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Quick view

Split – a brief overview

Sandwiched between the Adriatic Sea and the Dinaric Mountains, Split is a gorgeous sun-dappled gem of a place and was once the retirement home of the Roman Emperor Diocletian. His mighty palace, built 1,700 years ago, still stands and remains the beating heart of the city, thanks to the warren of winding streets and airy plazas within. But while Diocletian dominates, there’s more to Split than Romans.

From a spectacular Gothic papal palace and a Christian church built on the remains of an imperial mausoleum to some of the best seafood in Croatia, there’s plenty to do – and that’s before you get to its proximity to Dalmatia’s incredible golden sand beaches and pretty network of picturesque islands.

Croatia

General Information

Country overview

Croatia is one of the most popular travel destinations in Europe, thanks in large part to its coasts and more than 1,000 islands, which are a special paradise for swimmers, water sports enthusiasts and divers. The Komati Archipelago off the central Adriatic Coast is particularly popular. In Dalmatia, the southern part of the country, Split and Dubrovnik have beautifully preserved historic downtowns that make them attractive destinations.

But the country’s inland regions also have a lot to offer. The capital city of Zagreb is always a draw, with its countless museums and vibrant cultural life, its medieval buildings and its Habsburg-era architecture. The Plitvička Jezera national park, the Plitvice lakes region surrounded by the Dinaric Alps between Zagreb and Zadar, is a major tourist attraction thanks to its waterfalls.

Geography

Croatia borders Hungary and Slovenia to the north and Serbia and Bosnia-Herzegovina to the east. The southern tip of the country shares a short border with Montenegro. The Dinaric Alps separate the Adriatic region from the central European, continental part of the country. This region stretches from the eastern borders of the Alps in the northwest of the country to the banks of the Danube in the east. This also includes the southern part of the fertile Pannonian Basin. The country has an extensive coast along the Adriatic Sea, including the port cities of Rijeka, Pula, Zadar, Šibenik, Split and Dubrovnik.

The peninsula of Istria is located on the northern coast, separated from Dalmatia by Kvarner Bay with its vacation islands of Krk and Rab. The southern coast is divided into northern, central, and southern Dalmatia. The country’s hilly inland includes the region of Zagorje and extends east from Zagreb to the Serbian border.

General knowledge

Key facts

Population: 4.28 mio.

Population Density (per sq km): 75

Capital: Zagreb
Population: 790,000

Language
The official language is Croatian (Hrvatski).

Currency
Kuna (HRK; symbol Kn) = 100 Lipa. Notes are in denominations of Kn1,000, 500, 200, 100, 50, 20 and 10. Coins are in denominations of Kn25, 5, 2 and 1, and 50, 20, 10, 5, 2 and 1 lipa.

Electricity
220 volts AC, 50Hz. Two-pin plugs as in most of Western Europe.

Public holidays
Listed below are the public holidays for the period January 2020 to December 2021.

2020
Nova Godina (New Year’s Day): 1 January 2020
Bogojavljenje (Epiphania): 6 January 2020
Uskrsna nedjelja (Easter Sunday): 12 April 2020
Uskrsni ponedjeljak (Easter Monday): 13 April 2020
Praznik rada (Labour Day): 1 May 2020
Tijelovo (Corpus Christi): 11 June 2020
Dan antifasistice borbe (Anti-Fascist Resistance Day): 22 June 2020
Dan drzavnosti (Statehood Day): 25 June 2020
Dan domovinske zahvalnosti (Victory and Homeland Thanksgiving Day): 5 August 2020
Velika Gospa (Assumption Day): 15 August 2020
Dan neovisnosti (Independence Day): 8 October 2020
Dan svih svetih (All Saints’ Day): 1 November 2020
Bozic (Christmas): 25 December 2020
Sveti Stjepan (St. Stephen’s Day): 26 December 2020

