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Introducing Zagreb

Dear IYP readers,
In this edition, our classical 'Foreword' anecdotes is being replaced by a letter that was sent to us via a reader who pretty much wraps up the work we do, better than we can ourselves.

*Hello redaction,
I would like to make a compliment to you regarding the information in Zagreb in your pocket. In the beginning of January I moved to Zagreb for a project of several months. As I was unprepared and unknown in the city so I used your guide to get known. It succeeded thanks to the complete information of all chapters.*

The guidebook was like the bible, I was daily reading it and because of handy format daily in my pocket.

As I am aware of all main items now it's out of my pocket but still in my heart. I will recommend the book to any "stranger" I will meet and stay a customer for the events as well. I hope you will continue publishing this useful guide.

*Kind regards / Met vriendelijke groeten,
Edwin den Ouden*

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and a whole host of other useful information

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 your receipts (500kn minimum on one receipt) in order to qualify for a VAT refund at all border customs offices. To breeze through customs you can import up to 200 cigarettes, 1 litre of alcohol, plus 2 litres of wine, liqueur or champagne. There are no limits on export; however it does depend on the country you're flying into from Croatia. Any Croatian art or cultural works must receive export approval before departure. It is issued by the conservatory department of the Ministry of Culture and for the city of Zagreb, the City Institute for the Protection of Cultural Monuments and Nature at Kuševićeva 2 (B-1, Open Mon, Wed, Fri 08:30 - 12:00, 13:00 - 15:30. Tel. 01 610 19 70, www.zagreb.hr) For further details www.carina.hr or call 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 religions; 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

If you're under 24 years of age, the 0.0% alcohol rule applies to you. If you are, however, over that age, a 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.

Visas

Citizens from Australasia, EU, North America and South America are allowed into Croatia without a visa for a period of 90 days within a period of 6 months. If you want to extend your visa, you need to get an approval entitled First Temporary Stay at your nearest embassy or consulate. Everybody else needs a visa, which must be obtained before entering the republic. These cannot be obtained at any land borders. For more visa information contact the Consular Department of the Croatian Foreign Ministry at Trg N.S. Zrinskog 7-8, tel. 456 99 64, fax 458 17 95, www.mvp.hr. You are required to register with the police, a matter taken care of by hotels, hostels and campsites. If you're staying with friends you have a 24 hour period to fill-out some paperwork at the police station (Petrijnska 30) - be sure to bring your passport!

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Basic data

Population:

Croatia (April 2001): 4,437,460

Zagreb (May 2001): 779,145

Ethnic composition (April 2001): 89.63% Croats, 4.54% Serbs, 5.83% other.

Territory: Croatia's land territory takes up 56,542km². It shares borders with Hungary, Slovenia, Serbia & Montenegro, Bosnia-Herzegovina and a sea-border with Italy. The highest peak (1,831m) is in the Dinaric Mountains which create a natural border between Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

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 among its most pure!

Islands: An amazing 1,185 islands lie off the Dalmatian coast, 47 of them inhabited.

Rivers: The longest river is the Sava at 562km. It ambles just south of the train station. The Drava covers a distance of 505km; the mighty Danube spans 188km through the country.

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

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Tourist information

i **Tourist Information Centre C-2, Trg bana Josipa Jelačića 11, tel. (+385-1) 0800 53 53 / (+385-1) 481 40 51, info@zagreb-touristinfo.hr, www.zagreb-touristinfo.hr.** Free info phone number 0800 53 53. Also at the Zagreb Airport, next to the international arrivals area and at the Main Train station. ▶ Open 08:30 - 20:00, Sat 09:00 - 18:00, Sun 10:00 - 16:00.

Zagreb County Tourist Board C-3, Preradovićevo 42, tel. (+385-1) 487 36 65, info@tzzz.hr, www.tzzz.hr. ▶ Open 08:00 - 16:00. Closed Sat, Sun.

Plitvice Lakes National Park branch office C-3, Trg kralja Tomislava 19, tel. (+385-1) 461 35 86 / (+385-1) 492 22 74, np.zg.ured@np-plitvicka-jezera.hr, www.np-plitvicka-jezera.hr. ▶ Open 08:00 - 16:00, Fri 08:00 - 15:30. Closed Sat, Sun.

Northern Velebit National Park Info Corner C-3, Trg kralja Tomislava 19, www.np-sjeverni-velebit.hr. Are you seeking information, catalogues or direct internet connection to the North Velebit National Park's official website? Then whilst in town, head to the Plitvice National Park's Office located on Zrinjevac for all the answers to your questions. ▶ Open 08:00 - 16:00, Fri 08:00 - 15:30. Closed Sat, Sun.

By bus

Contrary to its Central European brethren, the Zagreb bus station (*autobusni kolodvor*) isn't as big, bad and ugly as most. They even made an attempt to spruce up the place with a sculpture of a two-headed woman in front of the central ticket office. The ground floor is home to a series of shops where anything from bed linen to a cup of coffee can be procured. The top floor is home to a post office (Open 08:00 - 19:00, Sat 08:00 - 13:00. Closed Sun.) and chapel. Above the main entrance hall which is bustling with cashiers is an internet cafe that's open 24hrs (tel. 613 37 46). Surfing the net costs 18kn per hour and it has a wireless connection for laptop users. **Changing currency:** ATM machines are located in the main hall next to the ticket office and outside the building along Avenija Marina Držića. There is also currency exchange (*mjenjačnica*, Open 06:15 - 21:30) in the ticketing hall. **Left luggage:** Abandon your bags in the *Garderoba* (Open 24hrs) located up the small staircase to the right of the main hall for 5kn/hr unless your bag weighs over 40kg in which case you'll be paying 10kn/hr. **Toilets** are located up the small staircase to the left of the main hall and cost 3kn. **Getting to Town:** Should you want to walk the 20 minutes into town, when your back is to the station entrance the centre is to your left and behind you. For proponents of public transportation a tram is your best bet - saunter across the street and pick up tram N°6 towards Črnomerec to get to the main square, Trg bana Josipa Jelačića. Taxis are plentiful, but will cost about 60 - 80kn to get to the centre.

By plane

Pleso International Airport (*Zračna luka Pleso*) is located 17km out of town. Unlike all other major points of entry into the city, the airport has no chapel or left luggage facilities. The small size makes the airport easily negotiable; both domestic and international arrival and departure areas are located on the ground floor. **Changing currency:** In what could be considered the most prime of locations (right outside international arrivals), there is a Zagrebačka banka office

complete with a currency exchange (Open 07:00 - 21:00) and ATM. In the domestic departures hall there is an **Information Centre** (tel. 626 52 22), which is open 24 hours. **Toilets:** The toilets in the centre of the airport across from the post office have a baby changing station, whereas the ones on the top floor usually are less crowded. **Getting to Town:** Croatia Airlines runs a bus service from Pleso International to the bus station (*autobusni kolodvor*), which leaves roughly every half hour from outside the international arrivals and costs 30kn/person. Those willing to part with a bit more cash can catch a taxi in front of the international arrivals. A trip into the city should cost no more than 200kn (start 25kn, 1km/7kn, luggage 5kn). If you wish to go solo and ride on your own, then the airport has over 10 local and international rent-a-car agencies to choose from.

By train

Not as pleasing to the eye on the inside as from the outside, Zagreb's train station (*železnički kolodvor*) is not as user-friendly, but sees more traffic than other points of entry into the city (hmmm). **Changing currency:** When exiting the tracks walk through the main hall to find an ATM machine in the left corner. A currency exchange is located in the international ticketing area as is another ATM. **The Information office** (Tel. 060 33 34 44. Open 06:00 - 22:00) is located between the main hall and domestic ticketing area (to your right as you exit the tracks). Across from the Information window is a nifty tourist information touch screen - nifty, that is, if it ever worked. **The left luggage** facilities (*Garderoba*) are available 24 hours and are to the left of the main hall as you exit the tracks. Each piece of luggage costs 15kn/hr. **Getting to Town:** Walk out the main entrance and survey your surroundings - this is the centre. To get to the main square, Trg bana Josipa Jelačića, take tram N°6 towards Črnomerec or tram N°13 heading towards Žitnjak. Taxis queue in front of the main hall and a ride into town will usually go along the most scenic of routes and will cost around 50kn.

Street smarts

ulica	street
stube	staircase
put	way
prolaz	passage
trg	square
most	bridge
avenija	avenue
cesta	road

National holidays

January 1	New Year's Day
January 6	Epiphany
April 24	Easter
April 25	Easter Monday
May 1	International Workers' Day
June 22	Anti Fascist Resistance Day
June 23	Corpus Christi
June 25	Statehood Day
August 5	Victory and Homeland Thanksgiving Day
August 15	Feast of the Assumption
October 8	Independence Day
November 1	All Saints' Day
December 25	Christmas
December 26	Saint Stephen's Day

Rock & Pop Concerts

13.04 Wednesday
Roger Waters - The Wall Live
H-5, Arena Zagreb, Lanište bb, www.lupapromotion.hr. Enter a world of 'psychedelic virtuosity' as conceptual leader and primary lyricist Roger Waters performs one of the highest ever sold albums in music history, 'The Wall'. As bassist, principal song-writer and composer, Waters rekindles the glory of a majestic era as he tours the globe. ▶ Concert starts at 20:00. Tickets 360-800kn available at the www.eventim.hr.
16.04 Saturday
Goribor

I-4, Močvara Club, Trnjanski nasip bb, www.mochvara.hr. Their previous shows around Croatia received rave reviews and this band from Serbia return to pulsate audiences with their hypnotic trip-hop blues sound. After a short stint away, they return to the legendary Močvara Club where they have hailed the stage twice to date. ▶ Concert starts at 21:30. Tickets 55-70kn available at www.eventim.hr.

