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About University

A BEST Course is an optimised event and should fulfill these general criteria: provide new knowledge or skills for participants, being taught by professional people. In this event, you will attend lectures given by the university's teaching staff or by experts from companies and at the end of the course be examined in order to evaluate your success.

University of Zagreb (UniZg) is a leading center of learning, teaching and research and the oldest university in Croatia. This year we celebrated 357 years since its foundation. It consists of 32 faculties and three Art Academies most of which are located in the center of the city of Zagreb.

LBG Zagreb



So who are we? We're a passionate group of students commited to making sure you have the best possible time during your whole stay in our beautiful city Zagreb. We understand that being surrounded by more than 20 unfamiliar faces can be daunting, but that's where we step in! Our aim is to make sure you feel awesome throughout your time here, just as you should :)





About Croatia

Come on ... you must have heard something about Croatia? Let me guess, you know about our national football team and our beautiful coast (Game of Thrones kingdom)?



Language: Croatian
Name in Croatian: Hrvatska
Capital: Zagreb
Population: 3 856 000
Area: 56 542 km^2 mainland
31 067 km^2 territorial sea

Croatian people are known for being very warm, friendly (smart and handsome) and most of them speak English so you won't have to use Google Translate ;)

We are all very proud to live in this heaven on earth with beautiful landscapes. Croatia, where the Mediterranean, the mountains and the Pannonian plains come together in a unique harmony of natural beauty is truly breathtaking.





Croatian traditions

Delicious dishes



Croatians are in fact really good cooks and we are sure that we will be even more loveable after you try all the meals that we prepared for you. Every region of Croatia has its specific cooking traditions. For example, in Slavonia food is usually spicy, while in Dalmatia & Istria you will find mediterranean dishes. But, you are a lucky one and since you're coming to the capital, you'll be able to try a bit of everything.

Rakija? Who said rakija?

Okay, time to meet rakija, the most popular Croatian drink. There are a lot of flavours, so don't worry, you will find the one that suits you the BEST. But do you know the real magic of rakija? We use rakija as our medicine to cure all illnesses.



And just a little reminder, when somebody offers you rakija, it is really really rude to turn him/her down. Of course, there are also many other drinks like wine and beer that are produced in Croatia and you will surely have the opportunity to try a lot of them.

Zagreb

Zagreb is often referred to as “little Vienna.” It is, in fact, a small yet charming central European city, rich with its own unique history. With a history spanning over a millennium, the downtown area is divided into two distinct parts - Upper Town and Lower Town.





Upper Town is characterized by stunning architecture, small narrow streets and a plathora of museums. On the other hand, Lower town offers numerous delightful parks where one can relax, read or simply enjoy a cold beer in a peaceful atmosphere.
As you stroll through the streets of Zagreb, you’ll inevitably encounter bustling bars. This is because Croatians are avid coffee drinkers; every business meeting typically begins with one (and often ends with a beer).

What about the night life in Zagreb? We are so sorry, we have no words to describe it. You will need to see if for yourself ;)

How to get to Zagreb?

By plane



The Zagreb International Airport, Franjo Tuđman airport, is located 17 km away from the center of the city. There are connections with most major European cities. You can access the city center using the bus 290 which goes to “Kvaternikov trg” or regular Airport shuttle service called “Pleso prijevoz”, which goes to the main bus station.

By train

Near the city center you will find the main railway station, “Glavni kolodvor”. It serves as a hub for daily connections with nearby cities and countries. For more detailed information, you can visit http://www.hzpp.hr/en



