DUBROVNIK
La perla
dell’Adriatico

Pearl of the Adriatic
Dubrovnik si trova a sud della costa adriatica orientale e, oltre ad essere una meta preferita per trascorrere le vacanze in uno splendido mare blu cristallino, è soprattutto una destinazione culturale, una città museo che offre un perfetto contorno tra passato e presente. Dal 1979 Dubrovnik è Patrimonio Mondiale dell’UNESCO, una città ricca di arte, cultura e tesori architettonici. La scoperta della città parte dalle Mura, l’attrazione principale di Dubrovnik, ben 1940 metri di bastioni medievali, conservati nella loro forma originale, che definiscono una storia antica. Mura intatte con cinque fortezze, che offrono una vista indimenticabile sulla città, sull’Isola di Lokrum e sul mare aperto. Si prosegue nella Città Vecchia, un’area per i pedoni, dove ogni angolo nascosto ha caratteristiche uniche dalla sorprendente architettura con porte d’ingresso, palazzi, chiese, belle piazze come quella con la Grande Fontana di Onofrio, stradine laterali, gallerie d’arte e musei.

Ogni angolo della città custodisce importanti tesori

Preziose opere di oreficeria risalenti al XI fino al XIX secolo si possono trovare nella Cattedrale dell’Assunzione di Maria, caratterizzata da cinque grandi ingressi e una grande cupola. Da ammirare anche la collezione di Dubrovnik School of Art del XV e XVI secolo al Museo di Dubrovnik con una collezione di opere d’arte, mobili d’epoca, monete antiche e l’inventario della farmacia Domus Christy del 1420. Si può visitare inoltre il Museo Marittimo per scoprire la storia della tradizione marittima di Dubrovnik. Tra le gallerie private, di particolare interesse la Galleria d’Arte Moderna che ospita opere di pittori croati e internazionali.

Scivolando in aria con la funivia, la vista di Dubrovnik regala emozioni uniche

La corsa offre una vista mozzafiato della città antica di Dubrovnik, attraenti costiere con piccole isole, spiagge dorate e magnifici tramonti. Per esplorare la zona di Dubrovnik via mare, assolutamente da non perdere sono l’Isola di Lokrum e le Isole Elafiti di una bellezza estasiante. I più sportivi possono vivere l’emozione di safari in jeep, passeggiate a cavallo, escursioni e ciclismo nella valle di Konavle, tour in canoa sul mare, vela per le isole Elafiti o immergersi nel Parco nazionale sull’Isola di Mljet. Durante la scoperta della città ci si può dedicare allo shopping di souvenir originali croati e tipici di Dubrovnik: artigianato di pietre preziose, olio d’oliva dorato, saponi spremuti a freddo con alloro e profumo di rosmarino.

La città antica di Dubrovnik custodisce splendide chiese gotiche, rinascimentali e barocche ma anche fontane, conventi e palazzi storici. The ancient city of Dubrovnik features splendid Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque churches as well as historic fountains, convents and palaces.
Le mura di Dubrovnik, lunghe 1,940 metri, racchiudono un inestimabile patrimonio architettonico medievale, ben conservato fino ai nostri giorni. The Walls of Dubrovnik, some 1,940 metres long, enclose priceless medieval architecture, which has been well preserved to this day.
Dubrovnik is located to the south of the eastern Adriatic coast and in addition to being a favourite destination for spending a holiday in a beautiful crystal-clear blue sea, it is above all a cultural destination, a museum-city that offers a perfect marriage between past and present. Dubrovnik has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1979 a city rich in art, culture and architectural treasures. Uncovering the city can begin from the Walls, Dubrovnik’s main landmark, 1,940 metres of Medieval ramparts preserved in their original form, which are proof of the city’s ancient history. These walls remain intact and feature five fortresses which offer an unforgettable view of the city, the island of Lokrum and the open sea.

You can then head towards the Old Town, a pedestrianised area where every hidden corner boasts unique features, including surprising architecture, interesting entrance doors, palaces, churches, beautiful squares, such as the one with the Onofrio’s Great Fountain, side-streets, art galleries and museums.

Each corner of the city offers important treasures

Precious works in gold dating back from the 11th to the 19th centuries can be found in the Cathedral of the Assumption of Mary, which features five large entrances and great dome. The collection of the Dubrovnik School of Art, dating from the 15th and 16th centuries, can also be admired in the Dominican Museum while the Rector’s Palace houses the historical-cultural wing of the Dubrovnik Museum with a collection of works of art, antique furniture, ancient coins and the stock from the Dormus Christy pharmacy of 1420. You can also visit the Maritime Museum to discover the history of the maritime traditions of Dubrovnik. Among the private galleries, the Gallery of Modern Art is particularly interesting, hosting works by Croatian and international painters.

Not to be missed is the Arboretum of Trsteno, a protected Renaissance monument to nature in the summer estate of the aristocratic Guetetic family, which has been famous for its rich and ancient collection of exotic plants since 1502. The city of Dubrovnik, in fact, is home to a variety and an abundance of subtropical flora. Both the coast and islands are covered with Mediterranean evergreens, pine woods and cypresses as well as vineyards, olive groves and fruit trees.

Another place worth visiting is the Franciscan Monastery of Dubrovnik, which houses the pharmacy of the Friars Minor, the third oldest in the world and the only one that has continued to provide pharmaceutical services since 1317. The recipes used to prepare some balms and ointments date back more than two hundred years.

Gliding through the air with the cable car, the view of Dubrovnik provides unique emotions

The ride offers a breathtaking view of the ancient city of Dubrovnik, the coastal attractions and small islands, golden beaches and magnificent sunsets. And to fully explore the Dubrovnik area by sea, the Island of Lokrum and the entrancingly beautiful Elaphiti Islands are not to be missed.

Sports enthusiasts can experience the thrill of jeep safaris, horse riding, hiking and cycling in the Konavle Valley, canoeing on the sea, sailing to the Elaphiti Islands or visiting the National Park on the island of Mljet.

Whilst discovering the city you can also busy yourself shopping, browsing a variety of original Croatian and typical souvenirs of Dubrovnik: crafts made with precious stones, golden olive oil and cold-pressed soaps with perfumes of laurel and rosemary.

To relax between one itinerary and another, just enter a bar, one of the many restaurants or taverns where you can savour typical products such as smoked ham, cheese in oil, octopus salad, zelena menestra (smoked meat and cabbage stew), grilled sardines, kantonjata (quince cheese), candied almonds, arancini (candied orange peel), grappa, red wines from the Pelješac peninsula, white wines from the island of Korčula, wines from the Konavle area and Malvasia, called the nectar of the gods.
Dubrovnik is an important power in the Mediterranean in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Its center is the old town, with its walls and fortresses. The old town is enclosed by crenellated walls and is surrounded by the sea. The old town is the largest and most important city in the region, and it is surrounded by a number of smaller towns and villages. The old town is home to many historic and cultural treasures, including the Palace of the Rectors, the Church of the Assumption of the Virgin, and the Rector's Palace. The old town is also home to many museums and galleries, including the Museum of the Old Town of Dubrovnik, the Museum of Modern Art, and the Museum of the National and University Library. The old town is also home to many restaurants and cafes, offering a variety of dishes and drinks. The old town is a popular destination for both locals and tourists, and it is a must-visit for anyone visiting Dubrovnik.

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