28.04 Thursday
Blind Guardian
I-3, Boogaloo Club, Ulica grada Vukovara 68, www.boogaloo.hr. Soaring drums, sizzling guitar riffs and the husky vocals of Hansi Kursch have made this German outfit one of the Gods of power metal. The bands lyrics are inspired by epic and fictional fantasy with 'Bards', dwarf like mystical characters, as their mascots. Loyal fans, be prepared for some great battle hymns. ▶ Concert starts at 20:00. Tickets 190-210kn.

30.04 Saturday
Zabranjeno pušenje
I-3, Boogaloo Club, Vukovarska 68, www.boogaloo.hr. One of the most popular bands that has ever come from Sarajevo! The 80's was a golden era for the group with their garage rock sound mixed with folk influences. Lyrically controversial and at times critical of the socialist system, it was the system's downfall that caused the end of the band as well. Some of the original members have stuck to their guns and remain true to their music and fans.

05.05 Thursday
Ladytron
H-5, Aquarius Club, Aleja Matije Ljubeka bb. This quartet formed in Liverpool and fuse electronic, pop, punk and new wave crossing over with experimental and psychedelic elements. Their four studio albums have reached the UK top 40 and they've sold out worldwide. Zagreb gets its inauguration with one of the leading electronic/synth groups of the world. ▶ Concert starts at 21:00. Tickets 150kn available at the www.eventim.hr.

10.05 Tuesday
Shakira - The Sun Comes Out
H-5, Arena Zagreb, Lanište bb, www.lupapromotion.hr. Columbian megastar Shakira is sought after worldwide and brings her, 'The Sun Comes Out' tour, to our city. The queen of 'Waka Waka' has won countless awards and is blazing world stages with her two hour spectacle of dance music, ballads and even fragments of hard rock. The Latino-diva is sure to 'Loka, Loka', all night long! ▶ Concert starts at 20:00. Tickets 300 - 1550kn available at www.eventim.hr.

22.05 Sunday
IAMX
I-3, Boogaloo Club, Ulica grada Vukovara 68, www.boogaloo.hr. Chris Corner, formerly of the Sneaker Pimps brings his solo project to light with his brand of dramatic synth rock, dark pop and indie dance. His notorious lyrics concerning sexual instability and death to religious perversion and socio-



IAMX

political ignorance make his shows explosive, yet melancholy with moments of operatic remedy. ▶ Concert starts at 20:00. Tickets 120kn available at www.eventim.hr.

23.05 Monday
Swans & James Blackshaw
B-4, Student's centre and Theatre &TD, Savska 25. A double-header event with American post-punk band 'Swans' reuniting after a long absence, bandleader Michael Gira returns with his line-up to bring back the bands glory days and promote their new album. Blackshaw is a guitar-whizz and pianist, a true experimentalist who can vary his sounds from epic to church like with impressive finger movements that often leave audiences bewildered. Concert starts at 20:00. Tickets 120 - 150kn.

24.05 Tuesday
Animal Collective
I-4, Jedinstvo Factory, Trnjanski nasip bb. Their 2008 appearance in Zagreb was in-your-face and they return with their indie-rock slash neo-psychedelic sounds. In their early days, this four-piece from New York wore masks and make-up as part of their stage act and they continue to break boundaries with their experimental music. Take note as this will be their only concert in this part of Europe. ▶ Concert starts at 20:00. Tickets 120-140kn available at the Dirty Old Shop (Tratinska 22) and Rockmark (Berislavićevo 13).

01.06 Wednesday
Joe Cocker
H-5, Arena Zagreb, Lanište. He has made it to Rolling Stone's Top100 greatest singers list and with his trademark gritty voice and dominant stage figure, it is of no surprise. Cocker's passion and worldwide mega-hits such as, 'You can leave your hat on', 'Unchain my heart', and 'Up where we belong', not only lift audiences but leave them ending shows with a standing ovation.

08.06 Wednesday
Bon Jovi
K-2, Maksimir Stadium, Maksimirska 128, www.lupapromotion.hr. The wait is finally over! Hard-rock heartthrobs Bon Jovi kick off their European 'Circle Tour' in Zagreb with 30,000 parochial fans expected. Having never stepped foot in Croatia, the lads from New Jersey are sure to raise fists with hits such as Runaway, Living on a Prayer, Lay your hands on me and more. ▶ Concert starts at 19:45. Tickets 300-2000kn available at the www.eventim.hr.

Arabian

NEW
Bazaar K-2/3, Radnička cesta 80 (Zagreb Tower), tel. (+385-1) 618 73 89, info@restaurant-bazaar.com, www.restaurant-bazaar.com. Jump off the tram at Radnička and dive into Zagreb's own Arabic dining oasis for one-of-a-kind blends of Mediterranean, Middle Eastern and Indian cuisine. Let your senses rest wash in the dozens of spices enveloping each lamb and lentil delight. Ask your server for fresh flatbread and a delicate fruit or honey desert. Hugely popular for their cafeteria-style lunches and Saturday evening belly-dancing shows, reservations are recommended. ▶ Open 12:00 - 23:00, Sun 12:00 - 21:00. (25 - 85kn). ☎☎☎

Asian

Opium D-4, Branimirova 29 (Branimir shopping centre), tel. (+385-1) 461 56 79, opiubar@opiubar.hr, www.opiubar.hr. A super restaurant offering cuisine from across South-East Asia, and an adjoining cafe and cocktail bar, in the basement of the Branimir multiplex. It has the arresting décor of a poofier's boudoir: deep, dark colours and screaming florals - a delightful ambience. Late bar weekends (including Thursdays - an advanced sign of civilisation). ▶ Open 12:00 - 24:00, Fri, Sat 12:00 - 01:00. (70 - 110kn). ☎☎☎

Bosnian

Sofra K-4, 1.gardijske brigade Tigrovi 27, tel. (+385-1) 613 10 26, www.restoran-sofra.hr. Once you've sampled all the Croatian specialties, there are still more culinary delights to try. First stop: the rich and heavy food of Bosnia. You can try all types of Bosnian specialties like *krumpirušica*, *kvrğuša* and *urmasice* and then move on to a scrumptious piece of *baklava* and authentic Turkish coffee. ▶ Open 10:00 - 22:30, Sun 12:00 - 17:30. (15 - 220kn). ☎☎☎☎☎

Chinese

Asia D-3, Augusta Šenoa 1, tel. (+385-1) 484 12 18, asia.doo@gmail.com. Thought by many to be the nicest Chinese in town, it's also in the best space: an elegant building overlooking the landscaped Tomislav Square. There's none of the OTT decor that you so often find in restaurants of this kind; in fact it's perfectly suited to a business meal. Food is consistently top quality, and the service swift and professional. Also at Nova Ves 88, tel. 466 78 26. ▶ Open 12:00 - 23:30. (29 - 125kn). ☎☎☎☎

Mr Chen K-3, Ulica grada Vukovara 269d, tel. (+385-1) 618 76 18, www.kina.hr. In the new VMD office block on the corner of Radnička and Vukovarska, this Chinese restaurant is pleasantly clean and bright. The food is fresh, very tasty and light, portions are nice and big, and we were impressed by the fast and polite service. ▶ Open 11:00 - 23:00. (25 - 130kn). ☎☎☎☎☎☎☎

Croatian

Ivica i Marica C-1, Tkalčićeva 70, tel. (+385-1) 482 89 99, www.ivicaimarica.com. Ivica and Marica's cakes are to die for: intensely delicious, using only natural, healthy ingredients. So it's great news that they've opened a restaurant along the same lines: homestyle recipes in a Hansel and Gretel cottage atmosphere. Also at Barčev trg 16 (J-5, Utrina), tel. 669 88 88. ▶ Open 12:00 - 23:00. (50 - 140kn). ☎☎☎☎☎☎☎

Mašklin i Lata B/C-3, Andrije Hebranga 11a, tel. (+385-1) 481 82 73. A world-class reputation has attracted an international crowd over the years. This establishment reels in the best fish - and the best service possible to serve it to you. The atmosphere is intimate, the cuisine predominantly

Mediterranean and the advice abundant. ▶ Open 12:00 - 23:00. Closed Sun. (80 - 150kn). ☎☎☎☎
Tač H-2, Vrhovec 140, tel. (+385-1) 377 67 57, info@restac.hr, www.restac.hr. Meat. This is what you'll find here, and lots of it. However far off the beaten track, this place still packs in the crowd for excellent quality home cooking. On Fridays, menu space is surrendered to fish, and praise the Lord, this is one of the few restaurants in town where you'll find Adriatic fish such as mackerel and sardines.

