historic venues.



Robert Plant, Photo by Tom Oldham

Cultural Radar

The energy intensifies during **Martinska Punk Meets Žestoka Fešta (23 - 25 July)**, gathering regional punk, hardcore, sludge, and alternative acts in one of Croatia's rawest underground music settings. This year's lineup is headlined by legendary British punk band GBH and New York hardcore pioneers Cro-Mags, joined by regional favourites including Nula, PuP grupa, Bongorodica, Scuffy Dogs, Sveto Dalmatinski, Novi normalni, Kriva Istina, Stratus, Nikola's Cage, and Zimogroz.

Underground bass culture continues on **30 July with Membrain Pulse**, a one-day gathering focused on deep electronic sounds and intimate seaside sessions.

The programme then shifts toward hip-hop and urban culture during **Preach the Rič on 7 - 8 August**, bringing regional rap artists, DJs, graffiti, and street culture into Šibenik's Mediterranean summer atmosphere.

Among the standout standalone concerts, **Croatian rapper Kandžija performs on 31 July** with material from his acclaimed album *Trostruki salto*, while **Ana Paška premieres *Salon za uljepšavanje duše* on 4 August**, an experimental multimedia performance blending music, theatre, and storytelling.

Electronic nights continue with **Slurp! Summer Clubbing on 1 August**, while **Ši Gitarijada** expands into a two-day celebration of regional guitar bands and alternative music from **5 - 6 August**, further confirming Martinska as one of the Adriatic's most diverse summer musi



Supertoona, The Pool or Death of a Goldfish, Daria Kopiec, Poland



Martinska Archives



Impostor, Thomas Noone Dance (Spain)

Strip, Alfonso López Ganzdleez (Spain/Germany)

THE FESTIVAL EDIT

THE SEASON OPENS WITH THE LEGENDARY INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL ŠIBENIK FROM 13 - 27 JUNE. FOUNDED IN 1958, IT REMAINS ONE OF CROATIA'S MOST IMPORTANT CULTURAL EVENTS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG AUDIENCES, TRANSFORMING THE OLD TOWN INTO A LIVELY STAGE FILLED WITH THEATRE, MUSIC, WORKSHOPS, FILM, AND STREET PERFORMANCES. ONE OF ITS MOST ATMOSPHERIC SEGMENTS IS THE BOKUN FESTIVAL, DEDICATED TO SILENT CINEMA ACCOMPANIED BY LIVE MUSIC PERFORMANCES BENEATH THE SUMMER SKY.

The internationally acclaimed **Šibenik Dance Festival (13 - 18 July)** transforms fortresses, squares, and historic landmarks into spectacular open-air stages for contemporary dance. This year's grand opening ceremony features **Dervish in Progress by Turkish artist Ziya Azazi** in front of the UNESCO-listed Cathedral of St. James, alongside international performances, workshops, and site-specific productions across the city.



Thievery Corporation, Press

BANJ BEACH VOLLEY

Beach volleyball tournament, 27 June / Banj Beach

ŠIBENIK TOWN BAND CONCERT

Open-air concert in front of the City Hall, 28 June

STREET ART FESTIVAL

Urban art and performances, 3-11 July / Club Azimut

ŠIBENIK TRADITIONAL DANCE KOLO

Morning folklore performances in front of the Cathedral, 6-27 July

PRO 3X3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Open-air basketball on Poljana Square, 24-25 July

CHILDREN'S FOLKLORE FESTIVAL

Traditional dance performances across the old town, 18-20 Sep

REGIUS FESTIVAL

Alternative music festival, 25 September, Club Tunel

SWIMMING MARATHON

Swimming meeting at Crnica Pool, 17 -18 October

One of the festival highlights takes place at **St. Michael's Fortress with Mit Herz und Verstand**, a three-part ballet evening by Ballet Staatstheater Cottbus featuring choreographies by Cayetano Soto and Mauro Bigonzetti. The fes-

tival closes **18 July in Vodice at the Centre for Culture with Spanish guest performances Impostor by Thomas Noone Dance and A beginning #16161D by Aurora Bauzá Company.**

Animation and visual storytelling take centre stage during the **Supertoon International Animation and Comics Festival** from **20 - 24 July**. With more than 200 animated films, comic exhibitions, workshops, and open-air screenings across hidden squares and stone streets, Supertoon has become one of the Adriatic's most distinctive summer events.

Film lovers can continue the cinematic atmosphere at the **Croatian International Film Festival** from **24 - 27 July**. Often described as the "Hollywood of the Adriatic," the festival connects filmmakers, actors, and audiences through screenings, industry panels, and red-carpet evenings staged in some of Šibenik's most striking historic locations.

Music remains deeply woven into the city's identity, especially during **Večeri dalmatinske šansone** on **21 - 22 August**. Held beside the cathedral on Trg Republike Hrvatske, the festival celebrates the poetry and romance of Dalmatian chanson through elegant open-air performances in one of the Adriatic's most atmospheric settings.

From **27 - 30 August**, the **Croatian Travel Festival** gathers travellers, photographers, filmmakers, and storytellers sharing experiences from around

the world through lectures, exhibitions, and documentary screenings. Early autumn brings the return of **FALIŠ – Festival of the Alternative and the Left** from **3 - 5 September**. Known for its open-air debates, lectures, concerts, and discussions on contemporary social and cultural topics, FALIŠ has grown into one of the region's most distinctive intellectual gatherings. The cultural season concludes with the intimate **ŠKURE Festival** from **17-19 September**. Dedicated to literature, poetry, music, and Mediterranean creativity, the festival brings together writers, artists, and audiences inside the atmospheric streets and cultural venues of Šibenik's old town.

FROM JAZZ TO THE BEAT: BEYOND ŠIBENIK

BEYOND ŠIBENIK, THE SUMMER FESTIVAL SCENE STRETCHES ACROSS THE COAST AND DALMATIAN HINTERLAND. Jazz arrives first on Murter during the **Jezerca Jazz Festival** from **29 June to 5 July**. The festival combines vocal masterclasses and workshops for musicians with intimate public concerts, creating a relaxed atmosphere filled with late-night jazz sessions by the sea. On **3 July**, visitors can listen to **Sandra Halužan and Pajdo Profeta**, while those who miss Sandra in Jezerca can catch her again on **16 July at the legendary A3 Club in Knin alongside the Škočilić Duo.**

Nearby, the **Vodice Jazz & Blues Festival** returns from **16 - 18 July**, once again bringing jazz, blues, soul, and fusion sounds to the waterfront stages of Vodice.

During **July and August**, **The Garden Resort** at Tisno once again becomes one of Europe's leading destinations for electronic music and summer festivals. Throughout the season, the waterfront festival site hosts a packed calendar dedicated to house, techno, drum'n'bass, disco, bass culture, and underground electronic music, attracting audiences from across the world. More information and the full festival programme are available at The Garden Productions web.

In **Primošten**, the summer concert season begins on **20 June** at the spectacular *Gospa od Loreta* viewpoint with a special open-air performance by popular Croatian band **Silente**. The season continues there on **8 August**, when legendary house music DJ and producer **David Morales** brings a night of classic house sounds to the hilltop stage above Primošten.

The **Dalmatian hinterland** also joins the summer music calendar. On **12 June**, **Knin** hosts the energetic **Rock Sevdah** concert at the spectacular **Knin Fortress**, where popular regional band **Rock Ko Fol** returns with its signature mix of rock energy and cult Balkan hits, all set inside one of Croatia's most impressive medieval fortresses.



Terminal VC, Press



Let there be light!

This marvellous project features night underwater lighting which stretches from the harbour dock of the Krka River to St. Jacob's Cathedral in the old town of Šibenik. A little known fact is that Šibenik was the first Croatian town and one of the first cities in the world to

Light is Life Festival, Photo M. Pilić

receive public lighting on August 28, 1895 and each year, the town marks that historical date with a true spectacle that includes music and entertainment.

Rays of light beam and reflect off the water and from beneath turning Šibenik into a fairy tale city.

ESSENTIAL ŠIBENIK

CATHEDRAL OF ST JAMES (KATEDRALA SVETOG JAKOVA)

With its pale stone dome rising above the city like a gargantuan crocus bulb, Šibenik's magnificent Cathedral exerts a dominating presence over the huddled buildings of the Old Town. In a sense the church here is as old as Šibenik itself, although it is the century-long campaign of rebuilding initiated in 1431 that produced the imposing edifice that can be seen today.

Frequently halted by lack of funds, construction took place in installments, and the new-look cathedral wasn't officially consecrated until 1555. However it brought together many of the Adriatic's finest craftsmen, foremost among them being the visionary architect Juraj Dalmatinac, and his successor Nikola Firentinac. It was they who were responsible for the cathedral's most innovative features, the barreled roof and massive cupola both built from interlocking stone slabs.

Quite apart from its status as a marvel of construction, the Cathedral is also a hugely entertaining as a gallery of late-Medieval and early-Renaissance sculpture. The north portal is framed by endearingly primitive statues of Adam and Eve (both portrayed covering their private parts in embarrassment) standing on pillars which rest on the backs of lions. They are thought to be the work of Bonino of Milan, a craftsman from Lombardy who was brought in to work on the cathedral at an early stage but who died before the reconstruction really got going. Much more refined in style are the sculptures and reliefs around the outside of

the apse, where Juraj Dalmatinac provided a frieze of 71 stone heads – which appear to pop out of the wall just above human height. Thought to be modeled on Šibenik characters of Dalmatinac's acquaintance, they are uniquely lifelike examples of Renaissance sculpture and have served as something of a trademark for the city of Šibenik ever since. Above the frieze, a pair of stone cherubs unfurl a scroll of parchment bearing the name of the artist, Juraj Dalmatinac.

You'll have to crane your neck upwards to catch sight of the statues grouped around the central cupola, all the work of Nikola Firentinac. A winged St Michael is portrayed spearing a dragon facing the main square, while St Mark faces the sea, and St James faces east. Standing at roof level at the western end of the cathedral is an Annunciation scene, also by Firentinac, featuring Archangel Gabriel and the Virgin.

Inside, look out for a sarcophagus of Bishop Juraj Šižgorić with an effigy of the reclining bishop carved by Juraj Dalmatinac. The Altar of the Holy Cross bears a late Gothic crucifixion carved by Juraj Petrović, fifteenth-century Canon of Split Cathedral. Dalmatinac's greatest masterpiece is the baptistery (*krstionica*) in the cathedral's corner, which features a beautifully carved ceiling, and plump cherubs cavorting around the base of the baptismal font.

► **D-4, Trg Republike Hrvatske 1. Open 08:30–20:00. Holy Masses: Every day at 09:00 & 20:00, Sunday 09:30, 11:00, 20:00. Unified ticket for Cathedral and Civitas Sacra Centre 5 - 10 €.**

CIVITAS SACRA - INTERPRETATION CENTRE OF ST. JAMES' CATHEDRAL (INTERPRETACIJSKI CENTAR KATEDRALE SVETOG JAKOVA)

Civitas Sacra – The Holy City programme, was developed in collaboration between the town of Šibenik, its tourist board, as well as the diocese. At its centre is the Cathedral of St. James, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and the recently renovated Galbani Palace. With tourism in mind, this programme will look to create new jobs as well as extend the regional tourist season past the traditional summer months. Co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund, Civitas Sacra sees the now-open interpretive centre of the cathedral, while the interior of the palace has been conceived as a modern, multimedia presentation of the cultural and historical heritage of Šibenik, throughout the ages. ▶ **Ivana Pribislavića 3, tel. (+385-22) 66 85 22, www.civitasacra.hr/en. Open 08:00-20:00; closed Sun. Admission: 5 - 10 €. **

SAINT ANTHONY'S CHANNEL - PROMENADE

St Anthony's Channel is the only sea entrance to the city of Šibenik and forms part of the protected significant landscape Channel-Port, as well as the Natura 2000 ecological network of the Krka estuary. The 4.4-kilometre seaside promenade passes through Mediterranean vegetation and offers spectacular panoramic views of the Šibenik archipelago, St Nicholas' Fortress, and the historic city skyline. Along the route, visitors can explore historic military structures, including a former naval tunnel locally known as "Hitler's Eyes", the small cave church dedicated to St Anthony hidden within the rocks along the channel, and the remains of historic fortifications once connected to the defence of Šibenik. At Minerska Bay, visitors can also discover the modern St Anthony's Channel Visitor Centre, featuring the multimedia exhibition Where the River Meets the Sea, interactive displays, and virtual reality experiences presenting the rich natural and cultural heritage of the Krka estuary and the protected areas of the Šibenik-Knin County. The promenade is ideal for walking, jogging, cycling, and organised interpretive tours, combining nature, heritage, and stunning coastal scenery. ▶ **J/K-5, <http://www.kanal-svetog-ante.com> <https://www.facebook.com/JUPirrodaSKZ> https://www.instagram.com/jupirroda_skz**

ŠIBENIK CITY MUSEUM (MUZEJ GRADA ŠIBENIKA)

A narrow alley behind the cathedral's apse leads to the 17th-century Rector's Palace, once the seat of the Venetian representative overseeing Šibenik's affairs. Home to the Šibenik City Museum, the building is currently undergoing renovation, with the permanent exhibition temporarily closed. Temporary exhibitions are held in a hall on the Riva side, where historic cannons are on display. ▶ **D-4, Gradska vrata 3, tel. (+385-22) 21 38 80, www.muzej-sibenik.hr.**

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THE MEDIEVAL MONASTERY MEDITERRANEAN GARDEN OF ST LAWRENCE (SREDNJOVJEKOVNI SAMOSTANSKI MEDITERANSKI VRT SV. LOVRE)

Laid out by landscape architect Dragutin Kiš and maintained by children from a local high school, the Mediterranean Garden has become one of Šibenik's most popular attractions since opening its gates in 2007. Occupying an oblong terrace just above the belfry of St Lawrence's church and surrounded by stone walls, the garden aims to provide an accurate impression of what a medieval monastery garden would have looked like, and is a marvelously soothing spot in which to enjoy a few moments of retreat. The collection of plants is laid out in neat geometric beds and reveals how monastery gardens such as these were highly practical affairs, cultivating the herbs and shrubs that were both useful in the kitchen and in medieval medicine. Fruit trees and roses help to provide additional colour. There is also a café with outdoor seating on a garden-side patio, a restaurant and a souvenir shop. If you have ambitious plans for a herb garden at home, this is the perfect place to come for horticultural inspiration. ▶ **D-3, Strme stuba 1, tel. +385 99 730 1545, www.hostelsvlovre.com/hr/vrt/. Open 09:00-23:00. €€.   **

FORTIFICATIONS

One of Šibenik's unique attractions are its four fortresses which for centuries served as a defence against incoming enemies. Three of the fortresses have been renovated, St. Michael's, St. John's and Barone, whilst the fortress of St. Nicholas, which is built and encompasses the surface

area of an entire island, in 2017 has been inscribed on UNESCO's Protected World Heritage List. St Nicholas' Fortress can be reached by sea or by road in the hinterland of Zablaće.