2021
Nova Godina (New Year’s Day): 1 January 2021
Bogojavljenje (Epiphania): 6 January 2021
Uskrsna nedjelja (Easter Sunday): 4 April 2021
Uskrsni ponedjeljak (Easter Monday): 5 April 2021
Praznik rada (Labour Day): 1 May 2021
Tijelovo (Corpus Christi): 3 June 2021
Dan antifasistice borbe (Anti-Fascist Resistance Day): 22 June 2021
Dan drzavnosti (Statehood Day): 25 June 2021
Dan domovinske zahvalnosti (Victory and Homeland Thanksgiving Day): 5 August 2021
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All information subject to change.
Social Conventions
Croatians are proud of their young nation, which has been a member of the EU since 2013. It is considered inappropriate for foreigners to comment on the country’s socialist or even fascist past. The Austrian and Italian traditions that have influenced local culture place great emphasis on politeness, but they also encompass a zest for life. Croatians are generally very warm and welcoming hosts. They are usually thrilled if you even attempt to use a few words of Croatian. Soccer is the top national sport in Croatia (the national team took second place in the 2018 World Cup), so soccer and sports in general are a good subject for small talk. For business appointments, formal clothing is generally expected. Swimwear should only be worn at the pool and the beach.

Smoking
Smoking is strictly prohibited in all public buildings. Special rules apply to restaurants; when in doubt, ask the staff if smoking is permitted.

Tipping
The bill should be rounded up in hotels, restaurants, and taxis. A ten-percent tip is customary.

Health
Food & Drink
Food is almost universally safe, and tap water is fine to drink.

Other Risks
Vaccinations against hepatitis B and tuberculosis are sometimes advised. Precautions should be taken against tick bites. For anyone planning to spend long periods of time in forested areas, carrying a pair of tick tweezers is advised, and immunisation against tick-borne encephalitis is also a possible precaution. Rabies is present. If you are bitten, seek medical advice without delay.

Phone calls & Internet
Telephone
Country code: +385

Mobile telephony and Internet
Since June 2017, EU citizens traveling within the EU, and also in Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein have been able to use their cell phones and surf the Net without incurring any extra charges: In other words, customers pay the same price for phone calls, text messages and data volume as they do at home. Restrictions do apply to the constant use of SIM cards abroad, however, and caps may be set on data packages. For full details, contact your mobile telephony provider in your country. Travelers using a SIM card from a non-EU state do not benefit from the new arrangement.

Free Internet access via Wi-Fi is possible in many busy tourist spots. When using public Wi-Fi networks, it is a wise precaution to ensure encryption of all passwords, credit card details and banking TANs entered. Use of a VPN app or security software to check the safety of a hotspot is recommended.
**Golden Gate**

Once the entrance to Diocletian’s grand palace, much of which still exists, the imposing Golden Gate marks, according to local lore, the spot where the Roman Emperor first entered the city 1,700 years ago.

Dioklecijanova 21000 Split Croatia

**Papalic Palace (Split City Museum)**

A flamboyant piece of 15th-century Gothic architecture, Split’s Papalic Palace now houses the city museum, where you can find an impressively large collection of Roman and medieval relics.

Papalićeva 1
21000 Split Croatia
Tel: +385 21 171 021

Opening times:
Tue-Fri 0900-2100 (May-Oct)
Sat-Mon 0900-1600 (May-Oct)
Tue-Fri 0900-1700 (Nov-Apr)
Sat 0900-1300 (Nov-Apr)

www.mgst.net

**Cathedral of St Domnius**

In a neatly ironic twist, the cathedral began life as the mausoleum of Diocletian – a man who made it his mission to persecute as many Christians as possible. Converted in the seventh century, it also houses an impressive collection of gold and silver artefacts.

Svetog Duje 5
21000 Split Croatia
Tel: +385 21 342 589

Opening times:
Daily 0800-2000 (Jul-Aug)
Daily 0700-1200 and 1700-1900 (Sep-May)

**Diocletian’s Palace**

The vast retirement home of the Emperor Diocletian is now a buzzing network of stall-lined streets dotted with monuments, among them the imposing Mausoleum.

Dioklecijanova 5
Split Croatia

Opening times:
Various

**Meštrović Gallery**

This gallery houses lots of the work of Croatian sculptor Ivan Meštrović.

