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# ZAGREB

The Capital of Croatia

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### USEFUL INFORMATION

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#### DISTANCES BY LAND

Zagreb – Vienna / 375 km  
Zagreb – Budapest / 345 km  
Zagreb – Venice / 380 km  
Zagreb – Belgrade / 395 km  
Zagreb – Ljubljana / 140 km  
Zagreb – Split / 410 km



#### LOCATION

The city of Zagreb is located in northwestern Croatia. It stretches from the southern slopes of Mount Medvednica right across the river Sava.

# INTRODUCTION

## WHEN YOU KNOW YOU ARE IN THE RIGHT PLACE

FIND OUT MORE



**Zagreb is a city with many faces. There is the word-of-mouth Zagreb we just heard about from a friend, the Zagreb in the photos we saw online, or the Zagreb we are uncovering in this brochure.**

Everyone has their own experience of Zagreb. Some see it as a vibrant capital and others as a city built on a human scale. People love Zagreb for being green and close to nature, as well as for being a metropolitan city full of opportunities. Zagreb embraces all of these identities.

In one moment it acts like a rather formal institutional capital, only to loosen up in the next and charm you with its laid-back flair. Some of its streets never stop buzzing with metropolitan zest. But turn a corner and you will find yourself in a bucolic alleyway, where the only sound is that of birds chirping away.

Zagreb's street plan betrays the city's multiple identities. The historic centre nestles among hilly meandering streets that blend in with the surrounding greenery. The newer parts of the city are more spacious, with broad avenues ideally suited to the flatlands beside the river.

Zagreb is unfussy about where in the world it is. The map shows it rooted well inland, but the Mediterranean breeze

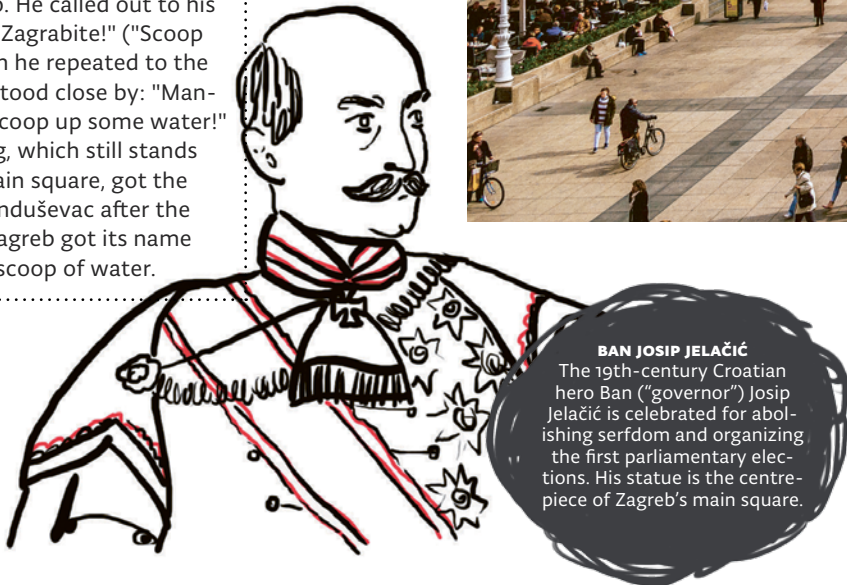


is never far away, especially in the way the city lives. Zagreb people are easygoing and love spending time with friends, especially outdoors and over food. The southern mindset is so strong in Zagreb that even in the winter months people flock to café and restaurant terraces. Nothing really puts a stop to having fun in the city's streets and squares.

This fusion of Central European and Mediterranean lifestyles makes Zagreb a metropolis where everything is just around the corner. It's in an urban patchwork such as this, where some areas fizzle with energy and others are tranquil and balmy, that everyone gets a piece for themselves. There is no one single Zagreb, and this is what makes Zagreb a singular city.

#### HOW ZAGREB GOT ITS NAME

According to legend, the whole Zagreb area was suffering from drought. To give people and animals something to drink, an old Croatian duke plunged his sword into dry earth and saw fresh water bubble up. He called out to his soldiers: "Zagrabite!" ("Scoop up!") Then he repeated to the girl who stood close by: "Manda dear, scoop up some water!" The spring, which still stands on the main square, got the name Manduševac after the girl and Zagreb got its name after the scoop of water.



#### BAN JOSIP JELAČIĆ

The 19th-century Croatian hero Ban ("governor") Josip Jelačić is celebrated for abolishing serfdom and organizing the first parliamentary elections. His statue is the centre-piece of Zagreb's main square.



#### THE FAMOUS ZAGREB BELVEDERE

Zagreb's longest street Ilica starts at Ban Jelačić Square with an impressive high-rise building built in 1959. It is known as the Ilica skyscraper or simply "the skyscraper on the square". Designed by architects Josip Hitil, Slobodan Jovičić and Ivan Žuljević, this was Croatia's first commercial high-rise and also the first building in this part of Europe to feature a glass facade. Today the skyscraper houses both commercial and residential spaces, including the spectacular belvedere on the 16th floor. The view from there almost covers the entire city.

#### THE MAIN SQUARE THEN AND NOW

Countless layers of history and memory are woven into Zagreb's main square. In the 18th century, its oldest part Harmica was used as a toll collection point while today the widespread plaza, dominated by the statue of Ban Josip Jelačić (the work of Antun Dominik Fernkorn) is a popular gathering place. Between 1947 and 1990 its name was changed to "Republic Square" and the Ban's statue, which originally faced north to symbolize his defiance against Hungary, was removed. Today, the re-erected Ban is pointing his sword in the opposite direction – towards south, the direction of Zagreb's expansion. The square is fondly called Jelačić-plac.



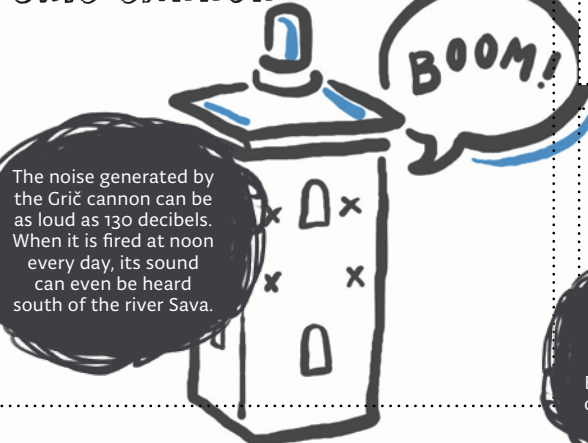
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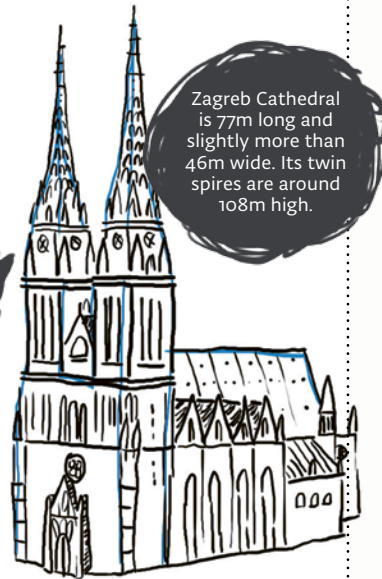
### 16<sup>TH</sup> MERIDIAN



### GRIČ CANNON



### THE TALLEST BUILDING



### HOTEL ESPLANADE

Hotel Esplanade was built in 1925. It provided luxury lodging to Orient Express passengers on their route from Paris to Istanbul.

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### ZAGREB MUSEUMS



Zagreb museums contain more than 3,6 million exhibits.

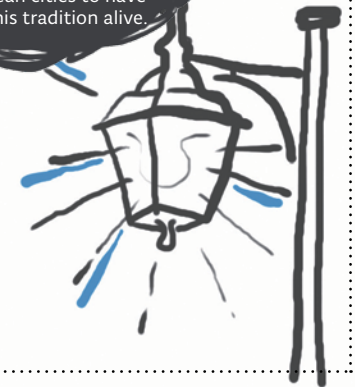
### PERCENTAGE OF CROATIA'S POPULATION LIVING IN ZAGREB

According to the 2011 census, there are 790,000 people living in Zagreb. This makes up 18.5% of Croatia's population.

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### GAS LAMPS

Gas lamps were first introduced in Zagreb in 1863. Today, more than 200 of them are still in use. A lamp lighter lights them in the evening and dims them in the morning. Zagreb is one of only three European cities to have kept this tradition alive.



### CAFÉS AND RESTAURANTS



There are around 4,500 cafés and restaurants in Zagreb. This makes a ratio of 1 café to every 175 inhabitants.

**ZAGREB FUNICULAR**  
The Zagreb funicular is the world's shortest cable railway used for public transport. The 64-second ride covers a distance of 66 meters.



**MEET ME UNDER THE CLOCK!**  
The most popular local meeting spot is "under the clock" on the main square. In a family tradition that goes back six generations, all of the city's clocks are maintained by the Lebarović watchmaking firm. Zagreb's first municipal clocks came from Austria. They were later made locally, but in a style that resembled those from Vienna.



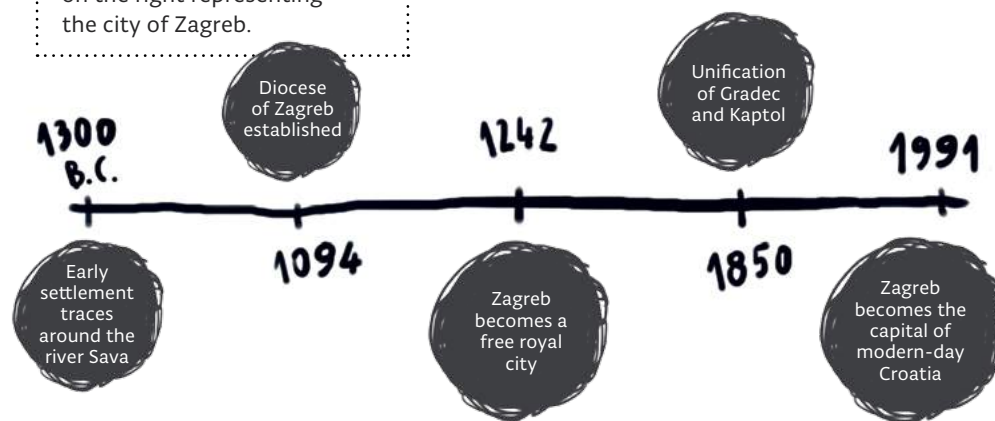
# A LOOK BACK IN TIME STORIES FROM ZAGREB'S PAST

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Although the Zagreb area has been inhabited ever since prehistoric times, the first written mention of the city dates back to 1094. This was the year when the Diocese of Zagreb was founded, and the foundations of Zagreb Cathedral were laid. Zagreb began as two settlements perched on neighbouring hills – Gradec (today the Upper Town) and Kaptol. They were divided by a stream that ran along what is today Tkalčičeva street.

During renovation work (1876-1882) initiated by architect Friedrich von Schmidt, St Mark's Church was installed with glazed roof tiles. The design also included two coats of arms – the one on the left representing the Triune Kingdom of Croatia, Slavonia and Dalmatia, and the one on the right representing the city of Zagreb.





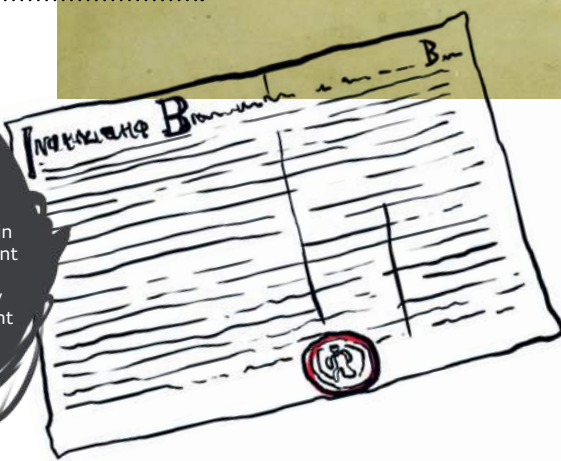
### GRADEK AND KAPTOL

In 1242 King Bela IV of Hungary and Croatia proclaimed Gradec a free royal city allowing its citizens a higher degree of autonomy, including the right to choose a mayor. In return, they delivered on the promise to fortify Gradec with walls and towers, creating an urban layout still recognizable today. The 13th-century design also included several city gates, although the Stone Gate is the only one to survive into the present day. From the very beginning the main square featured St Mark's Church, even though the original was smaller than the one built in its place later on. At the peak of Ottoman expansion in the late 15th and early 16th centuries Zagreb was an important line of defence. Fortified walls and towers were built around Kaptol, many of which still survive today. During the Baroque era many wooden houses were torn down and replaced with opulent palaces. Churches and monasteries sprouted up next to them. The city grew into an important mercantile and craft centre, attracting settlers from all over the Habsburg Empire. The population mushroomed and new schools and hospitals were opened, establishing Zagreb as the economic and cultural hub of Croatia. The unification of Gradec and Kaptol in 1850 served to confirm its growing status. Infrastructure developed fast: the first railway to Zagreb was opened in 1862, the city gasworks were established one year later, and by 1878 Zagreb had its own municipal water supply.



### THE GOLDEN BULL OF BELA IV

The Golden Bull, an edict by which King Bela IV proclaimed Gradec a free royal city, is kept in protective plastic in the basement of the State Archives building. The document requires strictly controlled conditions: a constant temperature of 18-21 degrees Celsius, and 45-55% humidity.



In 1880 Zagreb was struck by a catastrophic earthquake which destroyed much of its historic core, including Zagreb Cathedral. As devastating as it was, the event pushed the city towards unprecedented modernization. New landmark public buildings emerged in a wave of prudent urban planning. The number of inhabitants grew (the population increased tenfold in the 19th century), and the city expanded with new neighbourhoods sprouting up in all directions. From 1917 to 1925 several universities and colleges were established. And in 1926 Zagreb became home to the first radio station in this part of Europe. After the Second World War, the city spread south, across the river Sava, and developed into an industrial centre that attracted even more new inhabitants. In 1991, when Croatia declared independence, Zagreb became the capital and also the largest city in the country.



Zagreb is one of few cities that developed into a modern metropolis while keeping its historic core intact. The old Gradec or Grič, perched on a hill and once completely fortified, retained many of its original looks and charms while the modern city grew at its feet. This Upper Town area is the historic centre of Zagreb and has changed very little since the 13th century, at least in terms of its general shape and the layout of its streets. Two of its medieval towers have remained intact: Lotrščak Tower, which defended the southern entrance to the city; and the Priest's Tower (Popov toranj) which provided refuge for clergymen in case of enemy attack. In 1903 a section of the Priest's Tower was used to house the new Zagreb Observatory.



St Mark's Square is the heart of the Upper Town. The building known as Banski dvori, once the residence of the Croatian Ban or governor, is now home to the Croatian Government. On the opposite side of the square is the Croatian Parliament (Hrvatski sabor). Other public buildings located in nearby streets include Zagreb City Council, a Greek-Catholic Church, the Croatian Museum of Naive Art and the Museum of Broken Relationships. Close by is the beautiful complex of Jesuit buildings centred on St Catherine's Church.