Top 5 restaurants April/May

- Apetit City B-2, Obrtnički prolaz 7, tel. (+385-1) 481 10 77, www.apetit.hr.** Comfortable and stylish, this recently opened downtown branch of a favorite Gornji Grad bistro has everything to offer. Reliable in their reverence for the culinary experience, the wait staff enhance an ambience which makes their delectable seafood, beef and lamb dishes all the tastier. Exquisite deserts are complimented with recommendations from their extensive wine collection. Wether in its own right or following a meal, a visit to the elegant wine bar also promises novices and connoisseurs alike an unforgettable evening. ▶ Open 10:00 - 24:00. Closed Mon. (48 - 110kn).
Didov san B-1, Mletačka 11, tel. (+385-1) 485 11 54, www.konoba-didovsan.com. Ingredients, recipes and techniques of the Zagorje highlanders makes these home-style meals a favorite with locals and visitors alike. True to tradition, all dishes are prepared *Peka* ("under a bell") or grilled in a wood-burning brick oven including the fresh bread and must-have eel and frog dishes. With extensive and well-priced offerings served in an invitingly rustic interior, guests become a part of Croatian tradition with the simply delicious authentic flavors of "Grandfather's dream." ▶ Open 10:00 - 24:00. ☎☎☎☎
Prasac C-1, Vranicanjeva 6, tel. (+385-1) 485 14 11, www.prasac.hr. Playfully imaginative chef and owner Dino Galvagno is the heart and soul of this dining mecca. His menu changes daily as he draws inspiration from each day's freshest and finest local ingredients. With a name which implores us to indulge and enjoy, "pig" embodies an intimate atmosphere for haute cuisine at a simple price. Zagreb's favorite restaurant is also one of its smallest: reservations highly recommended. ▶ Open 19:00 - 23:00, Sat 12:00 - 15:00, 19:00 - 23:00. Closed Sun.
Takenoko C-1, Nova Ves 17 (Centar Kaptol), tel. (+385-1) 486 05 30, japanski.restaurant@takenoko.hr, www.takenoko.hr. Trust the Croatian appreciation for fresh seafoods to lead you here, where lovers of sushi, sashimi, teppanyaki and tofu basque in an elegantly stylish haven of Japanese delights. Just as inviting are their desert and wine offerings, rounding out a world-class culinary experience worth every kuna in this one-of-a-kind dining delight. ▶ Open 12:00 - 23:30, Sun 12:00 - 17:00.
Vinodol C-2, Nikola Tesle 10, tel. (+385-1) 481 14 27, vinodol@vinodol-zg.hr, www.vinodol-zg.hr. Just steps from the main square, savor their selection of tastefully prepared and presented meats served grilled or *Peka* style, delectable wines and fine local pastries. Brick archways crown the elegant interior while a tapestry of grape vines edge a terrace that delightfully overlooks the grill of this long-standing favorite for perfectly prepared local specialties. With an expansive interior that remains intimate in its atmosphere, every visitor can enjoy feeling right at home. ▶ Open 10:00 - 23:30.

Jump off tram 6 or 11 at Mandaličina and take the bus to Vrhovec. ▶ Open 12:00 - 23:00. Closed Mon. (40 - 120kn). ☎☎☎☎☎☎☎
Trnjanka D-4, Trnjanska cesta 31, tel. (+385-1) 611 96 85/(+385-1) 611 96 86, www.restoran-trnjanka.hr. The lamb is famous and authentic as can be - be prepared to spend as much time hunting for the meat amongst the ligament and gristle as you do actually eating. Once it has been found it is undeniably tasty. The decor is forgettable. ▶ Open 10:00 - 23:00. (55 - 95kn). ☎☎☎☎☎

Istrian

100% Istra (Kod Pavela) Gračanska cesta 46, tel. (+385-1) 467 50 36, stopostoistra@gmail.com. Walk to the foot of the Sijeme hills and there you will find a Mecca of Istrian specialties conveniently close to Zagreb. A selection of the region's finest wines, the *fritula* dessert and funny-shaped pasta - each custom designed for its accompanying sauce - and those much coveted truffles will all have you dreaming of lazy Istrian days by the sea. ▶ Open 12:00 - 23:00, Sun 12:00 - 22:00. (60 - 140kn). ☎☎☎☎☎☎☎

Konoba

Burin J-3, Heinzelova 28, tel. (+385-1) 461 22 42. An unassuming exterior makes the wealth of local tastes awaiting within this tavern (*konoba*) an even greater delight. The seafood focus of their authentic Dalmatian specialties includes fresh fish on display. Catch the cod dishes (*bakalar*) while they're in-season and complete your taste of coastal dining with Croatian wines and deserts like the flan-esque *rožata*. ▶ Open 11:00 - 22:00, Sat 11:00 - 16:00. Closed Sun. (50 - 85kn). ☎☎☎☎☎

International

Bistro Apetit B-1, Jurjevska 65a, tel. (+385-1) 467 73 35. The menu is gem-like in its perfection: a small selection of imaginative dishes tailored to the season. The dishes themselves are an essay in flavour, texture and presentation. Headed up by Viennese chef Christian Caballer, the wine list is also fabulous and the desserts to die for. A place to push the boat out: pricey, but worth it. ▶ Open 10:00 - 24:00. Closed Mon. (85 - 135kn). ☎☎☎☎☎☎☎

NEW
Bistro Karlo B-2, Gundulićeva 16, tel. (+385-1) 483 31 75, initium.vini@zg.t-com.hr, www.bistrokarlo.com. This top-class temple of flavor worship trains all taste buds in the art of preserving and the pleasure of savoring nature's finest flavors. Let the menu spark the imagination but ask your server to lead you toward their other innovative offerings made daily. Whether for lovingly prepared seafood specials or deserts to write home about, reservations recommended. ▶ Open 11:00 - 23:00. Closed Sun. (95 - 120kn). ☎☎☎☎☎

Katedralis C-2, Bakačeva 9, tel. (+385-1) 481 49 38, www.katedralis.hr. Good food, great price and primo location make this a lovely place to get-to-know some local flavors from a spectacular spot overlooking the near-by cathedral. With a welcome home demeanor, the staff serves-up roasted and grilled specialties for passers-by or parties of any size. ▶ Open 07:00 - 21:00. (20 - 400kn). ☎☎☎☎☎

Kuhinja K-3, Donje Svetice 46c, tel. (+385-1) 240 81 11/(+385-1) 091 222 54 44, www.restoran-kuhinja.com. Savor the understated pleasure of dining amidst tables packed with lunchtime locals where fast, friendly servers offer-up generously portioned plates of ever-changing yet always mouth-watering takes on delectable classic cuisine. Try the full menu on a Friday or Saturday when it's accompanied by live Tambura music. Whether for a daily lunch special or an

evening out, the tastefully homey atmosphere of The Kitchen will guarantee you won't want your first visit to be the last. ▶ Open 08:00 - 23:00. (35 - 400kn) Lunch specials Mon-Fri 11-15.00 (25-65 kn). ☎☎☎☎☎☎☎☎☎☎
Sorriso D-3, Boškovićeva 11, tel. (+385-1) 487 63 92/(+385-1) 487 63 93, ristorante.sorriso@inet.hr, www.sorriso.hr. Dedication to serving top-quality dishes from local, organic ingredients while remaining affordable promises to make any visitor to Sorriso feel like a special guest without the pocketbook pains. The delivery options include daily specials such as their must-have handmade pasta. Served-up with a generous side of congeniality, many dishes appear like small works of visual art, tempting the taste buds for the abundance of flavor that awaits. ▶ Open 10:00 - 24:00. Closed Sun. (42 - 130kn). ☎☎☎☎☎☎☎

Italian

Agava C-2, Tkalčićeva 39, tel. (+385-1) 482 98 26, info@restaurant-agava.hr, www.restaurant-agava.hr. Pleasantly furnished in rattan and wood, this trattoria offers Mediterranean dishes, pasta, fresh salmon and tuna, plate salads and a great wine list. ▶ Open 09:00 - 23:00. (50 - 110kn). ☎☎☎☎☎

Canzona E-3, Ivana Šveara 9, tel. (+385-1) 461 77 77, www.canzona.hr. The whimsical interior of this tiny trattoria returns pizza-for-two to the realm of romantic evening options. Whether in the cozy loft or at their family-friendly main floor tables, groups of all sizes enjoy their solid menu of Italian and Mediterranean delights. This long-standing local favorite is often packed so make a reservation for a guaranteed great dining experience. ▶ Open 12:00 - 23:00. (31 - 145kn). ☎☎☎☎☎☎☎

NEW
Carpaccio C-2, Teslina 14, tel. (+385-1) 482 23 31, carpaccio@ristorantecarpaccio.hr, www.ristorantecarpaccio.hr. Satisfy your desire for the finest of Italian cuisine with this robust menu offered in the heart of the city center. From carpacci to dolci, each meal is delectable and complemented from a near endless selection of wines. While retaining an atmosphere of top-class dining, the freshly renovated bistro-style interior playfully invites guests to indulge and enjoy. ▶ Open 11:00 - 24:00, Sun 11:00 - 17:00. (55 - 150kn). ☎☎☎☎☎

