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Travel Information for Croatia

A. Transportation Information

Split: Airport code: Zračna Luka Split – Split Airport (SPU) Website: <http://www.split-airport.hr/?lang=en>. You can fly into this airport from most major airports in Europe via Zagreb. Direct flights from London, Paris, Munich, Frankfurt, and Rome with regular airlines are possible, but they do not fly daily. You can also look into smaller low cost companies flying from the following locations: Bratislava, Cologne, Stuttgart, Berlin, London, and Oslo, about 2-3 times a week.

This airport is located about 17 miles west of Split and about 7 miles east of Trogir. The airport has a restaurant, shops, a bank where money can be exchanged, a post office, and a market with souvenirs and other items. We recommend getting to and from the airport by bus or by taxi.

To and From the Split Airport

By Bus: The Pleso Transport Company offers buses that leave shortly after the arrival of domestic and foreign regular flights. Buses are run by the same company that services the Zagreb airport. Contact the company directly for more specific information on bus departure and arrival times. Note that charter flight and low-cost airline flight schedules are not serviced by these buses.

The local bus line number 37 departs from the airport every 20 min. during the week and every 30 min. on the weekend. It is a regular coach line running between Split and Trogir, (the airport is located between these two towns). The bus stop is located across the street and in front of the airport exit. A bus ride to Split will take 25 minutes. The bus stop in Split is about a 10-minute walk from the center of town. Pleso Transport. TEL: 011-385-16-33-19-99 and www.plesoprijevoz.hr/

By Taxi: Taxis are available during airport operating hours 6am-10pm. A taxi ride to central Split takes about 30 minutes.

Zagreb: Airport code: Zračna Luka Zagreb – Zagreb Airport (ZAG) Website: <http://www.zagreb-airport.hr/home>
This airport has a restaurant, shops, lounges, a bank, and a post office. We recommend getting to and from the airport by bus.

To and From the Zagreb Airport

By Bus: The Pleso Transport Company offers buses that in general depart every half hour from 7am to 8pm. After that, buses will depart to the city center after flights have landed. The bus company revises their schedule regularly, so we recommended that you check their website before your departure for the most current information. For earlier or later flights, contact the bus company directly. The bus terminal is located right at the International Arrivals exit. Pleso Transport. TEL: 011-385-16-33-19-99 and www.plesoprijevoz.hr/

By Taxi: The base rate for a taxi ride is HRK 19, plus costs HRK 7 per kilometer (status 2017). Each piece of baggage will cost HRK 3 (status 2017). Please be aware that when you call for a taxi, the taximeter is turned on and will include the price of the arrival for the taxi. Also, taxi service at night (from 10pm to 5am) and on Sundays and holidays from 10am to 5pm will be charged 20% more than the

amount shown on the taximeter. Radio Taksi Zagreb. Tel: 011-385-16-60-06-71 or Email: info@radio-taksi-zagreb.hr

Bus transportation in Split: The local bus line number 37 connects Split and Trogir (and the airport). A bus departs from the Split harbor for the Split airport 90 minutes before flights. The same bus leaves the airport for the Split harbor after each flight.

Bus transportation in Trogir: There are 2 bus stations in Trogir. The first station is for the local lines (travel to Split) and is a 1-minute walk over a small bridge to the old town. The other bus station for long distance travel is about 50 meters away, on the street in front of the Konzum Supermarket where you can catch a bus to Sibenik.

Bus transportation in Dubrovnik: For information regarding this station please check www.libertasdubrovnik.com/

Bus transportation in Zagreb: There is a bus leaving from the Zagreb airport to Zagreb town center (Bus Station Zagreb) after each flight. Buses from Zagreb to Skradin connect through Sibenik, and leave approximately every hour. It takes 4 to 5 hours.
<http://www.akz.hr/default.aspx?id=260>

B. Language Tips

Language Lessons Croatian (hrvatski jezik) is a South Slavic language.

Pronunciation

- č – ch: ručak (lunch) pron. Ruchak – like lunch
- ć – ch: (softer) voće (fruit) pron. votche–like cheers, Kuća-house - (pronounced: kucha)
- š –sh: Šibenik pron. Shibenik–like shame, Škola - school - (pronounced: shcola)
- đ – g : đus (juice) pron. djus like juice
- c – tz: bicikla (bike) pron. bitzikla like cistern, cesta (road – tz esta)
- Lj: - Grmlje (bush) -:grmlle with the “ll” like in Spanish

Expressions

- Good morning – Dobro jutro (say: Dobro yutro)
- Good day – Dobar Dan (say: Dob-ahr Dan)
- Good evening - Dobra večer (say: Dobrah vetcher)
- Thank you - Hvala (say: H – like the first part of hotel, v – victor, Hvala)

Bicycle Vocabulary & Directions

- Left – lijevo
- Right – desno
- Straight – Ravno
- Flat tire - puknuta guma
- Tire – guma Village – selo
- Town – grad
- Lunch – ručak
- Water – voda
- Market shop – dućan
- Fruit – voće

C. How to Dial Telephone Numbers

The International Access Code (IAC) for the US and Canada is 011 and for Croatia it's 00
The Country Code (CC) for Croatia is 385 and for the US and Canada it's 1

To call Croatia from the US or Canada, dial IAC + CC + LN.

