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# ZADAR

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### Introducing Zadar

Summer has struck and the forecast indicates another sizzling season of fun and excitement in Zadar. Our crew has worked day and night to gather all of the latest in where to be and what to do. We have something for everyone! A comprehensive guide to the city's architectural monuments will dazzle sightseers, not to mention our special on the ancient fortresses that were built in defending this gem of a city. Nature enthusiasts will be treated to some of the finest national parks and islands in Europe whilst those that seek an adrenalin rush, can fill their calendars with adventure sports throughout the entire summer. As you have chosen your stay along the Adriatic, we cannot leave without mentioning the gastronomic delights that await you. Our pages on cafés and restaurants are practical and provide some insightful tips in choosing where to nibble and dine. We wish you all a sensational summer!

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### Customs

All major items brought into the country (laptops, boats, sauna equipment) must be declared; to do so ensures you will be allowed to take them back when you leave. Keep receipts in order to qualify for a VAT refund at all border customs offices. Any Croatian art or cultural works must receive export approval before purchase. For further details [www.carina.hr](http://www.carina.hr) or call (01) 610 23 25 / 610 24 61.

### Electricity

The electricity supply is 220V, 50hz, so visitors from the United States will need to use a transformer to run electrical appliances.

### Religion

These days Croatia is fairly monotone in religious terms. Having always existed on the frontiers of three churches; Catholic, Orthodox and Muslim; time was that one could find a right old mix here. However, since the most recent conflicts the population has become overwhelmingly Catholic with the 2001 Census recording 87.83% as loyal to Rome.

### Roads

Croatian lawmakers can't seem to make up their minds about the rules concerning drinking and driving. A recently passed law made the legal limit for alcohol a pure and chaste 0,0%. But recent developments have seen this law changed yet again. The changes mean that if you're under 24 years of age, the 0,0% rule still applies to you. If you are, however, over that age, a new limit of 0,5% applies to you, effective June 1, 2008. Once again, we'll leave it to others to debate the pros and cons of this change, but given the mountainous terrain along the coast, this law will probably save lives. And the police are enforcing it. Speed kills more people on Croatian roads than alcohol does. Speed traps are common along the Adriatic highway and speed patrol cars have been introduced on the motorways. The speed limit in urban areas is 50kph unless otherwise marked; 80kph on secondary roads and 130kph on highways. On the spot fines are payable for offences. If you are stopped for any reason, you will be expected to show your driving licence, car registration papers and insurance certificate, so make sure to always keep them with you.

### Safety

You will surely find Zadar to be remarkably safe in comparison with most Western European cities, even at night. Although there is little street crime, of course it is always wise to keep a sensible eye on your personal belongings.

### Basic data

**Population:**  
Croatia (April 2001): 4,437,460  
Zadar County: 162,045  
Zadar (April 2001): 72,718

**Territory:** Croatia's land territory takes up 56,542km<sup>2</sup>. It borders with Hungary, Slovenia, Serbia & Montenegro, Bosnia-Herzegovina and there is a sea-border with Italy.

**Dalmatian coast:** The coast is the main tourist attraction for good reason - the crystal clear waters are some of the most beautiful on the planet and were just named some of its most pure!

**Zadar County:** Zadar County measures 7,854km<sup>2</sup>, of which roughly half is sea. The islands belonging to Zadar County measure 580km<sup>2</sup>.

**Islands:** An amazing 1,246 islands lie off the Dalmatian coast, 47 of them inhabited.

**Climate:** Mediterranean

**Local time:** Croatia is part of the Central European Time Zone (GMT+1); when it is noon in Zadar it is 12:00 in Berlin, 11:00 in London, 06:00 in New York, 14:00 in Moscow, and 21:00 in Sydney.

### Smoking

A total ban on smoking in public spaces (including all cafes, restaurants, bars and clubs) came into force on May 6. Bearing in mind that Croatia is very much a pavement-café culture in which people tend to socialize outdoors until well into the autumn, the ban has had next to no effect on people's lifestyles thus far. What it does mean is that outdoor tables at eating and drinking establishments are even more packed than usual. But it has never been easier to find a spare seat at even the most popular restaurants if you're prepared to move inside.

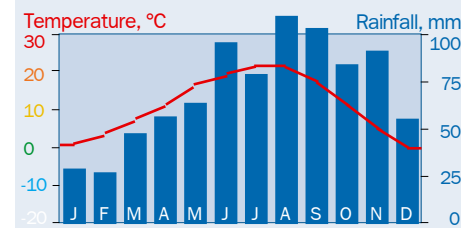
### Toilets

Public toilets are few and far between - a far better option is to take the excuse to pop into a cafe for a drink and avail yourself of their facilities. If you prefer to save yourself a few kuna, there is a public WC on the marketplace (cost - 3kn).

### Water

Tap water is absolutely safe for drinking.

### Climate



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### Tourist information



**Tourist information info centre D-3, Mihe Klaića 5, tel. 31 61 66, info@tzzadar.hr, www.tzzadar.hr.** Open 08:00 - 21:00. July, August Open 08:00 - 24:00

**Zadar tourist board D-3, Ilje Smiljanica 5 tel. 21 24 12. Zadar County tourist board A-3, Sv. Leopolda B. Mandića 1, tel. 31 51 07, tz-zd-zup@zd.t-com.hr; www.zadar.hr.**

### By boat

Travelling by boat is a great option in summertime. Why waste your time frying in traffic when you could be sunning yourself on the deck with a cool drink, watching the islands go by, or enjoying the cool night breeze? Your arrival in Zadar is spectacular: the ferries dock right on the Old Town peninsula. All the amenities of the Old Town are just behind that defensive wall you see there.

See the "Getting around" section for contact details for schedules and all ticket sales.

### By bus

**Zadar Coach Station, Ante Starčevića 1, tel. 21 15 55** Bus travel is the preferred method of public transportation for earthbound Croatians, because it remains, for the time being, the quickest and most comfortable way of getting around the country.

Prices are reasonable: a single ticket to Zagreb costs around 125kn. There are frequent links to all Croatian cities and, especially in high season, abroad.

The bus station on the crossroads northeast of the Old Town heading towards Split, Rijeka and Zagreb. Because the bus services are so much used, the bus station is a real hub and has everything you need.

**Changing money:** Contus and PPZ travel agencies have exchange bureaux, and there are two ATMs on the platform concourse. **Left luggage:** the garderoba is in the ticket hall and works from 06:00 to 22:00 and costs 1.20kn per hour. **Toilets:** located on the right as you face the building from the platforms. Public phones are on the platforms and in front of the building. **Shops and cafes:** At least one snack bar works all night, and news kiosks, bakeries and a mini-market are all open from about 06:00 to 22:00, except weekends, when they may close earlier. There are several cafes where you can take the weight off until your connection arrives. Private bus companies: Contus runs the most comfortable services to Zagreb and Split. Drop by their office on the platform (open 06:30 - 22:00), or call 31 44 77 / 31 42 02, or look at www.contus.hr. **Getting to town:** On the road in front of the bus station are bus stops for the local lines which take you to the Old Town, Borik, Diklo and the suburbs. A 8kn ticket bought inside the bus gets you a one way trip; a 13kn ticket bought at the ticket office (Open 07:00 - 14:00, Sat 07:00 - 12:00. Closed Sun) buys you two trips. **Taxis:** Call 25 14 00 / 31 72 88 for minicabs.