BARONE FORTRESS

Today's smart devices are virtual time machines. Don a pair of augmented reality (AR) device and step 370 years in to the past, to the 1646 Ottoman siege of Šibenik. The defence of the city by the citizens of Šibenik is told through an exhilarating audio and video experience taking the viewer right into the centre of the action. The siege takes place on Barone Fortress, a fortification hastily built in just under two months lying on the hills overlooking the city. The fortress was part of the defence system of Šibenik which included three other fortresses and together they served as the last line of defence against the invading Ottomans. While the other three fortresses were named after sacred buildings, this one was named after Baron Degenfeld, a hero in the story of the cities defence. The fortress soon fell into a state of disrepair after the Ottoman invaders were repelled. It was several hundred years later, in the early 20th century that the city of Šibenik purchased the fortress and its surrounding land. It eventually gained use as a viewpoint overlooking the city's marina and archipelago, and as a recreational space for hiking. In June 2014, a major project was undertaken by the city of Šibenik to renovate Barone Fortress. The project aimed to provide visitors to the fortress with a cultural attraction and to incorporate innovative high-tech services. Utilising AR (augmented reality) technology, the stories of the past can now become the attractions of the future, making the famous fortress a truly unique attraction in Croatia. The opening ceremony marked the 950th anniversary of the city's first written mention, and this fabulously renovated fortress is a tremendous gift to all who visit. ▶ **F-1, Put Vuka Mandušića 28, tel. (+385-91) 619 65 67, www.tvrdjava-kulture.hr/en/. Open 09:00-20:00. Admission for Barone fortresses and St John's Fortress 7,5 - 11,5 € (family 28 €). Another option is unified ticket valid for seven days, for visiting St. Michael's Fortress, Barone Fortress and St John's Fortress : 8,5 - 15 € (family 33 €).**

ST ANTHONY'S CHANNEL VISITOR CENTRE

Located in Minerska Bay within a former military complex, the St Anthony's Channel Visitor Centre is a modern multimedia interpretation centre dedicated to the natural and cultural heritage of the Šibenik-Knin County. Its permanent educational and entertaining exhibition, Where the River Meets the Sea, introduces visitors to the rich biodiversity of the Krka estuary and St Anthony's Channel through interactive exhibits, multimedia installations, and virtual reality experiences. Special emphasis is placed on the underwater world, protected habitats, and the unique meeting point of river and sea. The centre also features a multimedia hall, educational programmes, a souvenir shop, a café bar, and a children's playground. Film lovers may recognise the location from scenes of the cult Croatian movie How the War Started on My Island, which



was filmed here. Opening hours and additional visitor information can be found at kanal-svetog-ante.com. ▶ **Uvala Minerska, tel. (+385-22) 43 63 00, www.kanal-svetog-ante.com/en/home. Admission: Adults: 9 €, Children (6-18): 6.50 €, Family ticket: 23 €, Children under 6: free of charge.**

ST JOHN'S FORTRESS (TVRĐAVA SVETOG IVANA)

Built in 1646 at the time of the Candia War (when Venetian-controlled Dalmatia was engaged in a bitter struggle to ward off Ottoman encroachment) this is a typical example of 17th-century military architecture, its star-shaped plan providing any number of ideal angles for defensive artillery fire. Even today it is a stirring sight, its angular jutting bastions surrounded by outcrops of limestone and spindly evergreen trees.

Getting here from the centre of town is fairly easy: from the main Kralja Zvonimira take Težačka then turn left into Zadarska Street, before turning right onto the steeply ascending Put V. Mandušića. Alternatively, drive as far as Barone (see below) and take the footpath from there. Once you're here, the access path to the fortress itself leads through a stepped gateway and out onto a grassy plateau, where there are remains of barrack blocks, powder stores, World-War-II gun positions and a modern radio mast. The views, taking in St Michael's Fortress and the Šibenik Channel, are well worth the uphill walk. ▶ **L-2, Put Tanaje 29, tel.**

+385 91 497 5547, www.tvrdjava-kulture.hr/en/home/. Open 09:00-20:00. Admission for Barone fortresses and St John's Fortress 7,5 - 11,5 € (family 28 €). Another option is unified ticket valid for seven days, for visiting St. Michael's Fortress, Barone Fortress and St John's Fortress: 8,5 - 15 € (family 33 €).

ST MICHAEL'S FORTRESS (TVRĐAVA SVETOG MIHOVILA)

One of the first things that visitors see when entering Šibenik by road is the silhouette of St Michael's Fortress, which crowns the pyramidal hill above Šibenik's Old Town. Its importance to the Croatian state is illustrated by the number of times that 11th-century Croatian kings brought their court here – Petar Krešimir IV in 1066, Zvonimir in 1078, and Stjepan II in 1080. It was during Krešimir's visit that Šibenik was first mentioned in official documents, which explains why the city is sometimes known to this day as "Krešimir's Town".

Its floor plan has the shape of an irregular rectangle. There are two square towers on its eastern side whereas two polygonal towers sit along its northern front. Throughout history, the fortress had been repeatedly destroyed and rebuilt, and it experienced its greatest suffering in 1663 and 1752. Archaeological investigations inside the monumental complex have found numerous remains of material culture dating from prehistoric times to the late Middle Ages. Running downhill from the fortress towards the seafront are a crenellated set of double walls built in the 15th century to provide access to the sea.

Centuries on and despite its majestic yet turbulent past, St. Michael's Fortress stands proud as a true landmark of the city, an unavoidable destination of cultural tourism and of utter national significance. Nowadays and after extensive reconstruction, the fortress serves a different purpose; it has become a summer stage for various cultural and in particular musical events thanks to its natural beauty and location.

Also, the two underground cisterns from the 15th century have been turned into time machines that take you through the centuries of Šibenik. Witness the most important events from the creation of the city until today, thanks to 3D mapping technology. Be sure to check their

website and social media for updated working hours. ▶ C-2, Zagrađe 21, tel. (+385-) 091 497 55 47, www.tvrdjava-kulture.hr/en/. Open 09:00-20:00. Admission 7,5 - 11,5 €.

ST NICHOLAS' FORTRESS (TVRĐAVA SVETOG NIKOLE)

Located at the entrance to St Anthony's Channel, St Nicholas' Fortress is one of the most impressive sea fortresses in the Mediterranean and a unique example of Venetian Renaissance military architecture. Built in the mid-16th century by the renowned Venetian military engineer Gian Girolamo Sammicelli to defend Šibenik from Ottoman naval attacks, the fortress is distinguished by its rare triangular layout and dramatic position completely surrounded by the sea.

In 2017, St Nicholas' Fortress was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List as part of the transnational site Venetian Works of Defence between the 16th and 17th Centuries, making Šibenik one of the rare cities in the world with two UNESCO World Heritage properties. The fortress can only be visited through organised boat tours operated by the Public Institution Nature of the Šibenik-Knin County. Departures are from the Šibenik waterfront, and the experience includes a panoramic boat ride through the protected landscape of St Anthony's Channel, guided interpretation at the fortress, multilingual multimedia guides, and admission. Opening hours, schedules, and ticket prices can be found at kanal-svetog-ante.com. The ticket includes a panoramic boat ride through St Anthony's Channel (approximately 20 minutes each way), admission to the fortress, guided interpretation, and multilingual multimedia guides. The complete visit lasts approximately two hours. ▶ tel. +385 22 338 343/+385 22 218 964, www.kanal-svetog-ante.com. Admission: Adults 19.50 € - 27.50 €, Children (6-18): 15.50 € - 20.50 €, Children under 6: free of charge.

GALLERIES

ST CHRYSOGONUS GALLERY (GALERIJA SVETOG KRŠEVANA)

As part of the old Romanic church, the main exhibiting area is designed as the gallery of contemporary art in Šibenik.

St Anthony's Channel
A unique experience of natural and cultural heritage

St Nicholas' Fortress

UNESCO's pearl in Šibenik

- Boat trip (tour: 2 hours)
- Admission to St Nicholas' Fortress
- Multimedia guides

Visitor Center St Anthony's Channel

- Multimedia exhibition
- Souvenir shop
- Caffe bar

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Exhibitions by Croatian and international artists are often organized. The gallery also has a studio and the Matija Gallery in the historical part of Šibenik. ▶ D-3, Don Krste Stošića bb, tel. (+385-22) 33 00 49, www.galerija-svkrsevana.hr. Open 09:00-12:00, 20:00-22:00; closed Sun.

PARKS

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Named after the Šibenik-born 19th-century botanist, this stretch of park was laid out in the 1890s, and a section of the medieval town wall was demolished to make way for it. A high proportion of evergreen trees and shrubs ensure that the park retains its colour all year round, while plantings of lavender, rosemary and sage provide waves of pleasantly herby scent. The garden was once the site of a bronze statue of Nikola Tommaseo (1802-1874), the Šibenik-born Italian-language novelist and critic who had a profound interest in local Dalmatian culture. It's now the site of a statue of King Petar Krešimir IV. ▶ G-3.

ŠUBIČEVAC PARK

For a taste of the arid Mediterranean landscape that characterises central Dalmatia head for this large wooded area uphill from the centre, where a mazy network of paths leads up and down boulder-strewn knolls covered in a mixture of wiry shrubs and evergreens. There's a kids' playground near the entrance, and good views over the south-eastern end of the city from the park's higher

reaches. It's also a good start or finishing point for those exploring the nearby fortresses of St John and Barone. ▶ F-1, Šubičevac.

FOR KIDS

HAPPY HORSE FARM (KOLAN HORSE CLUB)

A charming countryside escape, especially enjoyable for families and animal lovers. The farm is home to a variety of animals, including horses, ponies, llamas, goats, and rabbits, creating a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. With friendly staff and a hands-on, authentic experience, it feels more like a personal visit than a formal attraction. It's a great way to spend a few peaceful hours away from the city and enjoy nature at a slower pace.

▶ Dubravski put, tel. (+385-) 098 936 03 04/+385 (0) 98 721 466, www.kk-kolan.hr. Open by prior arrangement.

PULSE ARENA

A modern indoor entertainment center that offers a great mix of fun, energy, and activities for all ages. From trampolines and ninja obstacle courses to VR games and soft play areas, it's designed for both kids and adults looking for an active and entertaining experience. The on-site restaurant also adds to the overall experience. ▶ Velimira Škorpika 19b, tel. +385 91 637 3189, www.pulsearena.net/. Open 15:00-21:00; Fri 15:00-23:00; Sat 10:00-23:00; Sun 10:00-22:00.



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SOME PLACES AND EXPERIENCES SIMPLY DON'T MAKE THE FRONT PAGE OF TRAVEL GUIDES — NOT BECAUSE THEY AREN'T WORTH SEEING, BUT BECAUSE THEY TEND TO BE DISCOVERED UNEXPECTEDLY, SOMEWHERE BETWEEN THE MAJOR LANDMARKS AND CAREFULLY PLANNED ITINERARIES. THIS SELECTION BRINGS TOGETHER A MIX OF PLACES IN AND AROUND ŠIBENIK THAT MAY NOT BE THE OBVIOUS HEADLINERS, BUT ABSOLUTELY DESERVE A SPOT ON EVERY TRAVELER'S RADAR. FROM HIDDEN VIEWPOINTS AND LOCAL FOOD STOPS TO CULTURAL CURIOSITIES AND MEMORABLE DETOURS, THESE ARE THE EXPERIENCES THAT OFTEN END UP BECOMING THE STORIES PEOPLE REMEMBER MOST.

HOME OF THE DALMATIAN DOG

The real question is, what took so long? The world's first museum dedicated entirely to the iconic Dalmatian dog is finally here, telling the story of one of the most beloved breeds on the planet. There is a lot more to the Dalmatian than Pongo, Roger Radcliffe, and Cruella de Vil, and this fun museum is a brilliant way to learn more about the history of the dog and its famous spots. The Home of the Dalmatian Dog is truly a museum for dog-lovers of all ages.

Kralja Zvonimira 42a, Šibenik, www.homeofthedalmatiananddog.com. Open 09:30 - 13:00, 17:00 - 21:00.

ŠIBENIK FALCONRY CENTRE

Located in woods near Dubrava 8km north of the city centre, the Šibenik Falconry Centre was founded in 2000 to protect birds of prey and educate the local public about

wildlife conservation issues. As a collection centre for injured birds, kept here before being returned to the wild, it has become a major tourist attraction. The centre receives birds of prey from all over Croatia, most of which are victims of their interaction with human civilization: typical cases include birds injured by collisions with cars or electric fences, birds orphaned by hunters, or birds that were inappropriately kept as pets by humans. The majority are successfully treated and returned to the wild. Individual visitors are free to admire and photograph any birds currently kept in the Centre's holding cages (buzzards and eagle owls being the most numerous patients), a wonderful experience that will bring you face to face with creatures that you would normally never see at such close quarters. Pre-booked groups may also be treated to displays of falconry.

Škugori 47a, Dubrava kod Šibenika, www.sokolar-skicentar.com. July and August Open Fri - Sat 10:00 - 14:00

ETNOLAND

Just a short, 10-minute drive from Krka National Park, Etnoland offers a journey into the traditions of the Dalmatian hinterland. Part open-air museum, part immersive experience, it brings local history to life through storytelling and multimedia elements. Easily reachable from Šibenik by car or by bus towards Drniš. The visit of the multimedia show lasts 1 hour and visitors can also opt to end their visit at the on-site restaurant, which serves traditional Dalmatian dishes exclusively for Etnoland guests, offering a genuine taste of the region. Engaging, well-produced and at times surprisingly emotional, it stands out as one of inland Dalmatia's more distinctive cultural stops. Suitable for individuals as well as families. The shows start from 12:00 every day and entry is possible every 30 min.

Put Čikole 4, Pakovo Selo, www.etnoland.com

ČIKOLA CANYON

Just a short drive from Šibenik is a rare place of undisturbed nature, harsh yet tender, surrounded by the beauty of Krka National Park. We're talking about the Čikola River Canyon, a swift karst river in winter that dries up almost entirely in the summer, making this a glorious place for a wide variety of activities. Walking along the dry riverbed in summer is a rare treat, and the surroundings offer plenty of hikes, runs and treks for more energetic visitors. There is also a four-platform zipline that zips the intrepid down at an incredible 70km/h pace, perfect for adrenaline seekers and extreme tourists alike. Throw in arguably the best climbing rock in Croatia, and you've got yourself a natural paradise with plenty to offer. The canyon is found 13km or so west of Drniš, the only town in Croatia that still has the remains of an Ottoman minaret.

PRIMOŠTEN VINEYARDS

The best of Šibenik county's velvety Babić wine comes from the vineyards ranged across the hills around Primošten, a geometric cluster of small rectangular plots owned by individual local families. With each of these rectangular parcels surrounded by a dry-stone wall, the vine-bearing hillside terraces look strikingly decorative when seen from a distance, and are somewhat appropriately described as the "stone lace of Primošten" in local tourist literature. These terraces are the result of generations of back-breaking toil: the rocks that cover the local landscape had to be laboriously broken up in order to create cultivable patches of land. Primošten's oldest vineyards probably date from the

16th century, although extra impetus to their development was provided by post-World-War-II land redistribution, when the area around the Kremik Gulf southwest of town was divided up and shared out among the locals. Over the course of ten years hillside terraces were built, fields were cleared and dividing walls were erected with geometrical precision, producing the unique vineyard landscape that can be seen today. Such is its beauty that the Croatian government is considering putting the Primošten Vineyards forward as a candidate for inclusion on the UNESCO's World Heritage List.

