Zagreb
Croatia
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Zagreb

Refined and playful, Zagreb finds a way into your heart almost unnoticeably, and its trams of the typical blue colour, old-time charm and warmth are difficult to forget. Sophisticated and ebullient, Zagreb will sneak into your heart almost imperceptibly - its trams with their typical blue colour, the charm of the old days and the warmth are not easy to forget. Nor is it easy to forget its inhabitants enjoying a cup of coffee and a chat on the squares, even at midday. Even then, the streets are not empty because the inhabitants of Zagreb enjoy colours, flavours and aromas of their city at any hour.

The warmth is symbolized by the trademark of Zagreb – the heart. Young men used to give gingerbread hearts to their girlfriends, and today it has become one of the national symbols and the original traditional souvenir from Zagreb. It is no small feat that the making of licitarsko srce (traditional gingerbread heart) is on the UNESCO intangible cultural heritage list. After gingerbread hearts, we should also mention a mechanical pen which was first patented in Zagreb by the engineer Eduard Slavoljub Penkala, who soon afterwards designed the first solid-ink fountain pen. The necktie is also an original Croatian product, nowadays a fashion accessory you cannot avoid, and it was developed when the sophisticated tying of the scarf around the neck of Croatian soldiers caught eye of the fashionably aware French. Did you know that the Zagreb funicular was once called the “stop-and go” funicular? The reason behind it, of course, was its tendency to get stuck. Today, however, it safely takes you to the Upper Town. The Upper Town no longer looks like it used to when Perica would run across it to get “one small liter” in the cult movie “One Song a Day Takes Mischief Away” (Tko pjeva zlo ne misli), but it still reminds us of charming old times. Here, you will come across the Ban’s Palace, the seat of the Croatian government, the Stone Gate – the only remaining preserved gate out of four, which on the inside hides the character of Dora Krupiĉeva from Šenoa’s novel “The Goldsmith's Gold”, the Lo-tršćak Tower, from which a canon is fired every day at noon and this has been a tradition since 1887. A stroll along Kaptol takes you to Dolac, where peasant women called ‘kumice’ from the slopes of Medvednica and the periphery area bring fresh produce; on Saturdays, some estimate that around 100,000 people visit the market. You will also come across the statue of Petrica Kerempuh – a tribune of the people and a rascal who was brought to life by many Croatian artists. We cannot fail to mention the Cathedral of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the tower-bells of which are the highest structures in the city. It is a little known fact that its treasury is a cultural institution of world significance, and as such it hides a great treasure, still unrevealed to the public. And while Marija Jurić Zagorka, the first Croatian journalist and author of novels with love story plots and nationalist themes, calmly observes the picturesque medieval Tkaličiĉeva street, the Old Vlaška Street – one of the oldest streets in the city, boasts the monument to the Croatian author Auguts Šenoa. “See you on the square” is a phrase popular among the Zagrebians, and of course everyone knows it refers to the Ban Jelaĉić Square. A stroll along Zrinjevac takes you to the Archaeological Museum, the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts, the Gallery of Modern Art, the elegant Esplanade hotel, built for affluent and famous passengers of the renowned Orient Express train.

The area around the main square reveals the Flower Square, so named after numerous flower sellers, Oktogon, the Manduševac fountain, to which, according to tradition, Zagreb owes its name. In other words, a ban (viceroy) once called out to a girl standing next to the water “Mandušo, scoop up (zagrabi)”, and so the well was named Manduševac and the place Zagreb.

It is interesting that New Zagreb once used to be the place with no social life, whereas today, owing to the Museum of Contemporary Art and an elegant shopping mall, it is a popular meeting place. When it comes to traditional specialties, make sure to try cottage cheese and sour cream, turkey with mlinci (pasta tatters), štrukle (baked pastry stuffed with cheese), and let us not forget pepper gingerbread, the recipe for which has remained a well-kept secret. It is also a secret how Zagrebački meleme cream is so good at erasing wrinkles. As a gift to your loved ones bring a Croatian delicacy – Ba-jadera or Griotta, which remain as a sweet memory. Zagreb boasts an exceptional position - only 20 minutes away from the city centre, there is a ski slope, and the Adriatic Sea is only a two-hour drive away. The Zagreb Film Festival, promenades on Zrinjevac, folklore festivals, jazz concerts, performances by star musicians, numerous street festivals... with its many events, Zagreb successfully presents a face of modern metropolis.

Welcome to Zagreb!
Atlas
Atlas – your adriatic host

Founded in 1923, Atlas is the leading travel agency in the region, with the tradition of high-quality travel services. With its wide range of services, programs and products, it can meet any need of individual, group and corporate clients from Croatia and abroad. Since its beginnings, Atlas has been the initiator of development and creator of various travel programs in accordance with the global trends. Atlas has been putting in a lot of efforts in pleasing every traveler, and in the safety of every kilometer or mile passed. It has been developing its business in several basic directions, in which it has gained the title of the best and strongest tourist agency, at the same time developing other "support" activities, to enrich its offer. The fundamental driving force of Atlas consists in bringing in a large number of tourists, and in a complete and top-quality service to the tour operators.

Awaiting its forthcoming 90th anniversary, Atlas is an expert in offering more value and a personalized service tailored to meet needs of every client, while at the same time not giving up on the highest quality standards.

After the finish of the first round of recapitalization of the adriatica.net Group, whose part Atlas has been since 2006, and with the entrance of the new ownership structure, the joint strategic goal of the new owners and the group is additional positioning of Croatia as a travel destination and revealing of all its enchantments to domestic, but also to foreign guests on the global level. And this exactly is the domain where Atlas has had no equal for many years.
Zagreb, an old Central European city, is the capital of the Republic of Croatia. For centuries it has grown as a rich cultural and scientific, as well as commercial and economic centre, and it is situated on the intersection of important routes between the Adriatic coast and Central Europe. Air travel and modern highways provide an excellent connection with all important cities in Croatia and abroad.