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### By car

A1 motorway between Zagreb and Dalmatia is complete, navigable whole with no interruptions. Zadar is the first port of call, and the motorway continues past all the major resorts on the way to Split. Journey time between Zagreb and Zadar is about 2.5 hours depending on when you travel. Since most holidaymakers travel at weekends, there can be congestion on borders, at motorway toll booths, intersections, ferry terminals and around coastal resorts on Fridays and Sundays. If you can't avoid travelling at weekends, you may find that the roads clear up in the evening. Tolls are payable on Croatian motorways - most currencies are accepted.

If a strong "bura", a northeast wind, is blowing, the motorway bridge closes. This rarely happens in the summer, but if it does, you can now use the reopened Maslenica bridge, which was destroyed in the war. It's far more sheltered from these winds. Take the old road to Maslenica which runs parallel to the motorway.

For up to date traffic information, check out the Croatian Automobile Club website at www.hak.hr. They have regular updates in English, German and Italian. Also listen out for foreign language reports for tourists on local radio.

### By plane

**Zadar Airport - Zračna luka Zadar tel. 31 33 11. Flight info tel. 20 58 00, www.zadar-airport.hr** Zadar's airport (zračna luka) is in Zemunik Donji, 9km southeast of the city. **Changing money:** OTP banka in the passenger terminal operates an exchange service and an ATM. **Calling home:** Purchase a phone card at a newsstand and use one of the public pay phones. **Getting to town:** Liburnija runs buses between the terminal, the city bus station and the quayside near the ferryport on the Old Town peninsula. Bus lines are organised to connect with the flight timetable, and one-way tickets cost 25kn.

### By train

**Zadar Train Station, Ante Starčevića 4, National info line: 060 333 444, www.hznet.hr** The train station is right next to the bus station. Somehow, transport planners in the past failed to integrate Zadar with mainline routes, but the situation is somewhat improved in 2006 by the advent of high speed "swing" trains. This means that you can now travel between Zadar and Zagreb in under seven hours, including a change at Knin. The fastest connections leave Zagreb for Zadar at 06:50 and connections in the other direction leave Knin (Split) at 10:52 and coming in Zadar 13:12. Full price adult fares are 204kn single and 385kn return - considerably more expensive than the slow train, but much faster and very comfortable. This summer, there will be night trains between Zagreb and Split with sleeping cabins and transportation for cars. One such train leaves Zagreb at 22:55 which arrives in Knin at 04:40, where you can either drive on or continue by passenger train to Zadar. Journey time is about 7 ½ hours.

The train station doesn't have a lot of facilities, but since you are next door to the bus station, you can make use of all the services available there. The **ticket office** is open 06:10 - 10:15 and 13:00 - 15:45. Closed Sat, Sun. Outside those times tickets can be bought on board the trains. A kiosk outside the main entrance works from 06:00 to about 21:00. **Getting to town:** see "By bus". See also "Getting around" for schedule.

Zadar  
telephone code is +385-23

### Symbol key

	Air conditioning		Credit cards accepted
	Live music		Take away
	Child friendly		Facilities for the disabled
	Non-smoking areas		Guarded parking
	Casino		Outside seating
	Internet		Animal friendly

### Croatian

These restaurants usually combine a choice of Dalmatian specialities and seafood with cuisine from inland Croatia, which also forms part of the Dalmatian diet.

**Albin H-3, Put Dikla 47, tel. 33 11 37, albin@zd.t-com.hr, www.albin.hr.** A well-known restaurant in a small three star hotel, their fish soup is legendary, and they use their own amazing home-made olive oil. They also have premises in Lukoran on the island of Ugljan. ▶ Open 06:00 - 24:00. (60 - 150kn).

**Dva ribara C-3, Blaža Jurjeva 1, tel. 21 34 45.** A great, shaded terrace by the side of the cheery yellow courthouse, with a good selection of Dalmatian and Croatian classics as well as pizzas. Reasonable prices - a good place for lunch to break up a day's sightseeing. It's a hard life! ▶ Open 10:00 - 24:00. (45 - 90kn).

**Kaštel B-2, Bedemi zadarskih pobuna 13, tel. 49 49 50.** Located in the 13th century Venetian Kaštel (Hotel Bastion) in the old Zadar centre, the menu oozes Dalmatian cuisine and creative modern culinary trends. Try the fresh fish, homemade bread and pasta filled with various creams. If you want local gastronomy, look no further! ▶ Open 07:00 - 24:00.

**Kornat B-2, Liburnska obala 6, tel. 25 45 01.** Delightfully modern and refined with a classy offering of inland and Dalmatian specialities and a great wine list, this place really is in a class of its own in the Old Town. Inventive, top quality cuisine - we were delighted with the black risotto. ▶ Open 12:00 - 01:00. (80 - 120kn).

**Malo misto C-3, Jurja Dalmatinca - Matejeva 3, tel. 30 18 31.** The "little place" is a pleasant bar and garden roštilj (grill), lively and popular. Locals come to enjoy the food, atmosphere and listen to Croatian music. ▶ Open 07:00 - 24:00, Sun 09:00 - 24:00. (40 - 300kn).

**Marinko G-4, Poljski put 1, Borik, tel. 33 78 00 / 098 46 50 45, hotelkodmarinka@net.hr.** Inside the new apart-hotel, an à la carte restaurant serving Croatian and Dalmatian dishes, all local produce. ▶ Open 11:00 - 23:00. (50 - 300kn).

**Marko Polo B-1, Ivana Mažuranića 24, tel. 23 57 86, restoran-marko-polo@zd.htnet.hr.** An alarming orange coloured building near the city marina with a pleasant, green terrace full of statues. If your sensibilities are strong enough to withstand that onslaught, the cooking is solid in a family style, offering Dalmatian and inland specialities and a charcoal grill. ▶ Open 12:00 - 24:00, Sun 18:00 - 24:00. (80 - 150kn).

**Mediteran G-2, Matije Gupca 19, (Hotel Mediteran) Borik, tel. 33 11 88, hotel-mediteran@zd.t-com.hr, www.hotelmediteran-zd.hr.** A good restaurant in the comfortable three star hotel. ▶ Open 12:00 - 23:00. (60 - 110kn).

**Mijo G-3, Tina Ujevića 28, Borik, tel. 33 27 28.** Comfortable space with an extensive menu comprising, apart from Dalmatian and Croatian food, pizza, pasta, and a couple of specialities not common elsewhere: pašticada (beef cooked in dessert wine with dried fruit, a Dalmatian recipe) and mučkalica (a Bosnian pork stew with wine and vegetables). ▶ Open 12:00 - 24:00. (40 - 300kn).

**Stipe C-3, Plemića Borelli 5a, tel. 21 32 75.** A fairly standard grill restaurant and pizzeria. ▶ Open 07:00 - 24:00. (40 - 300kn).

**Vivaldi G-4, Vladana Desnice 16 (Hotel President), tel. 33 36 96, info@hotel-president.hr, www.hotel-president.hr.** Their web page informs us that the cutlery is 90% silver. But don't eat the Beluga caviar with it, as it will destroy the flavour. Ask for mother of pearl or gold instead. The kitchen is not living up to the surroundings or the prices these days. ▶ Open 07:00 - 23:00.

**Zadar C-4, Petra Kresimir IV, tel. 21 21 82.** In the Hotel Zagreb building on the Riva, a simple restaurant with the nicest terrace in town. Dalmatian music and a nice atmosphere. ▶ Open 07:00 - 23:00. (50 - 100kn).

