

Republic of Croatia

„Republika Hrvatska”



Where are we?



- Croatia is a medium-size European country
- its position is both central European and Mediterranean, as well as Pannonian-Adriatic
- the 45th parallel of the northern latitude runs through Croatia



People - "Croatsians"

- **population:**
4,480,043 (July 2012 est.)
Croat 89.6%, Serb 4.5%, other 5.9%
- **life expectancy:**
75.99 years (82nd in world)
- **religion:**
Roman Catholic 87.8%, Orthodox 4.4%,
other Christian 0.4%, Muslim 1.3%, other
and unspecified 0.9%, none 5.2% (2001
census)
- **president:**
Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović
- **official language:**
Croatian
English is commonly used since
Croatia is well known tourist
destination
- **Currency:**
Croatian kuna



Croatian national flag



Natural heritage

- Croatia has 8 national parks, 11 nature parks, 80 special reserves, sandy and rocky beaches and Mediterranean terrain
- 1 185 islands and rocks of which approximately 50 are inhabited
- National park Plitvice lakes and ancient beech forests of Northern Velebit and Paklenica are on the UNESCO World Heritage register



Cultural heritage - UNESCO World Heritage list

- Historical Complex of Split with the Palace of Diocletian



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Old City of Dubrovnik



Episcopal Complex of the Euphrasian
Basilica in the Historic Centre of Poreč



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Historic City of Trogir



The Cathedral of St James(Jakov) in Šibenik



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Starogradsko polje on the island of Hvar



Stećci Medieval Tombstone Graveyards



Fashion

- the traditional clothes are different in every region (Slavonija, Dalmacija, Zagorje, Istra)
- clothing styles are different from village to village
- Croats have adopted western style dress today



Cuisine

- The continental cuisine is heavily influenced by Hungarian, Austrian and Turkish culinary styles
meat, freshwater fish and vegetable dishes are favourites



Cuisine

- Dalmatian and Istrian cuisine

draw upon culinary influences of Italian and other Mediterranean cuisines

They prominently feature various seafood, cooked vegetables and pasta, as well as condiments such as olive oil and garlic



Customs and Courtesies

Gestures

- Croatian's pride themselves on their hospitality
- food and drink is immediately offered to guests
- it is impolite to refuse
- elderly people are referred to with a formal "you" as a sign of respect



Values

- Croatian cultural values generally stem from religious belief
- making personal sacrifices for ones' family is highly regarded
- children are expected to respect elders
- elderly are viewed as a source of knowledge on culture
- good health is valued



Sports

- Croatians are passionate about soccer, and have a skilled national team
- basketball, handball, tennis and waterpolo are also commonly played sports around the country



Marin Čilić, tennis



Croatian football team



Sports



Tin Srbić, gymnastics



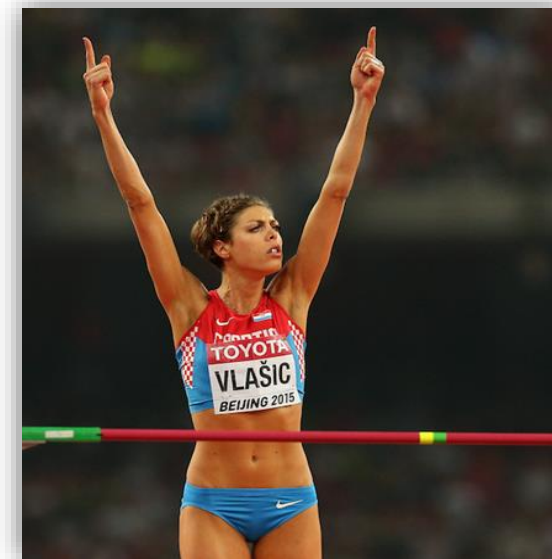
Sandra Perković, athlete



Croatian water polo team



Croatian handball team



Blanka Vlašić, high jump



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The capital of Croatia

