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Welcome to Zagreb Information Guide



UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

DEAR ERASMUS STUDENT,

VERN' University of Applied Sciences would like to welcome you to your Erasmus semester in Zagreb! We wish to make your arrival, stay and study with us enjoyable and smooth, so we've put together this informative brochure. It is divided into two main parts, one of which serves as a manual guiding you through the administrative preparation and procedures, while the other gives you a sneak peek at Croatia, students' life in Zagreb and at VERN' and advises you on how to make the best of the upcoming months. Please take some time to scroll through the brochure and then have a great Erasmus experience!

If you happen to have any questions or you require some additional information, please contact our International Cooperation Office at international@vern.hr

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PART I

You have earned an opportunity to be a part of the Erasmus student mobility programme and you surely deserve a pat on the back. But before you dive into your Erasmus experience, there are certain technicalities that still need to be dealt with... To make sure that you are familiar with the remaining administrative requirements, we have summarised them in the following pages. Here you will also find useful pointers to help you in those first few days upon arrival, as well as some guidelines on getting settled for your semester in Zagreb.

**PLEASE, PAY ATTENTION
AND DON'T MISS A STEP!**

BEFORE ARRIVAL

→ DOCUMENTATION

Once your request to participate in the Erasmus mobility programme has been approved by your university, you need to fill out the Application Form and the Learning Agreement. Make sure the courses you choose in your learning agreement are available in English. During your study in Croatia always keep in mind the academic requirements set by your respective university back home. You can find both documents on our website (www.vern.hr/english/international-cooperation/incoming-students). When filled out and approved from your institution, these forms should be sent to our International Cooperation Office via e-mail (scan of all documents) and original documents via post. Before you arrive in Croatia, you are also required to purchase a travel insurance policy and/or hold a European Health Insurance Card, which entitles you to the necessary, state-provided healthcare during your temporary stay in most European countries, including Croatia (link HIC: ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=559).

Keep in mind that the administrative proceedings concerning your stay and study in Croatia will not be completed until you arrive in Zagreb.

Therefore, make sure you bring with you:

- 2 photos (35x45mm & 30x35mm)
- ID and passport

Finally, if you are a non EU resident coming to Croatia, check with the appropriate institutions in your own country whether or not you require a visa.

→ ACCOMMODATION

Zagreb offers many accommodation options for tourists and visitors. The list of hotels and hostels is enclosed at the end of the brochure. However, as you will be staying in Zagreb for a longer period of time, you may consider renting out a flat or applying for a room in a student dorm. However, the number of available rooms is limited so you should hurry up when thinking about your accommodation in Zagreb. To give you an idea of your accommodation expenses, the estimated monthly housing costs may vary from around 250 to 350 EUR (+ utilities), while living in a student dorm will cost you around 100 EUR per month. Make sure you start looking for accommodation as soon as possible and, for your own comfort, have it sorted before your arrival in Zagreb. The International Cooperation team will be happy to help you in seeking out housing options, so don't hesitate to contact the office.



UPON ARRIVAL

→ FIRST THINGS FIRST

If you have decided to fly to Zagreb, you will land at Pleso – that being a slightly less known name of Zagreb Airport. The airport is located on the outskirts of Zagreb and, to reach the city centre, we recommend taking the Croatia Airlines shuttle, which you should find right as you exit the arrivals end of the airport building. The bus leaves to and from Zagreb every 30 minutes, and arrives at the city centre in about half an hour. The price of the ticket is 30 Kuna and it is purchased after boarding the bus. You can check out the Croatia Airlines shuttle timetable at ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=559

The bus will take you to Zagreb's Central Bus Station where you can find a taxi to take you to your final destination. Make sure the taxi you're entering is properly marked with a company logo and an identification number. If you are unable to find a taxi at the spot, refer to the list of taxi companies and phone numbers which you will find at the end of the brochure or study the map of tramlines before your departure. You can also take the tram which will take you to the city centre in about 15 minutes and it is more affordable.

→ PAPERWORK COMPLETION

Once you've safely reached your home for the upcoming months, had a good night's sleep, perhaps even unpacked, it is time for you to finally head down to the International Cooperation Office of VERN' University of Applied Sciences, which you have already heard so much about! After you make your arrival known to the programme coordinators, they will guide you through the completion of your Erasmus documentation.

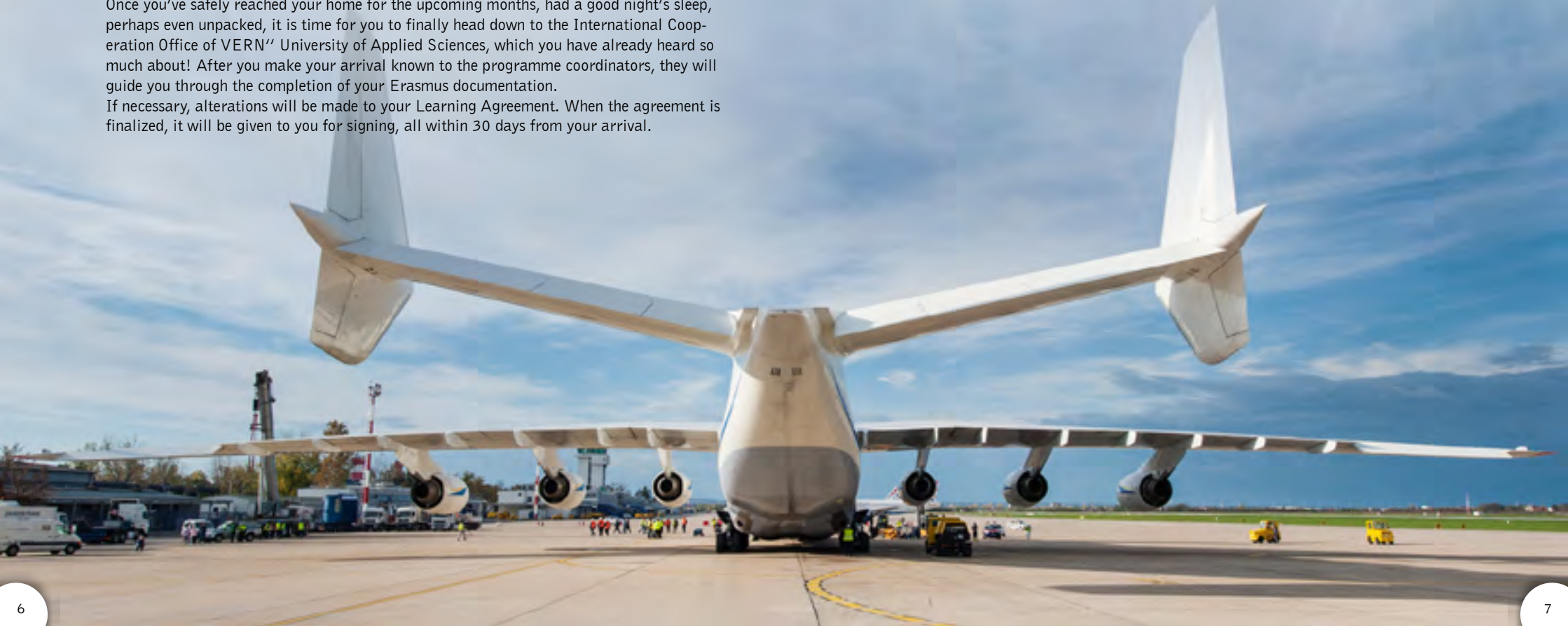
If necessary, alterations will be made to your Learning Agreement. When the agreement is finalized, it will be given to you for signing, all within 30 days from your arrival.

