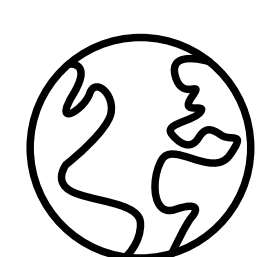


Croatia

Tucked along the shimmering Adriatic Sea, Croatia is one of Europe's most enchanting, and still pleasantly under-the-radar, destinations. With its year-round mild Mediterranean climate, vibrant cultural heritage, and effortlessly chic coastal lifestyle, Croatia invites travelers to slow down, explore, and be inspired. The country enjoys an impressive 2,600 hours of sunshine annually, making it one of Europe's sunniest seaside escapes.

From the crystal-clear waters and island-dotted coast of the south to the rolling plains of Slavonia and the snow-capped peaks of the north, Croatia is a land of striking contrasts. Along the coastline, charming stone towns overflow with cafés, markets, boutique shops, and waterfront promenades, while yachts glide across the Adriatic's iconic shades of blue. Inland, dramatic national parks offer pristine wilderness and abundant wildlife within landscapes shaped by centuries of natural beauty.

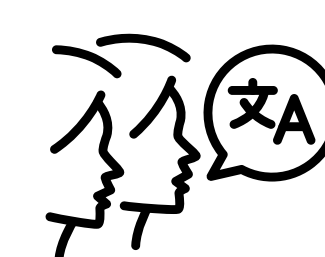
One of Croatia's crown jewels is Plitvice Lakes National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage treasure and the most famous of Croatia's eight national parks. Here, 16 terraced lakes cascade into one another through a series of travertine waterfalls, creating a surreal, ever-changing palette of blues and greens. Wooden pathways lead through lush forests of beech, fir, and spruce, where the Korana River begins its journey and protected species, such as the elusive brown bear, find refuge. Visitors can explore effortlessly aboard panoramic electric trains and quiet, eco-friendly boats that glide across the lakes.



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CURRENCY
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LANGUAGE
Croatian



DUBROVNIK

City in southern Croatia, known as the "Pearl of the Adriatic," famous for its massive medieval walls, 16th-century stone fortifications, and its Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site.



THE CAPITAL OF CROATIA

Zagreb, which is also the country's largest city. It serves as the political, economic, and cultural center and is located in the northwest of the country, situated on the southern slopes of Medvednica mountain and the Sava river.



SPLIT

Is the second-largest city in Croatia, located on the Dalmatian coast, and is most famous for its historical roots in the Palace of Diocletian, The city is a major port, a hub for tourism, and a vibrant mix of ancient ruins, modern culture, and Mediterranean life.



KRKA NATIONAL PARK

It's a stunning natural area in Croatia known for its seven waterfalls, clear turquoise water, and the Krka River. Located near Šibenik, the park features boardwalks for exploring, and opportunities for activities like cycling and walking. It is a popular destination for its scenic beauty.



KORANA RIVER

Fed by the waters of Plitvice Lakes, the Korana River winds through tranquil forests and rocky gorges, shaping one of Croatia's most picturesque landscapes. Along its course, the river nurtures diverse wildlife and supports some of the country's most pristine natural habitats.



PLITVICE LAKES NATIONAL PARK

This is Croatia's best-known national park and the only one of eight that is listed on the UNESCO List of World Heritage sites. The main attractions of this park are the 16 small lakes which are connected by waterfalls created by the sedimentation of travertine, a specific type of limestone.



PLAINS AND MOUNTAINS

From the flat agricultural plains of the east to the towering, snow-capped mountains of the north, Croatia's landscapes showcase impressive natural diversity.



YACHTS

Yachts sail the azure blue waters of the Adriatic enjoying the sunny and warm temperatures.

