

## CROATIA – General info

### About Croatia

Despite the hype, Croatia's pleasures are more timeless than trendy. Along its 1778km coastline, a glistening sea winds around rocky coves, lapping at pine-fringed beaches. Istrian ports bustle with fishermen while children dive into the sparkling water. In [Dalmatia](#), cities throb with nightlife amid ancient Roman ruins.

Yachts glide up the coast, movie stars discreetly arrange to buy one of Croatia's 1185 islands and no Mediterranean cruise is complete without a stop in [Dubrovnik](#). The interior landscape is as beguiling, even though less visited. Soak in a thermal spa at Istarske Toplice in [Istria](#). Hike through pristine forests watered by mountain streams in the west. Let the waterfalls of Plitvice moisten your face. And then there's the culture. The country that endured Roman, Venetian, Italian and Austro-Hungarian rule has a unique and slightly schizoid identity. You'll find a strong central European flavour in the baroque architecture of [Zagreb](#), and Italian devotion to the good life percolates up from the coast, permeating Croatian food and style. During holidays and festivals the country's Slavic soul emerges, as colourfully costumed dancers whirl about to traditional folk melodies.



## About Zagreb

Too often overlooked by tourists making a beeline for the coast, Zagreb is a fascinating destination on its own, combining the best of Eastern and Western Europe. As the political, economic and cultural capital of [Croatia](#), the city throbs with energy but has retained a good deal of old-world graciousness. The sober Austro-Hungarian buildings in the town centre house elegant restaurants and fashionable boutiques along with scruffy pubs and rowdy beer halls. A proliferation of galleries display the works of the artistic community, a parade of international stars perform in the concert halls, and local DJs fill clubs with the latest sounds.

Spoiled by a coastline that lies only three hours away, Zagreb's residents have a lively appreciation of the outdoors. Even in winter, the long, refreshing stretch of park that bisects the town centre is rarely empty. With the first breaths of spring, everyone heads to their favourite outdoor café to soak up the midday sun. On weekends, Maksimir Park in the east is a major destination for bikers, strollers and joggers. In the summer, everyone who doesn't go to the coast scurries to Jarun Lake in the southwest to swim, boat and dance the night away in a lakeside disco. When Zagreb residents head for the hills, they don't have far to go: Mt Medvednica is only a tram ride away and offers hiking, skiing and great views over the city.

No matter the weather, there's a wealth of diversions in Zagreb. A proper pub-crawl could take weeks, and there's an assortment of museums and galleries to explore, regular concerts for the culturally minded and enough fine shopping to max out a wallet-full of credit cards.





## About Dubrovnik

It is a medieval city on the Croatian side of the Adriatic coastline and treasure - trove of cultural - historical monuments that were created throughout its thousand-year existence. In the past, it was a City-Republic, and alongside Venice one of the most famous cultural-economic centers on the Mediterranean. In more recent times, it has become the center of modern cultural and tourist events: a city of summer festivals – an international parade of top musical and theatrical achievements, a city of museums and galleries. These values have turned Dubrovnik into a place that offers a rich selection of various experiences and excitement, but also a complete holiday in a quiet and calming, mild Mediterranean ambience and wonderful seaside landscapes.

There are many beautiful places in the world, however, the people of Dubrovnik claim their city to be the most beautiful. Under the mild Mediterranean climate, Dubrovnik is bathed in a sea of sun, blossoms and ripe fruits of the orange and lemon trees even in the winter months. There are over 250 sunny days per year, with an average annual temperature of 17°C, while the mean winter temperature is 10°C and summer temperature is 26°C. The average summer sea temperature is about 21°C. The swimming season in the sea begins in April, sometimes even earlier, and lasts to late October and later, while swimming in indoor hotel pools is available year round. Dubrovnik and its surrounding areas cover the southernmost region of the Republic of Croatia and its Dalmatian province.

The walls of Dubrovnik girdle a perfectly preserved complex of public and private, sacral and secular buildings representing all periods of the City's history, beginning with its founding in the 7th century. Since 1979 Dubrovnik is in the register of UNESCO as a protected World heritage. Particular mention should be made of the city's main street in the old historical center - Stradun, Rector's Palace, St. Blaise's Church, Cathedral, three large monasteries, Custom's Office and the City Hall. The Republic of Dubrovnik was the centre of a separate political and territorial entity, and was proud of its culture, its achievements in commerce and especially of its freedom, preserved in the course of the stormy centuries.



<b>CONFERENCE – General info</b>
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**Conference venue: HOTEL GRAND VILA ARGENTINA\*\*\*\*\***

**Organized by:** CROATIAN CHAMBER OF CIVIL ENGINEERS

**In cooperation with:** DUBROVNIK SUN destination management company

**Language:** The official language of the Conference is English.

**Accommodation:**

The following hotel have offered special prices for participants of the Conference.

