

# Croatia Road Trip; a local's guide



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I'm Olivia, a travel pro living in Croatia. I've teamed up with Enterprise to take an inspiring road trip through some of the country's most beautiful hidden gems. Join me as we drive from Zagreb to Zadar, stopping to explore unforgettable sites along the way. From Zrmanja's sweeping canyon views to Pag Island's vibrant blue waters, we'll find plenty of outdoor beauty along our route. We'll explore the rugged trails of Velebit Nature Park, delve into the mysterious Cerovac Caves, and stroll through the charming towns. This adventure promises to reveal Croatia's lesser-known treasures—you won't want to miss out!



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## Stop 1 **Zrmanja**

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Driving through Zrmanja was breathtaking. We had to park and take a pause to soak in the serene river and canyons. We enjoyed a moment surrounded by nature, spotting kayakers on the clear waters. It was an idyllic start to our road trip.



## Stop 2 **Cerovac Caves**

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Exploring Cerovac Caves was like stepping into a hidden world. The cool, underground labyrinth, covered with stalactites and stalagmites, felt like nature's secret art gallery—such an enchanting experience.



## Stop 3 **Velebit Nature Park**

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Stopping to hike in Velebit Nature Park was a true adventure. The trails lead to breathtaking vistas of Croatia's largest mountain range and the sea. The untouched park is a peaceful escape into nature's raw beauty.



## Stop 4 **Pag**

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We drove through the island of Pag, which is famous for its unique landscapes and delicious cheese. The salt flats and stone walls create a surreal atmosphere unlike anywhere else. Stop and pick up some of the local culinary specialties!

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## Stop 5 **Asseria**

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Off the typical tourist trail, the ancient ruins of Asseria are a fascinating glimpse into the past. Walk among the remnants of Roman walls and stone arches and imagine the life that once flourished here.



## Stop 6 **Nin's Lagoon**

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Nin is a quaint, historic town with ancient salt pans and a church often called "the smallest cathedral in the world". The lagoon is a picturesque haven with sandy beaches that people often pass by as they head to Zadar.



## Stop 7 **Zaton**

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We stopped at this charming historical seaside village and savoured the laid-back local atmosphere. The tranquil beaches and clear waters made Zaton a lovely spot to unwind and watch the sun set over the Adriatic.



## Stop 8 **Zadar**

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Our final road trip stop was the historic city of Zadar. The city perfectly blends ancient Roman ruins with modern attractions. We strolled the old town's charming streets, enjoyed a meal together, and took in the local atmosphere.

# What to know before you go to **Croatia**

## **What to Expect**

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Croatia has a diverse cultural heritage influenced by various civilizations, including Roman, Venetian, and Austro-Hungarian. Expect a blend of historical sites, lively festivals, and a strong emphasis on family and community life. Croatian cuisine varies by region, with Mediterranean influences along the coast (seafood, olive oil, and fresh vegetables) and more hearty, Central European dishes inland (meats, stews, and pastries). Don't miss trying local specialties like Peka (slow-cooked meat) and seafood risotto.

## **Language**

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Croatian is the official language. English is widely spoken in tourist areas, especially in major cities, hotels, and restaurants. In more remote regions, knowledge of Croatian or basic phrases can be helpful.

## **Currency**

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The official currency of Croatia is the Euro (€) since January 2023, replacing the Croatian Kuna (HRK). Credit and debit cards are widely accepted, but it's still useful to have some cash on hand for smaller transactions or in rural areas.

## **Time Zone**

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Croatia is in the Central European Time (CET) zone, which is GMT+1. Like many European countries, Croatia observes Daylight Saving Time, moving the clocks forward one hour to Central European Summer Time (CEST), or GMT+2, from the last Sunday in March to the last Sunday in October.





## Plug Adaptor

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Croatia uses Type C and F electrical outlets, with a standard voltage of 230V and a frequency of 50Hz. If your devices use a different plug type, you'll need a plug adaptor.

## Airport Locations

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**Zagreb Airport (Franjo Tuđman Airport - ZAG):**

Located about 10 km from the city center, it is the largest and busiest airport in Croatia.

**Split Airport (SPU):**

Located 24 km from Split, serving the central Dalmatian region.

**Dubrovnik Airport (DBV):**

Situated 20 km southeast of Dubrovnik, serving the southern Dalmatian coast.

**Zadar Airport (ZAD):**

About 8 km from Zadar, it serves the northern Dalmatian region.

**Rijeka Airport (RJK):**

Located on the island of Krk, about 30 km from Rijeka city center.

## Croatia

# Driving Rules

Like most of continental Europe, Croatian motorists drive on the right.

- Seat belts must be worn by drivers and passengers at all times, regardless of where you happen to be travelling.
- Though the speed limit in urban centres is 50 kph, you can drive up to limits of 130 kph on clear stretches along the motorway.
- Bring your driving license and rental agreement everywhere you go.
- Avoid any alcohol prior to getting behind the wheel because there is zero tolerance for drinking and driving in the country.
- On-the-spot fines are sometimes issued by Croatian Police for minor motor regulation infringements.

## What do I need to hire a car with Enterprise

A valid drivers licence (digital licenses are not accepted)

- Valid ID
- Be the legal age to hire in the country you are in
- Credit or debit card

## Top cars to choose from in Croatia



### Compact

Renault Megane  
Citroen C4



### Intermediate

Hyundai Tucson  
Opel Grandland  
Mazda CX-5



### Premium

Range Rover Evoque  
Mercedes Benz  
C Class

*\*Subject to availability.*



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