

GAS what's cooking

-SURVIVAL GUIDE-

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What is this?

Hi there! And welcome to the survival guide :)

Why will you be needing this?

For some of you this will be the first BEST course, and for others it will be another great experience. Either way, this guide will prepare you to SURVIVE. So if you like your life don't skip anything and read all of it because...

it will help you have the BEST experience of your life! ;)

So, let's get it started!!

Background music:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xL5spALs-eA>

Where am I going?

Croatia

Maybe you don't know much about Croatia, but you must have heard that the Croatians are sooo handsome and charming (and if you'll be good enough you will see it yourself ;)). Why is that so? The answer is simple, the people are as beautiful as their country is :D. In Croatia, where the Mediterranean, the mountains and the Pannonian plains come together in a unique harmony of natural beauty, within just a little more than a hundred kilometers, you can come across excitingly different landscapes. It is often regarded as one of the most beautiful countries in Europe so no wonder that some episodes of Game of Thrones were filmed on the Croatian coast :P



Since 01.07.2013. Croatia is a part of European Union



Dubrovnik – The most popular tourist destination in Croatia

Geography

Fast facts:

SURFACE	Mainland –56.542 km ² Territorial sea – 31.067 km ²	
POPULATION	4.437.460 inhabitants	
SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT	Multi – party parliamentary republic	
CAPITAL	Zagreb 779.145 inhabitants. The economic, traffic, cultural and academic centre of the country	
COASTLINE	5.835 km long 4.058km is a coastline of islands 1.185km is a coastline of mainland	
HIGHEST PEAK	Dinara, 1831 m	
TEMPERATURE		
-inland	January	0°C to 2°C
	August	19 to 23°C
-seaside	January	6 to 11°C
	August	21 to 27°C
CURRENCY	Kuna HRK or KN 1 kuna =100 lipa	



