

# ALASTAIR SAWDAY'S SPECIAL PLACES TO STAY CROATIA

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- **Paris Hotels**  
edition 6 – 1st February



Thoughts of Croatia – sapphire seas, sweeping beaches, limitless islands, majestic cities, few concessions to mass tourism and wonderful places to stay. Wonderful places to stay?? Yes, it's true and we've found them for you: island eco retreats, converted town hotels, lighthouses, self-catering villas nudging the shore, homestays, campsites and even a smattering of boutique hotels to satisfy the demands of the style-conscious traveller.

- Eight courses of gastronomic indulgence at a boutique hotel with its own wellness centre and infinity pool on the roof
- Ever been truffle hunting? If you're lucky, the vivacious owner of two Istrian apartments might take you out with her keen-nosed hound
- Simple living on an island for Robinson Crusoes and Swiss Family Robinsons – wooden huts on the beach, fishing nets for decoration and free spirited owners who generate their own electricity and wash and cook with rain water
- If you love hiking, mountain biking, climbing, caving and horse riding, check into an eco wilderness camp deep in the forest

## About Alastair Sawday Publishing

Our first guide, French B&B, was published in 1994 and celebrated homes owned and run by people rather than corporations. The notion of 'special' is at the heart of what we do, and highly subjective. We take huge pleasure from finding people and places that do their own thing; places that are unusual and follow no trends; places of peace and beauty; people who are kind and interesting – and genuine. We now have 20 titles recommending around 5,000 special places.

Environmental policies are a priority at ASP and we are always looking at ways of improving our 'green' credentials.

## Facts and figures

Entries with two colour photos, our own write-up, contact details, directions and price.

The Introduction has useful sections including 'Where to go', 'When to go' and 'Getting there and getting around'.

A mix of self-catering, B&Bs and hotels.

At the back of the book there's a potted history of Croatia, information on activities from rock climbing in Paklenica National Park to Scuba diving in Dalmatia and a fascinating piece on the delights of Croatian cuisine.

Quick reference indices including 'Beach', 'Home-grown food' or 'Wheelchair-accessible' make choosing a special place that little bit easier.

For more information or review copies, due late October, call: Sarah Bolton on 01275 395433 or email: [sarah@sawdays.co.uk](mailto:sarah@sawdays.co.uk)

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- Maps: 8

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North Et Central Dalmatia



Palmižana Meneghello

Palmižana Island, 21450 Split-Dalmatia

Imagine owning your own private bay facing the South Adriatic. This is the enviable position of Dagmar Meneghello, whose family founded Croatia's oldest herbal remedy company; Meneghello essential oils are still a standby of most medicine cabinets in Croatia. Luckily for visitors, Dagmar decided to share her island idyll. Now the bay is ringed by a pretty collection of villas, studios and apartments, set around two restaurants and a sand and pebble beach that gives way to waters as blue as Turkish glass. Natural stone walls conceal bright, contemporary living spaces full of lovely materials and radiant colours. Interiors also benefit from a rotating exhibition of Dagmar's collection of modern Croatian art. Alongside the fun and the modernity is Nature – cacti, mimosas, eucalyptuses, laurels, olives and aromatic herbs fill the grounds and assault the senses. In season, flowering rosemary scents the entire island. Out of season, the family organises a range of creative activities – art and cookery classes, wine tasting – for six or more interested guests. *Minimum stay seven nights.*

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| rooms      | Villas: 2 for 4, 1 for 5, 1 for 6, 1 for 4. Studios: 3 for 3, 2 for 4. Apartments: 3 for 2, 3 for 4. |
| price      | Villas €100–€420. Studios €80–€190. Apts €50–€200. Half-board extra €30–€35 p.p.                     |
| meals      | Breakfast €10. Lunch Et dinner €30–€50.  |
| closed     | December-March.  |
| directions | From Hvar Town, water taxi to Palmižana. Signed from jetty (5-minute walk).                          |



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