

# Zagreb to Split

## 4 Days | Zagreb to Split



Discover the lively capital of Zagreb before exploring the spectacular lakes in Plitvice National Park. End with a tour of Split before starting your sailing cruise.

### HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

#### Trip Highlights

- Zagreb - Discover Croatia's lively capital on a guided tour.
- Plitvice Lakes - traverse a stunning series of lakes, cascading waterfalls and travertines
- Split - wander through a historic port city with ancient Roman monuments

#### What's Included

- 3 nights 4 star accommodation
- 3 breakfasts and 1 dinner
- Arrival transfer from Zagreb airport on day 1
- Transfers as per itinerary
- Guided sightseeing in Zagreb, Plitvice Lakes and Split

#### What's Not Included

- Entrance fees to sites, other than those listed
- Tip for your tour guides
- International flights and visa

### DETAILED ITINERARY

#### Day 1 : Zagreb

Wednesday. Upon arrival at Zagreb international airport transfer to hotel in Zagreb. Remainder of the day at leisure.

**Overnight - Zagreb (D)**

#### Day 2 : Zagreb City Tour

This morning we have a guided tour of Zagreb including the historic Upper Town, St Mark's Church, the Cathedral, the Government Palace and the Lotrscak tower. **Overnight - Zagreb (B)**

#### Day 3 : Plitvice Lakes

Zagreb - Plitvice Lakes - Split. From Zagreb we journey to spectacular Plitvice Lakes National Park, consisting of 16 lakes all connected by a series of waterfalls. We take a 3 hour walk and boat ride on Kozjak Lake before taking a street train back to the entrance. We continue to Split for the evening. **Overnight - Split (B)**

#### Day 4 : Split

Saturday. We enjoy a guided tour of Split this morning before hotel check out(B)

### HOTELS

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though

we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard.

**Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.**

#### Palace Hotel

Located in a former Art Nouveau Palace, the aptly named Palace Hotel in Zagreb is a beautiful well preserved hotel with original decor throughout the main reception and dining areas. Located in the heart of Zagreb, and just a few minutes' walk from the main city square Jelačić Square this 4 star hotel is fantastically located for those wishing to explore on food. Boasting large, light and cleanly decorated rooms, the Palace Hotel benefits from air-conditioning, en-suite facilities and complimentary WiFi. Hotel facilities include an in-house restaurant, fitness centre and art deco bar.



#### Hotel International

While situated in the capital's buzzing business centre as part of a large modern complex, Hotel International is just a short walk away from Zagreb's Old Town, making

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it ideal for business and leisure travellers alike. This 4-star property boasts spacious newly-refurbished guest rooms, benefiting from air-conditioning, en-suite facilities and complimentary WiFi. Hotel facilities include an in-house restaurant and lounge bar, plus a coffee shop and casino. Travellers that like to keep fit on holiday can take advantage of the hotel's fitness centre.



### Hotel Cornaro

A seamless fusion of traditional and modern, Hotel Cornaro is well known for its professional and friendly service, with an enviable location right in the heart of the city. Diocletian's Palace and the Split City Museum are a 2 and 8 minute walk from the hotel, respectively. The rooms are stylishly decorated with large beds and elegant furnishings and flat screen TV's. At this hotel you'll find an inviting rooftop bar which offers wine tasting of local Croatian wines.



### Our partners

**This tour is operated in conjunction with our trusted partner and you will join travellers who booked through different operators, not solely On The Go.**

The sightseeing group may vary in size from 10 – 38 persons.

### KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

#### Visas

Please be advised that visa requirements are subject to change and that visa procurement is the responsibility of the traveller and not On The Go Tours, therefore it is essential that

you check current visa requirements with the embassy before travel. Please also ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months from your planned date of departure from Croatia.

UK, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and USA passport holders don't require a visa for a stay of less than 90 days.

South African passport holders REQUIRE a visa (issued before departure). Requirements for the procurement of a Croatian visa are subject to change but application requirements include the need to show proof of sufficient funds to cover duration of stay, proof of pre-paid accommodation or documentation regarding the purpose and means of travel (such as a return or onward ticket, details of holiday arrangement etc).

#### Health Requirements

You should seek medical advice before travelling to Croatia from your local health practitioner and ensure that you receive all of the appropriate vaccinations. As a guide Diphtheria, Hepatitis A and Tetanus is strongly recommended. The tap water in Croatia is generally considered safe to drink, but as a precaution against stomach upsets you may want to drink bottled mineral water, which is readily available from shops, hotels and restaurants.

#### Holiday Money

The official currency in Croatia is the Croatian Kuna.

Any money paid locally for optional excursions that you may wish to partake in can be paid in local currency only - Kuna.

If travelling with Euro, British Pounds, US Dollars and other major currencies these can be exchanged locally or in advance of departure. Internationally recognized debit/credit card can be used for cash machine withdrawals (available in all bigger towns). It's advisable to request bank notes in smaller denominations, as it can sometimes be hard to get change from large notes and smaller notes are handy for smaller purchases and gratuities. Traveller's Cheques are not

recommended as they're often difficult to exchange and incur high fees.

#### Time & Voltage

Croatia is 1 hour ahead of Greenwich Meantime (GMT). From the last Sunday in March to the last Sunday in October, Croatia observes Daylight Saving and is 2 hours ahead of GMT. Standard voltage is 220 volts, AC 50Hz. Primary sockets generally require European plugs, of the two round pin variety. We recommend that you pack a universal travel adaptor. You will need a voltage converter, and plug adaptor in order to use U.S. appliances.