→ REGISTRATION OF RESIDENCE

EU citizens can enter Croatia with a valid ID card or passport and do not require a visa. However, since you're planning on staying with us for more than 3 months, you need to register for a residence permit. Students living in a student dorm have 30 days to apply, while those in private accommodation need to regulate their permit within 72 hours upon their arrival. If you are renting out a flat or temporarily staying with a friend, that's you! Hurry!

At Zagreb Ministry of the Interior, 30 Petrinjska Street, 2nd floor, you need to submit:

- acceptance letter from VERN' University stating the study purpose of your stay – in Croatian (you will get it at the orientation meeting upon your arrival)
- photo (35x45 mm, which you, hopefully, brought with you)
- photocopy of your passport / ID card
- proof of sufficient means of subsistence (printed statement of your bank account, scholarship confirmation etc.; minimum of 1000 HRK (approx. 120 EUR) a month)
- proof of secured accommodation – statement from the student hall of residence (dorm) in Zagreb - to be received upon moving in - or in case of private accommodation, the rental contract and proof of ownership.





→ PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (OIB)

Within a few days of your arrival in Zagreb, you will be assigned your personal identification number, or, as we Croatians call it, OIB. This number is important for any financial transaction in Croatia or in situations where formal identification is required. You will need it when applying for your monthly transport pass and student ID so, whatever you do, make sure you don't skip this step! To get your OIB, you will need to go to the Tax Administration office with your ID or passport. You can find the office location at the end of the brochure.

→ PUBLIC TRANSPORT PASS

ZET or Zagreb Electric Tram is the major transport authority responsible for public transport in Zagreb. To get around more easily, especially during the winter months, you might want to get a student monthly pass. It will allow you to ride all 19 tram lines, as well as the buses throughout the city at your convenience. To get your student pass, you will need to fill out the application form which you will most easily find at the ZET office right in the city centre. The exact location is listed at the – yes, you guessed it :) - end of the brochure. The filled out form should then be verified by VERN' and, with one of those photos you brought with you (30x35 mm), taken back to the ZET office for processing. The price of a monthly student pass is 120 HRK while a daily single ticket costs 10 HRK. Daily ticket can be bought at the tram.

You can view the map of tram lines here www.prometna-zona.com/gradski/infrastruktura/tramvajska_mreza.gif



→ X-ICA

X-ica is a student identification card.

Once you've arrived at VERN', the staff will instruct you on how to get yours. You will use it to prove your student status and claim your student rights in Croatia. Probably the most important one is the right to subsidized meals which you can get at designated student cafeterias located throughout the city. Depending on the type of food

you want to eat, such a meal may cost between 15 and 40 HRK (2–5 EUR). As a holder of the student card you are entitled to various other discounts – when going to the cinema, museums, even shopping for books. Don't forget it when making purchases and managing your expenses – it may come in handy!

→ STUDENT JOBS

If you have some spare time or need a bit of a financial boost this semester you can explore your student employment options through the Student service system. To apply for a student job, you need to be a member of AIESEC (English: International Association of Students in Economic and Commercial Sciences). Student Centre is placed at Savska cesta 25, Zagreb.

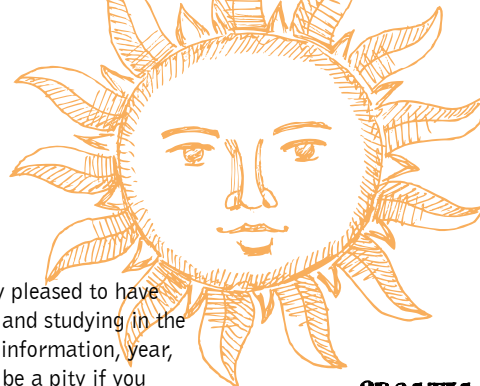
→ BUDDY PROGRAMME

Are you feeling overwhelmed by so much information? Don't worry. We thought you might. That is why VERN' has set up a Buddy programme, which will allow you to connect with your local fellow students willing to help you with all your questions and dilemmas. You are feeling ill and need to see a doctor? You want to go to a museum but can't find it? Or maybe you just want to get your hair cut... your Buddies will help you out! If you have a Facebook account, after your Buddy or mentor has contacted you, they will add you to a Facebook group so you can more easily communicate with your Buddies and fellow Erasmus students. There you can join forces to make your stay in Croatia a pleasant and fulfilling experience.

PART II

ZOOMING IN

So you've decided to spend your Erasmus semester in Croatia... and we are very pleased to have you! But how much do you really know about the country where you'll be living and studying in the following months? We know you are not very likely to remember every piece of information, year, name and place that matter in Croatia's history and present. However, it would be a pity if you knew nothing about the place. We'll keep some of a mystery until you come and experience it yourself, breathe in the atmosphere, meet the people, and enjoy the nature, culture and entertainment. But to get you interested and prepared, here is just a brief 101 of our country, Zagreb and, yours truly, VERN' University of Applied Sciences.



CROATIA...

...is 122nd largest country in the world. So it's arguably very small. That's OK, though, because only a little over 4 million people call it home. Demographics show that the majority of Croatians are Roman Catholic – they make up over 90% of the national chart.

To be fair, Croatia has its problems – don't we all? Our economy is still struggling to fully overcome the crisis the world landed in a few years ago, as well as dealing with a number of social and political issues which are common challenges of any aspiring society in the process of modernisation. In the last two decades, Croatia has gone through a democratic transition after a 4-year-long war for independence; unfortunately, the consequences of this war still be seen today. Nevertheless, great progress has been made and earlier this year Croatia has become a proud member of the European Union, holding all its values and ambitions.

DID YOU KNOW?



• Ivan Vučetić (Juan Vucetich) - a Croatian anthropologist and a police official who immigrated to Argentina in 1882- has pioneered the use of fingerprinting and helped establish modern forensics!



• Nikola Tesla, one of the greatest inventors and scientists of our time, was born in Croatia.