**Zadar - Jadera C-2, Brne Krnautića 4, tel. 25 18 59, jadera@zd.htnet.hr, www.jadera.hr.** A large, busy restaurant by St Chrysogonus' Church with a wide choice of local and international meat and fish dishes. Perfectly respectable food at decent prices. ▶ Open 10:00 - 01:00. (65 - 90kn).

**Zlatni vrtić C-3, Ul. plemića Borelli 12, tel. 21 40 76.** The "little golden garden" as its name translates, is a family restaurant with charcoal grill and a pleasant courtyard terrace. ▶ Open 07:00 - 24:00. (50 - 100kn).

### Italian

**Pet Bunara D-3, Trg Pet bunara bb, tel. 22 40 10, www.petbunara.hr.** Pizza, pasta's, lasagne, meat & fish steaks, salades and desserts. ▶ Open 08:00 - 23:00. (35 - 140kn).

**Trattoria Canzona C-3, Stomorice 8, tel. 21 20 81 / 098 70 68 62.** A traditional pizzeria with a very respectable reputation. The same outfit as the Zagreb restaurant of the same name. Those who know that one will be reassured it's a good bet. ▶ Open 10:00 - 23:30, Sun 12:00 - 23:00. (40 - 120kn).

### Konoba

Konobas are the best places to experience typical Dalmatian cuisine. They were once the places where fishermen hung out and got someone else to cook their catch for them.

**Zvešti brabor J-1, Ispod dvorina 6, Bokanjac, tel. 098 40 33 22 / 32 50 25.** A well-kept secret - an old stone house with only five or six tables. All the food and wine is excellent (as are the prices), but those in the know say it's a good place in Zadar for octopus cooked ispod peke style. Bokanjac is just outside Zadar in the direction of Pag (see a good road map). When you reach the old village of Stari Bokanjac, you'll see signs for the konoba. You have to order what you want to eat a day in advance, because everything is specially bought and prepared - call in, or phone. Very special. ▶ Open 18:00 - 01:00. Closed Sun. (65 - 220kn).

**Martinac B-3, Aleksandra Paravije 7, tel. 091 579 98 83.** An antique interior and flower-filled courtyard complemented by family cuisine of a very high standard. We recommend the veal with tuna and caper sauce. For dessert, try Rožata (a speciality from Dubrovnik, something like crème caramel) ▶ Open 10:00 - 24:00. (50 - 110kn).

### Self Service

**Barbakan D-3/4, Ruđera Boškovića 5, tel. 30 09 70.** Do it yourself we say! Traditional homemade cuisine packed with hot meals, refreshing drinks and a great choice of salads. With low prices and their self-service system, the Barbakan restaurant allows you to mix your lunch in your very own imaginative way. Located at the old Citadela of the city. ▶ Open 11:30 - 16:30

**Na po ure D-3, Špire Brusine 8, tel. 31 20 04.** Tiny and mellow, inventively designed using natural stone (check out the downstairs section). However, the food is definitely traditional konoba style. Shark is their speciality, and they do grilled fish and meats, plus cooked meals at reasonable prices, including paštica beef stew. Wine sold from the barrel. ▶ Open 10:00 - 23:00. [P][F]

**Rafaelo H-3, Ulica kneza Trpimira 50, tel. 33 53 49.** On Put Dikla, the road to Borik. It's got a rather special menu with loads of top quality steaks prepared au naturel on a charcoal grill, or stuffed with things like scampi. Lamb, veal and fish cooked ispod peke are on offer as well. ▶ Open 10:00 - 01:00. (50 - 110kn). [P][F]

**Skoblar D-3, Trg Petra Zoranića bb, tel. 21 32 36.** Right next to Trg pet bunara, this konoba happens to be the oldest in the old city. Typical stone interior, they serve up the usual fish and meats specializing in foods cooked under an iron bell. Also a nice selection of Croatian and foreign wines. Live music most weekends too. ▶ Open 07:00 - 24:00. [P][F]

**Stomorica C-3, Stomorica 12, tel. 31 59 46.** A very traditional Dalmatian konoba with outside seating, simple food such as grilled sardines, and decent prices. The kind of place where you're likely to experience the locals burst into song. A gem. ▶ Open 08:00 - 01:00. € [F]

**Trata B-3, Jerolima Vidulića 5, tel. 095 809 73 91/ 25 03 19, konobatrata@gmail.com.** This konoba is set a sheltered garden with the foundations of a 2nd century Roman temple as its centrepiece. The menu is centred on ancient Dalmatian recipes, mainly fish. "Trata" was the word for a big net used for communal fishing in old times. ▶ Open 12:00 - 24:00. [P][F]

**Tu mi je lipo D-3, Rivnica bb, tel. 31 22 26/ 091 121 29 56, www.tu-mi-je-lipo.hr.** One of our readers wrote in and told us that "if you're looking for a restaurant of true culinary art and culture, then you can't go wrong with Tu mi je lipo", so we decided it was high time we tested it out. The menu sticks obstinately to a basic repertoire of grilled meats, grilled fish, grilled squid and grilled scampi, but what emerges from the kitchen is so well executed that it only makes you wish that all restaurants kept it this simple. The place is located in a lovely walled enclosure, so the name (which literally means "I love it here!") makes perfect sense. ▶ Open 12:00 - 24:00, Sun 13:00 - 24:00. (55 - 400kn). [P][F]

## Lamb

The spit roast rules in Croatia. Macho men who would otherwise not be seen dead in a pinny are happy to spend hours lovingly tending rotating piglets. While pork forms the substance of the inland diet, once you get the coast it's much easier to find lamb, which Dalmatians rave about, because the combination of salt winds, sunshine and strong herbs lends the meat a special flavour. Lamb from nearby Pag Island is especially flavourful. Here are the best places to eat lamb roast on the spit (*janjetina na ražnju*) in and around Zadar.

**Sabunjar Jadranska 99, tel. 34 03 55, tomlislav.kurta@zd.t-com.hr.** Again, tipped by locals as one of the best places in town for lamb. Take the main road to Split and you'll see it cross the road from supermarkets Merkur and Getro. ▶ Open 06:00 - 23:00. (27 - 80kn). [P][F]

**Tamaris O-2, Zagrebačka 5, tel. 31 87 00, info@tamaris-zadar.com.hr, www.tamaris-zadar.com.hr.** A large, modern restaurant in a small three star hotel. Charcoal grilled specialties, including, yes, that holy of holies, roast lamb on the spit, and other Dalmatian food. A wide selection of Croatian wines. Deservedly popular. ▶ Open 07:00 - 24:00. (75 - 200kn). [P][F]

## Pizza

Pizza is so ubiquitous it surely must count as a national food in Dalmatia by now. But that's no bad thing. Pizza is quick, inexpensive - and yummy.

