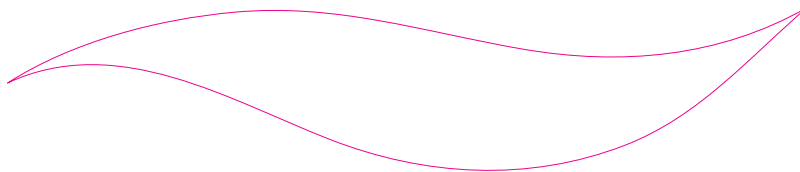


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THE SEA'S WEDDING GIFT TO THE MAINLAND

Did you know that Pelješac was probably once an island that the mainland claimed by creating deposits near Ston to push it up out of the sea? But there is another, slightly more romantic version of events. According to legend, long, long ago the mainland and the sea were married and promised to be bound to each other by the coastline for eternity. The sea gave the mainland its most beautiful island, Pelješac, as a wedding gift.

Discover the magic of Pelješac yourself – from the historical walls of Ston, through the enchanting wine country of Župa Pelješka, to the shores of Trpanj and Orebić with their beaches and coves, where the mainland meets the sea.

Take a stroll through the unspoilt Pelješac hills, filled with the scent of herbs. Taste some of the world's best wines in the green oases of Župa Pelješka, or swim in the clear waters of the Mediterranean coastline. Welcome to Pelješac, the sea's wedding gift to the mainland.

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OREBIĆ MUNICIPALITY

Orebić municipality extends almost 40 kilometres from Lovište to Trstenik. Seafaring was once the main economic activity in the region. Today, wine production and tourism have taken its place, while many cultural treasures keep the memory of its rich history alive. Like the rest of the peninsula, Orebić municipality has an inspiring, diverse landscape, ranging from St. Elijah's Mount, with its peak at 961 metres, to the charming vineyards of Župa Pelješka, and the Orebić coastline exuding Mediterranean charm.

Fishing Paradise



Lovište

LOVIŠTE IS SITUATED AT THE TOP OF PELJEŠAC, AMONG DENSE PINE FORESTS IN A LONG, NATURAL COVE.



From here, you have an endless view of the sea, and this makes Lovište the fishing paradise of Pelješac. You can get fresh fish at any time of day, or catch it yourself from the shore, dive in the deep waters off the seashore, or take a fishing trip on a local boat, or *kočarica*.

To visit Lovište, you have to cross the entire peninsula, which is certainly worthwhile. Once you reach the tip of Pelješac, the beauty and peace will make you want to stay here for ever.



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Raise Your Sails



Viganj

VIGANJ WAS NAMED AFTER A BLACKSMITH'S FORGE. WITHOUT THE BELLOWS, THERE WOULD BE NO FIRE, AND THERE IS CERTAINLY AN UNBREAKABLE BOND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF VIGANJ AND THE WIND.

For centuries, this village has welcomed the sails of ships from faraway places. The only difference today is that instead of the white sails of sailing ships, Viganj welcomes rather smaller, but certainly more colourful sails. Windsurfers from all over the world have been visiting this area for decades and have brought world and European windsurfing competitions to Viganj.

Raise your sails and head towards Viganj, propelled by one of the world's greatest

maestral winds. Shelter from the wind on the long pebble beaches or hidden coves in St. Ivan, and watch wonderful sunsets. Go diving or hiking and discover the beauty of unspoilt nature in this windy corner of heaven. Viganj awaits your sails.



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A Small Town with Style



Kučište has a long maritime tradition, and its pretty stone houses, paved alleys and romantic gardens make it a truly stylish place. Spend your morning sunbathing or enjoying ideal conditions for windsurfing. Try water polo, a favourite sport among the locals. What about an afternoon trip to Korčula, an island only 10 minutes away? Then spend the evening on a patio by the sea, with soft music, good company, the sea, and perhaps a cocktail. Doesn't that sound like living in style?

Kučište

THE VILLAGE OF KUČIŠTE IS SET IN A NATURAL BAY SURROUNDED BY LONG PEBBLE BEACHES.



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An aerial photograph of a shipwreck site, heavily obscured by a blue color overlay. The image shows a large, chaotic pile of debris, including what appears to be the hull and internal structure of a ship. A prominent feature is a rectangular structure with a window, possibly a cabin or part of the superstructure, which is partially submerged and surrounded by other wreckage. The overall scene is one of a significant maritime disaster.

