

Privlaka

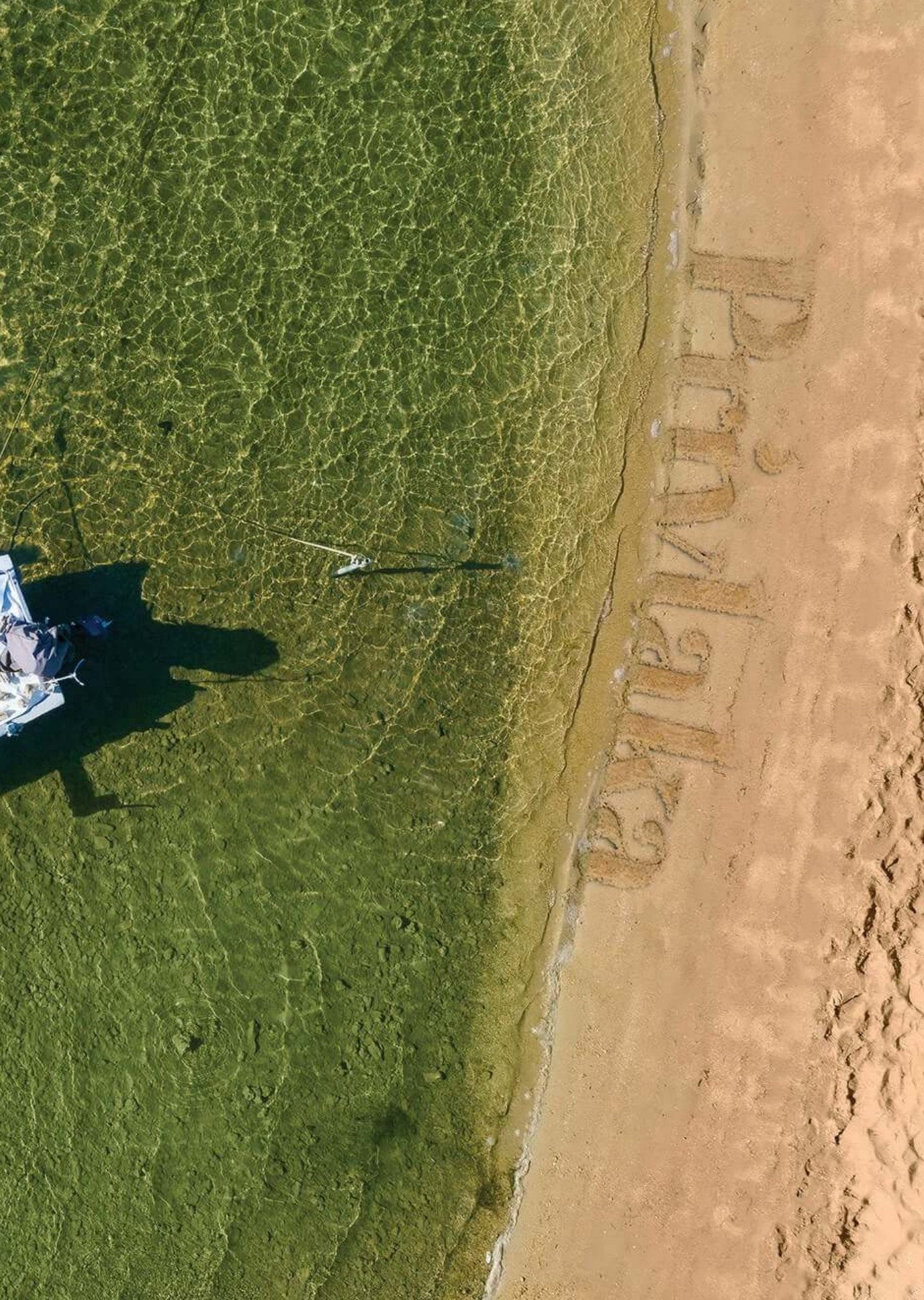
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Privlaka





Pinnacles





Privilaka - simply attractive

**Beauty of Nature, Adrenaline, Comfortable
Accommodation, Tastes of the Sea and Tradition
- All in one place**

Privilaka is an oasis of sandy coves, an ideal family vacation destination, a place of a longstanding fishing tradition and vivid stories and legends.

Known as a fishing but also a tourist place, Privilaka attracts with its beauty and warmth. Crystal clear sea and shallow sandy coves make it perfect for family tourism. This is also contributed by the soft Mediterranean climate with warm summers and a pleasant breeze of maestral. Its name, from the oldest 13th century *Brevilacqua*, and significance have been recorded in numerous historic documents. Being so special, it inspired also the writer Petar Zoranić, who narrated the Privilaka stories and legends in the first Croatian novel '*Planine*' ('*Mountains*'). Today Privilaka has a splendid offer thanks to the locals who with the fishing, winegrowing and 'sabunjari' activities, and last but not least tourism, shaped it during the centuries like a sea pearl. The cultural and historic monuments, archaeological sites, churches and wells are witnesses of the past that you should by all means visit.

