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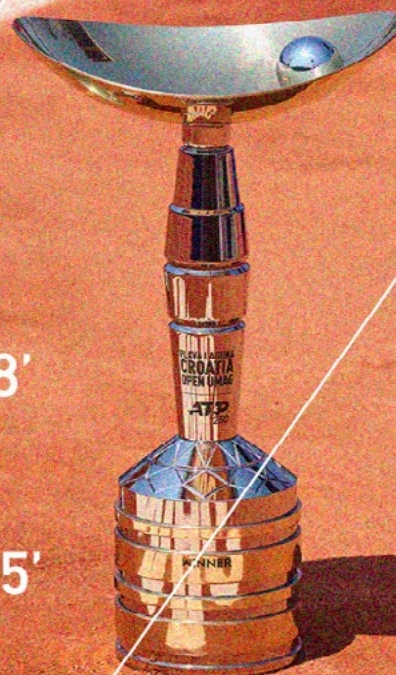
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KIDS NIGHT BY PODRAVKA BRINGS CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND ATP STARS TOGETHER AT CENTER COURT

Sunday evening at the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag belonged to the inaugural Kids Night by Podravka – Can You Challenge the Pro?, transforming the ATP Stadium „Goran Ivanišević“ into a stage where young tennis fans had the chance to meet and play alongside professional players.

The event was led by Goran Ivanisevic and Dino Prizmic as captains of Team Pepi and Team Lino. Throughout the evening, ATP stars competing in this year's tournament joined the action. Alejandro Davidovich Fokina and Alexander Bublik were the first to step onto the court, followed by World No. 10 Flavio Cobolli, the biggest star of the night. Children from the stands were invited to take part in the activities, play with - or against - the professionals, and become part of the action on center court.

The evening was structured as a friendly competition between Team Pepi and Team Lino, with professional players, children from the crowd and ball kids rotating through a series of fun on-court challenges.

The program opened with Target Masters, where children first completed an obstacle course before supplying balls to Goran Ivanisevic and Dino Prizmic, who aimed at mini soccer goals with their shots. Success depended not only on the players' accuracy but also on the speed and teamwork of their young teammates.

In the Can You Defeat the Pros? challenge, children took on ATP players competing with their non-dominant hand. They more than held their own against the professionals, proving that the next generation of tennis talent may already be on its way.





During the Podravka Break, children had the opportunity to take photos with their tennis heroes and win special prizes. Alongside the players, Pepi and Lino quickly became crowd favorites, spending the evening entertaining the youngest visitors.

The night's grand finale came with the Fireball Challenge, the most dynamic game of the event. Children from the audience joined the teams led by Goran Ivanisevic and Dino Prizmic, while Flavio Cobolli took his place in the umpire's chair to oversee the contest. The lucky participants shared the court with ATP professionals, while the rest cheered them on from the stands.

More than 50 children took part in the event, including young tennis players, ball kids and children selected from the audience to participate in individual challenges. Rather than crowning an overall winner, each challenge had its own winning team, keeping the focus on fun and participation throughout the evening.

The event was hosted by Gordon Graham, the official announcer of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag, with music provided by a DJ. Through games, interactive challenges and unforgettable moments on court, Kids Night by Podravka brought professional tennis closer to its youngest fans.





MAIN DRAW GETS UNDERWAY AT THE 36TH PLAVA LAGUNA CROATIA OPEN!

The draw has been made, the qualifying competition is complete, and everything is set for the 36th edition of the ATP Plava Laguna Croatia Open! Main draw action gets underway on Monday at 4 p.m., featuring three first-round singles matches and three doubles contests. The spotlight, however, will be on the Centre Court night session, where Croatian rising star Dino Prizmic is scheduled to take on eighth seed Vit Kopriva of the Czech Republic in a match not expected to begin before 9 p.m.

The opening match on Centre Court promises to be an entertaining encounter as Bosnia and Herzegovina's Damir Dzumhur faces Portugal's Henrique Rocha. A former World No. 23, Dzumhur is making his ninth appearance in Umag, with his best result coming last year when he reached the semi-finals. Rocha, meanwhile, will be making his main draw debut at the Croatia Open after falling in the final round of qualifying in 2024.