The Story of a Ship, and Wine

Mokalo and Postup

A LITTLE FURTHER FROM OREBIĆ IS THE SMALL VILLAGE OF MOKALO, SEPARATED FROM THE SEA BY PEBBLE BEACHES AND ROCKS.



The rocks are actually why Mokalo is a tourist attraction, but you will have to dive if you want to see why. In 1981, the *Boka*, a vessel 106 metres long, foundered and sank to a depth of 15 metres. Ask at the local diving centre and participate in the adventure of a lifetime off the shore of Mokalo.

Take a break from adventures in the nearby village of Postup, a wine paradise where the famous Plavac Mali grapes for Postup wine ripen by the sea. Find your ideal beach in the shade of the pines, surrounded by vineyards. Or sail on the mysterious blue sea and discover hidden bays, just beyond the next beach, just behind the next ridge...

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A Hidden Jewel



Podobuče

ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF PELJEŠAC PENINSULA, RIGHT BY THE SEA, LIES THE HIDDEN JEWEL OF PODOBUČE.

The quiet beach that runs beside the whole village ideal for families with children. Read the book you've been meaning to read for ages, while your partner enjoys diving and the kids have fun on the safe beach. Taste Podobuče's best wines, then enjoy the sunset walking along the sea front.

Fall in love again on the romantic restaurant terraces and whisper sweet nothings to your partner, as sweet as the place itself. And while parents are busy, children can learn to swim, fish or surf in this little village, full of laughter, sea and love.