#### ZAGREB CITY DAY

On 30 May 1731 a great fire broke out consuming even the Stone Gate – one of the main entrances to the city. When the fire was put out a day later, a painting of Virgin Mary was found in the rubble – intact. Since then, 31 May has been celebrated as Zagreb City Day, and the Virgin Mary of the Stone Gate adopted as the patron saint of the city.



# ZAGREB TOP 10

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## ST MARK'S SQUARE

The square is home to the Croatian Government, Parliament and Constitutional Court. But as graceful and stately as these buildings are, they take a back seat to the stunningly pretty St Mark's Church, which in part dates from the mid 13th century. *More on page 9.*

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## LENUCI HORSESHOE

This remarkable 19th-century patchwork of squares and parks is home to numerous scientific and cultural institutions, and represents the high point of Zagreb urban planning. *More on page 22.*

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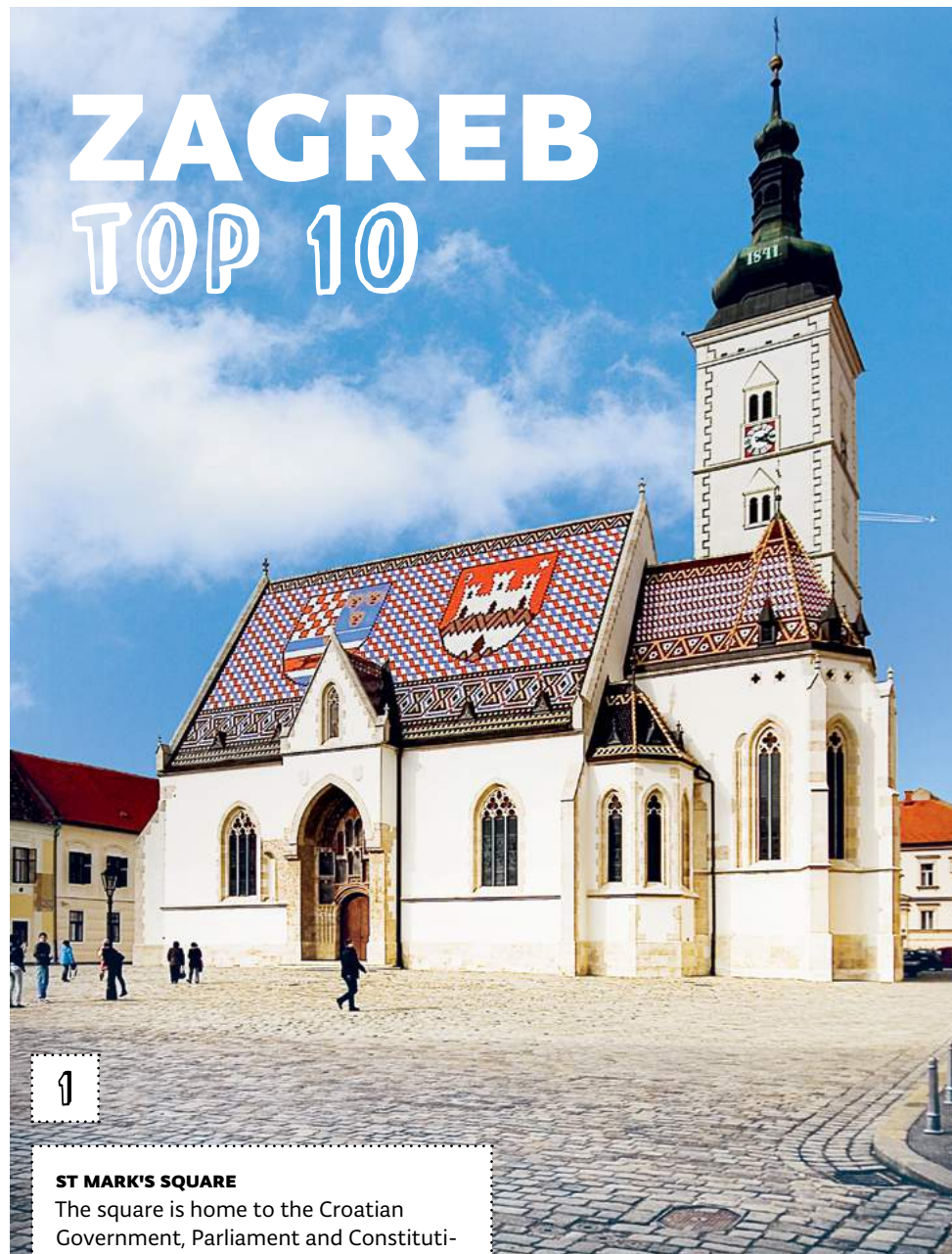
## DOLAC

Zagreb's biggest and most charming farmers' market, Dolac is a colourful display of local fruit, vegetables and quality produce from all around Croatia. *More on page 57.*

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## MIROGOJ

More than a burial ground, this stunning cemetery is also a serene oasis and an open-air sculpture park. *More on page 21.*







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#### FUNICULAR

The world's shortest cable railway used for public transport, Zagreb's funicular has been connecting the Upper and Lower Towns since 1890.



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#### MAKSIMIR

Opened in 1794, Maksimir is the oldest and, according to many locals, the most beautiful of Zagreb's parks. It is landscaped in the English style, with several lakes, pavilions, and the accompanying Zagreb Zoo.

*More on page 20.*

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#### THE CATHEDRAL

This largest sacral building in Croatia has been rebuilt many times since its inception in the 13th century. It assumed its present Neo-Gothic look in the 19th century.



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#### ŠPICA ("THE PEAK")

Known as the "Špica", the pedestrianized stretch between Ban Jelačić Square and Petar Preradović Square (also known as Flower Square) is Zagreb's celebrated coffee strip. The inviting café terraces serve as a vast open-air living room, and epitomize Zagreb's coffee-drinking culture.



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#### LOTŘČAK TOWER

One of the best-preserved parts of Zagreb's erstwhile fortifications, Lotrščak Tower also houses the Grič cannon, which is fired every day at noon.

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#### MEDVEDNICA

The northernmost parts of Zagreb lie at the foot of Mount Medvednica – a pristine nature park and a favourite local day-trip destination.

*More on page 19.*





# GREEN ZAGREB GREAT THINGS IN ZAGREB COME NATURALLY

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**Zagreb has favourable weather with plenty of clear sunny days – days which are best spent in one of the many city parks. If you are a nature lover, or simply looking for a place to relax or be active, Zagreb parks are the best places to visit. They are spread all over the city. Some even feature open-air artwork or are themselves a work of art – proof that the best things in life are always free.**

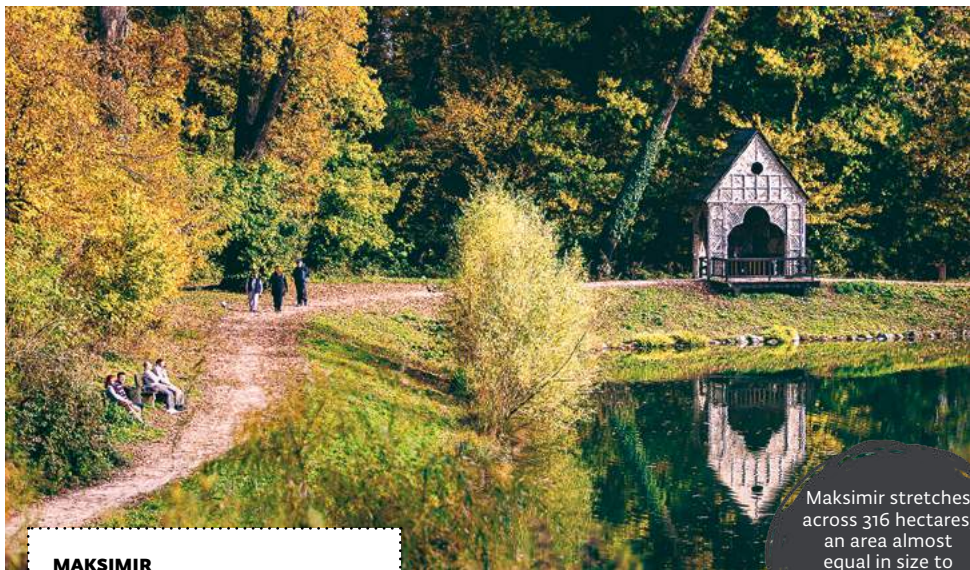
## MEDVEDGRAD

Beautifully preserved medieval Medvedgrad Castle sits on Mount Medvednica's southern slopes. It was built after the 1242 Tatar invasion and this strategic location today provides a spectacular view over the city. Inside Medvedgrad's fortifications there is the early Gothic Chapel of St Philip and James as well as the Altar of the Homeland – a monument dedicated to the soldiers who died in the Homeland War.

## MEDVEDNICA

Visible from every corner of the city, Mount Medvednica has always shielded Zagreb's north side – either from cold winds or real enemies. Today the whole mountain is a nature park, boasting eight protected forest reserves. Because of its altitude and its numerous springs and streams, Medvednica's flora and fauna are exceptionally diverse. The best example of its rich geological past is Veternica cave – one of Croatia's most unique paleontological sites. At a height of 1033 metres, Sljeme summit is a popular local hiking destination, especially on weekends. Marked hiking trails criss-cross the mountain, with charming mountain huts serving as convenient stop-overs. They serve excellent homemade food in a cheerful atmosphere.

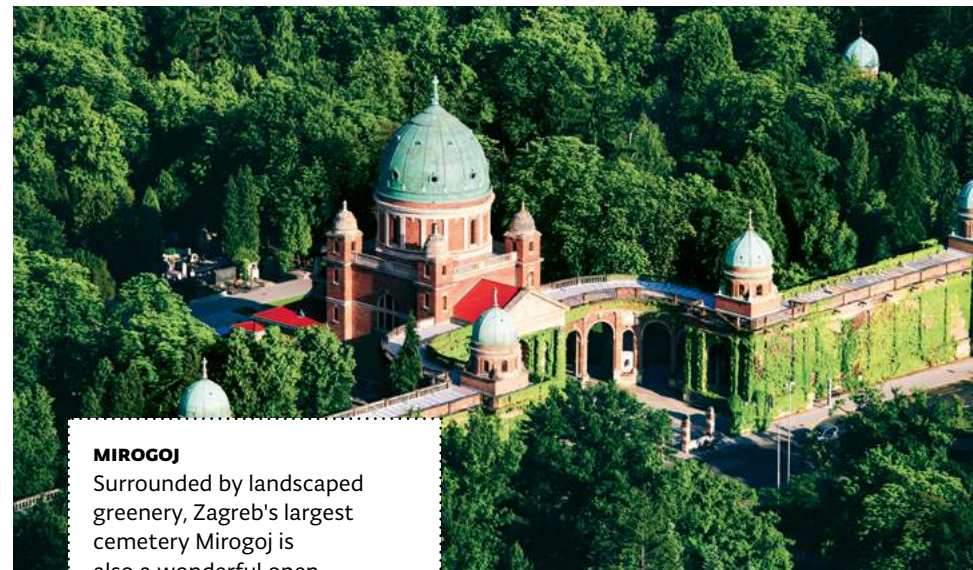




#### MAKSIMIR

This densely forested park, landscaped in the English style, is the perfect destination for those wishing to escape the urban bustle. When it opened in 1794, Maksimir was the first public park in Southeastern Europe. It is named after its founder Bishop Maksimilijan Vrhovec. The park's lush woodland hides five lakes and a number of streams – a setting perfect for recreation and relaxation. Other highlights include the Zagreb Zoo, Maksimir Belvedere and the Pavilion of Echoes.

Maksimir stretches across 316 hectares, an area almost equal in size to that of New York's Central Park.



#### MIROGOJ

Surrounded by landscaped greenery, Zagreb's largest cemetery Mirogoj is also a wonderful open-air sculpture park. The monumental, 500-metre-long Neo-Renaissance arcades, designed by Hermann Bollé, are one of the finest examples of historicist architecture in Croatia. As a burial ground for people of various faiths, Mirogoj is a powerful testament to religious tolerance where the segregation of graves is strictly forbidden. Its sculptures, galleries and pavilions are organically set against the backdrop of nature, offering a unique network of walking trails.







#### METEOROLOGICAL POST

In 1884 the Meteorological Post was erected at the northern entrance to Zrinjevac Park. Its vintage weather instruments are manually wound up every Monday. The tape showing humidity, pressure and temperature is also replaced weekly.



#### BOTANICAL GARDEN

The only park that has set opening hours is the Botanical Garden of the Faculty of Science, at the far corner of the Lenuci Horseshoe. The first seedlings in this English-style landscaped garden were planted as early as 1892. The flower parterre is laid out symmetrically, invoking the great gardens of the past.



#### LENUCI HORSESHOE

This remarkable patchwork of central squares and parks was named after the great 19th-century urban planner Milan Lenuci. The locals also call it the Green Horseshoe because it connects seven delightful parks, including the Botanical Garden. The area features many landmark buildings housing scientific and cultural institutions, ministries, courts, museums, galleries and hotels, as well as Zagreb's central railway station. Although the surrounding buildings have a formal aspect, the atmosphere in the squares and parks is much more laid-back, especially in nice weather. The sun-kissed lawns are then busy with people enjoying a moment of peace and quiet.



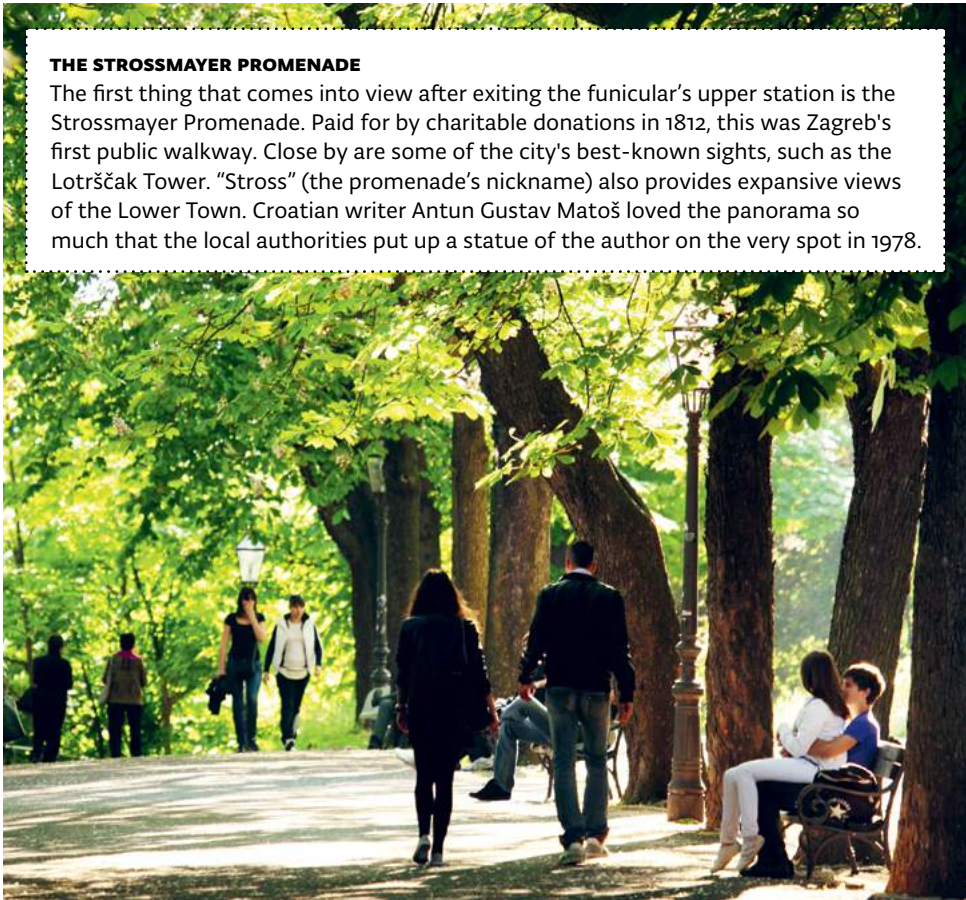
#### PLANT BIODIVERSITY

The Botanical Garden prides itself on a collection of more than 5,000 plant species and subspecies, 300 of which are protected.



