



48TH

CIPS CONGRESS

Neum, Bosnia & Herzegovina



2027



SPORTSKO RIBOLOVNI SAVEZ BOSNE I HERCEGOVINE
SPORTS FISHING ASSOCIATION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA



Neum, Bosnia & Herzegovina



Dear Madam/Sir

We are using this opportunity to submit a letter of good will/ application to the organisation of the CIPS Congress in 2027.

Bosnia and Herzegovina and Sports Fishing Association of Bosnia and Herzegovina is the member of CIPS and has great experience in organizing events like many World Sport Fishing games and Championships so far.

This is why we are applying for the organisation of the CIPS Congress as a reliable and competent candidate for the organisation.

We have needed human resources as well as infrastructure to do so. As the organizers we would use the opportunity to welcome you as a host In our beautiful region of Herzegovina.

Danijel Kobačić

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*President of Sport Fishing Association
of Bosnia and Herzegovina*

ABOUT BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

It's a small, diverse country in Southeast Europe, on the Balkan Peninsula, bordered by Croatia, Serbia, Montenegro, and the Adriatic Sea.

The capital is Sarajevo, a historic city that hosted the 1984 Winter Olympics and is known for its unique blend of Ottoman, Austro-Hungarian, and Slavic influences.

Bosnia and Herzegovina is rich in cultural and religious diversity, with Muslim Bosniaks, Catholic Croats, and Orthodox Serbs, creating a melting pot of traditions and cuisine.

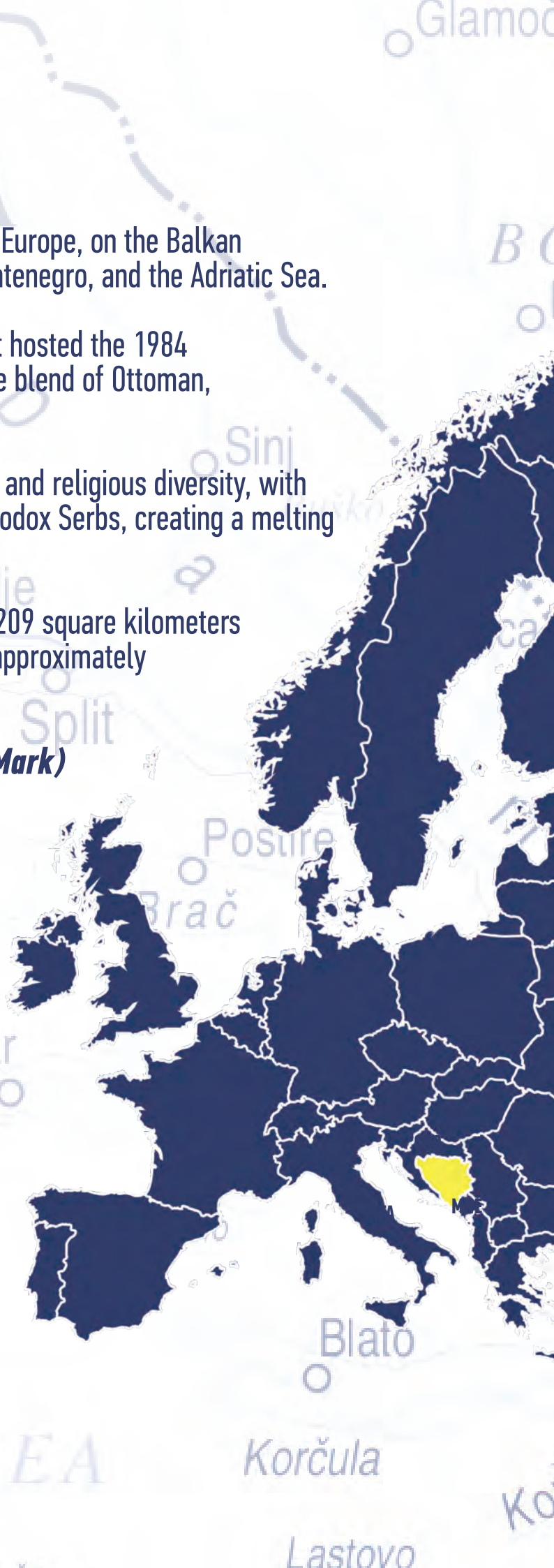
Bosnia and Herzegovina has a size of 51,209 square kilometers (19,767 square miles) and a population of approximately 3.3 million people.