Other than the Croatian national airlines, Croatia Airlines www.croatiaairlines.com, numerous airlines connect Zagreb with European and world destinations: Aeroflot, Air France / KLM, Austrian Airlines, CSA, EasyJet, Germanwings, Lufthansa, Norwegian, Malev, Spanair, TAP Portugal, Turkish Airlines and Wizz Air. Zagreb airport www.zagreb-airport.hr is located only 15 km from the centre of Zagreb, and it is connected to the city by bus and taxi. We offer our business partners the service of private transfer by modern vehicles of all categories, as well as assistance with Rent-a-Car companies.

A network of modern highways connects Eastern and Western Europe and Zagreb can be reached quickly and safely by bus or by car from Vienna, Venice, Budapest, Munich or Ljubljana, in just several hours. Your travels will be equally pleasant if you decide to continue your journey from Zagreb to other Croatian cities. If you are using public bus transport, you can check the bus timetable on the website of the Zagreb bus Station. www.akz.hr

The Central Railway Station www.hznet.hr is located in the city centre and Zagreb is well-connected with all important European destinations.
Zagreb Card

Zagreb Tourist Board and the company Five Stars Ltd. have prepared the ZAGREB CARD, intended for all visitors of Zagreb. By buying it, you will be presented with a great choice of options, discounts and surprises. Free public transport, discounts in almost all city museums, as well as in many restaurants, stores, services, along with many other benefits are the reasons why you should choose the ZAGREB CARD as your indispensable travel companion through Zagreb.

From the moment written on the card, the card is valid for 72 or 24 hours, and it cannot be transferred to another person. By purchasing the card, you will also get a special booklet where all service providers and discounts they offer are listed.

You can buy the ZAGREB CARD online, in all tourist information centres and ATLAS offices in Zagreb:

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Attractions

Architectural monuments

Museums, galleries and art collections

Places of interest
Architectural monuments
1 **THE ZAGREB CATHEDRAL** The most monumental Croatian sacral building built in the Neo-gothic style. The Cathedral is the mainstay of the Episcopal city, and since the 19th century it has been the symbol of Zagreb and Croatia, and as such, the greatest religious and cultural monument in Croatia.

2 **ST. MARK’S CHURCH** One of the oldest architectural monuments of Zagreb, and at the same time, the oldest parish church in the city. The most captivating part of it is the roof in multiple colours featuring two coat of arms: the coat of arms of the Kingdom of Croatia, Slavonia and Dalmatia and the one of the city of Zagreb.

3 **THE BUILDING OF THE CROATIAN NATIONAL THEATRE** The plan for the construction of the building was ordered by famous Vienna architects Ferdinand Fellner and Herman Helmer, who were the authors of around forty European theatre buildings. The theatre was inaugurated on 14 October 1895, in the presence of the king Francis Joseph I, who delivered the final symbolic blow with the silver hammer on the balcony railing above the main entrance. The Neo-baroque building of the Croatian National Theatre in Zagreb is surrounded by many other buildings of great monumental value, which represent the Croatian architecture from the end of the 19th and the beginning of the 20th century.

4 **THE LOTRŠČAK TOWER** The main town tower in the Middle Ages, today is the symbol of Zagreb, and together with the Cathedral, the most impressive city view. One of the features of interests is situated in the tower: the Grič cannon, which every day announces the midday with the blast of cannon fire. According to the legend, at the stroke of midday the cannon was shot from the Lotrščak Tower to the Turks’ encampment, which in the times of the Ottoman wars was situated across the River Sava, and it blew apart the coq on the platter which the cook was carrying to the Pasha. After that, the Turks ran away and never attacked Zagreb.

5 **THE MEŠTROVIĆ PAVILION** The rotunda of Ivan Meštrović built in 1938 is the precursor to other famous buildings, even the one of the Guggenheim Museum in New York (1959), and it is the master piece of the Croatian architecture.

6 **THE BUILDING OF THE STATE ARCHIVES** The building of the Croatian State Archives is one of the most beautiful buildings of the Secessionist architecture in Croatia, built in 1913 following the plan of the architect Rudolf Lubynski.
Historic treasure but also works of contemporary art are kept and exposed in the museums of Zagreb. In addition to artifacts related to the history of the city, the museums and art collections of Zagreb own exhibits from all over the world, of an impressive historic and artistic value. The new Museum of Contemporary Art and the Museum of Broken Relationships are real refreshment for those who visit Zagreb.
The Ban Jelačić Square

According to the research of one of the most popular Belgian blogs “StedenTripper Blog”, the Ban Josip Jelačić Square in Zagreb is one of the 20 most beautiful public squares in Europe.
2 THE THEATRE SQUARE The setting of the Croatian National Theatre – the romantic phase is marked by a mixture of two or more styles – is one of the most beautiful squares of Central Europe.

3 THE DOLAC OPEN MARKET The central open market of Zagreb established in the very heart of the city is imbued by the elements of the Baroque and modern constructive solutions.

4 ZRINJEVAC The panorama of the statue of the King Tomislav by Frangeš, the Art Pavilion – the first building erected for the purpose of the art and the magnificent Cathedral is one of the most famous Croatian motives.

5 THE ST. MARK’S SQUARE The St. Mark’s church in the centre of the most picturesque square in Zagreb, held the status of the city parish church and cathedral.

6 THE MIROGOJ ARCADES The arcades with cupolas, the church of Christ the King and the mortuary are the example of an urban function in the architecture.

7 MAKSIMIR WITH ITS BELVEDERE Several aisles through the forest which radially extend from the central hillock make the Belvedere an important building of the landscape art from the Romantic period.

8 THE TKALČIĆEVA STREET Even today, the lively Tkalčićeva Street in the heart of the city mirrors the spirit of the old Zagreb. Numerous restaurants, cafes and boutiques which continue the tradition of Zagreb’s craftsmen and tradesmen line the street, and many happenings organized throughout the year make the street very vibrant and attractive to tourists.

9 THE FUNICULAR The funicular in Zagreb connects the Upper Town and the downtown. With the rails only 66 meters long, it is also known as the shortest funicular railway in the world intended for public transport.

