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Introducing Zagreb

If you've just arrived in Zagreb, welcome, and we hope you'll enjoy all the treats we have in store for you. We guess you're either passing through on your way to or from the sea, here for a city break, visiting family or on a business trip.

Summer is truly the time when folklore is at its height in Croatia, because it's always been one of the highlights of the tourist season, delighting visitors to Zagreb and the coast for years. Since some spectacular events are happening at the beginning of June, we suggest you turn to the centre pages without delay, and schedule some trips to the towns and villages around Zagreb, where there are some real treats in store.

Apart from that, there's been quite a lot of movement on the nightlife and dining scenes, so having worked up an appetite and a thirst whilst planning your trips, turn to the Where to Eat and By Night sections, where you'll find out about some truly great new places to tune out, relax and enjoy the warm summer evenings.

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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 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.

Public Toilets

You 'had to go' forty-five minutes ago... now your sweat and tear-stained face of utter desperation lets those you pass in the streets know that the situation has moved from bad to worse. Let's face it, we've all been there. Unfortunately, public toilets or WCs (pronounced 'vay-say') are few and far between, and when you find one a standard 3kn charge is tacked onto the privilege. Your best bet: take a seat at a café, order yourself a beverage and then hustle through the appropriate door - *gospoda* or *muški* for men, *dame* or *ženski* for women.

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

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.

Visas

Citizens from Australasia, EU, North and South America are allowed into Croatia without a visa. Everybody else needs a visa which must be obtained before entering the republic - you can't do this at any Croatian land border. For the complete list visit www.inyourpocket.com or contact the **Consular Department of the Croatian Foreign Ministry at C-2/3, Trg N.Š. Zrinskiog 7-8, tel. 456 99 64, fax 458 17 95, www.mvp.hr**. You are required by law 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 complete some paperwork at the police station (**Petrinjska 30, C-3**) - be sure to bring your passport!

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.

Tourist information



C-2, Trg bana Josipa Jelačića 11, tel. 481 40 51/ 481 40 53, 481 40 54, info@zagreb-touristinfo.hr, www.zagreb-touristinfo.hr. Sell maps, guide books and in general are a pleasantly helpful bunch. Free info phone number 0800 53 53. ▶ Open 08:30 - 20:00, Sat 09:00 - 17:00, Sun 10:00 - 14:00.

C-3, Preradovićeve 42, tel. 48 73 665, fax 48 73 670, www.tzzz.hr. ▶ Open 08:00 - 16:00. Closed Sat, Sun.

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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 07:00 - 21:00, Sat 10:00 - 17:00. Closed Sun.) and chapel. Above the main entrance hall which is bustling with cashiers is an Internet cafe that's open 24hrs (phone 6133 746). Surfing the net costs 18kn per hour and it has a wireless connection for laptop users. Visitors can send a fax back home or get some photocopying done whilst enjoying a cup of coffee from the machine or sinking down a cold beverage from the fridge. There are two 24hrs cafés in the station: Buffet Stop is located in the waiting area and Inch is to the right of the ticketing hall. For more than a greasy burek downed with a pint try Café Bar Bus (Open 05:00 - 23:00, Sun 06:00 - 23:00) located right next to Inch. Or opt for Pivnica Zagreb (tel. 611 13 25. Open 24 hours) where meals can be procured in the 30kn range. **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 06:00-22:00) in the ticketing hall. **Calling home:** The Tisak kiosk (Open 05:00 - 23:00) sells phone cards and is located up the small staircase and to the right of the main hall. Public phones are located in the main hall or you can climb the large staircase to the top floor should you want a chance at having a private conversation. **Left luggage:** Abandon your bags in the Garderoba (Open 24hrs) located up the small staircase to the right of the main hall for 1.20kn/hr unless your bag weighs over 15kg in which case you'll be paying 2.30kn/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

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 Dinara 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.

bana Josipa Jelačića. Taxis are plentiful, but will cost about 60-80kn to get to the centre.

By plane

Pleso International Airport 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. **Calling home:** Phones are sprinkled throughout the airport and a phone card can be bought at the newsstand. Prodavaonica novina, (Open 05:00 - 23:00) located in the domestic departures area. The post office (Open 07:00 - 21:00) located in the centre of the airport also has five phone booths, which are cordoned off from prying ears should you want to whisper sweet nothings to someone. There are two cafés (Open 06:00 - 22:00) located on either side of the building. However, should you want something more substantial than a coffee and three day old sandwich trot upstairs to Faust Vrančić (Open 07:00 - 21:00), where mains cost a hefty 60kn, but you'll feel like you're in an IKEA showroom overlooking a runway. 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, Glavni kolodvor, is not as user-friendly, but sees more traffic than other points of entry into the city (hmmm). The outdoor café innovatively called Café Zagreb Glavni Kolodvor (Open 05:00 - 23:00) provides great people-watching opportunities as across the street is a main tram stop. **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. **Calling home:** In the main hall there are numerous kiosks, which sell phone cards; however, the Tisak kiosk (Open 05:00 - 23:00, Sun 06:00 - 12:00, 17:00 - 23:00) has the best working hours of the bunch. Public phones are located in the halls to the left and right of the main hall. **The information office** (Tel. 060 33 34 44. Open 6:00 - 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 10kn/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.

Service in Zagreb is typically European, meaning very relaxed and non-intrusive. If you are in a hurry, you are best to discretely attract the attention of your server and state, "Račun, molim" when you are prepared to leave. In those seemingly hopeless cases (they will present themselves) simply walk to the front desk and pay your bill.