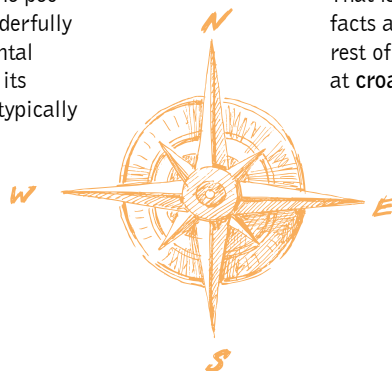
CROATIA





What makes Croatia special is its natural and cultural diversity, which is considerable in relation to its relatively small territory. From the vast plains of Slavonia in the East, over the lovely little hills of Zagorje in the North and the mountains of Lika and Gorski Kotar in the West, to the long Mediterranean coast with over 1000 islands, Croatia is beautiful wherever you go. And yes, it did say one thousand. Yes, that is A LOT of islands, indeed. Croatia abounds in natural riches and counts 8 national parks, the most famous being the stunningly beautiful National Park Plitvice Lakes, which you can find on the list of UNESCO World Heritage. Speaking of UNESCO, Croatia contributed to the list with another 7 historical sites, unsurprisingly since this area has a really long history, which goes way back to the Greek and Roman times. If this interests you, learn more by clicking on these links and find a perfect destination for a trip: whc.unesco.org/en/statesparties/HR/ en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Protected_areas_of_Croatia

Croatia's diversity doesn't stop at nature. Cultural influences throughout history have shaped the people and traditions of Croatia, leaving it wonderfully colourful and exciting. The eastern, continental region of Slavonia is immensely different in its architecture, cuisine and customs from our typically



Mediterranean coast, as well as from the central Croatia, which has more of an Austro-Hungarian look and atmosphere. Make no mistake, though, in its core, Croatia is stubbornly 'its own' and has always had a unique culture and traditions. For example, Croatia has its authentic folklore, music, dances, attires and products. It is famous for its lacemaking on the Island of Pag, lindo and silent circle dance in the Dalmatian region, bečarac singing and playing of eastern Croatia, carnival bell ringers, wooden toys from Zagorje, knights' tournament Alka in the city of Sinj, gingerbread craft in the northern region and many, many more unique customs...

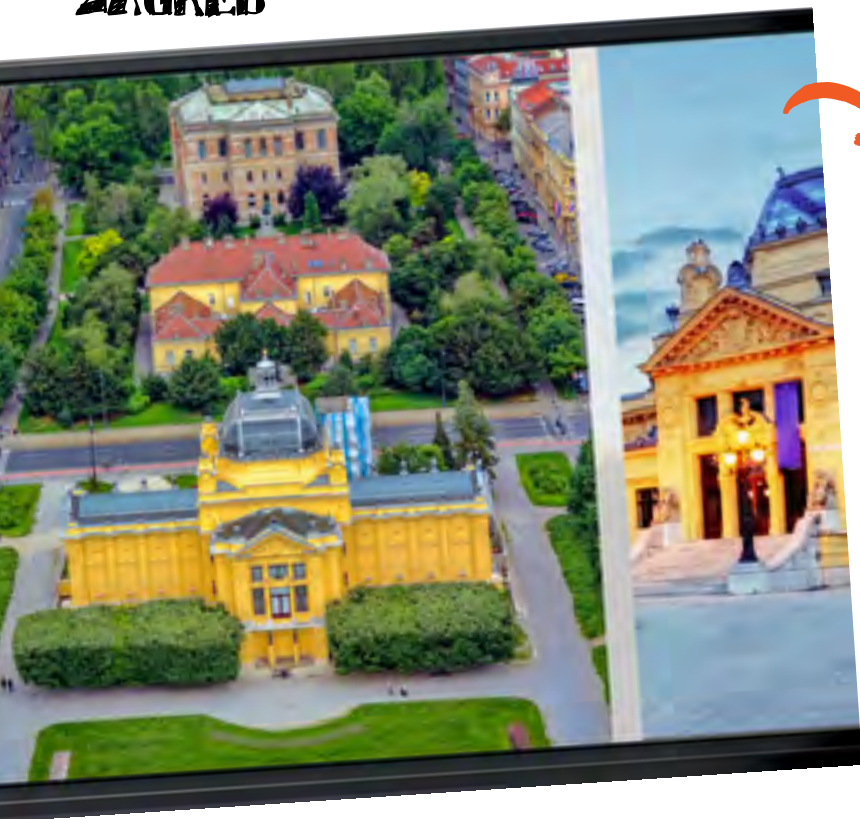
Croatia's specific gastronomical and cultural blend has put it on the map as a popular holiday destination, so cities like Pula, Split, Dubrovnik, Hvar, Rovinj and many more have made a name for themselves in the world of tourism. However, many tourists experience the wonderful weather, great food and beautiful scenery without ever realising how much more Croatia has given to the world! That is why we would like to know some interesting facts about Croatia... Read them throughout the rest of the brochure and learn more about Croatia at croatia.hr/en-GB/Homepage



DID YOU KNOW?

Croatian flag features the Croatian Coat of Arms. If you take a look, you will see a crown made of shields of its various regions. From left to right they are the ancient arms of Croatia, Dubrovnik, Dalmatia, Istria, and Slavonia.

ZAGREB



Zagreb is the capital of Croatia and a home to 1/5 of its people, numbering around 780,000 inhabitants.

Zagreb has a long history. The city as we know it today, which is to say its historical centre, dates back to the Middle Ages and originates from two hilltop settlements, Gradec and Kaptol. Zagreb first got its independent royal city status in the 13th century but it officially became the capital of Croatia in 1945.

There are many legends surrounding the early days of Zagreb and some quite interesting historical facts concerning especially its old, uptown area. We strongly recommend taking one of the guided tours to learn more about them! To give you some incentive let us just tell you that Zagreb was the city where the last witch was burnt during the Dark Ages!

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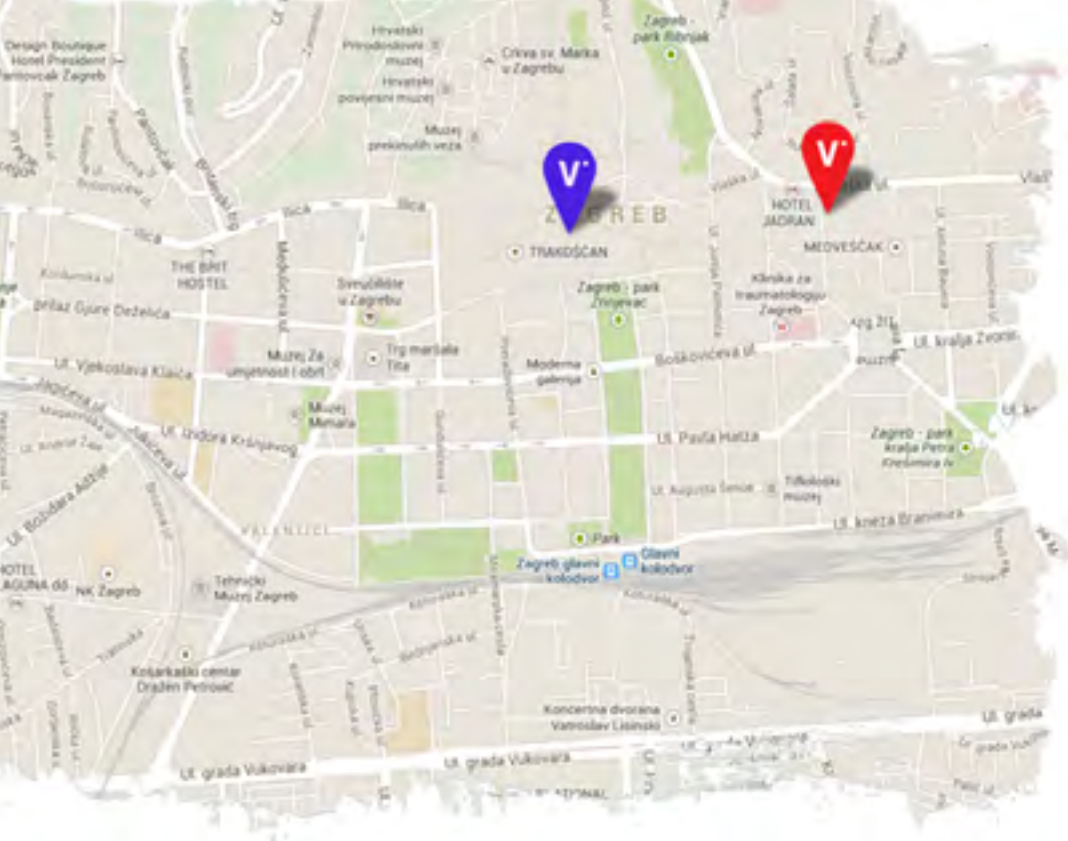
DID YOU KNOW?