### THE STROSSMAYER PROMENADE

The first thing that comes into view after exiting the funicular's upper station is the Strossmayer Promenade. Paid for by charitable donations in 1812, this was Zagreb's first public walkway. Close by are some of the city's best-known sights, such as the Lotrščak Tower. "Stross" (the promenade's nickname) also provides expansive views of the Lower Town. Croatian writer Antun Gustav Matoš loved the panorama so much that the local authorities put up a statue of the author on the very spot in 1978.



### ANTUN GUSTAV MATOŠ

The aluminium statue of this great Croatian writer was made in 1972 by sculptor Ivan Kožarić. It is a fitting tribute to a true aficionado of Zagreb.

### ROMANTIC ZAGREB

Couples visiting Zagreb should not miss the opportunity to fasten their love lock in the Upper Town. Romance can also be kindled at one of the lovers' benches or by kissing under Lotrščak Tower.



### RIBNJAK

The low terrain behind Zagreb Cathedral was once home to the fishponds owned by the bishops of Kaptol. In 1892 this green expanse was landscaped into an English style park featuring many exotic shrubs and trees. Right in the heart of the city, Ribnjak is an ideal spot to take a break from sightseeing.





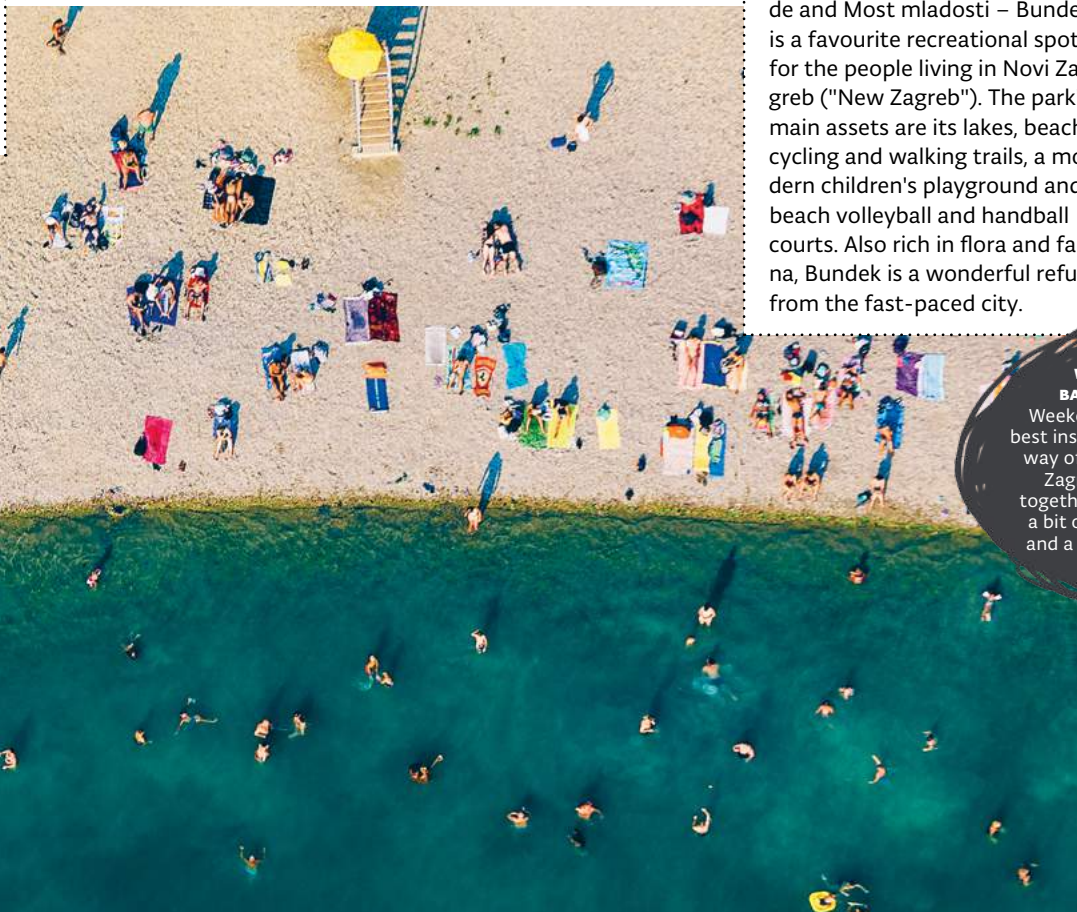
### JARUN

The largest park in the western part of the city, Jarun is also a much-loved recreational zone. It began as a source of construction materials for the embankments built along the river Sava. But when Zagreb hosted the World Student Games in 1987, Jarun was re-purposed as a sports area complete with man-made lake, walking and cycling trails, and equipment for exercise and play. A string of lakeside cafés and restaurants provide the perfect retreat from the urban hubbub. Jarun Lake also hosts international rowing regattas. With long pebble beaches fringing the lake, Jarun is often called Zagreb's riviera.



### BUNDEK

Stretching between two bridges over the river Sava – Most slobode and Most mladosti – BundeK is a favourite recreational spot for the people living in Novi Zagreb ("New Zagreb"). The park's main assets are its lakes, beaches, cycling and walking trails, a modern children's playground and beach volleyball and handball courts. Also rich in flora and fauna, BundeK is a wonderful refuge from the fast-paced city.

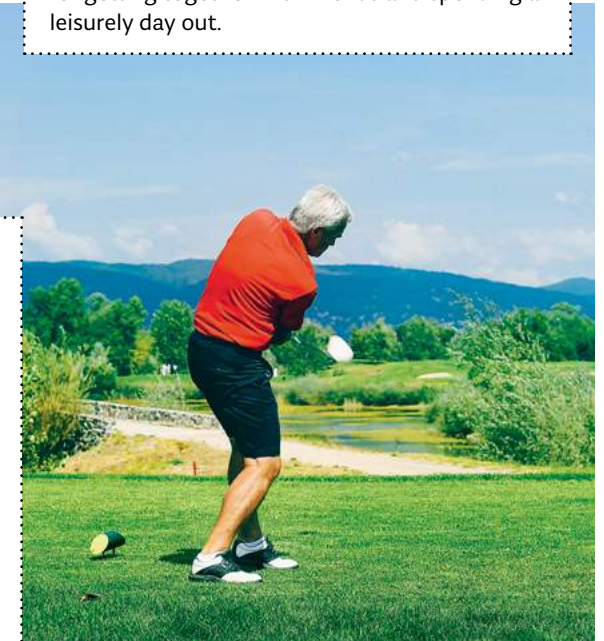


### WEEKEND IS BARBECUE TIME

Weekends provide the best insights into the local way of life. Throughout Zagreb, people get together for a barbecue, a bit of entertainment and a bit of recreation.

### GOLF COURSES

The broader green area surrounding Jarun also boasts golf courses – a perfect activity for warm spring and summer days. Aside from engaging in this noble sport, there are other opportunities for getting together with friends and spending a leisurely day out.





# HIDDEN ZAGREB A SLOW-BURN CITY



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Falling in love is all about coming across unexpected details – that certain something that makes a street more appealing, a square more unique or a park more ravishing. No Zagreb guidebook can list all the small things that make visitors smile. Everyone is their own curator. Still, some highlights deserve a special mention for easy discovery.



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HIDDEN ZAGREB

## THE MARKET ON BRITANSKI TRG

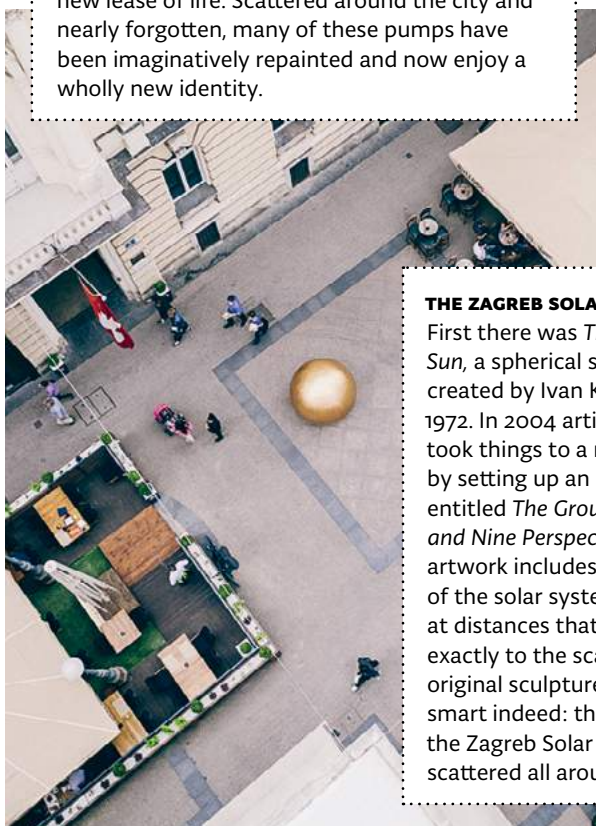
Though Zagreb has a long tradition of markets and fairs, old-style neighbourhood marketplaces aren't always easy to come by. However the one at Britanski trg ("British Square") has stood the test of time. This popular antiques market in the very centre of the city is a delight for collectors, whether amateur or professional, or indeed anyone looking to experience an authentic local vibe.





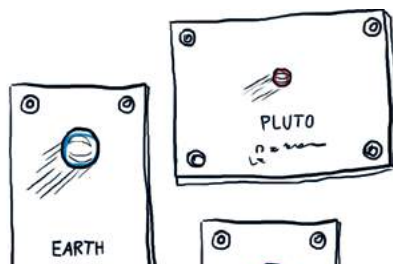
#### PIMP MY PUMP

This unique project initiated by local street artists has given old Zagreb water pumps a new lease of life. Scattered around the city and nearly forgotten, many of these pumps have been imaginatively repainted and now enjoy a wholly new identity.



#### THE ZAGREB SOLAR SYSTEM

First there was *The Grounded Sun*, a spherical sculpture created by Ivan Kozarić in 1972. In 2004 artist Davor Preis took things to a new level by setting up an installation entitled *The Grounded Sun and Nine Perspectives*. This artwork includes all the planets of the solar system, placed at distances that correspond exactly to the scale of Kozarić's original sculpture. The result is smart indeed: the planets of the Zagreb Solar System are scattered all around the city.



#### PLUTO

The furthest-flung planet of the Zagreb Solar System is Pluto. Placed in Aleja Bologne in the western suburbs, it is precisely 7,658.6 metres away from *The Grounded Sun*.

#### THE CHAINS OF HMS VICTORY

The corner of Opatička and Kamenita streets is marked by a unique relic – decorative chains from HMS Victory, Lord Nelson's flagship at the Battle of Trafalgar. The chains were allegedly acquired by Irish-born Austrian general Laval Nugent, who was not only a soldier but also a passionate archeologist and collector.



#### ZAGREB'S OLDEST PHARMACY

First mentioned back in 1355, *The Black Eagle* is the oldest pharmacy in the Zagreb region. It is perched at the top of Kamenita street, opposite the Stone Gate. Countless pharmacists have worked there throughout its history, but the most famous of all was Niccolò Alighieri – great grandson of the creator of the *Divine Comedy*, Dante Alighieri.



#### JURJEVSKA STREET CEMETERY

Unknown even to many locals, Jurjevska street cemetery started as the potter's field in the 14th century. Back then it was also known as "The Cemetery By The Chestnut Tree". As Zagreb grew in the seventeenth century, more and more Upper-Town citizens were buried here, including several eminent Croats. Finally, in 1876, the cemetery was officially closed down. The remaining graves give the place a decidedly mystical aura.





#### **GAS LAMPS**

A singular addition to the Upper Town's romantic ambience is the original gas-powered street lighting, with lamps installed on cast-iron pillars. There are 214 of them and they've been illuminating the city for more than 150 years. Even more exceptional is the fact that they're still lit manually by municipal lamp lighters – a ritual that only amplifies the Upper Town's historic mood.

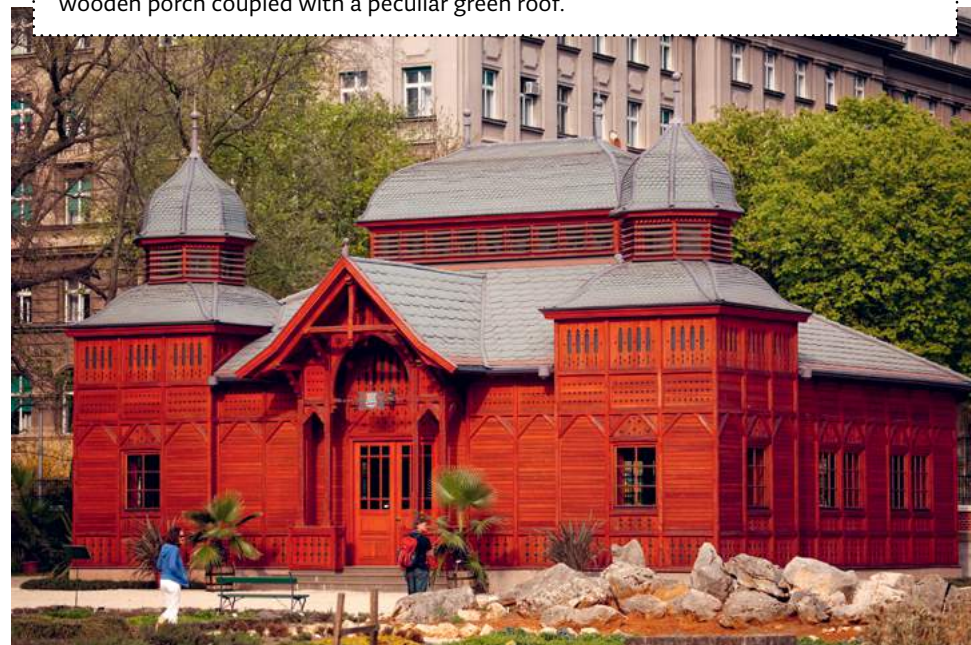


#### **ZAGREB SECRET COURTYARDS**

Inner courtyards, especially those in the Upper Town, make up one of Zagreb's defining features. Each is unique with wonders of all kinds – from artwork to architecture and horticulture. Some people discover a particular sense of serenity there, while others enjoy unravelling their enigmatic history.