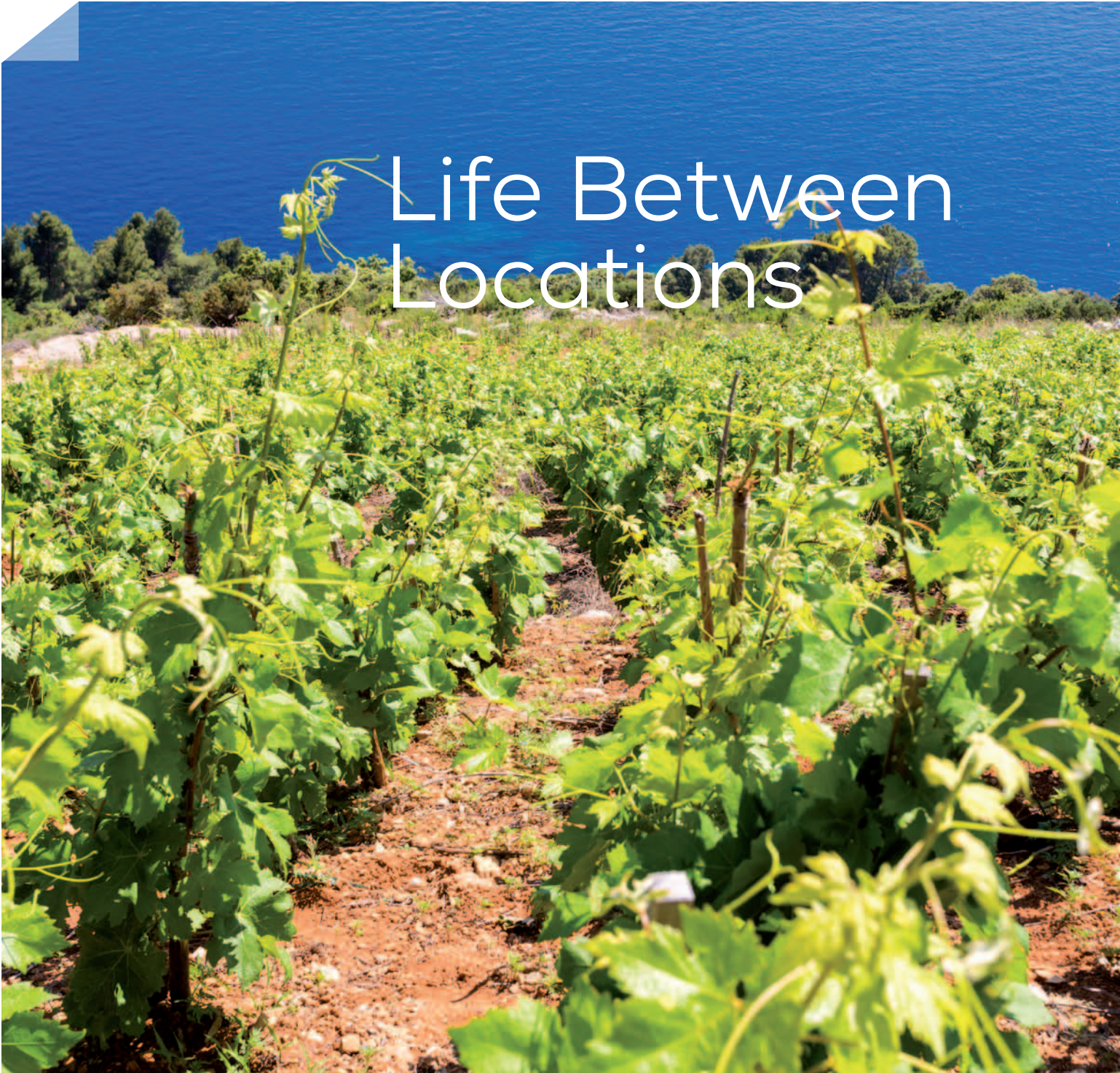


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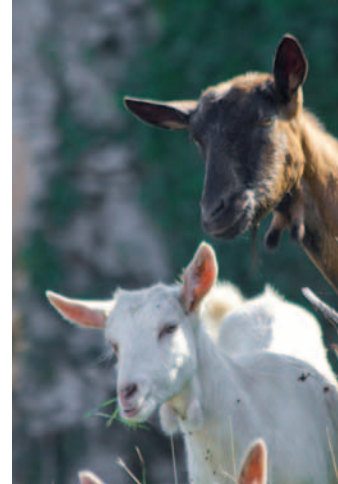
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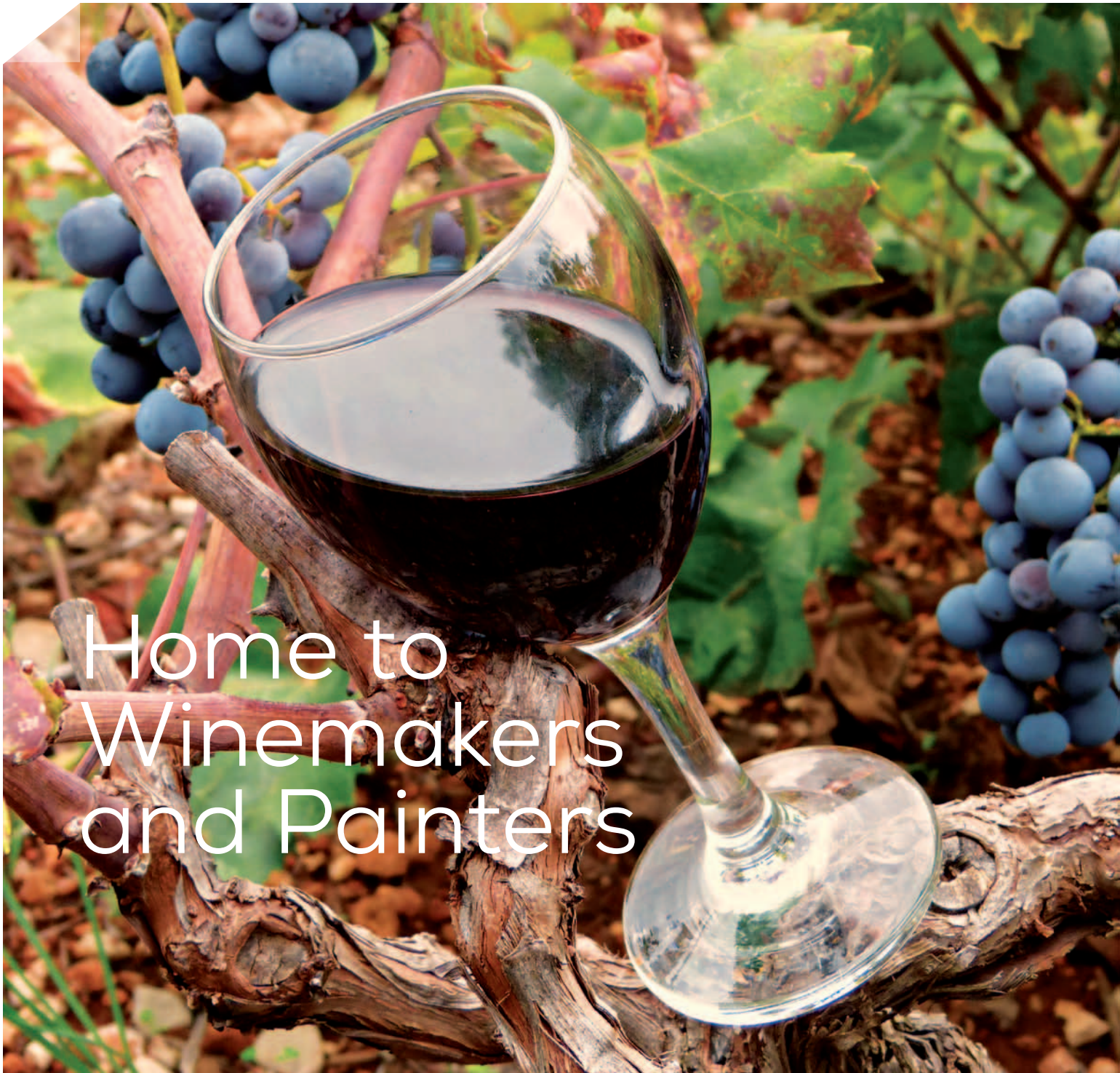
Potomje and Dingač