The White House was built using the famous stone from Croatia's island Brač.

The smallest town in the world according to the Guinness Book of World Records is Hum in the central part of Istria. It has only 23 inhabitants.

However, today Zagreb is not nearly as sinister as then, and actually people consider it quite lovely. With its many museums, galleries, shops, charming restaurants and numerous cafés, Zagreb has a cosy European atmosphere. When you arrive, you may notice that Zagreb is very 'green' and prides itself of many parks and promenades. The most famous and yet elusive jewel to an untrained eye is Zagreb's 'Green Horseshoe', a carefully planned series of open green spaces and parks, which, when observed from the air, form the letter 'U'. The Horseshoe is the seat of many institutions of Zagreb's public institutions and on your way to see some of the important buildings and monuments you will surely walk through it.





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Zagreb

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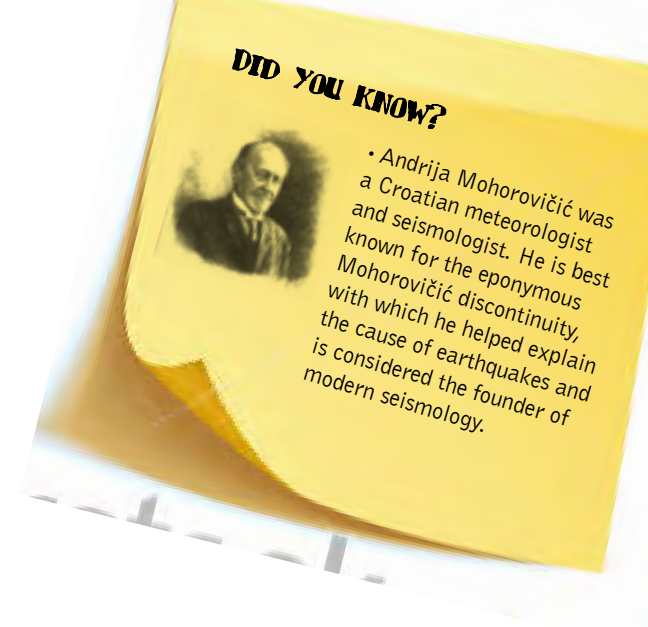
Zagreb is more and more becoming a student city and has a growing number of clubs and cafés, as well as shops, mostly in and around the main street Ilica. When spending time with your Croatian fellow students, you will probably notice that they have a habit of 'going for a coffee'. Sitting and talking, enjoying the sun are probably among the favourite pastimes here.

Life in Zagreb is relatively relaxed and the city is considered quite safe. However, a reasonable amount of caution is always advisable. During the spring, Zagreb looks its best, but it is winter when the real buzz kicks in – sausage and mulled wine stands pop up everywhere in the city centre and the decorations contribute to a real Christmassy feeling.

Zagreb has a very wide temperature range. Winters can be cold and temperatures below 0 degree Celsius are common. In the summer the city swelters at 30 + degrees Celsius. However, spring and autumn in Zagreb are very pleasant, although there may be quite a lot of rain.

Keep this in mind when packing for your Erasmus semester!

Later on we will give you more tips on what to see, do and how to get the best Zagreb has.



We are proud to say that VERN' University of Applied Sciences is the oldest and largest private university of applied sciences in Croatia. It was founded in 1990 as a small entrepreneurial project, but through inspired leadership and great efforts of its staff and students it has grown into a highly respected institution it is today.

At present VERN' has more than 2000 students, over 3500 alumni and employs 200 lecturers. In the year 2009, upon the decision of its Committee, VERN' joined the distinguished organisation European Foundation for Management Development (EFMD), which has over 700 members from the sectors of education, business, administration, civil services and consulting from 80 countries. Today we offer 5 undergraduate and 5 graduate level studies in various fields and are currently developing a new study programme as a part of EU funded projects.

To learn more, visit our website www.vern.hr/english/

We at VERN' believe that educated, entrepreneurial and socially responsible people are the carriers of sustainable development and wellbeing of the community. We support openness, daring, diligence, responsibility and moral values as the traits that lead to individual success and prosperity of the society. We want to enable our students to successfully launch and achieve their own entrepreneurial endeavours, contribute to creating new values and continue their professional and academic development after graduating from the university.

To achieve this we based our teaching philosophy on interaction, small study groups and team-work. Our study programmes are multidisciplinary and oriented on problem solving and case-studies. We are set on giving our students practical, marketable skills and an insight into the real life issues in the business world of our time.

Our efforts were recognized when an independent quality survey QUDAL (QUality meDAL) showed that the majority of Croatian citizens considered VERN' University of Applied Sciences the best private higher education institution in Croatia. We are proud of these accomplishments, but we are tireless in our efforts to strive for further excellence.

DID YOU KNOW?

One of the most successful skiers in the history of winter Olympic games is the Croatian Olympic skier Janica Kostelić. That is funny because Croatia is a country without a skiing tradition! She won 4 Olympic golds and 2 silver medals.



VERN' SPORT

VERN' encourages its students to participate in recreational and sporting activities such as football, basketball, volleyball, handball, swimming, athletics and many others.

VERN's sports teams have achieved amazing results in local and international university championships. In the last 3 years VERN's teams and individual competitors have altogether won 24 gold, 21 silver and 29 bronze medals in various disciplines and sporting competitions! But, as we all know, it's not all about competition. For those of you who enjoy recreation for their own pleasure and fitness, VERN' offers free access to recreational facilities at several locations in the city. If you are interested in participating or using the available facilities, please contact the Head of VERN' sports Željko at zeljko.mavrovic@vern.hr



VERN' CULTURE

We are all aware of the important role culture plays in personal growth and academic development. Whether you enjoy theatre, music or lectures on various interesting topics, you have come to the right place! VERN' Culture programme offers free tickets to students and lecturers for numerous events throughout the academic year.

To get more information on how to apply for your free ticket, contact our staff Ana and Matea at the Communications Office at ana.belic@vern.hr or matea.sumak@vern.hr

DID YOU KNOW?