**HOTEL GRAND VILLA ARGENTINA\*\*\*\*\*****Standard room, single use**

**140 EUR** per person/per day, VAT and breakfast included

### Standard room, double room

**80 EUR** per person/per day, VAT and breakfast included

## Registration

Registration fee covers:

- Conference materials
- Refreshments during breaks
- Working lunches
- Gala dinner
- Dubrovnik city walking tour + fish&wine dinner

For National Delegate, 2nd delegate and ExBo or Standing C-ttee members **FREE**

For 3rd, and more Delegates **120 EUR**

For Accompanying persons	<b>120 EUR</b>
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**Contact for hotel reservations & conference registration:**

Link for on-line hotel reservations & conference registration:

**ecce2012@dubrovniksun.hr**

Contact person: Mr. Tonći Ćumo

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## IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Please complete on-line hotel reservations & conference registration:

**ecce2012@dubrovniksun.hr**

until **September 15th**

After registration you will receive a confirmation and instructions for payment via e-mail.

IMPORTANT: THE TRANSMITTER PREPAYS ALL BANK CHARGES!!

### **CANCELLATION POLICY**

- For any cancellation received till 30 September 2011: no charge.
- For any cancellation received from 1 October till 10 October 2011: one (1) room night will be charged.
- For any cancellation received from 11 October till 20 October 2011: two (2) room nights will be charged.
- For any cancellation received after 21 October 2011: all reserved room nights will be charged.

## DUBROVNIK CITY – General info

### Currency, Money and Banks

Croatia's unit of currency is the Kuna (Kn.), which is divided into 100 lipa. Coins come in denominations of 1, 5, 10, 20 and 50 lipa, and 1, 2, and 5 Kuna. There are notes of 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 500 and 1000 kuna.

You can pay in Kuna at any place or for any service or product you use. In some places you can pay in Euro or dollars. Be sure to establish the method of payment in advance if you wish to pay in any other currency than Kuna.

Banks (banka) are generally open Monday to Friday 7.30 AM-7 PM (often with a break for lunch), and Saturday 7.30-11.30 AM. Money can also be changed in post offices, travel agencies and exchange bureaux (mjenjacnica), which have more flexible hours. Credit cards are generally accepted in hotels and restaurants, but be sure to ask before you order. You can also use ATMs to get cash. Many banks have ATMs in front of their building.

**Exchange rates:** The Croatian currency unit is the Croatian Kuna (Kn).

**1 EUR = 7,46 Kn**

**1 USD = 5,98 Kn** (Exchange rate as per August 22, 2012,

### Restaurants - good to know

There are more than 60 restaurants in Dubrovnik, offering a great variety of dishes. In general, restaurants offer traditional Dalmatian cuisine, Croatian continental cuisine, and international cuisine, including a Mexican and a Chinese restaurant in Dubrovnik. The working hours of most restaurants are from 11.00 - 24.00.

A restaurant's menu is shown at the entrance, as well as the signs of the credit cards accepted (most major credit cards are generally accepted).

The price includes taxes, but the service charge is almost never included and is not mandatory. It is a customary; however, that the guest who is satisfied with the service leaves a tip for the waiter, 10% of the total amount is usually a fair tip.

### Drinking water

Drinking water in Dubrovnik is of very good quality, constantly controlled, and comes mostly from the Ombla River, 5 km from Dubrovnik. Don't miss the opportunity to refresh yourself at the Big and Small Onofrio fountains in the Old Town of Dubrovnik, the big Onofrio fountain is located at the entrance, right after Pile gate.

## **WEATHER**

### **Climate - Dubrovnik Region**

The climate along Dubrovnik Region is a typical Mediterranean one, with mild, rainy winters and hot and dry summers. The air temperatures can slightly vary, depending on the area or region. Summer temperatures in July rise till 34C in the northern part, while in the southern part they usually rise to 38C. During winter the coldest temperatures are recorded in the northern Adriatic with temperatures dropping sometimes below zero, while the southern regions of the Adriatic coast generally remain above zero.