Up next, not before 6 p.m., 2019 Umag champion Dusan Lajovic takes to the court. The Serbian captured one of his two ATP Tour titles in Umag and has enjoyed a distinguished career that saw him climb to a career-high World No. 23. Standing between Lajovic and a place in the second round is France's Luca Van Assche, currently World No. 80, who lifted the ATP Challenger trophy in Parma just a month ago.

The evening session on Centre Court concludes with one of the most anticipated matches of the day, as Dino Prizmic takes on Vit Kopriva. One of Croatia's brightest young prospects, Prizmic has continued his impressive rise up the rankings this season and will be looking to build on his previous success in Umag, where he has already reached the quarter-finals

twice. Kopriva arrives in Umag after a strong season highlighted by a semi-final run at the ATP 500 event in Rio de Janeiro and a fourth-round appearance at the ATP Masters 1000 in Madrid.

Action on Studenac Arena begins at 5 p.m., where Croatian wild cards Emanuel Ivanisevic and Mili Poljicak will attempt to upset top seeds Adam Pavlasek and David Rikl in the doubles draw. Closing the programme on the same court, fresh off their ATP Challenger title in Trieste on Saturday, Admir Kalender and Nino Serdarusic will also be bidding for a place in the quarter-finals.



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**INTERVIEW:
DINO PRIZMIC****“I’M FEELING GOOD
– I JUST WANT TO
ENJOY PLAYING THIS
TOURNAMENT”**

Dino Prizmic is Croatia’s leading hope at this year’s Plava Laguna Croatia Open, and for good reason. The 20-year-old has made significant strides up the ATP Rankings this season while producing a string of impressive results.

His biggest breakthrough came at the ATP Masters 1000 event in Rome, where he battled through qualifying before reaching the fourth round, highlighted by a memorable victory over Novak Djokovic. He also advanced to the third round of the ATP Masters 1000 in Madrid and finished runner-up at the ATP Challenger tournament in Monza.

A month ago, Prizmic climbed to a career-high No. 70 in the ATP Rankings, and his next goal is to break into the world’s Top 50.

This year’s Croatia Open campaign begins on Monday, with Prizmic scheduled to take on Czech player Vit Kopřiva on Centre Court, not before 9 p.m. The encounter is widely expected to be one of the standout first-round matches.

“He’s a very solid, tough opponent,” Prizmic said. “As always, I need to stay focused on my own game, and the results will follow. Above all, I want to enjoy play-

ing this tournament. It’s the only ATP event in Croatia, so having the chance to compete in front of my home crowd is something really special. I hope I can go as far as possible.”

Just a few days ago, Prizmic recorded his first-ever main-draw victory on grass at Wimbledon. However, clay remains the surface that best suits his game.

“We’ve made a lot of improvements, including changes to the way we train. I’m really happy with my team and with the direction we’re heading. That win over Djokovic gave me an extra boost of confidence, and I feel I’m getting close to reaching that level again,” he added.

Prizmic withdrew from last week’s ATP Challenger event in Iași due to a back issue, but he has now fully recovered and is ready to compete in Umag.

Did you know...

...that Dino Prizmic won the Roland Garros boys’ singles title in 2023, becoming only the second Croatian player to triumph in the junior event at the French Open. He achieved the feat 18 years after Marin Cilic lifted the same trophy in 2005;

...that Dino Prizmic has already reached the quarter-finals of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open twice. The tournament marked his ATP Tour debut after receiving a wildcard in 2022. He was defeated in the opening round that year, before advancing to the quarter-finals in both 2023 and 2025. On both occasions, he lost to the eventual tournament champion.