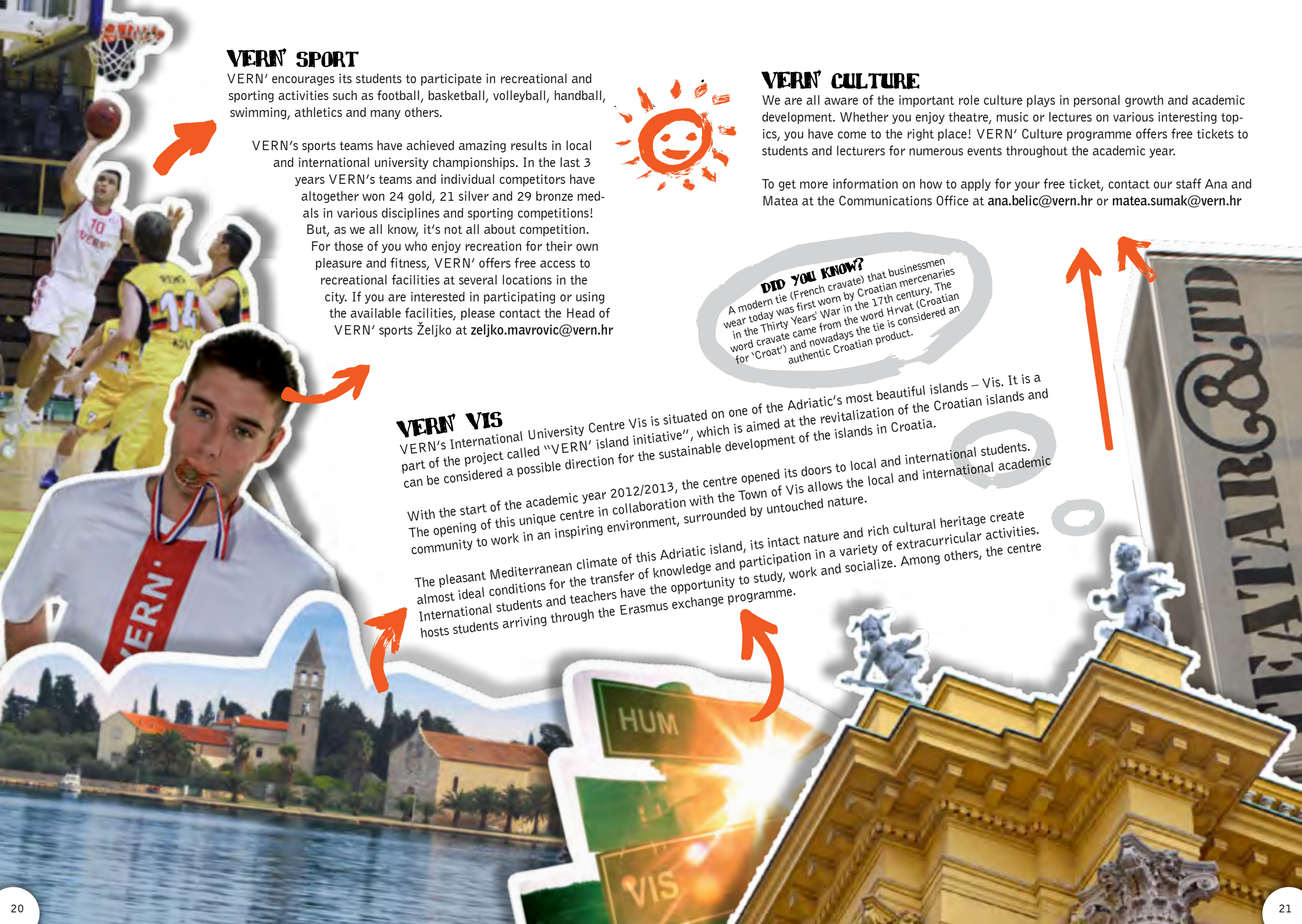
A modern tie (French cravate) that businessmen wear today was first worn by Croatian mercenaries in the Thirty Years' War in the 17th century. The word cravate came from the word Hrvat (Croatian for 'Croat') and nowadays the tie is considered an authentic Croatian product.

VERN' VIS

VERN's International University Centre Vis is situated on one of the Adriatic's most beautiful islands – Vis. It is a part of the project called "VERN' island initiative", which is aimed at the revitalization of the Croatian islands and can be considered a possible direction for the sustainable development of the islands in Croatia.

With the start of the academic year 2012/2013, the centre opened its doors to local and international students. The opening of this unique centre in collaboration with the Town of Vis allows the local and international academic community to work in an inspiring environment, surrounded by untouched nature.

The pleasant Mediterranean climate of this Adriatic island, its intact nature and rich cultural heritage create almost ideal conditions for the transfer of knowledge and participation in a variety of extracurricular activities. International students and teachers have the opportunity to study, work and socialize. Among others, the centre hosts students arriving through the Erasmus exchange programme.





STUDY AND STAY

IN THOSE FIRST FEW DAYS AFTER YOU'VE ARRIVED, YOU WILL PROBABLY STRUGGLE UNDER A PILE OF DOCUMENTS, APPLICATIONS AND FORMS WHICH NEED TO BE FILLED IN AND HANDED OVER. BUT ONCE YOU'RE SETTLED AND ALL THE PAPERWORK IS FINISHED AND YOUR SCHEDULE ALLOWS YOU, IT'S TIME TO LOOK AROUND AND SEE WHAT ZAGREB HOLDS IN STORE FOR YOU!

In the following pages we would like to present the 'Must see' places in Zagreb, but also give you a few pointers about those unofficial landmarks that give Zagreb its well-known charm. You can find them under 'Don't miss' category.

We nagged your Buddies and colleagues until they gave away their secrets and recommended their favourite places to eat, have a drink or go to for a night out. They also gathered some insider knowledge to help you manage your expenses better but still get, see and do all you want. You will find their advice in the 'Tips and Tricks' and 'Your Buddies recommend' sections of the brochure! We've made a list of places you might want to visit in Croatia as well as the authentic food 'You've got to try'. Ah, the food... And here is a link you also might find useful www.likealocalguide.com/zagreb. To help you out with the language, we've put together a little English – Croatian glossary.

Finally, to top it all off, we've enclosed the lists of important contacts, numbers and addresses you might need, national holidays, student cafeterias, mobile operators, seasonal events, hotels and so on and on... It would be a good idea to print out some of this information and have the list(s) handy just in case. find literally anything there and it is said to be incredibly affordable.

MUST SEE

Arm yourself with a good pocket guide and go! If you don't have one, get it at the Tourist Information Office on the main square.

BAN JELAČIĆ SQUARE

The main square, the focus of modern Zagreb, is hard to miss. It's our favourite meeting place – you'll often hear 'see you under the clock'. The square hosts numerous manifestations throughout the year. No matter what you do, sooner or later you will surely find yourself there.

THE CATHEDRAL

Characterized by its soaring towers, the Cathedral of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is one of Zagreb's defining symbols. It is situated on Kaptol, just above the main square.

THE STONE GATE

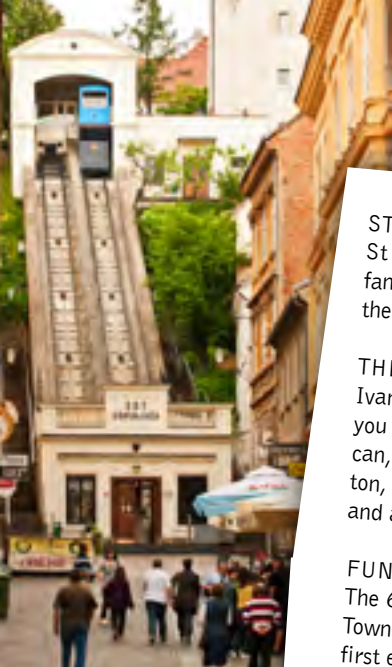
The Upper Town is entered through this still intact old town gate. Within the gate there is the painting of Virgin Mary which was miraculously saved from a devastating fire in the 18th century. To this day people come here to pray and light candles, so please make sure you show appropriate respect for this place.