**Sime G-2, Matije Gupca 15, Borik, tel. 33 48 48.** A large, friendly and trendy place, beloved by locals for superb pizza, pasta and salads. Sime is also famed for great pancakes and ice cream. A terrace, plenty of parking and an underground garage to keep your lil' baby out of the sun. ▶ Open 12:00 - 24:00. (30 - 100kn). [P][F]

**Falcon H-4, Obala kneza Trpimira 51, tel. 33 22 06, ivica.knezevic@zd.t-com.hr.** Average pizza. ▶ Open 15:00 - 24:00. (35 - 80kn). [P][F]

**Mamma mia H-3, Put Dikla 54, tel. 33 42 46.** Located in a pleasant tree-shaded garden on Put Dikla, the road that leads from central Zadar to the Borik resort area, this popular pizzeria is perfectly placed for a quick and economical post-beach feed. Mamma Mia's pizza toppings are a bit more generous than the thin smears of tomato you get in some other Italian-influenced establishments around town. We ordered a Quattro Stagioni and three out of its four seasons turned out to be pretty tasty. And by the time we got onto the last quarter of the pie we were full anyway. The grilled meat dishes are also worth trying. ▶ Open 12:00 - 24:00. (40-45kn). [P][F]

**Tri bunara B-3, Trg tri bunara, tel. 25 03 90.** Has the honour of being the first pizzeria in Zadar, having been here in Three Wells Square since the 1920s. ▶ Open 07:00 - 24:00. (35 - 70kn). [P][F]

## Lunch on the cheap

**FreshPoint N-5, Murvička 1 (City Galleria), tel. 31 30 95.** A cafeteria with a solid selection of cooked food like pasta and lasagne at decent prices. ▶ Open 07:00 - 22:00, Sun 07:00 - 13:00. [P][F]

**Gricko L-4, Franje Tuđmana 54, tel. 30 50 87.** There is an indigenous fast food which renders the hamburger utterly irrelevant in Croatia. Čevapi are little sticks of minced meat and spices, grilled or fried, and for the true carnivore are something like heaven. They're usually served in a bun called a lepinja, which the vendor thoughtfully dips into hot fat before serving. Mmmmm! In Voštarnica, a clean and pleasant little place to munch decent čevapi. ▶ 09:00 - 14:00, 18:00 - 23:00, Sun 18:00 - 23:00. (19 - 30kn). [P][F]

**Hajduk C-3, Knezova Š. Bribirskih 9, tel. 25 05 81.** Unarguably the best burek (meat or cheese filo pastry pie) in town. We highly recommend you try it Croatian style with a refreshing pot of plain yogurt, but if that doesn't grab you, they serve burgers, sandwiches, toasties and mini pizzas too. Hajduk, by the way, means "brigand" or "bandit", and is also the name of the Split football team, but don't mention that here if you like having legs. ▶ Open 07:00 - 23:00. [P][F]

**Zalogajnica Ljepotica M-5, Obala kneza Branimira b.b., tel. 31 12 88.** A large selection of cheap, fast, delights ranging from fish and pasta to meat dishes. Overlooks the harbor, easy to find. ▶ Open 07:00 - 23:00. (25 - 60kn). [P][F]

## Out of town

**Žut ACI Marina Žut, Žut Island, Kornati National Park, tel. 091 473 51 55.** At the Marina, a great place to wind down at the end of a day sailing Kornati. Owner Romano Milutin owns a konoba of the same name nearby. Great seafood and unbelievable lobster. T thoroughly recommended! ▶ Open 08:00 - 24:00. (80 - 110kn). [P][F]

**Belveder Tina Ujevića 17, Biograd, tel. 091 206 40 42, vid@belveder.info, www.belveder.info.** Shellfish specialties - including buzara (cooked with white wine and garlic) - and goulash. Belveder has an atmosphere just like home, colourful and cosy. In the late hours, the restaurant becomes a laid back bar playing easy acid jazz. A pool room is open before 19:00 and after 22:30. ▶ Open 12:00 - 24:00. (50 - 120kn). [P][F]

**Casa Vecchia Ulica kralja Kolomana 30, Biograd, tel. 38 32 20.** The scents wafting out as you pass by will reel you in for sure. Tucked in the heart of Biograd's old town in a quiet corner by St Anastasia's Church, the garden is the main attraction, with a clay pizza oven, green and cool with creeping vines and bright with sunshine. ▶ Open 11:00 - 24:00. [P][F]

**Guste Obala Petra Svačića b.b., Biograd, tel. 38 30 25.** This seafood restaurant is well placed for yachtsmen, just across the road from the marina. They have a wide selection of fish and meat dishes, and a sheltered terrace overlooking the boats bobbing in the water. ▶ Open 08:00 - 24:00. (35 - 320kn). [P][F]

**Kaleta Rudine, Sukošan, tel. 39 40 31/ 098 928 28 90.** "Kaleta" means "alley" in Dalmatian dialect, and this 300 year old former prison has a warren of stone passages that lead you to the seating areas. They have a 38 year old Elektrolux fridge which still works, and reckon it's the 2nd oldest in existence! Great food - try their *paštica* - Dalmatian beef in a rich sauce served with home made gnocci - order a day in advance. ▶ Open 17:00 - 24:00. (70 - 380kn). [P][F]

**Kod Guste Sukošan bb, Sukošan, tel. 39 33 03, augustin.devic@zd.htnet.hr, www.kod-guste.hr.** A very popular place: authentic, with a friendly atmosphere and reasonable prices (reservations are therefore recommended). Try the crni rižoto (risotto with squid ink). ▶ Open 13:00 - 23:00. (65 - 350kn). [P][F]

**Konoba Branimir Višeslavov trg 2, Nin, tel. 26 48 66/ 091 587 08 39.** A wonderful, hacienda-style terrace overlooking the tiny white Church of the Holy Cross in Nin, the foundation stone of Christianity in Croatia. So, it's fair to say that it is, ahem, blessed with one of the finest views in the country. See the stone fireplace inside made from an altar. ▶ Open 08:00 - 23:00. (45 - 90kn). [P][F]

**Konoba Gmajl Premuda 10, Premuda Island, tel. 37 66 65, konoba.gmajl@gmail.com.** A little terrace near the Krijal bay on the western part of the island. A gorgeous location to try lamb, kid goat or škarpi (fish) ispod peke. People claim that kid goat is a better meat than lamb as it's not so greasy and has a more delicate flavour. ▶ Open 13:00 - 24:00. (50 - 200kn). € [F]

**Kužina Zadarska 2, Zaton, tel. 26 40 62/ 095 826 81 94.** This classic konoba style eatery offers a fine menu that encompasses a variety of salads, steaks, lamb, carpaccio and fish. Great wine list, only 8km from Zadar on the main road towards Zaton. You can't miss it! ▶ Open 10:00 - 23:00. (60 - 110kn). [P][F]

**Marina Marina Kornati, Šetalšte kneza Branimira 1, Biograd, tel. 38 45 05.** Dalmatian cuisine with modern highlights and traditional music are complemented by soothing, classy décor - a combination that perfectly rounds off a day's sightseeing, swimming or sailing. The restaurant has an extensive and well-chosen wine list. ▶ Open 07:00 - 24:00, Sun 07:00 - 23:00. (50 - 90kn). [P][F]

**Na Tale Stjepana Radića 4, Pag, tel. 61 11 94/ 098 44 98 57, frano.valentic@net.hr, www.ljubica.hr.** A pleasant restaurant at the beginning of Pag town's waterfront promenade, with terrace seating overlooking the sea or in a shady garden. A wide range of Mediterranean food, including pizzas, steaks grilled fish and lamb - the restaurant's speciality. ▶ Open 08:00 - 24:00. (40 - 355kn). [P][F]

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**Osteria Piazza Trg Gornja vrata b.b., Sukošan, tel. 39 41 54/ 091 393 17 33, ludva@zg.htnet.hr, www.piazza-sukosan.com.** A superb quality trattoria-style restaurant with some unusual menu items, including "Bakalar bianco" - salt cod (a Dalmatian classic), lean pork fillet stuffed with prunes, and dishes with Italian-inspired ingredients including balsamic vinegar, artichokes and truffles. Also pizzas, pastas and risottos. A top quality wine list features the highly-regarded Zlatan wines from Hvar. They have a great catering service. ▶ Open 08:00 - 24:00. (30 - 110kn). [P][F]