Best way to admire the vineyards is to head for Kremik yachting marina, which lies at the bottom of several terraced slopes. Several foot- and bicycle paths allow visitors to explore the landscape at close quarters.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY REDEEMER IN OTAVICE (THE MEŠTROVIĆ FAMILY MAUSOLEUM)

Ten kilometres east of Drniš, the sleepy village of Otavice is celebrated for the domed grey Church of the Holy Redeemer that squats on a low hill on the fringes of the village. It was built in to serve as a family mausoleum by the sculptor Ivan Meštrović, who spent much of his childhood here before pursuing a long and fruitful artistic career in Vienna, Zagreb then the USA. Begun in 1926, the building contains some of Meštrović's most haunting reliefs, with an ethereal Crucifixion flanked by serene portrayals of the Evangelists. Mass is only held here once a month, but the church is open as a tourist attraction during whole year. **Otavice, Ružić, www.mestrovic.hr**

Sip & Savour

WHEN IT COMES TO GASTRONOMY THE ŠIBENIK REGION IS AS RICH AND VARIED AS THEY COME. THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT VARIATIONS FROM ONE LOCALITY TO THE NEXT; AND EACH PLACE NURTURES SPECIALITIES THAT THEY FEEL ARE UNIQUE. WE'VE DIVIDED THE REGION INTO FOUR AREAS TO HELP YOU DISCOVER ITS CULINARY SUPERLATIVES.

ŠIBENIK

Despite being surrounded by the riches of the Adriatic Sea, Šibenik has developed an urban cooking culture strong on stews, schnitzels and other filing lunches. Partly this is due to the

city's historical status as a regional centre in both Venetian and Austrian Empires, both of which brought culinary habits in their wake. Particularly well-developed in Šibenik is the culture of the *marenda*, the warm meal traditionally eaten in the middle of the working day, somewhere between breakfast and lunch. The homely restaurants which specialize in *marende* are still a major feature of the city. They usually chalk up their menus on a board from day to day, although certain dishes are almost certain to be on the list - *sarma* (cabbage leaves stuffed with rich tasty mincemeat), *tripice* (tripe stew), *punjene paprike* (stuffed peppers), and *pasta fažol* (bean stew with pasta) are just some of the things that Šibenik folk eat on a daily basis...You also get old-style dishes which rarely feature in the more tourist-oriented restaurants, like yummy tripe stew and finger-licking lamb's liver. Other Šibenik specialities that might be more appealing include *lugačnica*, a herb-flavoured pork sausage of Italian origin, and, when in season, the delectable dish that is artichoke with green beans.



THE ISLANDS

The waters around the islands of the Šibenik region are among the clearest in the Adriatic, and it's hardly surprising to discover that it yields a cornucopia of culinary riches. The sea around the Kornati archipelago is a particularly good hunting ground for white fish, lobster, prawns and everything else that swims and wriggles its way through the great Adriatic blue. Traditionally local cooks stick to simplicity - olive oil and a shake of salt is very often all that these noble sea creatures need before being tossed on the grill. There's an increasing number of high-quality seafood restaurants on the Kornati catering for yachting folk, most of which rely on the fresh catch rather than what they got in the cash-and-carry.

Fishing culture - and the need to make the best of your catch whatever you come back into port with - means that mixed-seafood brodet or stew is another staple. Every household has their own recipe - indeed the island of Zlarin has an annual competition to see who cooks up the best. Squid as always features strongly in the local diet: one speciality you won't see so often elsewhere is black polenta, made with the squid and its ink.

THE INTERIOR

North and east of Šibenik maritime culture merges with inland pursuits such as animal-rearing, wine-making and crop-growing. Straddling both cultures is Skradin, a town that has developed a distinct culinary profile of its own. Well served with fish, shellfish, frogs and eels (the latter feature in an eel brodet that is often eaten cold), Skradin cooks also have access to the *čokalica*, a tasty small fish that lives on the boundaries of the fresh-water and salt-water zones. Another thing unique to Skradin is *skradinski rižot*,

a slow-cooked beef-based risotto flavoured with aromatic spices (and which, according to tradition, takes 8-9 hours to cook and can only be made by men).

Elsewhere inland, it's the meat that dominates the menu, with pork, veal and occasionally rooster slow-baked under a metal lid known as a *peka* - which is regularly sprinkled with hot ashes from a roaring hearth. Local market in centre of Drniš is known all over Croatia for its *pršut*, which is reckoned to be the best in Dalmatia. The town's other claim to fame is *siriz mišine*, a distinctively tart sheep's cheese matured in sheepskin bags - it is best consumed with a glass of good red wine. The other local dairy product is *škripavac* ("the squeaky one"), a mild cow's cheese with a pleasantly rubbery texture.

ALONG THE COAST

Coastal settlements running up the coast from Šibenik have a long tradition of sea-fishing, but also grow vegetables and pulses in their gardens. Seafood staples like squid are often paired with lentils, chickpeas or green beans. Succulent prawns and protein-rich sardines and anchovies make up the bulk of the local catch, and it's the salted and marinated 'blue' fish from these coastal villages that make up one of the true joys of the region's cuisine.

One of the foodstuffs most specific to the region is the mussel, grown in the Krka estuary near Šibenik and also in the Murter Channel, between Pirovac and the island of Murter. Always present in the wild, mussels have been farmed as a food product since the 1980s, turning the Šibenik region into

On **6 June** at Perivoj Roberta Visanija, one of Šibenik's favourite early-summer events, **Pidoče i Debit se vole**, celebrates fresh mussels from the Krka estuary paired with local Debit wine through seafood dishes, music, and a relaxed open-air atmosphere.

From **3 - 4 July** at Azimut, the **Goluž Film Food Festival** blends cinema and gastronomy through open-air film screenings and dishes inspired by iconic food movies, creating one of Šibenik's most original summer lifestyle events.

one of the prime sources of mussels in Croatia - wherever you are along this stretch of shore, mussels will be one of the treats you simply must try.

Tribunj, Murter and Prvič Luka are still working fishing communities, with anchovies and sardines making up the biggest share of the catch. Salted and marinated fish are true joys, adria stall on Tribunj market is one of the best places to pick them up. Use of chickpeas and green beans, in combination with anchovies or squid.

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CROATIAN

BARUN

Based in a large family house midway between Brodarica and the Solaris complex, Barun has a big first-floor dining room with views towards the green olive plantations surrounding Solaris's bay, and outdoor seating in a garden planted with palms and lush Mediterranean plants. Local fish and shellfish form the mainstay of the menu, although it's the pasta dishes that bring many in-the-know Šibenik diners out this far. ► **Podsolarško 66**, tel. (+385-22) 35 06 66/+385 99 315 3914, www.restoran-barun.eatbu.hr/?lang=hr. Open 12:00-23:00. €€. ☑ ☑ ☑ ☑ ☑ ☑ ☑ ☑

BRONZIN

Everything about Bronzin works to a tee. There is plenty of space, for a start, although don't be surprised to see this place packed from open to close. The cleavers on the walls give an indication as to what to expect, meaning a whole host of excellent meat-based dishes practically cooked in front of you in the open kitchen. That venison burger, oh baby. ► **B/D - 4, Obala palih omladinaca 5**, tel. (+385-) 091 602 34 21, www.restoran-bronzin.eatbu.com/?lang=en. Open 12:00-24:00. €€. ☑ ☑ ☑ ☑ ☑ ☑ ☑ ☑

BUFFET ŠIMUN

Inexpensive Dalmatian fare in a startlingly orange eatery near the train station, with hearty soups like *bob* (beans) augmented by grilled meats, breaded squid, *pašticada* (beef stewed in prunes) and other Croatian lunchtime standards. ► **Fra Jeronima Milete 17**, tel. (+385-22) 21 26 74. Open 08:00-22:00; closed Sun. €. ☑ ☑ ☑ ☑ ☑ ☑ ☑ ☑

JADRAN RESTAURANT & BAR

Smack bang in the heart of Šibenik's darling waterfront promenade, Jadran is all about the tastes of Dalmatia and the Mediterranean. Cocktails and local wines too, with

frequent live music nights to boot. Everything you could want from dinner and drinks in Šibenik, to cut a long story short. ► **E-4, Obala Franje Tuđmana 52**, tel. (+385-) 098 38 40 45, www.restaurant-jadran-sibenik.business.site/. Open 07:00-23:30. €€. ☑ ☑ ☑ ☑ ☑ ☑ ☑ ☑

KONOBA CENTAR

A cosy, family-run *konoba* in Šibenik's old town serving honest, traditional Dalmatian food. The menu focuses on homemade pasta, gnocchi, meat and seafood dishes, with generous portions and simple, well-executed flavours. The atmosphere is warm, informal and very local, making it an easy, relaxed choice for a straightforward meal in the city centre. ► **Kralja Tomislava 7c**, tel. (+385-) 99 370 47 20. Open 12:00-24:00.

KONOBA PROVIDENCA

Small but perfectly formed, Konoba Providenca understands the importance of emotion and passion when it comes to good food. The restaurant has a charming location in Šibenik's old town and the menu touches on the usual flourishes, with something for everyone whether you are after fish, meat or something vegetarian. This one needs reservations ahead of time, but it is definitely worth it. ► **Martina Kolunića 17**, tel. (+385-) 091 540 59 87, www.konoba-providenca.hr. Open 16:00-23:45; closed Sun. ☑

MARENDI

A tiny room selling fishy snacks of the anchovy, pilchard and mackerel variety, with the odd bit of squid or hake thrown in for good measure. There is a small table inside and a wooden bench on the alley outside. Locals frequently call in for a glass or two of red wine served from the barrel. And don't be surprised if they suddenly start singing. ► **E-2, Nove crkve 9**, tel. (+385-22) 33 60 77. Open 09:00-22:00; closed Sun. €. ☑ ☑ ☑ ☑ ☑ ☑ ☑ ☑

PEŠKARIJA

The name of this hostelry means "The Fish Market", so no prizes for guessing what's on the menu. Peškarija has a pleasant terrace with a sea view. ► **C-3, Obala palih omladinaca 4**, tel. +385 22 21 55 67/(+385-) 091 111 27 27. Open 11:00-23:00. €€. ☑ ☑ ☑ ☑ ☑ ☑ ☑ ☑

TERRA MARE

Enjoying an enviable quayside position, Terra Mare is a traditional Dalmatian restaurant that has been given a modern makeover, surrounding diners with soothing fawn hues and smart furnishings rather than the usual nautical trinkets. The grilled fish and meat dishes are unlikely to disappoint, and the seafood pasta dishes are excellent. ► **E-4, Obala dr. Franje Tuđmana 3**, tel. (+385-) 097 708 91 28. Open 08:00-24:00. €€. ☑ ☑ ☑ ☑ ☑ ☑ ☑ ☑

TINEL

Up a short flight of steps opposite St. Chrysogonus's Church, Tinel has a broad menu of meat and seafood that covers most Adriatic culinary bases. The frogfish (*grdo-*

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bina) in white wine sauce or grilled sea bass (*brancin*) are particularly good. ► C-2, Trg pučkih kapetana 1, tel. (+385-) 098 870 080. Open 12:00-22:00; closed Sun. (90-190kn). € € € € €

VISIANI BISTRO & BAR

A host of household names were involved in putting together Visiani Bistro & Bar, so it is no great shock to find a charming restaurant as committed to taste and thought. Nothing goes to waste here, and everything on the menu has a story. This is traditional Šibenik dining transported into the 21st century, with heritage flavours nestled alongside modern charm. The results speak for themselves.

► F-4, Obala dr. Franje Tuđmana 2, tel. (+385- 22) 48 58 14. Open 12:00-15:00/18:00-22:00; closed Sun. Bar is open 09:00 - 01:00. € €. € € € €

ZLATNA RIBICA

Long considered one of the best seafood restaurants in the region, this is a roomy and rather plush location decked out in welcoming pinky-red hues, with potted indoor trees and a sprinkling of cacti. The big sea-facing terrace offers wonderful views, with the island of Krapanj putting in an appearance just across the water. The finest fish will be grilled, baked or stewed according to your wishes. With light jazzy music in the background, it's the ideal place for a quality meal in relaxing, romantic surroundings. ► Krpanjskih spužvara 46, Brodarica, tel. (+385-22) 35 03 00/(+385-22) 35 06 95, www.zlatna-ribica.hr. Open 12:00-23:00; closed Mon. € € €.

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UPSCALE

PELEGRINI (MICHELIN 2025)

Occupying a renovated medieval building, just up the steps from Šibenik Cathedral, a Michelin Star owner Pelegrini offers a winning blend of bare-stone historical authenticity and contemporary design cool. They create personalised high-end gastronomic experiences, rich with flavours and aromas of gastronomic heritage. Dishes are made using local ingredients and fresh seafood, while sommeliers create daily wine selections to best fit the season and condition of each wine. Menu is 4 courses. Tasting menu is available upon request. ► C-3, Jurja Dalmatinca 1, tel. (+385-22) 21 37 01, www.pelegrini.hr. Open 12:00-16:30; Fri 12:00-14:00/18:30-21:00; closed Sun. € € € € € €.

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MEDITERRANEAN

AY AMO

Ay Amo is a modern, design-led city bistro in Šibenik's old town with a relaxed, contemporary feel and a focus on simple, well-executed food. The menu leans into all-day dining — breakfast-style dishes, light lunches and easy comfort plates with a modern twist — served in a casual, stylish setting. It's the kind of place that works equally well for a slow coffee, a quick bite or a laid-back meal in the city



centre, with an emphasis on fresh ingredients and an easy, unpretentious vibe. ► Dobrić 4, tel. (+385-) 91 983 28 08. Open 11:00-24:00. € € €

BISTRO BAVA

Smart, white-cube bistro on a cute piazza between the seashore and the Old Town, serving a shrewd mix of seafood and modern Mediterranean fare. Sea bream comes in the form of an imaginatively garnished fillet rather than a whole grilled fish; the oven-baked octopus tentacles wrapped in bacon are worth a try if you want something slightly different. There is also a pasta dish or two, a signature Bava burger, and a couple of very fine risottos. The interior is bright and welcoming, the music soulful and jazzy; tables spread out into the piazza in summer. ► E-4, Zlarinski prolaz 1, tel. (+385-22) 33 26 01. Open 12:00-24:00. € € € € € €.

