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### Welcome

#### Welcome to Villa Bonaca

Žrnovska Banja, Korčula, Croatia

We are delighted to welcome you to Villa Bonaca, your luxurious retreat nestled in the serene bay of Žrnovska Banja, just moments away from the historic town of Korčula. This stunning waterfront villa offers the perfect blend of modern comfort and Mediterranean charm, designed to make your stay as relaxing and memorable as possible. At Villa Bonaca, we believe that every guest deserves an exceptional experience. That's why your hosts, Ursula, Dave, and Antonio, are committed to going above and beyond to ensure your stay is seamless and unforgettable. Whether it's helping you plan a special outing, arranging in-villa services, or simply offering local recommendations, we are here to put your comfort and enjoyment first. To further enhance your stay, Antonio, our trusted local team member, is available to personally welcome our Croatian guests and assist with anything you may need during your time at the villa.

Ursula: +385 99 193 6811 / (English)

Dave: +385 99 826 6182 / (English)

Antonio: +385 91 901 8733 / (English/Croatian)

We look forward to making your stay on Korčula truly exceptional!

**WORKING HOURS** 

08h00 - 19h00

Email: korculaluxury@gmail.com

Available after 19h00 only for emergencies.

### Check - In

#### **Check-In Time**

Check-in time is between 16h00 to 19h00. If for any reason you cannot check-in during these times then you must please let us know in advance, and we will do our best to accommodate your request.

We like to meet our guests on checkin so we can take you through the apartment and show you how the appliances work and answer any questions you may have.

#### **Key & Access**

Keys and Access to your apartment is provided during Check-In.





### Check - Out

#### **Check-Out Time**

You can check-out anytime before 10 am. Please adhere to these times to allow for proper cleaning and preparation for the next guests. Late check-out may result in additional charges. If you wish to extend your stay, please notify 24 hours prior to see if we can accommodate you.

#### **Damages & Cleaning**

Get in touch with us if there is anything damaged. If you wish to have the apartment cleaned during your stay, contact Ursula +385 99 193 6811. This service is charged for.

#### **Check Out Procedure**

Please pack all dirty dishes in the dishwasher and start the wash cycle for us.

Place DO NOT WASH any towels or linen.

Your assistance would be greatly appreciated!



### House Rules

#### 1. No Smoking

Smoking is strictly prohibited inside the apartment. Guests may smoke in designated outdoor areas but must dispose of cigarette butts properly.

#### 2. Pet Policy

Unfortunately, we do not allow pets in the apartment due to potential allergies and cleanliness concerns.

#### 3. Quiet Hours

Please respect our neighbors and observe quiet hours between 11:00 PM and 7:00 AM. Excessive noise and disturbances during these times are not permitted.

#### 4. Maximum Occupancy

The maximum number of guests allowed is 8 persons. Any additional guests must be approved in advance and may be subject to an extra fee.

#### 5. Respect for Property and Neighbors

Treat the apartment and surrounding areas with care and respect. Avoid any behavior that may disturb other residents or damage the property.

#### 6. Cleaning and Tidiness:

We strive to maintain a clean and comfortable environment for all guests. Please clean up after yourselves and leave the apartment in the same condition as you found it. An additional cleaning fee may apply if excessive cleaning is required after your stay.

#### 7. Lost or Damaged Items

Guests will be held responsible for any lost or damaged items belonging to the apartment. Please report any damages immediately to avoid additional charges.

#### 8. Security and Safety

For your safety and security, ensure all doors and windows are locked when leaving the apartment. We are not liable for any theft or accidents that occur during your stay.

#### 9. Parking

Please follow the instructions provided regarding parking spaces and regulations.

#### 10. Guest Responsibilities

By booking our vacation apartment, you agree to adhere to these house rules and accept responsibility for any violations or damages incurred during your stay.



### Technical Information

#### 1. Air Conditioners/Climate Control

All air conditioner remotes should be set to the same temperature. During Summer to maintain optimum results we strongly advise that you do not set the temperature below 21 degrees celcius.

#### 2. Damaged or Broken Appliances

Please report any damaged or broken appliances to our Maintenance department. (Tel: +385 91 901 8733)

#### 3. General Maintenance Issues

Please report any maintenance issues to our Maintenance department. (Tel: +385 91 901 8733)

### Welcome Packs

At VILLA BONACA, we want to make your stay as comfortable and enjoyable as possible. That's why we provide a complimentary Welcome Pack filled with essentials and treats to help you settle in. From local goodies like wine, to basic necessities such as coffee and tea, we hope this thoughtful gesture enhances your experience and makes you feel right at home. Enjoy!

