

# GSC Zagreb Guidebook

General information for our guests



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# General information



**3.9M**

Inhabitants of Croatia



**Democracy**

Constitution



**770K**

Inhabitants of Zagreb



**112**

Emergency number



**192**

Police number

## Climate



Zagreb experiences a continental climate with distinct seasons. Winters are cold and often snowy, while summers are warm and pleasant. Spring and autumn provide mild and transitional weather.

## Currency



Croatia's official currency is EURO. Major credit cards are widely accepted in hotels and shops. Currency exchange services can be found at the Zagreb International Airport and throughout the city. For further information, consult your accommodation's front desk. Ask the hotel's front desk for any further information.

## Local time



Croatia local time is 1 hour ahead GMT (GMT+1)

## Language



The official language is Croatian. The English language is widely spoken.

## Electricity



Voltage is 230 volts, 50Hz, European plugs.





# Transportation

## Around the city center

- **Buses, tram & funicular** – the most convenient way of transportation
- **Taxis** - Zagreb boasts numerous taxis readily available, with a standard charge of 2 euros for the initial fare during daytime hours. Additionally, the cost per kilometer traveled is set at around 0.80 euros.
- **Uber** – Convenient and affordable way to move around the city. Check the predefined prices and reserve the ride on [Zagreb: a Guide for Getting Around in the City | Uber](#)

**Kindly note that credit cards are not accepted, the payment should be cash only**

*Don't forget to ask the driver to run the taximeter & provide you with a receipt.*

## Tickets points of sale

- **Newsstands Tisak**

# History & culture

Zagreb, the capital of Croatia, is a city steeped in history and culture. From its earliest roots in the Neolithic Age, Zagreb has been a place of continuous habitation. It carries a rich history from antiquity to the present day. While it might not have been the birthplace of democracy and modern culture like Athens, Zagreb has its own unique story to tell. Throughout history, the city has been influenced by various conquerors due to its strategic position at the crossroads of Europe. In more recent times, Zagreb became the capital of Croatia in 1991, following the country's independence. With a population of under 800,000 people, Zagreb stands as the political, cultural, and economic heart of Croatia. Its streets are a blend of old and new, creating a dynamic urban landscape that reflects its diverse past.





# Districts to see around the centre of Zagreb

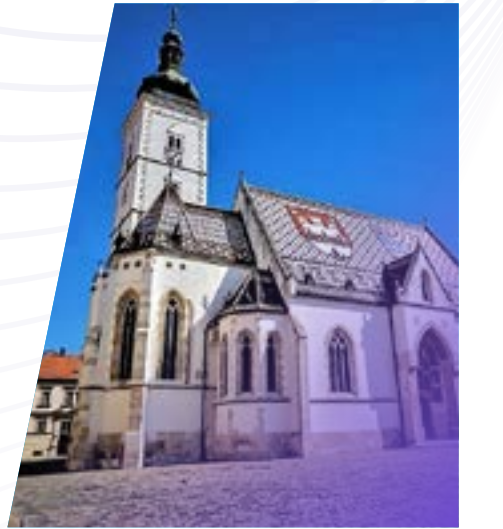
## Zrinjevac [Location](#)

In Zagreb's heart lies Zrinjevac, a romantic green haven adorned with waterfalls and the iconic meteorological column. It blends urban streets with serene park vibes. Named after Nikola Šubić Zrinski, it's Zagreb's first of eight parks, featuring art galleries, the Music Pavilion, and historic sculptures. Unearth global artworks and history in the Archaeological Museum. The Music Pavilion hosts timeless concerts, and Zrinjevac weaves stories of the past with joyous present moments.



## Upper town (gornji grad) [Location](#)

The Upper Town, nestled on a hill with a view of Zagreb, is a historical treasure. Its cobblestone streets, medieval structures, and lively cultural ambiance revive history. Wander its alleys to find St. Mark's Square, renowned for its vibrant roof, the Lotrščak Tower boasting panoramic vistas, and the resonating noon firing of the Gric cannon, echoing its history. The Zagreb Cathedral, a striking Gothic masterpiece, completes the scene.



## Trg Kralja Tomislava [Location](#)

In King Tomislav Square, the monument to Croatia's first king, King Tomislav, was sculpted by Robert Frangeš Mihanović in 1925, marking Croatia's millennial celebration. The square is also home to the Art Pavilion, originally constructed for Budapest's 1896 Millennium Exhibition. Innovative construction allowed its relocation to Zagreb in 1898, becoming the first dedicated exhibition space. It continues to host renowned domestic and international artists.



## Tkalčićeva street [Location](#)

Tkalčićeva Street is a lively pedestrian street connecting the Upper and Lower Towns. Lined with cafes, boutiques, and street performers, it's a place where locals and visitors gather to enjoy the city's vibrant atmosphere. The street's historical significance and modern charm make it a must-visit spot.



