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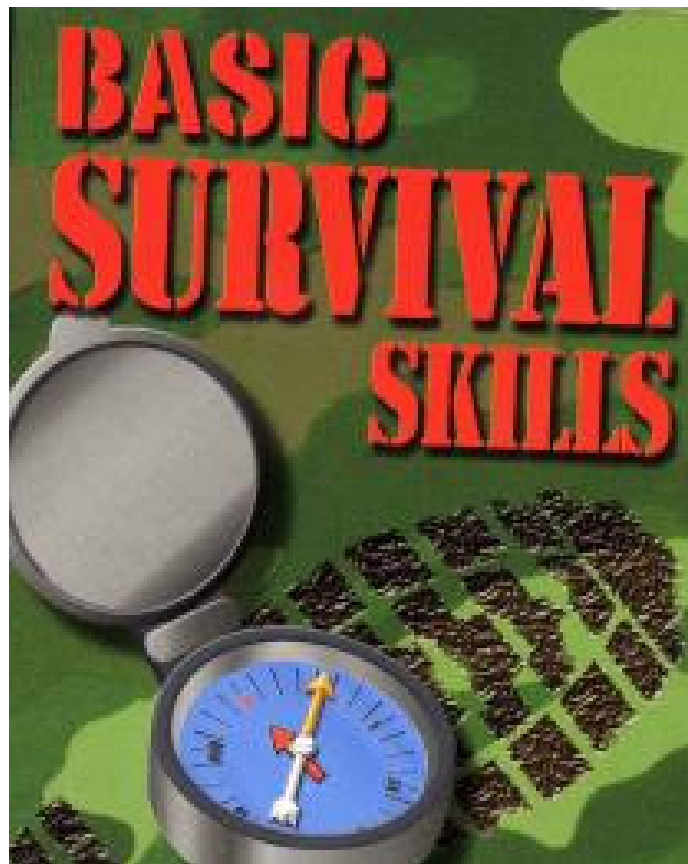


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CROATIA



In Croatia, where the Mediterranean, the mountains and the Pannonian plains come together in a unique harmony of natural beauty, within just a little more than a hundred kilometres, you can come across excitingly different landscapes. It's of little wonder that it is often regarded as one of the most beautiful countries in Europe.

And if you'll be good enough, you'll get a chance to discover our secret... To discover 'the Mediterranean as it once was'... ;)

Surface:

The mainland covers 56,542 km², and the surface of the territorial sea is 31,067 km².

Population:

4,437,460 inhabitants; composition of population: the majority of the population are Croats; national minorities are Serbs, Slovenes, Hungarians, Bosnians, Italians, Czechs and others. Majority of the population are Catholics.



System of government:

Croatia is a multi-party parliamentary republic.

Capital:

Zagreb (779,145 inhabitants), the economic, traffic, cultural and academic centre of the country.

Coastline:

The coastline is 5,835 km long, of which 4,058 km comprise a coastline of islands, solitary rocks and reefs. We have 1,185 islands, solitary rocks and reefs. The largest islands are Krk and Cres; there are 50 inhabited islands.

Highest peak:

Dinara: 1,831 m above sea level.

Climate:

There are two climate zones; a temperate continental climate, locally also a mountainous climate, prevails in the interior, whereas a pleasant Mediterranean climate prevails along the Adriatic coast, with an overwhelming number of sunny days, dry and hot summers, mild and humid winters; average temperature in the inland: January 0 to 2°C, August 19 to 23°C; average temperature at the seaside: January 6 to 11°C, August 21 to 27 °C; the temperature is about 12°C in winter, and 25°C in summer.

Currency:

kuna (1 kuna = 100 lipa). Foreign currency can be exchanged in banks, exchange offices, post offices, travel agencies, hotels, camps, marinas; cheques can be cashed in banks.

ZAGREB



Zagreb is a big Croatian tourist centre, not only in terms of transit from West and Central Europe to the Adriatic Sea but also as a tourist destination. The city with a tradition of almost one thousand years celebrated in 1994 its 900th birthday. Zagreb is not only rich in cultural and historical monuments, museums and galleries; it also has a variety of modern shops, and offers good quality of diversified restaurants as well as sports and recreation facilities. It is a big centre of congress tourism, economic and business events and trade fairs not only in Croatia but also in this part of Europe. Being an important junction point, it has road, air, railway and bus connections with European metropolises and all bigger cities and tourist resorts in Croatia.

