



## Croatian Country Guide

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### Current DFAT Travel Advice

This advice is current for Mon, 5th November 2018.

*Exercise normal safety precautions in Croatia. Use common sense and look out for suspicious behaviour, as you would in Australia. Australians have been severely injured jumping off rocks and cliffs into the sea. Warning signs and safety barriers may not be in place. Travel insurance may not cover injuries from these or other dangerous activities. See [Local travel](#). Excessive alcohol consumption has been the cause of serious accidents on 'party boats'. Read [Partying safely](#) for ten top tips. See also [Local travel](#).*

*Avoid rowdy or drunken behaviour in public – it's socially unacceptable and could attract negative attention from locals. Dress codes apply in some areas popular with tourists. See [Local travel](#). Drug-related arrests are increasing. Don't consume, purchase or sell drugs. Don't hang out with people with drugs. See [Laws](#). If you take prescription medication, carry a letter from your doctor stating it is for personal use. Quantity restrictions are in place for some medication. See [Health](#). Avoid crowds, protests and demonstrations. See [Safety and security](#). Unexploded landmines are a serious problem in many parts of Croatia. Many mined areas are signposted but there may be high risk areas that are not. See [Local travel](#). Driving in Croatia can be hazardous and accidents are common. See [Local travel](#).*

The above information is an edited excerpt of the Travel Advice Summary from The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Travellers are encouraged to read the travel advice in full, subscribe to updates to this advice and to register their presence in Croatia at [www.smartraveller.gov.au](http://www.smartraveller.gov.au).

### Tourist Visa Conditions

Australian passport holders usually do not require a visa to enter Croatia as a tourist for a period of up to 90 days in any six month period. Passports are recommended to be valid for six months beyond the period of intended stay. In some circumstances, travellers may be asked to show documentation to confirm they have health insurance, the ability to financially maintain themselves during their stay as well as tickets and entry documents for their next destination. While in Croatia, passports should be carried at all times. Travellers not staying in hotels must register their place of residence with the nearest police station within one day of their arrival.

Australians who share Croatian citizenship may be subject to obligations upon their return to Croatia. Such persons should consult the Croatian Embassy in Canberra. For further information, and to confirm that you are eligible to travel to Croatia without a visa, please contact the Croatian Embassy on the details provided below.

### Vaccinations and Health Precautions

The following information is intended as a guide only and in no way should it be used as a substitute for professional medical advice relative to a travellers individual needs and vaccination history. No guarantee is made as to its accuracy or thoroughness. For further information, please contact The Travel Doctor on 1300 658 844.

Vaccination against Hepatitis A is recommended for travellers to Croatia. Vaccination against Hepatitis B and Rabies (particularly if working with animals) should be considered by frequent or long stay travellers. Tick-borne encephalitis is present throughout many areas in Europe, predominately in forested regions. Whilst no vaccine is available in Australia, travellers visiting risk areas and planning outdoor activities during summer might consider vaccination once in Europe. Regardless of destination, all travellers should be up-to-date with their routine "background" vaccinations, including a recent annual Influenza vaccination.

Please consult a medical practitioner or contact The Travel Doctor for your specific risk to these preventable diseases and the appropriate avoidance measures. Australians travelling to Croatia should ensure that they have adequate travel insurance to cover the length of their stay. Medications that are legal in Australia may be illegal in other countries. For further information on insurance, taking medication overseas and other issues please visit [www.smartraveller.gov.au/tips](http://www.smartraveller.gov.au/tips).

### Croatian Representation in Australia

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### Time Differences between Croatia and Australia

Croatia is Greenwich Mean Time +1 hour (+2 during daylight saving). The applicable time zone is Central European Time (CET) or Central European Summer Time (CEST). Daylight saving is observed from the last Sunday in March to the last Sunday in October.

Croatia, 12 noon, Winter (Dec) = Perth 7pm; Darwin 8:30pm; Brisbane 9pm; Adelaide 9:30pm; Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 10pm.  
Croatia, 12 noon, Summer (Jun) = Perth 6pm; Darwin, Adelaide 7:30pm; Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 8pm.