**Pizzeria Andrija Trg hrvatskih velikana 2, Biograd, tel. 098 77 46 64.** Pizzas from a traditional clay oven, pasta and a choice of salads all in the centre of Biograd, not far from the bus station. Stone details inside and a large terrace. Cash only. ▶ Open 08:00 - 24:00. (35 - 50kn). [P][F]

**Tony Kožino bb, Kožino, tel. 28 32 99/ 098 35 79 11.** Dalmatian specialties and international food including chateaubriand and steaks cooked on a wood grill. Order in advance and lamb or sucking pig on the spit is yours. A huge menu and friendly multilingual staff. On the forested road out of Kožino (head for Vir). ▶ Open 12:00 - 24:00. (40 - 150kn). [P][F]

**Vapor Obala kralja Petra Krešimira IV, Biograd, tel. 38 54 82/ 091 544 90 39, frane.jelic@zd.t-com.hr, www.vapor.hr.** The kind and helpful staff will help you navigate the menu, which features mainly seafood with a few meat dishes for good measure. A lovely spot on Biograd's Riva, with a view over the islands. Inside, look out for motifs of life here in times gone by. ▶ Open 10:00 - 24:00. (60 - 150kn). [P][F]

## Seafood

Less homey than konobas but good places to try the local catch in a more upscale ambience.

**Foša D-3, Kralja Dmitra Zvonimira 2, tel. 31 44 21, jadera@jadera.org, www.fosa.hr.** One of the best places in the Old Town, not least for its romantic location with a wonderful terrace on the little Foša harbour, this restaurant is well respected among locals for great fish. ▶ Open 12:00 - 24:00. (70 - 450kn). [P][F]

**Lungo Mare J-4, Obala kneza Trpimira 23, tel. 33 15 33.** Has a fantastic reputation for seafood and home made cheesecake. A great terrace. On the coast road west of the centre, near the Sphinx. ▶ Open 11:00 - 23:00. (75 - 330kn). [P][F]

**Niko G-5, Obala kneza Domagoja 9, tel. 33 78 88, hotel.niko@hotel-niko.hr, www.hotel-niko.hr.** An institution - not only one of the best hotels but also one of the best restaurants in town. It's a great place to eat seafood. We recommend it for a special treat - but it's not shockingly expensive. ▶ Open 12:00 - 24:00. [P][F]

**Roko I-3, Put Dikla 74, tel. 33 10 00.** A family restaurant in the Borik area, particularly recommended for its fish, which is freshly caught by the owner himself. Huge portions - try the delicious octopus salad or anything seafood. ▶ Open 11:00 - 23:00, Sun 18:00 - 23:00. (60 - 350kn). [P][F]

**Taverna Diklo F-3, Krešimirova obala 49, tel. 33 10 35.** This restaurant, pleasantly located by the water's edge in Diklo, was once considered one of Zadar's best. Traditional cuisine is solidly executed, and seafood is still their strong point. However, the overall experience, including the service, tells us that true passion is lacking these days. ▶ Open 10:00 - 24:00. (50 - 350kn). [P][F]

**Villa Hrešč I-4, Obala kneza Trpimira 28, tel. 33 75 70, info@villa-hresc.hr, www.villa-hresc.hr.** A wonderful restaurant in a wonderful hotel in a wonderful Italian villa, with wonderful food and great surroundings... We need say little more except "try the tuna carpaccio". Right by the Sphinx on the coast road between Puntamika and the centre. ▶ Open 12:00 - 23:00. (70 - 150kn). [P][F]



## Essential Zadar

Nobody likes being invaded. But one good thing has come of Zadar's periods of building, rebuilding and being gatecrashed: each period has left its architectural mark. There can be few places on Earth with such diverse influences crammed into one small area.

**City Forum (Forum) B-3.** The Roman Forum - the largest on this side of the Adriatic - was founded by the first Emperor Augustus, as documented on two 3rd Century stone inscriptions on the site. A raised area on the west side was the site of a temple dedicated to Jupiter, Juno and Minerva. To one side a "Pillar of Shame" still stands, where naughty people were chained and pilloried. (A second one was taken away and now stands near the Three Wells Square). The Forum also comprised a basilica and rooms for council chambers and citizens' assemblies. Underneath was a colonnade where shops and workshops once stood. The site was only discovered in the 1930s. Allied bombers inadvertently assisted in the clearing process, and site was completely cleared and restored between 1964 and '67. One of the most beautiful things about these remains is the way that they are still a part of the fabric of the city. No signs forbid you to touch or sit on the stones. Take time one evening to sit and imagine the bustle of the traders, the grandeur of the pagan temples and the horrors of the blood sacrifices that took place on the very altars you can see on this spot.

**City Gates (Gradska vrata) D-2.** The city walls have had several entrances knocked through them at more confident points in Zadar's history. Some of them were walled up for good, but four remain as the vital link between the town within the walls and the sea outside them.

The Venetians built the **Land Gate** - then the main entrance into the city - on the little **Foša** harbour in 1543. It's considered one of the finest monuments of the Venetian rule in Dalmatia, and has the form of a triumphal arch with a central passage for wheeled traffic, and two smaller side arches for pedestrians. It's decorated with motifs such as St Chrysogonus (Zadar's main patron saint) on his horse, and the Shield of St Mark (the coat of arms of the Republic of Venice). Previously, the area had been highly defensive, with a surrounding moat.

Between the ferryport and market is the **Harbour Gate** (also known as St Chrysogonus' Gate, because of its proximity to the church of the same name), built in 1573 to celebrate the victory of the Christian fleet over the Turks at Lepanto. Near the bridge on the north side is the neo-Renaissance **Bridge Gate**, knocked through by the Italians only 70 years ago, and leading directly to Narodni trg and the Kalelarga. Further west, by the old Arsenal, is the fourth and smallest gate, named after **St Rocco**, connecting the Three Wells Square with the harbour area.

**City Lodge (Gradska loža) D-3, Narodni trg.** Built by the same architect as the City Sentinel, this building once was the city's courthouse, council chambers and library. With its huge windows and high ceilings, it nowadays serves as a stunning exhibition space, hosting events such as the international photography triennial "Man and the Sea" and the triennial of contemporary Croatian art "The Blue Salon".  
► Open 09:00 - 12:00, 18:00 - 21:00, Sat 09:00 - 13:00. Closed Sun. Admission 5 - 10kn.

**City Market (Pijaca) C-2.** In most Dalmatian towns the market is a sight for sore eyes, and Zadar's is one of the biggest and best. It's been here since the Middle Ages, but the large open space dates back to WWII, when many buildings were flattened in this part of town. Some around the edge of the square are only just being reconstructed. The outside stalls are where you'll find mouthwatering displays of fruit, vegetables, fresh herbs and more... all locally grown



and bursting with flavour. Little old ladies (bakice) also sell home made olive oil, rakija and cheese - usually far better than the shop-bought equivalent. The indoor meat market is to one side of the square, and the fish market is opposite, coolly located inside the city walls. Proud locals claim it's the best fish market on the coast. To one side is a section of the market for cheap clothes and bric-a-brac, great if you need an emergency pair of flip-flops or a cheap snorkel. Hours of fun browsing, bargaining and banter.