Example: The local telephone number of the Maritime Museum in Croatia is (0) 21-388-951. The number could also be listed as +385-(0) 21-388-951. In both cases, you would dial 011-385-21-388-951.

To call the US or Canada from Croatia, dial IAC + CC + LN.

Example: The local telephone number of the ExperiencePlus! headquarters in Colorado is 970-484-8489. You would dial 00-1-970-484-8489.

To call Croatia from another European country, dial IAC + CC + LN.

Example: The local telephone number of the Maritime Museum in Croatia is (0) 21-388-951. You would dial 00-385-21-388-951.

To call Croatia from within Croatia, dial LN

Example: The local telephone number of the Maritime Museum in Croatia is (0) 21-388-951. The number could also be listed as +385-(0) 21-388-951. In both cases, you would dial 021-388-951. Unlike the US there is no need to differentiate local and long distance by dialing a 1. Notice that the Trunk Code (0) is dialed.

D. Eating and Drinking

Croatian standard food is similar to many other central European or Mediterranean countries (pizza, pasta, meat dishes, fish). All food is safe to eat as restaurants are regularly inspected, and there is no problem with drinking water. Unsurprisingly, seafood is a specialty along the Croatian coastline and the islands.

Hotel breakfasts generally include coffee, tea, bread, butter, jam, paté, cheese, and ham. We try to ensure that our hotels provide a substantial breakfast for cycling, so we ask them to include fruit, cereal, milk and maybe yogurt. If you are on your own and need more sustenance, you can always go to the supermarket to buy yogurt or cheese.

You can also find good snacks and pastries at Slasticarna, small pastry shops. Look for apple, cheese or cherry strudel, 'Croatian' donuts with a bit of marmalade inside, Chocolate donut, or "Pasta", a cream based pastry.

For quick lunches on the road, you can go to a Pekara (bakery) and try Burek, a savory pastry filled with cheese or meat and often eaten as a "fast food" item. It may also be eaten with yogurt and is made of thin dough layers that are stuffed and then rolled and cut into spirals. Another famous fast food item in Croatia is Cevapcici. Originally from Bosnia, this is a delicious dish of grilled minced meat, found in the countries of the Former Yugoslavia. Cevapcici may be served on a plate or in a flatbread sandwich (then called a lepinja), often with chopped onions, a local type of sour cream (kajmak), a relish made of bell peppers, eggplant, chili and garlic (ajvar) cottage cheese, and so on.

For sit-down meals at dinner or lunch you can go to fancier restaurants or to the local pub/eatery, the "Konoba." Konobas generally have traditionally prepared dishes, made with natural home-grown ingredients and served in pleasant local surroundings. Service may be lower quality than in restaurants, but it is an authentic meal.

Drinks: Croatian beers are top quality. Try Zagreb's Ozujsko pivo or Karlovacko pivo or Tuborg, brewed under license in Croatia. In Dalmatia, some red wines such as Faros or Dingac are exquisite. You'll find several people and towns with homemade wine for sale or to drink since grapes are grown in most places. You should also try Croatia's favorite brandy sljivovica, made from plums, or travarica, an herbal brandy.

Coffee: In Dalmatia, coffee drinking is an important morning ritual. You'll see people out at cafés drinking coffee and watching the world go by. During weekends, when the weather is nice, at the waterfront (when you have thousands of people passing by in front of you) drinking coffee and chatting and gossiping is a must! Don't be surprised to see a lot of people in the bars at these days. Most people drink a large coffee with milk (velika kava s mlijekom; pronounced: velika kava mleeyeko) or you could also order a kava obična (pronounced: kava obichna) which is a simple coffee without milk—just an espresso.

E. Hotel Recommendations

Dubrovnik

[Hotel Stari Grad](http://www.hotelstarigrad.com) (www.hotelstarigrad.com)

Od Sigurate 4, Dubrovnik

(This hotel is in the center of old town Dubrovnik)

[Hotel Lero](http://www.hotel-lero.hr/) (www.hotel-lero.hr/)

(Center of town and walking distance to old town)

[Hotel Tirena](http://www.valamar.com) (www.valamar.com)

Iva Dulcica 22, 20 000 Dubrovnik

[The Pucic Palace](http://www.thepucicpalace.com) (www.thepucicpalace.com)

Ulica od Puča 1, 20000 Dubrovnik

(Located in the old town within the city walls)

[Villa Dorma](http://www.booking.com) (www.booking.com)