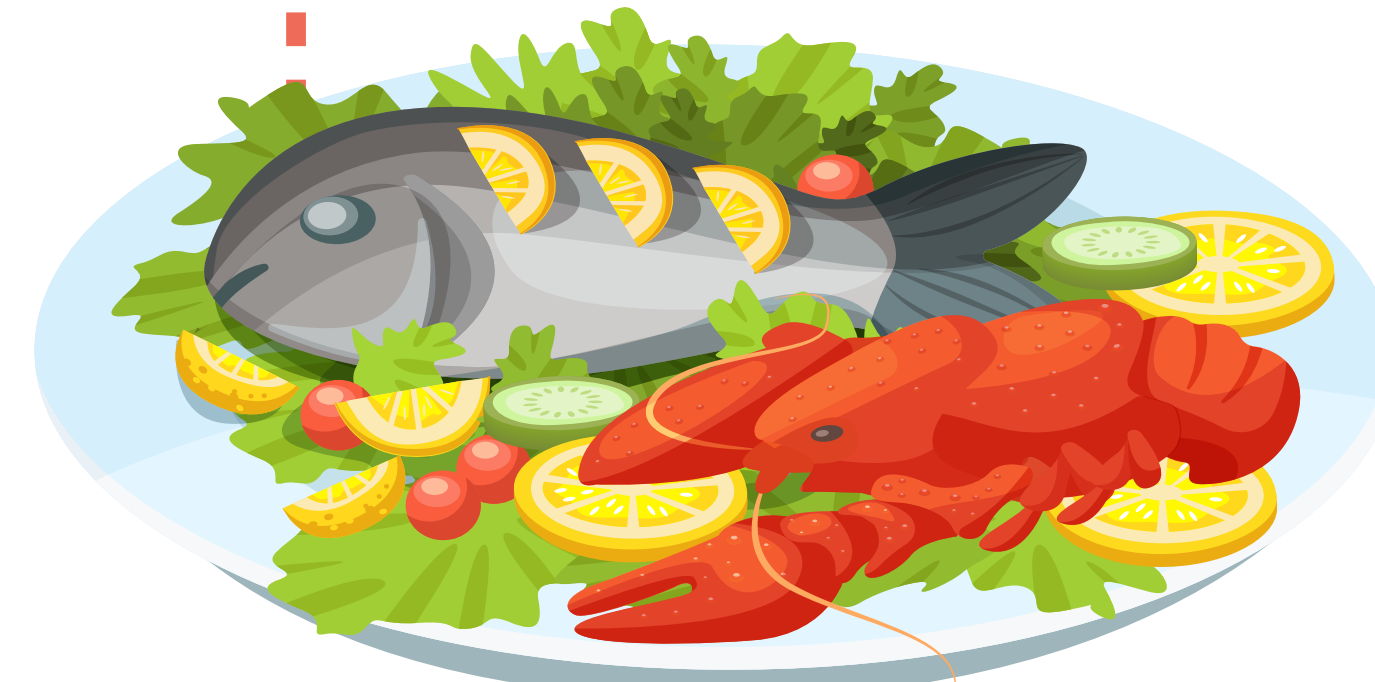


WEATHER

Boasting a year - round climate, a mild spring and autumn along the coast but cold and snowy winter in the center and north.

CROATIAN CLOTHES

Clothes includes both modern fashion and a rich variety of regional traditional folk costumes. Traditional wear often features earth tones with colorful embroidery and can include long skirts, blouses, with a colorful apron consisting of complicated geometric patterns and fringe worn over, as well as a red vest with gold stitching made in a way to make it stand out from the white blouse, and special footwear like opanci sandals, while modern clothing is similar to what is worn in other European countries.



CROATIAN CUISINE

Croatian cuisine is deeply tied to the Adriatic, offering fresh seafood specialties like squid (lignje), prepared grilled, fried, stuffed, or simmered in hearty stews served with creamy polenta.



CROATIAN DRINK

Croatia is both a beer - and a wine - drinking culture. Spirits, too, but these spirits are mainly variations on rakija, clear brandy created from various fruit, nuts, even mistletoe.