**City Sentinel (Gradska straža) C-3, Narodni trg.** Designed by a Venetian architect in the late Renaissance style, with a large central clock tower and a surrounding stone barrier and railing with holes for cannons (both later additions). The building once housed the Ethnographic Section of the National Museum, one of the most important collections in the country, and worth seeing for the rich colours of local national costumes, textiles (weaving and lace), jewellery, agricultural, fishing and household objects.  
► Open 09:00 - 12:00, 18:00 - 21:00, Sat 09:00 - 13:00. Closed Sun. Admission 5 - 10kn.

**City Walls (Gradski bedemi) C/D-2.** Once the largest city-fortress in the entire Republic of Venice, Zadar's walls allowed it to retain more of its independence than most of its neighbouring cities, and meant that it was never captured by the Turks. Previously, there were even more fortifications than there are now, but what are left are put to good use, with delightful parks and promenades on top of them (see below). Take a look inside doors such as the one on Five Wells Square - you can see huge empty spaces inside once used as military storage facilities. On top of the bastion above the Harbour Gate is a promenade called the Muraj - a peaceful vantage point over the mainland opposite and the people crossing the bridge. One of the large yellow buildings up there is one of Zadar's old newspaper presses.

**Five Wells Square (Trg 5 bunara) D-3.** During the 16th century, the Venetians helped the city withstand Turkish sieges by building a large drinking water cistern with five ornamental wellheads. When the Turkish threat ended, a park was built on top of the nearby bastion, and nowadays the attractive stone-flagged park serves as the perfect gathering point for skateboarders.

**Parks D/E-3. Vladimir Nazor Park (Perivoj Vladimira Nazora)** Named since WWII after one of the most famous Croatian writers, Zadar's biggest park lies on top of the city's biggest fort, just east of the peninsula and the Land Gate. It was created in 1888-90 by an Austrian deputy, Dragutin

## Paklenica National Park

The **Paklenica National Park** lies just north of Zadar within the Velebit mountain range. Two streams, the **Velika** and **Mala Paklenica**, carve their way through the soft limestone leaving gorges with cliffs up to 400m high, and fascinating rock formations characteristic of karst territory. The scenery is incredible: the interior is unexpectedly lush due to large quantities of pure spring water, allowing dense forests and lush meadows to flourish.

Blažekovic, born to a noble family in Osijek (east Croatia). Despite working for the Austrians, he was a supporter of Croatian rights, and resigned when the Austrians refused to concede them. He left something beautiful to the city - a richly planted park with winding pathways, a pond, and an elevation giving great views of the sea. He died three years after it was completed, and the park was named after him - against his wishes. **Queen Jelena Madijevka Park (Perivoj kraljice Jelene Madijevke)** Vladimir Nazor Park is not the city's oldest - that distinction goes the park named after Queen Jelena Madijevka (Medici), built on top of the Grimaldi bastion by Five Wells Square. Founded by Austrian commander Baron Franz Ludwig von Welden in 1829, a passionate botanist and admirer of Dalmatian flora, it was the first public park in Dalmatia. To create a garden on top of a military object was an unusual move, but one Zadar is eternally grateful for.



**Silver and Gold of the City of Zadar (Zlato i srebro Zadra) B-3, Trg opatice Čike 1, tel. 25 04 96 / 25 48 20.** If you come to Zadar you must see the Forum and St Donatus. If you only see one other thing, make it the Silver and Gold of Zadar. It's housed in the Benedictine convent of St Mary's, where it has been guarded by nuns since the end of the Second World War. It forms the Permanent Exhibition of Religious Art, one of the most important cultural repositories in Croatia. The city has enjoyed various periods of flowering of arts and culture, and the work of local gold and silversmiths (including Italians and Venetians resident in the city) is absolutely stunning, spanning the millennium between the 8th and 18th Centuries. The collection includes reliquaries for either entire saints or parts of them (e.g. hands, arms and heads), crucifixes, paintings, and vestements interwoven with gold and silver thread. The collection is presented in intimate and atmospheric surroundings, and is guaranteed to leave the most resolute non-believer awestruck. On the ground floor there is also a reconstruction of the former chapel of St Nediljica and examples of Romanesque masonry.  
► Open 10:00 - 12:30, 18:00 - 19:30. Sun 10:00 - 12:00. Admission 20kn.

**Silver Casket of St Simeon (Srebrna raka sv. Šime) D-3, Trg Petra Zoranića 7.** In the church of the same name, a gilded silver casket on the altar is raised on the outstretched arms of four bronze angels. It contains the remains of the popular saint-protector of the city Commissioned in 1381 by Elizabeth, wife of Croat-Hungarian King Ludwig I of Anjou, it's one of the finest examples of the work of Zadar's silversmiths, and inside and out shows intricate detail scenes from the saint's life and the city's history. Locals say that a merchant who was shipping the body of St Simeon from the Holy Land to Venice was caught in a storm, and sought shelter here. He fell ill, and before he died had the body buried, but told the nurses taking care of him that they would find something interesting in his documents. They found an inscription of the powers of the saint around his neck, and asked three local

priests to dig up the grave that night. Not yet knowing the true nature of the occupant of the grave, visions appeared to them, and St Simeon has been revered in Zadar ever since. The silver casket of St. Simeon can be viewed daily and his remains will be shown to the public on his patron day, October the 8th. ► Open 08:30 - 12:00.

**St Anastasia's Cathedral (Katedrala sv. Stošije) B-3, Trg svete Stošije.** An attractive Romanesque cathedral - the biggest in Dalmatia - built during the 12th and 13th centuries. As with many Dalmatian churches, the belfry is separate. You can climb to the top - the view is amazing. Two attractive rosettes decorate the front portal, and a gallery of blind arches the flanks, with a ledge above them providing seating for pigeons to look down on the throngs on the Kalelarga. Simple stone blocks are lightened with decorative friezes, and the lovely stonemasonry around the doors is worth a careful look. Highlights of the interior include the stone ciborium covering the high altar, frescoes, an intricately carved choir and an Early Christian mosaic in the sacristy.

**St Donatus' Church (Crkva sv. Donata) B-3, Poljana pape Ivana Pavla II.** Imposing and austere, yet absolutely harmonious and original in form, it's not surprising that the pre-Romanesque St Donatus' is taken as the very symbol of Zadar and an image of the unique spirit of Dalmatia. The circular shape is typical of the early Byzantine age in Dalmatia. It was founded in the 9th century, when it was called the Church of the Holy Trinity, and given its present name six hundred years later in memory of a famous bishop. Religious services are no longer held here, but the stark interior has excellent acoustics and is used as the concert venue for the annual International Festival of Medieval Renaissance Music, also known as "The Musical Evenings in St Donatus".

**The Captain's Tower (Kapetanova kula) D-3.** A pentagonal tower on the Five Wells Square, built by the Venetians to strengthen the city against Turkish attacks. It gets its name from the nearby residence of the Venetian city captain, and is now used as an exhibition space.




**The Riva A/B/C-4, Obala kralja Petra Krešimira IV.** "Riva" is a generic word meaning "waterfront", usually a place to enjoy a stroll and a coffee in seaside towns. When people in Zadar talk about the Riva, they mean the pleasant promenade on the edge of the Old Town peninsula called Obala Petra Krešimira IV, named after a Croatian King. Until the 19th century, the space you see here was occupied by an outer ring of fortifications, needed to keep invaders at bay. When the Austrians took over the administration of Zadar in 1813, a period of peace began. As well as founding the beautiful parks on top of parts of Zadar's system of fortifications, they completely removed the outer ring. The Riva is beautifully planted with lawns, flowers and palms, is the site of the stunning University building, and is a great place to stroll either in the evenings or even to have a dip by day.