#### Climate

Croatia is a northern hemisphere destination with Mediterranean and continental climatic conditions. The continental climate is predominant with hot summers and cold winters. Along the Adriatic coast, dry summers are experienced with mild winters. Our cruises operate during the Croatian summer, when temperatures are generally high (particularly from June through September), so pack sunscreen and a hat, as the sun can be strong.

### Croatia Country Guide

#### Croatia: Fact File

**Official Name:** Republic of Croatia

**Capital:** Zagreb

**Population:** 4.5 million

**Total Area:** 56,542 square kilometres

**Official Languages:** Croatian (others Serbian, Italian, Slovenian, Hungarian, Czech) English is widely spoken in the main cities, If you tour also spends time in smaller towns and villages you may wish to bring along a phrasebook to help you pick up a few words of the local language.

**Religion:** Roman Catholic 88%, Orthodox 4.4%, Muslim 1.3%

**Voltage:** 220-240V. Sockets are of European two pronged round pin variety.

**Time Difference:** GMT/UTC + 1. For all time differences please visit [www.timeanddate.com](http://www.timeanddate.com)

#### Croatia: Brief History

Croatia was part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire until the end of World War I. In

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1918, the Croats, Serbs, and Slovenes formed a kingdom known as Yugoslavia. Following World War II, Yugoslavia became a federal independent Communist state under the strong hand of Marshal TITO. Although Croatia declared its independence from Yugoslavia in 1991, it took four years of sporadic, but often bitter, fighting before occupying Serb armies were mostly cleared from Croatian lands. Under UN supervision, the last Serb-held enclave in eastern Slavonia was returned to Croatia in 1998.

## Croatia: Geography and weather

Croatia is situated in southeastern Europe, bordering the Adriatic Sea, between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Slovenia. Geographically diverse, the country has flat plains along the Hungarian border, low mountains and highlands near Adriatic coastline and islands. The climate is predominantly continental with hot summers and cold winters, although the coast is more Mediterranean with mild winters and dry summers.

## Croatia: Visas

Many nationalities (including citizens of the UK, Australia, Canada, the US and EU citizens) do not need a visa to enter Croatia or Slovenia. However, visitors must hold an onward ticket, all documents required for their next destination and sufficient funds. If your nationality is not listed please consult your nearest Croatian consulate before you travel.

## Croatia: Money

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Prices quoted in this country dossier are in euros unless otherwise specified. ALL prices mentioned are for guidance only and are subject to change.

### Local currency

The monetary unit in Croatia is the kuna (HRK). For up to date exchange rates with your own currency visit [www.oanda.com](http://www.oanda.com) or [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com). You might find kuna difficult to obtain overseas, however it should be no problem to change currency on arrival

### Changing money, credit cards & ATMs

The easiest way to obtain money in Croatia is to draw it out of an ATM (cash machine) on a credit or debit card (e.g. visa or cirrus). ATMs are widely available throughout Croatia and credit cards are accepted in many restaurants and shops. Another option is to bring cash, in either US dollars or euros (pounds sterling and other currencies cannot always be easily changed) but we advise against bringing all your money in this form, in case of theft. In all of the cities that we visit there are many places to change money and your tour leader will be able to show you where to get the best rates of exchange.

### Tipping

In a restaurant, round up the bill unless a service charge has already been added or the service was not up to standard. You should also round up bar bills and taxi fares.

## Croatia: Optional excursions

A full list of the main excursions available on each tour can be found in the daily itinerary on these trip notes. All prices given are approximate and are subject to change due to local inflation or exchange rates.

## Croatia: Security

Most people find Croatia a very friendly and safe and feel quite comfortable wandering around alone during the day. However, as with any area you are not familiar with (particularly in the capital cities) it is recommended that you exercise more caution at night especially if you are a lone female.

## Croatia: Local food and drink

Some breakfasts are included in your tour. Breakfasts can be basic so if you tend to get hungry it may be a good idea to buy some fruit or snacks to eat during the day. All other meals, extra snacks and drinks on the tour are at your own expense.

Ask your tour leader if they can recommend any restaurants in the area to suit your taste or budget or have fun exploring independently.

### Food

Croatian specialities include Dalmatian or Istrian prosciutto, Pag or Lika cheese, sheep's cheese, Slavonian paprika-flavoured salami ("kulen" and Samobor or Zagorje

garlic sausages). There is also a wide selection of meat dishes, including turkey with a special pasta known as "mlinci", roast lamb, roast suckling pig, and boiled or baked "#trukli" (pasta with cheese). Croatian vineyards produce reasonable wine – particularly red and you will almost certainly come across plum brandy, a national favourite.

### Drink

All drinks such as bottled water or soft drinks are at your own expense at all times and are fairly inexpensive. Alcoholic drinks vary in price, with wine and beer generally being the cheapest options.

Croatia: National holidays

**1 January** - New Year's Day

**6 January** - Epiphany; Easter Sunday & Easter Monday

**1 May** - Labour Day; Corpus Christi

**22 June** - Anti-Fascist Resistance Day

**25 June** - Statehood Day

**5 August** - Victory Day and National Thanksgiving Day

**15 August** - Assumption Day

**8 October** - Independence Day

**1 November** - All Saints' Day

**25-26 December** - Christmas Holidays

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