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DZUMHUR AND ARNALDI SHATTER UMAG MATCH DURATION RECORD

Roman Burruchaga versus Daniel Merida and Damir Dzumhur versus Alex Molcan will be the semifinal matchups at the 36th edition of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag.

All four players delivered outstanding performances on Thursday, but the loudest ovation belonged to Dzumhur after his thrilling victory over Matteo Arnaldi, winning 7-6(5), 6-7(4), 7-6(4) in an epic contest lasting 3 hours and 42 minutes. The marathon encounter eclipsed the tournament's previous longest-match record by one minute, surpassing the mark set in 2011 by Slovenia's Blaz Kavcic and Argentina's Carlos Berlocq.

In the final match of the day, Slovakia's Alex Molcan defeated Spain's Alejandro Davidovich Fokina 3-6, 6-1, 6-2, meaning the tournament will head into the semifinals without a single seeded player remaining.

"It was an incredible match from both of us. I had a very similar experience at Roland Garros this year, when I was leading Davidovich Fokina by two sets to one and 5-3 in the fourth, only to lose. Today I was a set up and led 5-3 again, but I can't blame myself for not closing it out because Arnaldi played exceptionally well. At 0-1 in the third set, I managed to come back from 0-40 on my serve, and that was the moment I got myself back into the match," said Dzumhur after reaching the Umag semifinals for the second consecutive year.

"I love playing here—the atmosphere is fantastic. After some disappointing results recently, I seriously considered retiring at the end of the season."

The match featured dramatic momentum swings. Arnaldi led 5-2 in the opening set with a double-break advantage and even held a set point, but Dzumhur staged a remarkable comeback to steal the set. The roles were reversed in the second, as Arnaldi recovered from 3-5 down to force a deciding set. Neither player managed a break in the third, with the outcome ultimately decided in a tense final-set tie-break.

Earlier in the day, Spain's Daniel Merida became the first player to book his place in the semifinals, overcoming last year's quarterfinalist Titouan Droguet of France 6-1, 6-3 in the traditionally difficult 4 p.m. slot.

Meerida signaled his intentions from the outset by racing into a 4-0 lead. A single break at 4-2 in the second set proved enough to seal victory, while his dominance on serve was un-



derlined by the fact that Droguet failed to earn a single break point throughout the match.

This marks Merida's second semifinal of the season after reaching the final in Bucharest as a qualifier. Currently ranked No. 86 in the ATP Rankings—a career high—the 21-year-old Spaniard is already guaranteed to climb even higher when the new rankings are released on Monday.

The same applies to Argentina's Roman Burruchaga, who will also be chasing his second ATP Tour final of the season after previously reaching the championship match in Houston. He defeated last year's Umag semifinalist and fellow Argentine Camilo Ugo Carabelli 6-2, 2-6, 6-3.

Second seed Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, currently No. 20 in the ATP Rankings, made an impressive start against Alex Molcan by taking the opening set. However, his level dropped sharply as he lost the next five consecutive games, a slide that continued into the deciding set.

Molcan, who was once ranked as high as World No. 38 and is currently No. 101, advanced to his second ATP Tour semifinal of the season, having also reached the last four in Munich.



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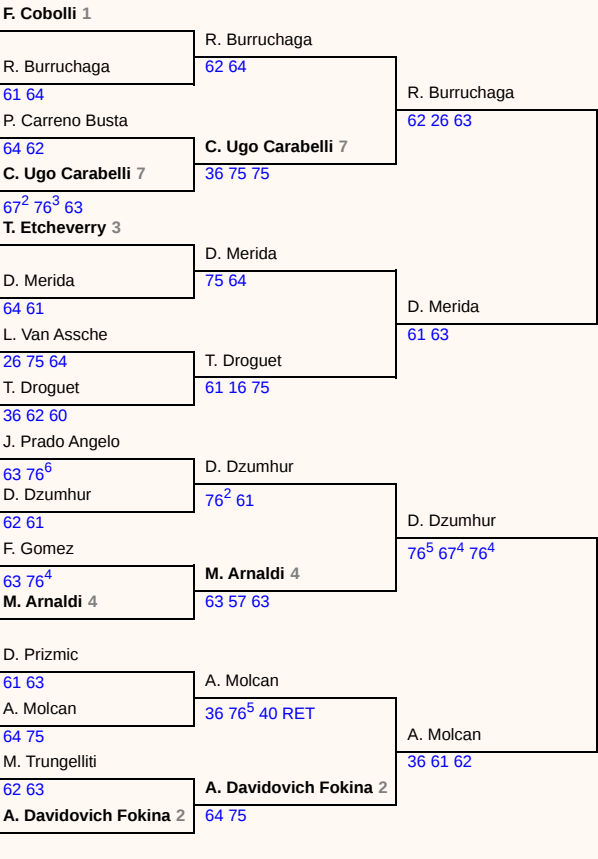