Asian

Ban Thai L-2, Hrvatskog proljeća 18, tel. 295 04 90, riana@zg.t-com.hr, www.banthal-zagreb.com. On life's journey faith is nourishment, the Buddha said. But journey to Dubrava to be nourished with a heavenly blend of cilantro, chilis, curry and coconut milk. The dark wood trim and Buddha's bust are chic; TVs in each room detract slightly. Still, friendly waiters and an extensive pictorial menu help you choose your delights. ▶ Open 11:00 - 24:00. (40 - 120kn). ☎☎☎☎

Opium D-4, Branimirova 29 (Branimir shopping centre), tel. 461 56 79, viktor@opium.hr, www.opium.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 pooker's boudoir: deep, dark colours and screaming florals - a delightful ambience. Late bar weekends (including Thursdays - an advanced sign of civilisation). ▶ Open 11:00 - 24:00, Fri, Sat 11:00 - 24:30, Sun 11:00 - 23:30. Bar is open 08:00 - 24:30, Fri, Sat 08:00 - 01:00, Sun 11:00 - 24:00. ☎☎☎☎

Bosnian

Sofra K-4, 1.gardijske brigade Tigrovi 27, tel. 613 10 26. Once you've sampled all the Croatian specialties, there's still more culinary delights to try. First stop: the rich and heavy food of Bosnia. You can try all types of Bosnian specialties like krumpiruš, kvrguša and urmašice and then move on to a scrumptious piece of baklava and authentic Turkish coffee. ▶ Open 09:00 - 24:00, Sun 12:00 - 18:00. (15 - 220kn). ☎☎☎☎

Croatian

Didov san B-1, Mletačka ulica 11, tel. 485 11 54/ 091 484 20 61, konoba@konoba-didovsan.com, www.konoba-didovsan.com. Authentic Dalmatian cuisine as we recommend the beef and lamb roast cooked in the traditional 'ispod peke' style. The prosciutto, homemade sausages and freshly baked bread are to die for. Fresh deserts and a proud wine selection make for a fine way to dine. Also at Bencekovića 28. ▶ Open 10:00 - 23:00, Sun 10:00 - 22:00. (25 - 100kn). ☎☎☎☎☎

Ivica i Marica C-1, Tkalčićeva 70, tel. 481 73 21/ 482 89 99, www.ivalimarica.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, Sun 13:00 - 21:30. (50 - 180kn). ☎☎☎☎☎☎☎☎

Klub Gastronomada C-2, Jurišićeva 1, tel. 482 02 00, klub.gastronomada@gmail.com, www.gastronomadi.hr. The name says it all and don't be surprised if the next time you return you see a startling change in the menu. You see, the finest ingredients which are in season are used to arrange the menu. So expect nothing but fresh! The interior is cozy; it's an unpretentious place with a wide range of wines from different regions of Croatia. Melt away with the desserts which are made according to old Croatian recipes as well as an excellent marmalade made out of baked black olives and cooked by Lorena Meda. ▶ Open 12:00 - 24:00. Closed Sun. (50 - 180kn). ☎☎☎☎☎ NEW

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Okrugljak D-2, Milnovi 28, tel. 467 41 12, okrugljak@okrugljak.hr, www.okrugljak.hr. Expensive and worth it, Okrugljak has a flawless reputation because of its star-studded ambience and food. At the base of Medvednica. ▶ Open 11:00 - 24:00. (65 - 200kn). ☎☎☎☎☎☎☎☎

Pausa C-3, Preradovića 34, tel. 485 45 98, bistro.pauza@email.t-com.hr, www.restaurant-pauza.com. The appropriately named Pausa will give the 30-something business crowd a pause from their working day in a simple interior with a pleasant atmosphere. There are daily specials and tasty desserts (we recommend the cheesecake), all the right size for lunch. And if the return trip to the office isn't particularly pressing, there's a fairly solid wine list to choose from, as well. ▶ Open 09:00 - 23:00. Closed Sun. (30 - 80kn). ☎☎☎☎☎

Pri Zvoncu I-4, Vrbik 1/XII, tel. 619 84 73, www.prizvoncu.com. Has forged a reputation and a legion of fans for fantastic food and great value. Rustic in style, Pri Zvoncu has a super little shady garden in the peaceful neighbourhood of Vrbik, just round the corner from the British and German embassies. Although they mainly serve inland Croatian cuisine, they do fish specialties on Fridays, and cook beef and lamb ispod peke - a traditional Dalmatian cast iron bell heaped with glowing ash. The excellent wine list includes home-made white wine on tap. Make the trip south of the railway line - you won't regret it. ▶ Open 09:00 - 24:00. Closed Sun. (30 - 150kn). ☎☎☎☎☎

Stara vura C-1, Opatička 20, tel. 485 13 68, staravura@gmail.com, www.stara-vura.hr. Below the Zagreb City Museum, it's a great mix of game and seafood dishes served up in a den of brick and darkness that seems to say 'sunlight is overrated'. After your pupils adjust you'll be quite happy to be here, that is until the bill arrives and you realise you have to run to the nearest ATM (tragically it's quite a ways off). ▶ Open 12:00 - 24:00. Closed Sun. (60 - 200kn). ☎☎☎☎☎

Trilogija C-1, Kamenita 5, tel. 485 13 94/ 095 114 45 55, 095 114 45 56, info@trilogija.com, www.trilogija.com. Just next to the holy sanctuary Kamenita vrata (Stone Gate), you will find this food haven that is sure to indulge all of your senses in every way. The menu is filled with fusion foods, typical Croatian ingredients like the almost forgotten fresh cheese Skripavac or barley are prepared in a Mediterranean way. To enrich your experience Trilogija offers a wine list of 130 Croatian and imported wines, 30 of which can be served by the glass. ▶ Open 11:00 - 24:00, Fri, Sat 11:00 - 01:00. Closed Sun. (65 - 120kn). ☎☎☎☎☎

Vinodol C-2, Nikola Tesle 10, tel. 481 14 27/ 481 13 41, vinodol@vinodol-zg.hr, www.vinodol-zg.hr. Its grilled dishes are hard to beat and it's especially well known for its lamb meal. A great place to try some of the traditional goodies, its outdoor dining opportunity is perhaps the best in the centre of town, with candle-light flickering as you move from anxious and disagreeable to smooth and charming (finally). Highly recommended. ▶ Open 10:00 - 23:30. (65 - 100kn). ☎☎☎☎☎☎☎☎

Zvijezda Kamanjo I-2, Nova Ves 84, tel. 466 71 71. In the short time since its establishment, this classy konoba has cultivated a reputation for cooking up Croatian dishes precisely the way Croats like them. Just ask the crowds of return customers packing the place every day. You can choose either an intimate dining area decked out with antique furniture or a relaxed outdoor patio in which to sample the fare. We can recommend the specialties of the house: vješalica, rolled pork filled with cheese and ham followed up by a succulent piece of baklava. It's definitely worth the stroll north of the center to check this place out. ▶ Open 12:00 - 23:00, Sun 12:00 - 18:00. (35 - 150kn). ☎☎☎☎☎☎

