



ESPLANADE
ZAGREB HOTEL



Esplanade Zagreb Hotel Awards and Recognitions

The Esplanade Zagreb Hotel boasts a long list of awards and acknowledgments for its impeccable service, exceptional cuisine, and sophisticated interior design, based on the reviews of experts and guests that it had the pleasure to accommodate.

The Esplanade Zagreb Hotel was named the Best European Historic Hotel of the Year at the prestigious European Hotel Awards 2019 in Geneva. Hvar island's festival, Days of Croatian Tourism, awarded the Esplanade Zagreb Hotel with two prestigious awards – Best City Hotel in 2018 and in 2019, and the Hotel of the Year.

TripAdvisor has been naming the Esplanade the number-one hotel in Zagreb, awarding it with its Hall of Fame recognition for both the hotel and its restaurants, for many years. The hotel was named by the World Luxury Awards committee as the Hotel Best Luxury City Hotel, Best Luxury Architecture Design Hotel, and Best Luxury Historical Hotel.

The Haute Grandeur Global Award presented the Esplanade with awards for hotel business practice, the Zinfandel's restaurant, and the Health Club in several categories.

Chef Ana Grgić Tomić's risotto was named one of the 101 best in the world by Riso Gallo Gastro Guide. The Zinfandel's restaurant was also awarded by Falstaff International Restaurant Guide, and with the Good Restaurants Award for High-End Hotel Restaurants. In 2021, Zinfandel's was awarded the Michelin Green Star, making it the first restaurant in Croatia to be awarded for sustainable cooking practices. Both Zinfandel's and Le Bistro have been receiving Michelin Guide Recommendations throughout the years. The prestigious Gault&Millau Restaurant Guide has been acknowledging Zinfandel's and Le Bistro for years, and in 2018 Executive Chef Ana Grgić Tomić was declared The Great Chef of Tomorrow.

CHECK THE COMPLETE LIST OF AWARDS:

2022

Gault&Millau Guide Croatia

- Ana Grgić Tomić – Chef of the Year 2022 Award
- Zinfandel's, 4 tokas – Award for the Best Restaurant 2022
- Le Bistro Restaurant, 3 tokas

2021

World Luxury Hotel Award

- Country winner in the following category: Luxury Architecture Design Hotel

Michelin Guide Green Star

- Zinfandel's Restaurant – first ever awarded restaurant in Croatia for sustainable cooking practices

Michelin Guide Recommendation

- Zinfandel's and Le Bistro Restaurant

Charter Fest – Antonio Conte

- Award for excellence to General Manager Mr. Ivica Max Krizmanić For top professional achievements. Contributing to local and international promotion of hotel and tourism.

Congress Star certification

- Certificate of Excellence, A – city meeting hotel

Falstaff International Restaurant Guide

- Zinfandel's Restaurant, 3 forks award

TripAdvisor Hall of Fame

- Esplanade Zagreb Hotel
- Le Bistro
- Zinfandel's Restaurant

Gault&Millau Restoran Guide

- Zinfandel's Restaurant, 4 tokas

Dobri restorani (Good Restaurants Award – by Jutarnji list national daily newspaper) sponsored by the Croatian National Tourist Board

- Zinfandel's Restaurant – High Category Hotel Restaurant, second place

2020

Michelin Guide Recommendation

- Zinfandel's and Le Bistro Restaurant

Gault&Millau Restaurant Guide

- Zinfandel's Restaurant, 4 tokas

TripAdvisor Hall of Fame

- Esplanade Zagreb Hotel
- Le Bistro
- Zinfandel's Restaurant

2019

Gault&Millau Restaurant Guide

- Zinfandel's Restaurant, 4 tokas

European Historic Hotel of The Year

- Ceremony held in Geneva

Annual Days of Croatian Tourism (Croatian National Tourism Board, the Croatian Chamber of Economy and the Ministry of Tourism)

- The Best City Hotel

Michelin Guide Recommendation

- For Zinfandel's and Le Bistro Restaurant

TripAdvisor Hall of Fame o Esplanade Zagreb Hotel o Le Bistro Restaurant

- Zinfandel's Restaurant

Dobri restorani (Good Restaurants Award – by Jutarnji List national daily newspapers)