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Main Draw Singles

1	1	COBOLLI, Flavio	ITA
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
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	LL	NEUMAYER, Lukas	AUT
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	
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	
32	2	DAVIDOVICH FOKINA, Al...	ESP



Round of 32	Round of 16	Quarterfinals	Semifinals	Final	Winner
€ 6,570	0 pts	€ 10,750	25 pts	€ 18,515	50 pts
€ 31,955	100 pts	€ 54,360	165 pts	€ 93,175	250 pts

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Seeded Players

Player	Rank
1 Cobolli, Flavio	10
2 Davidovich Fokina, Alej...	23
3 Etcheverry, Tomas Martin	32
4 Arnaldi, Matteo	35
5 Blockx, Alexander	36
6 Marozsan, Fabian	53
7 Ugo Carabelli, Camilo	59
8 Kopriva, Vit	64

Alternates/Lucky Losers

L. Neumayer (LL)

Withdrawals

F. Marozsan (Left knee)

Retirements/W.O.

D. Prizmic (Cramps)



THE FINALISTS AT THE PLAVA LAGUNA CROATIA OPEN WILL BE DECIDED TODAY!

The tournament has reached its business end, and the moment when the champion of the 36th edition of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open is crowned is drawing ever closer.

Friday's schedule features the singles semifinals and the doubles final, with all matches taking place at ATP Goran Ivanisevic Stadium.

Play gets underway at 4:00 p.m., when the top-seeded Czech duo of Adam Pavlasek and Patrik Rikl take on Britain's David Stevenson and Marcus Willis as they look to live up to their status as tournament favourites. Both teams have dropped just one set on their way to the final, setting the stage for what promises to be another high-quality contest.

For the first time in the history of the ATP tournament in Umag, dating back to 1990, none of the seeded players has reached the singles semifinals. Instead, the spotlight will be on four players who began the week as outsiders but have thoroughly earned their place in the last four with a series of impressive performances.

At 6:30 p.m., Argentina's Roman Andres Burruchaga (ATP No. 67) faces Spain's Daniel Merida (pictured, ATP No. 82) in an intriguing semifinal clash. Both players have already reached an ATP final this season—Burruchaga in Houston and Merida in Bucharest—and regardless of Friday's outcome, each is guaranteed to achieve a new career-high ATP ranking on Monday.

The second semifinal, scheduled for not before 9:00 p.m., sees Bosnia and Herzegovina's Damir Dzumhur (ATP No. 108) looking to go one step further than last year, when his run in Umag ended in the semifinals. This marks his ninth appearance at the Plava Laguna Croatia Open.

Following a gruelling three-hour-and-42-minute quarterfinal battle, Dzumhur now faces Slovakia's Alex Molcan (ATP No. 101), who produced one of the tournament's biggest upsets by eliminating second seed Alejandro Davidovich Fokina of Spain, reminding everyone of the form that once saw him rise to World No. 38.



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KALENDER AND SERDARUSIC FALL JUST SHORT OF DOUBLES FINAL

Admir Kalender and Nino Serdarusic narrowly missed out on a place in the doubles final at the 36th edition of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open. In the semifinals, the Croatian pair were defeated 7-6(2), 2-6, 10-5 by Britain’s David Stevenson and Marcus Willis.