THE ZAGREB CITY MUSEUM

The museum is housed in the restored former convent of St. Clare and presents Zagreb's long history in a contemporary and entertaining way.

THE UPPER TOWN

The Upper Town is truly a magical place: here you can feel Zagreb's "historical vibe" in literally every corner. Many of Zagreb's most important landmarks are there, such as the Governor's Palace and the Parliament, as well as a number of museums. However, simply walking through its streets will take you back in time. Don't miss it!



ST MARK'S CHURCH AND SQUARE

St Mark's square is the heart of the Upper Town. The church is most famous for its multi-coloured roof, decorated with the coats of arms of the Triune Kingdom of Croatia, Dalmatia and Slavonia.

THE MEŠTROVIĆ ATELIER

Ivan Meštrović is a world renowned Croatian sculptor, whose works you can find not only throughout Croatia, but also in New York, Vatican, the Uffizi Gallery in Florence, the National museum in Washington, the Tate Gallery in London etc. His sculptures are breath-taking and a true gift to the world of art.

FUNICULAR

The 66-metre-long funicular that connects the Upper and Lower Towns is the shortest passenger cable railway in the world. It was the first ever means of public transportation used in Zagreb and is still operating over 120 years later!

THE MAIN RAILWAY STATION

Situated at King Tomislav Square - a part of Zagreb's famous 'green horseshoe' - it is one of the most picturesque and beautiful locations in Zagreb. Whether you're taking a train or not, take some time to stroll down the park in front of it.

THE CROATIAN NATIONAL THEATRE

Another symbol of Zagreb, the theatre was built in the 19th century and brings the national opera, ballet and drama under the same roof. It is situated in a beautiful square just behind the famous sculpture 'The Well of Life' by Ivan Meštrović, which may be hard to spot at first since it's nested a little below the ground level, but it is one of Meštrović's most beautiful sculptures, so make sure to take a look!

MEDVEDNICA

Zagreb is one of the few cities lucky enough to have a mountain 'watching its back'. Medvednica is a favourite place for hiking and weekend trips. Gather your friends and have a good time, but please keep in mind that Medvednica is protected as a nature reserve so leave your surroundings intact. among the top 20 European summer festivals.

YOU'VE GOT TO TRY

Croatia has a very varied cuisine, depending on a region you're visiting. The continental parts of the country are famous for their sausages, spicy stews and generally meat-based cuisine. The coastal region relies more on fish, olive oil, prosciutto and other Mediterranean specialities. However, since you're in Zagreb, here is an opportunity to try some local favourites. Enjoy!

- ŠTRUKLI - These little pillows of soft dough filled with cottage cheese are cooked or baked in sour cream, salty or sweet and served as an appetizer, dessert or in soup. Very popular all around Croatia!
- PURICA S MLINCIMA (TURKEY WITH TRADITIONAL PASTA) - Juicy turkey surrounded with 'mlinci', thin layers of dried dough, cooked and finally baked along with the meat.
- ZAGREBAČKI ODREZAK (ZAGREB STEAK) - Filled with cheese and ham, the finest veal, chicken or pork is dipped in egg, flour, breaded, then deep fried.
- AJNGEMAHTEC - A gentle chicken soup with vegetables and small dumplings.
- ZAGREBAČKE KREMŠNITE (ZAGREB CREAM-CAKE) - This creamy delicacy melts in your mouth. Placed on a thin puffy pastry, cooled yellow egg cream is covered with whipped cream and chocolate glaze.
- PAPRENJAK (PEPPER COOKIE) - A traditional, spicy cookie, perfect with coffee, tea or on its own
- BAJADERA - A smooth taste of this chocolate candy comes from the best combination of finest chocolate, nougat and almond.
- MEDICA (HONEY BRANDY) - Prepared from natural fruit crystallised honey, boiled water, pear or plum brandy, pure extracted flower honey and propolis.



DON'T MISS

WHEN YOU THOUGHT YOU'VE SEEN IT ALL, ZAGREB IS STILL HIDING INTERESTING PLACES YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS. SOME MIGHT SAY THESE ARE THE TRUE TREASURES OF THE CITY. ASK YOUR BUDDY TO HELP YOU FIND YOUR WAY TO THESE CHARMING LOCATIONS AND EVENTS. YOU WILL NOT REGRET IT.

MUSEUM OF BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS

An award winning museum that took the concept of art to an entirely new level!

MIROGOJ

Zagreb's main cemetery, Mirogoj will simply leave you speechless for its beauty and monumental sculptures.

THE GRAFFITI WALL

In Branimirova street, between the main railway and the main bus stations, this wall is covered in colourful and thought-provoking drawings of urban artists. It will take you a few minutes to see it all, but it will definitely leave an impression.

ANTIQUE FAIR AT BRITANSKI TRG

Britanski trg or British Square is only a short walk away from the main square. If you don't feel like sleeping in on a Sunday morning, go check out the antiques fair it hosts on that day, every week throughout the year. You might find an unusual souvenir to take home with you.

DOLAC

Dolac is the most visited and the best known farmer's market in Zagreb, a combination of traditional open market with stalls and a sheltered market below. It is situated only a few dozen meters away from the main city square, Ban Jelačić Square, between the oldest parts of Zagreb, Gradec and Kaptol.

HRELIĆ

This flea market takes place at a far end of Zagreb, but you can find literally anything there and it is said to be incredibly affordable.

TKALČIĆEVA STREET

This charming street is full of cafés and buzzing with life! The beautiful, old architecture creates an interesting contrast with the street's modern atmosphere.

THE GROUNDED SUN

Possibly the most popular contemporary sculpture in Zagreb, the Grounded Sun is set amidst a forest of café tables in the very centre of Zagreb. It is a simple bronze sphere that puzzles passers-by so much that some try to push it to see if it will roll. This sculpture inspired another artists to create the Zagreb Solar System – metal spheres representing the planets placed around the city at the relative distances from the Sun. Finding all the planets is a real challenge!

INMUSIC FESTIVAL

INmusic festival is Croatia's biggest international open-air festival. The festival is held annually in June and takes place on Youth Island in the middle of Zagreb's Lake Jarun. The festival was started in 2006 and is usually held over two or three days. It includes several genre-specific stages with internationally renowned indie rock, heavy metal and electronic artists. In 2008 The Times included INmusic among the top 20 European summer festivals.

SCREEN ON THE GREEN

SCREEN on the GREEN is an innovative project in Zagreb, which takes place in the early summer. It has successfully brought together Croatian and international cinematography and its special attraction is that you watch films sitting on the grass at various locations in Zagreb. It is said to be a fun and relaxing experience!



TIPS AND TRICKS

"If you need some exercise, don't forget that VERN' provides a free gym membership in designated gyms in Zagreb!" Martina T.

"Surely, you will want to go see a movie in Zagreb. Good news is that the films are not dubbed and that on Wednesdays Croatia's largest multiplex chain offers discounted tickets! Ask your friends to help you purchase them." Sara Š.