- Zinfandel's Restaurant - The Best restaurant of high category hotel

2018

Gault&Millau Restaurant Guide

- Executive chef Ana Grgić - The Great Chef of Tomorrow 2018
- Zinfandel's Restaurant, 4 tokas

World Luxury Restaurant Award

- Zinfandel's restaurant - The Best Fine Dining Restaurant

Haute Grandeur Global Award

- Hotel business
- Zinfandel's restaurant
- Health Club

Luxury Travel Guide – Food & Drink Awards

- Zinfandel's Restaurant - The Best Modern Restaurant

Annual Days of Croatian Tourism (Croatian National Tourism Board, the Croatian Chamber of Economy and the Ministry of Tourism)

- Hotel of the Year
- The Best City Hotel

Five Star Diamond Award, American Academy of Hospitality Science

- Mr. Ivica Max Krizmanić, GM of Esplanade Zagreb Hotel

Chaîne des Rôtisseurs

- title of Chef Rôtisseur for Chef Ana Grgić
- title of Maître Hôtelier for General Manager, Mr. Ivica Max Krizmanić

Michelin Guide Recommendation

- For Zinfandel's and Le Bistro Restaurant

2017

Michelin Guide Recommendation

- For Zinfandel's and Le Bistro Restaurant

World Luxury Hotel Award

- Country in the following category: Luxury Architecture Design Hotel
- Country in the following category: Luxury Historical Hotel

Regional in the following category: Luxury Heritage HotelLuxury Travel Guide Hotel

- Classic Luxury Hotel of the Year

TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice Award TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence

- Esplanade Zagreb Hotel
- Le Bistro
- Zinfandel's

Tourist Quality Flower for Croatia

- The best city hotel by Croatian Chamber of Commerce

Charter for the Promotion and Application of Quality in the Croatian Economy

- By the Croatian Quality Society as the as a medium-sized business

2016

"Loved By Guests" Gold Award

- Awarded by Hotels.com after 20 million guests reviews

Chefs Ana Grgic best 101 risottos in the world

- Published by Riso Gallo Guide

Chef Ana Grgic nomination for the Woman of the Year

- By glossy Storybook magazine

2015

Great Rail Journeys Award

- Best hotel in the Region

100 best hotels in the world by Town & Country magazine

- Wendy Perrin's exclusive Wow List Club

Tourist Quality Flower for Croatia

- Best business hotel in Croatia

Certificate of Excellence by TripAdvisor

- Awards for accommodation and restaurant service at Le Bistro

Trip Advisor Hall of Fame for Zinfandel's restaurant

- Awarded for restaurants that get Certificate of Excellence for five consecutive

years

World Luxury Hotel Award

- o Best Luxury City Hotel
- o Best Luxury Historical Hotel

Reader's Choice Award

2014

Expedia Insider's Select

General Manager becomes a member of E.H.M.A.

- o Only hotelier from Croatia

TripAdvisor Traveler's Choice Award

- o Top Hotels
- o Top Historical Hotels

Conde Nast Traveler Gold List and Platinum Cercle

- o Only Croatian hotel

World Luxury Hotel Awards

- o Best Luxury City Hotel

2013

Conde Nast Traveler Gold List and Platinum Cercle

- o Only Croatian hotel

Conde Nast Traveler Magazine – Readers' Choice Award

- o Among 100 best hotels in SE Europe

Expedia Insiders' Select List

TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence

- o For the Hotel, Zinfandel's and Le Bistro Restaurant

HolidayCheck Quality Selection

Chefs Ana Grgic best 101 risottos in the world

- o Published by Riso Gallo Guide

The Great Rail Journeys Award

TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice Winner

- o The best Hotel
- o The best service
- o The best luxury hotel in Croatia

Meeting Star Award

- o The best in the category Luxury City Meetings Hotel 2013, by Kongres Magazine, Slovenia (Conventa)