The match was decided in the match tie-break, where Kalender and Serdarusic made the stronger start, opening up a 3-1 lead. However, their opponents quickly regained momentum and turned the score around to seal victory.

The defeat brought an end to the Croatians’ five-match winning streak. They had won three matches en route to the ATP Challenger title in Trieste last week before adding two more victories in Umag.

Both Serdarusic (world No. 112 in doubles) and Kalender (world No. 208) reached career-high doubles rankings this week and are set to climb even higher following their run in Umag. This was only their second tournament together in 2026, having previously teamed up only in Trieste, where they lifted the trophy.

Serdarusic remains the only Croatian player to have won the Umag doubles title since the tournament’s inaugural edition in 1990. He achieved the feat in 2023 alongside Slovenia’s Blaz Rola.

Awaiting Stevenson and Willis in the final will be the top-seeded Czech duo of Adam Pavlasek and Patrik Rikl.



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Main Draw Doubles

1	1	PAVLASEK, Adam RIKL, Patrik	CZE CZE	A. Pavlasek 1 P. Rikl				
2	WC	IVANISEVIC, Emanuel POLJICAK, Mili	CRO CRO	64 62	A. Pavlasek 1 P. Rikl	63 57 10-4		
3		NAM, JiSung NIKLAS-SALMINEN, Patrik	KOR FIN	J. Nam P. Niklas-Salminen				
4		DUDA, Filip VRBENSKY, Michael	CZE CZE	36 64 10-4				A. Pavlasek 1 P. Rikl
5	3	GONZALEZ, Maximo GONZALEZ, Santiago	ARG MEX	M. Gonzalez 3 S. Gonzalez				64 64
6		ISARO, Pruchya KALIYANDA POONACH...	THA IND	62 62	R. Burruchaga M. Kestelboim			
7		HO, Ray KITTAI, Benjamin	TPE USA	R. Burruchaga M. Kestelboim		67 ⁴ 62 10-6		
8		BURRUCHAGA, Roman ... KESTELBOIM, Mariano	ARG ARG	64 16 12-10				
9		REYMOND, Arthur SANCHEZ, Luca	FRA FRA	D. Stevenson M. Willis				
10		STEVENSON, David WILLIS, Marcus	GBR GBR	63 76 ⁶	D. Stevenson M. Willis	61 64		
11		DZUMHUR, Damir LATINOVIC, Stefan	BIH SRB	D. Dzumhur S. Latinovic				D. Stevenson M. Willis
12	4	MOLTENI, Andres TRHAC, Patrik	ARG USA	75 46 10-5				76 ² 26 10-5
13	WC	KALENDER, Admir SERDARUSIC, Nino	CRO CRO	A. Kalender N. Serdarusic				
14		LIUTAREVICH, Ivan REYES-VARELA, Miguel	MEX	64 61	A. Kalender N. Serdarusic			
15		BANTHIA, Siddhant DONSKI, Alexander	IND BUL	C. Frantzen 2 R. Haase		63 76 ⁴		
16	2	FRANTZEN, Constantin HAASE, Robin	GER NED	75 64				

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€ 3,330	0 pts	€ 5,650	45 pts	€ 10,190	90 pts	€ 17,410	150 pts	€ 32,410	250 pts

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Umag Music Nights

PRLJAVCI IN DANCE ARENA

Thursday night at Umag Music Nights belonged to Prljavo Kazaliste. The band performed a selection of its greatest hits, with the crowd in the Dance Arena singing along from the very first notes. Once again, the concert proved just how timeless their music is and how it continues to resonate with audiences of all generations.



FEDDE LE GRAND AND DOMBRESKY HEADLINE THE FINAL WEEKEND OF UMAG MUSIC NIGHTS

After a week that featured performances by Parni Valjak, Mambo Kings, Superstar Show Italia, Senidah, DJ Diesel and Prljavo Kazaliste, the final weekend of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag brings two major names from the global house music scene to the Dance Arena.