Istrian

100% Istra (Kod Pavela) Gračanska cesta 46, tel. 467 50 36, stopostoistra@yahoo.com. Walk to the foot of the Sjeme 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). ☎☎☎☎☎☎

French

Le Bistro C-4, Mihanovičeva 1 (The Regent Esplanade), tel. 456 66 66, www.regenthotels.com. Legendary as a meeting and eating place, with the best Zagorski štrukli in town (a local dish made with curd cheese, cream and pastry). Otherwise, the menu mainly covers French classic recipes: from Quiche Lorraine to Boeuf Bourignon, and superb desserts such as mousse au chocolat and tarte aux pommes. It's a great place to go for a luscious light lunch or to breakfast in style. You can now buy the famous Štrukli frozen to take home for just 20kn. ▶ Open 09:00 - 23:00. (60 - 175kn). ☎☎☎☎☎

Indian

Maharadja C-1, Opatovina 19, tel. 481 43 05, www.krishna.hr/maharadja_home.html. Maharadža is a place that brings us tears of joy every time we re-discover it, for it's so damn good it feels like the first time every time! With an impressive array of Indian options including a number of superb curries, the cooks know how to satisfy your tummy bored with same old crap. It's well spiced and will have you sweating in no time. The interior gets you into relax mode immediately. ▶ Open 12:00 - 24:00. Closed Mon. (80 - 110kn). ☎☎☎☎☎

International

This group of trouble makers knows what you like - options and lots of 'em. Expect to see dishes from all over the world here.

Gardens J-2, Jakova Gotovca 1, tel. 466 44 01, www.restaurantgardens.com. This restaurant is definitely stylish and not overly priced. It has a pleasant ambience with a terrific terrace that is shared with the Core café. The food is excellent, a great wine list is offered plus homemade bread. The service is slightly lacking but, overall, the Gardens will still pique your curiosity. ▶ Open 10:00 - 24:00. (15 - 120kn). ☎☎☎☎☎

Lobby Food & Mood I-3, Ivana Lučića 2A (Eurotower), tel. 639 69 50, lobby@lobby.hr, www.lobby.hr. If you're expecting cracked-leather chairs and a scratched coffee table covered in old magazines, the glass-tube entry across a rock garden might be a bit of a shock. Lobby is actually a café bar and restaurant, with a weekday lunch buffet for those in a hurry. There are dishes like steak with truffle sauce, but also

a few offerings for vegetarians and for children. Just a warning - in the café, even though there's a sandwich menu on each table, on weekends your ham sandwich may come wrapped in cellophane and lack one of its ingredients. Call ahead to park in the garage on site. Otherwise, try your luck with on-street parking or head for the garage at the Hotel International.

▶ Open 11:00 - 23:00. Closed Sun. ☎☎☎☎☎☎
Mano I-2, Medvedgradska 2, tel. 466 94 32, mano@mano.hr, www.mano.hr. Clean lines, dark wood and cool lounge music make this a gastronomic haven for the city's younger generation. The meat-based menu is pleasingly multinational in its orientation - you'll definitely find something that takes you away from the run of the mill. Excellent wines. Reserve in advance. ▶ Open 12:00 - 23:00. Closed Sun. (80 - 150kn). ☎☎☎☎☎

Marcellino B-1, Jurijska 71, tel. 467 71 11, fax 467 74 44, info@marcellino.hr, www.marcellino.hr. A Mediterranean offering, your meal is undeniably fresh and sublime in flavour... it's also miniature and very expensive. If you want to experience fine cuisine, it's worth shelling out for - many consider Marcellino the crème de la menthe of the city, as Del Boy would say. ▶ Open 12:00 - 23:00. Closed Sun. (45 - 180kn). ☎☎☎☎☎

Prasac B-1, Vranicanljeva 6, tel. 485 14 11, info@prasac.hr, www.prasac.hr. Do you know what the word Prasac means in the Croatian language? Pig! And does the expression 'eat like a pig' mean anything to you! Well, you can surely treat yourselves at restaurant Prasac with famous chef Dino Galvagno, who is always full of surprises with his exceptional cooking specialties. Dino has been blessed with temperament, knowledge and an excellent feel for the balance of ingredients and spice. The same can definitely be said about the meals. ▶ Open 12:00 - 15:00, 19:00 - 23:00, Mon 19:00 - 23:00. Closed Sun. ☎☎☎☎☎

Zinfandels C-4, Mihanovičeva 1 (Hotel The Regent Esplanade), tel. 456 66 66, www.regenthotels.com. Zinfandels, named after California's most famous wine grape (believed to have originated on the Croatian Adriatic), specialises in light, Mediterranean-inspired food highlighted with Oriental flavours, using the best of gourmet Croatian produce to create imaginative dishes with a regional heart. ▶ Open 06:00 - 23:00. (130 - 220kn). ☎☎☎☎☎

Italian

Agava C-2, Tkalčićeva 39, tel. 482 98 26, info@restaurant-agava.hr, www.restaurant-agava.hr. Pleasantly furnished in rattan and wood, this trattoria offers mediteranean dishes, pasta, fresh salmon and tuna, plate salads and a great wine list. ▶ Open 12:00 - 23:00. (50 - 120kn). ☎☎☎☎☎

Boban C-2, Ljudevita Gaja 9, tel. 481 15 49, www.boban.hr. Locals flock to it in hordes as do international dudes. The reason? Its location in the centre of the centre and an ambience of unadulterated fun. Your meal is nothing to write home about, yet somehow satisfying. ▶ Open 10:00 - 23:30. (30 - 60kn). ☎☎☎☎☎

Fellini D-2, Savska 90, tel. 617 75 45, fellini@fellini.hr, www.fellini.hr. A pale yellow friend, you needn't bring your largest pail of cash to enjoy a meal here. Tablecloths of checked red and white, a great wine list and location makes it a pleasing experience. ▶ Open 11:00 - 23:00, Sat, Sun 12:00 - 23:00. (40 - 75kn). ☎☎☎☎☎

Rossini D-2, Vlaška 55, tel. 455 10 60, fax 455 28 28, rossini@korum.hr, www.korum.hr/Rossini. The most upmarket Italian establishment in town, its chef obviously knows a thing or two about that beloved boot-shaped country. Dress to impress - this place certainly helps your cause on a date. ▶ Open 08:00 - 23:00. Closed Sun. (60 - 115kn). ☎☎☎☎☎