Luca's I-3, Vukovarska 35a, tel. (+385-1) 640 60 60. If you like your pizzas thin and crispy, Luca's is a pleasant spot where you can also order pizza baguettes, pasta dishes and imaginative salads that are just right for a light lunch. We like the warm/cold salad with chicken and shrimps and the house speciality with chicken and sesame. ▶ Open 11:00 - 22:00. Closed Sun. (35 - 70kn). ☎☎☎☎☎☎☎

NEW
Molto E-2, Vlaška 115, tel. (+385-1) 466 43 31, molto@molto.hr, www.molto.hr. The gods of décor smiled as this combination of inviting atmosphere and delicious treats recently entered the Zagreb restaurant scene. The hide-away bistro just minutes from the main square is already a buzz with locals as a must-see spot to gather with friends or grab a great steak. Savor experiencing a truly local cuisine knowing that all ingredients are from near-by Kvatric market. ▶ Open 10:00 - 23:00. Closed Sun. (35 - 120kn). ☎☎☎☎☎☎☎

Mexican

Mex Cantina A-4, Savska cesta 154, tel. (+385-1) 619 21 56, info@mex-cantina.hr, www.mex-cantina.hr. The most authentic of the lot of them, its location in Savska is the only bad thing we can say about it. Delicious, delightful and worth the trip. Reservations could save you some frustration. ▶ Open 12:00 - 24:00. (50 - 120kn). ☎☎☎☎☎☎☎

Alternative

AKC Medika A-3, Pierottijeva, info@pierottijeva11.org, http://pierottijeva11.org/. Located in a former pharmaceuticals factory tucked behind the Westin hotel, Medika is basically an anarchists' squat that was granted official status by a city administration eager to pucker up to Zagreb's alternative community. There's not much to it: two chambers of bare concrete walls, a scattering of chairs and sofas, and a makeshift bar. A regular menu of punk, ska and jazz gigs plus raucous DJ-driven club nights attract a healthy cross-section of hedonistically-inclined youth - so you don't need either dreadlocks or a dog on a rope to fit in. ▶ Open 20:00 - 24:00, Fri, Sat 20:00 - 04:00. Closed Mon, Sun.

Jabuka H-2, Jabukovac 28, tel. (+385-1) 483 43 97, gk-jabuka@zg.t-com.hr. This is the last bastion of unadulterated rock music in Zagreb. Black clad sulky people dance it up on Fridays and Saturdays in a pantomime of rock and leather, but not without a touch of 1980s irony and even some electro-pop. ▶ Open Fri, Sat 21:00 - 02:00. ☎

Kset B-4, Unska 3, tel. (+385-1) 612 97 58, info@kset.org, www.kset.org. On the cutting edge of all things cool, Kset is gaining a reputation for some especially cool live shows that include flawless jazz and DJ wizardry. The mood lighting is the icing on the cake. Locals are becoming very passionate about their worship of this place. ▶ Open 09:00 - 16:00, Sat 22:00 - 03:00. 📺

Močvara I-3, Trnjanski nasip bb, tel. (+385-1) 615 96 68, močvara@urk.hr, www.močvara.hr. This former factory down by the river Sava is not only one of Zagreb's premier gig and clubbing venues but also something of an offbeat cultural centre, with something going on most nights of the week - film nights, theatre performances, literary events and art happenings included. Closed after a dispute with the city authorities in May 2008, its recent re-opening marks a major boost for the city's alternative scene. Artist Igor Hofbauer's woody comic-strip décor in the bar area is reason enough to call in. ▶ Open 12:00 - 24:00/02:00, Fri 12:00 - 02:00/04:00, Sat 12:00 - 02:00/04:00.

Purgeraj D-1, Ribnjak 1, tel. (+385-1) 482 92 53, purgeraj@purgeraj.hr, www.purgeraj.hr. If you happen to be strolling through Ribnjak Park at night, you're sure to come across several groups of people chilling out on benches or roaming through the park. Follow some of those folks (and the sounds of music filling the night air) to Purgeraj, a popular night-spot for students and young people who come to pack the large bar area and dancefloor to hear a diverse range of sounds, from rock to jazz, funk to blues. ▶ Open 09:00 - 02:00, Fri, Sat 09:00 - 04:00. Closed Sun. ☎ 📺 📺

Route 66 J-3, Paromilnska 47, tel. (+385-1) 611 87 37, dai.scorpion@gmail.com. This unpretentious roadhouse bar is just behind the National University Library. Along with cheap suds, coffees and pool, you can catch live blues every Sunday. The best Croatian beer (Velebisko) is well cheap, and there's an ace old time jukebox full of raaaw! Yeaah! ▶ Open 09:00 - 01:00, Sat, Sun 16:00 - 01:00. 📺 📺

Soba H-3, Magazinska 7, tel. (+385-1) 095 910 89 10, www.udruga-soba.hr. In a city full of eccentric music bars, Soba ("The Room") fits in rather nicely. It's in an eccentric location for a start, occupying a gloomy-looking split-level apartment grafted onto the roof of a garage. Inside, the odd mixture of timber beams, bamboo matting and mix-and-match furniture is a prime example of what happens when the interior designer loses interest somewhere between the second and third bottle of Pelinkovac. Soba is particularly busy on Fridays and Saturdays when local bands play live. It's also one of the few bars in Zagreb which is right next door to a railway line, so if you're not particularly interested in the booze or the music

you can at least use the large window at the back to do a bit of trainspotting. ▶ Open 08:00 - 23:00, Fri 20:00 - 02:00, Sat 20:00 - 02:00. Closed Sun.

Spunk I-3, Hrvatske bratske zajednice bb, tel. (+385-1) 615 15 28, pruga1@gmail.com. Don't be put off by the dodgy name emblazoned in neon blue letters on the front. Outside the National University Library, it's a friendly, studenty hangout where people come to hear good music (mostly rock) and live bands. ▶ Open 07:00 - 24:00, Sun 18:00 - 24:00. ☎ 📺 📺

Bars

Bulldog XL C-2, Bogovičeva 6, tel. (+385-1) 400 70/(+385-1) 400 20 72, bulldog@zg.primatel.hr, www.bulldog-zagreb.com. A very busy place with an excellent location in the centre of the city, it offers a great choice of coffee and beer at expensive prices. Expect theme nights and concerts. ▶ Open 09:00 - 01:00. 📺

Crazy Horse E-3, Šubičeva 55/1, ludi.konj@zg.t-com.hr. Sometimes the best bars are in out of the way spots that require a little searching. Crazy Horse fits into that category. Housed on a street that looks more likely to have industrial workshops than bars, a trip through the gate and up the stairs reveals an excellent space full of gleaming wood and comfy, sofa-style seating at the tables. ▶ Open Thu, Fri, Sat 20:00 - 05:00. ☎ 📺 📺

Flybar K-3, Vukovarska 284, tel. (+385-1) 666 13 13, fly@flybar.hr, www.flybar.hr. With a few silhouettes of prop planes and a chrome model hanging overhead, "stewardesses" and epaulet-bedecked wait staff, the airplane theme isn't overstated. After a few drinks, the revolving spotlight might suggest a control tower beacon, and the music is loud enough to drown out a 737. Still, it's a lot more chic than the passenger lounge at Gate 2. Parking. ▶ Open 08:00 - 01:00, Thu, Fri, Sat 08:00 - 04:00, Sun 14:00 - 04:00. ☎ 📺

Funk C-2, Tkalčićeva 52, tel. (+385-1) 098 67 23 38, www.funkclub.hr. Funk Bar features diversion on two levels: head downstairs Tuesday through Saturday for audio entertainment provided by DJ's spinning a wide range of electronic music. Or, relax upstairs with the café crowd and be visually entertained by the never-ending hustle and bustle of Tkalčićeva. A tunnel-like feel and weird chairs give the place an unusual atmosphere, while great orange-hazelnut coffee soothes your soul. And if that's not enough, muscle your way to the far side to see the city's newest gallery space. ▶ Open 11:00 - 02:00. 📺

Limb C-4, Pilitvička 16. Tucked away out of the centre (near the Kset club) is one of Zagreb's best kept secrets, gathering an assortment of "creative" types who jump up and down to rock and indie tunes whilst consuming combustible quantities of cheap booze. Scuzzy and great fun - one of the best atmospheres in town. ▶ Open 09:00 - 02:00. Closed Sun.

Maraschino C-2, Margaretska 1, tel. (+385-1) 481 26 12. This favourite city haunt just gets better and better! Recently renovated, including a new bar and the addition of a spacious and well designed lower level, this super cool bar can now accommodate the massive crowds of attractive mid 20-30's, that pack in on the weekends to get their fix of super-delish drinks and live DJ music. ▶ Open 07:00 - 01:00, Fri, Sat 07:00 - 04:00.