Tonight, Dutch DJ and producer Fedde Le Grand takes the stage. For more than two decades, he has remained one of the leading figures in electronic music. He rose to international fame with his global hit Put Your Hands Up For Detroit and has since produced official remixes for artists including Madonna, Shakira, Rihanna and Coldplay. He arrives in Umag following the release of his latest single 1, 2 Step, a remake of Ciara and Missy Elliott's 2004 hit, once again demonstrating his ability to reinvent club classics for today's dance floors.

Saturday night will close with Dombresky, the French DJ and producer who has established himself as one of the most exciting names of the new generation of house music. With more than 100 million streams, performances at festivals such as Coachella, Tomor-

rowland and Electric Daisy Carnival, and collaborations and official remixes for artists including Taylor Swift and Foster the People, he has built a strong international reputation. He describes his approach to music as a search for shared experiences on the dance floor.

"House music is all about love, happiness, dancing and shared moments. That's what I want to bring. I hope I can connect people and bring them together," Dombresky said ahead of his arrival in Umag.

Throughout the week, Umag Music Nights has brought together different musical styles and audiences of all generations. After the tennis matches, the Dance Arena has transformed each evening into a gathering place for music lovers, offering everything from Croatian rock classics and regional pop and trap to house and dance music. More than 100 hours of music programming will culminate this weekend with performances by Fedde Le Grand and Dombresky, bringing another edition of Umag Music Nights to a memorable close.

"SINCE ITS BEGINNINGS IN 1990, UMAG HAS GROWN INTO A MAJOR EVENT"

The inaugural ATP tournament in Umag was held in 1990, and today's Plava Laguna Croatia Open ambassador, Goran Ivanisevic, was there from the very beginning. He reached the final that year, where he lost to Goran Prpic, and even 36 years later, he vividly remembers many details.

"I remember there weren't many people in the stands, and the weather in May was terrible. It was really cold one day toward the end of the tournament, either in the quarter-finals or the semi-finals. That was my first introduction to Umag. The final isn't something I remember fondly because I lost, but overall it was a great week. I really enjoyed it."

At the time, very few people—even dedicated tennis fans—had any real idea of what kind of tournament was arriving in Umag. What was it like from a player's perspective?

"Back then, Umag was played during the same week as what is now the ATP Masters 1000 event in Rome. Goran Prpic and I were told, 'You won't be playing Rome—you'll be going to Umag instead.' At first I wasn't happy about it, but in the end I was glad. I'm glad I came, glad we had a tournament on home soil, and today you can see how that decision started a tradition. I loved playing there; the only thing that spoiled the week was losing the final. But after that Umag tournament, I really started playing some great tennis."

How has the ATP tournament in Umag evolved over the years?



INTERVIEW:
GORAN IVANISEVIC

"It has gone from being a small, little-known tournament in May to becoming a major event that's about much more than just tennis. It's one of the players' favourite stops on the ATP Tour. Just look at the names that have played in Umag—Nadal, Djokovic, Wawrinka, Alcaraz, Sinner, Moya... and, well, me too. It's incredible what has been achieved here. Umag was the last ATP 250 tournament ever to stage a final between Carlos Alcaraz and Jannik Sinner. That's something we should be proud of. Players love coming to Umag, the crowds keep growing, and there's always something new. It has become a truly world-class tournament."

Speaking of new ideas, last year's Players' Garden—a dedicated relaxation and lounge area—was such a success that the ATP recommended the concept to other tournaments.

"That's another great thing. The players really appreciate it, but there are already some new ideas in the pipeline for next season. We're constantly looking for ways to improve the player experience. The new Centre Court is another big step forward—it no longer feels cramped; the stadium has room to breathe now. The sightlines are much better too. If you want to attract the best players, you have to keep investing and offering them something extra."



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MINISTER OF TOURISM AND SPORT TONCI GLAVINA VISITS THE PLAVA LAGUNA CROATIA OPEN UMAG

Minister of Tourism and Sport Tonci Glavina visited the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag on Thursday afternoon.