Zagrebačka 2, 20000 Dubrovnik

(4 minutes from the beach, 650 feet from the old town)

[Fresh Sheets](http://freshsheetsbedandbreakfast.com) (freshsheetsbedandbreakfast.com)

Bunićeva poljana 6, Dubrovnik

(Bed and Breakfast located in the old town)

[Villa Glavic](http://www.adriaticluxuryhotels.com) (www.adriaticluxuryhotels.com)

Ul. Frana Supila 14, 20000, Dubrovnik

(10 minutes walk to old town)

Hvar

[Hotel Palace](http://www.suncanihvar.com/palace) (www.suncanihvar.com/palace)

Skradin

[Hotel Skradinski](http://www.skradinskibuk.hr) (www.skradinskibuk.hr)

Buk Burinovac 2

Split

[Hotel Dujam](http://www.hoteldujam.com) (www.hoteldujam.com)

Velebitska 27, 21000 Split

[Hotel Globo](http://www.hotelglobo.com) (www.hotelglobo.com)

Lovreska 18, 21000 Split

[Hotel Slavija](http://www.hotelslavija.hr) (www.hotelslavija.hr)

Buvinina 2, 21000 Split

[Hotel Peristil](http://www.hotelperistil.com) (www.hotelperistil.com)

Polijana kraljice Jelene 5, 21000 Split

Within the city walls

[Banica apartments & rooms](http://split-apartments-rooms.com/index.html) (<http://split-apartments-rooms.com/index.html>)

Krešimirova 6, Split

Within the city walls

[Le Meridien](http://www.limeridienlavsplit.com) (www.limeridienlavsplit.com)

Lav Grljevačka 2A Podstrana, 21312 Split

[Hotel Lux](http://www.hotelluxesplit.com/) (www.hotelluxesplit.com/)

K. Zvonimira 6, 21000 Split

1 minute walk to the old town; shuttle pick-up at tour start possible

[Royal Suites](http://royal-suites.split.hotels-split-dalmatia.com/en/) (<http://royal-suites.split.hotels-split-dalmatia.com/en/>)

Kralja Zvonimira 12, 21000 Split

1.5 minute walk to the old town; shuttle pick-up at tour start possible

[Hotel Park](http://www.hotelpark-split.hr/) (<http://www.hotelpark-split.hr/>)

Hatzeov perivoj 3, 21000 Split

10 minutes walk to the old town; shuttle pick-up at tour start possible

Trogir

[Palace Derossi](http://www.palace-derossi.com) (www.palace-derossi.com)

Hrvatskih mučenika 1, 21220 Trogir

[Hotel Tragos](http://www.tragos.hr) (www.tragos.hr)

Budislavićeva 3, 21220 Trogir

Zagreb

[Hotel Dubrovnik](http://www.hotel-dubrovnik.hr) (www.hotel-dubrovnik.hr)

Gajeva 1, 10 000 Zagreb

[Hotel Astoria](http://www.hotelastoria.hr) (www.hotelastoria.hr)

Petrinska 71, 10000 Zagreb

[Hotel Slisko](http://www.slisko.hr/) (www.slisko.hr/)

Frana Supila 13, 10000 Zagreb

[Arcotel Allegra](http://www.arcotelhotels.com) (www.arcotelhotels.com)

Branimirova 29, 10000 Zagreb

F. Reading and Movie List

Literature on Croatia

- *The Balkans Since 1453* by L.S. Stavrianos
- *Black Lamb and Grey Falcon: A Journey Through Yugoslavia* by Rebecca West
- *Croatia: A Nation Forged in War* by Marcus Tanner
- *Dubrovnik: A History* by Robin Harris
- *How We Survived Communism and Even Laughed* by Slavenka Drakulic
- *Croatia: Travel in Undiscovered Country* by Tony Fabijančić
- *The Krajina Chronicle: A History of Serbs in Croatia, Slavonia and Dalmatia* by Srdja Trifkovic

Literature about Croatian Food & Wine

- *The Food and Cooking of Eastern Europe* by Lesley Chamberlain
- *Mosher: The Best of Croatian Cooking* by Liliana Pavicic and Gordana Pirker

Movies About or Set in Croatia That We Have Enjoyed

- *Actorul si Salvaticii* (1974) – “The Actor and the Savages” directed by Manole Marcus
- *Ta divna splitska noć*, (2004) - “A Wonderful Night in Split” directed Arsen A. Ostojić. Nominated for a European Discovery Award.
- *Oprosti za kung fu* (2004) – “Sorry for Kung Fu” directed by Ognjen Sviličić, premiered at the Berlin Film Festival.
- *Armin* (2006) – Also by Ognjen Sviličić. This film was Croatia’s entry for the 2008 Academy Award for Best Foreign Film.

G. Other Travel Resources

If you'd like to explore more transportation options, we find that <https://www.rome2rio.com/> is a helpful resource.