### Basic Necessities

As a courtesy, **Korcula Holiday Apartments** provides basic necessities such as toilet paper, dishwashing liquid, and laundry soap to get you started during your stay at Villa Bonaca. Once these supplies run out, it will be up to you to replenish them as needed. All necessary items can be easily purchased from local grocery stores, and a full list of nearby stores is included in this Guest Booklet for your convenience on page 10.



### Linen & Towels

At KORCULA HOLIDAY Apartments, we provide white linen and towels for your use at Villa Bonaca, along with colored beach towels. We kindly ask that you do not wash any of the towels or linen during your stay. Our team will handle this after your check-out. If you need fresh linen or towels replenished during your stay, please contact Ursula at +385 99 193 6811. This service is available for guests staying longer than 5 days.



### Wifi Connection

You can connect to the Wi-Fi code via the QR code in your apartment.

### Primary Contacts

**Taxi - Ivan** +385 92 171 2306

Maintenance - Antonio +385 91 901 8733

**Host - Ursula** +385 99 193 6811

**Host - Dave** +385 99 826 6182

# Emergency Contacts

Emergency 112

**Emergency Medical Service** +385 20 711 057

Fire Department 193

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**Police Department** +385 20 444 333

+385 20 444 339

Ambulance 194

Road Assistance 1987

Search & Rescue if at sea 195

Mountain Rescue 112



At **Korčula Holiday Apartments**, we aim to provide an exceptional experience for both vacation and business travelers vacationing at Villa Bonaca. Our wide range of services ensures that your stay is comfortable, convenient, and memorable. Below is an overview of the services we offer, highlighting those that are complimentary and those that are available for an additional fee.

#### **Shuttle Service**

We offer a complimentary Shuttle Service to and from the Korčula Ferry Port for guests on arrival and departure with the Passenger Ferry. Our shuttle service is also available for a fee to transport guests on island excursions, subject to availability.

#### **Airport Transfers**

We offer convenient airport transfer services to and from Dubrovnik or Split airports. Prices vary based on the number of guests and the airport.

#### **Parking**

Parking is available for guests with vehicles at no charge.

#### Wi-Fi

Enjoy high-speed Wi-Fi throughout your stay, allowing you to stay connected with family, friends, and work. QR codes are available in your apartment so you can access the wi-fi seamlessly.

#### Housekeeping

Housekeeping services can be provided on request at a fee to ensure your apartment is clean and tidy, subject to availability.

#### **Laundry Services**

Full-service laundry, dry cleaning, and ironing services are available for your convenience. Prices vary based on the services required.

#### **Booklets and Maps**

Complimentary booklets and maps are provided upon request to help you explore the island.



## Transport

#### **Taxi Service & Airport Transfers**

- 1. Taxi Van Ivan J; (Cell: +385 92 171 2306)
- 2. If Ivan J is not available he will provide an alternative driver alternatively contact <u>Korkyra Info</u> (Tel: +385 20 711 750)
- 3. There is a dedicated Taxi Stand in the old town where taxi's are always available

#### **Boat Taxi Service**

- 1. Max 5 Person Mario, +385 98 512 923
- 2. Max 10 Person Ivan; ivansegedin@gmail.com; +385 98 757 043
- 3. If Mario or Ivan are not available they will provide an alternative operator alternatively contact Korkyra Info general travel service. (Tel: +385 20 711 750)

#### **Passenger Ferry Service**

The following ferry lines offer regular connections from Korčula to major destinations such as Dubrovnik, Split, Hvar as well as many other islands and mainland destinations in Croatia. You can reserve your tickets online.

