

Croatia –The Heaven of Mediterranean

With its beautiful landscapes, sun-kissed beaches, historical monuments and scrumptious cuisines, a holiday in Croatia is an unforgettable experience. As you get to the country, you will be captivated by its rich historical legacy, beautiful architecture of preserving old mansions and ancient cultural traditions. Croatia caters to different holiday ideas for everyone and is a unique combination of picturesque beaches, towering mountains, amazing wines, heavenly seafood, and friendly locals.

For Nature Lovers

Croatia delights everyone with its exciting beaches and makes a perfect choice for those whose holidays revolve around relaxing and sun-bathing on the beach. The country is very much known as pioneer in naturists' beaches and also offers family beaches for recreational activities. The major beaches in the country are **Beach of Zrće, Koversada, Valalta, Punat, Lokrum beach near Dubrovnik.**

For adventure-sports lovers, Croatia offers a long list of activities such as Canoeing, Kayaking, Flying and river rafting. The country has more than 60 islands and reefs which makes it a perfect place for under-water sports like scuba diving, snorkeling and deep sea sports such as sailing, fishing. Croatia also has splendid mountainous terrains having hiking trails for experienced as well as beginners.

History & Culture

Croatia has rich history and cultural traditions, owed to occupation of the region by different empires throughout the history. It boasts of countless monuments, museums, galleries and churches which feature in the list of UNESCO World Heritage. Croatia has preserved its history through thousand years and gives visitors unique insights about the Mediterranean.

The major cities for historical exploration are Pula, Zadar, Split, Zagreb and Pazin. The magnificent Roman amphitheatre in Pula, Palace of Emperor Diocletian in Split, Pre-Roman era church in Zadar and the Goth culture in Zagreb promise to take you back to old centuries, delighting you with its remnants of renaissance!

Top Must See Sights in Croatia

- **Zadar** - Located in Croatia's northern Dalmatian coast, Zadar is three thousand year old city, with a rich historical heritage. It has amazing attractions on offer such as ruins from Roman Empire, architectural marvels and beautiful churches.

- **Dubrovnik** – Known as the “Pearl of the Adriatic”, Dubrovnik is located in Southern Croatia, off the Adriatic Sea. In ancient times, the region catered to the maritime trade and was center of literature and science, which has great contribution into rich historical heritage of the region. The city is rated as one of most romantic places in Europe.
- **Rovinj** – It is a group of 20 islands located in Croatia’s Istrian peninsula in Adriatic Sea. With its medieval gates, historical town clock and St. Euphemia’s Basilica, narrow cobblestone and beautiful buildings, certainly makes a perfect choice for history enthusiasts.
- **Plitvice National Park** – The Plitvice national park is world known for its beautiful lush green forests, amazing natural lakes and waterfalls. It has a group of 16 inter-connecting lakes all of which have different colors and are divided into upper and lower clusters. Plitvice National Park boasts of some rare species of birds, butterflies and offers activities such as hiking & boat rides.
- **Hvar** – It is an island located off the Dalmatian coast and is famous among tourists for picturesque sandy beaches, vineyards and lavender fields. Hvar makes a perfect place for outdoor enthusiasts, offering recreational activities such as hiking, rock climbing, boat ride in deep sea and cave exploration. It also has one of the best varieties of Mediterranean and European cuisines.
- **Krka National Park** – It is a protected natural habitat for wildlife, located in Central Dalmatia and is known for its breath-taking scenery and waterfalls. There are also some monasteries and sites of archaeological importance along with historical fortresses.
- **Zagreb** – Zagreb is the capital of Croatia and is metropolitan town, having a perfect blend of conserved history and modern expansion. The city regularly features in list of “Must visit cities of Europe” and boasts of Stone Gate, Medieval churches, museums and art galleries.

- **Pula** – The city of Pula is world-known for its two star attractions – 1st century Roman Amphitheatre and Croatia’s largest Aquarium. The Roman amphitheater is one of its kind in the world and has been preserved well throughout the centuries. The city offers a perfect holiday destinations for adventure lovers, offering activities like fishing, sailing, snorkeling and diving.
- **Korcula**- Located off the Adriatic coast of Croatia, Korcula has long been credited as the birthplace of famous traveler, Marco Polo. Korcula is a vibrant coastal town and hosts many traditional & cultural festivals throughout the year such as Marco Polo Fest. The city is also known for its culinary dishes and native varieties of wine.
- **Split** – Located on Dalmatian coast, it is the second largest city of the country and is known for its beautiful Renaissance architectural marvels such as Diocletian’s Palace. It has been declared as UNESCO world heritage and has cafes, artifacts shops and bars.

How to reach Croatia

The country is well connected to Europe, which also serves as the connecting hub for Croatia-bound travelers. The national carrier, Croatia Airlines, operates daily flights to all major European cities, along with flights to Middle East. The country has direct train lines to all European countries and an excellent roadways network.

Best time to visit Croatia

The best time to visit Croatia is May-June and September since the weather is warm enough and the days are longer. During early summer time, the coast is perfect for sailing and other water sports, due to the steady wind. There are many cultural fests, organized throughout the year in the country such as International Film Festival, Croatian Pop Music Festival and Dubrovnik Summer Music Festival.

Traveler’s tips – Do’s and Don’ts

Following are some of tips to keep in mind when visiting Croatia

- Do wear a jacket, scarf or pullover when stepping out
- Don’t say no when some is offering food

- Do wear appropriate footwear when going outside
- Do enjoy local cuisines and delicious seafood
- Always shake women's hand first as women comes first in the country