Vapiano K-4, Radnička 37C, tel. 618 89 98, vapianoristorani@zg.t-com.hr, www.vapiano.hr. This worldwide franchise hits Zagreb and its big glass walls offer a wide range of Italian pastas, salads and pizza. If you wish to have a bite in a short time and have your food freshly cooked in front of you, then this is the place. Save something for dessert as there are unavoidable Italian sweets including the cookies *Pasticceria San Marco*. ▶ Open 09:00 - 24:00, Sun 11:00 - 23:00. (30 - 60kn). ☎☎☎☎☎ NEW

Mexican

Mex Cantina A-4, Savska cesta 154, tel. 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 09:00 - 23:00, Sun 12:00 - 24:00. (50 - 120kn). ☎☎☎☎☎☎

Phoenix D-2, Jurišičeva 19, tel. 481 44 11. Conjuring warm memories of that blazing Arizonan capital city, you will feel the daintily pampered lizard doing push-ups on the cinderblock fence in the morning to warm up for the day after a satisfying meal here. The most romantic ambience of the Mexican options. ▶ Open 11:00 - 24:00, Sun 12:00 - 23:00. (40 - 105kn). ☎☎☎☎☎

Seafood

Bota Šare I-2, Nova Ves 5, tel. 466 80 39, www.bota-sare.hr. With sister restaurants in Mali Ston and Split, this seafood restaurant is relatively new in Zagreb. The rich seafood menu will make your mouth water and your pockets infinitely lighter. A cute interior consisting of whitewashed ceilings, a rustic interior filled with coastal bric-a-brac emphasis the charm of the seaside. A great many wines to choose. ▶ Open 12:00 - 24:00, Sun 12:00 - 16:00. (80 - 500kn). ☎☎☎☎☎

Gašpar I-2, Nova Ves 4, tel. 466 69 99, restoran.baltazar@zg.t-com.hr, www.restoran-baltazar.com. From the same stable as Baltazar, and with the same high standards and an interior styled like a luxury liner in polished wood. Gašpar specialises in seafood, and the knowledgeable staff will direct you to the best of the day's catch, cooked with inspiration. ▶ Open 12:00 - 24:00. Closed Sun. (300 - 500kn). ☎☎☎☎☎

Jadera I-4, Zeleni trg 4, Vrbik, tel. 605 52 50, jadera@jadera.hr, www.jadera.hr. A little gem tucked in the green neighbourhood of Vrbik. Jadera's strong point is the wide choice of ultra-fresh fish and real Dalmatian style cooking. Clean, sweet and unpretentious, we heartily recommend you try - but do book in advance. ▶ Open 09:00 - 23:00. Closed Sun. (50 - 240kn). ☎☎☎☎☎

Korčula C-2, Nikole Tesle 17, tel. 487 21 59, www.restoran-korcula.hr. Locals find it supremely authentic - the fish is as rubbery as a racquetball, which is evidently how momma's been doing it for the last millennium or so. If you want to understand the meaning of Dalmatia and you don't want to have to go far to do it, this is your place. ▶ Open 11:00 - 23:00. Closed Sun. (100 - 300kn). ☎☎☎☎☎

Ribarski brevijar C-1, Kaptol 27/1, tel. 482 99 99. A comfortable, modern cellar owned by a family of fish merchants, guaranteeing a great selection of Adriatic fish prepared in traditional Dalmatian style, alongside interesting asides such as cod mousse and cream of scampi soup with saffron. Friendly staff and reasonable prices. ▶ Open 12:00 - 01:00, Sun 12:00 - 16:00. (100 - 250kn). ☎☎☎☎☎

Steak Houses

Fort Apache outskirts, Kralja Tomislava 18, Strmec, tel. 337 96 36, fortapache@divljizapad.hr, www.

fortapache.com.hr. Wow, a genuine American wild west themed steakhouse with matching motifs provide a suitable cuisine for a marvellous atmosphere, save the music. There's a lot on the medium-priced menu and international wine list to choose from, take my word, the steaks are to die for, so succulent, so tender. It's so family friendly here, both kids and parents will have a ball. The restaurant holds up to 400 people, has a wagon-style conference room, a western styled gift shop and even an impressive Whiskey & Cigar Club for the gents. ▶ Open 11:00 - 24:00. (20 - 380kn). ☎☎☎☎☎☎

Mu steak & chop house I-4, Avenija grada Vukovara 72, tel. 631 00 90. Imagine a huge, open room filled with relaxing music, a woody décor, and an attentive wait staff done up in slick, black and white duds busting about. Add on a solid steakhouse menu offering steaks of all kinds and the sides you like to go with them and you've got Steakhouse MU! ▶ Open 08:00 - 23:30, Sun 10:00 - 17:00. (30 - 180kn). ☎☎☎☎☎☎

Tapas bars

Freixenet wine & Tapas bar K-4, Radnička 57, tel. 618 76 72, tapas@kc.t-com.hr. Viva le Espanol! Beat the herd of bulls and head on down to Radnička Street where there is a modern, yet simply decorated bar which offers Spanish cuisine; small bites of mixed bruschetta, bolas de mozzarella, cream catalane and much more. They have an excellent choice of foreign wines, whilst Croatian wines prevail in the white wine section. ▶ Open 08:00 - 23:00. Closed Sun. (40 - 70kn). ☎☎☎☎☎ NEW

Tapas bar Estrada J-2, Jakova Gotovca 6, tel. 466 43 78, tapasbarestrada@yahoo.com, www.tapasbar-estrada.com. You can nibble on some of the salads, pasta and anti-pasta foods but this place prides itself mostly on paella and tapas dishes. As far as tapas goes, you can order meat or vegetables, baked or with sauce. The surroundings are informal and the staff is spot on. ▶ Open 09:00 - 24:00. ☎☎☎☎☎ NEW

Vegetarian

You've taken the meatless plunge for your own reasons and wish people would stop harassing you for it. Fine, we will, and as an act of good-will we've collected a group of your favourite places here. Use the following when in a panic: *Imate li nešto bez mesa?* (Anything without meat in it?)