- 1. <u>Jadrolinija</u> www.jadrolinija.hr
- 2. TP LINE www.tp-line.hr/en/
- 3. KRILO www.krilo.hr/en/

#### Vehicle Ferry Service

It is possible to drive from major destinations such as Split or Dubrovnik to Korčula. You need to drive to Orebić ferry port on the Pelješac Peninsula and connect with a quick vehicle ferry to Korčula ferry port which departs approximately every hour during the summer season and travel time is only 20min. Book tickets for this ferry at the ferry port kiosk or online: <u>Jadrolinija</u> - www.jadrolinija.hr



### Groceries, Gas & Essentials

#### Groceries, Gas & Pharmacy

- 1. KONZUM General grocery store with 2 locations inside the old town.
- 2. <u>TOMMY</u> Large Supermarket 5min walk from old town with other essential stores in Spot Mall; Ul. Ante Starčevića 6, 20260, Korčula.
- 3. <u>PLODINE</u> Large supermarket 7min drive from old town; Ul. Ante Starčevića 47, 20260, Korčula.
- 4. <u>EUROTANK GAS STATION</u> Next to Plodine supermarket; Gas, electric vehicle charging, car wash and convenience store.
- 5. INA GAS STATION Located by the ferry port which crosses over to Orebić.
- 6. PHARMACY KORCULA Ul. Ante Starčevića 6, 20260, Korčula, Croatia, (Tel: +385 20 711 057)

#### **Private Tour Guide**

This is a wonderful option for learning about the deep history of the old town, professional guidance during wine farm tours and generally navigating and enjoying all the island has to offer. Contact Stanka on +385 98 1994 185 for private tour guide services.

#### Korčula Tourist Board

Located on main square of Korčula Old Town where you can pick up Korčula brochures and maps and get general info about the town and its surroundings.

#### Korčula Explorer

Offers detailed travel tips, itineraries, and tour options specific to Korčula. www.korculaexplorer.com

#### **Croatia National Tourist Board**

Official website of Croatia National Tourist Board offering a large amount of information about travel around the country. www.croatia.hr



### Activities



#### 1. Wine Tasting Tour through Korčula - 4 hours

Get to know Korčula the fun way, with this wine tour around the island. With a local driver, visit family-run wineries to taste local wine, honey, and other regional treats. Meet friendly local producers and discover some of the island's most impressive vantage points on a scenic route that you can enjoy from your panoramic vehicle. Book your tour through KORKYRA (Tel: +385 20 711 750)

#### 2. Island Picnic Boat Tour - 6 hours

Korčula boat tour where we explore Korčula archipelago with stops that include a shipwreck site for snorkeling, islands Badija and Vrnik for sightseeing and swimming. Snacks, fruit, and drinks included! Book your tour through KORKYRA (Tel: +385 20 711 750)

#### 3. Korčula Buggy Safari Tour - 4 hours

Experience the very best of Korčula surrounding area on this exhilarating off-road adventure. This is a perfect fun-filled excursion suitable for all ages. Book your tour through KORKYRA (Tel: +385 20 711 750)

#### 4. Korčula Kayak Tour - 3 hours

Paddle through the calm seas surrounding the Korčula archipelago in a sea kayak, admiring the stunning coastline and marine life as you glide through warm, crystal clear waters. Book your tour through KORKYRA (Tel: +385 20 711 750)

#### 5. Korčula Walking Tours - 1 hour

The jewel of the south Adriatic, a theme of many historic poems and songs, whose shiny white pebbles reveal to us its entire history. Book your tour through KORKYRA (Tel: +385 20 711 750)

#### 6. Lux Islands Picnic Tour - 11 hours

Private tour with a trimaran around the Korčula archipelago offers an exclusive and personalized experience that's hard to match. Book your tour through KORKYRA (Tel: +385 20 711 750)

#### 7. Peljesac Wine Tour - 4 hours

Peninsula is famous for wine production. Some excellent local wines, however, are not mass produced, so the only way to find out is to book this tour now! Book your tour through KORKYRA (Tel: +385 20 711 750)



# Things to do

#### Visit St. Mark's Cathedral

Explore the Gothic-Renaissance cathedral and its panoramic bell tower views.

#### Stroll the Korčula Old Town Streets

Wander the narrow, cobblestone streets and admire the medieval architecture.

#### **Explore the Marco Polo House**

Visit the museum dedicated to the famous explorer's life and travels in the old town of Korčula.

#### **Dine at Local Restaurants**

Enjoy Dalmatian cuisine at charming restaurants and taverns.

#### Watch a Moreska Sword Dance

See the traditional sword dance performance depicting historical battles in Korčula old town.

#### Listen to a local Folk Choir

Experience the rich musical heritage of Korčula with a performance by a local folk choir, showcasing traditional songs.