Sedmica A-2, Kačićeva 7a, tel. (+385-1) 484 66 89. This clandestine affair of a café/bar is a popular hangout for Zagreb's young literati. And we can see why: the number seven's dark, enigmatic atmosphere is certain to stir a literary bone in your body, too. ▶ Open 08:00 - 24:00, Sun 17:00 - 24:00. ☎ 📺

Vertigo F-4, Zagrebačka avenija 100a (Hotel Antunović), tel. (+385-1) 204 18 12, www.vertigo-bar.com. It's not you - the room really IS spinning. The top-floor lounge might be the place to retire for some quiet conversation while Zagreb seems to rotate around you. Or are you rotating around it? Don't think too hard about it, just enjoy the view. You'll pay a lot for your *pivo*, but it's worth it. ▶ Open 10:00 - 02:00. ☎ 📺 📺

Clubs

Aquarius & Aquarius A2 H-5, Matija Ljubeka bb, tel. (+385-1) 364 02 31, info@aquarius.hr, www.aquarius.hr. One of the elite nightclubs positioned along Lake Jarun. It has two separate floors each with a different sound. Fridays are most popular as DJ's pump the sounds of rap, jazz, R&B, electronic and fusion music. Saturday's feverish theme night is 'Delirious' with house music to get you hoppin. Other nights are filled with live gigs and concerts. ▶ Open , Fri, Sat 22:00 - 06:00. ☎ 📺 📺

Boogaloo I-3, Ulica Grada Vukovara 68, tel. (+385-1) 098 31 73 69, www.boogaloo.hr. A large space hosting an equally large assortment of entertainment options, from rock bands to dance DJs, Boogaloo is a recently-renovated space that holds great promise out in Trnje. The club has two main areas: one, a large concert hall with limited seating in the back of the room; and two, an adjoining chill-out room that has tables, couches and a bar of its own. ▶ Open 08:00 - 23:00, Fri, Sat 08:00 - 06:00. Closed Sun. 📺

Gjuro II J-2, Medveščak 2, tel. (+385-1) 091 462 92 26, www.gjuro2.hr. At the Grškovičeva tram stop, follow the graffiti bike-riding skeleton to uncover this fab locale to dance, chat or start an electro-tastic all-nighter. Their *Rakija* bar makes getting-to-know the local liquors a one-stop affair while two full-service bars, generous dance floor, sprawling lounge and private party space make for plenty of fun with friends and friends-to-be. ▶ Open 22:00 - 04:00. Closed Mon, Sun. ☎

Hard place J-3, Šubičeva 55/1, www.hardplace.hr. At "the Biggest Little Rock Club in Town," the dance floor, like the concert program is always packed. With free admission, cheap beer and live shows most nights, there's no reason not to rub leather jacket-covered shoulders where Elvis aficionados and local Punk legends receive equal billing under the "Good Spirit of Rock'n'Roll." ▶ Open 20:00 - 02:00, Fri, Sat 20:00 - 04:00.

Lemon C-2, Gajeva 10, tel. (+385-1) 482 08 00, lemon@lemon.hr, www.lemon.hr. Minimalistic interior with very few details, the terrace in the garden of the Archeology Museum is a highlight of the centre. There is an extensive range of foreign drinks, cocktails and champagne. ▶ Open 08:00 - 02:00, Fri, Sat 08:00 - 04:00.

Masters E-2, Ravnice 11, Maksimirsko naselje 138. An underground club just outside the city centre and easy to find. Hop onto tram number 12 and it is located right next to the Kraš Factory, you can't miss it. Don't be swayed by its dark and small interior as this place offers great fun and excellent music, particularly during weekends. Good DJ's and a relaxed atmosphere. ▶ Open , Tue 22:00 - 02:00, Fri, Sat 22:00 - 05:00. 📺

No. 1 I-2, Nova Ves 2, tel. (+385-1) 466 61 89. Small and very colourful, it boasts a crowd of regulars that are of average size and very colourful. Music pumps and grins widen as the evening wears on. ▶ Open 22:00 - 06:00. Closed Mon, Sun.

Pepermint B-2, Illica 24, tel. (+385-1) 235 91 72, www.pepermint.hr. What do you get when you give a clubhouse-

style space to a group of experienced DJs, innovative party planners and music fanatics? A fresh cafe-by-day, club-by-night whose groovy decor spans two-storeys of dance floors and lava lounges that will whet your appetite. ▶ Open 10:00 - 04:00.

Sirup K-3, Donje Svetice 40, info@sirupclub.com, www.sirupclub.com. A club in Donje Svetice with a futuristic feel that offers guest performances by many DJs. The music fits all so you can expect to hear funk, new wave, electro pop, hip hop and soul as well as hits from the 60's and 70's. ▶ Open Thu 21:00 - 04:00, Fri, Sat 23:00 - 06:00.

Tvornica E-3, Pavla Šubića 2, tel. (+385-1) 777 86 73, info@tvornica-kulture.hr, www.tvornica-kulture.hr. Great multimedia venue hosting anything from quality live gigs (from rock via gypsy to electronica), plus fashion shows, screenings and even discount sales of shoes and clothes by day! Check out their website to see what's going on. ▶ Open on event nights 20:00 - 04:00. ☎ 📺 📺

Bikers Beer Factory I-4, Savska 150, tel. (+385-1) 099 848 56 63, www.bikersbeerfactory.hr. Located on Savska Street next to the restaurant Mex Cantina and in a backyard encircled with garages and a big motorcycle parking lot. High tables, good staff, the interior is full wood, bricks and lights with excerpts from any bikers' world (helmets, exhaust pipes etc). Jukebox and good choice of foreign beer. Sounds like a ZZ Top clip! ▶ Open 08:00 - 24:00.

Dobar zvuk C-2, Ljudevita Gaja 18, tel. (+385-1) 098 982 84 28/(+385-1) 481 17 31. Gets close to that real pub feel without even trying. The walls are adorned with retro memorabilia, the beer flows, and in the evenings, the rock music blasts in competition with the throngs of youthful alternative types. ▶ Open 08:00 - 24:00, Fri, Sat 08:00 - 01:00, Sun 15:00 - 23:00. €

Dublin Pub K-2, Maksimirska 75, tel. (+385-1) 236 04 93, dublinpub2003@gmail.com, www.dublinpub.hr. The 'Irish Pub'. Worldwide homage to the Irish alcohol problem. Photos of Olde Dublin. Potatoes used as ornaments on shelves. The Dublin Pub makes a good stab at the genre: deep brown leather sofas comfort your weary bones, and service is prompt and courteous. The menu is a little more Croatian than one might expect - not a bad thing at all. ▶ Open 08:00 - 01:00, Fri, Sat 08:00 - 02:00. ☎ 📺 📺

Godot A-4, Savska 23, tel. (+385-1) 484 34 77. When you start begging the waiter for some bangers and mash (like mommy used to make) you'll know this pub attempt has succeeded. It's near to the student centre, thus the crowd tends to be on the young and hip side. ▶ Open 07:00 - 23:00, Sun 08:00 - 23:00. 📺

Hop Devil D-4, Branimirova 29, tel. (+385-1) 457 24 86, www.hopdevil.hr. If you're a lover of beer, the mish-mash, hit and miss style of this intended cool bar won't concern you too much, after all, you're here to focus on the beer... an exciting 101 different beers in total...brown, red, amber, abbey, trappist, lambic wild and golden strong ales ranging from 18 - 90kn. Of course, if beer is not your poison, there are many other drinks you can sip on whilst listening to an impressive range of music, and in case you get the munchies, Hop Devil works alongside the eatery Mezzo & Mezzo next door, in serving you a variety of pizza, pasta and salads at fair prices. ▶ Open 10:00 - 01:00, Fri, Sat 10:00 - 02:00, Sun 11:00 - 24:00. 📺

The Old Pharmacy Pub C-3, Hebrangova 11a, tel. (+385-1) 492 19 12. The mix of great waiters, CNN and surprising collection of English newspapers makes this place a chill hangout, perfect for business or pleasure. Music doesn't shatter your eardrums, rare in these parts.

Essential Zagreb

Time is of the essence, so we've created a cheat-sheet of sorts. See the best of the city in only a couple of hours to prove to the guys at the pub that you're cultured.

Ban Josip Jelačić Square (Trg bana Josipa Jelačića) C-2, Trg bana Josipa Jelačića. This Austro-Hungarian styled square is the true centre of the city. There's a phenomenal variety of cafés, shopping, feeding and people watching everywhere. It was named after the impressive sculpture within its domain, that of Count Jelačić, his deadly steed, and a sword so pointy and sharp that it could poke your eye out. Our count's image has inspired a number of political outbursts: in 1947 it was dismantled and chucked into a corner somewhere because leaders found it overly representative of nationalism in the country. The year 1990 brought it back into its current place, this time leaders believing it perfectly nationalistic.

Dolac (Dolac Market) C-2, Dolac bb. Croatia is a country passionate about its produce, and nowhere is this more visible than at the farmers' market Dolac. Small producers from surrounding villages gather in this central food mecca to sell their leafy greens and fleshy meats, which are instantly snapped up. Find everything from turnips to bee pollen and unidentified seeds that promise to straighten out your digestive tract. Old cafés and randomly strewn bar stools (appearing deceptively free) surround the shopping chaos on the upper level; while the meat hangs below your feet, in Dolac's underground bunker along with fresh produce, cheese, herbs, nuts, loose grains, olives by the kilo...and much, much more. A separate fish room (amateurs prepare your nose pinchers) and cheese room (likewise) will keep you wandering through this ultimate homage to all things edible, Dolac.