10 THE BUNDEK LAKE A newly renovated city park with two lakes where every year in May the international garden and flower exhibition Floraart takes place.
Selected hotels in the city centre

- Hotel Westin
- Hotel The Regent Esplanade
- Hotel Sheraton
- Hotel Palace
- Hotel Dubrovnik
- Hotel Best Western Astoria
- Hotel Four Points by Sheraton Panorama
- Hotel International
- Hotel Laguna
- Hotel Jadran
Westin Zagreb is a deluxe hotel located in Zagreb city centre. Surrounded by the most important cultural attractions, it is within walking distance to the central square, administrative city centre, restaurants, trendy clubs and bars, picturesque markets and various stores with a vast selection of exclusive products. Westin Zagreb is the favorite destination for prominent local and international guests and it is always the home-away-from-home for numerous international dignitaries as well as guests who seek the ultimate service characteristic to a first-class hotel.
The Esplanade Hotel, Zagreb’s most prestigious hotel, was built in 1925 to provide top quality accommodation and services to the passengers of the Orient Express train on its route from Paris to Istanbul. Some of the famous people who had stayed here include famous Josephine Baker, Charles Lindbergh, Gilbert Becaud, Leonid Brezhnev and many others.

After taking a year for a complete renovation, the hotel opened its doors on 18 May 2004 under the name “The Regent Esplanade Zagreb”. This five-star hotel offers 209 spacious and luxurious rooms and suites with beautiful marble bathrooms. Upon check in, the guests are greeted with a complimentary glass of champagne!
The Sheraton Zagreb Hotel is the first Croatian five-star hotel and one of the leading hotels in the country. Located in the very heart of Zagreb, the main attractions, theatres, concert halls, administrative centre, local government and shopping area are within walking distance of the hotel and the airport is a 20 minute ride away. This hotel is the favorite choice for business travelers and an established location for important conferences, meetings and banquets.
The Palace Hotel, located in the heart of Zagreb, is situated in a palace erected next to an old city park. This first professionally organized hotel in Zagreb opened its doors in 1907. After adaptations which have brought it up to date with modern hotel service, today this hotel combines the comfort of modern accommodation with a warm retro chic charm created by its elegant furniture and Secessionist interior. Frequent guests of the Palace Hotel include local and international academics, artists and musicians, giving this small and comfortable hotel with a warm atmosphere an artistic signature.
The Dubrovnik Hotel in Zagreb with a tradition since 1929 is located in the very centre of the city, on the main square, and it is the gate into the heart of the city.
The baroque feel of the historical Upper Town, the Zagreb Cathedral, the colorful open market Dolac, the main shopping zone in Ilica street, the green park and promenade Zrinjevac, the Flower Square as a traditional meeting point for Zagreb’s residents, numerous theatres, galleries and museums, the city’s night life... and many other things the city has to offer are only a few steps away.
HOTEL BEST WESTERN ASTORIA

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The Best Western Premier Hotel Astoria is located in the very heart of Zagreb. It belongs to the renowned world hotel chain Best Western with 4200 hotels worldwide. It is the ideal place for rest, only a few minutes away from city’s unique cultural sights. The Astoria Hotel was built in the late 1932 and fully restored in 2005 when it was also furnished with hand picked top-quality furniture. Tastefully decorated rooms will fully satisfy even the most demanding world travelers.
The Four Points by Sheraton Panorama Zagreb Hotel offers full service and a casual and relaxed atmosphere. Every detail here is tailored for guests to fully relax in this home-away-from-home. All 280 rooms and 50 suites have air conditioning and are designed to meet your every need and live up to the modern standards of the hotel industry. This is the ideal choice for business travelers as well as those coming for leisure. Because of its immediate proximity to the sports centre Dom sportova, the hotel is an ideal choice for sports groups.
HOTEL INTERNATIONAL

The International Hotel in Zagreb is located in the very heart of the city’s business center. It is the best choice for business travelers as well as tourists. Spacious rooms are separated into three categories and the luxurious accommodation in the suites of the International Hotel will make your stay in Zagreb relaxing and pleasant. Those who wish to get better acquainted with Zagreb will find numerous city attractions, museums and other cultural sites within walking distance of the hotel. More than just hotel accommodation, the International Hotel in Zagreb also invites its guests to relax in its lounge bar or to explore Mediterranean and continental Croatian specialties in the hotel restaurant.
The Laguna Hotel, located in the centre of the city, is only a couple hundred meters away from the sports centers Cibona and Dom sportova. It offers everything you need for a pleasant business or private stay in Zagreb. Hotel Laguna is proud of the quality of its service and the pleasant atmosphere it provides. The hotel is even more attractive because it is easily accessible by public transport and features its own car park. The hotel has 155 rooms and 5 suites with air conditioning and a mini-bar, satellite TV, hair dryer, telephone and a fully equipped bathroom.
Located in the very heart of Zagreb, hotel Jadran offers quick and easy access to everything the centre has to offer. The hotel’s three stars shine brightly to all guests who wish to explore the historical riches of Zagreb. The hotel features 48 rooms - double guest rooms and single rooms with French beds, and it also has a private car park that can be used free of charge. Hotel Jadran is distinguished by a long tradition and a new interior, which makes it a favorite for business travelers. Enjoy the benefit of free wireless Internet service everywhere in the hotel.
## Restaurants

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<td>Jurjevska 65a, Zagreb</td>
<td><a href="http://www.apetit.hr">www.apetit.hr</a></td>
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<td>Obrtnički prolaz, Masarykova 18, Zagreb</td>
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<td>A new restaurant in the centre with a modern menu</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.hotel-as.hr">www.hotel-as.hr</a></td>
<td>A nice terrace in the century-old forest; famous for its fish specialties</td>
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<td>Nova ves 88, Zagreb</td>
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<td>Nova ves 4, Zagreb</td>
<td><a href="http://www.restoran-baltazar.hr">www.restoran-baltazar.hr</a></td>
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<td>A modern restaurant in nice surroundings and with a car park</td>
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<td>Jurišićeva 1/I, Zagreb</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.mano.hr">www.mano.hr</a></td>
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OKRUGLJAK
Mlinovi 28, Zagreb
www.okrugljak.hr
A renowned national restaurant with a nice, refreshing garden
Prices €€€     Dining hall / 310     Terrace / 200

