

## **INTRODUCING CROATIA – MEDITERRANEAN AS IT SHOULD BE**

Despite all the hype it has received in the last few years as the new “it” country, Croatia is quite simply one of the most attractive destinations in Europe because its beauty and pleasures are timeless.

Even though it is mostly known for its coastline which is one of the most indented coastlines in Europe with 1,185 islands and islets, of which only 66 are inhabited, Croatia is much more than a summer holiday destination. In Croatia, the coast meets the voluminous mountains, forests, natural parks and sweeping plains, in a unique harmony of natural beauty, within just a little more than a hundred kilometers.

Whatever your travel preferences may be, Croatia can offer them. Whether you decide to visit the deep gorges of Gorski Kotar, magnificent Plitvice Lakes in Lika, golden wheat fields, oak woods and wide rivers of Slavonia and Baranja, quaint little villages, romantic castles and manors, and picturesque rolling hills and vineyards of the Croatian Zagorje, enjoy the benefits health tourism in a number of spas and thermal and mineral springs, or if you simply want to soak up the sun on the coast amongst the historic walled cities from Istria to Dubrovnik, we are sure you will come back for more.

Fantastic cuisine from exquisite seafood on the coast and truffles in Istria to rich meat dishes of the Zagreb and Slavonia region will satisfy even the most demanding travelers while a buzzing café culture all add to the appeal. Not to be forgotten is the wine, known for its special taste of the warm south. Croatian wines were already reputable but they are becoming more and more renowned.

And before we extend our invitation to visit Croatia, let us remind you that the climate is Mediterranean along the Adriatic coast, meaning warm dry summers and mild winters, with 2,600 hours of sunlight on average yearly - it is one of the sunniest coastlines in Europe, perfect for your next *Blue meeting!*