



Montenegro

LOCATION:

Lustica peninsula, Montenegro

TOTAL AREA:

110,000 m2

PROJECT SPECIFICATION:

Exclusive residential complex

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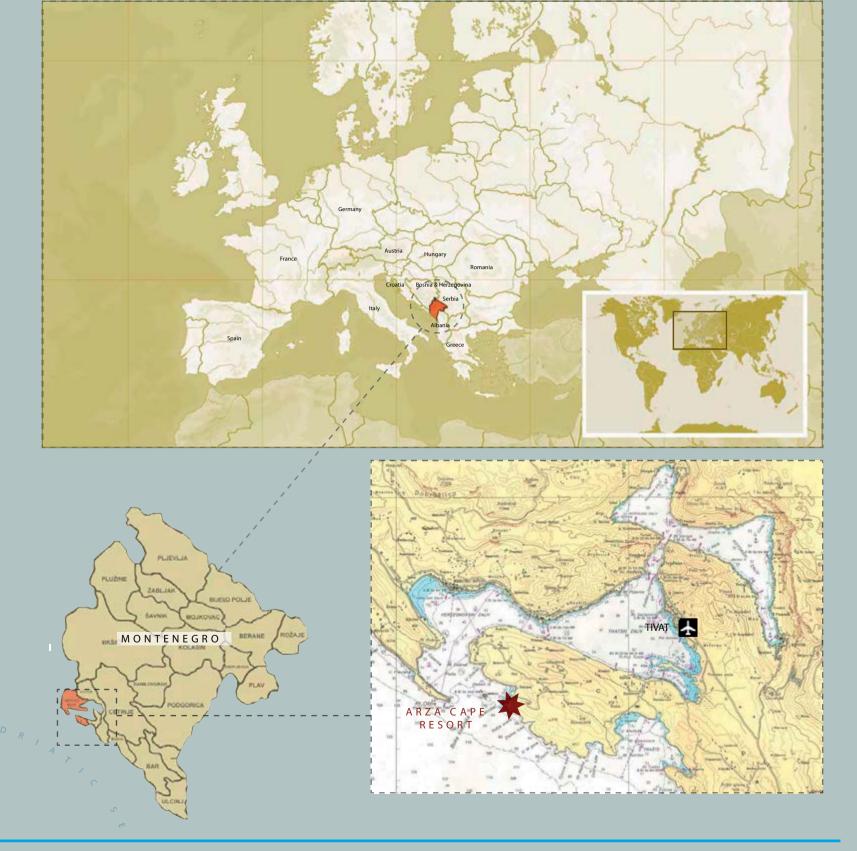
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This project of luxury villas, apartments and hotel complex, is to be developed on one of the most beautiful spots of the Montenegro coast: the peninsula of Arza, situated at the entrance of the Boka Kotorska bay. With its prominent position facing the sea on three sides, excellent geographical features and morphological disposition, it is a location with optimal development potential for the proposed project.