#### **BOTANICAL GARDEN PAVILION**

Constructed a year before the Botanical Garden officially opened in 1891, the garden pavilion is its biggest and most attractive feature. It originally served as the royal Austro-Hungarian pavilion during the second Economic Exhibition, after which it was donated to the Botanical Garden. The backdrop of lush trees and eye-catching flowerbeds only adds to the pavilion's distinctive architecture – with a red-tinged wooden porch coupled with a peculiar green roof.

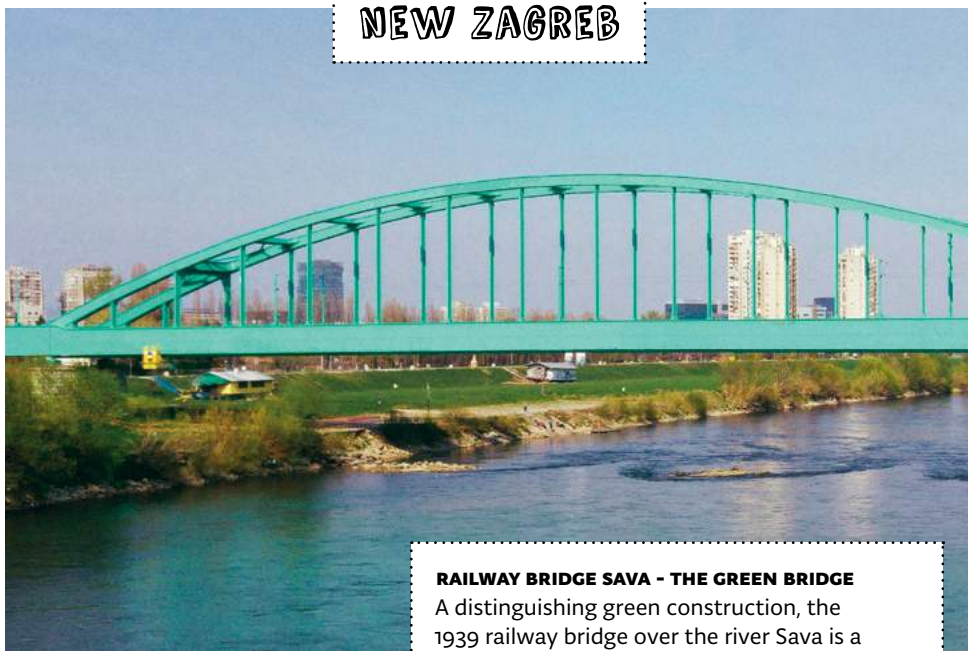


#### **ZAGREB TUNNELS**

The large network of underground tunnels, some stretching as far as Mount Medvednica, remains classified information even to most locals. However, Grič Tunnel, which recently opened to visitors, confirms that there is more to the Zagreb tunnels story than meets the eye. Originally built in 1943 as a Second World War air-raid shelter, the tunnel connects Mesnička and Radićeva streets, with additional exits to Ilica and Tomićeva streets. Before becoming a tourist attraction, Grič Tunnel once more served its primary purpose as a shelter during the Homeland War of 1991-1995.



## NEW ZAGREB

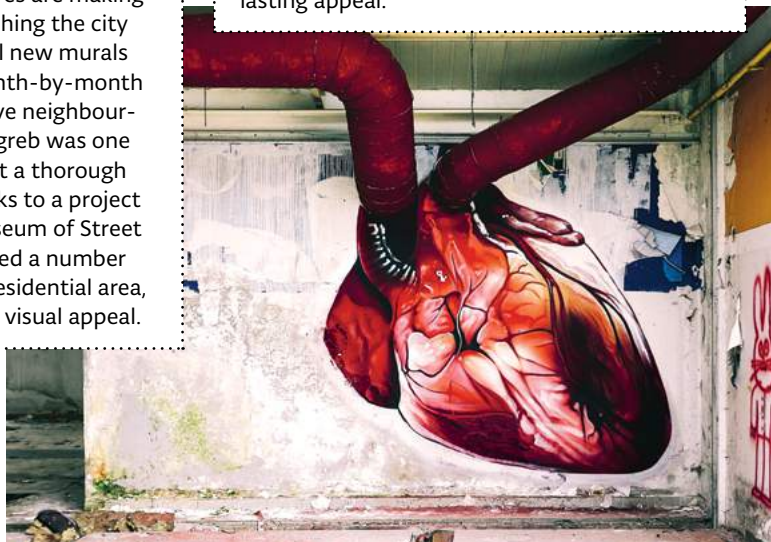


### RAILWAY BRIDGE SAVA - THE GREEN BRIDGE

A distinguishing green construction, the 1939 railway bridge over the river Sava is a protected monument of culture also known for the "Hendrix" graffiti that first showed up a few decades ago. Since then, the name of the legendary guitarist reappeared several times, securing the bridge its iconic status with the locals. The decorative lights that were recently added give a brand new dimension to its lasting appeal.

### STREET ART

The Zagreb street art scene has exploded in both size and diversity in recent years. A number of talented local artists and collectives are making their mark, enriching the city with exceptional new murals almost on a month-by-month basis. The Dugave neighbourhood in Novi Zagreb was one of the first to get a thorough makeover. Thanks to a project entitled the Museum of Street Art, artists painted a number of walls in this residential area, transforming its visual appeal.



### MAMUTICA

The largest residential building in Croatia, Mamutica or the "She Mammoth" was built in 1974 and still remains one of the biggest in Europe. It contains 1,169 apartments that are home to around 5,000 people. A plethora of parks and green spaces nearby make living in the Mammoth pretty comfortable – so the residents say.



### THE DOUBLE SLIDE

Aside from outstanding art, Zagreb's Museum of Contemporary Art also features a unique attraction entitled The Double Slide. An installation by conceptual artists Carsten Höller it functions as a proper slide, allowing visitors to whoosh down to the ground floor from the upper storeys.

### HRELIĆ (JAKUŠEVAC FLEA MARKET)

This authentically large and chaotic flea market is located some way from the city centre but is easily accessible on public transport. Hrelić is a bargain hunter's delight no matter how little money you've got. Goods on offer range from shoes to books, tools, machinery and even cars. Haggling is a must.



### ZAGREB FAIR

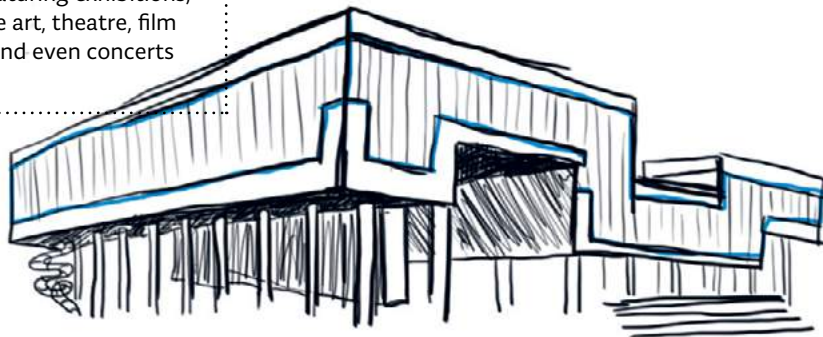
Established before the Second World War when it was located at Savska 25, Zagreb's Trade Fair moved across the river Sava in 1956, soon becoming one of the largest trade fair sites in this part of Europe. Its pavilions are still in constant use, hosting exhibitions and trade fairs of all sorts and sizes. Events range from book fairs to interactive digital exhibitions, business expos and lifestyle fairs.



# CULTURE AND ARTS WHAT MAKES LIFE MORE BEAUTIFUL?

## MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART

Housed in an impressive building unveiled in 2009, the museum's permanent collection consists of around 12,000 works by Croatian and international artists, amassed from the 1950s onwards. There's a rolling programme of events both inside and outside the museum, featuring exhibitions, performance art, theatre, film screenings and even concerts on the roof.



**Zagreb's museums boast artworks of all ages and styles: from ancient Roman and Greek to medieval, from traditional to contemporary, from the expert to the naive, from the brutal to the tender. On top of that, lovers of street art can enjoy a parallel world of the imagination that thrives out of doors and outside official institutions.**

FIND OUT MORE







**WHAT IS A MUMMY DOING IN ZAGREB?**  
It was bought by Mihael Barić during a visit to Egypt (1848/1849).

#### ARCHEOLOGICAL MUSEUM

Quite apart from being housed in a splendid historic palace on one of Zagreb's prettiest squares, the Archeological Museum is a must-visit attraction on account of its rare and valuable collections. Visitors will be particularly impressed by the famous Linen Book of Zagreb – a strip of linen inscribed with the longest surviving text in the ancient Etruscan language. The recently restored Egyptian mummy is another of the museum's high points.

#### CROATIAN MUSEUM OF NAÏVE ART

The permanent collection of this museum includes masterpieces by Croatia's greatest naïve painters and sculptors. Artwork from the renowned Hlebine School is included, alongside pieces by foreign naïve artists active in the period between the 1930s and the late 1980s.



#### ETHNOGRAPHIC MUSEUM

The museum's permanent display boasts national costumes from all around Croatia, alongside objects representing non-European cultures brought back to Zagreb by Croatian explorers. Temporary exhibitions focus on everyday rituals in attractive and accessible ways.



#### CROATIAN HISTORY MUSEUM

Established in 1846, the museum archives, interprets and displays Croatian heritage from the Middle Ages to the present day.

#### ZAGREB CITY MUSEUM

Opened in 1907, the museum recounts the history of the Zagreb region in epic style – from prehistory right up to the present moment. The exhibition offers an eclectic look at Zagreb's past, taking in political events as well as popular culture and the arts. Objects are presented in a visually engaging manner, revealing the richness of Zagreb's history and shedding light on the everyday life of its inhabitants.

#### TECHNICAL MUSEUM NIKOLA TESLA

A must for every science and technology buff, this museum is also the right address for eager learners. One of the highlights is the replica of Nikola Tesla's laboratory, where visitors can enjoy daily demonstrations of his inventions. The museum also features a 300-metre-long recreation of a mine, portraying the extraction of coal and ferrous and non-ferrous metals.

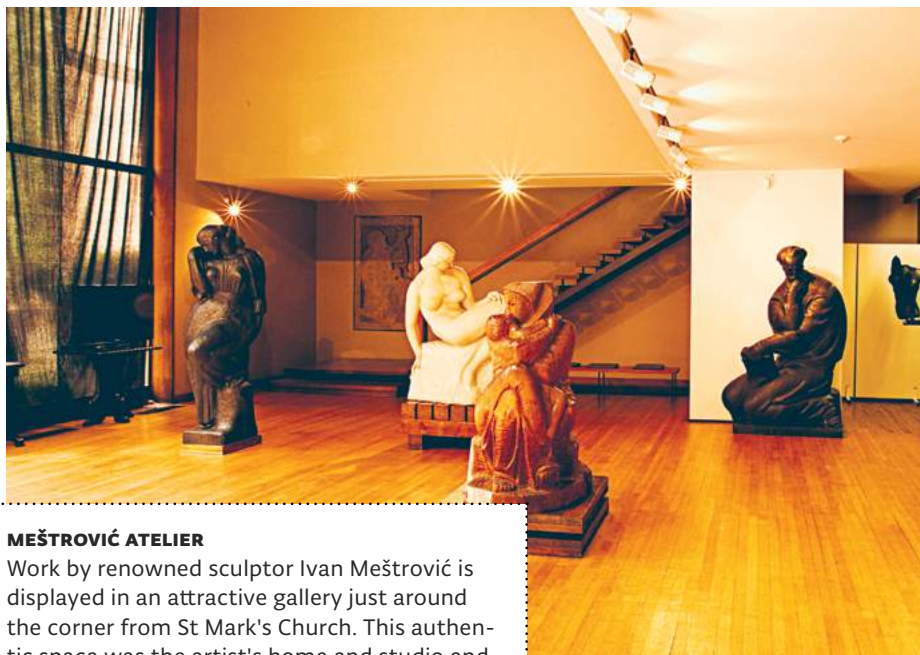


#### MUSEUM OF ARTS AND CRAFTS

Since it opened in 1880, the museum has strived to protect artisans and craftspeople from the onslaught of mass-produced goods. This is the best place to explore Croatia's material culture.







#### MEŠTROVIĆ ATELIER

Work by renowned sculptor Ivan Meštrović is displayed in an attractive gallery just around the corner from St Mark's Church. This authentic space was the artist's home and studio and today boasts numerous sculptures in marble, stone, wood and bronze as well as reliefs, drawings and prints. It is an excellent introduction to Meštrović's rich and varied career.



#### MIMARA MUSEUM

Art collectors Ante and Wiltrude Topić Mimara built a large private collection featuring major artworks dating from antiquity to the 20th century. The Mimara Museum was founded when the couple donated their collection to the City of Zagreb.

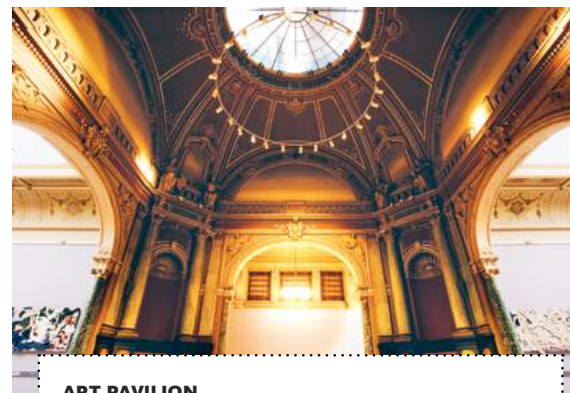
#### MODERN GALLERY

The museum's collections include more than 750 paintings, sculptures, medals and works in new media. This exceptional display contains the crème de la crème of Croatia's fine arts, from the 19th century onwards.



#### NIGHT OF MUSEUMS

On one night every year museums stay open late and entry is free. The event is known as the Night Of Museums, and is held in Zagreb and other cities across Croatia.



#### ART PAVILION

Originally built to serve as the Croatian Pavilion at the 1896 Budapest Millennial Exhibition, this imposing structure hosts headline exhibitions by prominent international artists. One of the first prefabricated buildings in Croatia, it is today one of the many unmissable attractions along the route of Lenuci Horseshoe.



#### MUSEUM OF BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS

This formerly roving exhibition of donated objects is one of Zagreb's most popular museums. It investigates failed relationships of all kinds by gathering intimate memorabilia from people around the world. The founders are Zagreb artists who were once a couple themselves: the idea for the museum was born when their own relationship ended and something had to be done with their joint possessions. After a successful world tour during which many more objects were donated, the exhibition found a permanent home in Zagreb's Upper Town. It received the Kenneth Hudson award for the most innovative museum in Europe in 2011.