Maksimir Park & the City Zoo (Maksimirski park i Zoološki vrt) K-1/2, Maksimirski perivoj bb. A perfect half-day outing for love birds, families, the four-legged, this place will revitalise a tired soul. Leaves, lakes, grasses and dirt are all a part of the equation as well as clouds, a sky and periodically the very sun! Blaring car engines have been removed from this place and as such it's a great escape. The 18 hectares of lush greenery and forest was opened to the public in 1794 and was the first of its kind in this part of Europe. An added bonus, the city zoo is housed within it. Catch tram N°11 or 12 from Trg bana Josipa Jelačića east (Dubec) to the Bukovačka stop. The entrance to Maksimir park is on the north side of the street. Home to the city zoo! www.zgzoo.com. ▶ Zoo is open 09:00 - 19:00, ticket office 09:00 - 18:00. Admission 20-30kn.

Mirogoj Cemetery J-1, Mirogoj bb. Croats in the capital city don't mess around with the homage they pay to their lost loved ones. A trip to Mirogoj, Zagreb's main cemetery, confirms this immediately. Situated on the slopes of the Medvednica mountain, it is one of the most beautiful cemeteries in Europe. Lime-green cupolas top the wall that surrounds the memorial park. Mirogoj is not only a burial place but also a beautiful park and open art gallery. Not far from the present mortuary, in the period between 1852 and 1895 there stood the summer house of the Illyrian leader, Ljudevit Gaj. After his death the municipality bought the complete estate and constructed the central Zagreb cemetery upon it. The well-known architect Herman Bolle designed the shape of the cemetery, applying a monumental composition of arcades, pavilions and domes,

intermingled with rich vegetation, and adding a gallery of sculptures by Croatian sculptors. **Getting There** Bus N°106 from the Cathedral to Mirogoj takes 15min and costs 8kn. You can also take tram N°14 from the main square heading east (to Mihajljevac) and get out at the fourth stop (Gupčeva zvijezda).

Nikola Šubić Zrinski Square (Trg Nikole Šubića Zrinskog) C-2/3, Trg Nikole Šubića Zrinskog. The combination of the outdoor gazebo, expertly manicured lawn, flowers, enormous trees, fountains and statues make this sucker a brilliant place to take a load off. This is the park closest to Trg bana Josipa Jelačića and you'll be thrilled to see that its also a make-out point: local lovers show-off their most complex and passionate manoeuvres free of charge in this baby.

St Mark's Church (Crkva sv. Marka) C-1, Trg svetog Marka 5, tel. (+385-1) 485 16 11. The spectrum of colours displayed on the roof beautifully depicts the Croatian, Dalmatian and Slavonian coats-of-arms and also the Zagreb city emblem and provides for quite a lasting visual. Due to various natural disasters it has received a ton of reconstruction and not a whole lot remains of the original 14th century building. Inside, highlights include two works by Ivan Meštrović, Croatia's most famous sculptor, and frescoes by artist Jozo Kijaković. Classical music concerts are going to be held here on 22.10 and 07.11 at 12:15.

Stone Gate (Kamenita vrata) C-1, Kamenita bb. This archway was one of the four original entries into the walled Gornji Grad of the feudal period. In 1731 a terrible fire destroyed much of the town, and legend has it that a vision of the Virgin Mary could be seen in the burnt ash that remained in this entry. It was reconstructed in 1760 and hasn't been touched since. Today you'll find ladies praying in the church pews, black-soot ceilings and candles glowing as a testament to a people and their faith.

The Cathedral of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Katedrala Marijina Uznesenja) C-1, Kaptol 31, tel. (+385-1) 481 47 27. A wonder of neo-Gothic artistry, the impressive and sharp looking towers stand out from nearly anywhere you are in the entire city. Though it's in an evidently permanent state of reconstruction, it's undeniably overwhelming and will push you to ponder those larger things we can see you've been avoiding. Go ahead and wander inside but don't forget to turn the mobile off. A brief history: 1093 - founded; 1242 - the initial Romanesque construction is finished. In the next 21 years it's heavily damaged in various sieges by the Tatars; 1624 - a series of sweeping fires practically destroys it; 1645 - another wave of fires picks up where the last left off. It's reconstructed; 1880 - sustains serious damage during an earthquake. A 12-year restoration takes place, at which time the neo-Gothic bell towers are raised skyward; 1990 - exterior renovations set in motion to battle against the effects of time. Mass: 07:00, 08:00, 09:00, Sunday 07:00, 08:00, 09:00, 10:00, 11:30. ▶ Open 10:00 - 17:00, Sun 13:00 - 17:00.

Tkalčićeva (Tkalčićeva street) C-1, Tkalčićeva. You mustn't miss this street, for it is zoo-like, exhibiting humans in full chill mode. It simultaneously encourages you to wander, sit, sip, dance, chat, primp, preen, put out the vibe, read, write or sleep. You'll be amazed by the sheer number of people wandering around here late into the evening. It provides a unique visual for a city that you're starting to understand is very unique too!

Museums

Archeological Museum in Zagreb (Arheološki muzej u Zagrebu) C-2, Trg Nikole Šubića Zrinskog 19, tel. (+385-1) 487 31 01/(+385-1) 487 31 02, amz@amz.hr, www.amz.hr. Arty and ambient, the offering at this place is brilliantly enhanced by moody sounds and lighting. Philosophical musings often accompany explanations of the materials, moving you to wonder what the heck you're doing on this earth. ▶ Open 10:00 - 17:00, Thu 10:00 - 20:00, Sat, Sun 10:00 - 13:00. Closed Mon. Admission 10 - 30kn.

Arts and Crafts Museum (Muzej za umjetnost i obrt) B-3, Trg maršala Tita 10, tel. (+385-1) 488 21 11, muo@muo.hr, www.muo.hr. This museum focuses on the lifestyle of the pampered aristocracy here through the ages. Expect to see amazing furniture, artwork, dinnerware and much more. Very ornate and curious. ▶ Open 10:00 - 19:00, Thu 10:00 - 22:00, Sun 10:00 - 14:00. Closed Mon. Admission 20 - 30kn.

Contemporary Art Museum (Muzej suvremene umjetnosti) J-4, Avenija Dubrovnik 17, tel. (+385-1) 605 27 00, msu@msu.hr, www.msu.hr. What makes this museum remarkable is that rather than presenting a globalized, seen-it-all-before narrative of what contemporary art is supposed to be, the collection lets the Croatian avant-garde speak for itself. The country experienced an explosion of vibrant abstract painting in the 1950s, while from the 1960s onwards local artists increasingly abandoned painting in favour of conceptual gestures. Željko Jerman's 1977 Diary features a picture of the artist captioned by a briefly scribbled thought for each day of the year - like an eerie premonition of Facebook. The rich and occasionally bewildering world of Croatian performance art is best summed up by Mio Vesović's iconic photos of the 1981 action I Love Zagreb, when artist Tomislav Gotovac ran naked towards the main square, pausing occasionally to lie down and kiss the asphalt. Now that's patriotism for you. From the city centre, the quickest way to get here is to take bus no. 229, 268, 310, 311 or 313 from the main railway station (through the Impartanne Mall passage). Or take tram no 6. (in the direction of Sopot), 7 (Savski most) or 14 (Zaprude). These take you right to the Museum. ▶ Open 11:00 - 19:00, Sat 11:00 - 20:00. Closed Mon & holidays.

Croatian History Museum (Hrvatski povijesni muzej) B-1, Matoševa 9, tel. (+385-1) 485 19 00, hismus@hismus.hr, www.hismus.hr. The collection of the Museum includes over 140,000 artefacts from the cultural and national heritage of Croatia from the Middle Ages to the present day. As this is not its permanent address, while it reopens, only temporary exhibitions are displayed. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00, Sat, Sun 10:00 - 13:00. Admission 5 - 10kn.

Dražen Petrović Museum (Muzej Dražen Petrović) A-4, Trg Dražena Petrovića 3, tel. (+385-1) 484 34 16, www.drazenpetrovic.net. Basketball fans can pay respect to Europe's greatest ever basketball export. Visit the exhibition on the ground floor of the Cibona Basketball Tower to learn more about the so called basketball Mozart who died tragically (at the age of 29). Dražen Petrović is a member of the American Basketball Hall of Fame and the museum presents winning medals, letters and gifts from his fans, rewards and a few personal objects which are chronologically showcased. Thanks to the guidance of the excellent staff, visitors are able to learn about his greatness as an athlete and as a human being. ▶ Open 10:00 - 17:00. Closed Sat, Sun. Admission 10 - 20kn.

Ethnographic Museum (Etnografski muzej) D-3, Trg Mažuranića 14, tel. (+385-1) 482 62 20, emz@etnografski-muzej.hr, www.emz.hr. High fashion collides with odd impracticality to provide a unique look at the people of this country through the ages. Cool, curious and

wacky all at the same time. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00, Fri, Sat, Sun 10:00 - 13:00. Closed Mon. Admission 10 - 15kn. Free admission on Tu.