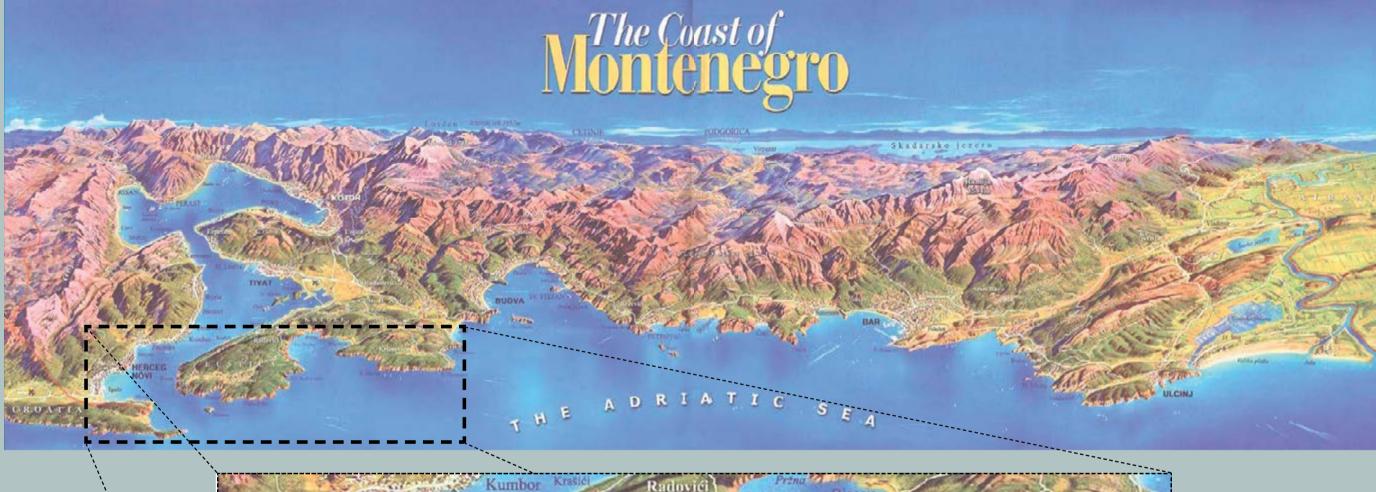
The aforementioned is enhanced by the integration of a historical monument like the well-preserved Arza Fort and the breath taking views of this unrepeatable location.

The development area comprises 10.4 ha, whereby approximately 35,000 m2 are to be allocated to Hotel, restaurants and complementary facilities. Another 45,000 m2 will encompass the luxury residential villas and apartment complex areas.