100% Liquid Health C-1, Tkalčićeva 5, tel. 091 577 65 07 / 482 88 86, senka.sestan@100posto.hr. The taste of fresh fruit and vegetable juices is right here. Look no further as it prides itself on a light menu: tasty vegetable spring rolls, freshly made soups and sushi. The wide selection of healthy food makes this bar a must see, must try. ▶ Open 10:30 - 22:00. Closed Sun. (10 - 45kn). ☎☎☎☎☎

Nova B-2, Ilica 72/1, tel. 481 00 59, www.biovega.hr. Just refurbished, Nova now offers an exquisitely relaxing ambience in which to enjoy their inspired and ultra-healthy macrobiotic vegan cuisine. Dishes are bursting with both vitamins and flavour, and come in man-sized portions - definitely not rabbit-food! ▶ Open 12:00 - 22:00. Closed Sun. (45 - 95kn). ☎☎☎☎☎

Vegehop E-2, Vlaška 79 (in the courtyard), tel. 464 94 00 / 091 349 07 07, info@vegehop.hr, www.vegehop.hr. Whether you're abstaining from meat for religious, ethical or health reasons, or if you've just had one čevapi too many. The average omnivore should feel satisfied with the number of vegetarian dishes on the menu; the daily menu is likely to fill you more than you could imagine. It's tricky to find the place in the back of a courtyard, but helpful delivery is available to addresses north of the Sava. ▶ Open 10:00 - 20:00, Sat 10:00 - 17:00. Closed Sun. (38 - 50kn). ☎☎☎☎☎

Bars

Bulldog XL C-2, Bogovičeva 6, tel. 400 20 70/ 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, tel. 457 23 88, 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 12:00 - 04:00. Closed Sun. ☑☑☑

Fly!bar K-3, Vukovarska 284, tel. 666 13 13/ 091 566 67 78, 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. Closed Sun. ☑☑☑

Funk C-2, Tkalčićeva 52, tel. 098 67 23 38, www.funkclub.hr. Two level entertainment: in action down below are jazz on Sundays and the Croatian pop scene on Thursdays, while the café crowd does its sipping at street level watching the ultra-busy Tkalčićeva pass by. 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 - 01:00. ☑

Latina A-4, Savska 23a, tel. 484 37 75. "Hot blooded, check it and see..." screams Latina. If you like hot sauce, Taco Bell and generally run to the tequila and rum side of the liquor equation this place will cuss you out with pure passion deliciously. ▶ Open 07:00 - 23:00, Sun 09:00 - 23:00. ☑☑☑

Limb C-4, Piltvička 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. 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 the attractive mid-20-30's crowd, 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. 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. 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. Downstairs the beat is thumping, with Chill-out after-work party on Thursdays, live band Show time on Fridays and R&B and hip-hop on

Saturdays. ▶ Open 10:00 - 02:00, Thu, Fri, Sat 10:00 - 04:00. ☑☑☑☑☑

Clubs

Aquarius & Aquarius A2 H-5, Matija Ljubeka bb, tel. 364 02 31, info@aquarius.hr, www.aquarius.hr. One of the elite nightclubs positioned along Lake Jarun. It has two separate floors with each priding 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. 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 21:00 - 06:00, Closed Mon. ☑

No. 1 I-2, Nova Ves 2, tel. 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.

Piranha H-5, Jarunsko jezero bb, tel. 091 462 92 34/ 091 462 92 98, info@piranha.hr, www.piranha.hr. One of the most popular places to go on Jarun! Saturdays are the nights for big time dancing at Piranha! Playing only the most popular music of this time grab a nice tasty cocktail and shake what your mama gave you on the dance floor! ▶ Open , Wed, Thu 19:00 - 02:00, Fri, Sat 20:00 - 04:00. ☑☑

Ritz Cabaret C-2, Petrinjska 4, tel. 099 660 71 82/ 091 612 12 03, info@ritz.hr, www.ritz.hr. The legendary Ritz Club on Petrinjska Street 4 has been revamped into a stylish, classy and exclusive club that will meet your highest expectations. ▶ Open Fri, Sat 22:00 - 05:00. Closed June 15 - September. ☑☑☑

Saloon B-1, Tuškanac 1a, tel. 091 586 29 64/ 483 49 03, saloon@saloon.hr, www.saloon.hr. The famous old night club in the city centre provides great entertainment on two separate floors. Fridays you can 'Flashback' to the retro sounds of the 80's and classic hits of the 90's, whilst Saturdays present the very best in Croatian music. Logic floor gives you electronic beats and if you still have the energy to dance at 4am come Sat or Sun morning and they will trance you with the latest in progressive House, Electro, New Rave and House sounds. ▶ Open Fri, Sat 22:00 - 04:00. Closed June 15 - September.

Shamballa A-4, Savska 30, tel. 099 721 77 77, info@shamballa.hr, www.shamballa.hr. One of the biggest dance floors in the city and let's face it, space is grace when it comes to dancing. It graces the most popular resident DJ's whilst often housing the world's top DJ's. It is the place to see and be seen. Dress code is strict, so forget your jeans and old shoes and snazzy up amongst Zagreb's celebrities. ▶ Open 07:00 - 22:00, Fri, Sat 22:00 - 06:00. Closed Sun. Closed June 15 - September.

Sirup K-3, Donje Svetice 40, tel. 091 945 00 37, info@sirupclub.com, www.sirupclub.com. A club in Donje Svetice with a futuristic feel that offers guest performances by many DJ's. The music fits all so you can expect to hear funk, new wave, electro pop, hip hop, soul as well as hits from the 60's and 70's. ▶ Open , Thu, Fri, Sat 22:00 - 06:00. **NEW**

The Best H-4, Jarunska 5, tel. 091 113 32 21, karlo@byblos.hr, www.thebest.hr. Huge dance floor with lots of glass mirrors, mosaics and light effects. Makes the place

sparkle! Location is perfect as its right across the student dorms near the river Sava. Open on weekends with house or pop to make you bop as well as hosting world famous DJ's. Croatian music is also on the turntable whilst well known Croatian singers are also known to play live. You simply have to check out their web for events schedules. ▶ Open Fri, Sat 23:00 - 05:00. Closed June 15 - September. ☑☑☑☑☑

Tvornica E-3, Pavla Šubića 2, tel. 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. ☑☑☑☑☑

Cocktail bars

Hemingway B-1, Tuškanac 1, tel. 483 49 56/ 098 980 50 00, zagreb@hemingway.hr, www.hemingway.hr. Nope, your fancy trainers won't cut it here, darlings. In fact, your plimssoles won't even make it past the door. This is Zagreb's most opulent drinking hole (we are told to believe) where bartenders with slick moves (remember Tom Cruise in "Cocktail"?) make a mean Mai-Tai. ▶ Open , Fri, Sat 23:00 - 06:00. Closed June 15 - September. ☑☑☑☑☑