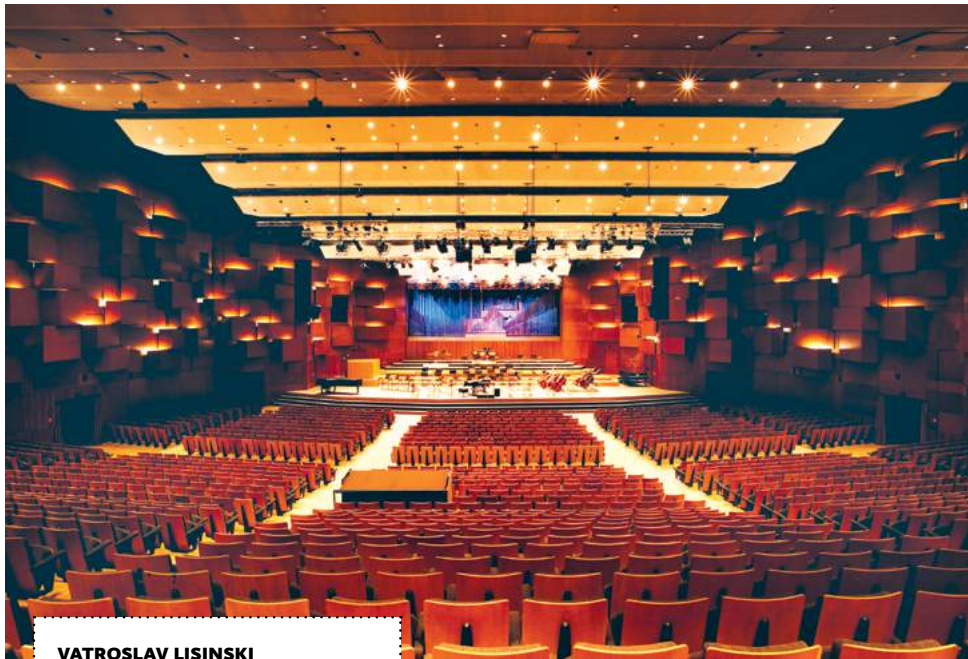
#### KLOVIČEVI DVORI GALLERY

Housed in the delicate 17th-century building of a former Jesuit monastery, this gallery focuses primarily on fine arts. It is also a major go-to place for artistic and cultural events, such as high-profile exhibitions, workshops and lectures.

#### MORE MUST-SEE MUSEUMS:

- **MUSEUM OF TORTURE** – has an interesting and slightly disturbing collection of torture and execution instruments from different epochs
- **MUSEUM OF ILLUSIONS** – offers an intriguing and fun experience that engages the senses and plays with perception
- **MUSEUM OF MUSHROOMS** – displays a large number of fungi species coupled with interesting and educational stories





#### **VATROSLAV LISINSKI CONCERT HALL**

Named after the composer of the first Croatian opera, this concert hall is one of the Zagreb cultural scene's premier venues. An impressive number of world-renowned artists have performed here, from ensembles such as the Bolshoi Theatre, the Scala Philharmonic Orchestra from Milan, the Vienna Philharmonic and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra from London, to soloists including Luciano Pavarotti, Jo   Carreras and Montserrat Caball  . Apart from the great classical names, Lisinski has also welcomed leading stars of pop, jazz and avant-garde music, such as Nick Cave, Tina Turner and Ella Fitzgerald.



#### **CROATIAN MUSIC INSTITUTE**

The Croatian Music Institute is housed in an 1876 building, which is also home to Zagreb's oldest concert hall. This is where top-notch chamber music is performed, most notably because of the room's exceptional acoustics.



#### **CROATIAN NATIONAL THEATRE**

The monumental, historic building of the Croatian National Theatre was unveiled in 1895, and merits a visit for its architectural features alone. It also offers a rich programme of first-class opera, drama and ballet, and a performance here is guaranteed to be an unforgettable experience.

#### **ACADEMY OF MUSIC**

The oldest music college in Croatia, the Academy has seen many world-class musicians pass through its doors. Its students and graduates have performed at countless concerts, shows and events, both in-house and in concert halls across the city. In 2014 the Academy moved to a flashy new home – a building distinguished by a unique roof displaying in the colours of the rainbow.

#### **ART IN THE STREET**

The entrance to the Academy of Music is graced by a tapering, 29-metre, silver-plated sculpture called The Needle.





# ZAGREB EVENTS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE, EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK



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**Finding fun things to do in Zagreb has never been easier. Every year sees the launch of new festivals and events, with more and more neighbourhoods generating creative energy from outdoor stages. One emerging trend is to hold festivals outside traditional venues such as concert halls and clubs, placing them instead in streets and squares where they can merge with the everyday flow of local life.**



**IBLER HIGH-RISE**  
This oldest high-rise in Zagreb was constructed in 1958 and is fondly called "the wooden skyscraper".

## DESIGN DISTRICT ZAGREB

Celebrating a single Zagreb neighbourhood, this festival promotes the idea that to act locally one must think globally. For a few days each June, the micro location around Martićeva street turns into a design, art and entertainment zone. During that time, local artists and creatives present their work to the rest of Zagreb and the world. Events showcase creative strategies for improving community living. Coupled with this are promotions of gastronomic and tourist products, outdoor concerts, literary evenings, creative workshops and educational walks – all with the aim of positioning the neighbourhood as a creative hub.



### SUMMER ON STROSS

One of Zagreb's most popular summer festivals takes place on the Strossmayer Promenade, nicknamed "Strossmartre" in honour of the arty Parisian suburb of Montmartre. It is a great place to listen to live music over a glass of wine and enjoy a gorgeous view of the city. Summer on Stross delights visitors with two events in particular: the most beautiful mutt contest, and a fireworks display celebrating "Half Year's Day".



### CEST IS D'BEST

Spring in Zagreb just wouldn't be the same without this international multidisciplinary street festival. By now a defining feature of the city's spirit, Cest is d'Best only takes place outdoors, turning spectators and bystanders into part of the action. Interactive events include various races (such as races between babies, waiters and street sweepers), a sign language school, a slowest bike tournament, a roaming piano and many more. With concert stages and street performers on almost every corner, Cest is d'Best is impossible to miss.



### DVORIŠTA

Inner courtyards are a quintessential part of Zagreb's urban scene. However, it's only during the Dvorišta Festival that you get a sneak peek inside some of the most magnificent, especially those belonging to the Upper Town's Baroque palaces. Visitors can enjoy brilliant live music, a great variety of food and drink, and a curious and educational selection of tales from Zagreb's history. Each year a new courtyard is unveiled, creating an exclusive opportunity to experience these intimate city spaces.



### STREET PERFORMERS

Cest is d'Best may be the ultimate street festival, but street performers continue entertaining Zagreb locals and visitors on other days throughout the year.



### ZAGREB CLASSIC

This uplifting cultural festival is a summer delight for lovers of all classical music. Held outdoors in the elegant and idyllic King Tomislav Square, the events feature film screenings and live music concerts headed by classical and pop music stars as well as philharmonic and jazz ensembles. Watching an opera or a movie classic while cozied up on a neatly-trimmed lawn makes for a memorable experience.



### WORLD FAMOUS

Every year more than 40,000 music fans attend INmusic. They come from every corner of the world.



### INMUSIC FESTIVAL

Croatia's biggest open-air event, INmusic has ended up on lists of the world's best music festivals on several occasions. It takes place every year in June on three islands in Jarun Lake, where visitors can also camp out for several days. The bill frequently features music stars, many of whom have performed at INmusic more than once. Every year the electric atmosphere is enhanced by a surprise ingredient, such as a stage set deep inside a forest or a spectacular replica of Tesla's tower.



### ZAGREB FACES

During the charming Zagreb Time Machine festival you can share an encounter with Croatia's first woman journalist Marija Jurić Zagorka, or exchange words with Croatian writer Antun Gustav Matoš.



### ZAGREB TIME MACHINE

From April to October Zagreb Time Machine hosts a variety of music, dance and theatre performances across the city with the aim to depict the city and its surroundings as they once were. Every weekend during that time, "kumica" women are dressed up in traditional costume, characters from Zagreb's history stroll around in period attire, promenade concerts are held in Zrinjevac park and the Cravat Regiment performs the changing of the guard - plenty to conjure up Zagreb's rich bygone days.

### THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

This unusual project uses temporary light installations to bring life to various Zagreb locations, paying special attention to those that have been neglected or underused. The events are set up to facilitate deeper interaction between the city, its inhabitants, and visitors.

### THE OPEN SQUARE DAY

Intended as an event that offers an insight into the activities of various cultural and educational institutions located on the Republic of Croatia Square, the Open Square Day also marks the beginning of the Zagreb cultural Autumn. For that one day, this entire area is a stage for different attractive cultural programs, such as ballet, opera and theatre shows performed by the artists of the Croatian National Theatre in Zagreb.







**BAL... BALTHAZAR!**  
Animated series *Professor Balthazar* is the best-known product of the Zagreb School of Animated Films. The broadcasting rights to this children's classic have been sold in 30 countries worldwide.



#### ANIMAFEST

Established in 1972 and taking place in June, Anima-fest is in many ways a tribute to the Zagreb School of Animated Films, one of the most influential forces in global animation - especially back in the 1950s and 60s. Nowadays AnimaFest is a leading showcase for the best animated shorts and feature films from around the world. Every other year the program focuses on either short (even years) or feature animated films (odd years). Come June, Zagreb audience awaits in anticipation for both.



#### FANTASTIC ZAGREB FILM FESTIVAL

This summer festival is a dream come true for every cinephile and science fiction buff. Aside from the chance to savour some intriguing film titles, the audience is treated to screenings at some extraordinary open-air locations, such as the imposing Medvedgrad Castle.

#### SUBVERSIVE FILM FESTIVAL

An internationally-renowned forum for political, social, economic and cultural dialogues, the festival also offers a great selection of screenings, lectures and round table discussions. It takes place every May.

#### ZAGREBDOX

One of the largest international documentary film festivals in this part of Europe, Zagrebdox is also where ideas and opinions are freely exchanged. The atmosphere of creativity and inclusion is ideal for bouncing ideas around and getting new projects started. Visitors can also attend documentary film workshops and round-table discussions. Zagrebdox takes place every year in the period between late February and early March.



**THE GOLDEN PRAM**  
Zagreb Film Festival's main award is called *The Golden Pram* and is inspired by a memorable sequence from Soviet movie classic *Battleship Potemkin*.

#### ZAGREB FILM FESTIVAL

Zagreb Film Festival is keenly awaited by cinephiles every autumn. Although the festival functions superbly well as a social event, the programme of quality international films remains the main attraction. Prizes are awarded to best films and actors, and the festival features a host of other events such as book launches and promotions of film-industry technology. Spontaneous after-parties are an important element of the festival's spirit.







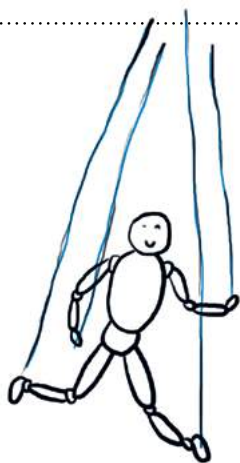
As part of the tour, visitors get to meet famous Croatian writer Marija Jurić Zagorka and the characters from her novels. Another highlight is watching actors reenact scenes from the Croatian Peasant Uprising, headed by sixteenth-century hero Matija Gubec.

#### SECRETS OF GRIČ

This interactive theatrical tour is among the most popular things to do in Zagreb during summer. As a nocturnal sightseeing tour of the Upper Town, it offers an atmospheric and unusual insight into Zagreb's history. Stories revealed include the city's little known secrets, romances and intrigues, performed both in Croatian and English.

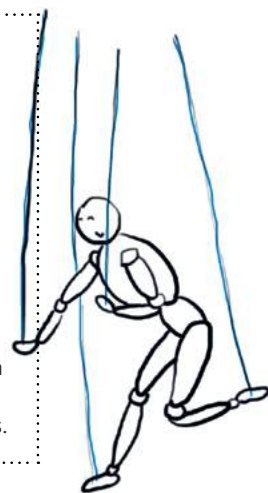
#### JAZZ.HR

This umbrella festival has brought together various events already present on the Zagreb jazz scene. The autumn and spring editions feature a fantastic line-up of Croatian as well as world famous musicians.



#### PIF – INTERNATIONAL PUPPET THEATRE FESTIVAL

Launched by local Esperanto enthusiasts, this festival has established itself as an important platform for the best in the world of puppet theatre. Every September, puppet masters from around the world attend PIF. The main programme is also coupled with a symposium on puppetry, puppet exhibitions, workshops and charity events.



#### THE GOLDEN PIROUETTE OF ZAGREB

The Golden Pirouette of Zagreb is an important fixture in the senior figure-skating calendar. It first took place in 1968, making it the oldest such meeting in the world. Leading international figure skaters compete here in the men's singles, ladies' singles, pair skating and ice dancing categories.

#### HANŽEKOVIĆ MEMORIAL

Fondly dubbed "Hanžek", this athletics meeting first took place in 1958 and initially had a local character. In 1999 however the event was classified as an international Grand Prix meeting by the IAAF (International Association of Athletics Federations), and in 2009 became a regular part of the IAAF World Challenge series. At the end of each summer, it gathers leading athletes from around the world.



#### ZAGREB MARATHON

The first Zagreb Marathon took place in 1992 with only 70 participants making it to the starting line. Today thousands of runners register, partly because this is one of the world's fastest marathon races. The route features very few curves and hardly any gradients, thereby allowing for a steady rhythm and the chance of recording a good time. The Zagreb Marathon has become increasingly popular with casual runners, especially after the introduction of a half-marathon. It is held every October.



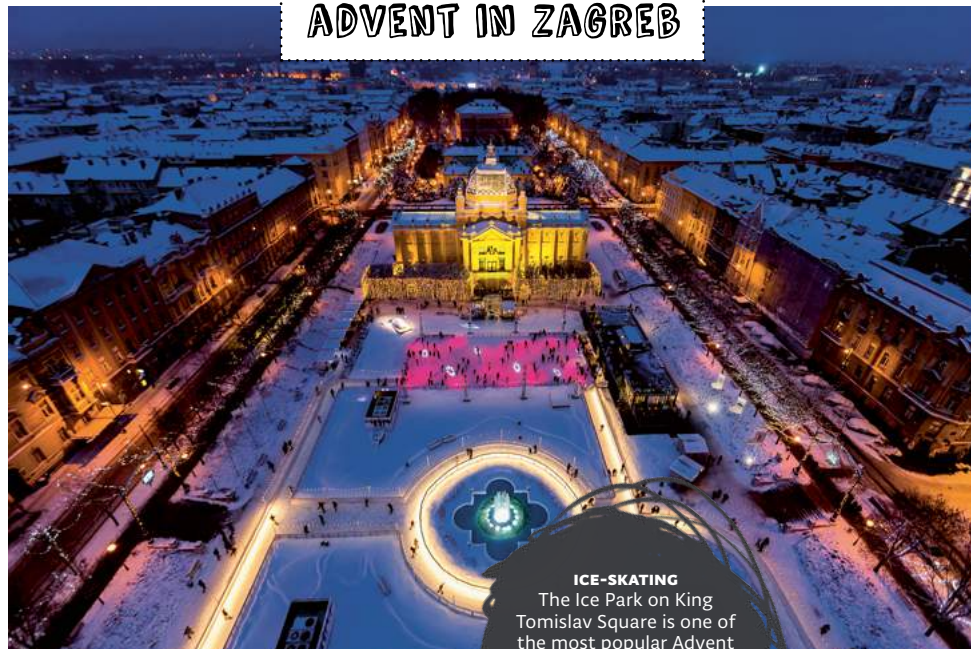
Snow Queen Trophy is named after the legendary Janica Kostelić, the world's best-ever female Alpine skier. It was on Mount Medvednica that she and her brother Ivica Kostelić took their first steps in skiing.