In Privilaka, you can relax in modern and lovely decorated apartments, villas, idyllic camps and hotels. Apart from bathing in the crystal-clear sea, sunbathing on the long sandy beaches, you can also enjoy an active vacation. You can have unforgettable adventures on interesting walking and cycling trails, while the bravest can also research the mysterious depths of the sea. You will be enchanted by most beautiful sunsets that you can observe from the westernmost point in Dalmatia located in Privilaka and you should by all means take unforgettable photos with a view of the Velebit.

Thanks to the longstanding fishing tradition, your soul will be nourished with the tastes and scents of the sea, refreshed with a glass of the local Privilaka wine, enjoy the great cultural and entertainment programmes throughout the year and simply enjoy the hospitality!



History and cultural heritage

On the Footsteps of the Past

In written documents, Privlaka was for the first time mentioned in 1296 as a winegrowing place. It was connected to the sea, seafaring and fishing for generations. The name of the town was changed many times through the centuries. Around the oldest Christian monuments, there are the cultivated fields and untouched nature. Important are the remains of the Church of St Kate from the 14th century. The Church of Saint Vitus, the patron saint of pharmacists, dancers and actors, made in the 14th century, has been entirely preserved. In June, on the day of the patron saint, the villagers have traditionally organised a festive procession until today.

The archaeological research revealed the remnants of the salt pan with salt crystallisation basins from the 15th century. You can visit the parish Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary from the 19th century ranking among the most beautiful classicist architecture in Dalmatia. The Church of Saint Barbara was built during the Homeland War.





Privlaka through the seasons

In the Musical Rhythm of Four Seasons, it is Magical Like the Famous Composition of A. Vivaldi

All the seasons in Privlaka are beautiful and special in their own way. Apart from enjoying the warm sea and sunshine, and there are more than 2540 sunshine hours in a year, summer is ideal for recreation. If you have already experienced the summer evenings bustle and the mild maestral, visited the cultural and entertainment events, come also in the autumn. In the autumn, we gladly take part in the seasonal squid fishing, called 'kosavica', enjoy the gastronomic delicacies and produce local wine, brandy and olive oil. Greet with us the Advent and experience the Christmas Fair magic. In the other half of the year, there is the cold and dry wind from Velebit – the bura. Then, during the early spring, we enjoy cycling on the many interesting bike routes.

We often simply indulge in daydreaming and long walks along the sea that end with observing the impressive and breath-taking sunsets. Feel the cordial welcome during the entire year and experience the local atmosphere on all the manifold occasions!





Sandy beaches

An Oasis for Relaxation Embraced by Sand and Sea

Privlaka abounds in long and shallow sandy beaches perfect for family tourism. You will enjoy the crystal-clear sea and children can enjoy playing many fun games in the sand. The sandy cove oasis starts from the Škrapavac resort. There is a beach famous for its fine and soft sand and pure and shallow sea, ideal for children and non-swimmers.

If you are interested in the pristine nature, an ideal place for relaxation and meditation is the Vrilo beach from where there is a most beautiful view of the Velebit. Pure air and black healing mud in Mostina are excellent for treating rheumatism and arthritis. Your pets will also enjoy the freedom, bathing and running on the dog-friendly beach.