MU
Ulica grada Vukovara 72, Zagreb
www.mu-steakhouse.com
A modern steak house
Prices €€     Dining hall / 70     Terrace / -

IVICA I MARICA
Tkalčićeva 70, Zagreb
www.ivicaimarica.com
Zagreb specialties in the centre of the vibrant Tkalča Street
Prices €     Dining hall / 70     Terrace / 30

PIVNICA ZLATNI MEDO
Savska cesta 56, Zagreb
www.pivnica.hr
A pub with a typical menu
Prices €     Dining hall / 350     Terrace / 200

KORČULA
Nikole Tesle 17, Zagreb
The best fish restaurant in the city centre
Prices €€€     Dining hall / 60     Terrace / -

BOBAN
Gajeva 9, Zagreb
www.boban.hr
Italian specialties in the city centre
Prices €     Dining hall / 90     Terrace / -

TAKENOKO
Nova Ves 17, Zagreb
www.takenoko.hr
A modern Japanese restaurant
Prices €€€€     Dining hall / 70     Terrace / -

VINODOL
Nikole Tesle 10, Zagreb
www.vinodol-zg.hr
Gastronomic specialties from all over Croatia
Prices €€     Dining hall / 180     Terrace / 100

PRASAC
Vranicanjiveja 6, Zagreb
www.prasac.hr
A little restaurant known for its innovative dishes
Prices €€€€     Dining hall / 15     Terrace / -

DIDOV SAN
Mletačka ulica 11, Zagreb
www.konoba-didovsan.com
Specialties of the Croatian cuisine
Prices €     Dining hall / 45     Terrace / 30

Key Prices €€€€-expensive, €-low-priced; Dining hall / seats; Terrace / seats
Every year, Zagreb is getting richer in various happenings, where everyone can find something to enjoy. You can see the detailed list of happenings for the current year at www.zagreb-touristinfo.hr. Some of the traditional events in Zagreb are:

JANUARY • FIS World Cup Vip Snow Queen Trophy www.vipsnowqueentrophy.com
• Century of Blues www.bpclub.hr
MARCH • Spring time Jazz Fever www.bpclub.hr
• Zagreb Snowflakes Trophy www.croskate.hr
• CROTUR International Tourism Fair www.zv.hr
APRIL-SEPTEMBER • ZAGREB TIME MACHINE every Saturday 16 April 2011 – 25 September 2011 www.zagreb-touristinfo.hr
MAY • Zagreb Open ATP Challenger Tour www.zagrebopen.hr • Jewish Film Festival www.jff-zagreb.hr
JUNE-AUGUST • Summer on Stross www.ljetonastrosu.com • Dokukino www.dokukino.hr
JUNE • Floraart International Garden and Flower Exhibition www.floraart.net • Animafest www.animafest.hr
JULY • Golden Bear Croatian Open Competition in swimming www.zlatnimedvjed.com.hr
• International Folklore Festival www.msf.hr
SEPTEMBER • IAAF Grand Prix Zagreb www.zagrebhanzek.com • Zagreb International Autumn Fair www.zv.hr
OCTOBER • Croatian Jazz Meeting www.bpclub.hr
• Ambienta www.zv.hr
NOVEMBER • Interliber www.zv.hr
DECEMBER • Golden Spin of Zagreb www.croskate.hr
• Advent in Zagreb www.adventzagreb.com
Zagreb Meetings & Events

Zagreb, the city of a Central European charm, is being chosen as a travel destination by more and more business visitors and tourists. For centuries, Zagreb has been developing as a rich cultural and scientific centre, and a powerful trade and economic nucleus at the junction of important roads between the Adriatic coast and Central Europe. It is well connected to all other important cities in Croatia and abroad via air travel and modern motorways. That is the reason why Zagreb is an ideal place to hold business meetings and events. Whether you are organizing a smaller business meeting, an incentive or a conference with many participants, we will organize your gathering in Zagreb so that it rises to the occasion and is remembered by the participants for a long time.

**CONGRESS CENTRES**
- Concert and Congress Hall Vatroslav Lisinski [www.lisinski.hr](http://www.lisinski.hr)
- Zagreb Fair Congress Centre [www.zv.hr](http://www.zv.hr)
- Hypo Expo XXI [www.hypo-alpe-adria.hr](http://www.hypo-alpe-adria.hr)

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- Illyrian Hall [www.hazu.hr](http://www.hazu.hr)
- Croatian National Theatre [www.hnk.hr](http://www.hnk.hr)
- Mimara Museum [www.mdc.hr](http://www.mdc.hr)
- Klovićevi dvori Gallery [www.galerijaklovic.hr](http://www.galerijaklovic.hr)
- Museum of Arts and Crafts [www.muo.hr](http://www.muo.hr)
- Croatian State Archives [www.arhiv.hr](http://www.arhiv.hr)
- Glyptothèque of Croatian Academy of Science and Arts [www.hazu.hr](http://www.hazu.hr)
- Golden Hall [www.isp.hr](http://www.isp.hr)
- Art Pavilion [www.umjetnicki-paviljon.hr](http://www.umjetnicki-paviljon.hr)
- Zagreb City Museum [www.mgz.hr](http://www.mgz.hr)
- Croatian Artists Centre [www.hdlu.hr](http://www.hdlu.hr)
Zagreb abounds in department stores, specialized shops and boutiques; what is more, in the past few years several modern and attractive shopping malls have opened. In addition to many stores, in the shopping malls there are other things to visit, such as restaurants and cinemas.

