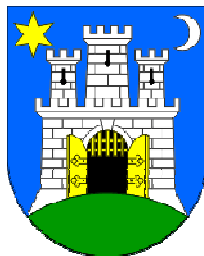




ZAGREB RECEPTION BOOKLET

... Welcome to Zagreb...



Dear IAESTE trainee,

This booklet about Zagreb will give you a little insight of what to expect upon your arrival to Croatia. This will be a new and interesting experience for you so here are a few facts to help you prepare. This booklet is designed to answer usual questions you may have. However, if we missed to mention something of interest to you, please, do not hesitate to contact us at: zagreb.reception@iaeste.hr and we will be happy to answer you.

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THE CITY ITSELF

Zagreb (Croatian pronunciation: ['zâ:grɛb]) is the capital and the largest city of the Republic of Croatia. It is in the northwest of the country, along the Sava river, at the southern slopes of the Medvednica mountain. Zagreb lies at an elevation of approximately 122 m (400 ft) above sea level. In 2008, Zagreb's population was 804,200.^{[3][4]}

Its favorable geographic position in the southwestern part of the Pannonian Basin, which extends to the Alpine, Dinaric, Adriatic and Pannonian regions, provides an excellent connection for traffic between Central Europe and the Adriatic Sea. The transport connections, concentration of industry, scientific and research institutions and industrial tradition underlie its leading economic position in Croatia. Zagreb is the seat of the central government, administrative bodies and almost all government ministries.



The earliest mentioned settlement on today's position of the city was a Roman town of Andautonia, existing as early as 1st century AD^[5] The first recorded appearance of the name Zagreb is dated in 1094, at which time the city existed as two different city cores: smaller, eastern Kaptol, inhabited mainly by clergy and housing the Zagreb Cathedral, and larger, western Gradec, inhabited mainly by farmers and merchants. Gradec and Zagreb were

united in 1851 by ban Josip Jelačić, who was credited by naming the main city square, Ban Jelačić Square in his honor. During the former Yugoslavia, Zagreb remained an important economic node in the country, and was the second largest city. After the dissolution of Yugoslavia, Zagreb became the capital of Croatia.



GENERAL FACTS

Location:

- northern Croatia, on the Sava River, 170 km from the Adriatic Sea
- 45° 10' N, 15° 30' E
- situated 122 m above sea level

Time:

- Central-European time (GMT+1)

Climate and Weather:

- continental climate
- average summer temperature: 20° C
- average winter temperature: 1° C

Surface area:

- 650 sq. km.

Electricity:

- 220 volts, 50 Hz

ARRIVAL IN ZAGREB

When we receive your arrival note with all the required data, we will make arrangements to pick you up at one of the meeting points. Please follow these instructions carefully to avoid any misunderstandings. When you arrive, a member of Zagreb laeste local committee will be waiting for you. If you come by one of the following means of transportation, the meeting points are:

-**Train** - Zagreb Main Station (*Glavni Kolodvor*),
at the arrival platform.

Info at : <http://www.hznet.hr/Default.aspx?sec=282>



- **Plane** - Zagreb Airport **Pleso**: take the shuttle bus in front of the airport building to the main bus station (*Autobusni kolodvor*) where we will wait for you.

Info at: <http://www.zagreb-airport.hr/en/homepage>
<http://www.plesoprijevoz.hr/schedulezg.htm>



-**Bus** - Zagreb Main Bus Station (*Autobusni Kolodvor*): on the arrival platform.

Info at: <http://www.akz.hr/En.htm>



Misunderstandings are always possible, so if nobody waits for you do not worry. Wait at least half an hour and then, if nobody comes, call the reception officers.

Note: At each of these three arrival places, you can exchange your money for Croatian currency (Kuna).

ACCOMMODATION



Accommodation for all students will be provided in student dormitory Studentski dom 'Stjepan Radić' (popularly called 'Sava').

**Address: Jarunska 2
10 000 Zagreb.**

Tram stations: 'SD S. Radić' and 'Savski most'.