Jazz and blues

Bacchus C-3, Trg kralja Tomislava 16, tel. 098 32 28 04/ 098 929 92 98, www.bacchusjazzbar.net. Arrive early for a table close to the stage in the vaulted grotto, but the music is still audible if you're seated out in the courtyard on a step or stone wall, in an alcove or niche, or under a fig tree. The solitary can read one of the books from the shelves under the bar. ▶ Open 10:00 - 24:00. ☑☑

B.P. Club C-2, Nikole Tesle 7, tel. 481 44 44, www.bpclub.hr. Welcome to one of Zagreb's greatest jazz clubs! This place offers great jazz music every night of the week, right in the center of Zagreb. BP also has lots of concerts with wonderful performers from all over the world. If your thing is jazz music then this is the place to be. So sit down, sip your drink and enjoy! ▶ Open 10:00 - 02:00, Sun 17:00 - 02:00. ☑

Jazz Club B-2, Gunduličeva 11/ 098 66 49 48, raefria@yahoo.com. For a cool and cosy night out, take yourself down to this basement level jazz bar, its big on sound and has a constant program of live bands. Exposed brick and candlelight make for an intimate encounter, so bring your friends or lovers. Closed on Sundays it can, however, be rented out for private parties and it's also open to public photographic exhibitions. ▶ Open 09:00 - 01:00, Sun 18:00 - 01:00. ☑☑☑

Sax! D-3, Palmotičeva 22, tel. 487 28 36, klub@sax-zg.hr, www.sax-zg.hr. This is the place to take in some live music, for it plays here every night and is an especially delicious and wide array of styles. Blues, jazz, rock, pop and much more are all featured, and the crowd tends to be especially happy for their chance to take the night of fun in. Admission varies depending on the show - this place is a can't miss. ▶ Open 09:00 - 03:00. Closed Mon, Sun. Closed June 15 - September.

Lounge bars

Hemingway lounge bar B-3, Trg maršala Tita 1, tel. 098 38 42 84/ 098 980 50 00, hemingway@hemingway.hr, www.hemingway.hr. Hemingway at its original residence on Tuškanac is now reserved for private parties, but the hoi polloi is invited to its new abode in the lovely old building next to Kavkaz, opposite the Croatian National Theatre. Great views without, and airy period interiors and posh drinkie-poops within. ▶ Open 07:00 - 01:00. ☑☑☑☑☑

Khala C-1, Nova Ves 11 (Centar Kaptol), tel. 466 71 40, ivana@khala.hr, www.khala.hr. Part lively cocktail bar, with an eastern vibe and fluffy house music, part wine bar for lounging and sipping. The wine list includes some great Croatian wines, and most are served by the glass, so you partake in a spot of exploring. Nibbles are served in this part too. ▶ Open 08:00 - 01:00, Fri, Sat 08:00 - 03:00, Sun 09:00 - 01:00. ☑☑☑☑☑

People's J-3, Hektorovičeva 2, tel. 604 05 21, admiral.adriatic@zg.t-com.hr, www.peoples.hr. A night out at this slick lounge and restaurant can move in several distinct stages. First, a selection from the quality menu offering Italian, Mediterranean and Asian Fusion. Then, a move to the lounge for a selection from the immense champagne and wine list. Then, as the night progresses, a move to the huge bar in the center of the room as the place transforms into a happening night bar. All in all, a cool place to hang out in Zagreb. ▶ Open 07:30 - 01:00, Thu 07:30 - 03:00, Fri, Sat 09:00 - 03:00, Sun 09:00 - 01:00. ☑☑☑☑☑

Pubs

Locals still haven't grasped the concept that a proper pub is meant to be dark, smoky and a bit worse for wear. You'll find Zagreb's pub scene on the antiseptic side when compared to the preceding visual aide.

Dobar zvuk C-2, Ljudevita Gaja 18, tel. 098 982 84 28/ 481 17 31, dobarzvuk.kontakt@gmail.com, www.dobarzvuk.com. 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 10:00 - 24:00. €

Godot A-4, Savska 23, tel. 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. 457 24 86, www.hopdevil.hr. If you're a lover of beer, the mish-mash, hit and miss period 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 18-90kunes. 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 next door Mezzo & Mezzo, 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. ☑☑

Movie Pub I-4, Savska 141, tel. 605 50 45, info@the-movie-pub.com, www.the-movie-pub.com. Do you like beer? Tuborg, Pan, Carlsberg, Guinness, Kilkenny, Bellevue, Kriek, Beck's, Heineken, Leffe, Harp, Hoegarden, Ožusko and Stella. That's the list of beers that this place has waiting for you, plus two additions that make a night out at Movie Pub particularly inviting: the 'Karaoke King Show' on Thursday nights and, just in case a night of drinking and singing makes the trip home an impossibility, The Movie Hotel, complete with 20 rooms right above the pub. ▶ Open 07:00 - 02:00, Thu 07:00 - 03:00, Fri, Sat 07:00 - 04:00, Sun 18:00 - 02:00. ☑☑☑☑☑

Oliver Twist C-1, Tkalčićeva 60, tel. 481 22 06, sasa9@net.hr. If you're not wearing your hottest gear don't even think about setting foot on Tkalčićeva on an evening for you will feel like a peasant. And here resides a stonkingly popular and rather large "pub" - all dark wood and shiny brass. DJs Friday and Saturday nights. ▶ Open 09:00 - 04:00. ☑☑☑☑☑

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 pincers) and cheese room (likewise) will keep you wandering through this ultimate homage to all things edible, Dolac.

Ilica Ilica bb. The seemingly endless length of this Oxford St/Madison Ave equivalent has diversified in recent years. You're guaranteed to find everything you've ever wanted and then some. However, diversification does not imply physical expansion, which is why walking with one foot in the sewer is neither strange nor unfamiliar during peak human rush hours when, at any given moment, sharp-tipped brollies, hip-hugging couples, rowdy chimney sweepers and speeding bicycles all crowd onto the baguette-like width of Ilica's sidewalk.