BUTA

Located on the ground floor of the marvellous Armerun Hotel, Buta is just about as idyllic as dining in Šibenik gets. The dishes are a triumph, marvellous Mediterranean classics given new life with local flavours, while the terrace is a dream spot for a romantic dinner. Or breakfast, brunch, lunch, whatever; there is never a bad time to stop here for something to eat. The interior is exquisite. Five stars, two thumbs, and all the rest. ► D - 4, Obala palih omladinaca 6, tel. +385 91 616 0595, www.buta.hr/. Open 07:00-24:00. € €. € € €

IL PALAZZO GALBIANI

Set high above Šibenik's stone streets, Il Palazzo Galbiani pairs panoramic views with a polished take on Dalmatian dining. Located atop the Civitas Sacra complex in a historic palace, the restaurant combines contemporary Mediterranean cooking with local seafood, handmade pastas and carefully selected Croatian wines. Stylish but relaxed, it's one of the city's more memorable sunset dinner spots. ► E-3, Ivana Pribislavića 3, tel. (+385-) 099 389 49 00. Open 12:30-24:00; closed Sun. € € € € € €.

GASTRO ITALIANO

With over 20 pizzas to choose, you can't lose! For over 15 years this eatery has prepped dishes with quality and carefully selected foods along with their 'old school' cooking recipes. Seafood and meats pack the menu with gems like chicken filled with prosciutto in shrimp sauce and homemade croutons. Tuna and salmon steaks on the grill are popular not to mention the homemade bread served for free with every meal ordered. ► Podsolarsko 78 (next to Amadria Park), tel. (+385-22) 35 04 94/+385 91/ 335 0494. Open 13:00-23:00; Mon, Tue 15:00-23:00; Sat, Sun 12:00-23:00. € €. € € € € € €.

LE JARDIN

Sophisticated yet homely all at once? That is what you can expect from Le Jardin. Each dish seems to have come straight out of an art gallery but is specifically designed to be devoured, so don't hesitate to dig in. Mediterranean fla-

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vours are the name of the game, and the terrace has open views of the water. Don't worry if you can only find space inside; the decor is delightfully stylish. ► **F-4, Obala Franje Tuđmana 1**, tel. (+385-) 091 617 14 75. Open 18:00-23:00; Sat, Sun 13:00-23:00; closed Tue. €€€€. [C] [P]

MLIN MONTANARI

Šibenik is one of Croatia's great food cities, and Mlin Montanari is an integral part of that heritage. It traces its history back to 1850 and the first steam mill in Dalmatia, owned by Giovanni Montanari, a mill that was the largest industrial facility in town at the time. Today, it houses a marvellous restaurant of artistically plated regional classics and fantastic wine. History and delicious food make for a fabulous combination. ► **Obala palih omladinaca 4**, tel. +385 95 541 5239, www.mlinmontanari.com/hr. Open 12:00-24:00; closed Sun. €€. [C] [P]

VEGETARIAN & VEGAN

O.DA BAR

We all need to be a little healthier in our lives, so the more time spent at places like O.DA the better. This darling cafe on the fringes of Šibenik's old town is further proof to the pudding that health-centric food is flippin' delicious, meaning you can pop in for a clean lunch and leave with a smile on your face. Yes, a smile in your stomach too, although that is quite a strange thought. ► **Trg Ivana Gorana Kovačića 1a**, tel. (+385-) 091 592 36 07. Open 09:00-15:00; closed Sat, Sun. €€. [C] [P] [V]



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PIZZA

FRATELLI

If you're looking for authentic Italian-style pizza, Fratelli is definitely worth a visit. The pizzas are perfectly crispy, made with high-quality ingredients, and full of flavor, while the atmosphere is relaxed and welcoming. The service is friendly and attentive, and the location in the old town makes the whole experience even better. A great spot for both a casual dinner and a proper pizza night with friends. ► **Jurja Šižgorića 3**, tel. (+385-) 91 603 75 77. Open 10:00-23:00; Sun 17:00-23:00.

KONO NAPOLETANA PIZZA&BAR

Kono brings refined Neapolitan pizza to the Dalmatian coast with confidence and consistency. The menu emphasizes classic combinations, executed with precision and respect for tradition. ► **Put Bioca 53**, tel. (+385) 99 201 99 36. Open 11:00-23:00; Tue, Wed 15:00-23:00.

PIZZERIA & BURGER BAR VICTORIA

The pizzas are rich in flavor, made with fresh ingredients and authentic Napoli-style dough, while the burgers are just as impressive. The atmosphere is relaxed, the staff is friendly, and the service is fast even when it's busy. A perfect spot for a casual lunch or dinner with friends ► **Bosanska 1**, tel. +385) 99 160 63 63.

QUICK EATS

NO. 4

"The Foursome" is an engagingly offbeat and intimate eatery housed in a cube-like stone building with a café on one floor and a four-table restaurant above. Food ranges from pasta to steaks, while low-key lighting, houseplants and an unobtrusive indie-rock soundtrack create a laid-back vibe that's rather different to central Šibenik's other feeding stations. In summer tables are set out in a tiny square with the Renaissance Church of the Holy Spirit as a backdrop. ► **D-2, Trg Dinka Zavorovića 4**, tel. (+385-) 095 442 25 55. Open 11:30-24:00. €€. [C] [P] [V] [W]

OKUS SOLI BY PA'KAI

Here is all about morning munching, serving up some fabulous breakfast and brunch options in the heart of Šibenik's old town. The most important meal of the day and the most fashionable are king and queen here, with exquisite eggs cooked in all ways paired with some of the best bread in town. The terrace is a delightful spot to start the day. ► **Fausta Vrančića 9**, tel. (+385-) 99 168 48 30. Open 09:00-19:00; closed Sun.

OYSTER 22

A truly fresh, "from the sea to your table" experience near Šibenik, with no filters, no middlemen, just the Adriatic at its most direct. Located right by the Šibenik bridge area, this casual open-air stop serves oysters and mussels harvested from nearby farms, often paired with simple local extras like bread, lemon and wine. It's less a formal restau-

rant and more a scenic tasting point: a quick stop to enjoy ultra-fresh shellfish with a view over the bridge and sea before moving on. Built around simplicity, locality and immediacy, it stands out precisely because it's unpolished, honest and effortlessly memorable. ► **Šibenik bridge**, www.dalmatiaseafood.com/. Open 10:00-22:00. In high season Open 10:00 - 22:00. [C]

PEPERONCINO

The menu features tacos, burgers, brunch dishes, salads and other comfort food with a modern twist, served in a casual, easy-going setting in the city centre. It's designed for flexible visits — from late breakfast and lunch to a relaxed dinner — with a strong emphasis on flavour, speed and a laid-back atmosphere. ► **Dobrić 1A**, tel. +385 91 553 93 69.; closed Mon. €. [P]

ŠEŠULA

Šešula has a more modern, casual bistro feel rather than what the word "buffet" might suggest. It's a relaxed, contemporary spot in Šibenik where traditional Dalmatian flavours are served in a simple, updated way, focused on freshness, speed and no unnecessary fuss. The menu typically revolves around daily-caught fish, grilled dishes and seasonal sides, presented in a straightforward, modern style rather than heavy, old-school portions. The atmosphere is easy-going and clean, making it a solid choice for a quick lunch or informal dinner in the city centre. ► **A-2, Obala prvoboraca 14**, tel. (+385) 099 339 80 07. Open 12:00-22:00; closed Sun. €. [C] [P] [V] [W] [P] [H]

ŠPAJZA

Just a short walk from Šibenik's old stone streets, Špajza is a relaxed spot ideal for a quick bite or casual brunch break. Expect simple, freshly made sandwiches, smoothies and light plates served in an easygoing, no-fuss setting. ► **Prolaz Bože Dulibića 7**, tel. (+385-) 98 942 37 80. Open 08:00-16:00; closed Sun.

OUT OF TOWN

ISLANDS

ALDURA

Facing the ferry jetty, Aldura is the obvious last port of call for coffee when you are waiting for the Šibenik-Vodice boat to come steaming round the headland. It is also a fine restaurant, serving up seafood pastas, grilled chops and fresh fish in an atmospheric old building that preserves plenty of its original stone and timber. ► **Zlarinska obala 8, Zlarin**, tel. (+385-22) 55 36 28. Open 08:00-24:00. €€€. [P] [V] [W] [P] [H]

FEŠTA

In Golubovac bay on the island of Žut, this restaurant run by the Mudronja family mixes a standard repertoire of traditional high quality Dalmatian cuisine. Local ingredients especially herbs and flora from the Kornati region is used.

Restaurants



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WINE TASTING

BARAKA WINERY

Baraka Winery is a relatively new chapter in Croatia's always-impressive wine story. Established just over 3 decades ago, this is a tale of the love of fine wine, and dedication to the grapevine. This family run business can be found on the Srima peninsula, near Šibenik and Vodice, and it has almost 12,000 vines across 4 hectares of land. Their wine follows the same principles of those days when the family made wine for themselves and friends in their own cellar at home – no herbicides are used. ▶ **Bogdanović** 36, tel. (+385-) 099 499 95 95, www.baraka.co. Open 11:00-17:00; closed Sun.       

BIBICH TASTING ROOM

In the little village of Plastovo near beautiful Skradin there is a hidden jewel which has even had the famous TV food icon Anthony Bourdain visit. The Bibich family have been producing wines for generations and these can be found in the finest restaurants across the US and Europe. With prior reservation, the course meals are on offer for the entire wining and dining experience, not to mention the stroll through their serene winery. ► **Plastovo**, tel. (+385-) 091 323 57 29, www.bibich.superbexperience.com/. Open 12:00-19:00; Sat, Sun 12:00-20:00; closed Mon. For additional appointments, you can send an email estate@bibich-wine.com.       

BIRIN WINERY

Birin Winery offers an authentic Dalmatian wine experience with excellent local varieties like Debit and Babić in a relaxed family-owned setting. Wine tastings are highly recommended, but it's best to book at least one day in advance. Visits are also possible outside regular working

hours with prior arrangement and notice. ► Put Gaćeleva
9, Vodice, tel. (+385-) 95 519 00 66, www.vinarijabirin.com/. Open 08:00-16:00; closed Sat, Sun.

NA.MA.LO COFFEE & WINE BAR

A wine bar with world's biggest collection of wines from Šibenik area, and some from other parts of Croatia as well. Their cocktail list puts local flavours into world classics, and their coffee game is strong with beans lightly roasted in Croatia's capital. If you are more of a beer lover, make sure to check out their local craft selection. ► E-3, Ul. Fausta Vrančića 1, tel. +385 098 639 749/+385 97 654 6550, www.wine-bar-namalo.business.site/. Open 08:00-22:00; closed Sun. €€ 

RAK WINERY

Fancy a drop! Visitors and tourists alike can taste and sample the domestic production of authentic Šibenik wines such as Babić, Maraština and Rose, better known as Opolje in the Dalmatian region. ► **Rakovo selo 98, Dubrava, tel. (+385-) 099 724 15 68, www.vino-rak.hr. Open 11:00-17:00; closed Sun.** 

TESTAMENT WINERY

No trip to Dalmatia is complete without a trip to a winery, and Testament is a must for anyone in the north. You could say that the quality of the wine here is a testament to their attention to detail, but that fruit is too low even for us. We'll stick to the wines, gorgeous creations that utilise modern technology in a beautiful setting. Guided tastings are available on weekdays; be sure to call ahead and make a reservation. ► **Stražnice 2, Jadrtovac, tel. (+385)-99 547 50 05, www.testament-winery.com/hr/.** Open 10:00-15:00; closed Sat. Sun.    

Fish and lobster with innovative starters such as conger-eel pate and various fish carpaccio are some of the finer things on offer. Home-baked bread and a well-stocked wine cellar provide two more incentives to visit. The restaurant also has a small shop selling groceries and other supplies to yachters. ► **Uvala Golubovac, Otok Žut - Kornati**, tel. (+385-) 99 347 35 19/(+385-) 099 239 90 89. Open 08:00-24:00. €€€.

OPAT

Located in a stone house above the shore in Kornat island's Opat bay, this is another well-known port of call among the yachting fraternity, and you might have to call early in the day if you want to reserve a table for the evening. Expect the best in traditional Adriatic fare seafood, with shellfish, risottos featuring whatever seafood has been caught that day, and baked-fish mains. ► **Otok Kornat** 183, Uvala Opat - Kornati, tel. (+385-) 091 224 78 78. Open 09:00-24:00. €€€€.       

KONJEVRATE

KONOBA VINKO

One word says it all – homemade! Visit this wonderful family-owned *konoba* situated on the main road from Drniš to Šibenik. They breathe local dishes including famous Drniš prosciutto, Velebit cheese, rotisserie and baked dishes under the iron bell to local wines, various *rakija* (grappa), craft beers, and homemade cakes – all can be found at this beautiful local tavern. ► Uzu cestu 57, Konjevrate, tel. (+385-22) 77 87 50, www.konobavinko.hr. Open 12:00-23:00; closed Mon.     

MIRLOVIĆ ZAGORA

KONOBÁ CAMPANELO

Now, this is the life. Located in the darling village of Unešić, Konoba Campanelo is committed to intimacy and community, both in its atmosphere and its food. This is a family farm with an emphasis on the word 'family', with everyone chipping in to ensure the whole thing runs smoothly and yes, that includes 93-year-old gramps. Much of the menu is cultivated on-site, ensuring freshness unlike any other, and the dishes themselves are that blend of tradition and modernity that always excites the taste buds. The kitchen is designed so that guests get to watch the action, in an old restored smokehouse that has been in use for over a century. If there's a heaven, you might just find it in Unešić.

► Sućići 6, Mirlović Zagora, tel. (+385-) 095 857 23 38, www.campanelo.hr/. Open Sat, Sun 13:00-19:00. Mon - Fri pre Appointment. €€€€, 

MURTER

BOBA

Boba's large contemporary-style dining room still has a homely feel, with cookery books crammed into a shelf in the corner and an open hearth on which food is prepared – delivering a blast of deliciously charcoal-scented



Enjoy Mediterranean flavors and a relaxed atmosphere from Pjat's terrace in the heart of Šibenik's old town

STEAK



- PASTA
- FISH
- SALADS
- PIZZA

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BONACA

Skradin's emergence as one of Dalmatia's leading gastronomic destinations owes a great deal to Bonaca, which has a reputation for nurturing local culinary traditions and only using the freshest ingredients – the owner is himself a keen fisherman. Classic seafood pasta dishes kick off a menu that also includes regional favourites such as shellfish, grilled eel and local lamb. A warmly atmospheric interior features exposed stone and brick with nautically-themed pictures on the walls, and there's an outdoor terrace looking down towards Skradin marina. ▶ **Zagrade 15, Skradin, tel. (+385-22) 66 12 84. Open 13:00-22:00. €€€.** ☎️ 🍷 🍴 🍷 🍴 🍷 🍴

CANTINETTA

This family restaurant set in a walled courtyard has earned an enviable culinary reputation on the back of locally-influenced dishes such as roast lamb. The fish and shellfish are also top class. Cantinetta is so devoted about the authenticity of its notoriously slow-cooked *skradinski rižot* (risotto with veal) that you are advised to order it at least a day in advance. Since the process of cooking is so complex, they require orders by a minimum of 10 people.