#### Visit the Town Museum

Discover Korčula's history and culture at the museum in Gabrielis Palace.

#### Relax at a Café

Enjoy coffee or drinks at waterfront cafés with Adriatic views.

#### **Climb Revelin Tower**

Ascend the tower for stunning views over the old town and sea.

#### **Shop for Souvenirs**

Find unique local crafts, jewelry, and traditional products.

#### **Explore Land Gate and Fortifications**

Walk through the historic gate and along the medieval walls.



Korčula has many amazing restaurants offering some of the most authentic, fresh, organic and unique dining experiences available in the world. Below are recommendations from locals to guide you but be adventurous, explore and help us expand our list of favorites:

#### Favorites around the Island

KONOBA MAHA – Traditional food paired with local wine; Immersed in Nature (Tel: +385916051207)

SIMUNOVO – Local cuisine produced at venue; Sunset Views (Tel: +385 92 262 0903)

KONOBA BELIN – Local homemade food with pleasant family atmosphere (Tel: +385 91 503 9528)

KONOBA MATE\* – Michelin starred restaurant with natural flavors and traditions (Tel: +385 99 677 5722)

PAGAR – Seafood, Mediterranean, Barbecue restaurant in Pupnat (Tel: +385 91 569 9959)

KONOBA MARKO POLO – Local fresh healthy food, casual atmosphere (Tel: +385 99 676 1649)

BISTRO DALMATINO – Local food; casual atmosphere, swimming area (Tel: +385 20 710 730)

KONOBA ALBERT – Beautiful View; Mediterranean, vegetarian & gluten free; Zavalatica (Tel: +385 20 834 068)

PIZZERIA TINEL – Stone environment; Old Town in Blato (Tel: +385 92 288 6125)

#### **Old Town Favorites**

LD RESTAURANT\* – Michelin starred restaurant In Korcula Old Town (Tel: +385 91 362 6222)

FILIPPI\* – Delicious Dalmatian food with a breathtaking sea view and Michelin starred (Tel: +385 98-275-701)

NIGRA – Suspended terrace above the sea; Aspiring young talented chef (Tel: +385 98 925 4406)

AMINESS KORCULA HERITAGE HOTEL – Korčula, Beautiful Terrace; Breakfast favorite (Tel: +385 20 726 336)

IGNIS – Spanish & Mediterranean cuisine; Tapas (Tel: +385 99 759 3442)

FUNDAMENTUM – Cozy atmosphere; Local touch (Tel: +385 91 601 7828)

SILK - Thai cuisine (Tel: +385 20 721 111)



# Dining Out

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#### **All Day Favorites**

<u>LA BANYA</u> – Restaurant & Beach Bar Zrnovo Bay; All day family fun; Excellent facilities

(Tel: +385 95 567 56)

MIMI'S BISTRO – Tara's lodge in Zrnovo Bay; All day family fun; Breakfast favorite

(Tel: +385 20 692 503)

ESTRAVAGANCA - Freshly caught seafood; Beautiful Swimming Bay; 20min Taxi Boat

(Tel: +385 98 944 7099)

MORO BEACH STUPE – Restaurant & Beach on tiny island Stupe; All day family fun; 10min Taxi Boat

(Tel: +385 99 490 9606)

FORTUNA - Kneze, Good Traditional Croatian dishes & great pizzas (Tel: +385 91 581 4670)

#### Top 8 Restaurants on Korčula according to Trip Adviser

KONOBA ŠKAFETIN – Restaurant in Lumbarda, Seafood, Mediterranean, European (Tel: +385 99 673 2194)

MAHA BAR – Bar, Fast Food in Korcula Old Town (Tel: +385 92 138 1796)

KONOBA BATA – Seafood, Mediterranean, Vela Luka (Tel: +385 20 812 457)

KONOBA MARKO POLO – Local fresh healthy food, casual atmosphere (Tel: +385 99 676 1649)

ATERINA - Seafood, Mediterranean, European, Old Town Korcula (Tel: +385 91 986 1856)

GAVUNI - Seafood, Mediterranean, Vegetarian options, Lumbarda (Tel: +385 99 571 2124)

KONOBA BELIN - Seafood, Mediterranean, Zrnovo (Tel: +385 91 503 9258)

WINE & TAPAS BAR LOLE - Mediterranean, Wine Bar, Korcula Old Town (Tel: +385 99 291 5443)



### Local Wine Farms

The island of Korčula boasts hundreds of boutique wineries and is to Croatia what Bordeaux is to France. It is home to the indigenous "Grk" and "Pošip" grapes that are unique to the island which enables the creation of unique and exclusive wine selections that cannot be found anywhere else in the world.