Šetalište Ivana Meštrovića 46
21000 Split Croatia

Opening times:
Tue-Sun 0900-1900 (May-Sep)
Tue-Sat 0900-1600 (Oct-Apr) Sun 1000-
Split Synagogue

Europe’s third-oldest functioning synagogue began life in the 16th century and occupies a pair of medieval houses in what was once Split’s ghetto.

Židovski prolaz 1
21000 Split
Croatia
Tel: +385 21 345 672

Opening times:
Mon-Fri 1000-2000 (May-Nov)
Mon-Fri 1000-1500 (Apr)
Mon-Fri 1000-1300 (Dec-Mar)

www.zost.hr

Narodni trg

Linked to Diocletian’s Palace via the Zeljezna Vrata (Iron Gate), Narodni trg or People’s Square is a pretty 15th-century pedestrianised space fringed with quaint cafés.

Narodni trg
21000 Split
Croatia

Archaeological Museum

One of the most impressive collections of Roman artefacts in Europe, Split’s Archaeological Museum houses many of the treasures unearthed in nearby Salona.

Zrinsko-Frankopanska 25
21000 Split
Croatia
Tel: +385 21 329 340

Opening times:
Mon-Sat 0900-1400 and 1600-2000 (Jun-Sep)
Mon-Fri 0900-1400 and 1600-2000 (Oct-Apr)
Sat 0900-1400 (Oct-Apr)

www.armus.hr

Ethnographic Museum

Housed within Diocletian’s apartment in the southern part outside the palace, the Ethnographic Museum contains a small collection of Dalmatian folk art, costumes and handicrafts.

Iza Vestibula 4
21000 Split
Croatia
Tel: +385 21 344 164

Opening times:
Mon-Sat 0930-1900 (Jun-Sep)
Sun 1000-1300 (Jun-Sep)
Mon-Fri 0900-1400 (Oct-May)
Sat 0900-1300 (Oct-May)

www.etnografski-muzej-split.hr
Gripe Fortress (Croatian Maritime Museum)

Now Split’s maritime museum, the 17th-century Gripe Fortress is 10 minutes by foot from Diocletian’s Palace. Inside, you can see the world’s oldest torpedo as well as an impressively large collection of anchors.

Glagoljaša 18
21000 Split
Croatia
Tel. +385 21 347 346

Opening times:
Mon-Fri 0900-1900 (mid-Jun to mid-Sep)
Sat 0900-1400 (mid-Jun to mid-Sep)
Mon-Wed and Fri 0900-1430 (mid-Sep to mid-Jun)
Thu 0900-1900 (mid-Sep to mid-Jun)
Sat 0900-1300 (mid-Sep to mid-Jun)

www.hpms.hr

Shopping in Split

Key Areas

Split has no shortage of places to shop, although the most exciting spots are largely found within Diocletian’s Palace. The underground chambers between Riva and Peristil are particularly good if you’re looking for local handicrafts, with paintings, handmade lace and quirky sculptures all available. Bigger fashion chains and designer boutiques are located in and around Marmontova.

Markets

Stari Pazar is home to a bustling local market that opens every day of the week and, along with local produce, sells interesting handicrafts. Also worth visiting is Ribarnica on Obrov – a fish market worth visiting for the people-watching opportunities and atmosphere alone.

Shopping Centres

City Centre one (Vukovarska 207) is Split’s largest mall and along with big-name international brands, houses the local Cineplex cinema. Joker (Put Brodarice) offers a more run-of-the-mill selection of shops and a large supermarket.

Restaurants

Restaurants in Split

As with Dubrovnik, seafood is the staple fare in Split, although you don’t have to look hard to find alternatives. Along with Croatian food, highlights include the many excellent Italian and Japanese options.

Restoran Boban

Split’s most expensive restaurant does excellent seafood and serves nearly everything with truffles.

Ulica Petra Hektorovića 49
21000 Split
Croatia
Price: Expensive
Restoran Diocles
Lovely Old Town restaurant with outdoor courtyard seating, good wine, and tasty Mediterranean small plates.

Iza vestibula 4a
Split 21000
Croatia
Price: Expensive

Enoteka Terra
Tapas Croatian-style top the bill of fare but more substantial dishes are also on the menu.