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Zagreb has a rich civil and cultural heritage, dating from the pre-historic period (Veternica Cave, Palaeolithic) and archaeological finds of the Roman culture (Šćitarjevo) up to the present. The historical part of the town, the Upper Town and Kaptol are a unique urban core even in European terms, and thus represent the target of sightseeing tours. The old town, its streets and

squares can be reached on foot, starting from Ban Josip Jelačić Square, the central part and the heart of Zagreb, or by a funicular in the nearby Tomičeva Street. The old core of the town includes many famous buildings, churches, museums and institutions as well as pleasant restaurants and coffee bars.

HOW TO GET TO ZAGREB?

You should send us your arrival info (date, time & place), and there will be an organiser waiting for you. Meeting place for those coming by plane or bus is the Main Bus Terminal, and for those going by train, the Main Train Station. Those of you coming by car or hitch-hiking, contact us for special instructions. :)



By plane:

[Croatia Airlines](#) is national airport company has regular flights to: Amsterdam, Brussels, Frankfurt, London, Munich, Paris, Rome, Sarajevo, Skopje, Vienna and Zurich.

Other airlines that fly in Croatia are:

[Aeroflot](#), [Air France](#), [Alitalia](#), [Austrian Airlines](#), [BH Airlines](#), [CSA](#), [Lufthansa](#), [LOT](#), [Malev](#), [Turkish Airlines](#)

You'll probably be more interested in low-cost companies, right? ;)

For those who fly directly to Zagreb, you have [Wizzair](#), [Germanwings](#)!!! We also recommend you to look for flights that go to our neighbouring countries, you'll find a much better choice there, and the connection to Zagreb is quite good. So, be sure to check also Ljubljana, Budapest, Graz, Trieste, Venice...

Zagreb's airport ([Pleso](#)) is located outside of the city. There are regular public transport busses that go from the airport to the main bus terminal in Zagreb. Bus station Zagreb Airport - Main Bus Terminal Zagreb is located immediately at the International Arrivals Exit. The ride takes about 25 minutes and the price is 30 kn (about 4 €). The schedule can be found at this website : <http://www.plesoprijevoz.hr/schedulezg.htm>

Please be aware that many airports and airline companies (including Croatia Airlines and Zagreb airport) recently introduced new rule that it is prohibited to bring any

liquid on board so try to put all the sprays, perfumes etc. into the luggage that won't go with you into the plane.



By train:

The rail network connects all major Croatian cities, except Dubrovnik. There are direct lines to Slovenia, Hungary, Italy, Greece, Austria, Switzerland, Germany, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Serbia. There are indirect lines to almost all other European countries.

Eurocity and Intercity:

- EC "Mimara": München - Salzburg - Villach - Ljubljana - Zagreb;
- IC "Croatia": Vienna - Maribor - Zagreb;
- IC "Sava": München - Salzburg - Villach - Ljubljana - Zagreb - Beograd;
- IC "Kvarner": Budapest - Zagreb - Rijeka;
- IC "Podravka": Osijek-Nasice-Virovitica-Koprivnica-Zagreb;
- "Olimpus": Zagreb-Beograd-Skopje-Thessaloniki;
- Express: Zürich-Zagreb.

Be sure to get off at the Main train station (Croatian: Glavni kolodvor)!

We recommend the site www.bahn.de for the timetable information (the Croatian web page is not that good).