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Main Draw Singles

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2		Bye		
3	Q	CECCHINATO, Marco	ITA	
4		BURRUCHAGA, Roman A...	ARG	
5	WC	DODIG, Matej	CRO	
6		CARRENO BUSTA, Pablo	ESP	
7	Q	TOPO, Marko	GER	
8	7	UGO CARABELLI, Camilo	ARG	
9	3	ETCHEVERRY, Tomas M...	ARG	T. Etcheverry 3
10		Bye		
11	WC	SESKO, Ziga	SLO	
12		MERIDA, Daniel	ESP	
13		LAJOVIC, Dusan	SRB	
14		VAN ASSCHE, Luca	FRA	
15		DROGUET, Titouan	FRA	
16	5	BLOCKX, Alexander	BEL	
17	6	MAROZSAN, Fabian	HUN	
18	Q	PRADO ANGELO, Juan C...	BOL	
19		DZUMHUR, Damir	BIH	
20		ROCHA, Henrique	POR	
21	Q	GOMEZ, Federico Agustin	ARG	
22	WC	MCDONALD, Niels	GER	
23		Bye		M. Arnaldi 4
24	4	ARNALDI, Matteo	ITA	
25	8	KOPRIVA, Vit	CZE	
26		PRIZMIC, Dino	CRO	
27		MOLCAN, Alex	SVK	
28		ROYER, Valentin	FRA	
29		JACQUET, Kyrian	FRA	
30		TRUNGELLITI, Marco	ARG	
31		Bye		A. Davidovich Fokina 2
32	2	DAVIDOVICH FOKINA, Al...	ESP	

Round of 32		Round of 16		Quarterfinals		Semifinals		Final		Winner	
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Last Direct Acceptance	Seeded Players	Alternates/Lucky Losers	Withdrawals	Retirements/W.O.
Jacquet, Kyrian - 145	Player			
ATP Supervisor	Rank			
Jorge Mandl	1	Cobolli, Flavio		
Gerry Armstrong	2	Davidovich Fokina, Alej...		
Released	3	Etcheverry, Tomas Martin		
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	5	Blockx, Alexander		
	6	Marozsan, Fabian		
	7	Ugo Carabelli, Camilo		
	8	Kopriva, Vit		



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Round of 16		Quarterfinals		Semifinals		Final		Winner	
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10 Must-Try Wines to Discover Istria's Wine Scene

Once again, Taste Istria brings together a carefully selected group of renowned Istrian wineries, showcasing the diversity and quality that define the region's vibrant wine scene. Bencic, Cattunar, Coronica, CUJ, Frankovic, Deskovic, Fiore, Gerzinic, Ravalico and Zigante Vero have each selected one signature label they recommend as the perfect introduction to their portfolio.

Bencic



For more than three decades, this family-owned winery from Umag has preserved the winemaking heritage of the Bujstina region, combining generations of experience with a contemporary approach to viticulture and winemaking. Its historic cellar, built in 1911 and still retaining its original character, serves as a bridge between local tradition and modern craftsmanship.

Recommended wine: Malvazija 1911

Cattunar



The story of Cattunar Winery began four decades ago on the hillsides near Brtonigla. Today, its vineyards cover 45 hectares between the Adriatic Sea and the Mirna River valley, where four distinct soil types - red, black, white and grey - create one of Istria's most unique terroirs. Malvazija Istarska, Teran, White Muscat and Muscat rosé are the cornerstone varieties of the estate.

Recommended wine: Malvazija 4 TERRE

Coronica



One of Istria's most celebrated wineries, Coronica is deeply rooted in the Bujstina region and the village of Koreniki, where the family has cultivated vineyards for generations. The combination of iron-rich red soil, limestone, the influence of the Adriatic Sea and centuries-old oak forests gives the wines their unmistakable character and sense of place.

Recommended wine: Rosetta

CUJ



Behind CUJ Winery is winemaker Danijel Kraljevic, who opened a new cellar between Umag and Plovanija in 2006, continuing a family tradition that spans generations. The winery takes its name from his grandfather's favourite expression, "Cuj, da ti recem" ("Listen, let me tell you"), to whom the entire brand is dedicated. Today, the family cultivates nine hectares of vineyards and produces seven labels, with Malvazija Istarska and Teran at the heart of its portfolio.

Recommended wine: Scoltime sparkling wine

Frankovic



The Frankovic family vineyards are located at Santa Lucia near Buje, one of the most renowned vineyard sites in northwestern Istria. For generations, the family has cultivated vines on the region's distinctive white soils, producing wines that reflect the freshness, elegance and unmistakable character of this unique terroir.