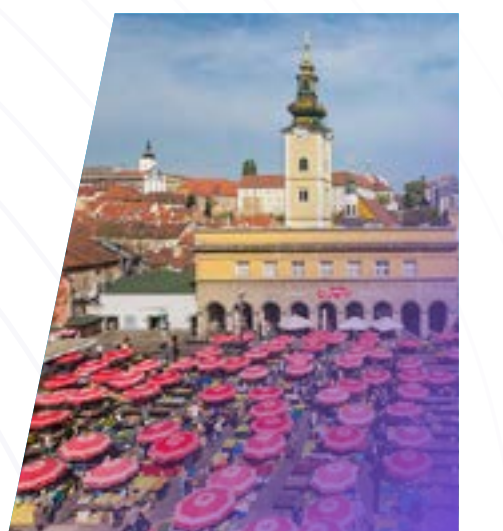
## Lower town (donji grad) [Location](#)

The Lower Town is the modern beating heart of Zagreb. Here, you'll find bustling streets, elegant squares, and a mix of architectural styles. Ban Jelačić Square serves as a central hub, surrounded by shops, cafes, and cultural institutions. Strossmayer Promenade offers a peaceful walk with art installations, while the Art Pavilion and the Croatian National Theatre showcase the city's cultural richness.



## Dolac Market [Location](#)

For a taste of Zagreb's culinary scene and local life, head to Dolac Market. This bustling open-air market offers a colorful array of fresh produce, local products, and traditional crafts. It's a sensory delight and a great place to immerse yourself in the daily rhythm of the city.





# Monuments & museums to visit

## St. Mark's Church [Location](#)

St. Mark's Church is an architectural masterpiece located in St. Mark's Square. Its unique rooftop displays the coats of arms of Zagreb, Croatia, and the Kingdom of Hungary. The church's intricate design and historical significance make it a symbol of Zagreb's identity and heritage.

## Museum of broken relationships [Location](#)

This unique museum explores the emotional stories behind broken relationships. It features a collection of personal items donated by individuals from around the world, each accompanied by a story that reflects the complexities of love and loss. The museum provides a thought-provoking experience that is both moving and introspective.

## The Zagreb Cathedral [Location](#)

The Zagreb Cathedral is a significant religious and architectural landmark. Its twin spires grace the city skyline, and its interior houses intricate sculptures, stunning stained-glass windows, and historical artifacts. This grand cathedral is a testament to Zagreb's spiritual heritage.

## The Croatian museum of naïve art [Location](#)

Devoted to showcasing naïve art, this museum celebrates the unique and imaginative works of self-taught artists. The collection offers insight into the creative expressions of Croatian and international artists, making it a captivating cultural experience.

## Archaeological museum in Zagreb [Location](#)

The Archaeological Museum in Zagreb is a haven for history enthusiasts. It houses an impressive assortment of artifacts from Croatia's rich archaeological past, providing a glimpse into the region's ancient civilizations.

## Botanical garden of Zagreb [Location](#)

The Botanical Garden offers a serene escape within the city. With its diverse collection of plants from around the world, tranquil pathways, and peaceful ponds, it's an ideal place to unwind and connect with nature.

### — If you have some extra time:

## Lake Jarun [Location](#)

In the fall, Lake Jarun, situated at the heart of Zagreb, Croatia, becomes a captivating urban escape. Amidst warm autumn tones, the 2-square-kilometer lake lures locals and tourists alike for activities like kayaking and cycling. The surrounding foliage adds to the charm, making it a serene spot for leisure and reflection, complete with stunning fall sunsets over the tranquil waters.

## Park Maksimir [Location](#)

Situated on the southern slopes of Medvednica mountain across 316 hectares, Park Maksimir emerged in 1974 as the pioneer public park in southeastern Europe and among global frontrunners. The transformation of hornbeam forests into a recreational haven was driven by Bishop Maksimilian Vrhovac's vision. Named in his honor, Maksimir, or Maksimilian's Peace, was established to offer repose and leisure. Recognized as a park architecture monument since 1964, it remains a landmark on the landscape.



# Dining

## **Pivnica Medvedgrad** [Location](#) [Website](#)

Experience Croatian brewing and cuisine at Pivnica Medvedgrad in Zagreb. This brewery and restaurant capture the essence of the region with local beers and traditional dishes. The rustic charm, diverse flavors, and warm ambiance create an authentic Croatian journey for your senses.

## **Gastro Heritage** [Location](#) [Website](#)

In the heart of Zagreb, discover the charm of Gastro Heritage, where traditional Croatian cuisine meets modern interpretations. Their culinary creations are deeply rooted in local traditions and feature carefully selected premium ingredients. An average cost of 20-25 euro per person ensures an authentic culinary journey.