Bathed in the warmth and love of sunrises and sunsets

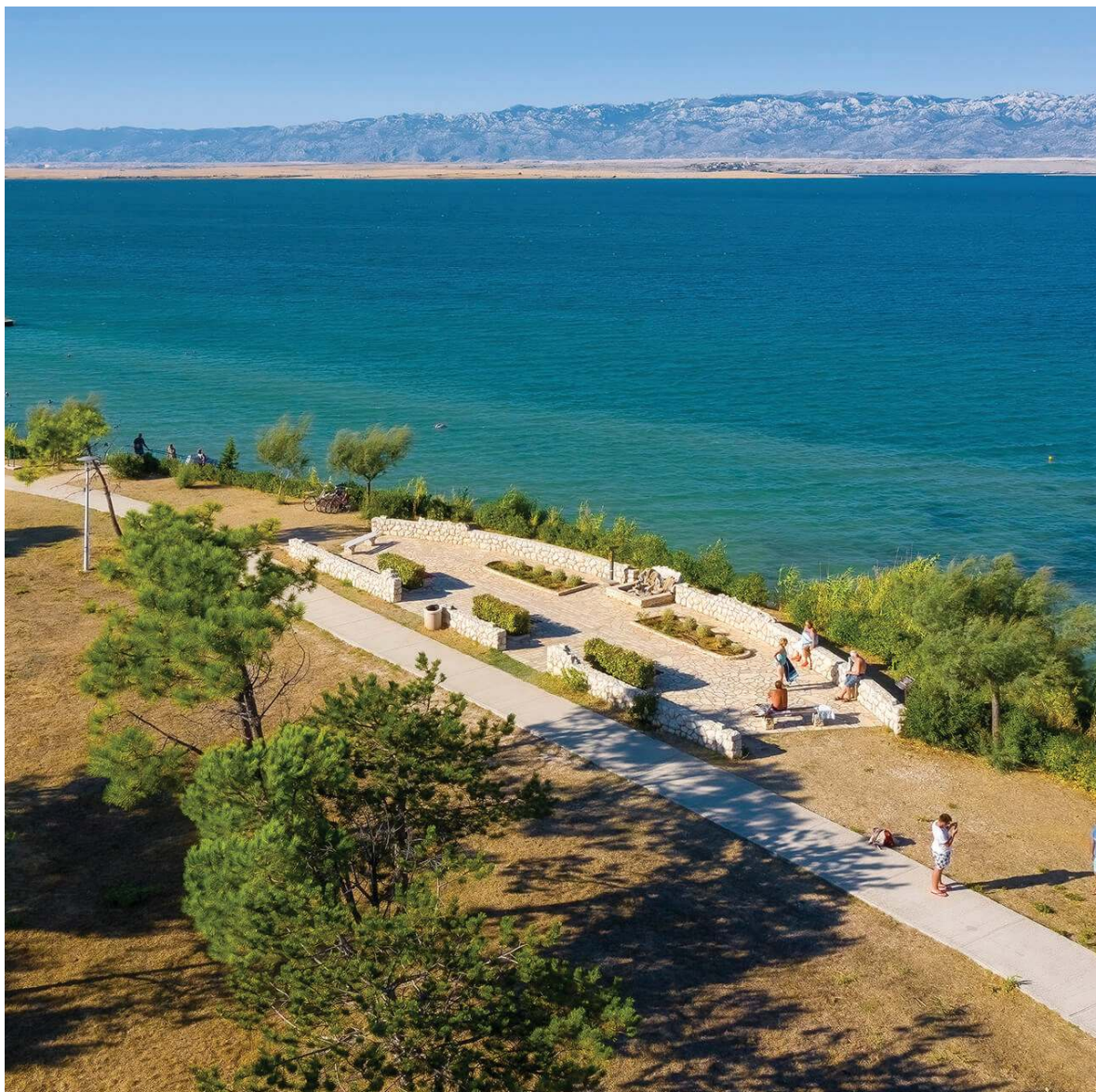
THE WESTERNMOST LAND POINT OF DALMATIA - CAPE ARTIĆ

**For those Wishing to Take a Look at the Earthbound Sun
and Experience a Spectacular Encounter with its Planets**

It is widely known that Alfred Hitchcock, the famous director, in 1964 said that Zadar has the most beautiful sunset in the entire world. There is one such sunset also on the westernmost land point in Dalmatia, a cape known as Cape Artić.

A sunset observed from that point is truly indescribable. This is a daily but unrepeatable game of the nature with colours, shapes, reflections and shadows embraced with the scent of the pines and the cries of the seagulls. Guided by the whisper of the seafront promenade, find the Cape Artić and discover the secret of inner peace and joy provided by the indescribable beauty of the nature. Apart from the sunset, during the mild summer evenings in August planets can be observed from that point. At that time, this place becomes the meeting point for numerous astronomy lovers and also professional astronomers.





LOOKOUT IN SABUNIKE (PHOTO POINT)

Everything Creating Dear Memories – Our Dearest Ones and an Unforgettable Backdrop

In the morning hours, when the sun is slowly waking up, going for a walk in Sabunike you will come to a breath-taking place – the lookout (Vidikovac). As if created for rest and relaxation, the lookout is a place where you will wish to immortalize your memories and create ones lasting forever. Do not miss to take beautiful photos at the lookout.

Feel the peace and quiet of the morning, a cool breath of the sea that is still asleep and be the first one to see another sunny summer day being born in indescribable colours of love!

