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BREAKING NEWS

- Austrian Foreign Minister Alexander Schallenberg just announced at press conference a decision to lift restrictions on the movement of citizens between Croatia and Austria starting at midnight Monday June 15th to Tuesday, June 16th. This means that citizens of the Republic of Austria who plan to stay in Croatia until June 16th or after can go on vacation today and can return to their country without restrictions, i.e. the obligation of selfisolation or conducting the COVID 19 test.

- Other EU members are also announcing the lift of restrictions on the movement of citizens in coming days, which enables their unimpeded arrival to Croatia for holidays. Thus, as of today, June 10, citizens of the Slovak Republic can travel freely to Croatia and return to their country without restrictions, while Hungary lifts all restrictions on travel to Croatia with effect from Friday, June 12, which was confirmed by the Hungarian Foreign Minister. Peter Szijjarto.

-The lifting of travel restrictions from important emitting markets for Croatia before the Corpus Christi Day will allow for the first significant tourist results - Deputy Prime Minister Davor Bozinovic confirmed that 170,000 guests have announced their arrival to Croatia via the official portal <u>https://entercroatia.mup.hr/</u>. In the first 9 days of June, there were almost 92,000 tourist arrivals in Croatia.

SAFETY FIRST

- In June, so far only one new case of Covid 19 infection has been recorded in Croatia. It was imported from US, all their contacts have been isolated and any further spread of the virus has been successfully contained.

- The total number of infected persons in the whole country is currently 11 people. That number is expected to go down

- The international media highlight Croatia as one of the safest countries to travel to

- The Croatian health care system is well organized, all hospital capacities can be reactivated quickly if needed and Croatia is fully prepared for the increased number of tourist arrivals

BORDER INFO

- Croatian borders are open and ready for the arrival of tourists. Self-isolation or COVID test of any kind are not required when entering Croatia.

- By an earlier decision of the Republic of Croatia, citizens of the Czech Republic, Hungary, Austria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovenia, the Federal Republic of Germany and the Slovak Republic can travel to Croatia **under same regulations as before the onset of COVID-19**.- They do not have to provide any specific the reason for their entry. The only obligation is to comply with general recommendations of the Croatian Institute of Public Health

- In order to reduce the waiting time at the border crossing for citizens of the above 10 countries, we advise you register in advance at https://entercroatia.mup.hr/

- All other foreign citizens may enter Croatia for business reasons or other economic reasons of interest to Republic of Croatia or for urgent personal reasons demonstrated with appropriate documentation. Please note that after receiving the confirmation for entry into the Republic of Croatia, you are still advised to register filling out the form

at https://entercroatia.mup.hr/ to reduce your waiting time at the border.

FAQ regarding the conditions of entry into the Republic of Croatia

TRAVEL INFO

- All national parks in Croatia, cultural sights, cinemas and theaters are open for visitors

Numerous airlines are reintroducing flights to the Croatian cities- Zagreb, Split, Rijeka, Zadar and Pula from various destinations, mostly from Germany, the Benelux and France.
The latest to announce the return of flights is the low - cost carrier Ryanair starting flying to Zadar again from 10 destinations as part of the summer flight schedule.

- KLM will reintroduce the line connecting Amsterdam and Zagreb on July 5, and it will fly three times a week, while in July they announced the reintroduction of the line to Split as well. TUI has announced that they will reintroduce the Brussels-Dubrovnik line twice a week from June 20, while the Antwerp-Split line will start running twice a week from July 10. TUI's Brussels-Pula line is possibly launching in the coming weeks as well it has been announced.

- In Croatia, it is not mandatory to wear face masks in public. The recommendation was issued to wear masks when indoors and at airports and wearing masks is mandatory on flights

HOTELS, CAMPSITES AND RESORTS ARE OPEN

- Currently, 363 hotels and 218 campsites have been reopened in Croatia

- Hotels, campsites, tourist resorts, night clubs, amusement parks and other tourist facilities are reopening on daily basis, and Croatia is "breathing" as a tourist destination again like before the pandemic.

- All guest safety instructions have been implemented in

accommodation facilities, restaurants and other tourist establishments following the recommendations of Croatian epidemiologists, the World Health Organization and with regard to the recommendations from key emitting markets. - All these instructions and recommendations can be found in detail on official pages of the Croatian Institute of Public Health: ENGLISH VERSION

COMPANY NEWS

Aminess hotels and campsites in Novigrad Maravea Camping resort and Aminess Sirena are reopened. The reopenings of hotel Aminess Maestral in Novigrad and Aminess Grand Azur in Orebić have been announced for June 18th. Aminess has created the 'Aminess Clean and Safe Stay Programme' that will completely protect their guests offering a safe and comfortable stay.
Bluesun Hotels & Resorts is reopening its hotels in Brela, Tučepi and Bol today. BSH Berulia, a five-star hotel, is reopening in Brela, while four-star hotels are reopening in other destinations - BSH Alga in Tučepi and BSH Elaphusa in Bol. The BSH Amor hotel in Supetar was reopened earlier, as well as the Bluesun camp Paklenica in Starigrad Paklenica.

GUESTS' IMPRESSIONS

'We feel safe and secure. The value for money, the quality of accommodation and the level of hygiene in the whole resort is excellent. We recommend a visit to everybody who is able to travel.' Family Zachmeier from Germany, currently staying at Zaton Holiday Resort

CROATIA BREAKTHROUGH

- The Austrian Kronen Zeitung is reporting today : "Greece, Italy, Croatia: Without borders'- an article that highlights Croatia as one of the favorite holiday destinations and praises the Austrian Government for the decision to lift travel restrictions to Croatia - A team of reporters for the Slovak national television RTVS were on the island Vir doing a story about the island of Vir and Croatia as a safe and desirable tourist destination. The island is extremely popular with guests from Slovakia and the Czech Republic, which is why Slovak television journalists have chosen this particular destination for their story. The journalists reported to local media that Croatia is a safe destination and one of the most popular in Slovakia whose citizens can hardly wait for the relaxation of strict restrictions imposed to prevent the pandemic and the opportunity to travel and rest.

- The beginning of the season in Croatia these days has been recorded by journalists of the Czech national television Česká televizija. As part of the visit to Croatian destinations, the Czech journalist team also visited Valamar's Lanterna Premium Camping Resort and Valamar Collection Marea Suites 5 *. On this occasion, the journalist team stayed in mobile homes in the Lanterna camp, where they met with Czech quests who expressed great satisfaction with their accommodation in Valamar. They were especially delighted with the new service of Valamar Valfresco direkt, online store and delivery service of fresh groceries, supplies and semi-prepared and ready meals that are delivered to quests. The journalist team reported on how simple it is to travel to Croatia and invited their fellow citizens to come to Croatia as a safe holiday destination this summer. You can see more of the guest's experience from arrival and during his stay in Valamar's camps in this video.

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