### Important Contact Numbers

Country Code for Croatia: +385  
Telstra Reverse Charges: 0800 22 0061  
To Dial Australia Call: 00 61 <City> <Number>  
To Dial within Croatia Call: 0 <City> <Number>  
City Codes:  
Zagreb - 1      Dubrovnik - 20  
Split - 21      Sibenik - 22  
Directory Assistance:  
Domestic - 11888  
International - 11802  
Travelex Card Services:  
Call the US on +1 954 838 8294  
Visa Global Assist:  
Call the US on +1 303 967 1090  
MasterCard:  
Call the US on + 1 636 722 7111  
American Express Travellers Cheques:  
0800 220111, then 888 937 2639  
Emergency Services: 112 (General)  
Fire: 93, Ambulance: 94, Police: (1)92  
112 operators should be able to speak English.

### Important Information to be Recorded

Travellers are encouraged to carry photocopies of all important documents separately to their originals, and to leave a set of these photocopies with someone in Australia. This includes those documents listed below.

#### Passports

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Passport #: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
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#### Credit Cards

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
Card Number: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
Card Number: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

#### Travel Insurance

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency #: \_\_\_\_\_

### Australian Representation in Croatia

#### Australian Embassy, Croatia

Centre Kaptol  
Third Floor, Nova Ves 11  
10000 ZAGREB

Operating Hours:  
Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Tel: (+385 1) 48 91 200  
Fax: (+385 1) 48 91 216

Web: [www.croatia.embassy.gov.au](http://www.croatia.embassy.gov.au)

Alternatively, Australians may obtain assistance by contacting the 24 hour Consular Emergency Centre in Australia on (+61 2) 6261 3305.

Australians in Croatia are encouraged to register their presence and contact details with the Australian Embassy in Zagreb, or online with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade at [www.orao.dfat.gov.au](http://www.orao.dfat.gov.au).

After Hours Emergency Telephone (+385 1) 48 91 200



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### Duty Free Allowances for Croatia and Australia

Duty Free limits when entering Croatia from a non EU state:

Alcohol: 1 L spirits (>22% alc vol) or 2 L other beverages; as well as 4 L of still wine and 16 L of beer.

Tobacco: 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars or 250 g of tobacco.

Other Goods: Up to a value of 3,200 kn for air and sea travellers, 2,200 kn for others or 1,100 kn f under 15 years.

Duty Free allowances when entering Australia:

Alcohol: 2.25 litres.

Tobacco: 25 cigarettes plus one open packet of cigarettes.

Other Goods: Up to a value of \$900 (\$450 if under 18 years).

Minors may not claim alcohol or tobacco products. Further restrictions apply when entering/exiting Croatia, Europe and Australia. Travellers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these restrictions before crossing the borders of either country. For information on Croatian customs please visit [www.carina.hr](http://www.carina.hr) or [www.ec.europa.eu/taxation\\_customs/individuals](http://www.ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/individuals), or for information on Australian customs please visit [www.homeaffairs.gov.au](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au).

### Electrical and Telephone Adaptors

Electrical Socket type: European

Voltage: 220-240 volts (same as Australia, no voltage/frequency converter required).

Modem Plug: US (Croatia also uses the Yugoslav telephone system).

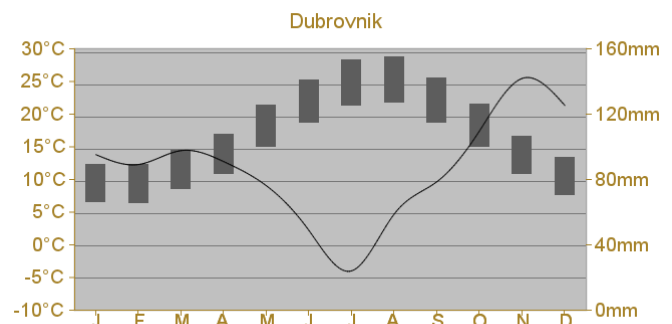
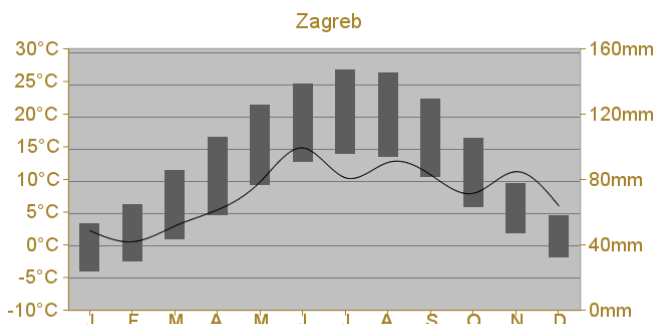
Source: Korjo Travel Products. To purchase electrical/modem adaptors, or for further information on this matter, please view the Korjo adapter guide at [www.korjo.com.au](http://www.korjo.com.au).