Maksimir Park & the City Zoo K-2. A perfect half-day outing for lovebirds, families or creatures of the four-legged variety, this place will revitalise a tired soul. Leaves, lakes, grasses and dirt are all part of the equation, as well as clouds, sky and, periodically, the sun itself! 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. As an added bonus, the city zoo is housed within it. Catch tram N°11 or 12 (Dubec) from ban Josip Jelačić to the Bukovačka stop. The entrance to Maksimir park is on the north side of the street.

Mirogoj Cemetery J-1, Mirogoj bb. Croats in the capitol city don't mess around with the homage they pay to their lost loved ones. A trip to the cemetery confirms this immediately. Lime-green cupolas top the wall that surrounds the memorial park. **Getting There** Bus N°106 from Katedral to Mirogoj takes 15min and costs 8kn. You can also take tram N°14 from Trg bana Josipa Jelačića east (Mihaljevac) and get out at the fourth stop (Gupčeva zvijezda). Mirogoj, the central Zagreb cemetery, situated on the slopes of Medvednica, is one of the most beautiful cemeteries in Europe. However, Mirogoj is not only the burial place but also a beautiful park and an 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 had 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.

Nikola Šubić Zrinski Square (Trg Nikole Šubića Zrinskog) C-2/3, Trg Nikole Šubića Zrinskog. The combination of the outdoors 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. 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.

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. 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 Tartars; 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. It continues to this day. Mass: 07:00, 08:00, 09:00, Sunday 07:00, 08:00, 09:00, 10:00, 11:30.

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!

Galleries

Art Pavilion (Umjetnički paviljon) C-3, Trg kralja Tomislava 22, tel. 484 10 70, info@umjetnicki-paviljon.hr, www.umjetnicki-paviljon.hr. A brilliant yellow exterior woos you to it from its place on Trg kralja Tomislava. Inside you'll find a superb home for all kinds of domestic and international art, great beneficiaries of the generous natural lighting that spills in from the top. ▶ Open 11:00 - 19:00, Sun 10:00 - 13:00. Admission 10-20kn, free on Mondays.

HDLU (Croatian Association of Artists) E-3, Trg žrtava fašizma bb, tel. 461 18 18, hdlu@hdlu.hr, www.hdlu.hr. Gallery of Croatian contemporary culture. ▶ Open 11:00 - 19:00, Sat, Sun 10:00 - 14:00. Closed Mon. Admission 10-15kn.

Klovičevi dvori Gallery (Galerija Klovičevi dvori) C-1, Jezuitski trg 4, tel. 485 19 26, press@galerijaklovic.hr, www.galerijaklovic.hr. Perhaps the most impressive gallery and art display house, you'll find it in Gornji Grad. The travelling artwork it houses is very impressive, with many of the most famous exhibits the world over making a short stop here. ▶ Open 11:00 - 19:00. Closed Mon. Admission 10 - 40kn.

Modern Gallery (Moderna galerija) C-3, Andrije Hebranga 1, tel. 604 10 55, moderna-galerija@zg.t-com.hr. It's been reconstructed and given a permanent exhibition called "200 Years of Croatian Art" - that's just the modern part, silly! After these improvements, this is one of the must-sees for art lovers in our fair capital. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00, Sat, Sun 10:00 - 13:00. Closed Mon. Admission 10 - 30kn.

The Strossmayer Gallery of Old Masters (Strossmayerova galerija starih majstora) C-3, Trg N. S. Zrinskog 11, tel. 489 51 11, sgallery@hazu.hr, www.hazu.hr. Bishop Strossmayer was a master of many things, that's indisputable. When he wasn't out mastering these things he was donating works and much of it is housed here. The overhead lighting kicks your enjoyment of the oil paintings into overdrive. Masters featured: Bruegel, Carpeaux, Benković and Proudhon to name but a few. ▶ Open 10:00 - 13:00, Tue 10:00 - 13:00, 17:00 - 19:00. Closed Mon. Admission 5-10kn.

Museums

There's no shortage of museums in this town, and the great part is the small price tag that comes along with it (0 - 40kn).

Archeological Museum in Zagreb (Arheološki muzej u Zagrebu) C-2, Trg Nikole Šubića Zrinskog 19, tel. 487 30 00/ 480 00 00, 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. 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.

Croatian History Museum (Hrvatski povijesni muzej) B-1, Matoseva 9, tel. 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.

Croatian Natural History Museum (Hrvatski prirodoslovni muzej) B-1, Demetrova 1, tel. 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.

Croatian School Museum (Hrvatski školski muzej) B-3, Trg maršala Tita 4/1, tel. 485 57 16, hrskolski.muzej@hrskolski-muzej.hr, www.hrskolski-muzej.hr. Trace the development of the school system in this part of the world right up to the present day. Fun for educators and kids alike. ▶ Open 10:00 - 17:00, Thu 10:00 - 22:00, Sat, Sun 10:00 - 13:00. Closed Mon.

Ethnographic Museum (Etnografski muzej) D-3, Trg Mažuranića 14, tel. 482 62 20, emz@etnografski-muzej.hr, www.etnografski-muzej.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 Thu.

Mestrovic Atelier (Muzej Ivan Mestrovic) B/C-1, Metlačka 8, tel. 485 11 23, mim@mestrovic.hr, www.mestrovic.hr. Mestrovic is arguably Croatia's most famous sculptor and artist. He actually lived in this house at the beginning of the 20th century, and it is here that he completed many of his first works. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00, Sat, Sun 10:00 - 14:00. Closed Mon. Admission 15 - 30kn.

Technical Museum (Tehnički muzej) A-4, Savska cesta 18, tel. 484 40 50, tehnicki-muzej@tehnicki-muzej.htnet.hr, www.mdc.hr/tehnicki. 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. Ćirila i Metoda 3, tel. 485 19 11, info@hmnmu.org, www.hmnmu.org. Originating in Croatia in the middle-20th century, naive art is 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 Glyptothèque of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts (Gliptoteka HAZU) I-2, Medvedgradska 2, tel. 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 Rooseveltova 5, tel. 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, 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.

