

## MARKETS

There are 28 markets in Zagreb.

The first one was **Harmica**. Harmica is the old name of today's Ban Josip Jelačić Square, the main square of the city. There was a city market (fairground) on Harmica where they collected taxes - the thirtieth, hence the name Harmica. Namely, it comes from the Hungarian word *harminc*, which means the number thirty.

With the cessation of the danger from the Turks and their incursions in the 17th century, Zagreb gained stronger economic and demographic development. The population has been increasing since the middle of the 18th century, Upper Town (Gradec and Kaptol) are becoming overcrowded and construction in Lower Town is progressing rapidly. There was a water source Manduševac on Harmica. It served as a public source of water for the people of Zagreb, and in 1852 the spring was arranged as a public well for the first time.

Today Harmica is name of the city passage north of the square. The passage serves to connect the Upper and Lower Towns.

**Dolac** is a farmers' market located in Upper town. It is also known as "**Veliki plac**" (eng. Big Market). It is the most visited and the best-known farmer's market in Zagreb, well known for its combination of traditional open market with stalls and a sheltered market below. The Dolac market Zagreb is centrally located right behind the town's main square. The daily market, on a raised square a set of stairs up from Jelačić, has been the city's major trading place since 1930. Farmers from surrounding villages come to sell their home-made foodstuffs and very fresh fruit and vegetables.

Dolac Market has become recognizable for its traditional "kumice", nice and dear saleswomen. In 2006 a monument "Kumica", the work of Stjepan Gračan, was erected on the top of the stairs on the south side of Dolac.

Dolac is the oldest but the biggest market in Zagreb nowadays is Trešnjevački plac, situated on Trešnjevka, part of the city.

After Dolac the most popular is "**Mali plac**" (eng. The Small Market") situated on Britanski trg (The British Square). "Mali plac" also lives in the afternoon. It has become a famous gathering

place for antique lovers and collectors due to the fairs that are held there. The market was opened in 1891, and in 1925 we learned that vegetables, fruits, flowers, poultry, meat, game and animal products such as milk, cheese, cream, eggs, butter and honey were also sold there. The biggest crowds on the Mali and Vel'ki plac are on Saturdays from 6:30 to 14:00. People mostly buy vegetables and fruits.

Zagreb markets became popular for "Šestinski kišobran" (eng. Šestine's umbrella). "Šestinski kišobran" is a Zagreb souvenir but its origin is not urban at all. It comes from Šestine - not so long ago a picturesque village on the slopes of Medvednica. The motif is a part of the traditional costume. On Dolac they also serve as parasols.