

Cool fun in the hot city

With fewer locals around, August in Zagreb is known as slumber time. But when there is less traffic and less stress, the party levels go up too. Currently on offer: Stross promenade and Upper Town evening festivals (page 2), Grič Tunnel (page 3) to cool down during the day, beaches on Jarun and Budek lakes (map on the last page), swimming pools (page 3), parks, clubs, new stuff in town... The whole city is yours, so get down to it!

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TALKABOUT

MICHELIN launched a Zagreb weekend guide, the first city guide in Croatia. Reaching out to French tourists, whose numbers rose to 50,000 last year, the guide recommends an ideal three-day break: day 1 for Dolac market, day 2 for museums and day 3 for the Medvednica mountain. @michelin.com

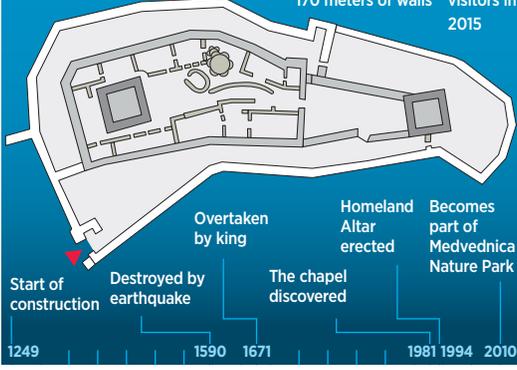
TREE LINE by the MARYKOVA street patisserie lost a tree during the terrace extensions. The city authorities instructed that a new 5-meter-high honey locust tree be planted in its stead. @zagreb.hr

CROATIA'S FIRST HOSTEL WITH A POOL is the new nickname of Zagreb's best-known hostel Swanky Mint. Apart from this novelty, there are two new terraces ready to continue with the hostel's renowned parties. @swanky-hostel.com

Medvedgrad gets ready for visitors

A medieval castle and museum perched above the city, Medvedgrad is an ideal venue for movie and food festivals, parties and concerts a great family outing. This 13th-century fortification and the site of the Homeland Altar recently got a new lease of life. You can now visit daily, except Mondays. At 593 meters of altitude, it provides a perfect respite from heat. For an even deeper shade, stroll inside Veternica, the nearby 7km-long cave. @pp-medvednica.hr

NUMBERS 1 chapel, 2 towers 107 owners 13,000 visitors in 2015
170 meters of walls



LEADER OF THE PACK is on its own: the 17-year-old Silver is the last remaining wolf in the Zagreb Zoo, after having lost its brother. The Zoo plans to introduce a new pack but not while the lone wolf still stands. @zoo.hr

FIRST MINUTE

Land in Zagreb and touch the sun

There aren't many places where you can actually touch the sun. When you land in Zagreb, look for the famous Grounded Sun, a sculpture by Ivan Kožarić in Bogovičeva street. Next, search out other planets of the Zagreb Solar System. This unique installation connects models of all planets, proportional in size and distance to the real thing.

WORD Vruće

(Vroo-che)
Hot, Heiß, Chaud, Caliente, Caldo, Quente
熱い, 뜨거운, 热

WHAT WHERE WHEN

PERFECT ZAGREB PICNIC IN MAKSIMIR

Want to eat alfresco and lose the city crowds? Hit the gorgeous Maksimir park every Saturday (Jun 18–Sept 9; 10am–5pm) and look for people with picnic baskets at the meadow by the Second Lake. Join in a game of Monopoly, read a book from the traveling library or just relax to the DJ-hosted soundtrack. Don't worry if you forget to pack your own grub. Picnic baskets with Croatian goodies are available on the spot.