#### SNOW QUEEN TROPHY

First held in 2005, this Alpine Skiing World Cup event features slalom races at the top of Mount Medvednica. Every January it gathers skiers and spectators from both Croatia and abroad. One of the Snow Queen Trophy's distinguishing features is its close proximity to the capital city. It is also the only race whose winner is awarded a handmade crown.

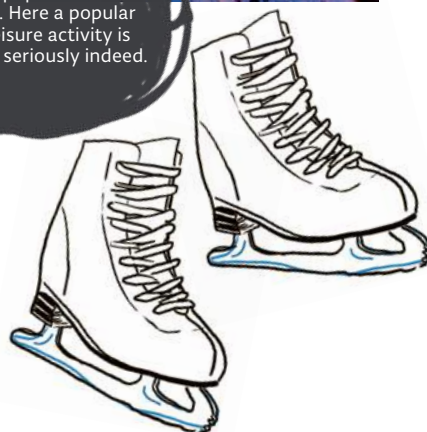


## ADVENT IN ZAGREB



### ICE-SKATING

The Ice Park on King Tomislav Square is one of the most popular Advent locations. Here a popular winter leisure activity is taken very seriously indeed.



### QUICK WINTER BITES

Winter in Zagreb provides a wealth of street-food options. The enticing aromas of "fritule" (deep-fried dough balls) and sausages waft from around every corner. Mulled wine is a great choice of drink, not least because it helps to warm up stiff fingers.



Zagreb Advent begins when the first Advent candle is lit, after which the fun begins to flow out into the streets. Christmas Market stalls flood the city, attracting visitors with delicious food, which ranges in style from local classics to international fusion.

### ZRINJEVAC UNDER SNOW

The sight and sound of Zagreb amateur choirs singing Christmas carols inside the 1891 Zrinjevac Park Pavilion is certainly a moment to remember. The park's snow-covered plane-trees and charming wooden huts selling traditional food and drink only add further magic to the experience.



### CHRISTMAS MARKET

This is the best place to do Christmas shopping. As well as offering delicious holiday food, market stalls are stacked high with handmade souvenirs including gingerbread hearts (licitari), local honey cookies and many other goodies that can only be found in Zagreb.



A live nativity scene is set up in front of Zagreb Cathedral, and each of the city's squares has its own unique ambience. Zrinjevac Park is for enjoying a waltz or listening to choirs singing carols, while King Tomislav Square attracts throngs of skaters with its magnificent Ice Park. Every year Advent in Zagreb is a bit different – new locations and events are constantly popping up, ensuring additional elements of surprise and delight.







# FOOD AND DRINK FOR MOMENTS ALL TOO SHORT

FIND OUT MORE




Eating and drinking isn't just part of our daily routine, it's something to be enjoyed, seriously and without compromise. Choosing among Zagreb's bountiful restaurants, bistros, bars and cafés is no easy task, but at least this dilemma is a rather sweet one – or savoury, if that's what you prefer. Regardless of the spice, the food is always fresh.

## DOLAC MARKET

Zagreb's largest farmer's market, Dolac, is the belly of the city and the social glue of its citizens. Back in 1930, when the market first emerged in what was then an age-battered residential area, few believed that Dolac would become the must-visit place both for fresh food and a bit of a chinwag. Initially the market concentrated on produce from local farmers and nearby villages. Since then, Dolac has grown into a gastronomic heaven flaunting food from all over Croatia. It's the place to buy Zagorje cottage cheese and cream, mandarins from the Neretva valley, lemons from the island of Vis, Istrian olive oil, cherries from Zadar and Slavonian-reared meat. The stalls on the upper, open-air level of the market are decked out with characteristic red parasols featuring a striped motif that is typical of the Zagreb region. Immediately to the north, Petrica Kerempuh Square hosts a colourful flower market.

## ZAGREB KUMICA



Women from nearby villages who have traditionally sold their produce at Dolac are called "kumica". They are the heart and soul of the market, replenishing it daily with their fresh fruit, vegetables, eggs, corn bread and dairy products. A statue of a "kumica" standing at the market's entrance pays tribute to their indispensable role.



As all capital cities, Zagreb is a meeting place of diverse cultural influences – some simply spilling over the border and others arriving from far away. Dishes with German-sounding names reflect Zagreb's Central European connections, but countless Mediterranean and Middle Eastern recipes have also taken root in the city. The cuisine of today's Zagreb is rich and varied with a little bit of something for everyone. Gracing the city's menus are various types of international and ethnic fare as well as east-west fusion, haute cuisine, and plenty of quality street food. Traditional home-cooked meals, however, are what make the everyday life of Zagreb folk all the more special. Those that follow are true, time-honoured classics.



#### FARMERS' MARKETS

Zagreb locals love small-scale shopping at farmers' markets. The city boasts 25 markets in different neighbourhoods, all of which sell fresh produce from around Croatia.



#### GRINCAJG

Just as soup is the usual starting point of every Zagreb meal, the starting point of every good soup is its stock. Which is why "grincajg" – a bunch of vegetables containing carrot, parsley, celery and kale – is the most sought after article at every market. When it comes to soup, grincajg is the difference that makes the difference.



#### TURKEY WITH MLINCI

The secret of this Zagreb feast-day dish is in the slow roasting and frequent basting of the turkey. A compulsory side dish is "mlinci", a type of flatbread traditionally eaten in Zagreb and its surroundings. The dough for mlinci is made of wheat flour, water and a pinch of salt. The mlinci are baked on a hot plate, then softened with boiling water and served with turkey juices and dripping.



#### APPLE STRUDEL

This age-old classic dessert is a mainstay in many Zagreb homes. When grated apples, spiced with cinnamon and a drop of rum, are rolled inside sheets of filo pastry, the final results smell and taste heavenly. Each home has its own way of preparing this dish – just don't expect them to give away any secrets.



#### ŠTRUKLI

A dish for every occasion, "štrukli" come sweet or savoury, boiled as well as baked. They can be served as a starter, main course, dessert, or even dunked in soup. In Zagreb, the most popular way to eat this cult dish – made of filo pastry, cottage cheese, cream and eggs – is with savoury cheese filling, baked.

#### WINE ROUTES IN AND AROUND ZAGREB

Wine lovers are unlikely to go thirsty in Zagreb. The city and its surroundings abound with attractive wine routes – there's even a vineyard in the city centre, hidden away between Tkalčićeva and Radićeva streets. Otherwise Zagreb-city wine country begins in the eastern outskirts, stretching from the Gornja Dubrava neighbourhood towards Sesvete. Although little known, this suburban wine area is well worth exploring for those eager to seek out some truly heavenly surprises. The wine routes of Zagreb County, embracing Samobor, Plešivica and Sveti Ivan Zelina, have already made a name for themselves and make excellent day trip destinations.

#### ST MARTIN'S DAY

Vineyards and wine cellars all around Zagreb County bustle with activity on St Martin's Day in mid-November. This is when the young wine is blessed – although tasting and enjoying the mature version is not neglected either. Zagreb locals use this opportunity to leave the urban hubbub behind and relax with local winegrowers in celebrating the fruits of their labour.



### STREET FOOD FESTIVALS

There is no shortage of street food and street food festivals in Zagreb. Bistros and eateries around the city serve a great choice of bites all year round. However Zagreb street food is at its best during the numerous outdoor festivals that take place in the city's parks and squares. Many of these festivals pair up street food with another leisure activity or cultural theme. One such example is an event that mixes gastronomy with film, allowing visitors to munch great food and catch some big-screen entertainment while lounging on the grass.



### COTTAGE CHEESE AND CREAM

For centuries this traditional product has travelled from nearby farms to the tables of Zagreb locals. Cottage cheese and cream can be paired with various vegetables, depending on the season and occasion. There is even a traditional Zagreb way to buy it at the market – from your own "kumica". Many families get to know the woman who makes and sells it and this ritual exchange may indeed be passed down from one generation to the next.

### CRAFT BEER TRADITION

Zagreb has a long brewing tradition with several renowned beer brands to show for it. Nowadays an increasing number of microbreweries are pushing out excellent craft batches, combining artisan tradition with the love of a good ale.



### LET'S MEET FOR COFFEE

Coffee is without a doubt the locals' hot drink of choice. Indeed drinking coffee in Zagreb is very much a social ritual in which the chief goal is to bond with friends. This is why you'll find coffee shops on virtually every street corner. The expression "idemo na kavu" (let's meet for coffee) has an elastic meaning and now indicates socializing over a drink of any kind.



### THE CHOICE OF RESTAURANTS

There's nothing the locals love to talk about more than food. News travels fast whenever a new eatery opens up, especially if great food is matched by an appetizing price. Eating out in Zagreb is becoming a more diverse experience by the day. And there's an increasing number of restaurants offering an original culinary vision, whether it's in the field of local, fusion or exotic cuisine.





# SHOPPING AND ENTERTAINMENT

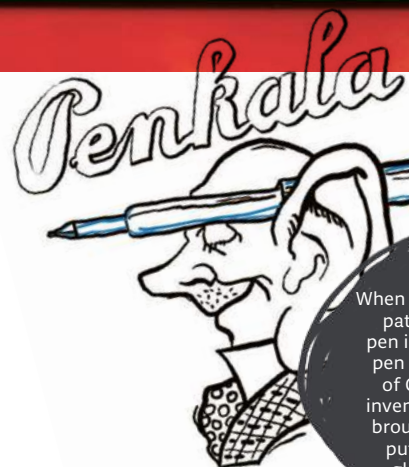
## A PIECE OF ZAGREB TO TAKE BACK HOME



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Finding entertainment in Zagreb has never been easier. Day or night, there's an increasing number of going-out destinations, all of which makes Zagreb a richer and more open city. Some of these places are among the most interesting entertainment spots in this part of Europe. Shopping in Zagreb also comes high on the list of things to do. Given the sheer variety of attractive products, from fun gifts to cool designer artefacts, it's difficult to leave Zagreb without a souvenir.



### PENKALA

When Eduard Slavoljub Penkala patented the mechanical pen in 1906 and the fountain pen in 1907, he became one of Croatia's most famous inventors. His breakthroughs brought him fame, and also put Zagreb firmly on the global innovation map.

### CROATIAN DESIGN SOUVENIRS

In recent years, Zagreb designers have taken a whole new approach to souvenirs. They are continually thinking up attractive ways of designing objects which are practically useful, rooted in local experience, and at the same time serve as mementos of Croatia. Several Zagreb shops are defying the trend towards mass-produced memorabilia by showcasing a discerning collection of locally-designed souvenirs that will help you cherish the memory of Zagreb for a long time.





#### GINGERBREAD HEART

Originally given as a token of love and friendship, the gingerbread heart (or "licitarsko srce" as it is known locally) is one of Zagreb's best-known traditional souvenirs. Its distinctive appearance and artisan production have ensured its inclusion on UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage List.



#### ŠESTINE UMBRELLA

This bright red umbrella adorned with a colourful motif is the symbol of Šestine – a village nestling at the foot of Mount Medvednica. Its characteristic appearance has become a popular part of Zagreb's visual identity. The Šestine umbrella is a mainstay in most shops around the city and makes for a wonderfully authentic souvenir. Stalls at Dolac Market are shaded with parasols carrying bright red Šestine motifs.

#### PAPRENJAK BISCUIT

The traditional Zagreb "paprenjak" biscuit is a unique fusion of sweet and peppery flavours. August Šenoa's novel about 16th century Zagreb, The Goldsmith's Treasure, mentions it as one of the locals' favourite treats. Today a popular souvenir, it is stocked in shops all around Zagreb.



#### CROATIAN TIE

It may have been the French aristocracy who elevated the necktie into a popular fashion accessory, but it was Croatian soldiery in the Thirty Year's War who wore it first. Today this popular item of clothing is the quintessential Croatian souvenir. It comes superbly crafted and in various attractive designs.

#### YOUNG FASHION DESIGNERS

New names are constantly popping up from Zagreb's flourishing fashion scene. A growing number of specialized concept stores are displaying locally designed collections. Whether it is for uniquely tailored clothes or unconventional household accessories, a trip to one of those outlets makes for an exciting adventure.



#### ZAGREB ARTISANS

Zagreb abounds with traditional craftspeople who continue to successfully compete with global brands. Family-run boutiques produce everything from custom-made shoes to leather accessories, tailor-made suits and stylish hats of enduring quality. Alongside these shoemakers, tailors and milliners are a host of studios where artists and contemporary artisans produce unique and original handicrafts.



#### SHOPPING CENTRES

Zagreb shopping centres are strategically located around the city to provide easy and convenient access to a wide range of goods. They offer a practical way of shopping in many stores, all in one place.





#### OUTDOOR FUN

Warm weather in spring and summer coaxes locals and visitors out of doors. Park lawns and benches are busy with people, many of them meeting friends to spend a few hours on a picnic blanket. This is the peak time for Zagreb's open-air food and music events, when a chance to have a drink or hear an up-and-coming band awaits just around the corner.

#### ALTERNATIVE MUSIC SCENE

The origins of the Zagreb alternative music scene go back to the 1970s, when several cult clubs began to make their name. The tradition is as alive as ever with top-notch concerts, DJ events and musical happenings continuing to galvanize these everlasting haunts. The Zagreb club scene in general is on the rise. Excellent music, from pop to electronica, attracts fervent music fans as well as those who just want a good night out. The music scene in Zagreb is full of surprises!



#### CAFÉS AND BARS

Conventional city-centre coffee shops blossomed overnight into concept cafés and bars. Impeccably designed and with discerning drinks menus, few locals or visitors can resist their charms.

#### MIXING ART AND FUN

Different forms of culture have always combined well in Zagreb, and a mix-and-match approach to the arts is something of a local trademark. There are fusions of all kinds, from live music in galleries and museums to educational programmes incorporating a strong degree of entertainment. Many of these events take place in conventional venues, but there is also no shortage of outdoor or pop-up spaces. It is not unusual to start the night at a gallery opening and finish it partying until the wee hours.





