

Fortress of Culture Šibenik, Croatia



The Guardians of Šibenik

Šibenik is one of the oldest Croatian indigenous cities, located in the natural harbor at the protected mouth of the river Krka. Besides being surrounded by two national parks and home to two UNESCO World Heritage sites, Šibenik is also known as the "City of fortresses". Once the defenders (guardians) of Šibenik, the fortresses have transformed from dormant beauties into vibrant locations in recent years. The fortifications of Šibenik today include four fortresses and several ruins, dating from the Middle Ages to the 20th century. Today, the fortresses are modern experiences and cultural locations with a wide range of offers for every target group, embedded in a beautiful old town on the Adriatic Sea. Discover the guardians of Šibenik!

Why visit the Fortresses of Šibenik?

- 1. Panoramic views
- 2. Barone Summer Cinema
- 3. VR games at St. Michael's Fortress
- 4. Modern approach to history
- 5. AR tour
- 6. Cocktail oʻclock at golden hour
- 7. Best shopping spots in town



World of experience

St. Michael's Fortress

Perched on a hill overlooking the Adriatic Sea in Šibenik, Croatia, St. Michael's Fortress is a formidable medieval stronghold with a **rich history**. Renowned for its commanding views and strategic location, the fortress has been repurposed for cultural events, preserving its historical significance while offering a unique venue for contemporary activities, mainly concerts.

Today, it is famous for one of **Croatia's most beautiful outdoor stages**. From the grand opening until today, every summer the stage has hosted numerous concerts and dance performances.



Barone Fortress

Barone Fortress, built in the 17th century, has undergone a remarkable transformation. Beyond its historical significance, today's fortress houses a unique blend of the ancient and the modern. Visitors can explore the medieval architecture while experiencing a touch of the contemporary. The fortress boasts an **augmented reality platform**, offering an innovative way to engage with history.

A **charming bar** within the fortress provides a scenic setting to enjoy refreshments while absorbing the **panoramic views**.



St. John's Fortress

St. John's Fortress was built in 1646, on a 120 meters high hill north of Šibenik's old town. It was named after the church that had been there for several centuries. The fortress was built during August and September, in only 58 days, as the main point of the new defense system of the city, just before the great attack of the Ottoman army.

St. John's Fortress is now home to an **educational campus**, offering a fusion of medieval charm and modern learning, while enjoying **spectacular views** from one of the the highest points in town.



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Information for tour operators

Ticket prices from March to November

| | St. Michaels' Fortress | Barone and St. John's Fortress | Combined Ticket* |
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| Adults | 11,50€ | 11,50€ | 13,00€ |
| Children / Students | 7,50€ | 7,50€ | 8,50€ |
| Family ticket | 25,50€ | 25,50€ | 29,00€ |

Notes:

- Free admission: members of professional societies (ICOM), children under 7 years
- *Combined ticket for 3 fortresses, as well as ticket for Barone & St. John Fortress, can be one-time used within 7 days from the date of purchase.
- AR device and audio guide are free to use.
- Family ticket applies to parents/ legal guardians and their children under 18 years.
- Visitors insurance is included.

Tourist infrastructure:

Tourist information, hotels, gastronomy, event rooms, car parks, bus station, railway station, taxi, sanitary facilities, caravan and camping site, shopping and many more

Places of interest in the surrounding area:

Cathedral and Cathedral interpretation Centre, Coral Centre, National park, St. Nicholas Fortress, ...

Expert Guidance

Guided tours in Croatian and English for organized groups are available, subject to appointment and reservation. For more information about how to reach every location and accessibility please check the website.

| Guided tour - St. Michael's or Barone Fortress | 20€ |
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| Guided tour - St. Michael's and Barone Fortress | 35€ |

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Opening hours Tourist Info:

Summer: Monday - Sunday 09:00 – 21:00 Winter: Monday-Sunday 09:00 - 16:00 Please visit our official website for the latest information on opening hours and events at the House of Arts Arsen and the Šibenik fortresses.

Languages:

German, English, French, Croatian, Italian

How to get here:

| Car: | E65 (11 km) |
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| Train: | Šibenik centre to Knin, Perkovic and Unesic |
| Bus: | Central bus station; services from major cities and neighboring countries |
| Flight: | Split (SPU) 50 km Zadar (ZAD) 78 km Take a bus, taxi, or rent a car from the airport to Šibenik. |
| Ferry: | Šibenik centre to Zlarin-Kaprije-Zirje or to Vodice-Sepurine-Prvcic Luka-Zlarin |

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