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As airlines resume flights to the Croatian hotspot, **Sasha Wood** picks her highlights

star attraction...



Dubrovnik old town

The old town of Unesco-listed Dubrovnik is sheltered within thick fortifications. And while it can throng with tourists, it's like a living museum, with flowerpots adorning homes in winding lanes and shops tucked beneath Dalmatian colonnades. Climbing to the top of the citadel and roaming the city walls is an absolute must. Or, take the cable car up Srd Mountain for a view of it all from above.



more flights...



Jet2.com and easyJet resumed direct flights from the UK to Dubrovnik at the end of March, while British Airways will gradually increase frequency from April onwards, with daily flights from May. Jet2.com is operating more flights than last year including four a week from London and Manchester. EasyJet flies five times a week from London and is operating three times a week from Bristol and twice-weekly from Manchester and Edinburgh.



hot restaurant...



Dubrovnik 360

Michelin-starred Dubrovnik 360 has a coveted spot within the old town's battlements and reopens for dinner only at the beginning of April. The food lives up to the location (pictured), with the menu specialising in seafood, such as scallops, sea bass and turbot. Recommend that foodie clients try the tasting menu, which features dishes such as mackerel with white turnip and bonito dressing, and slow-cooked black pork neck with aubergine and veal glaze.

book it...



EasyJet Holidays offers five-night packages to Dubrovnik staying at Grand Villa Argentina from £604 this May, including breakfast, flights and private transfers.

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make time for...



Red History Museum

This museum opened just before the pandemic in 2019 and provides a beguiling insight into Croatia's modern history and life under communism as part of the former Yugoslavia. Located just outside Dubrovnik's main centre, the museum offers an immersive, interactive experience, including a reconstructed socialist-style apartment (pictured) with cupboards featuring vintage products. There's also a free mobile app to search for hidden extras around the exhibits.



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where to stay...



Grand Villa Argentina

The Dalmatian coast is all about shimmering turquoise bays, with plenty of stunning spots either side of Dubrovnik that make a perfect base. Housed in a Dalmatian mansion right on the shoreline, the five-star Grand Villa Argentina (pictured) is a short hop from Dubrovnik's Ploče city gate and the red-roofed old town. The scent of lemon and orange trees, rosemary and lavender fills the air in the hotel's gardens that tumble down to the sea, where guests will find a saltwater pool and a quiet beach. On-site dining includes light bites at the Beach Restaurant, and seafood at La Caravelle paired with excellent local wine. Rooms and breezy suites are designed to reflect the historic architecture – the best feature arched windows and balconies with views to Lokrum island.