Recommended wine: Malvazija Istarska 2025

Deskovic



On the rolling hills near Kostanjica, just outside Groznjan, Deskovic Winery continues a family winemaking tradition passed down through generations. Its portfolio includes Malvazija Istarska, Teran, White Muscat, rosé and the Eros sparkling wine. Throughout the year, visitors can also enjoy wine tastings at the family's agritourism estate, paired with authentic Istrian delicacies.

Recommended wine: White Muscat

Fiore



Produced exclusively from grapes grown in the winery's own vineyards near Umag, Fiore wines express the authentic character of the Istrian landscape. Among the estate's standout labels are Campo, Malvazija Istarska and Merlot.

Recommended wine: Campo Sparkling Malvazija

Gerzinic



In the historic wine-growing village of Vizinada, the Gerzinic family cultivates ten hectares of vineyards. Malvazija Istarska, the region's flagship indigenous variety, accounts for the largest share of the estate, alongside Chardonnay, Yellow Muscat, Teran, Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah.

Recommended wine: Malvazija 2025

Ravalico



The story of F.&F. Ravalico dates back to 1903, when great-grandfather Giovanni produced the family's first wines in Nova Vas near the Mirna River. More than a century later, Ravalico has grown into one of Istria's largest privately owned wineries, cultivating over 40 hectares of vineyards and producing around fifteen labels, ranging from sparkling and fresh wines to premium aged selections. The prestigious 1903 collection pays tribute to the year the family tradition began.

Recommended wine: Malvazija Istarska

Zigante Vero



For more than 80 years, the Zigante family has cultivated vineyards on the southern slopes overlooking the Mirna Valley, near the village of Castagna. Generations of expertise are complemented by modern winemaking techniques, while the grapes continue to be harvested by hand at their optimal balance of ripeness, sugar and acidity.

Recommended wine: Malvazija 2025



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TASTE WHAT ISTRIA IS FAMOUS FOR: THE BEST OF ISTRIA IN ONE PLACE

Alongside a carefully curated selection of Istrian wines, Taste Istria also showcases local distilleries and a variety of Istrian specialties, offering visitors an authentic taste of the region. Aura, Istarska Kapljica, MTG&LB and Pelagius Tartufi showcase some of the finest local specialties that have become synonymous with Istria.

The region's world of spirits is represented by two family-run producers, each with its own distinctive approach to distilling.

Aura, the family-owned distillery from Buzet, has been crafting premium spirits since the early 2000s, drawing inspiration from traditional Istrian recipes and using wild herbs, locally grown fruit and hand-picked botanicals from across the peninsula. Today, its portfolio includes more than twenty varieties of brandies and liqueurs, alongside a selection of craft gins. In Umag, visitors can also enjoy a range of signature Aura cocktails and spritzes, including the Teranino Spritz, Limoncello Spritz, Orancello Spritz, Gin Karbun & Tonic and the Istrian Mule, as well as cream liqueurs in Teranino, limoncello, pistachio, hazelnut and chocolate flavours.

The second distillery comes from Cerijani, near Kastelir. Istarska Kapljica, the family estate of the Spehar family, continues a distilling tradition that has been passed down through generations. At the heart of its production is a grape brandy distilled from whole grape clusters rather than grape pomace, creating the foundation for a wide range of natural brandies and liqueurs. Honey replaces refined sugar, while flavours are built around ingredients such as mistletoe, walnuts, truffles and blueberries. Among the highlights are the Flying Goat Purple Edition Gin and Vragulin.

Beyond spirits, Taste Istria also offers a selection of signature cocktails. At the Cocktail Garden, MTG&LB presents a cocktail menu created in collaboration with local distilleries Martesi and Vergilas Craft Distillery. Visitors can enjoy favourites such as the Teranino Spritz, Herbal Spritz and Garden of Eden, alongside original creations including Yulia, Relax – Twist on the Beach and Fiume Drops, each combining Istrian spirits with vibrant citrus, herbal and fruit notes.

No Taste Istria experience would be complete without truffles. Pelagius from Novigrad presents a carefully selected range of truffle specialties, drawing on more than 15 years of catering experience at business events, festivals and major sporting occasions



across Istria. In Umag, visitors can enjoy traditional fuži pasta with fresh truffles, fuži with truffle sauce, as well as a selection of truffle cheeses, salami and potato chips. The offering is perfectly complemented by wines from Tomaz Winery.