### **Air temperature**

average annual 16,4 C (61,5 F)

average of coldest period (January) 9 C (48,2 F)

average of warmest period (August) 24,9 C (76,8 F)

Sea temperature

average May - September 17,9 - 23,8 C (64,2 - 74,8 F)

### **Salinity**

approximately 38‰

Precipitation

average annual 1020,8 mm

average annual rain days 109,2

### **Sun**

average annual 2629 h

average daily hours: 7,2 h

### **Sea water quality**

The results of the sea water analysis, made in the criteria prescribed by the European Union, show that the Adriatic Sea is of the highest quality, the only exception being several major seaports. Along Dubrovnik Region visitors will enjoy in the crystal clear sea and clean environment. The only exemption where swimming is not recommended is the port of Gruž and the Old Town harbor. Due to many ships and sewage water the sea quality in those areas must be improved before swimming can be recommended. The control measurements of the sea water quality around Dubrovnik are done yearly, before the tourist season. Unfortunately, there are no beaches around Dubrovnik that have yet received the Blue Flag award, and European award that recognizes beaches with high standards regarding both sea water quality and supporting facilities.

## Traveling to Croatia

### Visa Regulation

For Visa Information visit [Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration](#), and under Visa Requirement Overview select your country.

### By Air

Traveling by plane is a convenient and comfortable way to visit Dubrovnik. Many European companies have regular flights to Zagreb and from there the Croatian national carrier, Croatia Airlines, provides regular flights to Dubrovnik. The airport is called Cilipi and it is located about 18 km from Dubrovnik center..

Dubrovnik Airport

Flights and timetables

web: <http://www.airport-dubrovnik.hr/index.php?lang=en>

### *Croatia Airlines - Dubrovnik*

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International Flights from/to Zagreb:

Amsterdam, Barcelona, Berlin, Brussels, Copenhagen, Düsseldorf, Frankfurt, Gothenburg, Istanbul, London, Madrid, Moscow, Munich, Paris, Prague, Rome, Sarajevo, Skopje, Stockholm, Stuttgart, Vienna, Warsaw and Zurich.

International Flights from/to Dubrovnik:

Amsterdam, Frankfurt, London, Manchester, Paris, Rome and Vienna.

Domestic Flights from/to Zagreb:

Dubrovnik, Pula, Split, Zadar



### **By sea**

Another pleasant way of traveling to Dubrovnik is by sea. There are international and coastal ferry lines arriving and departing from Dubrovnik. Jadrolinija is the main Croatian passenger ferry company, with the highest number of regular international and domestic lines. The other Croatian shipping and freight agency is Jadroagent Ltd.

Tickets:

#### **JADROLINIJA**

Obala S. Radica 40, Dubrovnik

Phone: 418 000, Pho/fax: 418 111

#### **JADROAGENT**

Obala S. Radica 40, Dubrovnik

Tel: 419 000, 419 009, Fax: 419 029, E-mail: [jadroagent-dubrovnik@du.htnet.hr](mailto:jadroagent-dubrovnik@du.htnet.hr)

More information can also be found on the pages of Port of Dubrovnik authority, Gruska obala 1, 20 000 Dubrovnik, Tel / Fax: +385 20 418 511

International ferry lines:

Zadar - Brbinj (Dugi otok) - Ancona;

Zadar - Ancona; Split - Ancona;

Split-Stari Grad (Hvar)-Korcula-Ancona;

Dubrovnik -Bari.

Timetables for international ferry lines arriving and departing from Dubrovnik.

### **By rail**

The rail network connects all major Croatian cities, except Dubrovnik. There are direct trains to Slovenia, Hungary, Italy, Austria, Switzerland, Germany, Bosnia-Herzegovina and other countries. Indirect connections also exist, connecting Croatia to almost all other European countries. If you plan to travel by rail the best way is to arrive to Zagreb or Split and take the bus from there to Dubrovnik.

Information can be obtained at phone: 01 4573-253, 4573-238 or at the

**Croatian Railroads official pages:** <http://www.hznet.hr/>.

Eurocity and Intercity trains:

EC Mimara: Munich - Salzburg - Villach - Ljubljana - Zagreb;

EC Agram: Salzburg - Villach - Ljubljana - Zagreb;

IC Sava: Villach - Ljubljana - Zagreb - Belgrade;

IC Croatia: Vienna - Maribor - Zagreb;

IC Kvarner: Budapest - Koprivnica - Zagreb - Rijeka.

**By coach**

The bus service offers cheaper alternative for travel across Croatia and to Dubrovnik. Throughout Dubrovnik region, even the smallest villages have some sort of bus connection. There are express buses which cover longer distances and are very comfortable. In almost every larger town, there is a bus station (Autobusna stanica or Autobusni kolodvor) where tickets are sold and timetables are clearly displayed.

In Dubrovnik the main bus terminal is located in Gruž where both local and international coaches arrive.

***DUBROVNIK MAIN BUS TERMINAL***, Put Republike 19, phone: +385 20 357 088

***ZAGREB MAIN BUS TERMINAL***, <http://www.akz.hr/>

A wide variety of information for people traveling to Croatia was prepared by the Croatian National Tourist Board.