LIFE BETWEEN LOCATIONS MIGHT NOT BE TO EVERYONE'S TASTE. BUT IF THE LOCATIONS ARE POTOMJE, AN OLD SETTLEMENT IN AN ENCHANTING HOLLOW COVERED IN VINEYARDS, AND DINGAČ, THE GRAPE-GROWING AREA WHERE ONE OF THE WORLD'S BEST VARIETIES IS CULTIVATED, LIFE DEFINITELY LOOKING UP. TAKING OFF, IN FACT.

Situated 320 metres above sea level, Potomje has the best life has to offer in the interior of the beautiful peninsula, while sunny Mediterranean scents linger in Dingač. These two aspects of Pelješac, each more beautiful than the other, are connected via a 40-metre tunnel built by local residents for easier access to their vineyards. If you are yearning for a true countryside experience, spend a night in peaceful Potomje, and the next day head over to Dingač for a morning coffee and slice of Mediterranean pleasure. With the sound of crickets chirping, the scent of pine trees and crystal clear sea, perhaps topped off with a glass of famous Dingač wine, life between locations has never looked better.



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Home to Winemakers and Painters

Kuna

KUNA, A SMALL TOWN IN ŽUPA PELJEŠKA, IS CONSIDERED THE MOST ARTISTIC VILLAGE ON PELJEŠAC.

It could be called the home of winemakers and painters, one of whom was Celestin Medović, who was born there. This great Croatian painter received his education at the Franciscan monastery of Our Lady of Loreto. The monastery, a cultural monument, houses a gallery of his paintings and works by other artists.

When you visit Kuna, a village set in a sea of waving vineyards, you'll realize why it is so inspirational. Perhaps you too will pick up a brush and palette, mesmerised by its green charm. There is more inspiration to be found in nearby Crkvice, a former harbour turned into a bathing and recreation area.





A Dalmatian Harbour

Trstenik

FOR YEARS, PELJEŠAC WINES AND GRAPES EMBARKED UPON WORLD VOYAGES FROM THE BEAUTIFUL HARBOUR OF TRSTENIK.

Discover authentic Dalmatia under the picturesque cliffs shrouded by grapevines and pine trees. The old stone houses, small streets and fishing boats take you back in time, making you want to drop anchor and stay in this peaceful harbour for ever.

Spend your day on long pebble beaches and take a late afternoon walk on the romantic shores of Trstenik. As night falls, the scents of the sea, summer and wine drift through wooden window frames to lure you out into the lively streets. Dance on its summer terraces, fall in love under the moonlight and drop anchor. Trstenik is indeed a safe harbour.



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The Flavours of Pelješac



Wining and Dining

PELJEŠAC IS ONE OF THE FEW PLACES IN THE WORLD WHICH YOU CAN ENJOY WITH ALL YOUR SENSES.



Listen to the sound of the wind in the pine treetops, soak up the colours of the sunsets, and find the flavours of Pelješac in wine, fish and olive oil. The endless vineyards provide a taste of Pelješac in one of the best wines in the world. If you want to sense the mystery of the sea, the warmth of the sun and the strength of the stone, then we absolutely recommend the famous Dingač, also known as 'Three-Sun Wine'. Pelješac is full of diversity, so each family of winemakers interprets it in their own way. Take to the wine roads and discover your own favourite Dingač, Postup, Rukatac and Pošip.

