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Assistance  
Carlos Molina 9. dan  
Anselm Stahl 8. dan

# DENTO SHITO RYU

## INTERNATIONAL SUMMER OUTDOOR SEMINAR CROATIA 2026.

**Sunday 2. August - Friday 7. August**  
Croatia, Novi Marof (Izletište Lužec)



Organizer: Dento Shito Ryu International,  
Karate Klub "Okinawa"  
Participants: DSI and karateka of all styles

### Main info

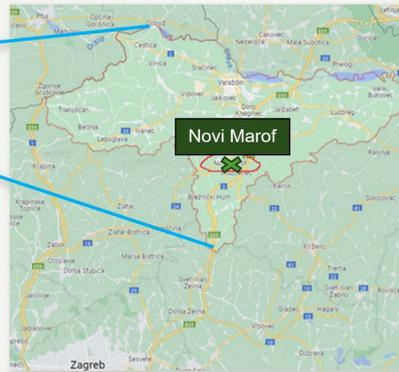
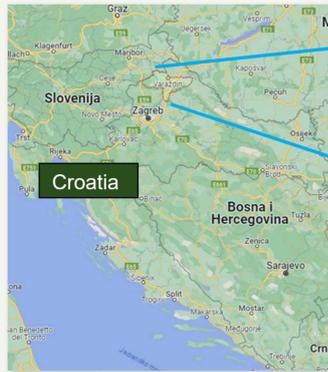
We are pleased to invite you to the Traditional Dento Shito Ryu International Summer Seminar, taking place in August 2026 in Croatia. Get ready to enjoy the fresh air, warm summer sun, stunning landscapes, and genuine Croatian hospitality.

This year's event is especially meaningful, as the host proudly celebrates 50 years of karate in Novi Marof – a half-century of dedication, tradition, and martial spirit.

### Location

#### Croatia

- southern Central Europe
- member of European Union
- within Schengen area (EU unrestricted travel)
- currency EURO



#### Novi Marof

- small town in rural Croatia in Varazdinska zupanija – region around town Varazdin (<https://www.turizam-vzz.hr/en/>)
- 60 km north from Zagreb (45 min by car from main airport)
- 17 km south from Varazdin (<https://visitvarazdin.hr/>)

### Training location – Izletiste Luzec

(46.1995559626337, 16.364871601572332)  
5 km from center of Novi Marof

- Whole tourist place valley just for our summer stage
- Large training place (meadow – grass + tatami)
- Socializing/party place
- Pleasant environment in nature next to lakes and promenades



### Backup location in case of bad weather

School sports hall  
(Skolska sportska dvorana)  
Zagorska ul. 19, 42220, Novi Marof, Croatia

## Schedule

Sunday 2. 8.	Monday 3. 8.	Tuesday 4. 8.	Wednesday 5. 8.	Thursday 6. 8.	Friday 7. 8.
17:00 DSI dan examination	9:00 – 11:00 Shito Ryu	9:00 – 11:00 Shito Ryu			
	17:00 – 18:00 Optional-Kobudo	17:00 – 18:00 Optional-Kobudo	17:00 – 18:00 Optional-Kobudo	17:00 – 18:00 Optional-Kobudo	17:00 Sayonara party
	18:00 – 20:00 Shito Ryu				

Standard summer schedule with intensive morning and evening trainings with lot of time in between for rest and sightseeing.

Optional activity is Japanese Kobudo classes held by Host one hour before evening training.

## Masters

### Soke Mabuni Kenyu

He travels the world as the third soke of Shito Ryu, as a travelling ambassador of karate, who understands and knows both the world of budo karate and sport karate, representing and teaching how the original budo values can help sport performance, how the two systems can complement each other. He is highly respected for his breadth of vision and knowledge, both among practitioners of the WKF system and those seeking traditional budo values.

### Carlos Molina 9. dan

Carlos Molina is first direct student of Mabuni Kenei who, as a non-Japanese, received the 8th dan degree from him. He began practicing Shito Ryu in Guatemala in 1965 under Mabuni Kenei. Later he also studied for many years with Master Hidetoshi Nakahashi and organized the Shito Ryu of Germany. He is currently President of Dento Shito Ryu International.

### Anselm Stahl 8. dan

Anselm Stahl is a direct student of masters Carlos Molina, Hidetoshi Nakahashi and Mabuni Kenei. In addition to his 8th dan degree in Shito Ryu, he holds an 6. Dan Renshi in Muso jikiden Eishin Ryu Iaido. He has an excellent knowledge and mastery of the mechanics and healing of the human body.