- Arena centar www.arenacentar.hr
- Avenue Mall www.avenuemall.hr
- Centar Kaptol www.centarkaptol.hr
- City Center One www.citycenterone.com
- Cvjetni www.hoto.hr
- Garden Mall www.gardenmall.hr
- Importanne www.importanne.hr
- Westgate Shopping City www.westgate.com.hr
There is a wide range of products which you can buy in Zagreb as a souvenir or a gift for your loved ones: from clothes, cushions and calendars, to books, monographs and paintings, to high-quality wines and cakes. Souvenirs with a typical touch of Zagreb are the casting of Dora, the character from the popular novel Zlatarevo zlato (The Goldsmith’s Gold), pleter - an Early Croatian three-strand design, ceramics, castings of famous works by the great Croatian sculptor Ivan Meštrović, typical little houses made of plaster, pictures with the motives of Zagreb, crystal glass objects, knitted articles and folk handicrafts, fruit brandies, ball-point pens, Samobor appetizer bermet and mustard sauce muštarda, Croata ties, books and monographs of Zagreb, wine... All that, and many other attractive products, you can find in numerous specialized or regular shops in the city centre, but also in other parts of Zagreb. The gingerbread hearts from the Northern Croatia are listed on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.
Zagreb sport

FOR ALL THE SPORT TEAMS WHICH COME TO ZAGREB, WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING SERVICES
- Event management services for the game for the team, VIP guests, sponsors, journalists and fans
- Sports: tennis, basketball, football, handball, hockey, skiing, water-polo, golf
- Organization and assistance during technical visits to the destination
- Organization and assistance services for VIP guests, transport and reception of guests
- Preparations/ training camps
- Motivational speaker from the world of sport
- Responses to inquiries within 24/48 hours
- Personnel with good knowledge of foreign languages
- Inspection visits
- Planning and coordination of activities
- Ground handling, transfers, gala evenings, programs before and after games
- Complete logistic support
- Organization of accommodation and meals
- Services of professional translators
- Communication with local authorities

SPORT FACILITIES IN ZAGREB
- Arena Zagreb www.zagrebarena.hr
- Dom sportova www.sport-dvorane-zagreb.hr
- City Stadium Maksimir www.nk-dinamo.hr
- Dražen Petrović Basketball Centre www.cibona.com
- SP Sport Park Mladost www.zgh.hr
- SRC Šalata www.zgh.hr
- Zagreb hippodrome www.zgh.hr
- Golf & country club Zagreb www.gcczagreb.hr
Health tourism

The health tourism is a fast growing branch of tourism which is getting increasingly stronger in
the world. Because of expensive medical services
in their homelands, many patients opt for medi-
cal services abroad. Due to an increasing number
of people who visit the country for the health
tourism, there is a need for a more organized
offer of medical services.

In cooperation with the company specialized for
this kind of tourism, we provide our clients with ser-
vices of different types of clinics which offer medi-
cal care to individual patients and groups of patients,
while keeping the high standard of services offered.

Even though the medical services in Croatia are of a
high quality and in accordance with the high Euro-
pean standards, the prices are more moderate and
adjusted to local standards. In comparison with pri-
ces of same services in the West European countries,
that means savings of up to 70%.

**MEDICAL SERVICES**
- Dental services (routine treatments, esthetic
dentistry, implantology, etc.);
- Ophthalmologic services (laser eye surgery,
cataract surgery, intraocular lenses, etc.);
- Esthetic surgery (breast implants, face surgery,
botox, etc.)

Croatia, with its capital Zagreb, is one of the
most popular tourist destinations thanks to the
unique combination of natural beauties, history,
culture and traffic connections. To all that we
can now add well-organized and affordable
medical services of top quality.

**TOURIST SERVICES WHILE STAYING IN ZAGREB**
- Transport services or rent-a-car
- Accommodation reservation
- Assistance upon the arrival to the clinic
- City sightseeing and excursions
- Translation services
Programs

- Zagreb city break
- Zagreb Wine & Gastro
- The parks of Zagreb
- Zagreb, the city of contemporary art
- Zagreb and its surroundings in the middle ages
- Weekend cooking classes
- Wine academy
ZAGREB CITY BREAK
3 days, 2 overnights

Zagreb, the city of museums and culture, growing and developing quickly into one of the cities of the so-called New Europe is at the same time incredibly laid-back: one of the pleasures that locals as well as tourists enjoy here is relaxing in one of the many cafes that the city has to offer as life which goes on in the busy streets becomes just a scenery. Guests are always welcomed in Zagreb, they are invited to enjoy the excellent Croatian cuisine, explore the city attractions, shop in numerous stores, and end the day in one of the city bars or clubs – because good times are guaranteed!

**DAY 1: ARRIVAL** Arrival to the airport, transfer and check-in. Tourists who wish to learn about the historical and mysterious side of this capital are offered an interactive night tour.*

The tour is based on free interpretations of scenes from a novel by the Croatian writer Marija Jurić Zagorka and on city legends. It is attractive because it is organized at night and costumed characters present the history of Zagreb in an original and interactive way. The tourists take active part in different events played out from that period. Some events will increase your adrenaline, and some will awaken your romantic side...

**DAY 2: ZAGREB** In the morning we offer sightseeing with a local guide or hop on hop off sightseeing in a tour bus**: Lower Town, Upper Town, Cathedral, the Ban Josip Jelačić Square, the Zrinjevac Park, the King Tomislav Square... If you decide to explore the city with a tour guide, you will visit the city’s oldest tavern for a glass of Croatian wine, a cup coffee, or simply a short break. After sightseeing, the rest of the day is free for relaxation and shopping. In case you are more interested in a dinner and a night out, we will be happy to offer you tickets for a concert or a play, because Zagreb, as the cultural centre of Croatia, offers top quality cultural events.

**DAY 3: DEPARTURE** We suggest you spend the morning in the city centre: visit the most beautiful market Dolac that is very lively in the morning and have a cup of coffee on the Flower Square. After that, it is time for the transfer to the airport and departure.

*Includes: Accommodation at a designated hotel (bed and breakfast), sojourn tax, transfer to and from the airport, sightseeing with a local guide. Minimum number of tourists 2, maximum number of people per group: 50.

**Additional charge: the interactive night tour, tickets. • The interactive night tour is available: May - October • Hop on hop off tour of the city is available: April – September
Whether in the city centre or in the relaxed atmosphere under the Sljeme Mountain, accompanied by the pleasant sounds of the distinctive tamburica or a piano, we will suggest the best places and menus that Zagreb’s and Croatian gastro scene has to offer. Cottage cheese with cream, štrukli, turkey with pasta tatters, Dalmatian stewed beef, kulen sausage or Mediterranean specialties with fresh seafood from the Adriatic, and everything accompanied with Croatian top quality wines.