You will be accommodated in double rooms, which have common showers

and toilets for every floor. During university semesters you might have to share a room with a Croatian student. Cooking appliances (i.e. stove) can be found on every floor. There are no dishes in the dorms and no refrigerators. If you want to wash clothes, there is a privately owned laundry facility near the dormitory (the price of one load of laundry costs 40kn, that is around 5,5 Euros). You don't need to bring your own bed sheets, they will be provided by the dormitory. There is an Internet connection in the rooms for which you need a LAN cable. After you arrive we will provide you an internet account. You should also consider that any electrical equipment you take must be suitable for 220 V and get an adapter if it is not suitable for two pins.

During summer (15 Jul – 1 Sep), the dormitory where you will be accommodated will serve as a hostel, so there will be a full time reception desk. Unfortunately that also means that the price of the summer accommodation will be significantly higher (around 650 kn or app 90 Euro per month). In that time you may have to move from one pavilion to another so be prepared for this. Otherwise, the normal price for the dormitory during the academic year (1 Sep – 15 Jul) is 200 kn or app 30 Euro per month. The place you are going to stay at often has some rules (written or non-written) regarding cleaning, loud music, smoking, etc. Please behave as if it were your own home.

IAESTE will not find new accommodation if you lose your room because of bad behavior..

NOTE: You have to pay the rent within 10 days upon your arrival.

GOING TO WORK

A member of Zagreb laeste local committee will take you to work on your first day and he/she will introduce you to your employer. With him/her you will make arrangements on how and when your salary will be paid to you. But nevertheless you will need to get a student contract. We will assist you with that and take you to the Student Center (the SC) where you will get one. For you to be able to get a contract you need to bring

two photos (dimensions 3x3,5cm, they have to be real photos and not scanned photos or copy) and your passport (if you entered the country with only EU ID you still need a **passport** for this, there are no exceptions).

GETTING IN TOUCH

In Croatia there are three mobile operators:

1. **T-Mobile** Croatia (prefixes +38598,+38599; GSM 900 and 1800 MHz, UMTS 2100 MHz, 2,000,000 users)
2. **VIPnet** (prefix +38591; GSM 900 and 1800 MHz, UMTS 2100 MHz, 1,600,000 users) with one mobile virtual network operator: Tomato (prefix +38592; GSM only, 900 MHz)
3. **Tele2** (prefix +38595; GSM only, 900 and 1800 MHz, 500,000 users)

To use their services your **mobile phone** (probably) has to be **decoded**. You can buy a secondhand mobile here but we strongly recommend that you take your phone with you.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

The local transportation in Zagreb consists of trams and buses provided by **Zagrebački električni tramvaj ('ZET')**. You will be able to buy a monthly student transportation ticket

(you need a **3x3,5 cm photo again**). The ticket is valid for all the bus and tram lines in the city of Zagreb, and for the suburban railway (if marked 'HŽ') as well as the funicular (**'Uspinjača'**) running from Down- to Upper Town. The ticket is not valid for the suburban bus lines operated by other companies (concessionaires). Trams and buses run from 5.00 till 23.30. During the night there are night trams (lines 31, 32, 33 and 34), running app. every 45 minutes. Try not to lose your student monthly ticket, because it's very hard to make a new one.

Link for the schedule of day:

<http://www.zet.hr/tramvaj/dnevni.aspx>

and night trams:

<http://www.zet.hr/tramvaj/nocni.aspx>



SIGHTSEEING



The most important zone is the very center of the city: **Trg bana Jelačića** (central square) with adjacent streets, squares and parks. This area - the Downtown (**Donji grad**) was developed towards the end of the 19th and the beginning of the 20th century. It is shaped in the so called Green Horseshoe. The eastern branch includes the palace of Croatian Academy of Science and Arts, the Pavilion of Arts and the monument of the first Croatian King **Tomislav**. The Botanical Garden forms the southern branch. The western branch consists of the buildings of the Croatian National Theatre the University and the old National Library. In the Upper Town you should take a walk to **Kaptol**, St. Stephen's (or The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary) Cathedral, then **Grič** where you can see St. Marco's Church with its famous mosaic roof, **Sabor** (the Parliament), **Kamenita vrata** (The Stone Gate), **Lotrščak** tower with the noon-cannon and there you can admire the view of the whole downtown area. Outside the city center, you should see the beautiful park **Maksimir** with the ZOO, in the eastern part, and **Mirogoj** (Zagreb's cemetery) with its famous arcades. In the new part of Zagreb there are: the **Lisinski** concert hall, the new National University Library and, across the **Sava** river, the well known Zagreb Fair. Lots of historical pieces collected throughout the centuries are kept in more than 30 museums and galleries. You should visit the **Mimara** museum, a very famous museum of fine arts donated by the great collector **A. T. Mimara**. Other museums also worth seeing are: the Museum of Arts and Crafts, the Art Gallery in the Upper Town, **Strossmayer's** Gallery of Old Masters and (you must not miss this) the Technical Museum. For more information, you can contact the Tourist Information Center (TIC) at **Trg bana Jelačića** 11



THE SURROUNDINGS OF ZAGREB

Mountain **Medvednica** and its peak **Sljeme** (1033m high) is the place where you can enjoy a beautiful all around view. You can walk up (app. 2 h) or take the cablecar. Up there you can find numerous mountain houses and have lunch (for example sausage and beans - '*grah s kobasicom*'). You should also visit the **Medvedgrad** castle with the Homeland Shrine.



Samobor; this nice old town is situated 20 km east of Zagreb and has many pastry shops with delicious cakes ('*kremšnite*') and many pubs. There are also the ruins of the old Samobor Castle and **Šmidhen** swimming pools. Nature lovers should visit the surrounding hilly region (**Samoborsko gorje** and **Žumberak**).

Hrvatsko zagorje is a province northwest of Zagreb, where you can find thermal springs **Stubičke**, **Tuheljske** and **Krapinske toplice**, as well as beautiful castles (**Trakošćan**, **Veliki Tabor**, **Miljana** and 50 others). There is also the monument to the National Anthem at **Zelenjak** valley. The Museum of Evolution and excavation of the Neanderthal man is in **Krapina**,



SHOPPING

The most important shopping zones are the streets adjacent to the central square (*Ilica, Vlaška, Jurišićeva, Teslina, Frankopanska...*) with many small shops and boutiques. There are a few big shopping centers: **Importanne Center** (near the main railway station), **Importanne Gallery** (in *Iblerov trg*), **Kaptol Center**, **Avenue Mall** (in New Zagreb) . Working hours for shops are (usually) 08-20 h and the big shopping centers work during the weekend. There are several green markets in Zagreb. The biggest and most popular is **Dolac**, which is situated above the central square.

Prices of some basic commodities

- bread (1 kg) 5-12 kn
- milk (1 l) 6 kn
- beer (0.5 l, shop) 6 kn
- beer (0.5 l, pub) 10-20 kn
- mineral water (1l, shop) 6 kn
- mineral water (1l, café) 10 kn
- coffee (cup) 6-15 kn
- pizza 25-35 kn
- hamburger (McDonalds) 6 kn
- ćevapi 20 kn
- disco, entrance 10-35 kn
- cinema 29 kn

NIGHT LIFE

Discoteques

- Aquarius, Matije Ljubeka bb, Jarun (<http://www.aquarius.hr/>)
- Boogaloo Club, Ulica grada Vukovara 68
- Jabuka, Jabukovac 28
- Saloon, Tuškanac 1 (<http://www.saloon.hr/>)
- The Best, Sportski centar Mladost, Jarunska 5 (<http://www.thebest.hr/>)

Night clubs

- BP-jazz club, Teslina 7 (<http://www.bpclub.hr/>)
- SAX - Klub hrvatskih glazbenika Palmoticeva 22 (<http://www.sax-zg.hr/>)
- The Gallery, Aleja mira bb
- Gjuro II, Medvescak 2 (<http://gjuro2.hr/>)
- KSET, Unska 3 (<http://www.kset.org/>)
- Purgeraj, Park Ribnjak 1 (<http://www.purgeraj.hr/>)
- Rock Club Pauk - SKUC, Jarunska 2
- Tvornica, Šubićeva 2 (<http://www.tvornica-kulture.hr/default.asp?ID=2>)