## Organization

### Dento Shito Ryu International

#### Who We Are

Dento Shito Ryu International was founded at the suggestion of the soke Mabuni Kenei (son of the founder Mabuni Kenwa) as a continuation of the Union Shito Ryu Europe, to nurture and vitalize the authentic form of Shito Ryu taught by the Mabuni family.

#### What We Do

In DSI, Shito Ryu is practiced not as a sport, but as a martial art, preserving the unique techniques and kata applications bequeathed to us by Mabuni Kenwa and his son Mabuni Kenei. This tradition is continued by Mabuni Kenyu, the third soke of Shito Ryu

#### Our Goals

With the rise of sports karate, the traditional values, techniques and kata applications that are a real treasure for karate practitioners have been eclipsed. Our goal is to introduce Shito Ryu as BUDO karate to as many people as possible around the world.

## Host - Shito Ryu Croatia - Karate klub "Okinawa" Novi Marof

Host of the event; Martial Arts club that follows 50-year tradition of karate practicing in Novi Marof, Croatia.

Together with Kobudo klub "Nichi" Novi Marof and Gozan dojo Zagreb promotes Martial Arts in Novi Marof and Croatia by training Shito Ryu Karate Do, and traditional Japanese Martial Arts like Taijutsu, Jujutsu and Japanese kobudo (bikenjutsu, bojutsu, shurikenjutsu).

As a complement to the main topic, the host offers optional training in Japanese koryu kobudo (bojutsu). The topic of those trainings will be kihon technique (stances, blocks/strikes and basic kata).

## Seminar Fees

- Full seminar 220 eur
- Sayonara party contribution 20 eur

In case you are unable to attend the entire seminar, please contact the seminar organizers for an adjusted participation fee.

Registration on [budo.novi.marof@gmail.com](mailto:budo.novi.marof@gmail.com), payment onsite.

## Accommodations

Training place is in nature in rural area so car transportation is preferable.

Accommodation anywhere within 30 km around Novi Marof (training place Izletiste Luzec) is great.

## Holiday homes with a story



For best experience we are recommending "Holiday homes with a story", amazing affordable luxurious rentals in countryside.

**If you prefer this option book as soon as possible as there are lot of demand due to peak tourist season.**

<https://myvarazdinholiday.com/en/> | <https://www.booking.com/> | <https://hr.airbnb.com/>

## Hotels/Pensions/Hostels

Here you can find link to the Hotels, Pensions and Hostels in the region; <https://www.turizam-vzz.hr/en/>  
Preferable locations are; Novi Marof | Varazdin | Varazdinske Toplice

## Free/cheap accommodation in our organization



### Fishing house

Marofska ul. 52, 42220, Ključ,  
Croatia | 5 km to training  
place

We rented a house of nearby  
fishing club with 3 rooms, 13  
beds, wc, shower



### Wild camping

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- wild (legal) camping in the  
valley of the training place,  
suitable for campervans

- free

## Tourist guidelines

### City exploration



#### Varaždin

16 km from training place

City known for its baroque and rococo architecture with lots of nice restaurants and pubs.

<https://visitvarazdin.hr/>

### Summer refreshment



#### Aquacity Varaždin

20 km from training place

Trnovec Bartolovečki, 42000, Varaždin

Aquacity, popularly known as the "Varaždin Sea" with more than 5,000 square meters of landscaped beach and green spaces are mostly covered by natural shade, and there is a children's playground.

Entrance to the complex is free of charge.



#### Minerva Sports and Recreational Pools Varazdinske Toplice

11 km from training place

Trg Slobode 1, 42223, Varaždinske Toplice,

Large indoor and outdoor swimming pools in Varaždinske Toplice offer numerous attractions for their visitors.

### Croatia exploration



#### Nacionalni park Plitvička jezera

2,5 hours from training place

Visit the breathtaking Plitvice Lakes National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site famous for its crystal-clear lakes, cascading waterfalls, and lush forest trails – one of Croatia's most stunning natural wonders.



#### Adriatic coast

3 hours from training place

The best travel recommendation is to extend your stay in Croatia before or after the seminar and explore the stunning Adriatic coast – known for its crystal-clear sea, charming historic towns, and breathtaking sunsets.



## Contact

Contact us for any additional information or help.

<https://budo-croatia.com/>

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