DAY 1: ARRIVAL  Arrival, transfer to the hotel, check in. Dinner in a top quality restaurant where dishes typical of Zagreb will be served and accompanied by selected wines chosen by a sommelier. Return to the hotel.

DAY 2: ZAGREB WINE AND GASTRO EXPERIENCE  The sightseeing with a local guide will be focused on the subject of gastronomy. Visit to the most beautiful open market Dolac, tasting of local products on the market. Visit to the Wine Academy. In the afternoon we offer the possibility of attending wine school*. Free time for lunch followed by shopping, rest or a visit to a museum. Dinner in a selected top quality restaurant, accompanied by Croatian wines chosen by a sommelier. Return to the hotel.

DAY 3: PLEŠIVICA WINE ROAD  A trip to the surrounding area of Zagreb and Plešivica wine road. The picturesque wine region Plešivica is located only half an hour drive from Zagreb. The production of wine has a long tradition here. The landscape is covered with vineyards cultivated on sunny slopes, and the high quality wine sorts grown here, as well as the knowledge and experience of the wine makers, guarantee the production of a noble wine. A visit to wine cellars, wine tasting and lunch. Dinner, return to the hotel.

DAY 4:  Breakfast in the hotel. Departure.

Includes: Accommodation at a designated hotel (bed and breakfast), sojourn tax, transfer from and to the airport, sightseeing with a local guide, visit to the Wine Academy, trip to Plešivica wine road, two wine tastings and lunch. Minimum number of tourists: 4, maximum number of people per group: 30
Additional charge: tickets for museums, *wine school – additional charge and early reservation in order to check free dates.
Green parks and fountains, flower-lined alleys and monuments... In the very centre of Zagreb there is an array of eight parks, the so-called Lenuzzi’s horseshoe. In the multitude of promenades, from Zrinjevac, through the Botanical Garden, all the way to the Marulić Square and the Marshal Tito Square, you follow a line of greenery and flowers. Their peace and a bench waiting just for you present a refuge and a break from the walking tour, their beauty and gallery in the open tell a story of a remarkable city.

**DAY 1: ARRIVAL** Upon arrival at the airport, transfer to a hotel and check-in. Spring in Zagreb marks the beginning of liveliness in the streets of the city – the nature in the parks awakens, open markets become greener, restaurants offer menus with season’s specialties, so the only thing you can do is taste a dish based on wild asparagus accompanied by a glass of top quality chardonnay, and then proceed to a club to continue to have good time.

**DAY 2: ZAGREB** In the morning, a city tour with a local tour guide who will introduce you to friendly vendors on Dolac, the most beautiful open-market in Zagreb, show you the magic of the Zrinjevac Park which hosts promenade concerts from the mid-April, and recommend a coffee break in Gradska kavana (City Coffee House). After lunch, a visit to the Botanical Garden, established in 1889. Its founder was Dr. Antun Heinz, a professor of botany. The main part of it is an arboretum in the style of English gardens. The flower section is made in the French style, with strictly symmetrical lines. In the eastern part of the garden there are two small artificial lakes lined with swamp cypresses (Taxodium distichum). Dinner and overnight stay.

**DAY 3: THE MAKSIMIR PARK** After breakfast, a visit to the Maksimir Park. The Maksimir Park originally developed on the outskirts of Zagreb at the end of 18th century and in the first half of the 19th century; today it is protected as a monument of horticultural and landscape architecture. Apart from the Maksimir Park as a whole, many other individual structures enjoy the protection as cultural heritage: gazebo, summer house, gatekeeper’s cabin etc. After the tour around the park, lunch and departure.
ZAGREB, THE CITY OF CONTEMPORARY ART
3 days, 2 overnights

**DAY 1: ARRIVAL** Arrival to Zagreb and accommodation at a hotel. A visit to the Floral Gallery of Saša Šekoranja in the Ilica 82 Street, who the most famous Croatian florist, academically trained painter, illustrator and scenographer, where he exhibits his artistic installations. A dinner in an excellent restaurant serving dishes of the modern Croatian cuisine with Croatian wines chosen by a sommelier. Overnight stay.

**DAY 2: SIGHTSEEING** In the morning, a city tour with a local guide. A visit to the Collection – a flat of the architect Viktor Kovačić (1874-1924), who advocated the necessity of modern construction and participated in the construction of urban units of the downtown; his flat clearly projects the culture of living at the beginning of the 20th century and mirrors the spirit of those times. A lunch in the city centre. After lunch, a visit to the Gallery of Contemporary Art Miroslav Kraljević which promotes artists, artistic and multidisciplinary cultural projects that, using different media, strategies and innovative models of work, reflect critically and analytically the present day. The gallery is nowadays one of the most propulsive and popular spaces for modern art, presenting upcoming and established artists. Dinner and overnight stay.

**DAY 3: NEW ZAGREB** After breakfast, a visit to New Zagreb – the Museum of Contemporary Art. New Zagreb, a part of the city which its inhabitants in the times of socialism called “bedroom community”, today is a lively place for socializing and active lifestyle. You will be delighted by the recently opened Museum of Contemporary Art, housed in a building made by the architect Igor Franić, because of its valuable permanent collection called “Collections in Movement” and exquisite exhibitions, as well as with its atmosphere and accompanying activities. In case you want to become part of the contemporary art, slide down the interactive installation-sculpture by the German artist Carsten Höller, called Double slide. After lunch, transfer to the airport and departure.