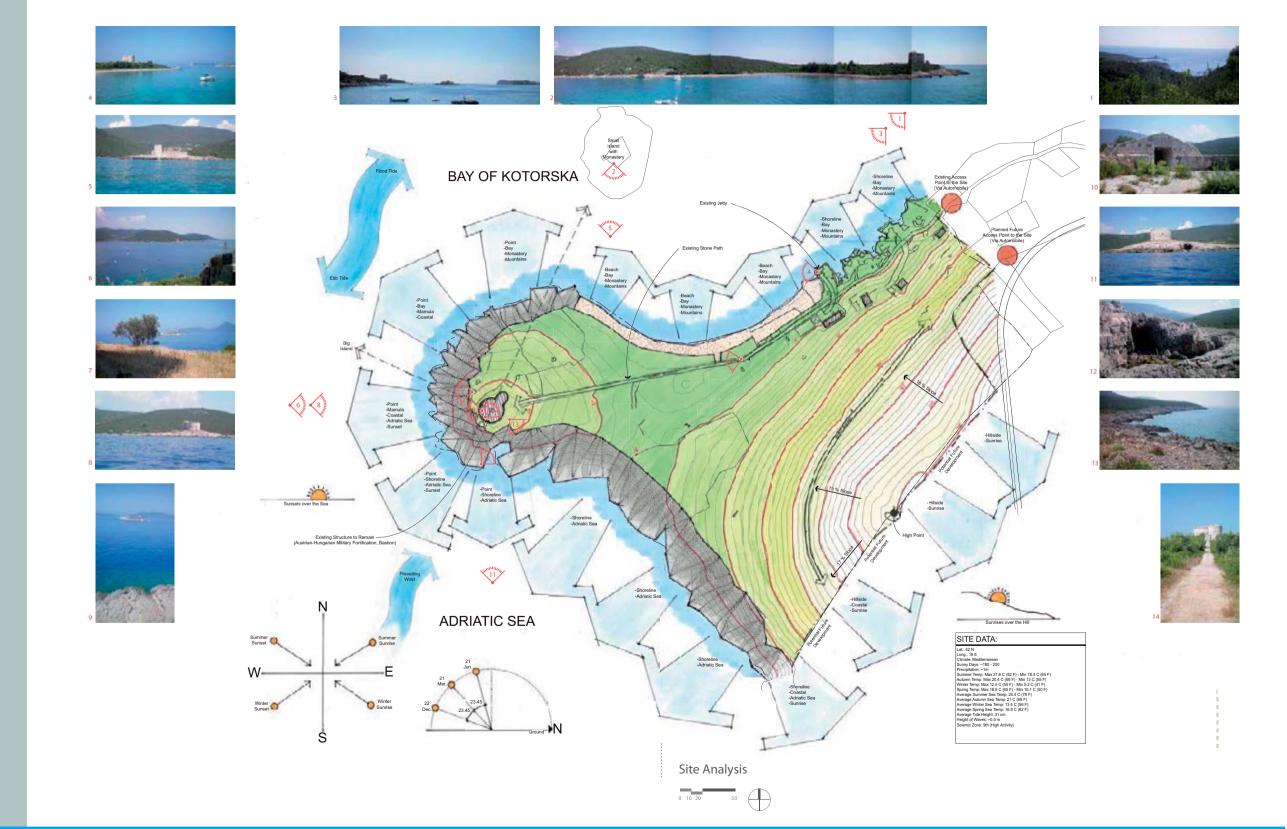




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Proximity Map





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Site Analysis



Historic Location

Over a century ago, Montenegrin defenders erected Fortresses on islands and rocky points at the mouth of the Bay of Kotorska to protect it from enemy forces in the Adriatic Sea. At the eastern point on the Lustica Peninsula, the historic ruins of the old Bastion are all that remain of the old embattlements. This rocky site is bordered by the turbulent Adriatic Sea on the southwest and the tranquil Bay of Kotorska on the northwest. The Arza Cape Resort is located at this natural confluence of turbulence and tranquility, where historic battles took place in the most picturesque of natural settings. This prominent 11 hectare point is encircled by the stunning beauty of the bay and ocean coastlines and set against the backdrop of a steeply sloping hillside and the dramatic mountains beyond.

Natural Features

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Planning

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Architecture

The architectural forms will unfold, in part, as an interpretation of the natural intricacy found in the existing landscape. Irregular building footprints, stepped volumes, and deliberate deviation from established grids are a few methods of achieving this interpretation.

Montenegro symbolizes unspoiled nature, authentic village characterfresh air crystal clear water, and a tradition of hospitality that together have survived many centuries. These traditions are embedded in the regional style of architecture that remains preserved in many villages and towns.

Historic buildings in the Bay of the Kotorska inspire the need to reference the craft of old-world materials, details and construction methods.

The design of the Arza Cape Resort will reflect the beauty and inherent value of Montenegro's traditional architecture and demonstrate how these traditions can be adapted to a modern language and lifestyle without losing their regional characteristics and identity.

This presents an opportunity for a uniquely appropriate approach to resort design – the pairing of old and new – design on both textural and volumetric levels. These will form a clear and rational approach to design that will be evident in both the details and the overall mass of the resort.

Character

In order to be successful, the resort must be self-sufficient – able to generate a vibrancy and social energy that not only set it apart as the most intriguing dining and lodging experience in the area, but also make it into a prime destination.

The Bastion and the site's sense of timelessness will establish for each guest a connection with Montenegro's long and rich cultural history, which has been shaped by centuries of commerce and political struggle. This history adds an intriguing layer to the story and unique appeal of the region and Arza Cape Resort.

Sustainable Design

Green construction methods, site planning, water conservation, waste management, regional material use, and reduced energy consumption are key elements of a successful approach to building in this region. Green building design principles not only represent the most responsible approach to design, but they are also consistent with The Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro's "Declaration on the ecological state of Montenegro" (September 20, 1991).DISTINCTIVE QUALITY

The Arza Cape Resort will be one of the first internationally-branded, 5-star destination resorts in Montenegro – bringing with it the sophistication and high standard of quality expected from an established luxury hotel chain. As new construction on a prominent historic site, the resort will quickly become a signature development and an identifier for entry into the Bay of Kotorska.