▶ **Aleja skradinskih svilara 7, Skradin, tel. (+385-) 091 150 64 34, www.cantinetta.hr. Open 12:30-24:00. €€€.** ☎️ 🍷 🍴 🍷 🍴

VIDROVAČA

Located in a cove south of Skradin and almost underneath the bridge of the Zagreb-Split motorway, the dramatically-situated Vidrovača is well-nigh inaccessible unless you have a boat. Luckily it has its own private jetty beside a small pebble beach, and is very popular with passing yachtsfolk as a result. Principal culinary attractions include shellfish, scampi and squid. Local meats (including kid goat) baked under a *peka* are also on the menu, although they should be ordered a few hours in advance.

▶ **Vidrovača bb, Bilice-Skradin, tel. (+385-) 098 75 72 81, www.vidrovaca.com. Open 12:00-24:00. €€€€.** ☎️ 🍷 🍴 🍷 🍴

TISNO**BROŠČICA**

A traditional Dalmatian tavern with bare-stone interior, wooden benches and checked tablecloths, and a covered conservatory-style frontage looking out towards the waterfront. The menu ranges from inexpensive pizzas to fresh fish and steaks, with cheap 3-course deals and daily specials offering excellent value for money. ▶ **Put Brošćice 12, Tisno, tel. (+385-22) 43 81 11. Open 13:00-23:00. €€€.** ☎️ 🍷 🍴 🍷 🍴

GINA

Offering restful outdoor eating in a tree-shaded garden mere steps away from the water, Gina is the perfect place to enjoy an evening meal while watching the sun set over Murter's humpy profile. Fresh seafood is the main attraction although pizzas and grill-steaks serve to fill out the menu. There is a good choice of domestic wines and spir- its. ▶ **Put Jazine 9, Tisno, tel. (+385-22) 43 85 80, www.gina.hr. Open 16:00-22:00. €€.** ☎️ 🍷 🍴 🍷 🍴

VODICE**BISTRO GULOŽ**

A romantic eatery small in venue and size, but it's the food the people want and come back for. Menu dishes are based mainly on fish and seafood as well as homemade fish paté, burgers, salmon, tuna, swordfish, and fine bruschetta. Home grown spices at this time of year make all the difference. ▶ **Obala matice Hrvatske 20, Vodice, tel. (+385-) 095 900 21 45, www.bistro-guloz.com/. Open 17:00-23:30; closed Sun. €€€.** ☎️ 🍷 🍴 🍷 🍴

KARMELSKI DVORI - KONOPA OKIT

Gastronomy at its finest is accentuated by a spectacular setting in an old house at the foot of the hills, where years of experience collide with an understanding of modern dining. There is a playground for energetic youngsters, allowing adults to enjoy the food and drink to its fullest.



Photo by Matko Petrić

It is no great shock that this place is so popular for weddings and celebrations. ▶ **Put gaceleza 19, Gacelezi, tel. +385 91 619 3229. Open 14:00-22:00; closed Mon. €€€.** ☎️ 🍷 🍴 🍷 🍴

MAKINA

Riva-front restaurant decked out in the style of a traditional *Konoba* or tavern and offering a broad range of traditional Dalmatian fare, from seafood baked under a *peka*-style metal lid to grilled fish, grilled meats and fishy-flavoured pastas. The adjoining Makina caffe bar is a popular spot for kicking off an evening, with DJs and occasional live music acts generating a party atmosphere. ▶ **Ive Juričev Cote 20, Vodice, tel. +385 95 440 0155, www.makina-vodice.hr. Open 13:00-22:00. €€€.** ☎️ 🍷 🍴 🍷 🍴

SANTA MARIA

Tortillas, tacos and burritos alongside pastas and steaks, please everyone. Engaging bits of bric-a-brac fill the dining room, with old cash tills, model boats, domestic implements and a confusion of paintings and photographs. ▶ **Kamila Pamukovića 6, Vodice, tel. (+385-22) 44 33 19/(+385-) 098 21 98 69, www.santamaria-vodice.com/. Open 15:00-23:00; Wed 17:00-23:00; Sat, Sun 13:00-23:00; closed Tue. €€€.** ☎️ 🍷 🍴 🍷 🍴

SPALATO

A bright and welcoming Riva-side restaurant diagonally opposite the ferry jetty, with a serviceable range of piz-

zas, fishes, steaks, and home-style lunchtime favourites such as *paštica* (stewed steak in prune sauce). ▶ **Obala Vladimira Nazora 14, Vodice, tel. (+385-22) 64 42 35. Open 12:00-22:00; closed Tue, Wed. €€€.** ☎️ 🍷 🍴 🍷 🍴

STRIKOMAN'S BISTRO

Strikoman's Bistro has gained itself something of a reputation for excellent service and elite food, and those who make the trip to Vodice to sample the place won't be disappointed. There is an undeniable stylish sophistication to the place that should be celebrated, whether experienced through the convivial but professional staff or the delectable takes on Mediterranean dishes that pack the menu. The floor tiles of the interior are practically begging for attention, but you'll struggle to pull yourself away from the sea views and sumptuous flavours singing off the plate. Two thumbs up, 10 out of 10, yes, yes, yes. ▶ **Obala Matice Hrvatske 12, tel. (+385-) 097 796 51 39. Open 17:00-24:00. €€.** ☎️ 🍷

TRI PIRUNA

Local delicacy with a fine track record! Enter a typical Dalmatian tavern (*konoba*) with some great food on offer. High on the 'recommendation list' is tuna steak, Florentine steak, black risotto... Sea food is also hot on the menu! Wines are local and the service advice is at the right price. The music and the décor all fit the experience! ▶ **Ul. Pave Roce 5, Vodice, tel. (+385-) 091 576 77 51, www.konobatripiruna.com. Open 17:00-24:00. €€€€.** ☎️

COFFEE

BARONE BAR

A bar within Barone Fortress with beautiful panoramic sea views, where visitors can pop in for a morning coffee or something a little stronger throughout the day. Barone stocks wines from small local producers such as Marašćina, Babić, Debit, Plavina, and more, which is good news for oenophiles. Keep an eye on the schedule and time your visit for one of the frequent live music shows or movie nights. Be sure to check their website and social media for updated working hours. ▶ F-1, Put Vuka Mandušića 28, www.tvrdjava-kulture.hr/. Open 09:00-20:00. ☞

GIRO ESPRESSO

One of central Šibenik's best options for quality coffee is also one of the most niftily decorated, decked out in a contrasting palette of slate greys and rich reds - including some fetchingly scarlet plastic-bucket seats. It's one of the most popular places in town for a midday caffeine-fuelled chinwag. Free wifi brings in a laptop-toting crowd. ▶ E-3, Zagrebačka 2, tel. (+385-22) 31 01 66, www.giroespresso.com/. Open 07:00-01:00; Sun 08:00-14:00. ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞

HENDRICK'S BAR

A contemporary bar with an urban Mediterranean feel that is hot on the heels of 'drink it up'. They also offer an assortment of freshly squeezed juices, an even larger selection of 'more beer, more beer' and other alcoholic beverages to get your evening going. On Friday nights enjoy open air concerts. ▶ E-3, Božidara Petranovića 16, tel. +385 91 125 1980. Open 07:00-24:00.

SREDNJOVJEKOVNI SAMOSTANSKI MEDITERANSKI VRT SV. LOVRE CAFÉ&RESTAURANT

If you value your daily coffee break as your personal moment of nirvana, there could be few better surroundings than these monastery gardens. A true oasis of tranquility, the gardens are filled with the scent of old-fashioned roses, and you can see capers in their natural habitat rather than floating miserably in a pickle jar. ▶ D-3, Strme stuba 1, tel. (+385-22) 21 25 15/(+385-) 098 34 11 98. Open 09:00-23:00. ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞

TRAPULA

Named after a trap used by local fisherfolk, Trapula is a pleasant café-bar on the Riva, with a glass-enclosed verandah-type construction tacked on to a smaller and cosier inner sanctum. Bottled beers include cult Croatian ale *Velebitsko pivo*, while the background music covers familiar international pop-rock territory. ▶ B-3, Obala palih omladinaca 12. Open 09:00-01:00. ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞

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CAKES

KA GROM

Escape the heat at 'Ka Grom', an ice-cream parlour that will hydrate at a fast rate. With a growing reputation as one of the town's best, the range of flavours here is hard to beat. Whether you like creamy, chocy, fruity, nutty, peachy, waffly, or crunchy, and from classic to premium ice-creams, there's something for everyone! ▶ F-2, Trg Kralja Držislava 1, tel. (+385-) 091 318 43 20. Open 09:00-22:00. ☞ ☞

MODERATO COFFEE & CAKES BAR

Named after one of the best-known songs by the Šibenik-born melody-master Arsen Dedić, this roomy café is something of a classic in its own right, with a big outdoor terrace and a range of stylish but comfortable spaces within. After recently receiving a face lift, the elegant interior fits perfectly with the concept of recharging batteries over a brew. The landscaped terrace is spacious and picturesque. They serve fantastic homemade cakes! ▶ G-2, Stjepana Radića 1, tel. +385 22 778 558/+385 22 212 036, www.moderato.hr/. Open 06:30-22:00; Sun 07:00-13:00. ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞

SLASTIČARNICA CALIMERO

Only minutes from the main bus station, Calimero is heaven for anyone with a sweet tooth. This patisserie/cake shop will leave your taste buds tingling with their large array of homemade cakes on offer. Cheesecakes, croissants, macaroons, pies and much more to choose from! Naturally, all the finest coffees and teas will help settle the tummy after such indulgence. ▶ G-3, Vladimira Nazora 49, tel. (+385-22) 21 48 18. Open 07:00-24:00. ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞



AZIMUT CLUB

This is the main actor of the Šibenik alternative scene. Situated inside now-dry wells, built in 1453, it's a home to urban culture. Here you will find various contemporary exhibitions, several fascinating art installations, all part of Azimut's atmosphere and underground world. Topped with live concerts and music, its shaded terrace is a place you'll want to visit to relax, where you can hang out while sipping a cool glass of culture. ▶ C-3, Obala palih omladinaca 2, www.azimut.art. Open 09:00-24:00. For events check their websites. ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞

GAK CAFFE

It can be easy to be swept up in the noise and chaos of mass tourism, but fear not; Gak is here to bring you back down to earth. This is a local's cafe in the most modern sense, with a sophisticated design snuggled next to delicious coffee, making for the perfect place to slow down. Things are just as fabulous as night, with an excellent selection of drinks served by friendly folks who know exactly what they are doing. Gak is a little away from the centre of the action, but it is well worth the trek. ▶ Narodnog preporoda 1, tel. (+385-) 099 213 50 86. Open 06:00-23:00; Sun 07:00-23:00. <https://cjenik.info/gak-caffe/>.

PUB 022

If you like craft beer, a friendly atmosphere and everything that comes with those things, you will love Pub 022. Come to think of it, we love all those things, so it is no shock to find that this place is right up our alley. Located just a short walk from the NK Šibenik stadium in Šubićevac, Pub 022 is everything we like our pubs to be. Plenty of live music is on the calendar, so keep an eye on the social media pages for event announcements. ▶ Ul. bana Josipa Jelačića 2, tel. (+385-) 095 874 27 29. Open 07:30-24:00; Fri 07:30-01:00; Sat 08:00-01:00. ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞

VINTAGE BAR

Opened in the summer of 2016 with attention to detail paid to the interior's green walls, nature walls, earthy shades and more. The Vintage Bar offers super cool cocktails, hot coffees and teas. As it is located in the heart of the city, it's the perfect breather or time-out between sightseeing. ▶ F-3, Prolaz Bože Dulibića 4, tel. (+385-) 98 942 37 80. Open 08:00-01:00; Fri, Sat 08:00-02:00; Sun 17:00-01:00.

OUT OF TOWN

AURORA

Set on a blustery hillside to the east of town, this palatial-looking balustraded building is night-bar, pizzeria and club all rolled into one. Live gigs by Croatian pop stars, top DJs from abroad, and an atmospherically-lit back garden keep the hordes coming. Heading back down the hill at dawn is all part of the Primošten experience. ▶ Kamemar 3, Primošten, tel. (+385-) 098 920 19 64, www.auroraclub.hr. Open 22:00-04:00. It's best to keep track via the web or Facebook page. ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞

BEACH BAR LANTANA

Crouching above the corner of Čigrađa bay is this improvised building that looks a bit like a thatched hut, with wooden benches underneath a rush-matting canopy, and additional chairs and tables set higgledy-piggledy on sloping ground underneath pine trees. There is a wood-burning oven for baking pizzas, a simple menu of *pršut* sandwiches and seafood snacks (such as *girice*; fried whitebait), and frequent late-night DJ events and rock gigs during the summer. ▶ Uvala Čigrađa, Murter, tel. +385 98 173 2932, www.lantana-murter.com. Open 10:00-23:00. ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞

NOSTRESS NIGHT&BEACH BAR

The crew which runs this place is famous for organising great parties the whole year round, and come June they simply move the stage out into the open and next to the sea. DJs, music, warm nights, all in a place loved by locals and tourists alike, and all guaranteeing a memorable night out. ▶ Obala 4.kolovoza 1941. 71, Brodarica, tel. (+385-) 099 192 4875. Open 08:00-01:00; Fri 08:00-04:00; Sat 09:00-04:00; Sun 09:00-01:00. ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞

OPIUM

This cocktail bar and club in the centre of Vodice, right beside the ACI marina, aims for a mix of cutting-edge sounds and hedonistic summer fun, and gets its fair share of visiting DJs. ▶ Trg hrvatskih mučenika 2, Vodice, tel. (+385-) 091 569 50 19. Open 20:00-05:00. It's best to keep track via Facebook page. ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞

REFUL

An inviting purple and blue rectangle with a big pool table and classic-rock background music, Reful is a welcome antidote to the mainstream sonic wallpaper on offer elsewhere. There is a handful of outdoor tables on a raised terrace looking towards Hramina beach. Live blues and rock bands perform at weekends throughout the year, when the alcove at the back of the bar serves as a tiny stage. ▶ Sabuni 11, Murter, tel. (+385-) 099 634 69 56. Open 07:00-02:00. It's best to keep track via Instagram or Facebook page. ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞

WOODSTOCK

Drniš may never quite make it as rock and roll capital of the world but Café Woodstock certainly mounts an honourable bid at the title. The interior walls are covered with all manner of photos featuring Elvis, Janis Joplin, Jim Morrison and a fair selection of less mainstream musical names - this is quite possibly the only place in Šibenik County where you will ever see a framed Frank Zappa album cover hanging beside the door to the toilets. Semicircular booths with purple PVC seats make this a cool and comfy venue to spend an hour or two. ▶ Ul. kardinala Alojzija Stepinca 15, Drniš. Open 07:00-01:00. ☞

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GOURMET SHOPPING

AURA

A stylish retail spot where you can explore and buy premium products from the Croatian family distillery Aura, including their well-known liqueurs, gin, jams, and gift sets. The shop has a modern, boutique feel and is perfect for a quick stop while walking through the city center. ▶ **Kralja Tomislava 5**, tel. (+385-) 91 121 01 19. Open 09:00-21:00; closed Sun.

BOBIS

A Split institution, Bobis has been providing Croatian citizens with delectable eats since 1950. In Šibenik's store you can choose some sweet pastry or a pre-wrapped one to take with you for your hike around the town. Also at Mimina 2. ▶ **Kralja Tomislava 3/A**, tel. +385 91 2283 358, www.bobis.hr. Open 07:00-22:00.