# ZAGREB FOR CHILDREN

## A CITY OF MANY POSSIBILITIES

### ZAGREB ZOO

Opened in 1925, Zagreb Zoo is the oldest in Southeastern Europe. It started with two owls and three foxes only to expand into a home for 300 animal species from all over the world. Zagreb Zoo is known for developing educational programmes which teach children positive attitudes towards nature, and also give them hands-on experience of biology and environmental protection.



Many visitors dream of returning to Zagreb and children are no exception. This is no surprise as Zagreb brims with outdoor and indoor playgrounds. The city makes a special effort to cater for kids, with events specially tailored to their taste. Museums run special kids' programmes, and children's theatres have a rich repertoire of plays for everyone from toddlers upwards. All this makes Zagreb an ideal travel destination for families with children.

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### CHILDREN'S THEATRES

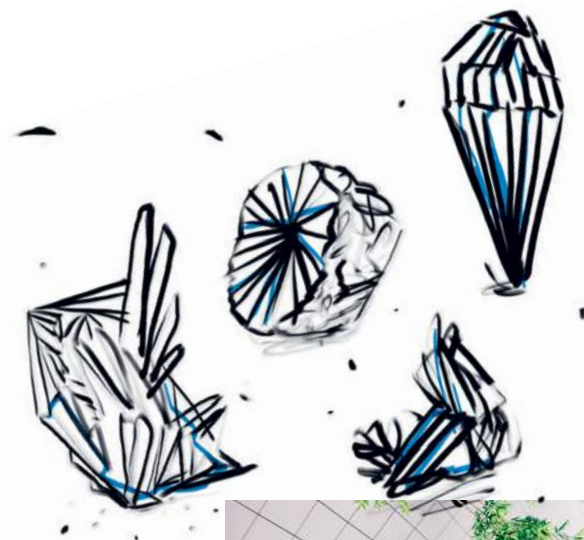
Children's theatres have a long history in Zagreb. Most local people have fond memories of seeing a play or going on a school trip to a children's theatre. Spread around Zagreb, these theatres are easily accessible to children from all neighbourhoods. There is always something fun going on: an intriguing play or a compelling journey into the world of imagination and creativity.

### PLANETARIUM

The Technical Museum Nikola Tesla is the ideal stop for astronomy fans. Located on the first floor, the Zeiss Planetarium was built in 1965 and is a thrilling experience for all those looking to expand their horizons.

### BACKO MINI EXPRESS

Thanks to a zealous team of model railway enthusiasts, Zagreb now boasts the largest model railway layout in Southeastern Europe. It includes well over 100 items of rolling stock, rattling their way along 1,050 metres of track, passing through tunnels, towns and stations on their way.



### MUSEUM OF ILLUSIONS

A great way to take a break from conventional museums or indeed from reality in general is to visit the Museum of Illusions. Here nothing is as expected: upright things become slanted; small things grow into big things, or simply multiply into infinity in the "mirror room". The museum playroom allows visitors of all ages to compete in solving puzzles and learning new tricks and games.

### CROATIAN NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

With a vast permanent and interactive collection of (mostly stuffed, pickled or digital) animals, this museum never fails to impress children. Absorbing workshop events invite kids to dive into biology and genetics, setting them up to be true DNA detectives. Some of the museum's educational programmes are specifically designed for pre-school children.



### CROATIAN SCHOOL MUSEUM

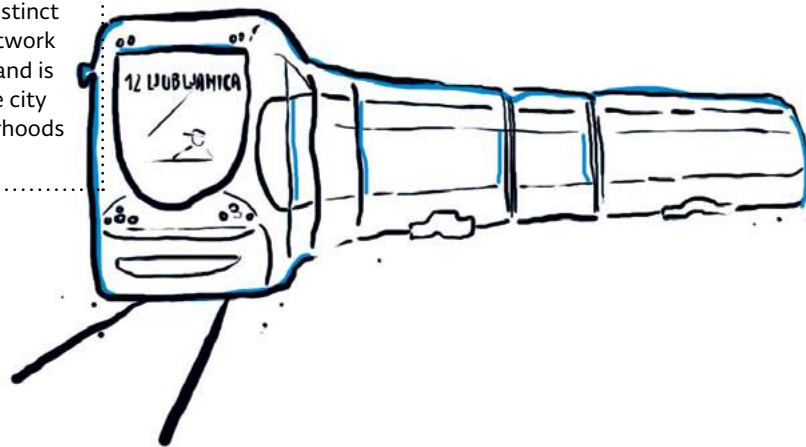
Ever since opening in 1901 this museum has collected, researched and displayed a rich array of materials on the history of education in Croatia. Visitors can explore historic teaching materials and school equipment. There are also collections of documents and photographs that conjure up what going to school was like in the past. Throughout the year, the museum hosts numerous educational workshops to show children that learning can be a fun exercise in doing things together.



# ZAGREB IN 24 HOURS

## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Public transport in Zagreb consists of trams, buses and the funicular. All are distinguished by their distinct blue livery. The tram network covers most of Zagreb, and is particularly useful in the city centre. Outer neighbourhoods are connected by bus.



There is no better way of getting around Zagreb than by hopping on a tram. Apart from being one of Zagreb's trademark features, trams are a quick and easy mode of travel. Zagreb takes pride in being a city made to human measure. It is compact and easily navigated, and nowhere takes too long to reach. Most attractions are close at hand and it is up to you to take your pick with the help of this guide. With these suggestions, you will make the most of your time even if you are here on a short visit. You can always leave the rest until the next time.

FIND OUT MORE





**09.00 — 10.30**

Start exploring the city from Ban Jelačić Square. Visit Dolac Market perched above the north side of the square and continue on to see Zagreb Cathedral. With its conspicuous, 105-metre-high twin spires, it is hard to miss. Just up the road are some handsome town-houses built for leading clergy in the 18th century.

**10.30 — 12.00**

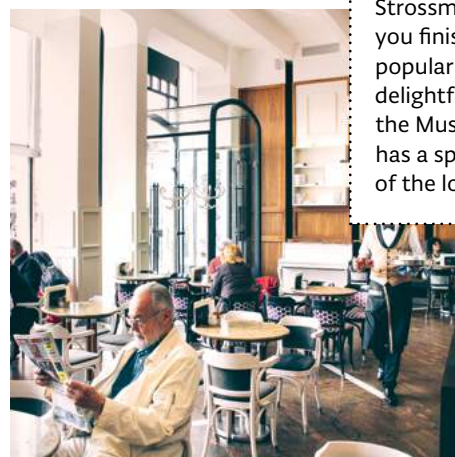
Walk along the charming Opatovina street and take a moment to enjoy a cup of coffee or a glass of local craft beer. Make a turn into Skalinska street to reach one of the most popular streets in Zagreb – Tkalčićeva. From there, climb Felbinger stairs towards Radčeva street where you will see a small terraced vineyard. The Stone Gate, one of the city's landmarks, awaits at the top of the stairs.

**12.00 — 14.00**

Zagreb's Upper Town is dazzling no matter which route you take to explore it. But it is worth being at Lotrščak Tower at high noon when the Grič Cannon is traditionally fired. Visit the central St Mark's Square, but also take time to tread the many lovely alleyways which epitomize the Upper Town's charm. Take note of several noblemen's palaces and have a sneak peek inside their beautiful courtyards.

**14.00 — 16.30**

Hop on the funicular and descend towards Zagreb's oldest street – Ilica. Apart from numerous boutiques and restaurants, Ilica also boasts some remarkably elegant architecture, mostly dating from the 19th century. Meander towards Petar Preradović Square (also known as Flower Square) where café terraces serve as the locals' outdoor living room. Nearby Teslina and Masarykova streets are teeming with shops, cafés and restaurants, and are perfect places for a short break.

**16.30 — 19.00**

Head towards the Croatian National Theatre, which is surrounded with several scientific and cultural institutions. From here you can make a start on the Lenuci Horseshoe by heading south through Mažuranić and Marulić Squares until you reach the Botanical Garden. Walk through or alongside the garden to the east and you will soon reach the central railway station and the beautiful King Tomislav Square. Follow this green trail through Strossmayer Square until you finish your journey at the popular Zrinjevac Park. With delightful fountains flanking the Music Pavilion, this square has a special place in the hearts of the locals.

**19.00 — ...**

By now it's time for a rest. By now you will have seen enough of Zagreb to pick the right place for a night out. Maybe have a drink and a bite to eat in Tkalčićeva, Opatovina, or Teslina?

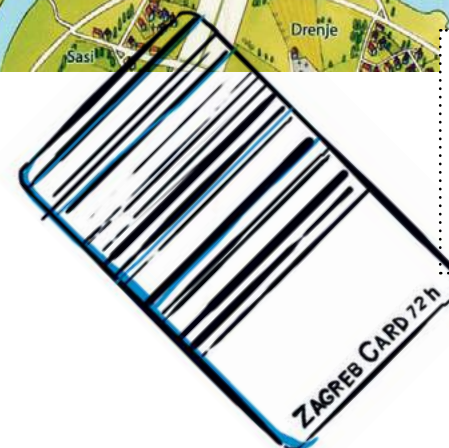


# ZAGREB IN 72 HOURS

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Sticking around for three days allows you to enjoy a much fuller experience of the Zagreb way of life. This gives you enough time to explore the city's highlights, make a local café your own and learn to navigate the tram network. You could even venture out on a day trip to the surrounding countryside. However you choose to travel, Zagreb has plenty to offer.



## ZAGREB CARD

The Zagreb Card is the best way to cover Zagreb's major sights and save money along the way. It includes free public transport, free entry to several must-see attractions, as well as discounted prices in many restaurants, shops, museums and other places of interest.



## DAY ONE - ZAGREB MUST-SEES

### MORNING

Start the day by feeling the real pulse of the city at Dolac Market. Watch those vivacious market vendors and soak up the atmosphere. Take your time – hurrying is not the way to go in Zagreb. Treat yourself to a bite to eat from a bakery and stop for coffee. After that, have a stroll around Kaptol, Opatovina and Tkalčićeva streets. Climb to the Upper Town to explore its timeless charms.

### COFFEE IN TOWN

Saturday is the most popular day for meeting friends over coffee. However you will also notice that Zagreb locals indulge in the coffee-drinking ritual on a daily basis, making imaginative use of regular work-breaks in order to do so.

### NOON

Take a ride on the funicular to reach the Lower Town where the urban hubbub truly begins. Even so, there are plenty of cozy places where you can enjoy a quiet drink and a bite to eat. Drifting along the Zagreb "špica" is the way to get in on the latest fashion trends, and look out for excellent places to do some shopping.

### AFTERNOON

The most pleasant sightseeing route is the one provided by the Lenuci Horseshoe. Not only does it reveal the prettiest areas of the Lower Town, but it also boasts some of the best museums in the city.

### EVENING

The city's most popular entertainment strips are Tkalčićeva street, Opatovina and Petar Preradović Square. Take your pick from the countless cafés and restaurants there and enjoy your first genuine Zagreb night out.

### GOING OUT

You can have a great night out at many cafés, bars and clubs which host regular live music or DJ events. To find out what's on, follow their social media profiles.



## DAY TWO - OUTSIDE THE CITY CENTRE

### MORNING

Start the day by visiting a local café for coffee. Every neighbourhood in Zagreb has a few interesting places where you can enjoy this typical morning ritual.



### AFTERNOON

Cross one of the bridges over the river Sava and get to know the south side of Zagreb too. Spend some time in the Museum of Contemporary Art, then walk to nearby Bundek – a splendid expanse of parkland in Novi Zagreb. Not far from there is also an attractive golf course, stretching along the Sava riverbank.

### NOON

Use this time of day for an outdoor activity. Hire a bike or go for a walk in a park. Wherever you are in Zagreb, there is always a park around the corner: Maksimir, Jarun, Tuškanac and many more.

### FOUNTAINS

A stunning ensemble of five fountains stretches along the park opposite the National University Library. It is quite a sight to see their playing waters by day and light shows by night.

### EVENING

Pick a special place to eat out. The choice is limitless, from bistros to high-end restaurants, and good food is guaranteed.

## DAY THREE - BEST DAY TRIPS



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### FROM DAWN TO DUSK

By now you know that the best way to start the day is to make time for the coffee ritual. After that, you are ready to explore Zagreb's versatile surroundings. You can opt for nearby Sljeme and Samobor, or take a 90-minute drive to the blue Adriatic. With charming historic towns, castles, manor houses, archeological sites, nature parks and World Heritage sites of pristine beauty, the choice is really endless. Enjoy!

### SETTING OFF

Zagreb's central railway station is located in the very centre of the city. You can reach it by tram or by one of the many taxi services operating in Zagreb.



# ZAGREB SURROUNDINGS BEAUTIFUL MEMORIES MOMENTS AWAY



## PLITVICE LAKES

Plitvice Lakes are without a doubt one of Croatia's most stunning wonders of nature. This national park is famous throughout the world for its mesmerizing waterfalls and turquoise lakes.

*More on page 88.*

## ORGANIZED TOURS

You can venture out on a day trip on your own, or book a tour with one of many tourist agencies based in Zagreb. To learn more about your options, visit the the Zagreb Tourist Information Centre.

FIND OUT MORE



Zagreb is within easy day-trip distance of countless sites of natural beauty and cultural heritage. Mountains, rivers, lakes, even the Adriatic Sea are all within easy reach. Many historic towns and localities are also part of the greater Zagreb area. The gems listed here are well worth making the time to visit. Some are mere centuries old, while others go back to prehistory.





## NORTH

### VARAŽDIN (87 KM / 65 MIN)

The beautifully preserved Baroque town of Varaždin once served as the capital of Croatia. Numerous patrician mansions are a reminder of that time, as well as Varaždin Castle, fortified to resist Ottoman expansion. Varaždin's charming Old Town has a large pedestrianized area with a number of attractions, including engrossing museums, alluring parks and an outstanding theatre. Every August Varaždin livens up during Špancirfest – a hugely enjoyable outdoor festival including live music, market stalls, children's play-areas and street entertainers.



The gently rolling hills north of Zagreb captivate with their fairytale castles and friendly family-run farms. The area is an ideal destination for both cultural and foodie travellers.



### VELIKI TABOR (70 KM / 72 MIN)

This 15th century castle is now a compelling museum boasting unique Renaissance furnishings. A number of rare artworks were also uncovered during the last bout of restoration. Veliki Tabor hosts the acclaimed Tabor Film Festival, dedicated to short films.



### TRAKOŠĆAN (80 KM / 70 MIN)

Of all the castles of the Zagorje, Trakošćan in the northwest is the most famous. It dates back to the 13th century when it was only a small fort on a hill. In the 19th century, the noble Drašković family transformed it into a romantic aristocratic residence surrounded by lush woodland and a boating lake. The castle interior is in excellent condition and offers a unique insight into 19th-century tastes in interior decoration.

### KRAPINA (60 KM / 50 MIN)

Krapina is famous for being home to Europe's largest Palaeolithic site. The fossil bones found in the area belonged to the Neanderthals who lived here 30,000 years ago. Their story is told by the multi-media displays of the Krapina Neanderthal Museum.