Prilaz Braće Kaliterna 6
21000 Split
Croatia
Price: Moderate

Restoran Tifani
Dalmatian classics have been given a modern makeover on the menu of this central restaurant.

Poljana Kraljice Jelene 5
21000 Split
Croatia
Price: Moderate

Kod Jože
Well-presented local fare, including delicious langoustines, served up in hearty portions.

Sredmanuška ulica 4
21000 Split
Croatia
Price: Cheap

Nightlife
Nightlife in Split
Split doesn’t have the most buzzy of nightlife, with a peaceful glass of wine in a spot overlooking the sea as about as exciting as it gets. Nevertheless, there’s plenty of choice.

Vanilla
Overlooking the beach, upscale Vanilla serves great cocktails and has a good selection of wine.

Poljudsko šetalište
Split
Croatia

Figa
Nestled within Diocletian’s Palace, this café-bar mixes delicious cocktails and is great for people watching.

Ulica Andrije Buvine 1  
21000 Split  
Croatia

**Gaga**

A coffee shop by day and a buzzing bar by night, Gaga is usually packed with locals.

Iza Loža 5  
21000 Split  
Croatia

**Quasimodo**

Nondescript from without, Quasimodo is nevertheless the best place to see live jazz and blues in Split.

Ulica Ivana Gundulića 26  
21000 Split  
Croatia

**Academia Ghetto Club**

A gallery-turned-bar, the Academia Ghetto Club is the stylish locals’ drinking den of choice.

Dosud ulica 10  
21000 Split  
Croatia

**Calendar of events**

**Split Carnival**

Famed for their colourful parades and exuberant celebrations, the coastal towns of Croatia celebrate Carnival in style. Split is no exception, and the days leading up to Lent see colourful parades in the streets, music and dancing. The carnival tradition is a little different here to elsewhere in the country. Masked balls and firework displays, pierrots, harlequins and historic plays still form an important part of proceedings as they did in ages past, based on the model of the original carnivals of Venice.

**February 19 - 24, 2020**  
Venue: Streets of Split

**Croatia Boat Show**

A nine-day celebration of all things nautical in the waters in and around the city.

**April 22 - 26, 2020**
Ultra Europe

The world's premier dance music event comes to Croatia for the first time. The first two days take place in Split, followed by a third day at the island of Hvar, a short ferry ride away. Over 60,000 revellers are expected to descend upon Croatia for the debut event, which is set to take place annually for the next five years. Names on the bill this year include Afrojack, Avicii, Armin Van Buuren, Steve Aoki, Carl Cox and Erick Morillo.

July 10 - 12, 2020
Venue: Poljuf Stadium

Split Summer Festival

Dance, music and theatre grace open-air stages around town during the city’s biggest celebration of the arts. A great time to be in Split.

July 14 - August 14, 2020
Venue: Various venues

Days of Diocletian

The emperor’s old palace comes alive during this 10-day festival commemorating the once omnipotent ruler. The highlight is the reappearance of Diocletian himself in full period garb. Through the streets of the former palace, passers-by stroll around in togas and tunics, vintage carriages pass along the waterfront, taking Emperor Diocletian and his suite to the Peristile, where the emperor addresses his citizens as he once did. Expect delicious cuisine spread and colourful stalls laden with delicacies and handicrafts.

August 2020
Venue: Various venues

Split Film Festival

Platform for unknown directors and screenwriters from around the globe.

October 2020
Venue: Various venues

Hotels

Hotels in Split

Split was once famous for its paucity of places to stay but things are changing as boutique hotels and cozy hostels spring up, and the big chains move in. Happily, there really is something for every budget.

Sleep Inn Split

Smart, sleek, air-conditioned rooms in a 15th-century building bang in the centre of Split.

Sinjska 5
21000 Split

Category: Moderate
Divota Apartment Hotel
Slick white furnishings dominate the stylish rooms and fully equipped apartments in this Old Town apart-hotel.

Plinarska ulica 75
21000 Split
Croatia
Category: Moderate

Villa Pinocchio Podstrana
It’s a few kilometres out of town, but Villa Pinocchio’s beachside location is unbeatable – and affordable too.

Grljevačka 26
Podstrana
Croatia
Category: Cheap