By bus

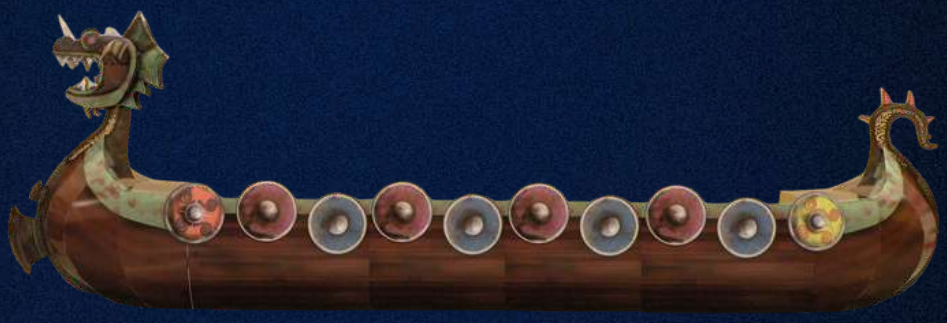


Near the city centre, there is a main bus station “Autobusni glavni kolodvor”. There are daily connections with nearby cities and countries. For more info check https://www.akz.hr/en

Money & prices

The Croatian currency is Euro! There are a lot of exchange booths in town, as well as ATMs (check with your bank provision rates for transactions!)

ITEM	PRICE
A bottle of water	1,5 EUR
A bottle of juice	2 EUR
Coffee	2 EUR
Beer	2 EUR
Cheap wine (1 L)	2 EUR
Rakija (1 L)	7 EUR
Public transport ticket (30 mins)	0.53 EUR



Useful vocabulary

Almost all young people in Croatia speak English so don't hesitate to ask for help if you get lost or need assistance. However, knowing some basic Croatian phrases can be useful. Croatian pronunciation is completely phonetic, which means that every letter is pronounced the way it is written. There are 8 letters that are specific to our language ... so here is a little help!

Č - pronounced as "ch" in change

Ć - pronounced as č but softer, like ''c" in ciao

DŽ - pronounced as "j" in Jack

Đ - pronounced as "j" in Jesus

LJ - pronounced in a way you'll never lean :P

NJ - pronounced in a way you'll never learn too :P

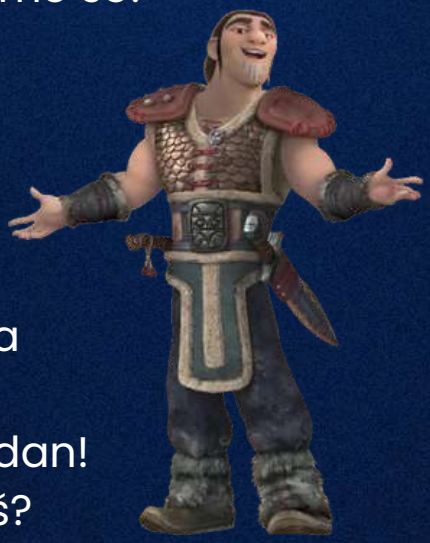
Š - pronounced as "sh" in sh**

Ž - pronounced as "su" in leisure



Basics

Croatian	English
Bok	Hello/ Bye
Dobro jutro!	Good morning!
Dobar dan!	Good afternoon!
Dobro večer!	Good evening!
Laku noć, vidimo se!	Good night, see you!
Da	Yes
Ne	No
Kava	Coffe
Vino	Wine
Pivo	Beer
Rakija/Medica	Elixir of life
Oprosti!	Excuse me!
Sretan rođendan!	Happy birthday!
Kako se zoveš?	What's your name?
Volim te!	I love you!
Koja dobra guza!	Your eyes are beautiful!
Gremo tancati!	Dance with me!
Živeli, ševili, oduševili!	Cheers!
Odi vrit!	Go to hell!
A?	I don't understand.



Don’t forget

Before you start packing for the BEST time of your life, check this list to ensure you have everything you need:

- Passport and/or ID card
- Visa (if needed)
- Travel insurance
- Student card (ISIC)
- Personal medication supplies (if needed)
- Towles (for personal hygiene)
- Sports clothes
- Camera
- Some cash
- Umbrella, raincoat
- Typical food, drinks and any other random items (flag, etc.) from your country for International Evening
- Your BEST spirit and bracelets
- Fancy clothes for official opening



Important numbers

Hopefully, you won't be needing them, but here are the emergency numbers just in case:



- Global Emergency Number: +385 112
- Local Police Department: +385 192
- Local Hospital: +385 194
- Local Fire Department: +385 193

If you still have any questions, don't hesitate to contact our amazing main organiser or president!



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