DELIKATESE VUKŠIĆ

This lovely deli shop at the city market is stocked with an abundance of local delicacies such as prosciutto, cheese, olive oil, *rakija* and honey, as well as famous Slavonian *kulen* and homemade jams. A real treat for anyone's tingling taste buds! ▶ **Ante Starčevića (green market)**, tel. +385 98 33 70 26. Open 07:00-13:00; closed Sun. [CC]

HONEY SHOP GRACIN

A small shop selling a variety of honeys, including sage, rosemary, and the unusual bramble honey (*med od drače*), plus advice on the amber elixir's medicinal properties. ▶ **Put murve 4, Primošten**, tel. (+385-) 091 510 08 19. Open 07:00-20:00. If not open call (+385-) 091 510 08 19. [CC]

I-PAK

A family-run dairy with its own herd of sheep, and a shop selling cheese - including local speciality *siriz mišine*. ▶ **Put Čikole 3, Pakovo Selo**, tel. (+385-) 92 304 85 36/+385 99 684 6801, www.siranaipak.eu/. Open 08:00-20:00; closed Sun. €

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KARLIĆ TARTUFERIA

We've never been shy to display our love for truffles, so you better believe we are all aboard this place. The Karlić family have been at the forefront of Istrian truffle magic for decades, and now they are bringing that expertise to Šibenik, providing a broad range of truffle-inspired goods such as spreads, oils, cheese, and more. The combination of family, truffles, and tradition is hard to beat. ▶ **Zagrebačka 4**, www.karlictartufi.hr/en/. Open 08:00-16:00; closed Sat, Sun.

NIRA DELICIJE

When in Dalmatia, eat Dalmatian! Enter and rejoice in local delicacies such as the prestige Dniš prosciutto, pancetta, cheese, honey, honey products, wines, cranberry, orange and lemon *rakija*. They will pack and slice meat products for you. Take out only! ▶ **L-3, Stjepana Radića 8**, tel. (+385) 099 252 75 01. Open 07:00-14:00; Sat 07:00-12:00; closed Sun. [CC]

MARKET

PIJACA

The allure of asparagus, the charm of chard. Cheeky tomatoes, apricots as soft as a baby's bum: who can resist a Mediterranean open air market? Šibenik's marketplace is not to be missed: it's full of colour, local produce and crazy characters. Why buy plastic fruit from the supermarket when you can buy the real thing and enjoy some friendly banter into the bargain? ▶ **G-2/3, Stankovačka 9**, tel. +385 22 339 381. Open 06:00-14:00.

SHOPPING CENTRES

CITY LIFE

▶ **Ante Šupuka 10**, tel. (+385-22) 24 48 44, www.city-life.com.hr. Open 08:00-21:00; closed Sun.

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▶ **Velimira Škorpika 23**, tel. (+385-22) 49 24 61, www.dalmare.hr. Open 09:00-21:00; Sun 10:00-20:00.

SP SUPERNOVA ŠIBENIK

▶ **Put Vida 6**, www.supernova.hr. Open 09:00-21:00; Sun 09:00-15:00.

SOUVENIRS

ARTERIA

We're not allowed to have favourites at In Your Pocket, but let's just say that Arteria is right up there. Šibenik has no shortage of spots offering delightful souvenirs, but the quirky wood design and colourful illustrations of Katarina Tanfara and Josip Balta are on another level. Pick up a curious moustachioed sailor, a quaintly vibrant boat, or any other piece of genuine creativity, and get ready to remember Šibenik for the rest of your days. ▶ **Zagrebačka 9a**, tel. (+385) 091 581 40 21. Open 10:00-22:30. [CC]

BARONE SHOP

So you've just tried a glass of wine in the bistro and your tonsils are tingling; what next? Head into the shared space of the Barone bar and explore its shop, where you can buy wines as well as other original products by Croatian designers. A great way to take a piece of Šibenik home with you. Be sure to check their website and social media for updated working hours. ▶ **F-1, Put Vuka Mandušića 28**, tel. (+385-) 091 619 65 67, www.tvrdjava-kulture.hr/en/. Open 09:00-20:00. [CC]

ČIVLJAK

This little jeweller is famous for *puce* and *bagatin* - filigree buttons traditionally worn as a part of folk costume, often elaborate in design. ▶ **F-2, Kralja Tomislava 1**, tel. (+385-22) 21 20 64. Open 08:00-13:00/16:30-20:00; Sat 08:00-13:00; closed Sun. [CC]

CRVENKAPA (THE RED ŠIBENIK CAP)

You might see on your travels in the Šibenik area a distinctive orange-red skullcap worn as a part of folk costume or used as a motif for local restaurants and products. It's part of the rich folk heritage of this part of the world and is decorated with black wool and silk motifs.

DENI DESIGN

Original jewellery hand-made from Adriatic coral and stones. ▶ **Dobrić 6**, tel. (+385) 091 530 10 00. Open 09:00-12:30/17:00-21:00; Sat 09:00-13:00; closed Sun. [CC]

GALERIJA SV. KRISTOFOR (SOUVENIR SHOP OF THE MONASTERY OF ST. LUCA)

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GRUBIĆ DESIGN

The shop offers unique statement jewellery pieces inspired by historical eras and nature, often featuring bold combinations of metals, crystals, and natural materials. The space itself is more of a gallery-style boutique than a classic store, making the browsing experience feel personal and curated rather than commercial. ▶ **don Krste**



Stošića 4, tel. +385 91 739 4078, www.grubic-design.hr/hr. Open 10:00-22:00.

JURAJ DALMATINAC GALLERY

In a beautiful setting that exudes the Mediterranean, you will find works of art by academic painters, jewellery and pieces of clothing by Croatian designers, and authentic souvenirs handmade and autochthonic to this area. ▶ **E-3, Don Krste Stošića 14**, tel. (+385-) 099 362 13 39, www.galerijajurajdalmatinac.com/. Open 09:00-21:00; Sat 10:00-21:00; closed Sun. [CC]

LANAART

A gallery presenting the work of Lana herself, as well as other artists from Šibenik and all over Croatia. ▶ **Don Krste Stošića 3a**, tel. (+385-) 098 87 98 03. Open 09:00-12:00/18:00-20:30; closed Sat, Sun. [CC]

SAPUNOTEKA

It is important to treat your skin with care and attention, and the products at Sapunoteka take that to new heights. There are products for the body, hair, and face, as well as specialised products for beards, hands, and expertly tailored gift packages. The company traces its steps back to a childhood spent watching grandmothers make soap from olive oil and lard, and that heritage is apparent in every scent found in the shop. These natural soaps are also vegan-friendly. ▶ **Ul. Kralja Tomislava 11**, www.sapunoteka.com/en/. Open 09:00-20:00; closed Sun.

5 Magical Islands With No Cars

KRAPANJ

Lying only 300 metres off the shore of Brodarica, the low-lying island of Krapanj was once famous for being the centre of the Adriatic sponge industry, with most of the island's male population devoting their time to sponge-diving. Nowadays Krapanj is a relatively quiet but undoubtedly attractive spot, with a line of stone houses along the mainland-facing waterfront, and a handful of souvenir shops selling sponge-themed gifts.

Slightly inland from the shoreline is the Franciscan Monastery, founded in 1435 when monks from Bosnia were gifted the island by local nobles. The monastery museum contains religious artworks, including an extraordinarily expressive 15th-century crucifix carved by Split-based priest Juraj Petrović. The walled graveyard next door contains several family tombs honouring one-time sponge divers, many pictured in relief form wearing their large spherical deep-sea helmets. Head to the basement of the nearby Hotel Spongiola to find a small but entertaining display of exhibits connected with the local sponge-harvesting industry, including a lead-booted diving suit, and early 20th-century air pumps.

PRVIĆ

In many ways Prvić is a smaller version of Zlarin, a verdant and unspoiled island with plenty in the way of traditional Mediterranean architecture. It has two main settlements - Prvić Luka at the eastern end, and Šepurine at the west - Prvić has a slightly larger permanent population and is marginally more lively as a result. Prvić was traditionally the summer retreat of Šibenik's leading families, and remains associated with one great Šibenik name in particular - priest, diplomat and scientist Faust Vrančić (1551-1617). Vrančić was buried in Prvić Luka's parish church. Educated in Padua, Vrančić served at the Habsburg court in Prague before devoting himself to his writings. His Latin-Italian-German-Hungarian-Croatian dictionary (published in 1595) was a landmark in Croatian language study. His more famous *Machinae Novae*, published in Venice in 1615, contains 49 copper-plate engravings of machines and inventions, in conscious homage to the inventions of Leonardo da Vinci published several decades earlier. Most famous of the illustrations is *Homo Volans*, which pictures a man descending through the air attached to a square canvas parachute.

ŽIRJE

Of Šibenik County's permanently populated islands, Žirje is both the largest, and the furthest out to sea. With a scattering of private accommodation but no hotels (and, like Kaprije, virtually no motor transport), it is something of a Shangri-la among tourists for whom the phrase "getting away from it all" really means what it says. Most of the island is covered in maquis, although vines, olives and figs make

up an important part of the landscape. Newly marked bicycle- and footpaths provide an ideal means of exploring the island.

ZLARIN

Lying right opposite St Anthony's Channel, the narrow waterway that connects Šibenik with the open sea, Zlarin is a green island covered in olive groves and wild shrubs. Zlarin has got the longest island promenade in Croatia (127.50m). Saint Fortunato is the protector of the island Zlarin so the most frequent names on the island are Srećko, Nato and Refortunato!

Zlarin village is a beautiful settlement of stone-built houses arranged around a bay. Key landmark is the impressive clocktower built in 1829 and known as the Leroj (local version of the Italian word for clock, *orologio*), crowned by an attractively spindly weather vane. Slightly uphill to the west is the 18th-century Church of the Assumption, worth a peek on account of the hairy-looking gargoyles gazing down from either side of the pediment.

Further east, the Chapel of St Simon (Crkva sv. Šime) has a small collection of church treasures, open in the summer months. Continue along the road past the chapel and you'll arrive after 10 minutes at the Church of Our Lady of Raselj (Gospe od Raselje), a church of medieval origins that contains a miracle-working image of the Virgin. Inside, model ships hang from the ceiling as a gesture of thanks from devout sailors.

CROATIAN CORAL CENTER ZLARIN

Zlarin is known as the Island of Corals, and that gorgeous heritage finally has a home to celebrate. The Croatian Coral Center is spread across two gorgeous stone houses, both offering something different to visitors. Kažerna houses a permanent exhibition of ecosystems and protected species, information on the tradition of coral farming in Zlarin, and a library containing the works of much-loved poet Vesna Parun. Šare is an educational research centre with a theatre and accommodation space for researchers and scientists. Coral farming has been integral to life in Zlarin, and the Croatian Coral Center showcases that in a marvellous manner. ▶ Kažerna 16, Zlarin, tel. (+385-) 091 495 55 00, www.hckz.hr/. Open 09:00-21:00; Sat 09:00-18:00, Sun Cls. Holidays 10:00-16:00. Admission 5 - 7€. 

KAPRIJE

Named after the locally present caper (*kapar* in Croatian), Kaprije is a blissfully unspoiled island with no roads and hardly any motor vehicles of any sort. The small village of Kaprije caters for the hundred-or-so permanent inhabitants. Private rooms and apartments cater for a summer influx of tourists, although the island is never in danger of being overrun. Kaprije's uniquely sheltered bay is an increasingly popular anchor-dropping point for yachtsfolk exploring the nearby Kornati, while the island's numerous coves are ideal for a spot of secretive bathing.

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DRNIŠ

Hugging the high ground above the Čikola river, Drniš was a medieval fortress town before falling to the Ottoman Turks in 1522. Nowadays it is an important market centre midway along the main road from Šibenik to Knin. Ruins of the medieval fortress poke up from the Gradina, the rocky hill above town. Little remains of this medieval stronghold save for a stark portion of the southern tower, which pokes up from the hill like a bad tooth. Nearby is a minaret dating from around 1500, all that's left of an Ottoman-era mosque. Thanks to a new lighting system installed in December 2010, these ruins are dramatically illuminated at night. Occupying pride of place in the town itself is St Anthony's Church, a 16th-century mosque that was converted to Catholic use in the 1670s by Franciscan monks from nearby Visovac. Housed in the former home of Drniš politician Nikola Adžija (1875-1972), the Municipal Museum has archaeological and ethnological displays alongside a collection of works by Croatia's greatest sculptor Ivan Meštrović (1883-1962), who spent his early years in nearby Otavice. Adžija was one of the early supporters of the young Meštrović, helping to raise money that paid for the promising local lad's studies.

KNIN

Sprawled across a green plain overlooked by the bleak Dinara mountains, Knin has long been a town of crucial strategic importance, controlling the medieval trade routes linking Dalmatia with the Balkan interior, and in more recent times the location of a major railway junction. It's most famous sight is Knin fortress, an impressively well-preserved agglomeration of crag-hugging walls and towers that hovers above the winding Krka river. An important stronghold from the 10th century onwards, Knin became the capital of Croatia under King Zvonimir (ruled 1076-1089), a status it retained until 1097 when Croatia accepted the rule of the Hungarian crown. Knin remained a much-coveted military prize, falling to the Ottoman Turks in 1522, who were in turn turfed out by the Venetians in 1688. Knin served as the headquarters of Serbian-occupied territory during the 1991-1995 war, and the raising of the Croatian flag over Knin fortress in August 1995 brought a highly symbolic end to hostilities. Central Knin is not a wildly exciting place, and it's best to make your way straight to the fortress. The steep climb is rewarded by superb views of the surrounding countryside, with the mountains of the Dinara range filling the northern horizon. The fortress itself is an extensive and highly evocative complex of fortifications constructed at different stages, filled with a maze of cobbled alleys, ramps and stairways beneath ivy-covered walls. Spearing up from the highest point of the fortress is a flagpole hung with an unusually large Croatian tricolor, a reminder of Knin's highly significant

place in the history of modern Croatia. In the eastern part of the fortress, a former barrack building houses an ethnographic collection displaying costumes and agricultural implements from the Knin region. Nearby, the fortress's former hospital plays host to an archeological museum.