The travel arrangement includes: accommodation at a designated hotel with an overnight stay with breakfast, sojourn tax, arrival and departure transfer, a city tour with a local tour guide, Zagreb card, tickets, lunches and dinners in programs. Minimum number of people: 2, maximum number of people: 50.
ZAGREB AND SURROUNDINGS IN THE MIDDLE AGES
3 days, 2 overnights

DAY ONE: ZAGREB Meeting with a local tour guide followed by a city tour: Lower Town, Upper town, the Cathedral, The Ban Jelačić Square, Zrinjevac, The King Tomislav Square... After sightseeing, accommodation at a hotel and free time for rest and shopping. We recommend a visit to the Zagreb City Museum where you learn more about the history of the city, presented in an interactive way. Dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 2: ZAGREB-TRAKOŠĆAN-VARAŽDIN-ZAGREB Breakfast at a hotel. Meeting with the tour guide in front of the hotel for a drive to Varaždin. Upon arrival to Varaždin, a city tour with a local tour guide follows. Old town, City hall, Watchtower, the Drašković Palace, Varaždin Cathedral, St.Nichola’s Parish Church. Varaždin was declared the first free royal borough in Croatia in 1209, and it is known as a town of the Baroque, flowers and music. A lunch break and short rest. Departure from Varaždin at 3 p.m. A drive to Trakošćan. According to the oral tradition, Trakošćan was named after a roman fortification (Arx Tracorum); another tradition says it was named after the knights of Drachenstein who were the owners of the burg in the Middle Ages. Written records mention the castle for the first time in 1334, and in 16th century it became ownership of the Drašković family – who remained its owners for 400 years. A tour of the castle premises: hunting hall, knights’ salon, library, music room. After the tour, free time for a walk along the lake at the foot of the castle. Return to Zagreb. Overnight stay at a hotel.

DAY 3: MEDVEDGRAD After breakfast, a half-day trip to the Medvedgrad fortress, built between 1249 and 1254 on the royal property of that time. Already during its construction, along the fortress there arose a feudal estate with accompanying villages, arable fields and vineyards. However, the largest part of Medvedgrad manorial estate was covered by forests. Due to its remarkable position and strategic importance there was a continuous fight between Medvedgrad feudal estate owners, the King and the Zagreb Diocese for the predominance over Medvedgrad. Medvedgrad fortress was severely damaged in the earthquake of 1590, when its last inhabitants left.

The travel arrangement includes: services of a local guide in Zagreb, accommodation at a 4* hotel in Zagreb including two overnights and breakfast, a day trip to Varaždin and Trakošćan, entrance tickets to the Trakošćan Castle, services of a local guide in Varaždin, a lunch in Varaždin, a half-day trip to Medvedgrad. Minimum number of people in a group: 20, maximum number of people in a group: 50.
WEEND COOKING CLASSES - FORGOTTEN RECIPES OF THE OLD ZAGREB

We present you the program called “Weekend cooking classes – forgotten recipes of the old Zagreb” where you can learn something about the gastronomy of Zagreb and enjoy the tastes of the Zagreb cuisine. The Zagreb cuisine is a combination of a rich heritage, reflecting the history of the city marked by changes. The Zagrebians have always paid attention to what they eat. It is worth noting that the Zagrebians like cooking at home, which results in numerous traditional gastronomic events with presentations and ratings held in the city and its surrounding areas. While having fun and socializing, learn how to choose high-quality groceries on Dolac, the most beautiful open-market in Zagreb, and how to prepare forgotten dishes of the old Zagreb. Branko Ognjenović, selector of the Croatian cooking team, is a chef with rich life and professional experience. Head chef in renowned restaurants, creator of Medini Medenjaci (Bear’s gingerbread cookies), is now an active lecturer in the field of gastronomy and gastroenology.

**KEY ACTIVITIES/ATTRACTIONS**

- Buying typical fresh groceries on the Dolac market/ thematic sightseeing of the town “Zagreb gastro”/
- Classes of cooking dishes from Zagreb and pairing of prepared dishes with excellent wines.

The classes last at least one day, and a maximum of three days.

**DAY ONE:** Thematic sightseeing of the city, a dinner at a national restaurant

**DAY TWO:** Buying on the market, cooking classes

**DAY THREE:** Education on specifics of Zagreb cuisine, lunch

The arrangement is available throughout the year, based on at least two, and a maximum of 20 people in a group.

Your can organize the transport in the program by your own or we can organize it for you. Professional guidance is available in English and German, and in other languages upon request.
WINE ACADEMY – WINE SCHOOL IN ZAGREB

Wine is a wondrous drink. It is not only agricultural product or a food product. Wine is, of course all of that, but first and foremost it is a culturally important drink. Why? Because wine in certain areas, for as long as the mankind has existed, has defined the man’s survival, development, way of life, habits, culture. Even today, wine is a prestigious product, it is popular. The aim of the Wine Academy, which we have designed for you, is to emphasize the culture of wine enjoyment, to open the door to the richness of sensations, teach you how to enjoy it, and how to discover yourself by discovering some of its characteristics, by using your senses. Wine culture is inherited from our ancestors and has a long history. Nowadays we build upon that culture, develop and create new trends, new values. Be a part of these trends, explore the wondrous world of wines, get to know your senses, and get to know yourself.

FRANJO FRANCEM, BSC., THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF ENOLOGISTS AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE CROATIAN SOMMELIER CLUB.

BASIC PROGRAM
A half-day program lasting 4 hours, at the Wine Academy in Zagreb. The basic program offers participants an insight into basic knowledge about the culture of wine drinking.

TOPICS
- Basic characteristics of wine
- Wine categorization
- Vineyard regions
- Croatian wine assortment
- Table etiquette
- Food and wine pairing
- Tasting

Upon finishing the program, participants receive a certificate to certify they have finished the program of the Wine Academy.

The program of the Wine Academy can be included in tourist program for visitors to Zagreb, for individual guests according to the schedule for open courses, or for closed groups of at least 20 participants.

The training is organized as a half-day, whole day or weekend seminar. Seminars are done in equipped lecture rooms in Agrokor wine (Zagreb, Samoborska cesta 145). Lecture room is equipped with necessary didactic equipment and tools. Lecturers are experts in the field of enology, gastronomy, marketing and sales.
**Excursions**

Samobor

Velika Gorica

Castles of Hrvatsko Zagorje

Marija Bistrica and Lepoglava

Krapina

Kumrovec and Klanjec

The Peasants’ Revolt Museum and the Oršić castle

Varaždin

The Zelina wine road

The Trakošćan castle

The Plitvice lakes

Karlovac and Ozalj

The wine road of Plešivica

Lonja Field

Osijek and Baranja
Situated at the foot of green hills, Samobor is a favourite destination of excursionists who enjoy the atmosphere on the square and famous samoborske kremšnite (custard-cream pastry cake). Enthusiasts of art, handicrafts and old arts and crafts can find many interests in Samobor.

