

KASTAV A HILLTOP BEAUTY

Holidays for the soul

Located on top of a 365 metres high hill in the northern part of the Adriatic above the town of Opatija, the ancient Kastav is characterised by a rich and famous history, numerous important monuments, original culture and tradition, and pristine nature



If you are travelling by car on your well-deserved Dalmatian holiday through the Primorje-Gorski Kotar County, make sure you visit the ancient town of Kastav which offers many music and theatre shows, local festivals and carnivals, museums and attractions, but also top dining and wining treats during this time of the year. Apart from attractive private accommodation and holiday houses within the old town walls, the centre of Kastav also has the Kukuriku boutique hotel and gourmet restaurant, located on the Lokvine Square, with a lovely wining and dining offer based on an avant-garde and artistic approach of the hotel's owner Nenad Kukurin coupled with forty years of family catering tradition.

If you are in Kastav, make sure you try the Belica wine which is made from autochthonous wine varieties typical for the Kastav area. In fact, this wine is a blend of verđić, mejski, divjak, brajkovac and malvasia varieties and it has been relentlessly promoted for the past ten years by the Belica Vines, Grapes and Wine Association (Udruga prijatelja ruž, grozja i vina Belica).

Kastav also organises the Kastav Summer Festival which will this year take place from 6 June to 29 August and will present a rich and diverse programme divided into several categories - music, film, exhibition, theatre, literary, children's and partner programmes as well as the Guitar Festival and free workshops. Artists such as Massimo,

Jinx, The Bambi Molesters, Miroslav Tadić and the Teofilović brothers, Damir Kukuruzović Django Group, etc. will perform at the authentic Kastav locations. Visitors will also be able to enjoy shows such as Ritina škola (Educating Rita), Pacijent dr. Freuda (Dr. Freud's Patient), Muškarci su s Marsa, žene su s Venere (Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus) and Ne plaćamo! Ne plaćamo! (Can't Pay? Won't Pay!) Various award-winning films will be screened, exhibitions, workshops and literary days organised and children's plays performed. Let us not forget Čansonfest, a festival of Čakavian chansons, an integral part of the Kastav Summer Festival, which will be held on 29 August in Crekvina in Kastav.

The Kastav Blues Festival, the biggest blues event in Croatia which gathers some of the world's best known blues artists, puts Kastav on the map both on the national and international level. From 1 - 4 August, numerous international and local performers will perform at this year's festival edition, including: Eugene Hideway Bridges (USA), The Earl Trio feat. Michael Messer (UK), Stevie Nimmo Trio (UK), Ty Le blanc 4tet (USA/I), Tony Lee King (CRO), Delta Blues Gang (CRO), Rory Gallagher Tribute (CRO) and Alba&Leo (CRO). In addition to concerts, the Kastav Blues Festival has a rich festival programme which, as always, also includes exhibitions and "mustn't miss" music workshops.



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