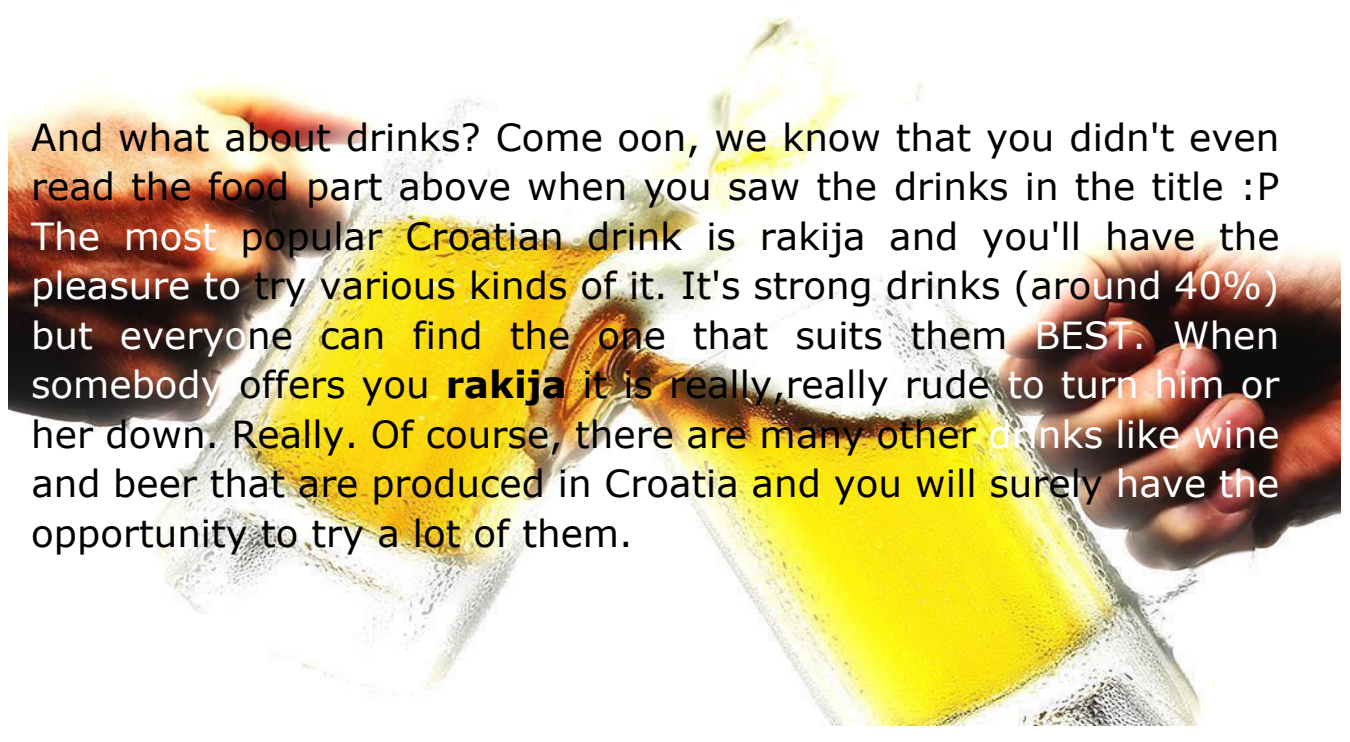
Food and drinks

Food



Croatian cuisine can be divided into a few regional cuisines which all have their specific cooking traditions, characteristic for the area. Most dishes, however, can be found all around the country, with local variants and since you're coming to the capital of the Croatia you'll be able to try a lot of different dishes. Don't worry, the food is good and tasty. And the portions are arousing or, in another words, you wont be hungry ;)

Drinks



And what about drinks? Come oon, we know that you didn't even read the food part above when you saw the drinks in the title :P The most popular Croatian drink is rakija and you'll have the pleasure to try various kinds of it. It's strong drinks (around 40%) but everyone can find the one that suits them BEST. When somebody offers you **rakija** it is really, really rude to turn him or her down. Really. Of course, there are many other drinks like wine and beer that are produced in Croatia and you will surely have the opportunity to try a lot of them.

Zagreb

Ok, it's time for some serious stuff. Let's say a few words about the city in which you will spend the most awesome time of your life.

Zagreb is the capital of Croatia and a big Croatian tourist centre, not only in terms of tranzit form West and Central Europe to the Adriatic Sea but also as a tourist destination. The city with a tradition of almost one thousand years celebrated in 2014 its 920th birthday.

The historical part of the town, the Upper Town and Kaptol are a unique urban core even in European terms, and thus represent the target of sightseeing tours. The old town, its streets and squares can be reached on foot, starting from Ban Josip Jelačić Square, the central part and the heart of Zagreb, or by a funicular in the nearby Tomićeva Street. The old core of the town includes many famous buildings, churches, museums and institutions as well as pleasant restaurants and coffee bars.

Croatia is a small country so if you compare Zagreb with some big European cities it will probably seem not that big, but that's not bad at all beacuse you will see most of it and you can't get lost easily.



How to get to Zagreb?

By plane



Croatia Airlines is national airport company and it has regular flights from Zagreb to: Amsterdam, Barcelona, Madrid, Frankfurt, and many more.

But you'll probably be more interested in low-cost companies, right? ;)

You can take a look at low budget airlines for flights to other cities in Croatia such as Zadar, Pula and Rijeka from which you can come to Zagreb by bus.

We also recommend you to look for flights that go to our neighboring countries, you'll find a much better choice there, and the connection to Zagreb is quite good. So, be sure to check also Ljubljana, Budapest, Graz, Trieste, Venice...

Zagreb main airport, Pleso, is located 17 km from the center of the city. There are regular connecting bus lines that go to the main bus station (Autobusni kolodvor). The price for a one way ticket is 30 kn (~4 euros).

Timetable: <http://www.plesoprijevoz.hr/zagrebzracna.html>

Also, you can reach centre of Zagreb by public transport (ZET bus), which will lead you to Kvaternikov trg (cca 15mins from the main bus station). This is a cheaper option and the price for one way is 4kn (~0,5 euros).

Timetable: http://www.zagreb-airport.hr/UserDocsImages/dokumenti/ZET_linija_290.pdf

By train

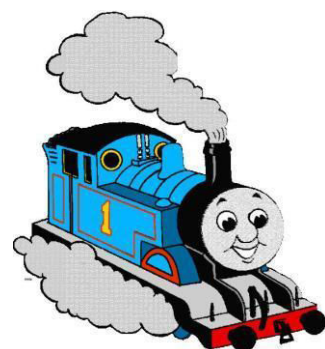
There are direct lines to mayor European cities so you might want to check them out:

<http://reiseauskunft.bahn.de/bin/query.exe/en?/newrequest=yes&protocol=http:&>

Domestic lines also have good connections with Zagreb (except Dubrovnik)

<http://www.hzpp.hr/voznired>

The main railway station (Glavni kolodvor) is located on King Tomislav's square, only a 10 minute walk from the city center.



