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LOCATION AND CLIMATE

Zadar is located in the very middle of the Croatian Adriatic, in its most indented part. It is surrounded, at a shorter or greater distance, by the national parks Plitvice, Paklenica, Krka and Kornati, the nature parks Velebit and Telašćica as well as by more than 300 islands and islets. Its location considerably influences the climate characteristics - the average temperature during the coldest month, January, amounts to 6,5°C, and during July 25°C. There are approximately 200 sunny days per year.

Due to the climate, the Mediterranean vegetation dominates, and even exotic subtropical plants thrive in the city parks.

HISTORY AND SIGHTS

For centuries, Zadar was the capital of Dalmatia, ruled by the Romans, French, Byzantium, Venice as well as Croatian rulers. Nowadays, it is a city with rich cultural heritage, well-known worldwide, that can be seen at every step: the Roman Forum from the 1st century, St. Donatus' Church from the 9th century - the most famous medieval basilica and

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The Basilica in Zadar



TOP LEFT

The church of St. Mary

TOP RIGHT

Sea organ

ABOVE

Zadar from air

trademark of the city, the reconstructed Romanesque St. Grisigono's Church from the 12th century and St. Mary's bell tower from the year 1105; St. Anastasia's Cathedral from the 13th century; People's Square with the City Lodge and Guardhouse from the 16th century, as well as the mighty fortification walls with the first class Sea and Land gates from the 16th century, and furthermore the Three and Five Wells Squares and many palaces, villas and other historic monuments.

ZADAR TODAY

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For sports and recreation enthusiasts there are numerous tennis, basketball, football and handball grounds, but there is also a rich offer for water sport activities (sailing, surfing, rowing, diving, sport fishing, etc.).

The cultural and artistic life is rich and diverse. Music nights are traditionally held in St. Donatus, as well as Festival of modern theatre, Zadar Summer Theatre and numerous art performances.

By all means listen to the first sea organs located on the waterfront under the stone stairs. While enjoying one of the most beautiful sunsets, the waves will offer you an unforgettable melody.



One of many island villages in Zadar County

HOW TO ARRIVE?

By plane

The Zadar airport is around 8 km far away from the town. There are regular flights from Zagreb to Zadar and vice versa on a daily basis. The Split airport is 150 km far away from Zadar, and there are regular bus lines from the Split bus station to Zadar every hour on a daily basis.

By car or bus

If travelling by car in the direction of Zadar, you can travel via Trieste, Rijeka, and then use the Adriatic highway toward Zadar, if you prefer to travel along the coast. Or you can use the highway when you reach Rijeka or the junction Zuta Lokva near the town Senj, about 60 km south of Rijeka, and continue driving toward Zadar.

If you are arriving from the direction of north, the highway Zagreb - Split is the fastest way. Or you can use the alternative, i.e. the old route Zagreb - Karlovac - Plitvice - Gracac - Zadar.

By train

Via railway, Zadar is via Knin connected with Zagreb and the rest of Europe.

By ship

If travelling by ship, you can use one of the regular ferry lines from Rijeka toward Zadar or international ferry lines from Ancona toward Zadar. The trip from Ancona to Zadar lasts 7 hours, however, there are also hydrofoil boats, lasting 3 hours.



The church of St. Stosija

Photo: Tourism Office Zadar

Distance / km	Zagreb	Rijeka	Split	Dubrovnik	Trieste	Ljubljana
Zadar	270	216	156	355	294	334