Did you know that Pelješac was probably once an island that the mainland claimed by creating deposits near Ston? However, its connection with the sea has not weakened. In fact, on the contrary, Pelješac still has an island soul. Sea bass, dentex, squid, and shellfish prepared in the traditional way keep that soul alive and well. Inhabited since prehistoric times, Pelješac has turned all the wisdom of the centuries into wonderful olive oil. Try some, and imagine the history of Pelješac with the flavour of antiquity. Visit one of the many traditional taverns, and enjoy the flavours of Pelješac with the vibrant colours of the sun and fresh sea air.

The Mediterranean in Miniature



Nature

PELJEŠAC RANKS HIGH AMONG MEDITERRANEAN DESTINATIONS THANKS TO ITS RICH NATURAL DIVERSITY.

From its pristine sea and fascinating underwater life to its magnificent mountain chains with the scents of herbs and views over vineyards, it represents the Mediterranean in miniature.

The coastline boasts hundreds of pebble beaches and



hidden coves, and due to differences in salinity from the northeast to the southwest, the sea is full of many different fish. There is Trstenica, a widely-known sapphire sandy beach in Orebić, and there are the long sandy beaches of Žuljana, Duba, Divna, Mirce, Prapatno, Mokalo, Dingač and Kućište. The microclimate in Pelješac Channel favours

winds, especially the maestral, so it is ideal for sailing. You will find herbs on the slopes of its hills, where St. Elijah's Mount (961m) is the highest point, and may meet some curious forest-dwelling animals. The higher parts of Pelješac are home to haughty mouflons and friendly wild horses which are quite accustomed to human contact. You might also

meet a donkey while looking for lavender, thyme or sage. Relax in Župa Pelješka Pelješac and villages like Kuna, Potomje and Dingač, where the Pelješac mountain chain sinks into the sea of vineyards. Right there, where every foot of fertile land has been reclaimed from the karst through hard toil, the famous Plavac Mali grapes ripen in the sun.



SPORTS AND OUTDOORS

European and world championships in wind-surf disciplines are held in the village of Viganj, 7 kilometres west of Orebić, and now a well-known meeting-place for lovers of the wind and sea. You can catch the bug for this exciting sport in one of the local wind-surfing schools. And if you are looking for an adrenaline-packed adventure, try out kite-surfing and let the wind take you up high. There are over 100 kilometres of marked cycle paths for trips through unspoilt nature. Hire a mountain bike and conquer the peak of St. Elijah's Mount (961 m.), take part in a trekking race, go hiking, or explore the hidden villages of Pelješac on foot. Dive in search of sunken ships, Roman galleys and other mysteries of the underwater world with the help of a local diving centre. Enjoy football, or show off your skills on the tennis courts of Orebić. Don't forget beach volleyball and water-polo in Kučište, and then try your hand at the oldest local sport, *bocce*. If you discover a talent for any of these sports, don't miss the *Rozarijada*, a light-hearted sports competition organized in the village of Viganj in late summer.







CULTURE AND HISTORY

Visit Orebić Maritime Museum and sail on a journey through history with its captains. Discover unfamiliar flowers in the picturesque gardens of the captain's houses, or visit exhibitions by Pelješac artists in galleries in Orebić. Wave to ships from the look-out point of the beautiful Franciscan monastery, and discover the love story of the Mimbeli family, carved in stone for eternity by the great sculptor Ivan Rendić. Sing along with klapa musicians, dance the Captain's Polonaise and search all over Pelješac for traces of culture dating back to before Roman times. Be sure to visit the Illyrian shrine in the village of Nakovana, a 10-minute drive from Orebić. In the gallery of the Franciscan convent in Kuna there are works by the famous painter Celestin Medović. Pelješac is such an inspiring place, so why not write, paint or perhaps sing about it?