"The Long Night of Museums (or the Night of Museums) is a cultural event when a group of museums and cultural institutions in an area cooperate to remain open late into the night and visitors are given a common entrance pass which grants them access to all exhibitions for free!" Anja M.

"If you're hungry and don't feel like cooking or going out for food, visit Pauza.hr, create your profile and find the restaurants that deliver to your home! It's quick and easy!" Carla D.

Your Buddies recommend

"If you're craving some sugar, visit the Cookie Factory – it's a patisserie located just a few minutes away from the central square and offers awesome American-style deserts!" Ivona H.

"Fast food doesn't have to be unhealthy. The living proof is Koykan

restaurant situated in the centre of Zagreb. You can try amazing foods and drinks from all-over the world! You can enjoy wraps, piadinas, barille, quiche, burritos but also try healthy bubble teas! Their Mochi is the best in town, be sure you check it out!" Filip V.

"If you're looking for the best underground place in Zagreb, Medika is probably a place for you! Amazing graffiti, good music, cheap beverages and friendly people will make you fall in love with this charming place! If you are a little more mainstream but not in the mood for fancy places, check out Katran, a club situated in an old factory. The interior is amazing and the music is great!" Martina T.

"To get the best value for money, eat at Nocturno, a restaurant offering a wide range of Italian variety dishes! For even more affordable drinks and snacks ask your friends about Žirafa bar!" Kate K.

"Find Pingvin sandwich bar – it's right in the city centre. Try 'Hot and cold'. Best sandwiches in town!" Sara Š.

Here are some insider tips from your local fellow students on how to get all you want and need and still stay within budget!

DID YOU KNOW?

Dalmatians – the dog breed – originates from Croatia. They are named after Dalmatia, the southern coastal region of Croatia.



WHERE TO TRAVEL

You can reach some of these places by bus, plane or railway. To visit others, you might have to find private transportation or join an organised tour. For more information, refer to the Tourist Information Office or the official websites of the main bus and railway stations or the airport!

DAY TRIPS (less than 3 hours car travel):

SAMOBOR

A beautiful town near Zagreb, famous for its architecture, carnival and cream cake.. It is situated on the slopes of the Samobor mountains, at the entrance to the romantic valley of Gradna stream.

www.tz-samobor.hr/index.php?l=en

TRAKOŠČAN CASTLE

A wonderful royal castle from the 13th century situated above a lake. Pure fairy-tale.

www.trakoscan.hr/index-en.html

PLITVIČKA JEZERA

Plitvice Lakes are a natural phenomenon and a jewel of inestimable value. 16 large and a lot of small lakes which are connected by small, medium and large waterfalls form Croatia's most famous national park, a UNESCO world heritage site.

www.np-plitvicka-jezera.hr/

HRVATSKO ZAGORJE

A lovely part of Croatia, famous for its hills and vineyards. It has a relaxing atmosphere and is also known for its lace, wooden toys and Licitar hearts... want to know what that is? Visit Zagorje and find out!

www.tzkzz.hr/en/

ISTRIA AND KVARNER BAY

Istria is a peninsula in the north-west of Croatia, a region of special culture, music and - as many other parts of the country - dialect. It connects to Kvarner Bay, which is relatively close to Zagreb, depending on which city or town you want to visit. If you don't have much time to travel, we recommend Opatija or Rijeka. If you do, visit one of the islands or go to Pula and see the famous arena!

www.istra.hr/en/regions-and-towns www.istra.info/en/kvarner/

TRAVEL FURTHER (over 3 hours car travel, might require an overnight stay):

When organising your trip plan it in accordance with your study schedule! Please ask your Buddy or the programme coordinator to help you figure out your academic calendar! If you're interested in seeing more than just Croatia, consider visiting some of the neighbouring countries! You could enjoy Ljubljana (Slovenia), Belgrade (Serbia), Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Budapest (Hungary) or even Trieste and Venice (Italy)!

OVER 3 HOURS CAR TRAVEL:

SPLIT

This exceptionally lively city is the second largest city in Croatia! It is over 1700 years old with Diocletian's palace at its heart, which is also the historical centre of the city and a UNESCO world heritage site.

visitsplit.com

DUBROVNIK

This late-medieval planned city in the south part of the east Adriatic Croatian coast with its historical core and city walls is one of the most famous tourist destinations, well known even among the Hollywood celebrities. Did you know that one season of the famous series Game of Thrones was filmed there?

www.tzdubrovnik.hr/eng/#.Uoy--Og-nIU

HVAR

The centre of the sunniest Croatian island of the same name - Hvar is a unique blend of luxurious Mediterranean natural surroundings, rich cultural and historical heritage and sophisticated tourism. In the summer it is a favourite destination for young people from all over Europe.

www.tzhvar.hr/en/

ROVINJ

Located in the Istria region, this exceptionally romantic city offers numerous possibilities – walking in the wonderful natural surroundings, recreational sports, discovering hidden beauties of the narrow streets, cultural heritage, archaeological sites, and tasting some of the local delicacies. It is 200 km from Zagreb, so if you have a car, you could visit and come back within a day.

www.tzgrovinj.hr/page/about-us/the-tourist-board-office

SLAVONIA, BARANJA AND SRIJEM

The East of Croatia has a magic of its own. It is very different in landscape, culture and tradition from the West but equally beautiful and worth seeing. Visit Đakovo city with its famous cathedral, or beautiful Ilok, famous for the wine cellars. You may want to try the spicy local specialties, wine and more!

www.turizamilok.hr/index.php?lang=en&cat_id=1

www.tz-djakovo.hr/znamenitosti.php?j=1

THE LITTLE CROATIAN DICTIONARY

Even though a lot of people in Croatia speak at least some basic English, here are some words and phrases you might find useful.

KEEP IN MIND THAT:

'Š' is pronounced as 'sh' in 'shoe'
'Č' and 'Ć' as 'ch' in 'change'
'DŽ' and 'Đ' as 'J' in 'Jane'
'Ž' as 'j' in 'je', the French word for 'I, myself'
'J' as 'y' in 'you'
'C' sounds in Croatian more like 's', not 'k'

SOME WORDS AND PHRASES

Hi!	Bok! (Informal)
Hello/Good day	Dobar dan (Formal)
My name is...	Zovem se...
Excuse me	Oprostite
Good night	Laku noć
Can you help me?	Možete li mi pomoći?
I don't speak Croatian	Ne govorim hrvatski
What time is it?	Koliko je sati?
I'm lost	Izgubio (M) / Izgubila (F) sam se.
How much does it cost?	Koliko košta?
Help!	U pomoć!
Thank you	Hvala

Yes / No / Maybe	Da/Ne/Možda
What's up?	Što ima?
I'm looking for...	Tražim...
Street	Ulica
Square	Trg



DID YOU KNOW?
The mechanical pen, such as we use today, was invented by a Croatian engineer. So were the torpedo and the parachute!

DEAR ERASMUS STUDENT,

We hope this brochure is helpful to you before and during your stay. Please continue scrolling to find the attachment listing useful contacts, addresses and information. We would like to thank you for choosing VERN' University of Applied Sciences and Zagreb as your destination for the Erasmus semester. Remember, we are glad to help you so feel free to contact the International Cooperation Office should you have any additional questions or concerns. We hope you will enjoy your stay and return home richer for one great Erasmus experience!