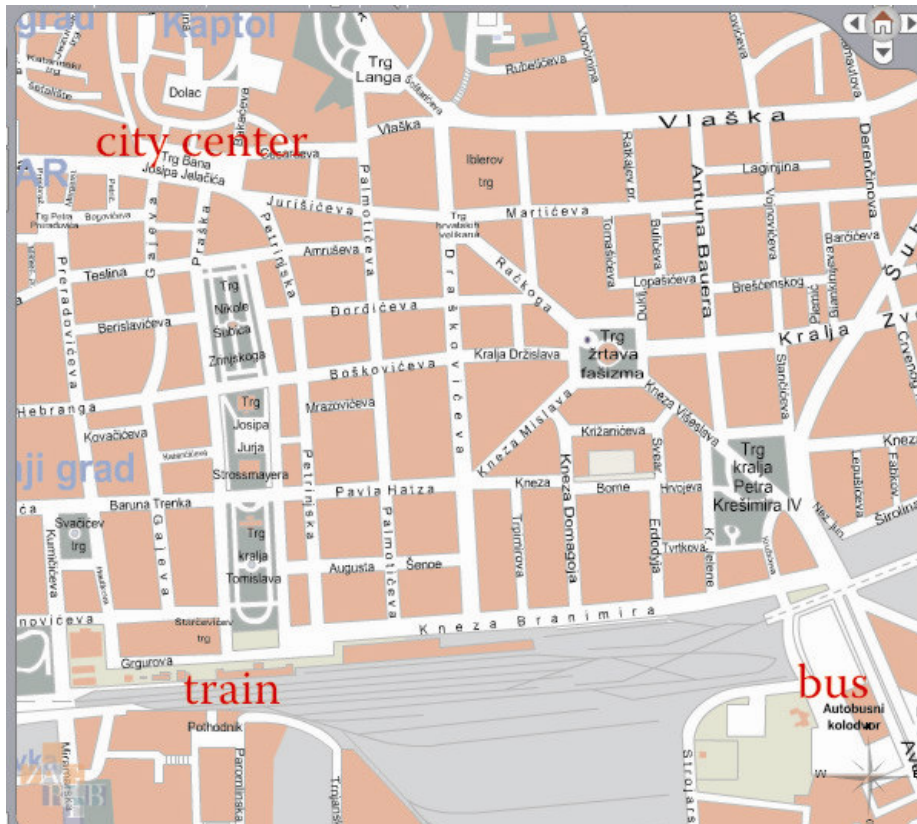
By bus:

There are regular international coach services connecting Croatia with all neighbouring countries, as well as Switzerland, France, Germany and Slovakia.

Bus service between major cities (intercity lines) is quite frequent, as well as regional services. The most frequent bus terminal in Croatia is Bus Terminal Zagreb (in Croatian "Autobusni kolodvor Zagreb").

WHEN IN ZAGREB

City map



Distance: from the train station to the city center = 10 minutes walk

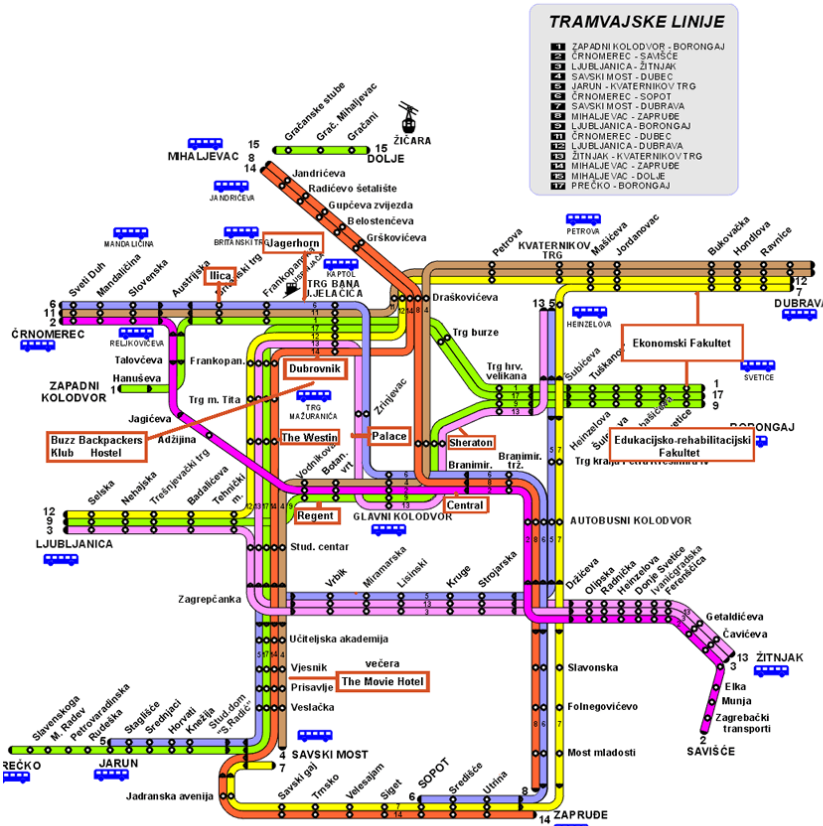
Town buses

They are mostly blue and they operate from 6 a.m to around 23.30 p.m. The price of the one way ticket is about 10 kunas and the daily ticket costs 25 kunas. You can visit this site for more information about the bus lines

<http://www.zet.hr/autobus/autobusna-mreza.aspx>

Town trams

The prices are the same as for the buses. The operating time is very similar with a difference that night trams exist (they operate from 23.30 until 5 a.m.).