Before attending the quarterfinal match between Damir Dzumhur and Matteo Arnaldi, he spoke to reporters:

"The Ministry of Tourism and Sport, the Government of the Republic of Croatia and the Croatian National Tourist Board have been strong supporters of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag. It is recognized as one of Croatia's most important sporting events, with a long and distinguished tradition. I am pleased that, once again, we are putting Croatia in the spotlight, both in sport and tourism. This is a very important tournament that gives players the opportunity to make a name for themselves, compete and gain greater visibility. It brings added value to both Croatian sport and Croatian tourism."

He also commented on the election of the new President of the Croatian Olympic Committee:

"From the very beginning, we made it clear that we would not interfere in the process in any way. What matters to us is that it should be a competitive election. Throughout the reorganization and restructuring of the Croatian Olympic Committee, I would like to see even more candidates and more prominent roles taken on by our athletes, former athletes, Olympians and people with outstanding sporting achievements."



Integrity and honesty are what matter most, and they have those qualities. I hope they will become even more actively involved and take on even greater responsibilities."

He also stressed the importance of implementing significant reforms within Croatia's sports system, particularly in the areas of funding, transparency in the use of public funds, accessibility and visibility.

"In the next few days, we will adopt a new regulation that changes the way sports funding is planned and spent. Every euro of public funding allocated to sport will be tracked in real time, allowing everyone to see exactly where the money is being spent. This is the biggest step forward we can make, and we believe it is essential to restoring trust in the sports system and everything connected with it," Glavina said at the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag.





ANTE KOLUNDJIIA REACHES ITF WHEELCHAIR CROATIA OPEN UMAG BY HEP SEMIFINALS

The opening two rounds of the ITF Wheelchair Croatia Open Umag by HEP were played on Thursday, with Ante Kolundjija emerging as the most successful Croatian player. After recording two straight-set victories, he secured a place in Friday's semifinals, where he will face the tournament's second seed, Austria's Nico Langmann.

„It's a great result, but I believe I have a chance in the semifinals as well. I'll give it everything I have, and we'll see what happens,” said Kolundjija, currently ranked No. 72 in the world, ahead of his clash with the world No. 37.

Kolundjija opened his campaign with a 6-4, 7-5 victory over Italy's Marco Pincella, before producing an impressive performance to eliminate third seed Christoph Wilke of Great Britain, winning 6-2, 6-2.

Anto Joskic also got off to a winning start, cruising past Hungary's Ferenc Gabor Lelik 6-0, 6-0 in the opening round. However, his run came to an end against fourth seed Martin Legner of Austria, who prevailed 6-4, 7-5.

Meanwhile, Sven Maretic was eliminated in the first round after Germany's Anthony Dittmar came from a set down to claim a 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 victory.

In the doubles competition, the semifinals are scheduled for Friday, with at least one Croatian guaranteed

a place in the final. Kolundjija and Maretic will take on Joskic and Langmann for a spot in the championship match.



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HIDDEN CHARMS OF ISTRIAN WINES: TONIGHT'S GRAN FINALE WILL CROWN THE ATP WINE 2026

Following evenings dedicated to young Malvasia and aged Teran wines, this year's series of wine tastings in the Taste Istria zone at the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag comes to a close with rosé wines. Once again, the tastings have shown how successfully this concept combines wine education with an enjoyable tasting experience. Through blind tastings, where the identity of each wine remains unknown to both the audience and the winemakers, visitors had the opportunity to compare different varieties and vintages while learning about their distinctive characteristics from wine experts.

As Croatian Sommelier Club sommelier Lucija Matijević explained, this year's program began with 2025 vintage Malvasias from Fiore, Frankovic and Zigante

Vero, continued with aged Teran wines from Cattunar, CUJ and Deskovic from the 2019 and 2022 vintages, and concluded with 2025 rosé wines - from Ravalico, Bencic and Gerzinic, which are best enjoyed young to fully express their freshness and aromatic character.

All three tasting evenings attracted a large number of visitors, who enthusiastically took part in the tastings, asked questions and discovered the differences between the wines. The educational yet relaxed format once again proved to be a winning concept.

Tonight's Gran Finale will feature the winning wine from each of the three themed tasting evenings. Visitors will taste all three finalists before voting to decide which one will be crowned the ATP Wine 2026.