### Croatian Holidays 2018

01 Jan:	New Year's Day	25 Jun:	Statehood Day
06 Jan:	Epiphany	05 Aug:	Victory Day
02 Apr:	Easter Monday	15 Aug:	Assumption
01 May:	Labour Day	08 Oct:	Independence Day
31 May:	Corpus Christi	01 Nov:	All Saints' Day
22 Jun:	Anti-Fascist Day	25-26 Dec:	Christmas

### Average Temperature (Bar) and Precipitation (Line) in Croatia



Source: Croatian Meteorological and Hydrological Service. For local forecasts please go to [http://meteo.hr/index\\_en.php](http://meteo.hr/index_en.php).

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#### Interbank Rate

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 4.69 Croatian Kuna  
 10 Croatian Kuna (HRK) = 2.13 Australian Dollars

#### With 4% Margin

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) buys 4.51 Croatian Kuna  
 10 Croatian Kuna (HRK) will cost 2.22 Australian Dollars

All rates were correct at a point in time on Monday, 05 Nov 2018. The "Interbank Rate" does not take into account any exchange fees, while the "With 4% Margin" adds 4% to the exchange rate to simulate a typical margin that would be paid when exchanging currencies. These currency rates have been rounded and should not be used when calculating transactions of large value.

### Currency Cheat Sheet

5 kn = \$1.11 AUD		This cheat sheet uses the "With 4% Margin" rate of exchange listed above.			
10 kn	= \$2.22 AUD	100 kn	= \$22.16 AUD	1,000 kn	= \$221.55 AUD
20 kn	= \$4.43 AUD	200 kn	= \$44.31 AUD	2,000 kn	= \$443.11 AUD
30 kn	= \$6.65 AUD	300 kn	= \$66.47 AUD	3,000 kn	= \$664.66 AUD
40 kn	= \$8.86 AUD	400 kn	= \$88.62 AUD	4,000 kn	= \$886.21 AUD
50 kn	= \$11.08 AUD	500 kn	= \$110.78 AUD	5,000 kn	= \$1,107.77 AUD
60 kn	= \$13.29 AUD	600 kn	= \$132.93 AUD	6,000 kn	= \$1,329.32 AUD
70 kn	= \$15.51 AUD	700 kn	= \$155.09 AUD	7,000 kn	= \$1,550.87 AUD
80 kn	= \$17.72 AUD	800 kn	= \$177.24 AUD	8,000 kn	= \$1,772.43 AUD
90 kn	= \$19.94 AUD	900 kn	= \$199.40 AUD	9,000 kn	= \$1,993.98 AUD
				10,000 kn	= \$2,215.53 AUD

### Banknotes of Croatia

The legal currency of Croatia is called the Kuna, which is abbreviated using the symbol "kn". The subunit of the kuna is the lipa, of which there are 100 in every kuna. The following units of currency are the most common but other versions and denominations are also in circulation. Pictures are not to scale. As it is illegal in many countries to print copies of bank notes, travellers are advised to remove the below images prior to travelling.





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### About Croatia

Full Name:	Republika Hrvatska (Republic of Croatia).	Significant Dates:	
Independence:	25 June 1991 (from Yugoslavia).	C350 BC	- Greek colonies founded on the coastal islands.
Size:	56,594 sq km (82% the size of Tasmania).	229 BC	- Rome takes control of the area of modern Croatia.
Population:	4.5 million (20% the size of Australia). Zagreb 793,000; Split 178,000; Rijeka 128,000.	500's AD	- Croats begin to settle in the region.
Religion:	Catholic 88%, Orthodox 4.4%, Muslim 1.3%.	925	- King Tomislav becomes the first King of Croatia.
Language:	Croatian (official) 96%, Serbian 1%.	1102-1527	- Croatia and Hungary are united.
GDP Per Capita:	US\$18,100 (Australia US\$40,800).	1420-1797	- Venice controls the region of Dalmatia.
		1527-1918	- Croatia is part of the Habsburg Monarchy, on the frontier between Habsburg and Ottoman lands.
		1918-1941	- Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes is formed.
		1941-45	- Germany invades, Ustasha party rules Croatia.
		1948-1991	- Croatia (as part of Yugoslavia) is ruled as a one party socialist state (by General Tito until 1980).
		1991-95	- Croatia declares independence, Yugoslav Wars.

