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CREW PROFILE

LA PERLA BOUTIQUE YACHT

Captain **DUJE DUMANIC**

Nationality Croatian

Captain Duje is holder of Unlimited Master Mariner license with excellent knowledge of the Adriatic Sea and experience in yachting industry. His career as a professional seaman and officer on ocean-going vessels started in 2001 after he graduated from Faculty of Maritime Studies in Split, obtaining the title of Maritime Transport Engineer. For the past 20 years he served on various ocean-going vessels all over the world in all ranks, starting his career as a Junior Officer and climbing the ladder all the way to Master position. For last 10 years he has been sailing as a Master. On the other hand, Captain's Duje owes his excellent knowledge of the Adriatic Sea to his family's sailing boat, which they used to sail around Croatian islands ever since he was a child. This love of boats and sea transformed into a love of sailing. As a teenager, he begun taking classes to operate a small sailing class boats (dinghy) and later would continue to sail on big sailing boats in regattas all over the Adriatic coast. His experience and involvement in yachting industry started in high school and college when he started to skipper during summer periods first on 30-40 ft sailing boats and later bigger sailing and motor boats.

Sous Chef **PETAR VLAK**

Nationality Croatian

Petar is born in Split. He simply adores Croatian cuisine and home-made dishes that are, in fact, the foundation of his cooking style. He finds these childhood flavors to be irreplaceable. Petar thinks that dishes should be presented exactly as they have been made, full of flavor, with a modern twist on Mediterranean cuisine, using local ingredients typical for Croatia and as many products from family farms as possible. His wish that the guests of LA PERLA remember the meals, their flavors and presentation long after they leave.

Chef **VJEKOSLAV GRGANTOV**

Nationality Croatian

Cooking and food has been Vjeko's focus for the last decade, ever since he left his primary career and decided to start working in a small tavern (specializing in local cuisine). This new career demanded his involvement in every aspect of “a plate”, and coming from IT background, defined in terms of “yes” or “no”, this required a different type of creativity. Vjeko started looking for ways to educate himself, to further discover this new cuisine world. His main goal was to let the guests immerse themselves into the gastronomy of Dalmatia and our beautiful Adriatic coast. Most of Vjeko's free time is spent on collecting recipes, stories of locals that inspires him. Growing up by the sea, feeling a connection to it, with La Perla, Vjeko embarked on a new adventure. Vjeko loves to create evocative dishes that allow guests to feel the synergy with the sea and the people who have been living by the sea for generations through the tastes on the plate in front of them.

Chief Engineer **DRAZEN SKROBICA**

Nationality Croatian

Drazen is born in Trogir. From an early age, Drazen has shown an interest in ships, motors and cars – anything that can be fixed with his hands. His career started being the assistant Marine Engineer, and for the last 15 years, he has been the Head Marine Engineer.

Drazen's attention has always been focused on classical engines, the one that need a human touch. His voyage on LA PERLA have only been a continuation of a beautiful professional and human story.

Deckhand **VINKO SMOLJIC**

Nationality Croatian

Vinko's second home is the sea. Since he was born, everything in his life happened by the sea; his childhood, his first jobs, his travels on international waters and then, finally, he found himself on the stunning LA PERLA. Vinko is very professional, skilled and experienced tender operator and will be happy to assist in water sports during your time onboard, ensuring you have a safe and fun experience.

Hostess/ Housekeeper **IVANA CORLUKA**

Nationality Croatian

Coming from a nautical and marine background, Ivana spent the last 3 years aboard the LA PERLA, as the hostess in charge of the housekeeping duties. Her natural tendencies, such as attention to details, readiness for team work and love of adventure brought her to this story, but the love for the sea, sailing and the smell of salt kept her there. LA PERLA gave her the chance to channel her appetite towards outdoor activities and tidiness into making sure that the guests not only have clean and tidy quarters, but that their stay aboard is truly a calming experience they will not soon forget.