KNIN FORTRESS INTERPRETATION CENTRE

Newly opened after a significant redevelopment and renovation, the Knin Interpretation Centre is a real triumph. Interactive displays tell the rich and storied history of the region, with added elements like a virtual reality balloon ride and a special corner for "Little Archeologists," showing that no stone has been left unturned in the quest for entertaining education. There is also a wine shop and a zipline; you can make your own opinions about combining the two. Knin's history deserves more attention, and this brilliant centre will go a long way in opening the eyes of all who visit. ▶ **Tvrđava 3, tel. (+385-22) 20 34 83, www.kninskimuzej.hr. Open 08:00-20:00.**

SKRADIN

Nestled in a sheltered bay where the Krka River flows into Prukljan Lake, **Skradin** is a town rich in history and natural beauty. Known as *Scardona* in Illyrian and Roman times, it later became the 13th-century stronghold of the Šubić princes of Bribir, one of Croatia's most powerful noble families. Captured by the Ottomans in 1522, Skradin saw much of its population flee to nearby Šibenik, before coming under Venetian rule in 1684. Today, Skradin is best known as a charming gateway to **Krka National Park**, attracting visitors with its scenic boat ride to the park entrance—a peaceful journey through lush landscapes and calm waters. Adventurous travelers can also reach the park on foot or by bike via a picturesque riverside trail. Skradin has also earned a reputation as a **gastronomic gem**, with several restaurants serving excellent seafood and regional specialties. Don't miss the legendary *Skradin risotto*, a slow-cooked dish prepared over many hours, or the rich and flavorful *Skradin cake*. The Old Town, set beside the Krka, is a delight to explore. At its heart is **Trg Male Gospe**, a triangular square dominated by a graceful Baroque parish church and its freestanding bell tower. From here, a pedestrian main street leads north, branching into a maze of arched alleyways that echo with centuries of local life.



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North of Šibenik

MURTER

Although joined to the mainland by a short and stumpy bridge, Murter is technically an island and still feels like a self-contained world of its own. Relatively low on large-sized package hotels, Murter has developed a regular clientele of independently-minded tourists who sleep in the island's plentiful supply of private rooms and apartments, and - although it can be busy in summer - it has a more laid-back atmosphere than the mainland towns. Murter is also a beautiful, relatively unspoiled parcel of Adriatic nature, made up of a sequence of rocky hillocks, pines and tamarisks, and acre upon acre of olive trees - many growing wild amid thorny Mediterranean maquis. Piles of stone heaped up on the hillside recall the times when local villagers cleared the rocky ground to create small patches of cultivable land, collecting the spoil into thick dry-stone walls that have slowly collapsed with time, creating the enigmatic cones and pyramids seen today. Over to the west are the alluring profiles of the Kornati islands, and it is Murter's status as main gateway to the Kornati National Park that brings a constant stream of nautically-inclined visitors.

Tisno

Tisno is Dalmatian dialect for 'narrow', which is an accurate description of the town's location, hugging both shores of the narrow strait that divides the island of Murter from the Croatian mainland. The bridge that spans the strait is raised at regular intervals (twice a day in summer, at 9am and 5pm) to allow boats to pass through the town. There is an engaging huddle of old buildings in the historic core of the town on the south side of the bridge, where the 18th century Katunarić Palace contains a small history display including finds from a Roman villa at nearby Plitka Uvala bay. Paths lead up beyond the Parish Church of the Holy Spirit (Crkva svetog Duha) to the hilltop shrine of Our Lady of Caravaggio (Gospe od Karavaja), a popular pilgrimage site established by families who moved here from northern Italy in the late 17th century. There are sumptuous views of the surrounding countryside from the top. Back at sea level, the town's long coastline on both sides of the straits makes it perfect for extended shoreline strolls. The rock-and-pebble beaches at Lovišča (southwest) and Jazina (northwest) are ideal for a family-oriented splashing-around holiday.

Jezera

A relatively tranquil port sprawling around a broad bay. Jezera ("the Lakes") gets its name from the seasonal ponds that used to appear on the outskirts of the entrance to the village. One of them, called Lokva ("Puddle"), still exists behind the Parish Church and fills with water in rainy periods of the spring and autumn. The other one, known as Blato ("Mud"), further south, was filled in during the early 20th century and is now grazing land. Jezera's pretty centre spreads horseshoe-style around a bay raked with yacht jet-

ties and breakwaters. The hilltop chapel of Sveti Rok (immediately south of the Lokva) provides an easy target for recreational hikers. The best beaches are a long walk (or short drive) south of the village, in coves such as Podjase-novac and Kromašna. The rural tracks linking Jezera with these and other bays forge their way through olive groves and are ideal for cycling.

Murter

With a cluster of stone houses at its core and an extensive suburban spread of modern villas, Murter constitutes a relaxing blend of Dalmatian history and easy-going modern vacations. Most Murter families were granted farm land on the nearby Kornati islands in the past, which explains why most of the houses in Murter face out to sea, with a small jetty and boat mooring serving as some kind of aquatic front door. Locals do indeed claim that Murter has the highest number of boats in proportion to the local population than anywhere else in the Mediterranean. Of the several yachting marinas in Murter, the ACI marina at the northern end of town is one of the best equipped in the Adriatic, with a big repair yard.

Everything in Murter revolves around the irregular-shaped, café-lined town square, Trg Rudina, which opens out towards a palm-lined seafront promenade at its northern end. Stroll west from here along the narrow alleyway known as Luke to enjoy a taste of Murter's traditional stone architecture. One of the most atmospheric parts of town is Selo, grouped around a cone-shaped hill 800 metres south of the seafront. The narrow streets of Selo lead uphill towards St Rock's Chapel (Kapelica svetog Roka), a gleaming whitewashed building that is the site of a major religious procession on St Rock's Day (August 16). From the chapel's forecourt you can enjoy a stupendous panorama of Murter with the lumpy brown-green forms of the Kornati islands rising up in the distance. The narrow streets below the chapel contain some of the oldest and most picturesque of Murter's stone houses.

Rising beyond the yachting marina on the northeast side of town is the scrub-covered hill known as Gradina, site of an Illyrian fortress subsequently occupied by the Romans - who went on to build the settlement of Colentum on the hill's slopes. Follow the shoreline path around the graveyard of the Church of Our Lady of Gradina (Crkva gospe od Gradina) and you will arrive at a the former site of a Roman villa, its walls partially rebuilt by conservationists to provide an idea of what it once looked like.

There is not a great deal else of Colentum to see (much of it lies underwater), but the bayside location is a powerfully evocative spot.

Most popular of Murter's beaches is Slanica, 1.5km west of the main square, a part-shingle part-sand beach that gets crowded in summer. There are bars and a pizzeria behind the beach, and coastal paths that lead to rockier (and potentially more secluded) parts of the coast in either direction. Follow the coastal path south from Slanica and you will arrive after 20-30 minutes at Čigrađa beach, an attractive crescent of pebble bordered by a jetty for small boats. Behind the beach lies a cool beach bar in the shape of

Lantana (see p.35) and a well-regarded seafood restaurant (the Čigrađa, see p.29). Čigrađa can also be reached by road from the centre of Murter - take the main southbound road out of town and turn right when you see the sign.

Betina

Over on the northeastern side of the Gradina headland (and within easy walking distance of Murter), the village of Betina used to be a major ship-building centre and part of the seafront is still taken up by small repair yards catering for yachts and local fishing boats. At the centre of the settlement is a kasbah-like maze of narrow alleys grouped around the Parish Church of St Francis (Crkva svetog Frane), famous for its distinctive octagonal belfry topped by a bulbous red dome and spindly weather vane.

BILICE

If you're looking for a place that's not "just another typical tourist hotspot," but an authentic Dalmatian village with soul, welcome to Bilice. This small municipality is located right by Lake Prukljan, just a few minutes from Šibenik, and it's the perfect base for exploring Krka National Park. But you know what? People often come for the location, but they always stay for the atmosphere. Bilice is a place where newcomers are welcomed like old friends, a reminder that this is a truly special part of the world. For any further research, please visit www.tz-bilice.hr/en or contact them at +385 91 445 8545.

PIROVAC

Looking to embrace the true heart of Dalmatia? The celebrated towns and cities of the coastline are where the action is, but Dalmatia isn't about crowds and noise. Dalmatia is a peaceful Sunday where traditional taverns serve local classics as old stories do the rounds once more. Dalmatia is serenity and sunsets, with a healthy dose of natural beauty to go along with it all.

Pirovac is the true heart of Dalmatia. Just 26km from Šibenik, this historic coastal village was founded by refugees in the 15th century, and those six centuries of life are tangible here. Pirovac Bay is a natural cove that offers up warmer seas out of season, while its two beaches are gorgeously relaxing. The Makirina promenade and viewpoint are straight out of a dream, a stunning base from which lucky visitors can see both Lake Vrana and the Adriatic Sea. It is the sort of place that steals hearts, but don't say it too loud; Pirovac might be the best-kept secret in Dalmatia. Krka National Park is just a half-hour drive inland, and Pirovac is also an excellent base for exploring Kornati National Park. The uninhabited Sustipanac island is another thing entirely, a mysterious and romantic islet a stone's throw from Pirovac. Locals call it the Island of Love, so be sure to visit and find out why.

Pirovac offers plenty for active visitors with various walking trails, while energetic swimmers are in for a real treat. The summer event schedule is packed here, with everything from concerts to competitions and customs entertaining

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locals and visitors alike. Throw in some seriously delicious Dalmatian cuisine, and Pirovac might be the nirvana you have been searching for. Looking for the heart of Dalmatia? You might just find it in Pirovac.

TRIBUNJ

Thirty minutes' walk along the seafront from Vodice, Tribunj is a relatively calm fishing village centred on a thumb-shaped island joined to the mainland by a bridge. There's a tight cluster of old houses on the island itself, and a large yachting marina on the opposite side of the bay. Overlooking the bridge on the mainland side is the Parish Church of Our Lady (Crkva velike Gospe), a 19th-century building containing a cluster of neo-Baroque altars and a shrine to Saint Nicholas (the patron of sea-farers) that features an intricate model ship. For those who need to stretch their legs, a path leads up behind Tribunj's parish church towards the hilltop chapel of St Nicholas, passing shrines marking the Stations of the Cross on the way. There are splendid views of the coastline from the summit. To the west of Tribunj, Sovlja is a small settlement resting on a shallow inlet, with a rock-and-pebble beach that's a peaceful alternative to those in nearby Vodice. Tribunj's other main claim to fame is the festival of donkey races that takes place every year in the first week of August. The traditional local affection for the four-legged braying beast is nurtured by the Tribunj-based Hrvatski Tovar ("Croatian Donkey") organization, formed in 1999. There is a donkey reserve on the island of Logorun just offshore to the southwest.

VODICE

Twelve kilometres north of Šibenik, Vodice is the most-visited tourist resort in the region, with modern hotel developments on either side of its broad bay and a large and well-equipped yachting marina in the middle. There is a small nucleus of historic buildings and narrow streets in the centre of Vodice, surrounded by a pleasantly low-rise sprawl of family houses and tourist-oriented apartment buildings. Vodice has over 6 km of well maintained, mostly pebble beaches. There you'll find all kind of activities, bars, restaurants and other facilities that will make your days at the beach fulfilled and special. Also, with its three dog beaches, Vodice is an ideal destination for vacationing with pets.

The town gets its name from the many sources of drinkable water in the area (voda is Croatian for "water"). Indeed the city of Šibenik was supplied by ship with drinking water from Vodice right up until the 1870s, when its own piped water system was constructed.

Grandest of the old buildings in the centre is the Ćorić Tower, sole surviving remnant of fortifications built in the 15th century to defend the town against the Ottomans. A solid-looking townhouse nearby holds the Vodice Aquarium, which contains an entertaining and educational display of Adriatic sea creatures, which – featuring sea bream, sea bass and dentex – looks rather like a 3-D menu for the seafood restaurants you might be eating in later. Upstairs is a fine collection of antique amphorae salvaged by underwater archaeologist, and an impressive collection of model



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boats from all ages and countries – they range from traditional Croatian fishing vessels to the 17th-century Swedish warship Wasa, that famously sank within twenty minutes of its launch.

South of Šibenik

PRIMOŠTEN

Catching sight of Primošten from the coastal road is one of the many love-at-first-sight experiences that the Croatian Adriatic has to offer. An attractive old town is squeezed onto a thumb of land jutting into a turquoise sea, while the wooded peninsula of Raduča sprouts off to the north, fringed by a large and splendid gravel beach.

Primošten's origins go back to the Ottoman conquest of Bosnia in 1463, when the Croatian-speaking population of the interior increasingly sought refuge on the Adriatic coast. The oval-shaped island known as Gola Glava ("Bare Head") was one of the places they settled. A wooden bridge was constructed to join the island onto the mainland, and the resulting town became known as Primošten (which might be loosely translated as "the place with a bridge across"). As the Ottoman threat receded, the wooden bridge was replaced by a stone causeway, turning Primošten into the peninsula town that visitors see today.

On the landward side of the causeway is the dainty stone-roofed Chapel of St Rock (1680), beside which is a statue of Don Ivo Šarić (1915-1944), who attempted to protect

the local population against atrocities by both Italian and German occupiers during World War II, before finally being murdered by the latter. In front of the statue stretches a typically sweet-smelling Adriatic garden filled with lavender bushes, rosemary, and a clutch of palm trees. Presiding over the causeway to the Old Town is a much-loved piece of sculpture depicting a local fisherman accompanied by wife and donkey. At the opposite end of the causeway, an arched gate leads through a stretch of crenellated wall into the Old Town, where a tangle of narrow streets surround the 15th-century parish church of St George.

Much favoured by Hollywood director Orson Welles (who had a summer villa here), the beaches of Raduča are packed with bathers in summer.

Inland from Primošten

Occupying the high ground uphill from Primošten is an enchanting area of maquis-choked villages and country lanes lined by dry stone walls. Densely planted with olives and vines, this was the agricultural heartland of the region until tourism took off and the working lives of the locals become focused on the coast. All of the villages here have suffered rural depopulation, and once profitable crops have been left to go to seed – although an increasing number of local families are returning to their ancestral properties and revitalizing the olive groves.

The region's rich stock of traditional stone buildings is increasingly appreciated too, as can be seen from the popularity of the restored **Jurlinovi Dvori** farmstead in

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the hillside village of Draga. As well as containing ethnographic displays and an art gallery, Jurlinovi Dvori also offers food and drink, and has become a major tourist attraction as a result. Most of the visitors are pre-booked groups, although individual tourists are welcome to look around as well. The restored farmstead represents the life's work of local priest Don Stipe Perkov, who was born in the main house and whose family have been masters of the property for several generations. The farmstead consists of a 300-year-old main building where visitors can see traditional textiles, a restored kitchen and an antiquated-looking rakija still. On the opposite side of a terraced garden are several outbuildings that were acquired by the family later, holding a small museum of church silverware and a picture gallery of works donated by contemporary Croatian artists.

ROGOZNICA

Southernmost of Šibenik County's seaside resorts is Rogoznica, an attractive island village joined to the mainland by a 100-metre-long bridge. With a huddle of stone houses rising above a palm-splashed Riva, it's an undeniably attractive spot, and the Frapa marina on the opposite side of the bay has made it a hugely popular destination with the yachting crowd.

Situated on the western fringe of the village, Frapa is open to outsiders, with a central semicircular building holding restaurants, bars and a nightclub. Just behind the marina is Zmajev Otok ("Eye of the Dragon"), a crater-like salt-water lake surrounded by grey cliffs. North of the marina is the Gradina peninsula, boasting a significant stretch of pebble beach backed by dense pines.