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## Up market

**Bastion B-2, Bedemi zadarskih pobuna 13, tel. 49 49 50, fax 49 49 51, info@hotel-bastion.hr, www.hotel-bastion.hr.** If you're seeking accommodation in the historical centre of the city, look no further. Built on 13th century castle ruins, this hotel is equipped with a conference room, restaurant and wellness centre. Each room has a mini-bar for nibbles and the internet at your feet. The Garden Club is situated right beneath the hotel itself. ▶ 28 rooms (23 singles €163, 23 doubles €191, 3 suites €307, 1 President apartment €382, 1 Junior Suite €271).  ★★★★★

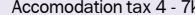
**Falkensteiner hotel Funimation F-4, Majstora Radovana 7, Borik, tel. 20 61 00, fax 33 20 65, reservations.borik@falkensteiner.com, www.falkensteiner.com.** A well-packaged hotel with modern lines and airy interiors, aimed squarely at families with children. The highlight is the 1000m<sup>2</sup> aqua park, plus the galaxy of sports, activities and excursions. Family rooms can accommodate up to three children. Prices are per person per day, all-inclusive. ▶ 306 rooms (54 doubles €69 - 118, 88 Mini family €75 - 129, 53 Family Royal €83 - 138, 59 Family Suite €97 - 142, 4 Luxury Suite €400 - 800, 48 Junior Suite €90 - 120).  ★★★★★

**Kolovare N-6, Bože Peričića 14, tel. 21 10 17/ 20 32 00, fax 21 30 79, darlo.kolovare@hotell-zadar.htnet.hr, www.hotel-kolovare.com.** The closest hotel to the Old Town recently got a facelift. Most rooms face an open air swimming pool and the beach at Kolovare, a leafy neighbourhood of well-to-do villas. Prices are per room per night, including breakfast. ▶ 203 rooms (27 singles 750 - 825kn, 164 doubles 825 - 1320kn, 12 suites 1815 - 2145kn).  ★★★★★

**President G-4, Vladana Desnice 16, tel. 33 36 96/ 33 34 64, fax 33 35 95, info@hotel-president.hr, www.hotel-president.hr.** All rooms are intelligent, freeing up your brain so you can concentrate on the business of having a good time; candles and matches are provided to create that comforting atmosphere. Truly luxurious. ▶ 27 rooms (3 singles €125 - 168, 12 doubles €178 - 213, 12 Junior suite €296 - 352).  ★★★★★








## Camping

**Autokamp Planik Ražanac, tel. 65 14 31 / 098 27 21 87, planik@planik.hr, www.autokamp.planik.hr.** Ražanac is a village just before the bridge to Pag, with historic ruins nearby. The camp is excellent, with clean sand and shingle beaches. They offer excursions, including rafting on the Zrmanja river as well as riding, yoga, aqua aerobics and activities for the kiddywinks. Accommodation tax 2.50 - 3.40kn. ▶ (Person/per day €3 - 5, Tent €4 - 7, Car €2 - 4, Camping trailer €2 - 7).


**Borik F-3, Majstora Radovana 7, Borik, tel./fax 33 20 74, kamp@hotellborik.hr.** The Borik hotel complex is set in pine woods by a good beach; the campsite is pleasant and well-equipped. A few minutes' bus ride from the centre - or the coastal stroll is far from unpleasant. Shops, restaurants, and bars nearby. ▶ (Person/per day 36 - 53kn, Car or trailer 63 - 135kn, Parking 27 - 171kn, Accommodation tax 4 - 7kn).  ★★★★★

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**Donat F-4, Majstora Radovana 7, Borik, tel. 20 65 00, fax 33 20 65, reservations.borik@falkensteiner.com, www.falkensteiner.com.** Part of the Borik complex, Hotel Donat has full congress facilities, and you're spoilt for choice for leisure and entertainment options. Prices are per person all-inclusive. ▶ 240 rooms (36 singles €57 - 75, 126 doubles €51 - 68, 34 triples €51 - 68, 44 Family Apartment €56 - 73).  ★★★★★

**Hotel Marinko Poljski put 1, Borik, tel. 33 78 00/ 098 46 50 45, fax 33 36 16, info@hotelkodmarinka.com.** A rather colourful new villa-style building, close to all the Borik amenities. All rooms are comfortable and air-conditioned, and have good balconies, although the view of the local Konzum may not be quite what you were hoping for. Prices include breakfast. Apartments available for 6-8 people. AMEX only. ▶ 21 rooms (17 doubles 420kn, 4 triples 500 - 550kn).  ★★★★★

**Mediteran G-2, Matije Gupca 19, Borik, tel. 33 75 00, fax 33 75 28, hotel-mediteran@zd.t-com.hr, www.hotelmediteran-zd.hr.** A modern building close to the Borik complex and beaches. It's a pleasant, clean family-owned place with a good restaurant. Most rooms have a balcony and sea view. Rooms with mini bar and air-conditioning available. Prices are per room with breakfast. ▶ 30 rooms (30 singles 420 - 560kn, 30 doubles 520 - 660kn).  ★★★★★

**Porto R-2, Nikola Jurišić 2, tel. 29 23 00, fax 29 23 33, hotel.porto@zd.t-com.hr, www.hotel-porto.hr.** Recently opened, this hotel about 15 minutes' drive from the center offers reasonable prices, clean bright rooms, and decent food. It's on the crossroads heading towards the airport and the Split highway, so it's ideal for business travelers. Prices are per person per day. ▶ 103 rooms (11 singles €51 - 56, 74 doubles €36 - 38, 16 triples €28 - 30, 2 quads €28 - 30).  ★★★★★

**Villa Hresc I-4, Obala kneza Trpimira 28, tel. 33 75 70, fax 33 43 36, info@villa-hresc.hr, www.villa-hresc.hr.** On the coast road to Puntamika, a beautiful Italian villa renovated to create a delightful hotel. Modern, airy rooms; a superb restaurant and a pool where you can relax amid greenery and drink in the view of the Old Town nearby. Condos with kitchenettes sleep two to four. Prices are per room with breakfast. ▶ 9 rooms (3 doubles €100 - 120, 6 suites €130 - 220).  ★★★★★

**Villa Nico F-3, Krešimirova obala 138, Diklo, tel. 33 11 98, fax 33 19 60, nico.moric@villanico.t-com.hr, www.hotel-villanico.com.** Right on the seafloor in the beach neighbourhood of Diklo a few kilometres west of the Old Town. All rooms have king size beds, satellite TV and mini bar. There's a fitness centre and garage. Prices are for the room plus breakfast. Oh, and it's pink! ▶ 25 rooms (25 singles €50 - 80, 25 doubles €85 - 120).  ★★★★★

## Apartment rental

**Basioli F-3, Krešimirova obala 116, tel. 33 11 29/ 091 585 59 66, neven.basioli@zadar.net.** Bright, modern accommodation in Diklo, balconies with fine sea views. Rooms are air conditioned and have satellite TV. They have an equipment for daily trips to Kornati islands. Prices are per person per night. ▶ 7 rooms (7 apartments €23 - 30).  ★★★★★