Currency: BAM (*Bosnian Convertible Mark*)

Bosnia and Herzegovina is in the Central European Time (CET) zone, which is UTC+1 during standard time. During daylight saving time, it follows Central European Summer Time (CEST), which is UTC+2.

It (BiH) has a varied climate due to its diverse geography but generally, it has Continental Climate in the interior and Mediterranean Climate along the coast, like in Neum.

Over 30% of the country's land is covered by forests making it one of the greenest countries in Europe.



Here are a couple of fun and amazing facts about Bosnia and Herzegovina

Bosnia is home to the stunning Vrelo Bosne, one of the largest and most beautiful freshwater springs in Europe. It's the source of the Bosna River and offers breathtaking natural scenery, with crystal-clear water and scenic pathways that attract many tourists.

The Stari Most (Old Bridge) in Mostar is an iconic 16th-century Ottoman structure. It's not only a UNESCO World Heritage site, but it's also famous for daring locals and tourists who jump off it into the river below, a tradition that has been practiced for centuries.

Bosnia and Herzegovina is home to Kraljeva Sutjeska, which holds the remains of the largest medieval fortress in the world, known as Bobovac. It once served as the royal capital of the Bosnian Kingdom!



Neum is Bosnia and Herzegovina's only coastal town, nestled along the Adriatic Sea. Known for its crystal-clear waters, Mediterranean climate, and charming blend of Bosnian and Mediterranean culture, it's a peaceful heaven for relaxation and outdoor activities.

NEUM



NEUM IS THE ONLY COASTAL TOWN IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, LOCATED ALONG THE ADRIATIC SEA.

Nestled between Croatia's Dalmatian coast, Neum offers a unique blend of Bosnian culture and Mediterranean charm. The town boasts a Mediterranean climate with sunny days and warm sea temperatures, making it an ideal destination for beach enthusiasts.

Neum's history dates back to prehistoric times, with archaeological sites indicating early human presence. In the medieval period, it was a point of contention between the Republic of Venice and the Republic of Ragusa. By the 15th century, Neum came under the control of the Republic of Ragusa, enhancing its significance as a trading port.

The Ottoman Empire ruled the region from the late 15th to the late 19th century, leaving a lasting impact on its cultural and architectural landscape. Following a brief period under French influence, Neum became part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, which led to significant infrastructural developments. In the 20th century, Neum solidified its status as Bosnia and Herzegovina's sole access point to the Adriatic Sea.

"The Mediterranean Sea speaks to the soul in a thousand different languages."
Local proverb



FISHING IN AND AROUND NEUM

Neum's Adriatic coastline offers an abundant of fishing opportunities.

Local fishermen engage in both commercial and recreational fishing, targeting species such as:

Sea Bream (*Pagellus erythrinus*): known for its delicate flavor, it's a prized catch in the region.

Sea Bass (*Dicentrarchus labrax*): a popular target for both local and visiting anglers.

Gilt-head Bream (*Sparus aurata*): valued for its firm texture and rich taste.

Mullet (*Mugilidae*): commonly found in the coastal waters, offering a fun fishing experience.

The clear Adriatic waters provide excellent visibility, enhancing the fishing experience. Whether from the shore or a boat, anglers can enjoy the serene environment while pursuing these species. The surrounding areas offer diverse fishing experiences: Neretva River Located northeast of Neum, this area is rich in biodiversity, offering fishing opportunities in its numerous channels and wetlands. Pelješac Peninsula: To the west, this region is known for its deep waters and is a hotspot for catching various fish species. Klek Peninsula: Situated to the east, the waters around Klek are teeming with marine life, providing ample fishing spots.

"Thou who didst waken from his summer dreams, The blue Mediterranean, where he lay."

