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Firefighters in Croatia have been on high alert during this current fire season. Raging wildfires off the coast on the islands of Korcula and Brac as well as two major fires on the Peljesac Peninsula have wreaked havoc on Croatia's tourist season. The Peljesac Peninsula fires forced evacuations and destroyed olive groves, vineyards and pine forests. Errant fires have also cut off main roads and power supplies at times since they first erupted earlier this week. Efforts by firefighters to contain the blazes have been severely hampered by hot winds and high temperatures.

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