VITIS WINERY – Lumbarda. Known for Grk and Pošip wines. Enjoy tastings in a rustic setting. (Tel: +385 91 927 9027)

POPIĆ WINERY – Lumbarda. Family-run, famous for Plavac Mali. Offers intimate tastings. (Tel: +385 92 327 5212)

TASOVAC WINERY – Žrnovo. Modern meets tradition. Vineyard tours and premium wine tastings. (Tel: +385 91 734 1522)

BLACK ISLAND WINERY - Smokvica. Sustainable practices, stylish tasting room with unique wines. (Tel: +385 98 948 0419)

WINERY SABULUM – Lumbarda. Elegant wines with vineyard views. Scenic tasting experiences. (Tel: +385 92 171 6677)

TORETA WINERY – Smokvica. Specializes in Pošip. Historical tours and tastings. (Tel: +385 99 311 2410)

BARBAZZA WINERY - Smokvica. Boutique winery, small batches. Personalized tastings. (Tel: +385 98 17 76 181)

JOVANOV WINERY – Blato. Innovative wines. Experimental blends in tastings. (Tel: +385 91 977 7257)

LOVRIĆ WINERY – Lumbardo. Family-owned, handcrafted wines. Cozy tasting sessions. (Tel: +385 98 244 109)

GROŠIĆ WINERY – Smokvica. Focus on indigenous grapes. Authentic tasting experience. (Tel: +385 98 927 2393)



### Beaches on Korčula

#### Pržina, Lumbarda - the largest sandy beach on the Island of Korčula

- It is suitable for children
- Tourist and hospitality facilities
- Sports facilities: volleyball, sailing and other

#### Bilin Žal - Lumbarda

- Sandy and partly cemented beach Suitable for children
- Hospitality facility

#### Tatinja Bay - Lumbarda

- Sandy beach
- Suitable for children
- Hospitality facility

#### Lenga Brendana - Lumbarda

- A wild, natural and isolated beach
- No hospitality facility

#### Uvala Luka (Luka Bay) (Aminess PORT9 Resort), Vela Luka

- Sandy and pebble beach, shower
- Suitable for children children's facilities
- Scuba diving centre
- Water park
- Elevator for persons with disabilities
- Sport and hospitality facilites Beach bar, restaurant and tavern

#### Banje beach, Zrnovo

- Pebble beach
- Children's and hospitality facilities
- Outdoor swimming pool the KPK Swimming/water polo club





### Beaches on Korčula

#### St. Nicholas (Sveti Nikola), Korčula Town

- Pebble beach stone beach
- Suitable for children
- Elevator for persons with disabilities

#### Island of Badija – protected as a landscape of significance

- The largest island in the Korčula archipelago
- Accessible by regular boat lines (summer)
- Pebble and rocky beaches
- Suitable for children
- Franciscan monastery (14th century) and Church
- Hospitality facility
- Walking trail around the Island

#### Island of Planjak

- Islet near Korčula
- Accessible by boat
- Pebble and stone beaches

#### Islet of Stupe / Moro beach

- Islet in the Korčula archipelago
- Pebble beach
- Hospitality facility

#### Islet of Vrnik

- Islet in the Korčula archipelago
- Accessible by regular boat lines
- Pebble beach
- Accommodation and hospitality facilities

#### Puntin beach, Korčula

• Pebble beach





### Towns to visit on Korčula

Welcome to the Island of Korčula – the island of Marco Polo that will enchant you with its natural and cultural heritage. The island has five administrative centres: the town of Korčula and municipalities: Lumbarda, Smokvica, Blato and Vela Luka. Discover each of them; enjoy wandering streets shaded by old stone houses, the most romantic sunrises, the most beautiful beaches, the events, unique sword dances, the tasting of top-quality local wine and the extra virgin olive oil from Korčula!