Technical Museum (Tehnički muzej) A-4, Savska cesta 18, tel. (+385-1) 484 40 50, tehnicki-muzej@tehnicki-muzej.hr, www.tehnicki-muzej.hr. All kinds of technology stuff, from an early propeller-powered snowmobile to full-size models of satellites, space stations and a planetarium where you can view a simulation of the night sky. ▶ Open 09:00 - 17:00, Sat, Sun 09:00 - 13:00. Closed Mon. Admission 15kn. Planetarium admission 15kn.

The Croatian Museum of Naive Art (Hrvatski muzej naivne umjetnosti) C-1, Sv. Cirila i Metoda 3, tel. (+385-1) 485 19 11, info@hmuu.org, www.hmuu.org. Originating in Croatia in the middle-20th century, naive art is a highly colourful and often political style of painting. This museum is home to about 80 paintings or so and the imagery is undeniably fascinating. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00, Sat, Sun 10:00 - 13:00. Closed Mon. Admission 10 - 20kn.

The Croatian Natural History Museum (Hrvatski prirodoslovni muzej) B-1, Demetrova 1, tel. (+385-1) 485 17 00, www.hpm.hr. Taxidermy dominates and some of it is larger than a jar can hold - spiders, bugs, lions, vultures, rocks and much more. Children love this place especially, for it has all the creatures of the wild in it, only these aren't capable of dismembering passers-by. ▶ Open 10:00 - 17:00, Thu 10:00 - 22:00, Sat 10:00 - 19:00, Sun 10:00 - 13:00. Closed Mon. Admission 15 - 25kn. Family discounts.

The Glyptothek of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts (Gliptoteka HAZU) I-2, Medvedgradska 2, tel. (+385-1) 468 60 50, gliptoteka-hazu@zg.t-com.hr, www.mdc.hr/gliptoteka. This sculpture centre just north of Kaptol Centre kicks some serious tush. Various genres of sculpture come together to create pleasingly bizarre themes. ▶ Open 11:00 - 19:00, Sat, Sun 10:00 - 14:00. Closed Mon. Admission 5 - 10kn.

The Mimara Museum (Muzej Mimara) B-3, Trg Franklina Roosevelta 5, tel. (+385-1) 482 81 00, mimara@zg.t-com.hr. The city's mega-museum, this baby is the mother load of artistic treasures with more than 3,750 works in it at all times including sculptures, paintings, crafts and much more. It spans an amazing three millennia and much of it Christian in theme. ▶ Open 10:00 - 17:00, Thu 10:00 - 19:00, Sun 10:00 - 14:00. Closed Mon. Admission 20 - 40kn.

Typhology Museum (Tiflološki muzej) D-3, Draškovićeva 80/II, tel. (+385-1) 481 11 02, info@tifloloskimuzej.hr, www.tifloloskimuzej.hr. This brilliant museum has a twofold function: enabling visually impaired and sighted visitors the opportunity to enjoy art and sculpture with all their senses, and acquainting the sighted with the experience of blindness through installations such as the Dark Room, which you pass through with only a white stick to guide you. You can also learn about the development of Braille and how to write it. Exhibits are well labelled in English and Braille, and wheelchair access is enabled throughout. ▶ Open 09:00 - 17:00, Thu 10:00 - 20:00. Closed Sat, Sun. Admission 10 - 20kn.

Zagreb City Museum (Muzej grada Zagreba) C-1, Opatička 20, tel. (+385-1) 485 13 61, muzej-grada-zagreba@mgz.hr, www.mgz.hr. With theme music and sprawling city models, this museum will wow you with its artefacts and displays. It helps elucidate the progression of Zagreb as a city and Croatia as an independent country in the 20th century especially. Much of it is interactive also, which makes it a nice option for an educational experience with the kids. There is also a Braille guide and exhibits adapted for the blind. A truly awesome place! ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00, Sat 10:00 - 19:00, Sun 10:00 - 14:00. Closed Mon. Admission 10 - 20kn. ☒

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Cream of the crop

Sheraton Zagreb Hotel D-3, Kneza Borne 2, tel. (+385-1) 455 35 35, fax (+385-1) 455 30 35, sheratonres.zagreb@sheraton.com, www.sheraton.com/zagreb. Everything you'd expect from the world-renowned hotelier: standout service, excellent dining and relaxation options, and service that goes the extra mile. Everything you need is in house. A very popular business and conference hotel, which is also the place the stars like to stay when they're in town. Contact the hotel to enquire about special prices. Pets welcome at €35 daily. ▶ 306 rooms (254 Deluxe Rooms €240 - 270, 29 Suites €370 - 1500, 23 Executive Rooms €295).

The Westin Zagreb A-3, Izidora Kršnjavoga 1, tel. (+385-1) 489 20 00, fax (+385-1) 489 20 01, westinres.zagreb@westin.com, www.westin.com/zagreb. Enjoy panoramic views from this super-deluxe hotel where guests receive the best of every service. It's majestic and elegant rooms will have you enjoying your stay in complete luxury. Experience the simple pleasures in the Allegro or Kaptol restaurants which offer renowned Mediterranean and international cuisines. All amenities are available. Pets welcome at €15 daily. The hotel also offers wellness. ▶ 378 rooms (337 doubles €240 - 270, 21 Suites €370 - 705, 19 Westin Guest Offices Suites €320, 1 Presidential Suite €1500).

Upmarket

Arcotel Allegra D-4, Branimirova 29, tel. (+385-1) 469 60 00, fax (+385-1) 469 60 27, allegra@arcotel.at, www.arcotel.at/allegra. The Branimir Centre encompasses not only the four-star Allegra, but also a multiplex cinema, shops, cafes and restaurants. Multifunctional furniture, contemporary sea-inspired decor and easily personalised rooms will no doubt do the trick for you big spenders with certain expectations. Pets welcome at €8/day. ▶ 151 rooms (39 singles €170, 104 doubles €184, 4 Junior Suites €260, 4 Executive Suite €335).

Aristos J-6, Cebini 33, Buzin, tel. (+385-1) 669 59 00, fax (+385-1) 669 59 02, aristos@hotel-aristos.hr, www.hotel-aristos.hr. Way down south in Buzin business park; the location near the airport and major routes exposes the target market. So, should the company be picking up the tab, come to enjoy pure style, convenience and a tourist-free environment. Small pets welcome free of charge. ▶ 150 rooms (5 singles €85 - 140, 136 doubles €108 - 150, 5 triples €130 - 200, 3 suites €253, 1 Presidential Suite €480).

As H-2, Zelengaj 2a, tel. (+385-1) 460 91 11, fax (+385-1) 460 93 03, as@hotel-as.hr, www.hotel-as.hr. The Ace caters to an upper-class clientele and thus styling is rich and classy. The staff works for every one of their four

stars. Just north of town, your surroundings are lush and less noisy as a result. No pets. ▶ 22 rooms (19 singles €120, 19 doubles €134, 2 Junior suite €176, 1 Presidential suite €204, 6 Extra bed €27).

Best Western Premier Hotel Astoria C-2, Petrinjska 71, tel. (+385-1) 480 89 00, fax (+385-1) 480 89 08, sales@hotelastoria.hr, www.hotelastoria.hr. The refurbished Best Western Astoria has an excellent location between the railway station and the main square, close to one of Zagreb's most stunning parks. Fully air-conditioned, all rooms have dataports, mini-bars, free pay-per-view TV channels and full electronic controls. Excellent conference facilities with full a/v backup and a really classy feel. Prices include breakfast. Pets on request. Free parking available. ▶ 100 rooms (36 singles €97, 2 suites €213 - 244, 28 King €110 - 125, 18 Twin €110 - 125, 12 Executive €132 - 150, 4 Superior Executive €164 - 187).

Dubrovnik C-2, Ljudevit Gaja 1, tel. (+385-1) 486 35 55, fax (+385-1) 486 35 06, reservations@hotel-dubrovnik.hr, www.hotel-dubrovnik.hr. Built in 1929, this is the curious wall of glass that sparkles at you from the eastern end of Bogovičeva Street. This hotel is in Position A and looks out onto Ban Jelačić Square and the buzzing café scene, giving you all the most important landmarks and cultural events within minutes walk. No pets. ▶ 222 rooms (100 singles €135, 93 King Twin Rooms €150 - 174, 22 Delux Rooms €200, 4 Junior Suites €350, 3 Executive Suites €400).

Four Points by Sheraton Panorama Hotel Zagreb H-3, Trg Kresimira Čosića 9, tel. (+385-1) 365 83 33, fax (+385-1) 309 26 57, fourpointres.zagreb@fourpoints.com, www.fourpoints.com/zagreb. This brilliant blue-glass tower offers a superb panorama, and is now brought to you by the same folks that operate the Sheraton. Especially popular with sports teams and younger tourists and professionals, the summer terrace is a delight and the restaurant is very well thought of. Breakfast is €10. Contact the hotel to enquire about special offers. ▶ 279 rooms (228 doubles €165 - 175, 22 Deluxe Suites €275, 12 Family Suites €210, 17 Executive Rooms €185).