## **Restaurant Batak** [Location](#) [Website](#)

BATAK in Zagreb is a sought-after haven for epicureans and enthusiasts, offering a delightful ambiance and culinary excellence. It captivates with its inviting decor, charming environment, and an array of gastronomic delights that cater to every palate.

## **KRAŠ Choco & Café** [Location](#) [Website](#)

Nestled at the heart of Zagreb's Ban Josip Jelačić Square, Kraš Choco&Café is an exclusive concept store. With a fusion of retail and coffee bars, it offers a modern urban vibe, curated selections of classic and premium products, and an atmosphere of indulgence.





# Croatian tastes

## Štrukli

Štrukli is a dough filled with cottage cheese and sour cream and can be served as either a sweet or savory option. This Croatian specialty is closely related to štruklji, a traditional dish from Slovenia. It is prepared either for baking or boiling.

## Zagreb's steak (zagrebački odrezak)

The fact the word 'Zagreb' is hidden in this dish's name would suggest it's a firm favorite in this city. Steak (often veal) is stuffed with ham and cheese, then rolled up or folded before being coated in flour, beaten egg and breadcrumbs. It is lightly fried on both sides until golden brown.

## Meat and vegetable stew (čušpajz)

This is a simpler dish to eat than it is to pronounce! (The 'Č' is pronounced 'ch' and 'š' is pronounced 'sh'.) The main attraction of čušpajz is its wholesome qualities. Some people enjoy it as a quick alternative to a sandwich or a pizza and it's certainly better on the waistline. The stew itself is made with various vegetables, such as kale, cabbage, onions, spinach, beans and potatoes, as well as meat such as pancetta, sausages or bacon. Spices include paprika (which can give a Hungarian slant to it), nutmeg and garlic.

## Turkey with noodles (purica with mlinci)

While in many countries turkey is more of a seasonal dish (Christmas and Thanksgiving come to mind in particular). In Croatia, turkey is a firm favorite throughout the year. When it comes to poultry, Croatians are very fond of both turkey and duck.





# Shopping

## Ilica street [Location](#)

A shopper's paradise, Ilica Street in Zagreb is a dynamic blend of history and modernity. This bustling thoroughfare, spanning both the Lower and Upper Towns, is adorned with an array of enticing shops, boutiques, cafes, and iconic landmarks. From chic boutiques to charming cafes, Ilica Street encapsulates Zagreb's diverse shopping scene. With its seamless marriage of the past and present, Ilica Street stands as a must-visit destination for anyone seeking a true taste of Zagreb's urban shopping experience.

## Shopping mall Arena Centar Zagreb [Location](#)

Nestled by the Arena Zagreb sports hall, Arena Centar is a retail marvel at Zagreb's southwestern entrance. With 175,000 m<sup>2</sup>, it houses 10 major stores, 200+ boutiques, and Croatia's largest hypermarket, Interspar. Discover new brands, relish gourmet delights, and enjoy entertainment in this shopping haven.

## Shopping mall City Center One West [Location](#)

City Center One West Zagreb, opened in fall 2006, marked Croatia's inaugural traditional mall. It presents a diverse collection of renowned global and local brands. Beyond shopping, it offers a delightful social hub with restaurants and cafes. The complex, inclusive of outdoor terraces, provides complimentary Wi-Fi.





# Nightlife around the centre of Zagreb

## Bornstein wine shop & wine bar

[Location](#)[Website](#)

Founded in 1989, this historic vaulted site adjacent to Zagreb cathedral is where Croatia's contemporary wine culture began. Crafted for enthusiasts pursuing distinct wine encounters and expertise, this venue provides a tactile retreat from the virtual realm. Savor local and global wines, as well as extra virgin olive oil, Istrian truffles, and delectable desserts. Discover handpicked Croatian wines, international highlights, and a treasured archival assortment, highlighted by the earliest Croatian wine – the 1947 White Burgundy.

## Esplanade Bar 1925

[Location](#)[Website](#)

Savor enchanting cocktails curated by Croatia's top mixologists at Esplanade Zagreb's art deco bar. Step into the 1920s Flapper era with a captivating cocktail selection. Whether it's morning coffee, afternoon tea, or drinks and snacks, our bar is your haven. Stay connected with free superfast Wi-Fi across the hotel and terrace. While relishing cocktails, peruse international newspapers on iPads via PressReader Hot Zone. Enjoy the non-smoking atmosphere and a heated terrace, with a designated smoking zone.

## Kavana Corso

[Location](#)[Website](#)

Kavana Corso in Zagreb is a must-visit. Its unique, creatively designed interiors, combined with great music and cocktails, create an inviting atmosphere. Antique furniture, hanging chandeliers, and vintage decor take you back in time while you enjoy their extensive cocktail selection.





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