The town of Velika Gorica is situated 16km south of Zagreb and it is the centre of Turopolje, known for wooden chapels, typical wooden housing architecture - čardaks and Baroque sacral art. The St. Barbara chapel in Velika Mlaka is the most representative example of traditional wooden sacral architecture of the baroque age. Čardaks are wooden two-storey houses with beautifully carved porches and exterior staircases. Ground floor rooms were usually farm buildings, and on the first floor, which could be reached by an exterior staircase, there were rooms for family members. The greatest number of preserved čardaks is in Mraclin.

A tour of the western part of Zagreb goes through a gentle landscape of green hills and upon summits there are vineyards, small churches and castles. Hrvatsko Zagorje boasts more than 50 castles, some of which have their own preserved parks. Wooden children’s toys are recognizable traditional products of Hrvatsko Zagorje with a long history and listed on the UNESCO list of intangible cultural heritage.
Marija Bistrica and Lepoglava

Marija Bistrica is one of the most favourite Marian shrines in Croatia. The small town is located in the amazing countryside, and the votive church of St. Mary of the Snows is especially interesting because of the miraculous statue of the black mother of God with a child. In the nearby Lepoglava there is also a big shrine, and it is remarkable for its monastery of the Pauline Fathers who brought lace to Lepoglava. Nowadays, lace from Lepoglava is under UNESCO protection as intangible cultural heritage. The interesting thing is that lace from Lepoglava is bobbin lace, equally famous lace from Pag is needle-made lace, and lace from Hvar is made from the fibres of the agave leaf.

Krapina

One of the biggest finding sites of the early man in Europe. As part of the site there are replicas of the Krapina early man and his family beside a fire, animal replicas from that age and a new museum with the collection which includes interesting multimedia activities and contemporary museum exposition. A Middle Ages fortress can also be found in Krapina, famous among other things for its legend about Čeh, Leh and Meh brothers and for a baroque Franciscan monastery housing a permanent exhibition of sacral art, a library of 8 000 titles and valuable incunabula.

Kumrovec and Klanjec

Kumrovec is one of the favourite outing spots where traditional countryside houses have been restored in today’s ethnographic museum Old village. Village skills of old crafts can be shown to visitors by craftsmen. Kumrovec is known as the birth place of Josip Broz Tito. Klanjec is a small picturesque town with a mausoleum of the Erdödy family and gallery of the sculptor Antun Augustinčić.
Gornja Stubica is a place that takes us back to the feudal times with its monuments and architecture, to the times of peasants’ revolt in 1573. The Oršić castle houses the Peasants’ Revolt Museum, court chapel, gallery and a souvenir shop. In the vicinity of the castle there is a 400-year old linden-tree, in front of which, according to the tradition, Matija Gubec, a peasants’ leader, started a revolt in the 16th century.

Varaždin is one of the best preserved baroque towns in Central Europe. During the 18th century it was the capital of Croatia. Nowadays it boasts restored streets and a town museum situated in a fortification which safeguarded the town against attacks during the Ottoman Empire. For the horticulture enthusiasts, the town cemetery, which is landscaped as an ornamental park, can be of interest.

The Zelina wine road is extremely picturesque and attractive. Passing through picturesque villages you can see old mills and water mills. Visitors can taste the richness of Zelina wine offer in numerous tasting rooms in wineries and wine cellars which can be found along the Zelina wine road.
The Trakošćan castle

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The Plitvice lakes

The Plitvice Lakes National Park is the largest area of protected nature in Croatia. The Plitvice Lakes were declared a national park on 8th April 1949; it is a forested mountain area with a series of 16 smaller and bigger lakes of crystal blue-green colour. The waters originate from numerous small rivers and creeks, and they are interlinked by cascades and waterfalls. Spacious forest area, extraordinary natural beauty of the lakes and waterfalls, the richness of flora and fauna, mountain air, contrast of autumn colours, forest paths and wooden bridges and much more, make a unique whole which UNESCO declared the world natural heritage in 1979, among the first ones in the world.

Karlovac and Ozalj

The town of Karlovac situated on 4 rivers, was founded at the end of the 16th century by the archduke Karlo Štajerski, as a fortress to defend Central Europe against Ottoman conquests. The contours of a star in which the fortress was originally built can still be recognized in the city park. A well preserved castle Dubovac is also located in the town. In the vicinity of Karlovac there is also a small town of Ozalj, in which, upon a cliff above the town and river, proudly stands a castle with a museum. Another attractive feature in Ozalj is Munjara, hydroelectric power plant built by the Austrians in 1908 in the neo-Gothic style.
The wine road of Plešivica

Lonja Field

Osijek and Baranja

Only an hour’s drive away from Zagreb there is a picturesque wine region of Plešivica. Vini-culture has a long tradition here and vineyard landscape, sunny slopes and high-quality wine sorts grown here, as well as know-how of wine-growers and wine producers, guarantee a really refined drink. A visit to family-owned wineries, with wine tasting and lunch.

Lonja Field is the largest protected natural swamp area in Croatia, which also boasts a distinctive wooden architecture. Some of the greatest attractions of Lonja Field are storks in Čigoć, the European stork village, and the Krapje village with protected wooden architecture and the largest number of preserved wooden houses. Family ethnologic collections, natural beauty and preserved heritage attract a great number of visitors.

A visit to Osijek and Baranja will show you the richness of eastern Croatia; what these parts are usually remembered by is their genuine hospitality, twinkle in their hosts’ eyes, scent of pure nature, sounds of the tambura instrument, traditional delicious dishes and exquisite wines and a visit to Belje wine cellar dating back to 1526. Vineyards as far as your eyes can see are a sight for sore eyes, and a tour of eco villages brings an air of nostalgia for times gone by. Return from the trip leaves you with a lot of impressions, warmth in your heart and a wish to return there soon.
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