PLAVA LAGUNA STAGE AT SOCIAL ARENA BRINGS TALKS, MEET & GREETES AND ENTERTAINMENT



Social Arena raises the bar once again this year. A fresh new look, an expanded offering, international sponsors and a stunning waterfront location have turned it into one of the tournament's must-visit destinations. At the heart of the venue is the new Plava Laguna Stage, which hosts a packed program of talks, player appearances and other events open to all visitors throughout the tournament.

The program got underway on Saturday with the official tournament draw, while Sunday gave fans the opportunity to meet Italian star Matteo Arnaldi. During his Meet & Greet, he chatted with visitors, signed autographs and posed for photos, while also sharing a few stories from beyond the court. Arnaldi revealed that the US Open is his favorite Grand Slam and named Novak Djokovic as the toughest opponent he has faced. Among his favorite memories, he highlighted last year's appearance in Umag, recalling the incredible support from Italian fans. He also admitted that pizza is his ultimate cheat meal and said that, if he had to choose another racket sport, he would pick beach tennis.

The program continues on Monday with more exciting events in the Social Arena. Belgian player Alexander Blockx will join the Ofenziva team for a live interview, while Tomás Martín Etcheverry will meet fans during a Meet & Greet session.

On Tuesday, the Plava Laguna Stage hosts CaskAI-mo in Sports, an interactive talk show by the Alsurfaj platform exploring the growing role of artificial intelligence in sports. Experts from the ATP, Technogym and Infobip will discuss how AI is transforming training, data analysis and athletic performance, while also taking a closer look at the technology behind every point played on court. As part of the Plava Lagu-

na Croatia Open Umag, the discussion naturally centers on tennis, with visitors invited to ask questions, watch the live stream and take part in prize activities.

The program continues throughout the week with more presentations, interviews and guest appearances on the Plava Laguna Stage, while the surrounding Social Arena is filled with activations from the tournament's partners. Visitors can experience the Technogym Checkup, an AI-powered assessment that measures physical and cognitive parameters to calculate their Wellness Age™, explore the limited-edition Polaroid ATP collection and test their reflexes in the Reaction Time Challenge. Just a few steps away, the waterdrop® pop-up offers a refreshing break with a selection of Microdrink flavors and electrolytes. Visitors can also enjoy Roxanich wines, cocktails from Urania Bar, Lillet aperitifs, Stella Artois, the tournament's official beer, and a selection of Franck products.



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2018 UMAG CHAMPION AMONG QUALIFIERS FOR THE MAIN DRAW

Marco Cecchinato, the 2018 Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag champion, is back in the main draw after becoming one of four players to secure qualification with victories in the final round of qualifying on Sunday.

With the conclusion of the qualifying competition, the 28-player main draw is now complete. As in previous editions, the field consists of 21 players accepted through the ATP Rankings, four qualifiers and three wild cards.

Joining Cecchinato in the main draw are Bolivia's Juan Prado Angelo, Germany's Marko Topo and Argentina's Federico Agustin Gomez.

Cecchinato defeated Argentina's Genaro Alberto Olivieri 6-2, 6-4. After the opening set was tied at 2-2, the Italian reeled off four consecutive games to take control. In the second set, the decisive break came with Olivieri serving to stay in the match at 4-5.

Cecchinato will face another Argentine, Roman Buruchaga, in Tuesday's opening round. The winner will take on top seed Flavio Cobolli of Italy in the Round of 16.

All four final-round qualifying matches were decided in straight sets, although the remaining qualifiers had to work much harder for their victories.

Prado Angelo overcame Spain's Nikolas Sanchez Izquierdo 6-3, 7-6(4), despite his opponent holding five set points while leading 5-4 in the second set. The Bolivian will next meet sixth seed Fabian Marozsan of Hungary on Tuesday.

Marko Topo edged Austria's Lukas Neumayer 7-6(7), 7-5 in a closely contested encounter. Neumayer recovered from 0-4 in the opening-set tie-break and even earned a set point at 6-5, but Topo responded by winning the final three points to claim the set. A single break in the 12th game proved decisive in the second set. Topo will now face seventh seed Camilo Ugo Carabelli of Argentina in the opening round.

