

IT IS PEKA TIME!!



WARNING! THIS EVENING MAY CAUSE EXCESSIVE LAUGHING, OVER-EATING, SLIGHT BOCCE OBSESSION, AND A TEMPORARY INABILITY TO PRONOUNCE CROATIAN WORDS.

Is this going to be a hoot or WHAT?!!

We have searched far and wide across Croatia...

(Actually, we just drove about 15 minutes outside Zadar)

...and we have found what may become the **official favorite evening of the entire tour!**

A gorgeous family-owned country estate...

Amazing food...

Ridiculous amounts of homemade liqueurs...

Enough wine to make everyone think they're an international Bocce Champion...

And...

THE FIRST ANNUAL MORNINGSTAR "ANDRE THE GIANT" BOCCE BALL CHAMPIONSHIPS!!

Yes...

This is happening.

No, there is no training required.

No, athletic ability is not required.

In fact, a complete lack of athletic ability may actually improve your chances.

The winners receive...

Absolutely no money.

No trophy.

No endorsement contracts.

Only eternal Morningstar glory.

Which, frankly, is worth much more.

BEFORE DINNER...

The restaurant will greet us with...

EIGHT HOMEMADE CROATIAN LIQUEURS.

Eight.

Not one.

Not two.

EIGHT.

At some point during the tasting, everyone becomes convinced they can pronounce Croatian words.

They can't.

THEN...

The **Morningstar Andre the Giant Bocce Ball Tournament begins.**

Some of you have played.

Some of you haven't.

Some of you won't even remember signing up after the eighth liqueur.

Everybody plays.

Everybody laughs.

Somebody will become a legend.

THEN COMES DINNER...

You know those restaurants where they put three green beans and half a chicken feather on a giant white plate and call it gourmet?

This is NOT that place.

Croatians believe people should leave dinner unable to stand up comfortably.

Mission accomplished.

Tonight's star is...

PEKA

"What is Peka?" you ask.

Excellent question.

Peka is Croatia's answer to the question:

"How can we make dinner so unbelievably delicious that people dream about it years later?"

It is meat (or vegetables for our vegetarians) slowly cooked for HOURS under a heavy clay bell covered with hot coals.

The result?

Fork-tender.

Juicy.

Loaded with flavor.

Absolutely spectacular.

And yes...

You'll be wondering why nobody cooks this way back home.

THE "SMALL" MENU...

I know what you're thinking...

"That doesn't sound like enough food."

Well...

Let's see...

BEFORE DINNER

 Eight homemade liqueurs

STARTERS

 Traditional Croatian Fritule (mini doughnuts)

 Fig Cake (Smokvenjak)

 Bread baked under the Peka

 Seasonal salads

MAIN EVENT

 Veal Peka with potatoes

(Vegetarian Peka available, because we actually like our vegetarians.)

DESSERT

 Apple Strudel

PLUS...

Unlimited...

 White wine

 Red wine

 Soft drinks

 Still water

 Sparkling mineral water

Hmm...

You're right.

Probably not enough.

You'd better eat a really big lunch.

THE GAME PLAN

We board our luxury Morningstar coach.

We drive into the Croatian countryside.

We arrive at a place whose name none of us can pronounce.

We sample eight homemade liqueurs whose names none of us can pronounce.

We play bocce using rules that may or may not become more flexible after liqueur number six.

We sit down for one of the best meals in Croatia.

We laugh.

We tell stories.

We make memories.

We probably eat too much.

Actually...

Scratch the "probably."



\$89 per person

That includes...

- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ Eight homemade liqueurs
- ✓ Complete Croatian feast
- ✓ Wine
- ✓ Soft drinks
- ✓ Dessert
- ✓ Bocce Ball Tournament
- ✓ Lifetime bragging rights if you win

Try finding THAT deal back home!

⚠ IMPORTANT

YOU MUST SIGN UP! Fill out the form below and pay by Friday 14 August and scan and email to us or take a pic and attach to email.

We need final numbers well in advance because authentic Peka isn't something they throw together in the microwave.

It cooks for hours beneath hot coals.

Deadline to sign up and pay: Friday, August 14.

No late entries.

No pleading.

No crying.

Well...

Maybe a little crying.

FINAL THOUGHT...

These are exactly the kinds of crazy, authentic, laugh-until-your-face-hurts evenings that have made Morningstar tours so special over the years.

Anybody can book a hotel.

Anybody can eat in a restaurant.

But not everybody gets to become a contender for the coveted title of...

 **MORNINGSTAR ANDRE THE GIANT BOCCE BALL CHAMPION OF CROATIA!** 

Come hungry.

Come thirsty.

Come ready to laugh.

And whatever you do...

DO NOT challenge Dan after his fifth homemade liqueur. He has the right to start making up Bocce rules as he chooses!

BOCCE AND DINNER FORM

YES! COUNT ME IN!

Please reply by Friday, August 14

Name(s):

Number attending:

Zadar Country Night (\$89 per person)

☐ **YES!** We wouldn't miss this for the world!

☐ **NO.** We'll be the ones everyone else feels sorry for the next day.

 Andre the Giant Bocce Ball Tournament

- ☐ **YES!** Put me in, Coach! I'm ready for Bocce greatness!
- ☐ **NO.** I'd rather sit back with a glass of wine and watch everyone else become world-famous.
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Vegetarian Peka? Otherwise BEEF PEKA if not indicated here

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, how many OF EACH CHOICE? _____

Total Amount to Zelle (use skiingman94@gmail.com as locator) or send check asap to: 21080 Oriole Lane Bend, OR 97703

\$ _____

WARNING: Morningstar is not responsible for:

✓ Excessive laughing

✓ Overeating

✓ Sudden Bocce competitiveness

OR BROKEN TOES FROM DROPPED BOCCE BALLS!

✓ New friendships

✓ Bragging rights lasting for years

✓ Or anyone insisting they can now pronounce Croatian words after eight homemade liqueurs.