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Taste Istria in a Glass

Taste Istria once again features a selection of Istrian wines, alongside spirits, liqueurs, cocktails and a wide range of other beverages. Evening after evening, visitors discover local wine labels and the authentic flavours of Istria, which have become an essential part of the tournament atmosphere.



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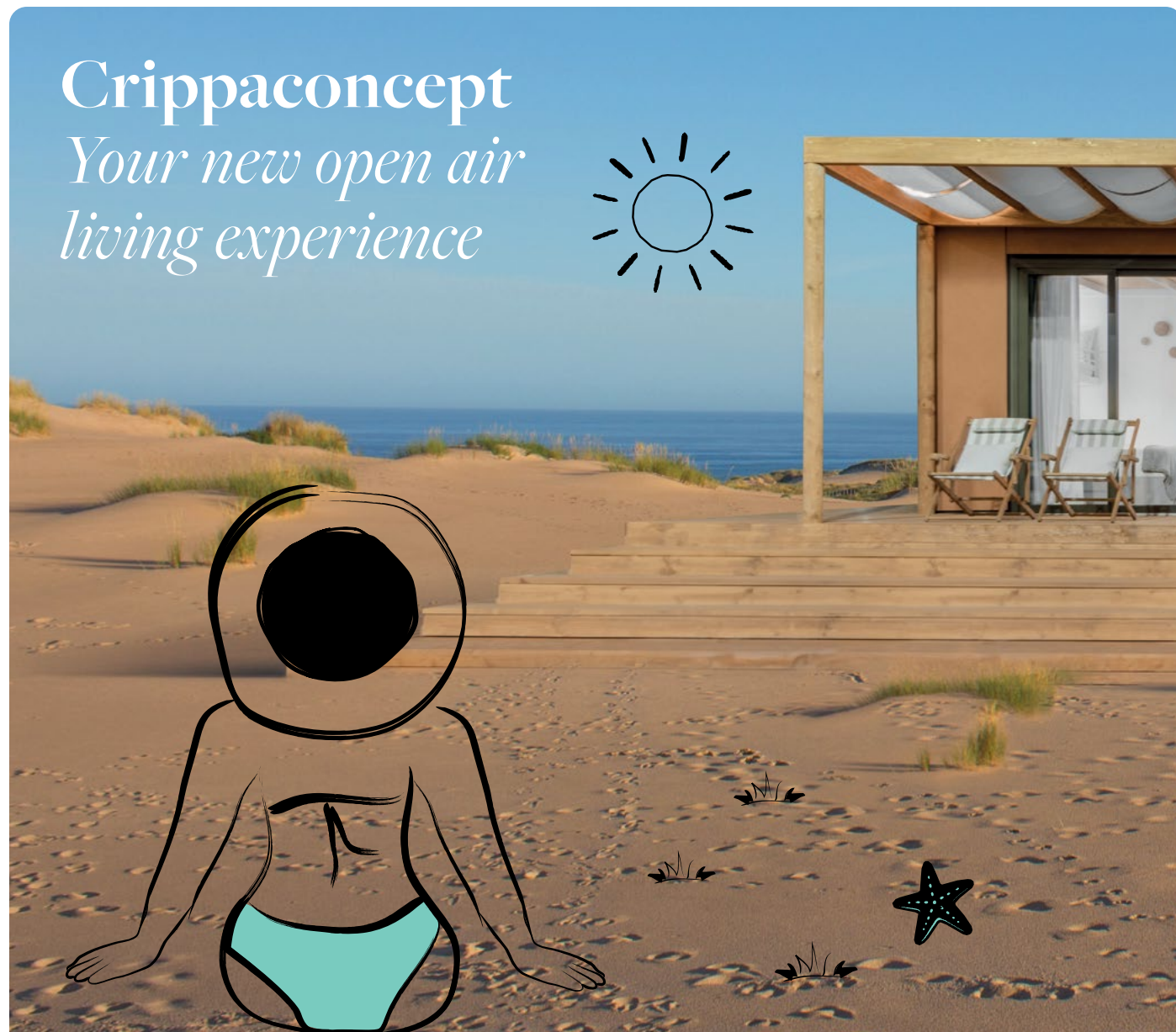
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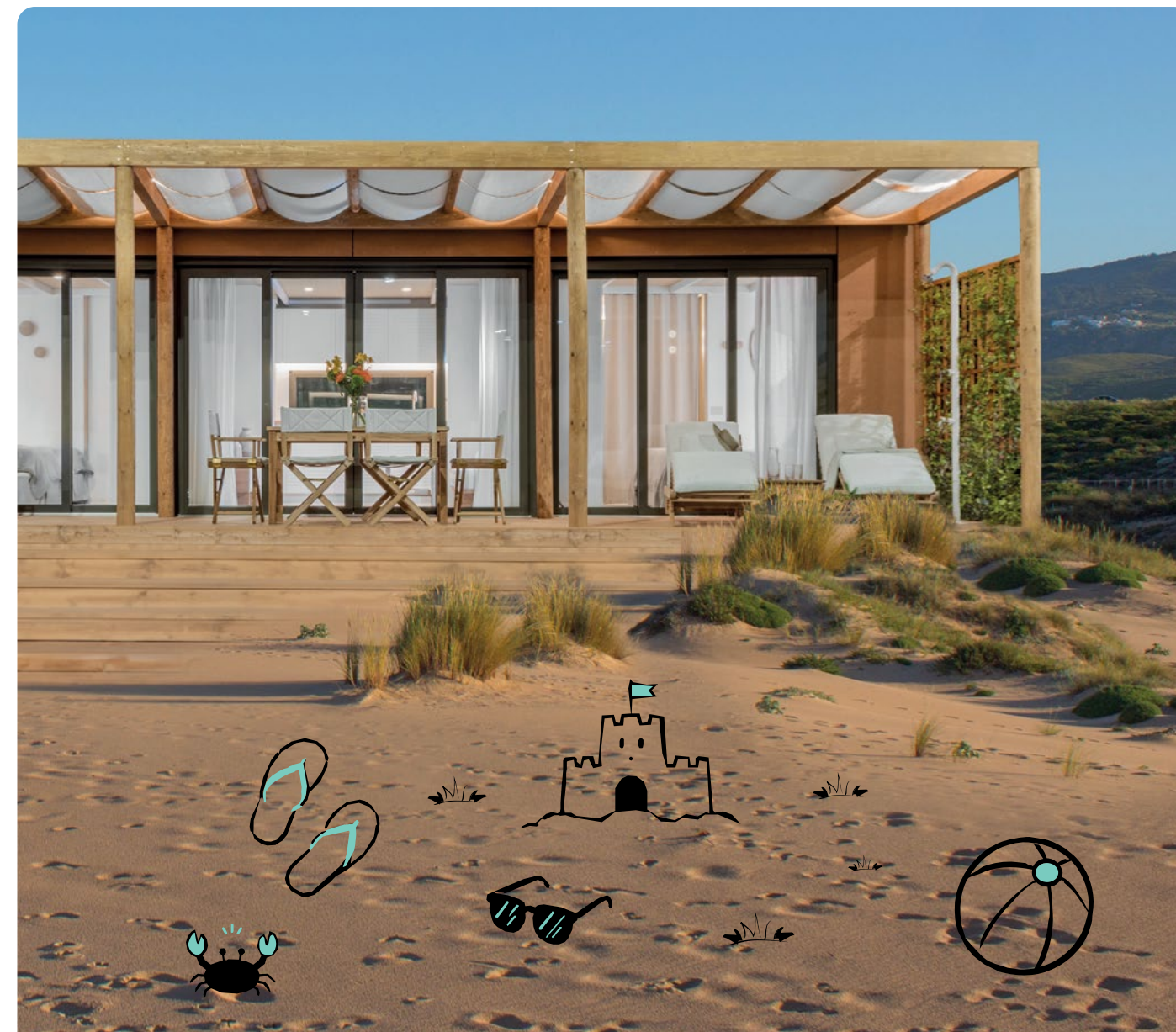
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