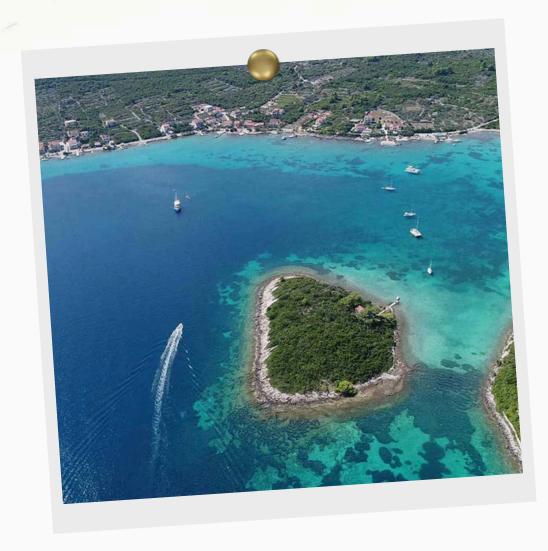


### Račišće

Račišće is situated in a picturesque bay on the northern side of the Island, 12 km away from Korčula. It is one of the most recent settlements on the Island, inhabited at the end of the 17th and the beginning of the 18th century, during Venetian-Turkish wars, by refugees from the area of Makarska and Herzegovina. According to a legend, this bay used to be called the Salvation port (cro. Luka spasa), as it provided shelter for sailing boats during stormy weather. Today, the inhabitants of Račišće are well-known seamen. The neighbouring bays of Samograd and Vaja have got beautiful white pebble beaches.







### Kneže

Kneže is situated in a quiet bay on the northern shore in the vicinity of Račišće. It is an ideal vacation spot for families with children. The remains of a Roman mosaic can be found in Kneže. The village has a tiny historical center with just a few family houses as well as a stretch of newly built villas nestled along the bay overlooking an amazing seascape. Explore the village, walk along the bay and have a drink in the cafe that is situated right at the seashore. If you are visiting with children, there is a lovely small playground right in the center of the village.



### Žrnovo

Žrnovo is situated some 4 km away from the Town of Korčula, in the central part of the Island. It provides comfortable villas accommodation in apartments. Žrnovo consists of hamlets, such as Postrana, Kampuš, Prvo Selo and Brdo, as well as the bays of Medvinjak, Žrnovska Banja, Vrbovica, Tri Žala and Oskorušica, on the northern side of the Island. The southern side of the Island is dotted with beautiful bays with pebble beaches, such as Orlanduša, Gostinja Vala, Rasohatica and Pavja Luka. Žrnovo is well-known for its hundred-year-old cypresses, terraced vineyards and stone houses. It is an ideal place for hiking.









Pupnat is the smallest village on the Island, 11 km away from the Town of Korčula. It is one of the oldest settlements on the Island. It is located at an altitude of 300m, where the Island is the narrowest and the most mountainous. This traditional picturesque village has been well-preserved. On the 5th of August, the public celebration is organised with the performance of the Kumpanija sword dance. In the vicinity of Pupnat, there is Pupnatska Luka, one of the most beautiful beaches on the Island.

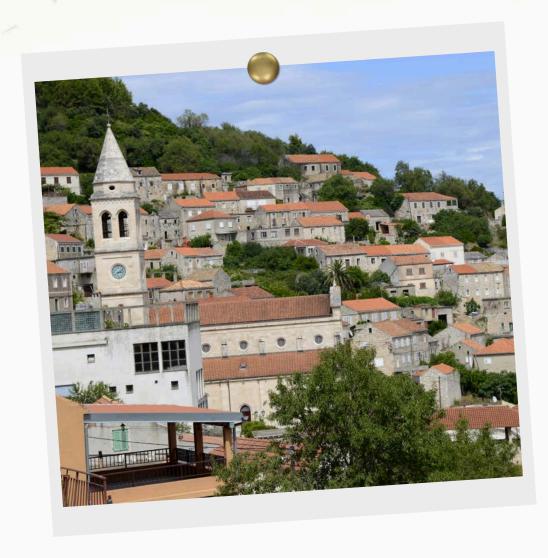


### Čara and Zavalatica

Čara is situated above the Čara Field (cro. Čarsko polje), well-known for its top-quality white wine - Pošip. The Parish Church of St. Peter houses the altarpiece of Jacopo Bassano from the 16th century. Next to the church, there is a 350-year-old cypress tree. The road passes through the fertile field to the pebble beach in Žitna Bay and the neighbouring Zavalatica Bay. In Zavalatica, you can find numerous apartments and holiday homes by the sea. Čara is the crossroad of cycling routes towards the eastern or western side of the Island. While in Čara, you must taste Pošip, the first Croatian white wine of the protected origin or enjoy Croatian cuisine at local restaurants.