Luxury Travel Series prize

- o In the category Luxury Hotel 2013 for Croatia, by a specialized tourism guide, the Luxury Travel Guide

Zinfandel's & Le Bistro received a recognition by Akademija

- o Special Croatian gastronomy magazine

2012

Condé Nast Traveler Reader's Choice Award

The Tourist Flower - Quality for Croatia Award

- o Special recognition for the long-term quality of service as the best 5* hotel in Continental Croatia for the last few years

TripAdvisor 2012 Certificate of Excellence Award

- o 1st hotel in Zagreb, based on traveler's reviews

Great Rail Journeys Gold Award

- o The Best Food

Conde Nast Traveler Gold List

- o Only Croatian hotel

2011

The Tourist Flower

- o Quality for Croatia Award - 1st place as the best 5* hotel in Continental Croatia

Conde Nast Traveler Magazine

- o Readers' Choice Award - among 100 best hotels in EU

World Luxury Hotel Awards

- o Luxury City Hotel, Croatia

TripAdvisor

- o Special recognition to Zinfandel's Restaurant

TripAdvisor

- o 1st hotel in Zagreb, based on traveler's reviews

2010

World Luxury Hotel Awards 2010

- o Luxury City Hotel, Croatia

The Tourist Flower - Quality for Croatia Award

- o 1st place as the best 5* hotel in Continental Croatia

Croatia's No. 1 Pastry Chef

- o Ms. Mirjana Špoljar

Expedia Insiders Select

- o Top Seller - by Room Nights booked in April

Fodor's Choice

Riso Gallo Gastro Guide Book

- Zinfandel's among top 101 restaurants in the world

TripAdvisor – 1st hotel in Zagreb

- based on travelers reviews

2009

Croatia's No. 1 pastry Chef

- Mrs. Mirjana Špoljar

Croatia's No. 1 bar tender and 8th in the World

- Mr. Srećko Šoh

100 Best restaurants in Croatia, gastro guide book

- featuring Zinfandel's as one of the best

The «Tourist Flower» - Quality for Croatia Award

Expedia Insiders Select

- ranks The Esplanade among top hotels worldwide

TripAdvisor - 1st hotel in Zagreb

- based on travelers reviews

Conde Nast Traveler Magazine Gold List

Conde Nast Traveler Magazine - Readers Choice Award

- Among 100 best hotels in EU

2008

Expedia Insiders Select

- Ranks the Esplanade among top hotels worldwide

TripAdvisor

- 1st hotel In Zareb based on travelers' reviews

Večernji list daily newspapers

- Zinfandel's Restaurant received Big Star as one of the best in Zagreb region

Superbrands Award

- Among TOP 100 hotels in South Europe

Prix Villegiature Awards

- Nominated in 2 categories for the best graphic design and the best interior design

5 Star Diamond Award

Carlson Hotels Worldwide Aspire Award

Conde Nast Traveler Magazine

- o Gold List

Conde Nast Traveler Magazine - Readers Choice Award

- o Among 100 best hotels in EU

2007

World Travel Awards

- o the best Presidential Suite in Croatia and the best hotel in Croatia

Superbrands Award Star Diamond Award

World in the glass magazine

- o Recognition to the Chef for his contribution

Conde Nast Traveler Magazine

- o Gold List

Conde Nast Traveler Magazine - Readers Choice Award

- o Among 100 best hotels in EU

2006

Certificate Employer Partner o

- o Excellence in Human Resource

2005

Croatian culinary association awards o

- o Culinary competition - awards for the best main dish and the best dessert

History

o 1997 The Taverna Croatica restaurant received important recognition - it is proclaimed one of the ten best restaurants in Croatia, the only hotel restaurant in Zagreb. Patisseries of Esplanade won top awards in almost all categories at the Zagreb sweets festival

o In 1975 by the acknowledgement of President Tito the Esplanade hotel received the Order of Labour with a golden wreath.

o In 1968 it was nominated the best among 62 Inter-Continental hotels in Europe and the Middle East.

o In 1967 the Esplanade received the Zagreb city Assembly award for business performances

About Esplanade Zagreb Hotel

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