Taxi

It's quite expensive and we don't recommend that you use it unless you have to. The prices are :

- start - 19 kn
- drive per kilometer- 6 kn
- price per peace of luggage - 3 kn
- waiting - 50 kn

PRICES

7.34 HRK = 1 EUR

If you would like to know how much money to bring, here are some everyday prices:

- Phone card - 50 pulses: 50,00 kn... It's enough for three or four calls during abroad, but considering you're "heavily homesick", phone card of 100 pulses should do: 100,00 kuna
- Water (0.5 lit) – 4,00 kn
- Beer (0.5 lit) - app. 10,00 to 15,00 kn (in a bar)
- Cigarettes – 11,00 to 25,00 kn
- Coca-Cola (0.5 lit) – 8,00 to 12,00 kn, or 6,00 kn in a shop
- Pizza – 25,00 to 35,00 kn
- Big Mac menu – 19,90 kn

WHAT TO BRING?

- passport and visa if needed (<http://www.mfa.hr/MVP.asp?pcpid=1615>)
- travel insurance
- student card (ISIC)
- pocket money + money for the fee
- sleeping bag (recommended, but not required)
- towels (for personal hygiene)
- sport clothes (for the excursion)
- camera and it's cable (for gathering all of our photos)
- typical food and drinks (alcoholic ;)) from your country – for the International Evening
- music from your country, university...
- a musical instrument
- lots of enthusiasm :)))

CROATIAN LESSON

Little dictionary of Croatian language

Although most young people in Croatia speak English, we'll give you some useful phrases you can use in Croatia (maybe to surprise some Croatian girl/boy :)).

Croatian pronunciation is completely phonetic, which means that every letter is pronounced the way it is written. Croatian language has 8 letters that are not used in English alphabet.

The Basics		Falling in Love	
yes	da	I love you	volim te
no	ne	I hate you	mrzim te
hello	bok	beautiful eyes	dobra guza
bye	bok	dance with me	ajmo plesat
good morning	dobro jutro	hold my hand	drž' me čvrsto
good afternoon	dobar dan		
good evening	dobro večer	Getting Lost	
good night	laku noć	where is	gdje je
thank you	hvala	bus station	autobusna stanica
excuse me	sori	train station	glavni kolodvor
happy birthday	sretan rođendan	tram station	tramvajska stanica
bon appetit!	dobar tek	airport	aerodrom
what's your name?	kako se zoveš?	street	ulica
I don't understand?	A?	square	trg
coffee	kava	right	desno
wine	vino	straight away	ravno
beer	piva	left	lijevo

Tips for pronunciation of some letters :

- č is pronounced as ch in change
- ć is pronounced like č, but softer
- dž is pronounced as j in Jack
- đ is pronounced as j in Jesus
- lj is pronounced in a way you'll never learn :P
- nj is pronounced in a way you'll never learn too :P
- š is pronounced as sh in shaman
- ž is pronounced as su in leisure

USEFUL LINKS

Online map of Zagreb:

<http://www.euroave.com/maps/00mapx.php?xcity=zagreb>

Main bus station (timetable):

<http://www.akz.hr/eng.htm>

Croatian railways:

<http://www.hznet.hr/ENG/index.htm>

National airline company:

www.croatiaairlines.hr

Zagreb:

www.zagreb-touristinfo.hr

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zagreb

IMPORTANT STUFF

Most important thing for you to do is to let us know ASAP if you need invitation letter, so we would have time to send it to you! Or any other things considering your visa, if needed.

When in Zagreb, keep your nametags close to you, because you'll use them for the public transportation.

CONTACTS

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Some important numbers :

Police 92

Fire department 93

Ambulance 94

General information 981

International country code for Croatia: +385

When you're calling our mobile phones in Croatia, don't forget to type 0 before the number (example: 091 7968769).

If you are making an international call from a fixed line, dial 00 before you country code.