Active tourism

**Experience the Still Unlived, Research the Pristine
– Breath-Taking Depths!**

If you are a sports and active vacation lover, exercise while you are at the seaside. Play soccer, basketball or volleyball on our playgrounds. If you are a water sport lover, you can swim and dive along the entire coastline, play water polo or 'picigin' (traditional ball game in the sea) on the shallow sandy beaches. It is also possible to rent a kayak, sup boards or underwater scooters adjusted to your age, experience and your family members. Recreationists should not miss long walks on the promenade along the coastline enjoying fresh air and a most beautiful view.

Pedestrian and cycling tours can be found inland as well, passing through the beautifully cultivated fields and vineyards. For those looking for adrenaline, there is the strong wind for windsurfing or kitesurfing. Do not hesitate. Come and feel the adventure!







Gastronomy

**As Sweet as a Dried Fig, Salty as a Sardine
– a Wide Range of Most Versatile Mediterranean Dishes**

Thanks to the diligent Privlaka fishermen, fresh fish that has just been caught can be bought in Privlaka at any time. The fishing tradition has been passed on for generations and, therefore, seafood is the basis of the gastronomic offer. Fried on 'gradele' (grill), cooked or prepared as a 'brudet' (fish stew), fresh fish will satisfy any gourmet's palate.

You can taste fish, mussels and sea delicacies in the 'konobe' (taverns) and restaurants where you will be received by kind hosts and a pleasant homely ambience. The local high quality Privlaka wines can be tasted and bought from the diligent Privlaka winegrowers.

Curiosities and legends

Stories from the Past

Apart from the sacral monuments, the Privlaka wells have also been preserved. They used to be a source of water and a source of life. They were the witnesses of the labour of the menial workers and fishermen, listening to stories and keeping love secrets. Today there are 12 such wells preserved. The most famous among them is the 'Sokolar' (Falconer) well with an unhappy love legend. Devastated with sadness and pain having lost the loved girlfriend, Sokolar inconsolably cried in his mother's lap and turned into water. That water bears his name until today. There is also a story saying that if an apple is thrown into the Sokolar well, carried by the underground waters and their currents, it will come to the Vrilo source sooner than a horseman on the fastest horse.

Apart from the stories, certain wedding customs are also connected with the wells. One of the customs was that on the first morning after the wedding the bride would bring cakes and apples to the well and throw some of the apples into the well. Women that later come to fetch water would find apples in their buckets. Thus, they knew that a new bride has come to their village. The legend about poisonous snakes in Privlaka is also interesting. According to the legend, snakes were cursed by an archbishop in Zadar whose horse was bitten by a poisonous snake while passing through Privlaka. The horse threw him off the saddle, the archbishop fell and hurt himself and therefore cursed every poisonous snake in this country. Since then, there are no poisonous snakes in Privlaka.



“Sabunjari”

Story about Superhuman Strength, Pain and History
Story about ‘Sabunjari’!

Apart from the fishermen and menial workers, standing out with their hard work and persistence in the not so distant past were also the Privlaka ‘sabunjari’. They left a deep trace in the life of the people in Privlaka and made Privlaka the former centre of ‘sabunjari’.

They were known far and wide for their work which was to extract sand from the sea that they would first manually, on their shoulders, carry to their boats. Later, sand extraction was done by machines. In the best days of the Privlaka ‘sabunjari’, the mole in the harbour abounded in boats specially equipped to extract sand-‘leuts’, ‘gajete’ and ‘bracere’ (boat types).

It is thanks to the ‘sabunjari’ that Zadar was renovated after the devastation in World War II. The work of ‘sabunjari’ reached its Golden Age during the 1970s. Later, changes in the construction technology took place and people gradually turned to other professions. Today there are no more ‘sabunjari’ but as a sign of victory over all the hardships of life, the soccer club in Privlaka bears the name ‘Sabunjar’.

What is left are the stories and memories which, just like trails in the sand, have written our homeland’s burdened history.





Events

The Summer Night's Dream, with Song and Dance to the Stars

During the summer, Privlaka offers a wide range of cultural events and entertainment ranging from theatre plays, traditional fishermen's nights, 'klapa' evenings (a cappella singing) to sports events. An event that you must not miss is the 'Privlaka Night'. Traditionally, it took place every summer on August 4. It is a blend of the town's culture, entertainment and gastro offer. Because of its versatile content, it is visited by many people and known in the entire Zadar County.

Standing out is also the 'Night of the Privlaka Fishermen and Sabunjari' taking place every summer in mid-July. During that event, the hospitality industry presents its culinary delicacies and visitors have the opportunity to get to know about the Privlaka 'sabunjari' and fishermen by means of a photo and film exhibition featuring their hard lives.

The unforgettable ambience is additionally enriched by the smell of the sea and 'klapa' songs that in the quiet summer night reaches your heart and your soul. Come and experience the summernight's dream!





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