### Smokvica

Smokvica is one of the oldest settlements on the Island of Korčula. Here the constant presence of human activity dates back to prehistoric times. It is situated at the foot of the two neighbouring hills, such as Velika and Mala Obala, protected from the winds and open to the sun and the sea. Here the island is the widest, and the terrain is varied. Smokvica is traversed gorges and trails dating back to prehistoric times and surrounded by vineyards and olive groves. Stone houses, picturesque streets, rich cultural heritage, hundred years' old vineyards and olive groves make this village charming and take you back to the past.

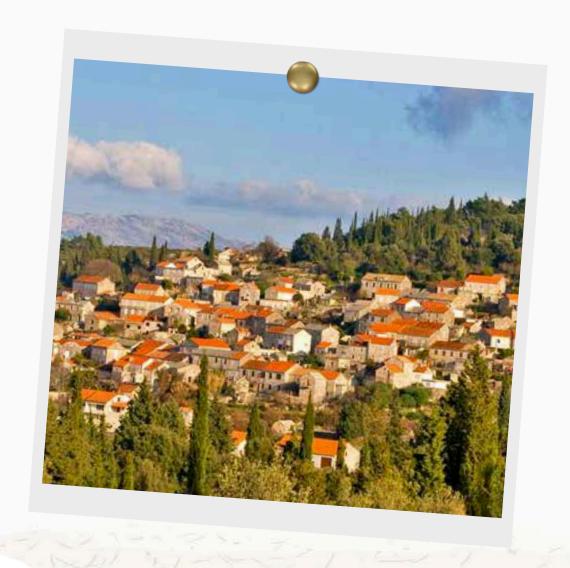
### Brna

Brna is situated on the southern side of the Island of Korčula in a beautiful bay surrounded by lush vegetation and bathed in sunlight. On the western side, the Mali Zaglav Peninsula separates Brna from Istruga Bay. On the southeastern side, there are several pebble beaches surrounded by pine trees and the blue sea. During the summer, Mistral, the wind blowing from the west, invites the sailors to the high seas. As a deep and well-protected bay, Brna is very popular among sailors for berthing yachts and ships. According to a legend, on his travels, Odyssey visited Brna, stopped in front of the bay and enjoyed its beauty for several days.









### Blato

Blato is one of the oldest settlements on the Island of Korčula, situated on the Island's western side. It is laid out in the shape of an amphitheatre on the slopes of three hills. This location protected Blato from pirate attacks. What makes Blato special is a long linden alley consisting of 117 trees that stretch along the main street. The alley was planted in the year 1911. This is Europe's second longest linden alley, while the longest one is the well-known linden alley (ger. Unter den Linden) in Berlin. With a population of 3,500, Blato is an exciting place to visit in the off-season. Therefore, visit Blato and find out what it has to offer.

### Prigradica

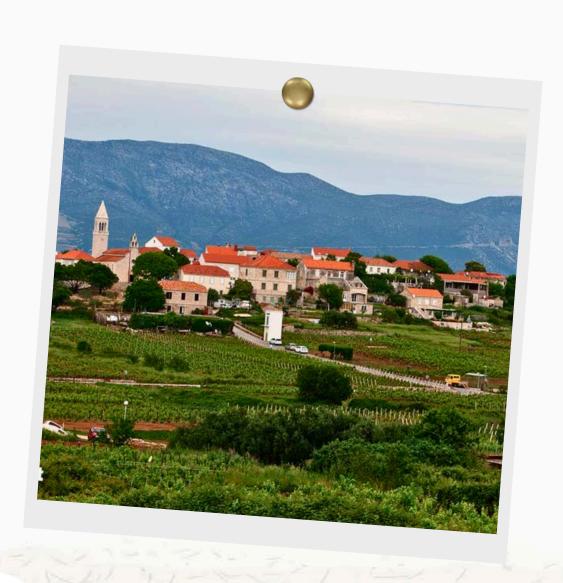
In the past, Prigradica was an important maritime port used for the export of wine and olive oil. Prigradica was also a starting point for many emigrants fleeing into the unknown in order to make a living and help their families.