Pubs

- Big Mamma, Horvatova 35b
- Bulldog Belgian Beer Café, Bogovićeva 6
- Dublin Pub, Maksimirska 75
- Garage Pub, Kovinska 4, Jankomir
- Godot Pub, Savska 23
- Hole in One, Vlačka 42 (<http://www.holeinonepub.hr/>)
- Legenda, Prilaz, Gj. Deželića 15
- Maxi pub, D. Budaka bb

- Movie Pub, Savska 141 (<http://www.the-movie-pub.com/>)
- Old Pharmacy Pub, Hebrangova 11 a
- Oliver Twist, Tkalčićeva 60
- Tartan pub, Tkalčićeva 36

Cocktail Bars

- Fantasy Club, Katarinin trg 3
- Hemingway, Tuškanac 1 (<http://www.hemingway.hr/>)
- Indy`s, Vraničanjeva 6
- Papaya, Schlosserove stube 2 (<http://www.papaya.com.hr/>)
- Piranha, Jarunska obala bb (<http://www.piranha.com.hr/>)

Pubs

- Kaptolska klet, Kaptol 5 (<http://www.kaptolska-klet.com/>)
- Pinta, Radićeva 3 (<http://www.pinta.hr/>)
- Pivnica Medvedgrad, Tkalčićeva 36
- (<http://pivnica-medvedgrad.hr/index-news.php>)
- Stara Tkalča, Tkalčićeva 70

INmusic festival is held every summer in Zagreb. You can check out the headliners and other bands on www.t-mobileinmusicfestival.com .

In Serbia, a few hours away by train, there is worldwide famous music festival EXIT. The details are on www.exitfest.org

CONCERT HALLS AND THEATRES

There are numerous theatres in Zagreb, but the plays that take place in them are usually in Croatian, so we will only suggest you theater ITD within Student center where you can see a lot of interesting performances and the biggest concert hall in Zagreb named after our famous composer Vatroslav Lisinski. Information about other concert halls and theatres you can find on the official site for tourists. The address is in the section called tourist information centers.

www.itd.sczg.hr

Vatroslav Lisinski Concert & Congress Hall
Trg Stjepana Radica 4

www.lisinski.hr

SPORT & RECREATIONAL CENTRES

In 1987 Zagreb was host to the 14th Universiade (Student World Sport Games), thus it has a large number of different sporting facilities. The largest sport centers are:

- ŠP '**Mladost**', *Jarunska 3*, (just opposite the student dormitory 'Sava'): in and outdoor swimming pools, track and field stadium, tennis courts, football and basketball fields;
- ŠP '**Jarun**', *Aleja mira bb*, (10 minutes walking from 'Sava'): the artificial lake offering various activities.
- ŠP '**Šalata**', *Schlosserove stube 2*: outdoor swimming pools, tennis courts;
- ŠP '**Svetice**', *Svetice*: tennis courts, football and basketball fields.

If you are interested in sport events, you can find them at:

- KC '**Dražen Petrović**', *Trg D. Petrovića 2*: basketball ('Cibona');
- Stadium **Maksimir**, *Maksimirska 128*: football;
- '**Dom Športova**', *Trg Športova 11*: basketball, handball;
- ŠP '**Mladost**', *Jarunska 3*: volleyball, water polo;
- Lake **Jarun**: *Aleja mira bb*: rowing, kayaking, surfing, water-skiing

LINKS TO VISIT:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zagreb>
<http://www.hr/zagreblive3>
<http://www.hr/www.hr/tour/places/zagreb/index.en.html>
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zagreb>
<http://wikitravel.org/en/Zagreb>
<http://www.karte.hr/karta-zagreba>

TOURIST INFORMATION CENTERS

All important information you can find at:

<http://www.zagreb-touristinfo.hr/>