### THE SPA COUNTY (50–115 KM / 60–100 MIN)

The area north of Zagreb is rich in thermal water and has a long tradition of wellness tourism. The newest and most stylish resort is Sveti Martin spa with the biggest aquapark in Croatia and a wellness centre covering an area of 1,700 square metres. In Zagorje, healing thermal waters are a capital feature of Varaždin, Krapina, Stubica and Tuhelj spas. Apart from swimming, these spa and wellness destinations offer other types of fun, such as various sporting activities and an excellent range of gastronomic and cultural experiences. This mix of fun and relaxation makes them a great choice for family travel.





## NORTH

### MARIJA BISTRICA (40 KM / 50 MIN)

Every year thousands of Christians visit this well-known Marian pilgrimage site. The beautiful church of Our Lady of the Snows features the 15th-century statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary with the Infant Jesus. It was saved from the Turks by a local priest who died before revealing its hiding place. Many years later, the statue was found because of its glowing light which is believed to have healing powers.



### KUMROVEC (60 KM / 60 MIN)

As well as being famous as the birthplace of Josip Broz Tito, the village of Kumrovec also incorporates the unique open-air ethnographic museum of Staro Selo. The collection features original 19th-century Zagorje houses with thatched roofs. On display inside the houses are everyday objects and tools used by the peasants from the region. Also on display are recreations of traditional shops and craft workshops. There is even an opportunity to have a go on a pottery wheel.



## EAST



The countryside east of Zagreb is distinguished by sweeping plains and vast areas of unspoilt nature. Rising up in between are gentle hills where winemaking has flourished since the times of antiquity.

### ANDAUTONIJA (15 KM / 26 MIN)

The sleepy village of Šćitarjevo was once an important Ancient Roman town. Built in the 1st century AD, it was at the intersection of trade routes in the Sava valley. Today, the archeological site is an attractive park where visitors can stroll along historic cobbled streets and marvel at the under-floor heating of the former public bathhouse. Every year in April, the Days of Andautonija include Roman-themed events and experimental archeology workshops. Ancient food and drink recipes are revived and children can take part in Roman-themed games.

### LONJSKO POLJE (116 KM / 110 MIN)

Croatia's largest area of wetland, Lonjsko Polje is exceptionally rich in flora and fauna. This protected wildlife habitat is also a wonderful cycling destination where visitors can lodge in traditional wooden houses. Nature lovers flock here between April and August when more than a third of Croatia's white stork population returns from Africa. Each house in the village of Čigoč shares a roof with at least one storks' nest. When they return in the spring, most bird couples nest in the same spot as they did the previous year.

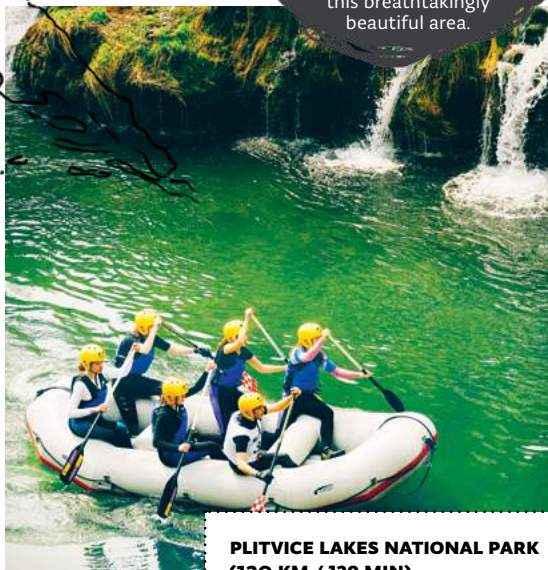




## SOUTH

### SLUNJ (105 KM / 95 MIN)

Slunj is the perfect stop-off on the way from Zagreb to the Plitvice Lakes. It is dramatically set above the river Korana, where the Korana's tributary Slunjčica powers a group of traditional water mills in the suburb of Rastoke. Visitors can walk through the picturesque labyrinth of canals and wooden bridges or stop for a lunch of freshly caught trout in one of many rustic riverside restaurants. Rafting trips on the fast moving waters of the Korana are also available – a true highlight for adventure seekers.



### PLITVICE LAKES NATIONAL PARK (130 KM / 120 MIN)

One of Croatia's landmark wonders of nature, Plitvice Lakes National Park is famous for its arresting waterfalls and turquoise-tinted lakes. It is also home of Čorkova Uvala, the prettiest virgin forest in the Dinaric Alps. The entry fee to the park also includes boat rides on the park's biggest lake and free use of the electric train that connects the principal beauty spots on the eastern side of the park.



South from Zagreb nature turns more dramatic: mountains are bigger, forests are thicker and the landscape looks more rugged. Lakes and waterfalls are the high points of this breathtakingly beautiful area.

## WEST

### PLEŠIVICA (45 KM / 50 MIN)

The name of both a village and the hills that surround it, Plešivica is a celebrated wine-growing region where connoisseurs can explore countless wine routes. Although Plešivica is very much an all-year-round destination it attracts most people in October, when it is time to taste the local Portugizac – a fruity red wine that is best taken while young.

### DOLINA KARDINALA

Krašić is a scenic town nestled in the Kupčina valley. The area once harboured a Bronze-Age settlement, but it is the 20th century that inspired its nickname – The Cardinals' Valley. Croatia's renowned cardinal Alojzije Stepinac officiated at his first mass in Krašić while many other high-ranking clergymen were born in nearby villages.



### SAMOBOR (27KM / 30 MIN)

One of the best-preserved historic towns in inland Croatia, Samobor is a favourite weekend outing for Zagreb folk. Traditional arts and crafts are among the town's main attractions, although it's the scrumptious "kremšnita" cream cake that garners most in the way of visitor attention. Samobor is particularly lively in early February during carnival time (locally called "fašnik"). The main square and all surrounding streets teem with people, some parading in masks and costumes and others enjoying the spectacle.



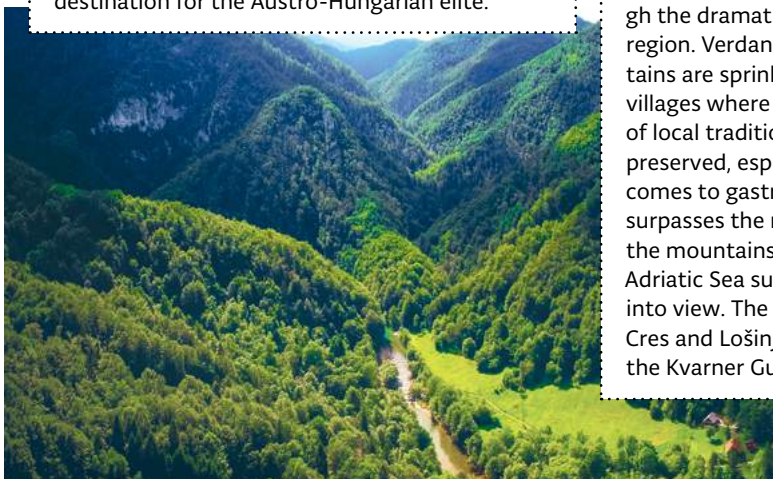
## WEST



Heading southwest from Zagreb, the landscape changes with each kilometre, from the rippling hills of Plešivica to the thick evergreen forests of Gorski Kotar, all the way to the cobalt-blue Adriatic Sea.

### RIJEKA AND OPATIJA (CCA 160 KM / 110 MIN)

As Croatia's third biggest city and largest seaport, Rijeka is an exciting fusion of cosmopolitan bustle and laid-back Mediterranean joie de vivre. On top of that, the jewel of Croatian tourism Opatija is only a 15-minute drive away. Well connected and with balmy weather all year round, Opatija earned its fame in the second half of the 19th century when it became the darling destination for the Austro-Hungarian elite.



### KVARNER AND GORSKI KOTAR

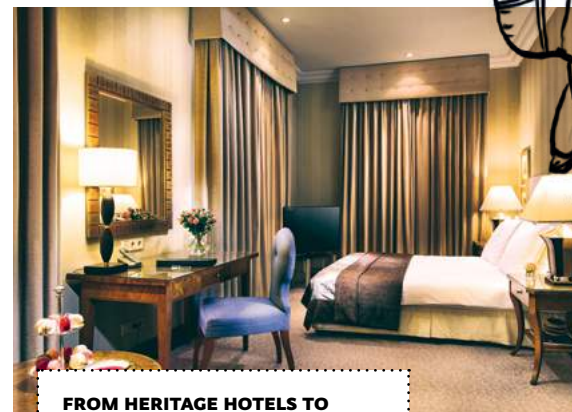
It takes around 90 minutes from Zagreb to reach the broad Adriatic bay known as the Kvarner Gulf. The route itself is a scenic one, passing through the dramatic Gorski Kotar region. Verdant green mountains are sprinkled with bucolic villages where a strong sense of local tradition has been preserved, especially when it comes to gastronomy. Nothing surpasses the moment when the mountains end and the Adriatic Sea suddenly hoves into view. The islands of Krk, Cres and Lošinj are the gems of the Kvarner Gulf.

# ACCOMMODATION MORE THAN JUST A BED FOR THE NIGHT

FIND OUT MORE



**OLDEST HOTEL**  
Opened in 1827, Jägerhorn is the oldest still-operating hotel in Zagreb.



### FROM HERITAGE HOTELS TO YOUTH HOSTELS

Accommodation in Zagreb is wide-ranging and has something to suit everyone. The choice includes five star hotels, international hotel chains, characterful hostels and a variety of rental apartments. A number of heritage hotels offer unique tradition while boutique hotels and quirky hostels rely on a creative and individual approach. All of the above provide a high standard of service and represent ideal starting points in getting to know the city.





## GETTING AROUND

# USEFUL INFORMATION



### ARRIVING TO ZAGREB

One of Zagreb's many advantages is its location. The city is anchored between Central and Southeastern Europe as well as the Adriatic Sea, thus making it an important transport hub. Travelling by plane or land, Zagreb provides easy access to all major Croatian cities as well as the capitals of neighbouring countries. The airport is located 15 km from the city centre and can be reached by bus or taxi. Zagreb's central railway station is only 10 minutes walk or two tram stops away from Ban Jelačić Square. The main bus station is also close to the centre, to which it is well connected by tram.

### VISA REGIME IN CROATIA

Information about the visa regime between Croatia and all other countries is available from the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs.  
[www.mvep.hr](http://www.mvep.hr)

### FRANJO TUĐMAN AIRPORT

Information: 060 320 320  
[www.zagreb-airport.hr](http://www.zagreb-airport.hr)  
Timetable for buses operating between Airport and the main bus station: [www.plesoprijevoz.hr](http://www.plesoprijevoz.hr)

### MAIN BUS STATION

Avenija Marina Držića 4  
Information: 060 313 333  
[www.akz.hr](http://www.akz.hr)

### CENTRAL RAILWAY STATION

Trg kralja Tomislava 12  
Information: 060 333 444  
[www.hzpp.hr](http://www.hzpp.hr)

### ZAGREB CARD

There are two types of Zagreb Card: a 24-hour and a 72-hour one. Both include free public transport and entry to six top attractions as well as discounts for 70 other points of interest, such as museums, restaurants, shops and many more. Detailed information is available at [www.zagrebcard.com](http://www.zagrebcard.com)

### MAIN POST OFFICES

**Jurišićeva 13**  
tel. +385 166 26 452  
(Mon - Fri: 07.00-20.00; Sat: 07.00-14.00)  
**Branimirova 4**  
tel. +385 149 81 550  
(Mon - Sun: 07.00-24.00)

### MEETINGS & CONVENTIONS

Zagreb is the main convention centre in Croatia. With the increasing number of conventions, conferences and other types of gatherings taking place in Zagreb, the city is earning a reputation as one of world's favourite destinations of this kind. Zagreb's main advantages are a large number of both contemporary and historic venues, an exceptional range of hotels, rich gastronomic and cultural experiences and high-profile professional people. On top of that, Zagreb is a pleasant compact city with all major attractions easily reached on foot. *More information is available on [www.meetinzagreb.hr](http://www.meetinzagreb.hr)*

### MONEY

Croatian currency is called Kuna (HRK).  
Currency denominations include:  
Coins: 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50 Lipa; 1, 2, 5 Kuna  
Notes: 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500, 1,000 Kuna  
1 Kuna = 100 Lipa

Money can be exchanged at exchange offices, banks, post offices and hotels. Most retailers and service providers in the hospitality industry accept credit cards.

### NATIONAL HOLIDAYS

**1 January** – New Year's Day  
**6 January** – Epiphany or Three Kings' Day  
Easter  
Easter Monday  
**1 May** – Labour Day  
**30 May** – Statehood Day  
Corpus Christi  
**22 June** – Anti-Fascist Resistance Day  
**5 August** – Victory and National  
Thanksgiving Day and Croatian Veterans' Day  
**15 August** – The Assumption of Mary  
**1 November** – All Saints' Day  
**18 November** – War of Independence  
Remembrance Day and Vukovar and  
Škabrnja Remembrance Day  
**25 December** – Christmas  
**26 December** – St Stephen's Day

### LOCAL TIME

GMT +1 hour

### OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Croatian

### WEATHER

Zagreb has a moderate continental climate with four separate seasons. Summers are usually hot and dry with average temperatures between 20-25 °C. Winters are fairly cold with average temperatures between 1-5 °C. The warmest months of the year are July and August while the coldest are January and February.

### ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

220V, 50Hz.  
Standard European  
two-pin plug.

### WATER

Tap water in Zagreb is  
safe for drinking.

### IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

**112** General Emergency  
**192** Police  
**193** Fire Brigade  
**194** Ambulance  
**11802** International Information  
**18981** General Information  
**0800 53 53** Zagreb Tourist  
Information (free when dialled  
from within Croatia)

### INTERNET

There are more than 20 Wi-Fi hotspots around Zagreb that offer free internet provided by the city wireless network. Their number is growing by the day.



## TOURIST INFORMATION

### Visitor Centre

Trg bana J. Jelačića 11  
tel. +385 1 48 14 051, +385 1 48 14 052,  
+385 1 48 14 054  
e-mail: [info@infozagreb.hr](mailto:info@infozagreb.hr)  
[www.infozagreb.hr](http://www.infozagreb.hr)

### Visitor Centre

#### Franjo Tuđman Airport

Ulica Rudolfa Fizira 21, Velika Gorica  
tel. +385 1 6265 091  
e-mail: [airport@infozagreb.hr](mailto:airport@infozagreb.hr)

### Tourist Info Centre Lotrščak Tower

Strossmayerovo šetalište  
tel. +385 1 48 51 510  
e-mail: [lotrscak@infozagreb.hr](mailto:lotrscak@infozagreb.hr)

### Tourist Info Centre

#### Zagreb Central Railway Station

Trg kralja Tomislava 12  
tel. +385 99 2109 918  
e-mail: [gkolodvor@infozagreb.hr](mailto:gkolodvor@infozagreb.hr)

### Tourist Info Centre

#### Main Bus Station

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