Best of luck,
VERN' International Cooperation Team.

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ATTACHMENT

USEFUL NUMBERS, ADDRESSES AND INFORMATION

Emergency call: 112

Zagreb Ministry of the Interior
Petrinjska Street 30

Tax Administration Office
Dubrovačka Avenue 32

ZET Office
Corner of Petrićeva and Bogovićeva Street

Mobile operators

Country Code: +385

- Bonbon: www.bonbon.hr/
- T-Mobile and Simpa: www.visitingcroatia.info/
- Tele2: www.tele2.hr/welcome-to-croatia/
- Tomato: www.tomato.com.hr/naslovnica
- VIP: www.vip.hr/en

Taxi companies

- Radio TAXI, call: 1777
- TAXI Cammeo, call: 1212
- Eko TAXI, call: 1414
- TAXI Zagreb, call: +385 99 387 3877
- TAXI Zagreb 3628, call: +385 91 570 6455

Student cafeterias

- Student Centre, Savska cesta 25
- Cvjetno Naselje (dormitory), Odranska 8
- Stjepan Radić (dormitory), Jarunska 2
- Laščina (dormitory), Laščinska cesta 32
- Ante Starčević (dormitory), Zagrebačka avenija 2
- University of Economics, J. F. Kennedy Square 6
- Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Heinzelova 25
- Faculty of Forestry, Svetošimunska 25

- University of Zagreb School of Medicine, Šalata 3b
- Restaurant FSB, Ivana Lucića 5
- Restaurant Cassandra, Vukovarska 39
(Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing)

0-24 Hospitals (open on weekends and holidays)

- Trauma Clinic, Draškovićeva St. 19,
call: +385 01 46 97 000
- Infective Disease Clinic, Mirogojska
St. 8, call: + 385 01 46 03 222
- Orthopaedic Clinic KBC Šalata, Šalata 7,
call: + 385 01 48 19 911
- Emergency Dentistry service, Av. G. Šuška 6,
call: +385 01 29 02 444
- Pulmonary Disease Clinic, Rockefeller St. 3,
call: +385 01 46 84 400
- General Hospital Sveti Duh, St. Svetog Duha 64,
call: +385 01 37 12 111

0-24 Pharmacies (open on weekends and holidays)

- Centre, ban Jelačić square 3, call: +385 01 48 16 198
or 48 16 159
- New Zagreb (Siget), Av. Većeslava Holjevca 22,
call: +385 01 65 25 425
- Ozaljska St. 1, call: +385 01 30 97 586
- Dubrava, Grižanska St. 4, call: +385 01 29 92 350
- Ilica 301, call: +385 01 37 50 321
- Borongaj, D. Budaka St. 17, call: +385 01 23 05 285

Currency

Kuna (HRK or kn) 1 Euro = approx. 7,6 HRK

Exchange offices

[/maps.google.hr/maps?q=mjenja%C4%8Dnice+zagreb&ie=UTF8&fb=1&gl=hr&hq=mjenja%C4%8Dnice&hnear=Zagreb&t=m&z=13](https://maps.google.hr/maps?q=mjenja%C4%8Dnice+zagreb&ie=UTF8&fb=1&gl=hr&hq=mjenja%C4%8Dnice&hnear=Zagreb&t=m&z=13)

There is also an exchange office on the main square – ask your Buddy to take you!

Metric system

Meters, kilograms, litres

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS IN CROATIA

Not everything is closed on public holidays, but it is better to be prepared. This is a list of Croatian public holidays:

Date	Name of the holiday
January 1st	New Year's Day
January 6th	Epiphany
Easter and 1 day after	Easter and Easter Monday
May 1st	International Labour Day
60 days after Easter	Corpus Christi
June 22nd	Anti-Fascist Struggle Day
June 25th	Statehood Day
August 5th	Victory Day and Homeland Thanksgiving Day
August 15th	Assumption of Mary
October 8th	Independence Day
November 1st	All Saints' Day
December 25th	Christmas
December 26th	St. Stephens' Day

Unofficial Holidays

Carnival celebrations are held in most cities and towns on Shrove Tuesday (Pokladni utorak).

Some cities also celebrate de facto public holidays on their patron saints' feast days. For example, City of Split celebrates Saint Dominos on May 7th, Town of Dubrovnik marks the day of Saint Blaise on February 3rd and City of Zagreb celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of the Stone Gate on May 31st.

MAIN EVENTS throughout the year

January 2014

- Noć muzeja (Museum Night), all museums free entrance from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. (usually last weekend in January)

February 2014

- Carnival and St. Valentine in Zagreb
- ZagrebDOX, International Documentary Film Festival

March 2014

- Place2Go, 14th – 16th, Boćarski dom, International Tourism Fair

April 2014

- Zgraf, international festival of graphic design and visual communications

May 2014

- SFeraKon, mid May, at FER (Faculty of Electronical Engineering and Computing), for all who love Science Fiction
- Flora art, end of May, Park Bundek, international florist and plants growers fair
- International Dance week festival, Zagreb dance centre

June 2014

- Cest is the Best, beginning of June, city streets, International street festival
- Anima fest, 3rd – 8th, cinema Europa, MSU, Cineplexx Centar Kaptol, International animated film festival
- In Music Festival, end of June, Jarun (lake), international music festival...

September 2014

- Rujan Fest, near West Gate shopping centre, beer and music festival
- Mystic, 19th – 22nd, Zagreb Fair, 4th International alternative and healthy lifestyle fair

October 2014

- Zagreb Film Festival, Kino (movie theatre) Europa, Kino Tuškanac, Art Kino Grič, Zagrebački plesni centar (Zagreb Dance Centre), Muzej suvremene umjetnosti (Museum of Modern Art)

November 2014

- Martin je u Zagrebu (St. Martin in Zagreb), 6th – 17th, city centre, food, wine and folklore festival
- Interliber, international book fair

December 2014

- Advent u Zagrebu (Advent in Zagreb)

Hostels in Zagreb

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| • ART HOTEL LIKE, Vlaška 44 | • HOSTEL FANCY, Poljička 13/a |
| • CHILLOUT HOSTEL ZAGREB, Tomićeva 5A | • HOSTEL LIKA, Pašmanska 17 |
| • CITY DESIGN HOSTEL, Zagrebačka Avenija 104 | • HOSTEL RAVNICE, Ravnice 38d |
| • FAVELA, Borongajska 46 | • HOSTEL SHAPPY, Varšavska 8 |
| • FUNK LOUNGE, Rendićeva 28b | • HOSTEL SWANKY MINT, Ilica 90 |
| • HOB0 BEAR, Medulićeva 4 | • HOSTEL TABAN, Tkalčićeva 82 |
| • HOSTEL BUZZ, Babukićeva 1b | • HOSTEL TEMZA, Šenoina 24 |
| • HOSTEL CHERRY, Cernička 33 | • HOSTEL THE HOUSE, Pelješka 5 |
| • HOSTEL CHIC, Pavla Hatza 10/1 | • PALMERS LODGE ZAGREB, Branimirova 25 |
| • HOSTEL DAN I NOĆ, Kneza Mislava 1 | • PARTY HOSTEL, Heinzelova 78a |
| | • POZITIV HOSTEL, Kastavska 8 |



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