By bus

In case you come by bus, you'll end up at the main bus station (Autobusni kolodvor) in Marin Držić Avenue. From there you can

take a direct tram line (line 6, Črnomerec) to the center of the city. Main bus station:

<http://www.akz.hr/default.aspx?id=260>

Other

Of course, we don't discriminate any other mean of transport. You can come by car or even with a bicycle (*Mens sana in corpore sano* ;))but believe us, it's really not that good of an idea :D



Currency

The Croatian currency is "Kuna" (literal translation marten). One kuna is divided into 100 "Lipa" (literal meaning linden). There are a lot of exchange booths in town, as well as ATMs. Check with your bank provision rates for transactions. You can find the current exchange rates at

<http://www.hnb.hr/tecajn/htecajn.htm>

1 EUR ~ 7,5 kn

Euros are usually not accepted as a means of payment. Cafés and smaller stores don't accept credit cards very often so it's recommended to carry smaller amounts of cash with you. Compared to other European countries we have somewhat cheaper fruits and vegetables (and, of course, booze), but milk and bread are pretty much the same. Zagreb is a little bit more expensive than the rest of Croatian cities and towns, except for the ones on the coast.

Shops and prices

Most of them are open everyday. Usually they are open from 08:00-20:00. Only on Sunday working time is shorter and some of them are closed. The prices are ok, not that cheap and not that expensive.

This are some prices from our supermarkets:

Milk (1l).....	6kn
Bread (1kg).....	9kn
Beer(0.5L).....	7kn
Chewing gums.....	5kn
Ice cream.....	7kn
Chocolate(100g).....	8kn
Cheap wine(1L).....	15kn
Rakija(1l).....	60kn
Cheap condoms(3pcs).....	7kn
Durex condoms(3pcs).....	17kn

Where should I go to have some fun?

What kind of question is that?

Your organisers are preparing the BEST parties ever just for you! There's no need to worry about it, just take the BEST spirit with you :)

Climate

Because of its unique position, Croatia has three different climates. The Mediterranean climates predominates on the coast, with an almost subtropical climate in Dubrovnik. The coldest regions are Gorski Kotar and Lika with a snow forest climate. The rest of the country (including Zagreb) has a continental climate.

Average temperatures in Zagreb in May are around 20°C.



Let's speak Croatian! :)

Although most young people in Croatia speak English, we'll give you some useful phrases you can use in Croatia. Croatian pronunciation is completely phonetic, which means that every letter is pronounced the way it is written.

***A small hint for pronunciation:**

We have 8 letters that are not used in English alphabet. Those letters are:

- **č** - pronounced as ch in change
- **ć** - pronounced like č, but softer. Like c in ciao
- **dž** - pronounced as j in Jack
- **đ** - pronounced as j in Jesus
- **lj** - pronounced in a way you'll never learn :P
- **nj** - pronounced in a way you'll never learn too :P
- **š** - pronounced as sh in shaman
- **ž** - pronounced as su in leisure

Basic	
Yes	Da
No	Ne
Hello	Bok
Bye	Bok
Good morning	Dobro jutro
Good afternoon	Dobar dan
Good evening	Dobra večer
Good night	Laku noć
Thank you	Hvala
Coffee	Kava
Wine	Vino
Beer	Pivo
Elixir of life	Medica

Intermediate	
Excuse me!	Oprosti!
Happy birthday!	Sretan rođendan!
What's your name?	Kako se zoveš?
I don't understand.	Čaaa? or Moooliiim? or Štaaa?
I love you!	Volim te!
I hate you!	Marš !!
Your eyes are beautiful!	Koja dobra guza!
Dance with me!	Šuuu gremo tancati!
Hold my hand	Uzmi me!
I like it gentle	Volim šporko
What's up?	Brusiš ča?

Advanced	
I like you a lot	Ma bin te šćapa
I like your outfit	Imaš dobre škovace
You have a nice perfume	Hoj se prat!
I wanna kiss you	Dođi da te poližem
Cheers! (a special one)	Živili, ševili, oduševili!

Communication and Emergency numbers

When you're calling our mobile phones in Croatia, don't forget to type 0 before the number (example: **091 796 8769**).

If you are making an international call from a fixed line, dial **00** before your country code.

International country code for Croatia is: **+385**

Here are some important phone numbers in Croatia (hopefully you won't be needing them):

+385 112 -Emergency number

+385 **192** - Police

+385 **194** - Ambulance

+385 **193** - Fire Department

What should I bring?

Yourself

BEST spirit

Passport and visa if needed

Travel insurance

Student card (ISIC)

Medicine (if you need any)

This survival guide :)

Pocket money

Towels (for personal hygiene)

Camera and its cable (for gathering all of our photos)

Typical food and drinks (drinks :D) from your country –for the International Evening and a flag of your country or some traditional clothes

What to do if I get lost?

We've already told you that you can't get lost in Zagreb :) If you get lost somehow just look at the mountain called Sljeme (try to say it -> wrooong again), it is always in the north ;)

Buuuuut for any problems and questions you can always contact us.

Contacts

Main organizer

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Participants responsible

Coming soon ...

To sum it all up, you should be happy to come, and we can't wait to host you! :)



From Croatia with love, LBG Zagreb :)