Zagreb City Museum (Muzej grada Zagreba) C-1, Opatička 20, tel. 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, Thu 10:00 - 22:00, 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. 455 35 35, fax 455 35 30, sheraton.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 up to 5kg free of charge. ▶ 306 rooms (277 doubles €235, 10 suites €385, 18 Junior Suite €335, 1 Presidential Suite €1500). *****

The Westin Zagreb A-3, Kršnjavoga 1, tel. 489 20 00, fax 489 21 00, westinres.zagreb@westin.com, www.westin.com/zagreb. Enjoy panoramic views from this super-deluxe hotel where guests receive the best of every service from this first-class hotel. Recently refurbished 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. With all amenities available, there are 378 rooms ranging from ▶ 378 rooms (297 doubles €235 - 270, 23 suites €370 - 705, 19 Westin Guest Offices €320, 1 Presidential Suite €1500, 38 Deluxe room twin €270). *****

Upmarket

Arcotel Allegra D-4, Branimirova 29, tel. 469 60 00, fax 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 (38 singles €141, 105 doubles €155, 4 Junior Suites €215, 4 Executive Suite €250). *****

Aristos J-6, Cebini 33, Buzin, tel. 669 59 00, fax 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. ▶ 144 rooms (4 singles €134, 133 doubles €144, 3 triples €200, 3 suites €254, 1 Deluxe Suite €480). *****

As H-2, Zelengaj 2a, tel. 460 91 11, fax 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. 480 89 00, fax 480 89 08, sales@hotelastoria.hr, www.bestwestern.com. 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 join for a flat fee of 30€. ▶ 100 rooms (36 singles €119, 2 suites €262 - 300, 28 King €135 - 154, 18 Twin €135 - 154, 12 Executive €162 - 185, 4 Superior Executive €202 - 231). *****

Dubrovnik C-2, Ljudevit Gaja 1, tel. 486 35 55/ 486 35 03, fax 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. ▶ 266 rooms (166 singles €135, 92 doubles €165 - 180, 7 suites €205, 1 Presidential Suite €220). *****

Four Points by Sheraton Panorama Hotel Zagreb H-3, Trg Krešimira Čosića 9, tel. 365 83 33, fax 309 26 57, westinres.zagreb@westin.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 8€. Contact the hotel to enquire about special offers. ▶ 280 rooms (229 doubles €165 - 175, 17 Junior Suite €210, 22 Deluxe Suite €265, 12 Family Suite €210). *****

Hotel Antunović F-4, Zagrebačka avenija 100a, tel. 204 11 11, fax 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 €123 - 167, 149 doubles €143 - 187, 4 suites €375 - 507, 4 Junior Suite €250, 1 Presidential Suite €1000). *****

Hotel International Zagreb C-4, Miramarska 24, tel. 610 81 00, fax 610 87 00, hotel@hotel-international.hr, www.hotel-international.hr. This elegantly-designed hotel has plenty of conference and banquet area 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 (126 singles €117 - 131, 72 doubles €131 - 158, 7 triples €172, 1 Junior Suite €248, 1 Presidential Suite €414). *****

Old-School charm

Palace C-3, Trg J. J. Strossmayera 10, tel. 489 96 00/ 489 96 18, fax 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 minutes walk away. Pets welcome at 15€/day. ▶ 123 rooms (29 singles €130, 88 doubles €170, 3 suites €315, 3 Junior suites €230). *****

The Regent Esplanade Zagreb C-4, Mihanovičeva 1, tel. 456 66 66, fax 456 60 50, info.Zagreb@RezidorRegent.com, www.regenthotels.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 - 179, 48 Deluxe Rooms €184 - 204, 13 Deluxe Suite €314 - 334, 1 Presidential Suite €1555). *****

Mid-range

Central D/C-4, Branimirova 3, tel. 484 11 22, fax 484 13 04, 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 520 - 650kn, 33 doubles 780 - 900kn, 5 triples 1065kn, 4 Junior Suites 1400kn). *****

Dora D-4, Trnjanska 11e, tel. 631 19 00, fax 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. ▶ 25 rooms (9 singles €64, 2 doubles €100, 11 triples €133, 3 apartments €143). *****

Galerija G-6, Pogačičeva 9, tel./fax 654 75 70, 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 (16 singles 357 - 400kn, 16 doubles 480 - 510kn, 16 triples 630 - 660kn, 2 apartments 610 - 810kn). *****

Hotel Vila Tina K-1, Bukovačka cesta 213, tel./fax 244 51 38, tel. 244 52 04, vila-tina@zg.htnet.hr, www.vilatina.com.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 N°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). *****

Laguna A-4, Kranjčevićeva 29, tel. 304 70 00, fax 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 €76 - 83, 83 doubles €99 - 110, 15 triples €126 - 140, 6 suites €133 - 147). *****

Slisko K-3, Supilova 13, tel. 618 47 77, 619 42 22/ 619 42 10, fax 619 42 23, hotel@slisko.hr, www.slisko.hr. It's only 200m from the main bus station, making it easy access to practically everything. Very comfortable and well kept, and the staff is a very friendly one. A good option for sure if you don't mind the short commute into town (20min on foot, 10min by tram). No pets. ▶ 18 rooms (2 singles 392kn, 10 doubles 531kn, 4 triples 659kn, 2 quads 776kn). *****

Budget

Fala I-4, II Trnjanske ledine 18, tel./fax 611 10 62, hotel-fala@hotel-fala-zg.hr, www.hotel-fala-zg.hr. Rooms are miniature but clean and well-suited to supporting your horizontal person. The price isn't bad and the location is a straight shot south of the train station (about 2km). No pets. ▶ 15 rooms (4 singles €47, 9 doubles €66, 2 Family room €100). *****

Ilica A-2, Ilica 102, tel. 377 75 22/ 377 76 22, fax 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 centre is one of the best in town. Pets can stay by arrangement. ▶ 24 rooms (10 singles €54, 8 doubles €68, 2 triples €82, 4 apartments €109). *****

Jadran D-2, Vlačka 50, tel. 455 37 77, fax 461 21 51, 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. Vlačka 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 (18 singles €70, 26 doubles €98, 5 triples €121). *****

Jaegerhorn C-2, Ilica 14, tel. 483 38 77, fax 483 35 73, info@hotel-pansion-jaegerhorn.hr, www.hotel-pansion-jaegerhorn.hr. A centrally located, small hotel - you're right in a charming old shopping complex right by the main square. Rooms are decent but a little on the Spartan side. The hotel's restaurant specialises in game dishes and has a great terrace. Prices include breakfast. No pets. ▶ 13 rooms (3 singles 497kn, 8 doubles 570kn, 2 apartments 912kn). *****

Meridijan 16 J-4, Ul. Grada Vukova 241, tel. 606 52 00, fax 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 €61, 11 doubles €82, 1 triple €102, 1 apartment €82). *****



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