**Milin Zivkovića 3, tel. 33 29 35, drago.milin@zd.htnet.hr.** A family-style home with apartments in a residential part of Borik. Apartments can sleep up to five, and have air-conditioning, satellite tv, kitchenettes, terraces with sea views and secure parking. The English-speaking owners can lend you bikes. ▶ 5 rooms (5 apartments €37 - 85).  ★★★★★

**Pansionaria J-2, Put Petrića 24, tel. 33 42 44, 33 42 45/ 091 516 14 18, 091 518 19 16, info@pansionaria.hr, www.pansionaria.hr.** Conveniently located just north of the Old Town peninsula on the road to Borik, you have entertainment opportunities around you. The staff speak English, German and Italian. Prices are for rooms with breakfast, based on a stay of three nights or more. Run by a nice family. ▶ 14 rooms (12 doubles €45 - 50, 2 triples €70).  ★★★★★

## Out of town

**Adriatic Tina Ujevića 7, Biograd n/m, tel. 38 35 56/ 29 07 00, fax 38 30 08, 29 08 98, ilirja@zd.t-com.hr, www.ilirjablograd.com.** Fully renovated, the Adriatic is a pleasant lemon-yellow building with attractive design within and novel attractions such as a luscious lavender bed bar. Close to the heart of Biograd and the town's excellent beach, the range of sports and entertainment is baffling! Prices are per person including breakfast. ▶ 105 rooms (5 singles €92 - 178, 95 doubles €55 - 105, 5 apartments €98 - 163).  ★★★★★

**Aparthotel Lekavski Dražnikova 15, Zaton - Nin, tel. 26 58 88, fax 26 58 90, hotel@Lekavski.de, www.Lekavski.de.** A very attractive new villa, family-owned. In the old centre of Zaton, with all its nightlife and leisure opportunities, and in easy reach of the sandy beaches. Clean and comfortable rooms; apartments sleep 2-4. ▶ 18 rooms (14 doubles €41 - 70, 4 suites €76 - 130).  ★★★★★

**Apartments Margarita Maris Put primorja 131, Sv. Filip i Jakov, tel. 29 24 00, fax 38 86 19, margarita-maris@zd.t-com.hr, www.vud.hr.** This lively little town south of Zadar has great beaches, and the apartment compound consists of pleasantly clean and simple air-conditioned bungalows. Sporting facilities abound. Prices are per person and include breakfast, half board is also available. Extra beds and cots can be added. ▶ 90 rooms (90 apartments 207 - 330kn).  ★★★★★

**Bolero Ivana Meštrovića 1, Biograd n/m, tel. 38 68 88, fax 38 68 80, recepcija@hotel-bolero.hr, www.hotel-bolero.hr.** In a purpose-built, recently renovated building, Hotel Bolero offers cool and airy accommodation, a super terrace a restaurant and saunas. Double rooms can accommodate three people, and apartments a maximum of six. Prices are per room, breakfast included. ▶ 76 rooms (3 singles €59, 70 doubles €45, 3 quads €32).  ★★★★★

**Holiday Village Zaton Dražnikova ulica 76.Nin - Zaton, tel. 28 02 80/ 28 02 13, fax 26 42 25, sales.dept@zaton.hr, www.zaton.hr.** Perfect for family holidays, an attractively planted apartment village and excellent campsite placed to take advantage of the sandy, shallow Bay of Zaton. Zaton has a huge array of activities, including water sports, horse riding, swimming pools, bars, restaurants, shops and a popular nightclub. ▶ 593 rooms (593 apartments €34 - 194).  ★★★★★

**Ilirija Tina Ujevića 7, Biograd na moru, tel. 38 35 56/ 39 65 55, fax 38 30 08, ilirja@zd.t-com.hr, www.ilirjablograd.com.** Set in a park area with a marina and excellent Blue Flag beach in front. The first two floors have been renovated and offer excellent, stylish accommodation. The remaining floors are a little cheaper. Ample sports facilities close to the centre of Biograd. Prices per person including breakfast. ▶ 168 rooms (160 doubles €55 - 105, 8 apartments €98 - 163).  ★★★★★

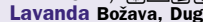
**Kornati Tina Ujevića 7, Biograd n/m, tel. 38 35 56/ 35 83 33, fax 38 30 08, ilirja@zd.t-com.hr, www.ilirjablograd.com.** The Kornati is simple, clean, comfortable, has a great location in a green spot near the old part of Biograd and overlooking its own marina. It shares the facilities of its sister hotels, the Ilirija and the Adriatic - all a sports freak could ever dream of. Prices per person with breakfast. ▶ 106 rooms (102 doubles €50 - 98, 4 apartments €91 - 150).  ★★★★★

**Mare Nostrum Sv. Petar 375b, tel. 39 14 20, fax 39 14 21, info@marenostrom-hr.com, www.marenostrom-hr.com.** A new hotel in lavender-filled gardens right on the beach at Sveti Petar, a small town between Zadar and Biograd. Delightful, modern airy rooms, all with air conditioning, satellite TV and great balconies with sea views. Friendly staff. Prices are per person including breakfast. ▶ 14 rooms (14 doubles €35 - 57).  ★★★★★

**Pinja Petrcane bb, tel. 20 25 00, fax 36 41 31, info@pinja.hr, www.pinja.hr.** A renovated hotel complex on its pine-covered peninsula 10km from Zadar. Beaches with showers, indoor pool and sauna, gym, beauty centre, conference facilities, cafes and restaurants (including the popular Konoba Mareta), sports and excursions. Prices per person half board. 30% supplement for stays under 3 nights. ▶ 340 rooms (24 singles €49 - 78, 216 doubles €41 - 68, 63 triples €41 - 68, 2 suites €41 - 68, 8 apartments €112 - 187, 27 Family Rooms €41 - 68).  ★★★★★

**Villa Nela Punta Radmana, Put 7, Petrcane, tel. 36 46 60, fax 36 46 70, info@velcek-tours.com, www.velcek-tours.com/novo.** A new villa with clean and airy apartments, and a sea-water pool in the delightful pine-shaded garden by the sea, where you can swing yourself to sleep in a hammock. Apartments can accommodate up to five; all have kitchenettes and balconies overlooking the sea. ▶ 12 rooms (3 Studio 440 - 750kn, 3 1-Bedroom 550 - 850kn, 3 2-Bedroom 680 - 1030kn, 12 apartments 440 - 1180kn).  ★★★★★

## Islands

**Agava Božava, Dugi Otok, tel. 29 12 91, fax 37 76 82, bozava@zadar.net, www.hotell-bozava.hr.** Set amongst pine trees in an idyllic island village, with a new swimming pool, sauna, jacuzzi, massage, fitness centre, tennis and diving in Božava's famous clear waters. Recently refurbished, with accommodation in apartments with kitchenettes. Prices are per person with breakfast, based on two people sharing. ▶ 18 rooms (18 Family Rooms €206).  ★★★★★

**Lavanda Božava, Dugi Otok, tel. 29 12 91, fax 37 76 82, bozava@zadar.net, www.hotell-bozava.hr.** Hotel Lavanda has recently been fully refurbished. All rooms have balconies with a sea view. Božava is perfect if you're looking for peace and quiet in pristine surroundings, and especially for diving enthusiasts. You can use the facilities of the Agava - see above. Prices are per person with breakfast. ▶ 120 rooms (40 singles €95, 80 doubles €170, 40 Extra bed €43).  ★★★★★