BEACHES AND WATER ACTIVITIES

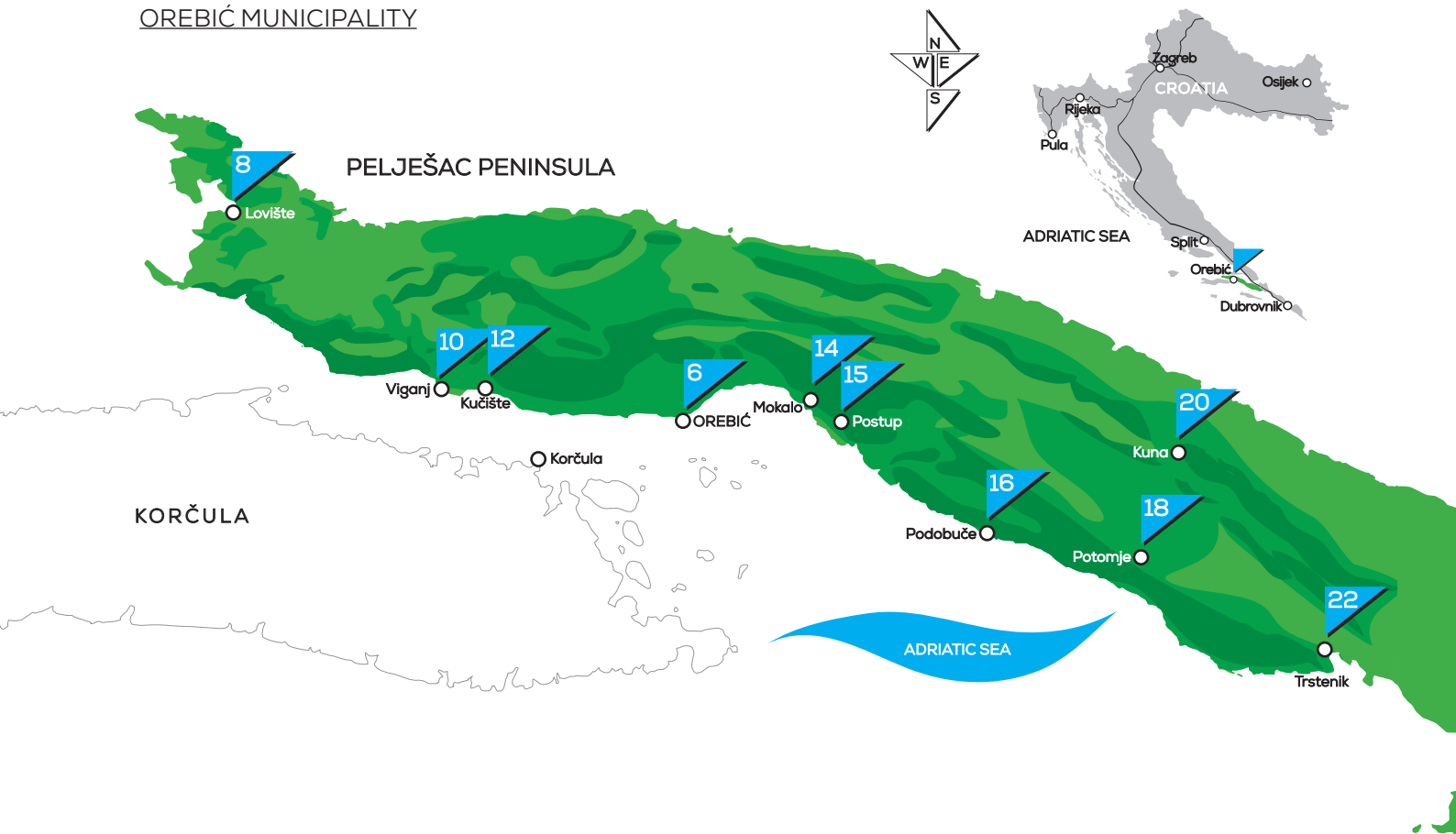
If you ask your hosts about the best beach in or around Orebić, be warned; the answer might take a while. Whether pebbly or sandy, large or small, popular or hidden – there are as many best beaches as the number of people you ask.

The only thing to do is find your favourite beach by yourself. Perhaps it will be a sheltered cove like Viganj or Mokalo, or a long pearly beach like Trstenica or Kučište. Whatever you choose, you can't go wrong! This region has hundreds of beaches and secret coves, each more beautiful than the others.





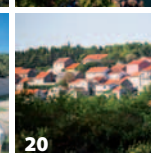
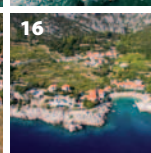
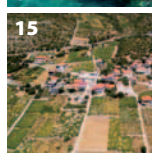
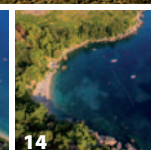
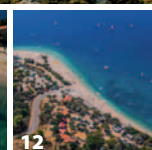
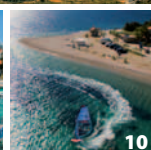
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