Percy Bysshe Shelley, Ode to the West Wind

Embark on a journey to Mostar and discover a city where history and culture blend seamlessly. Wander through its iconic Stari Most bridge, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and explore charming streets lined with Ottoman-era architecture. Savor Mostar's famous ćevapi and indulge in local specialties like sogan-dolma (stuffed onions) while enjoying the warm Bosnian hospitality.

Mostar is a place where tradition meets beauty at every corner.



Mostar



Dubrovnik

Step into the heart of Dubrovnik and immerse yourself in the beauty of this ancient UNESCO World Heritage city. Stroll along the legendary city walls, offering breathtaking views of the Adriatic, and explore the winding streets of the Old Town. Indulge in fresh seafood and local delicacies like black risotto while soaking in the Mediterranean charm.

Dubrovnik is a perfect blend of history, culture, and stunning coastal landscapes.

Discover Split – a city where ancient history meets modern charm.

Explore the impressive Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and stroll along its lively streets filled with shops and cafes. Taste the flavors of Split, from the fresh Dalmatian seafood to the region's famous pasticada (beef stew), all while enjoying the stunning coastal views.

Split is a perfect blend of history, culture, and culinary delights.



Split

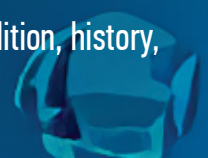
Experience Sarajevo – a city where East meets West

Rich in history and vibrant culture. Wander through the Baščaršija old bazaar, with its Ottoman-era charm, and admire the stunning Gazi Husrev-beg Mosque. Delight in Sarajevo's flavors, from the famous ćevapi to the hearty burek, paired with a cup of traditional Bosnian coffee.

Sarajevo offers a unique blend of tradition, history, and mouthwatering cuisine.



Sarajevo





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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM FOR THE 48TH CIPS 2027 CONGRESS

The detailed program will be provided at a later date

Wednesday 2027

Arrival of members of the CIPS Presidium

- 15:00 - 19:00 **Meeting of the CIPS Presidium**
- 19:15 - 20:00 Dinner
- 20:00 - 21:00 Neum wine and cheese Tasting

Thursday 2027

Arrival of participants in the morning

- 11:30 **Opening ceremony of the CIPS Congress**
- 12:30 - 13:30 Symposium
- 13:30 - 13:30 Light Lunch
- 14:30 - 18:30 **FIPSeD Assembly**
- 20:00 Opening Dinner in hotel

Friday 2027

- 09:00 - 13:00 **FIPS-Mer Assembly**
- 13:00 - 14:00 Lunch
- 14:30 - 18:30 **FIPS-Mouche Assembly**
- 20:00 Dinner in hotel

Saturday 2027

- 08:00 - 13:00 **CIPS Congress**
- 13:00 - 14:00 Lunch
- 15:00 - 19:00 Cultural program for Congress participants
- 20:30 Closing dinner of the Congress

Sunday 2027

- 9:30 - 16:00 **Optional excursion to Medugorje for those interested, at their own expense.**

The largest hotel on the Neum Riviera



GRAND HOTEL NEUM
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Premium infinity pool



Relaxing seawater pool



Buffet hall



Banquet Hall

Cost of the accommodation

650 EUR DOUBLE ROOM IN FULL BOAD PER PERSON *(DELEGATE)*

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(accompanying person with a Delegate)

770 EUR SINGLE ROOM IN FULL BOAD PER PERSON *(DELEGATE)*

720 EUR SINGLE ROOM IN FULL BOAD PER PERSON
(accompanying person with a Delegate)

ALL INCLUSIVE PACKAGE:

*Registration fee, Accommodation 3 nights,
meals, gala dinner, trips*

EXTRA DAYS

140 EUR per person/night in SNGL ROOM
in bed & breakfast accommodation

90 EUR per person/night in DBL ROOM
in bed & breakfast accommodation
(tourist tax: 2 € per person, per night)



Luxury rooms



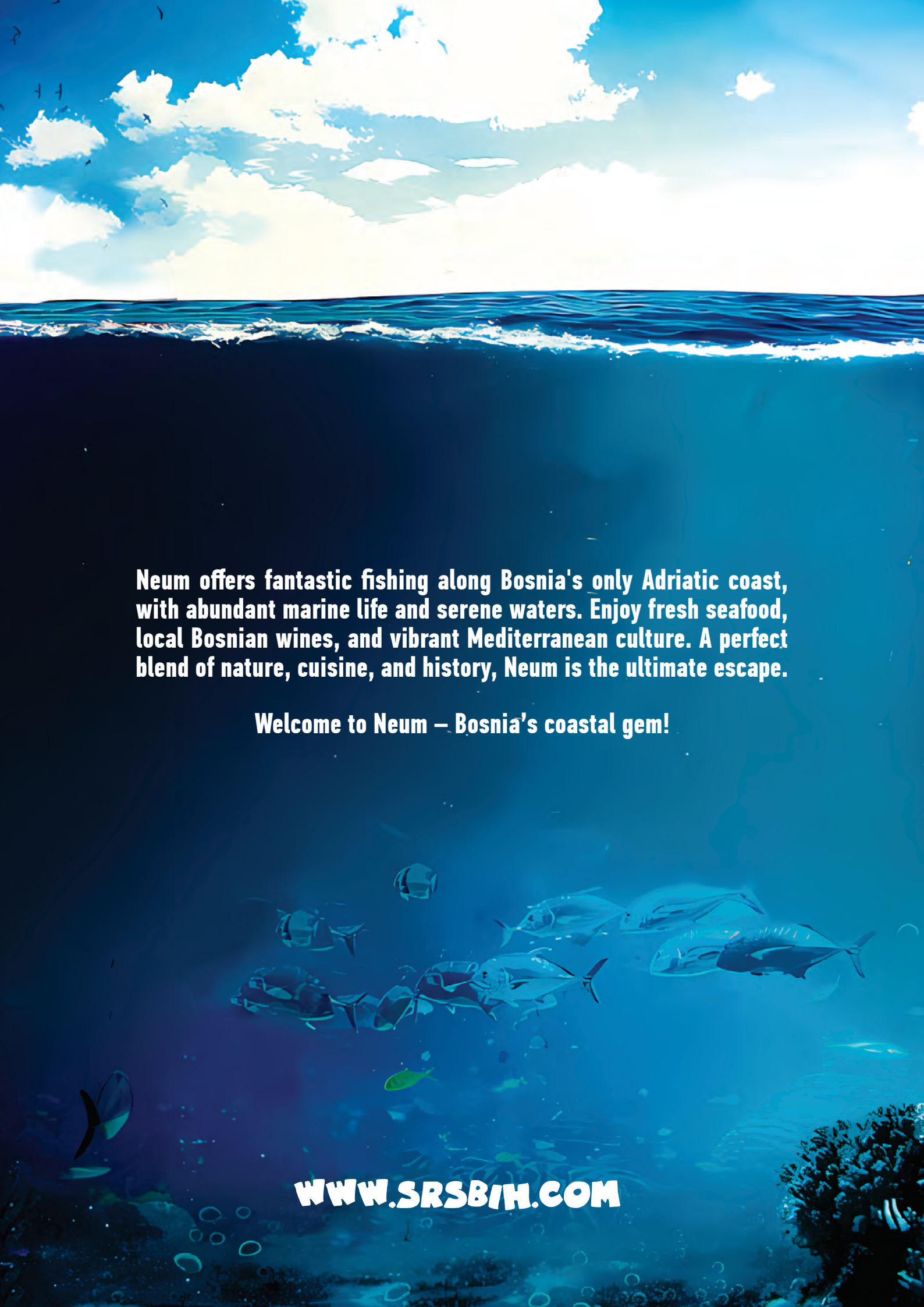
Wellness & Spa



Deluxe bar



1000m² congress hall



Neum offers fantastic fishing along Bosnia's only Adriatic coast, with abundant marine life and serene waters. Enjoy fresh seafood, local Bosnian wines, and vibrant Mediterranean culture. A perfect blend of nature, cuisine, and history, Neum is the ultimate escape.

Welcome to Neum – Bosnia's coastal gem!

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