### Vela Luka

Vela Luka is a place of inspiration for many artists. It is the most recent and largest town on the Island. It is located on the western side of the Island with a deep, well-protected bay, providing a safe mooring of vessels in the nautical seaport. At the entrance to the bay, there is Proizd, an islet with one of the most beautiful beaches on the Mediterranean. In the bay itself, you will be amazed by the islet named Ošjak. Vela Luka is a paradise for all those who love nature. Pristine vegetation, surrounded by a crystal-clear sea, dense pine forests, and olive groves, are among the beautiful sights that make Vela Luka a must-see destination.

### Lumbarda

Lumbarda is situated on the eastern side of the Island, 6 km away from the Town of Korčula. It has got around 1,000 inhabitants. It consists of several hamlets scattered along the coast, small bays and hills surrounded by vineyards. It will stun you with its beauty and especially with its sandy beaches. The archaeological remains show that the Greeks established agricultural settlements in this area. The proof of this is the Psephism of Lumbarda dating back to the 3rd century B.C., a replica of which can be seen at the Korčula Town Museum. For centuries, the inhabitants of Lumbarda have been making their living from fishing and agriculture, particularly viticulture.





### Korčula Town



The Town of Korčula is one of the best-preserved medieval towns in the Mediterranean. It is a tourist and cultural centre of the Island of Korčula. The Town is situated on the northeastern side of the Island, bearing the same name. Together with Čara, Račišće, Pupnat and Žrnovo, it has got 5,700 inhabitants. Korčula is only 1,270 m away from the Pelješac Peninsula, which is well connected by ferry and catamaran lines.

Korčula is the birthplace of Marco Polo (1254-1324), who was captured in the Korčula archipelago on September 7th, 1298, during a naval battle between Genoa and Venice. While imprisoned in a Genovese prison, Marco Polo wrote about his travels to Rusticceli in his book entitled II Milione. The oldest battle description is kept in the National Library in Paris. Marco Polo noted valuable geographical and ethnographic data, flora and fauna of many places he visited during his travels. The Marco Polo Interpretation Centre includes information on what Marco Polo brought to Europe in his time, his connection to Korčula, his travels, and the maritime battle near Korčula. The Old Town is known for its medieval urban architecture. The main street stretches through the town centre, dividing it into the eastern and western parts. It is laid out in the form of a fishbone. The streets were planned so that the winds blowing from the sea always pass through the Town. The Town used to be surrounded by high walls built in the 13th, 14th and 15th centuries. Today, only some parts of the southern walls have remained along with eight fortresses. The Statute of the Town and the Island from 1214 regulated the life of the people of Korčula.

In Korčula, stonemasonry and shipbuilding have been essential trades since ancient times. The high-quality stone from the Korčula quarries (known as kave) was well-known and was exported all around the World. In the 15th and 16th centuries, Italian and local builders built richly decorated palaces and churches. The master builder Marko Andrijić from Korčula completed the St. Mark's Cathedral bell tower and canopy above the main altar. The altarpiece was painted by the Italian artist Jacopo Tintoretto.





Night Life



While Korčula is famous for it's natural beauty, old medieval architecture, fine dining and wine, there are some vibey night life spots in the old town or a short taxi ride away:

#### The Jungle

Lively open-air nightclub with live DJs and a vibrant dance floor. The Jungle, Put Lokve bb, 20260 Korčula; (Tel:+385 95 537 3167)

GPS Location coordinates: 42.95545, 17.12602

#### **VHF** Bar

Stylish rooftop bar with panoramic Adriatic views and creative cocktails.

Address: Šetalište Frana Kršinića 1, Korčula, Croatia. (Tel: +385 99 433 8550)

#### Cocktail Bar Massimo

Unique bar in a medieval tower, known for its cocktails and historic ambiance. This is a super cool bar located on the rooftop of a Korčula townwall tower and accessible through quite a few stairs and a ladder. But the 360 view makes it so worth it. (Tel: +385 99 214 4568)

#### Dos Locos No.1

Trendy bar with excellent music, vibrant décor, and a wide selection of drinks.

Address: Setaliste frana krsinica 14, Korčula Town, Korčula Island Croatia. (Tel: +385 99 801 5100)

#### La Banya

Evening beach bar with a relaxed vibe by day and lively atmosphere. Address: Žrnovo 657, Korčula Island 20275 Croatia (Tel: +385 99 528 5200)

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