Federico Agustin Gomez perhaps has the most reason to celebrate after entering the qualifying draw as an alternate. The Argentine defeated Italy's Guerrieri 6-4, 6-4 on Sunday to earn a first-round clash with Germany's Niels McDonald, last year's Roland Garros boys' singles champion.

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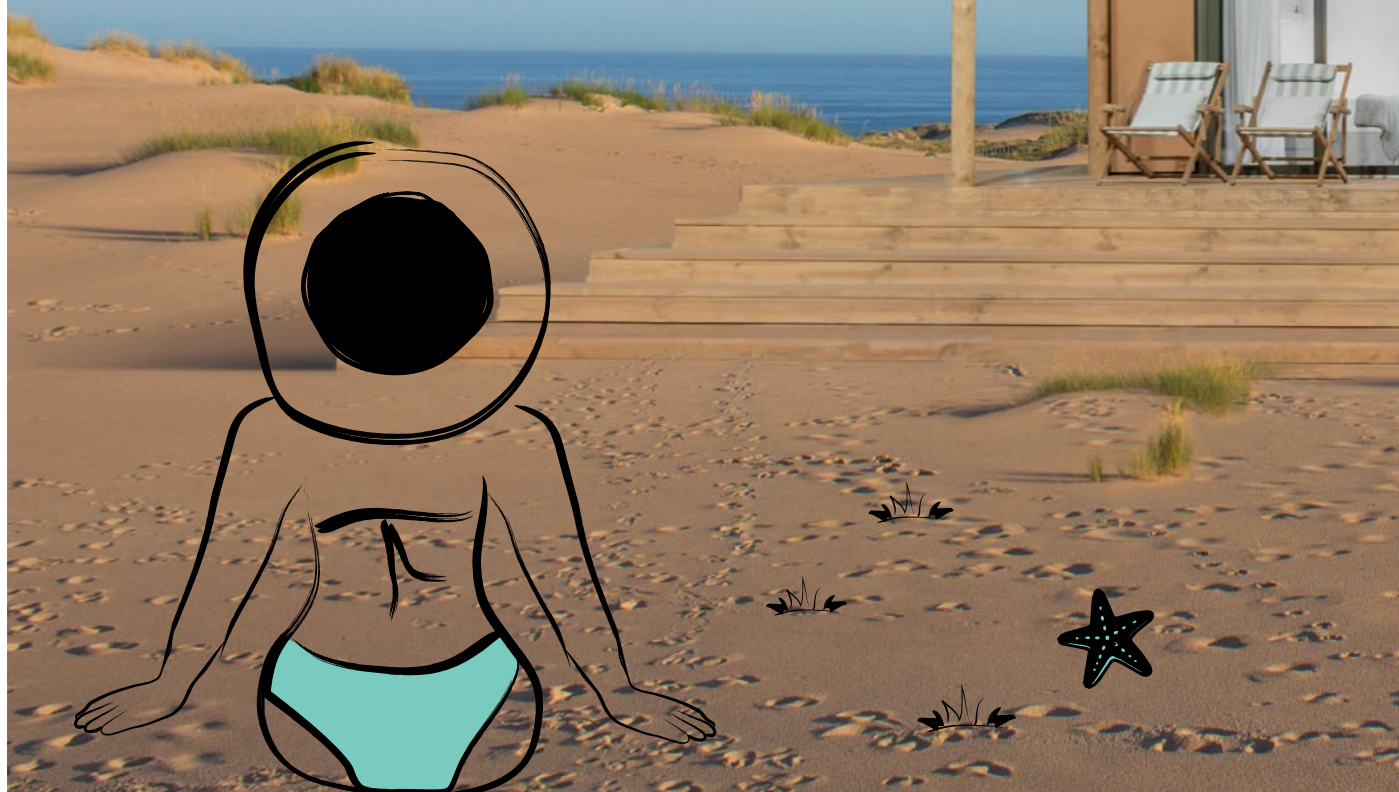
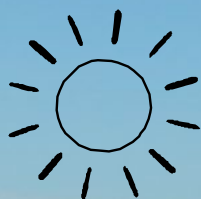
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