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KRKA NATIONAL PARK

Much of the landscape inland from Šibenik is shaped by the Krka, the 72.5km-long river that rises in the arid karst near Knin before flowing towards the Adriatic via a spectacular series of rugged canyons, azure lakes and tumbling waterfalls. The valley's most dramatic stretches, between Skradin and 3.5km downstream of Knin, fall under the protection of the Krka National Park (Nacionalni park Krka), which is visited by an average of one million people a year. About 90% of these visitors never get any further than Skradinski buk (the most dramatic of seven sets of rapids within the park), whose foaming waters are reproduced on the cover of many a tourist brochure. However there is much more to the Krka

than Skradinski buk, especially in the upper (northern) reaches of the park, where visitor facilities and trekking routes are recently being developed. Fauna in the park includes roe deer, wild boar, and the more elusive wolves and badgers. The rocky sides of the valley play host to various communities of bats, who play an important role in eating mosquitoes and other irritating waterside insects. It's also an area rich in historical resonances, with ruins of fortresses recalling the region's erstwhile status as a disputed borderland between warring empires, and waterside monasteries providing evidence of a rich spiritual culture. ► Šibenska bb, Skradin, tel. (+385-22) 49 35 40, www.np-krka.hr. Open 08:00–20:00. Admission 20 - 40 €.

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AIRPORT

Šibenik does not have its own airports but is served by Zadar airport to the northwest and Split airport to the southeast.

SAINT JEROME AIRPORT - SPLIT AIRPORT (ZRAČNA LUKA SVETI JERONIM - ZRAČNA LUKA SPLIT)

► Cesta dr.Franje Tuđmana 96, Kaštel Štafilić, tel. +385 (0)21 203 589/(+385-21) 20 35 08, www.split-airport.hr/?lang=hr.

ZADAR AIRPORT (ZRAČNA LUKA ZADAR)

► Zemunik Donji, Zadar, tel. +385 60 355-355, www.zadar-airport.hr/en.

BIKING

Although the infrastructure for cycling is almost non-existent, it is of course possible to rent-a-bike to at least see the city landmarks and monuments, or beach hop from one to another of course. There are a few bike stores around town that charge around 50€ per day and if you choose to rent for a few days in a row, the price is then discounted.

Option two is the Nextbike system where you can rent a bike (standard, e-bike or tandem) at any of the six city locations. Once you download the application, you may put 5,00€ or more credit for your city rides (standard bike –0,66€ for a 30 min ride; e-bike/tandem – 1,32€ for a 30 min ride). There is a special offer for 7-day use (13,27€ , unlimited number of rides up to 30 minutes). More information at: www.nextbike.hr.

BIKE AND HIKE

Website with lots of information about exploring Šibenik Knin County on bike. It has routes, maps, cycling events, stops offs, tours, service spots and much more. ►tel. +385 22 219 072, www.bikeandhike.hr/.

FERRIES

Šibenik is the perfect place to indulge in a bit of island hopping, with 2-3 daily Šibenik-Vodice ferries (4-5 in summer but watch out for reduced services on Sunday) sailing via the enchanting islands of Zlarin and Prvić. The trip is a scenic wonder, taking you through the Šibenik canal and offering fantastic views of the St. Nicholas sea fort as you pass. Journey times are short, with the whole Šibenik-Vodice journey taking just over one hour.

Further offshore, the islands of Kaprije and Žirje are linked to the mainland less often and take slightly longer to get to, but still represent an eminently accessible day out from the city. Note that almost all of these services are for passengers and bicycles only - you can't take a car on board unless travelling on selected Žirje services.

The departure point for these ferries is the jetty pier on the seafront right below the city centre. Tickets should be bought before boarding the boat from the Jadrolinija office diagonally opposite the jetty.



Photo by M. Pilić, Šibenik Tourist Board Archives

The island of Krapanj, just off the shore opposite the settlement of Brodarica, is reached by hourly passenger boat from the Brodarica waterfront (pay on board).

Elsewhere, the Kornati islands are not linked to the mainland by regular ferry, and are only accessible via the tourist excursions operated by travel agencies or with your own yacht.

JADROLINIJA

Boat lines to Kaprije, Prvić, Vodice, Zlarin and Žirje. ► F-4, Obala dr. Franje Tuđmana 7, tel. +385 22 213 468/(+385-22) 20 06 24, www.jadrolinija.hr. Open 05:30-19:30; Sun 08:30-11:30/19:00-19:30.

CITY TOURS

ECO TUK TUK ŠIBENIK

This company offers special tuk tuk tours in and around town, providing eco-friendly adventures without skimping on the fun. You can get tours of the city, the surrounding wineries, and Šibenik's famous fortresses, not to mention a sunset tour that is just about as romantic as it gets. The guides are fabulous and the tours are flexible, so what's not to like? ►tel. (+385-) 99 317 88 32, www.ecotuktukšibenik.com/.

VESTON TRAVEL - ECO CITY TOURS

If you are looking for a more stylish and relaxed way to explore Šibenik, Veston Travel offers a range of Eco City Tours combining retro electric vehicles with panoramic



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sightseeing, fortress visits, wine tastings and short guided walks through the old town. From quick 45-minute panorama rides to longer fortress and wine experiences, the tours are less about rushing through landmarks and more about soaking up the city's atmosphere in a relaxed, eco-friendly way. Ideal for first-time visitors, cruise guests and anyone who prefers scenic cruising over steep stone staircases. ► **Ferova glavica** 14, tel. (+385-) 91 617 60 26, www.vestontravel.hr/tours.

PARKING

Šibenik has both street parking and pay car parks. Street parking is split into four zones where parking is charged 1 June – 1 October at rates ranging between 0,40 €/hour and 2,50 €/hour depending on the zone. You can also buy day tickets at 6,40 €– 60,00 €.

There are car parks in two zones: the one in the Draga district and at the railway station are in Zone A, while the car park in the Poljana district is in Zone B. Prices are 1,33 – 2,00 €/hour.

Beware of parking in dodgy places where your car might get towed away by the city authorities and impounded at the address Velimira Škorpika 5, at a place euphemistically named "Služba za premještanje vozila" – the "Service for relocating vehicles." How benign! They will kindly return your vehicle to you in return for your payment of the sum 100,00 € plus 10,00 € for each day spent in the pound. The pound is open on working days **08:00 – 20:00, Sat 08:00 – 14:00. Closed Sun.** If you spot the car catchers in the act of loading your iron steed onto a terrible vehicle known in Croatian as the pauk, or "spider", you might get away with a fine of just 50,00 €. More information on tel. **022 218 459, 091 120 08 23** or pauk@gradski-parking.hr.

GRADSKI PARKING

► Draga 14, tel. (+385-22) 21 22 05, www.gradski-parking.hr.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Šibenik's municipal bus service is operated by Autotransport Šibenik, with buses operating from around 06:00 to 22:00. Most important routes for visitors are the **no. 3** (which runs from the city centre uphill to Šubićevac, passing the 16th-century fortress on the way), the **no. 6** (to the Solaris hotel complex), and the **no. 5** (to Brodarica, jump-off point for the island of Krpanj). Best place to catch these buses is the stop right beside the main market (*tržnica*), where there is a kiosk (Open 07:00 – 21:00, Sat 07:00 – 15:00. Closed Sun) selling tickets and a timetable detailing departures (watch out for reduced services on Sundays). Single tickets on most lines cost 1€, some longer routes 1,5 – 2€.

AUTOTRANSSPORT D.D.

► G-2, Draga 14, tel. +385 22 216 444/+385 22 212 557, www.atpsi.hr.

TOURIST INFORMATION

The local tourist association offices listed in this guide can help you out with a whole lot of information about individual towns, resorts, parks and sights. We should mention that the office hours tend to be rather eclectic, so you might want to check on their Web sites or give them a call before trekking over.

ASSOCIATION OF TOURIST GUIDES "MIHO-VIL" ŠIBENIK

► C-4, Obala palih omladinaca 3 (TIC), www.vodici-sibenik.hr.

PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF KRKA NATIONAL PARK

► E-3, Trg Ivana Pavla II 5, tel. (+385-22) 20 17 77/+385 22 493-501, www.np-krka.hr. Open 07:00-15:00; closed Sat, Sun. Krka waterfalls Skradinski buk 08:00 – 20:00. 12 – 40€.

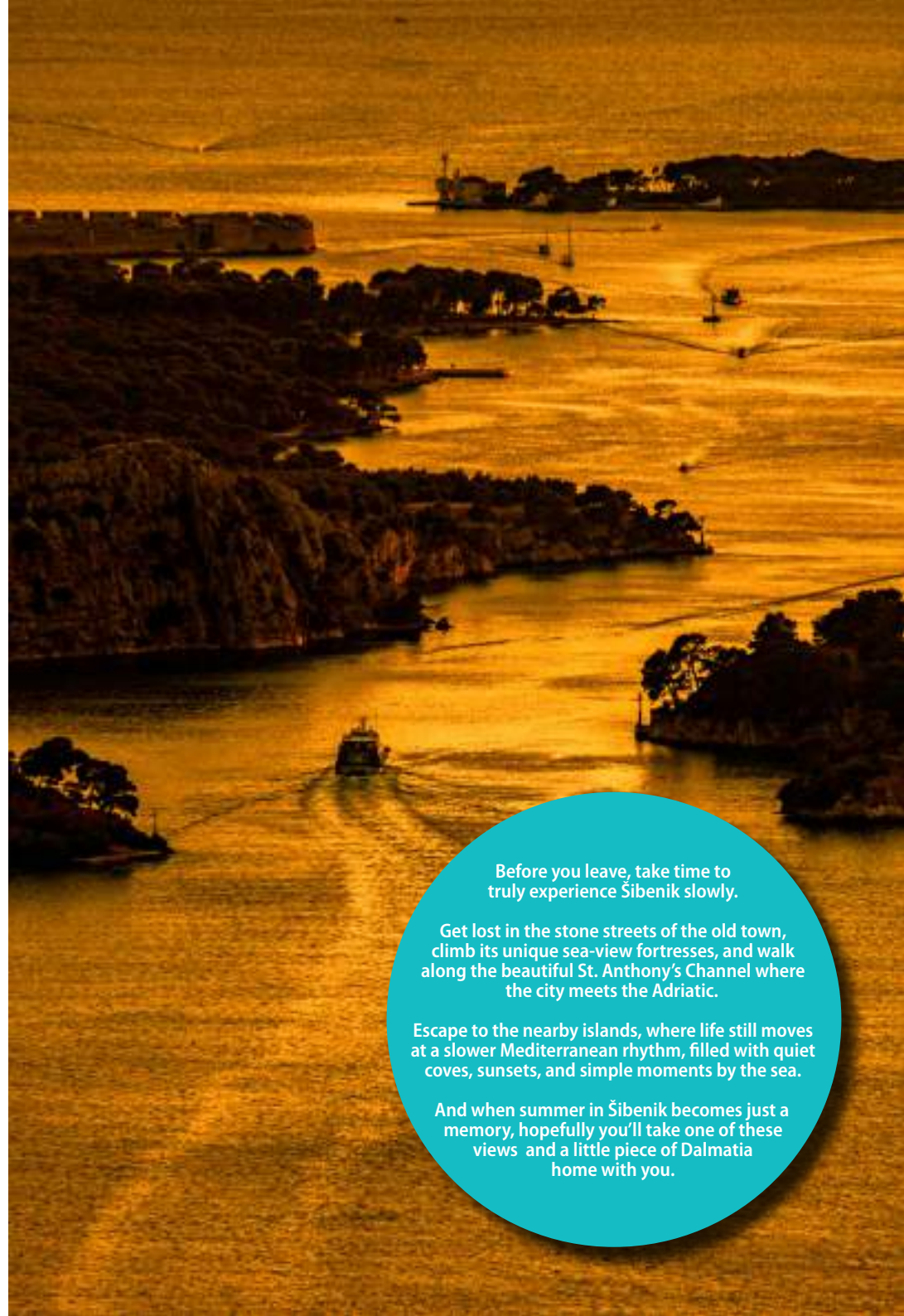
TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

► C-4, Obala palih omladinaca 3, tel. (+385-22) 21 44 11/(+385-22) 21 44 48, www.sibenik-tourism.hr. Open 08:00-20:00. July & Aug Open 08:00 – 21:00. October Open 09:00 – 18:00, Sat & Sun 09:00 – 14:00.



TAXI

The easiest way to get a cab is to call +385 91 6000 018; otherwise you'll find them at ranks outside the bus station or on the Poljana square just outside the Old Town. The start-up fare is 4,65€ which includes the first five kilometers, followed by 0,90€ per kilometre. We recommend that you check beforehand if waiting is included in the price for the first 5km.



Before you leave, take time to truly experience Šibenik slowly.

Get lost in the stone streets of the old town, climb its unique sea-view fortresses, and walk along the beautiful St. Anthony's Channel where the city meets the Adriatic.

Escape to the nearby islands, where life still moves at a slower Mediterranean rhythm, filled with quiet coves, sunsets, and simple moments by the sea.

And when summer in Šibenik becomes just a memory, hopefully you'll take one of these views and a little piece of Dalmatia home with you.



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- 1 Katedrala sv. Jakova St. James Cathedral
- 2 Crkva sv. Ivana St. John's Church
- 3 Crkva sv. Frane, samostan i muzej St. Francis's Church and Monastery
- 4 Crkva sv. Krševana St. Grisogono's Church (Krševan)
- 5 Nova Crkva New Church
- 6 Crkva sv. Duha Church of the Holy Spirit
- 7 Crkva sv. Nikole St. Nicholas's Church
- 8 Crkva sv. Barbare St. Barbara's Church
- 9 Crkva sv. Križa Church of the Holy Cross
- 10 Crkva Svi Sveti All Saint's Church
- 11 Crkva Uspenje Bogorodice Ascension Church
- 12 Crkva sv. Dominika St. Dominic's Church
- 13 Crkva sv. Grgura St. Gregory's Church
- 14 Crkva sv. Lovre St. Lawrence Church
- 15 Crkva Gospe vanka Grada "Gospe Vanke Grada" Church
- 16 Crkva sv. Nediljice St. Nediljica Church
- 17 Gradska vijećnica The Town Hall
- 18 Palača Rossini Rossini Palace
- 19 Palača Foscolo Foscolo Palace
- 20 Palača Pellegrini Pellegrini Palace
- 21 Palača Gogala Gogala Palace
- 22 Benediktanski samostan sv. Luce St. Luce Benedictine Monastery
- 23 Crkva sv. Spasa St. Savior Church
- 24 Civitas Sacra - interpretacijski centar Interpretation center
- 25 Kuća umjetnosti Arsen House of arts Arsen
- 26 Brončana skulptura stare gradske jezgre Bronze sculpture of historic city
- 27 Česma Rodičevac The Rodičevac Fountain
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Visitors needn't worry about scaling the walls in the modern age, as the newly renovated Interpretation Centre is ready and waiting to welcome all who come. Along with engaging interactive displays, there is the opportunity to

take a VR balloon ride above the fortress before taking an actual zipline across the Krka River.

ALONG WITH THE CENTRE, THE OLD GUNPOWDER HAS ALSO BEEN GIVEN NEW LIFE, HOUSING A SOUVENIR SHOP AND WINE STORE OFFERING SOME OF THE REGION'S FINEST WINES AND SOUVENIRS.

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