Hotel Antunović F-4, Zagrebačka avenija 100a, tel. (+385-1) 204 11 21, fax (+385-1) 204 17 62, rezervacije@hotelantunovic.com, www.hotelantunovic.com. If you like comfort and luxury while you travel, this place certainly fits the bill. The rooms are comfortable and luxurious and there are different types available, from smaller rooms to apartments that come with all the amenities. And the services? Everything from fitness area to shopping center to restaurant is included on-site. To top it all off, the bar at the top of the building revolves and offers a great view of the city. If you're in town on business, you couldn't ask for a better location or deal. It's a winner. ▶ 158 rooms (149 singles €124 - 168, 149 doubles €145 - 189, 4 suites €375 - 507, 4 Junior Suite €250, 1 Presidential Suite €1000).

Hotel International Zagreb C-4, Miramarska 24, tel. (+385-1) 610 81 00, fax (+385-1) 610 87 00, hotel@hotel-international.hr, www.hotel-international.hr. This elegantly-designed hotel has plenty of conference and banquet areas and rooms to meet the needs of any traveler. The expected amenities are all there, along with an attractive open lobby that includes bar and restaurant. If the attentive staff has anything to do with it, this might become the preferred spot for business and conferences in town. ▶ 207 rooms (196 singles 900kn, 196 doubles 900kn, 7 Family Rooms 1300kn, 2 Business Suites 1300kn, 1 Superior Suite 1800kn, 1 Presidential Suite 3000kn).

Old-School charm

Palace C-3, Trg J. J. Strossmayera 10, tel. (+385-1) 489 96 00, fax (+385-1) 481 13 57, palace@palace.hr, www.palace.hr. Classy and cool, it's the oldest hotel in the city and nearly all of Europe, open since 1891. Of an antique style, you'll feel transported to perhaps a more charming era upon immediate arrival to its impressive lobby and restaurant. Its eastern facade has wonderful views of Strossmayerov trg. Trg bana Jelačića is only a couple of minutes' walk away. Pets welcome at 15€/day. ▶ 123 rooms (28 singles €109, 89 doubles €139, 3 suites €243, 3 Junior Suites €194).

The Regent Esplanade Zagreb C-4, Mihanovičeva 1, tel. (+385-1) 456 66 66, fax (+385-1) 456 60 50, info.zagreb@rezidorregent.com, www.theregentzagreb.com. Not only will you be staying in the best location and the lap of luxury, you will also be following in the footsteps of famous faces as diverse as Josephine Baker, Orson Welles, Ella Fitzgerald, Louis Armstrong, The Kings of Spain, Nepal, and Pop (Cliff Richard) and Pele. Imperial splendour with 20th century comfort, all inspired by the Orient Express whose travellers once stayed here. Pets allowed at 20€/day. Breakfast not included; 22€/ person. ▶ 209 rooms (147 Superior Rooms €159, 48 Delux Rooms €184, 13 Delux Suite €314, 1 Presidential Suite €1555).

Mid-range

Best Western Hotel Stella Nadinska 27, tel. (+385-1) 539 36 00/(+385-) 091 636 46 88, fax (+385-1) 539 36 03, info@hotel-stella.hr, www.hotel-stella.hr. Clean comfortable rooms, including triples (apartments are still under construction). Ask about discounts for weekend stays and during Zagreb Fair events. Shuttle service to the airport, just a few minutes away, is available by request. ▶ 44 rooms (41 singles €70 - 76, 41 doubles €100 - 114, 2 triples €128, 1 suite €141, 24 Extra bed €20).

Central D/C-4, Branimirova 3, tel. (+385-1) 484 11 22, fax (+385-1) 484 13 03, info@hotel-central.hr, www.hotel-central.hr. Only 100m from the train station and a stone's throw from the lovely central parks and Trg bana Jelačića, this recently renovated hotel truly lives up to its name. The southern views aren't too thrilling but its rooms are affordable, air-conditioned and tastefully decorated. No pets. ▶ 76 rooms (38 singles €82, 29 doubles €107 - 116, 5 triples €145, 4 Apartments €192).

Dora D-4, Trnjanska 11e, tel. (+385-1) 631 19 00, fax (+385-1) 631 19 09, dora@zug.hr, www.zug.hr. Opened July 1, 2001, it's fresh, clean and houses an exuberant staff that feels smiling is a joyous exercise. Rooms are very simple and it's located on the busy Vukovarska ulica. Trg bana Jelačića is a mere 20min walk away. No pets. Great discounts at weekends. ▶ 26 rooms (8 singles 457kn, 2 doubles 700kn, 13 triples 930kn, 3 apartments 1000kn).

Galerija G-6, Pogačićeva 11, tel./fax (+385-1) 654 25 77, tel. (+385-) 098 23 62 22, hotel.galerija@zg.t-com.hr, www.hotel-galerija.hr. Convenient for drivers, close by one of the main entrance points into Zagreb, Galerija is very new, well-equipped, and nice if you like contemporary styling. If you don't like pastel colours, you might be a bit frightened. Kind and helpful staff. Prices include breakfast. ▶ 18 rooms (6 singles €50, 10 doubles €69, 1 triples €89, 1 apartments €102).

Hotel Vila Tina K-1, Bukovačka cesta 213, tel./fax (+385-1) 244 51 38, tel. (+385-1) 244 52 04, info@hotelvilatina.hr, www.hotelvilatina.hr. A posh modern

building in a quiet neighbourhood near the beautiful Maksimir Park. Furnished in a cosy style, the pool with sauna and solarium tweak your comfort to turbo level. Take bus N°2 or 3 north up Bukovačka cesta, or simply stroll up the hill. No pets. ▶ 25 rooms (8 singles 640kn, 14 doubles 720 - 800kn, 3 triples 800 - 980kn).

I H-5, Remetinečka cesta 106, tel. (+385-1) 614 12 22, fax (+385-1) 654 21 15, reception@hotel-i.hr, www.hotel-i.hr. Hotel I, just south of the River Sava, has recently undergone an extensive refurbishment, and you'll find the rooms comfortable and looking really good. The staff do their utmost to please, and the location means you can avoid city centre traffic nightmares. Meeting rooms, nearby sports facilities and a restaurant offering local specialities complete the picture. No pets. ▶ 214 rooms (75 singles €62 - 78, 100 doubles €88 - 108, 35 triples €111 - 132, 4 suites €122 - 144).

Ilica A-2, Ilica 102, tel. (+385-1) 377 75 22/(+385-1) 377 76 22, fax (+385-1) 377 77 22, info@hotel-ilica.hr, www.hotel-ilica.hr. Though the rooms (especially the singles) are small enough to have you cuddling with your luggage, the staff couldn't be any friendlier. Its location just west of the centre is one of the best in town. ▶ 26 rooms (8 singles €49, 12 doubles €63 - 77, 2 triples €84, 4 apartments €105 - 125).

Jadran D-2, Vlaška 50, tel. (+385-1) 455 37 77, jadran@hup-zagreb.hr, www.hup-zagreb.hr. Located in the heart of Zagreb, everything is immediately accessible. Refurbished this century, it looks very good, though rooms can smell a bit smoky. Vlaška street below is on the noisy side, but the double glazing and a/c should ensure beauty sleep for all but the most delicate princess. A fair price for the excellent location. No pets. ▶ 49 rooms (26 singles €70, 18 doubles €98, 5 triples €121).

Laguna A-4, Kranjčevićeva 29, tel. (+385-1) 304 70 00, fax (+385-1) 304 70 77, info@hotel-laguna.hr, www.hotel-laguna.hr. Just a short tram hop from the main square, the rooms are clean and decent, some have mini-bar, and some singles have queen-sized beds. The communal areas feature great squishy couches and rugs with a knowing nod to 70s design principles. Loads of facilities including an internet terminal, travel agency, car rental, dry cleaner and gym. Pets welcome at 20€/day. ▶ 166 rooms (62 singles €67 - 82, 83 doubles €85 - 110, 15 triples €90 - 120, 6 suites €120 - 145).

Meridijan 16 J-4, Ul. Grada Vukovara 241, tel. (+385-1) 606 52 00, fax (+385-1) 606 52 02, desk@meridijan16.com, www.meridijan16.com. Is nice! Is near centre! Nor is expensive! All rooms have internet connections, LCD TVs and look really posh except for someone stuck the little tiles with the ribbons on in the bathrooms upside down, which could be extremely upsetting. A locked car park with CCTV costs 10€/night. Full breakfast with unlimited coffee included. No pets. ▶ 26 rooms (13 singles €62, 11 doubles €82, 1 triples €102, 1 apartments €82).

The Movie Hotel A-4, Savska cesta 141, tel. (+385-1) 600 36 00, fax (+385-1) 600 36 01, info@themoviehotel.com, www.themoviehotel.com. Scene 1 - a pub, movie theme. Scene 2, silver screen theme expands with Movie Wine Gallery restaurant. Scene three: the Movie Hotel (subplot: there's also the Movie Resort in Tribun). There's a cast of thousands - more than a thousand photos of movie stars with broad, bright smiles hanging just about everywhere, including in themed guestrooms. Spacious apartments, each with a kitchen and Jacuzzi shower, make this a potential family feature (for children, Bočarski dom park is nearby). Cheaper rooms are smaller, without satellite TV. Breakfast included. ▶ 24 rooms (10 singles €55, 11 doubles €72, 3 triples €96).