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Design Narrative





















Hotel Arrival View







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Plaza View







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Project Aerial View





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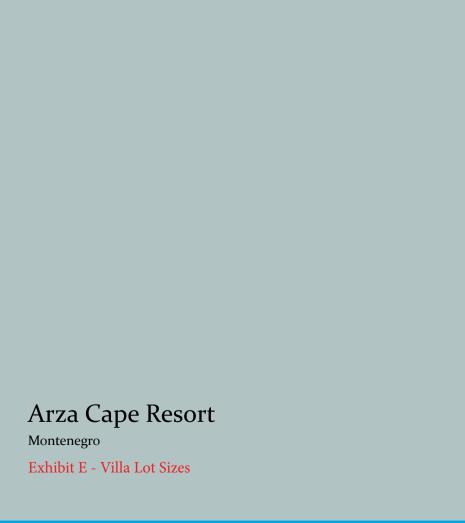




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Exhibit G - Bldg Number















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Massing Studies - Aerial View







Water Taxi Arrival



Event Lawn



Over Water Bungalow

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Massing Studies - Eye Level





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Massing Study - Photo Simulation



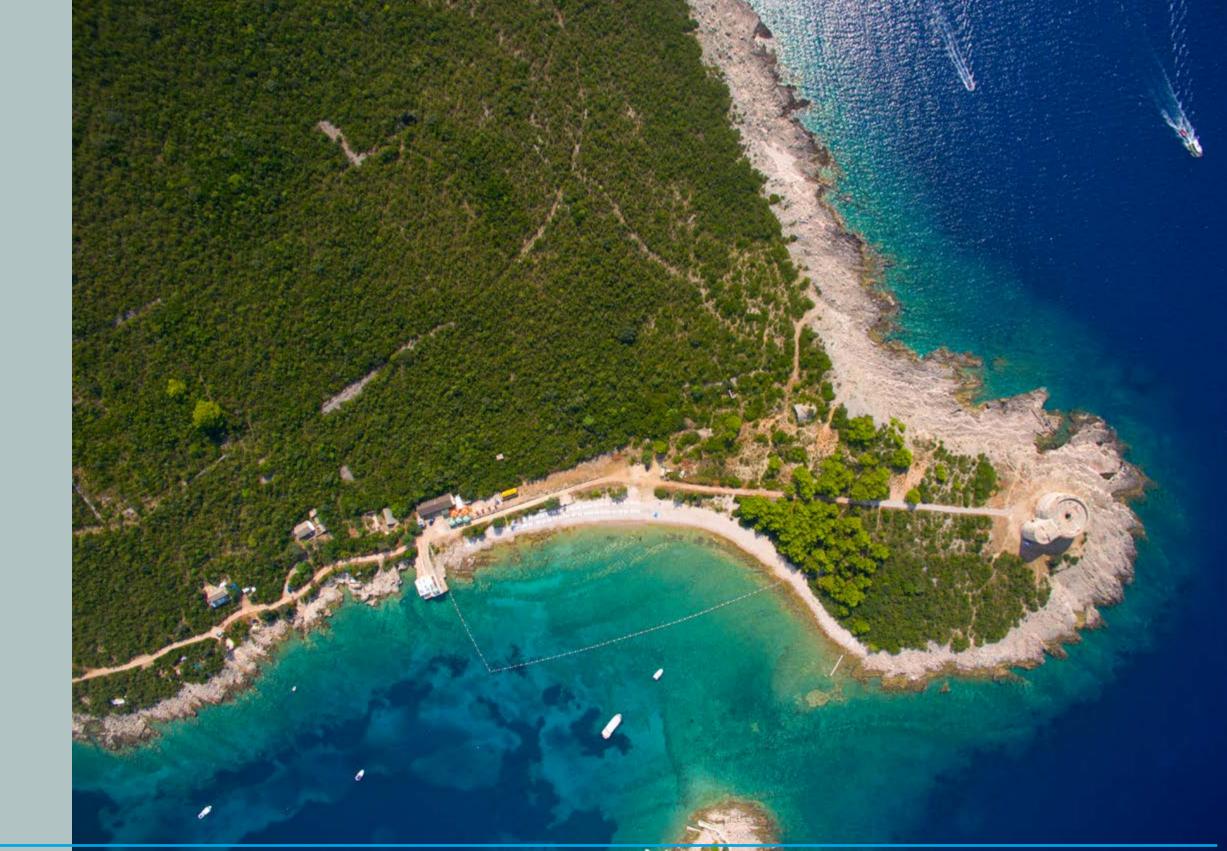


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