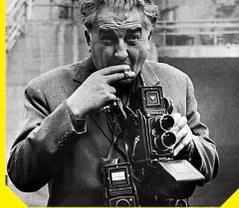
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FEAST ON CONTEMPORARY ART AT MSU

Museum of Contemporary Art (MSU) hosts two great shows this month. Wild West (Jun 16–Aug 15) showcases Polish post-WW2 avant-garde artists from Wrocław whose globally important work has been influenced by both sides of the Iron Curtain. Until August 20, catch *As Good as it Gets*, an exhibit of Julião Sarmento, one of Portugal's best artists; it's a proper multimedia feast of film, sound, image, sculpture and installation. @msu.hr

GIGGLE AWAY AT ZAGREB'S HOTTEST OPEN-AIR THEATER

If you don't speak Croatian, you may not get the jokes. But the hot thespian atmosphere is reason to check out the 31st Zagreb Histrionic Summer (Jul 7–Sept 3) and their amazing open-air theatre stage at Opatovina park. Look out for the late-night cabaret performances (starting at 11.30pm) with lots of singing, where language barriers almost disappear. You'll soon understand why this event is a quintessential Zagreb symbol. @histrion.hr



ZAGREB SUPERHEROES

Tošo Dabac, poetic photographer who loved people
No one has captured Zagreb's *je ne sais quoi* as poetically as the iconic 20th-century photographer Tošo Dabac. He spent 50 years chronicling Zagreb's streets, corners and cafes, and especially people in them. His work was widely shown, from Vienna to New York. Dabac died as a true Zagreb local – on a bus to the Upper Town. His work includes more than 200,000 photos which are now in the Tošo Dabac Archives (Ilica 17), housed in the apartment where he lived 1940–1970. Check out his work at tosodabac.com.



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When empty is beautiful

Growing up, I read a children's book called *Pale Alone in the World*, about a boy who woke up one morning and found everyone had disappeared. Literally everyone was gone. This stuck with me. Save a few people here and there who stick around the city – for either they have no choice or they simply like it that way, Zagreb in August feels like Pale's world.

There is beauty in this emptiness. Years ago, I found Zagreb's empty streets at noon unsettling, the harsh sun beating down. I craved people, action, traffic even... Now I love the stillness of summer. Catching shade from sidewalk to sidewalk, guided by the way the sun hits the streetscape between buildings. Sometimes it feels like playing hopscotch, with sunrays acting as the small stone tossed on the ground.

Then there are those pockets of hubbub in air-conditioned spaces, the sudden buzz and bustle when the glaring sun finally softens around 6pm and people start to sneak outside to sit on shaded terraces under tree trunks that offer slight relief, paired so well with cold drinks. And before I blink, everyone will be back in Zagreb anyway. Till then, I revel in this beauty of emptiness.

MONOVIEW

Want to eat like a real Croatian? Eat *ćušpajz*



Željka Klemenčić, author of the just released *Eat Zagreb* guide (available at Croatian Design Superstore), reveals her Zagreb faves

TOP FOOD ADVICE FOR VISITORS TO ZAGREB: 1. Learn the difference between *štrukli* and *štrudla* – try them both 2. Buy fresh milk cheese and try it first with top-quality olive oil from Istria, and then with some pumpkin seed oil from Zgorjeje. 3. Want to eat like a real Croatian? Eat *ćušpajz* or *gulaš*. Anything seasonal and hearty, eaten with a spoon. **YOUR FAVORITE PLACE IN ZAGREB TO BEAT THE HEAT IN AUGUST?** Climb Sljeme. Or walk anywhere else in the woods of Medvednica.

YOUR FAVORITE FOOD ITEMS TO PICK UP AT DOLAC THIS TIME OF YEAR... Summer is really abundant with great produce: try young peas and beans, raspberries, zucchini flowers, first tomatoes, fresh goat or cow milk cheese... In the fish market don't miss red mullets and Adriatic sardines. Meat lovers can still find some good baby lamb.

THE BEST FOOD & DRINK PAIRING FOR SUMMERTIME IN CROATIA... Raw shellfish or prawns from Kvarner, directly from the sea, with some nice local white wine.

NO 1. TERRACE IN ZAGREB FOR THE BEST SHADE & VIBE? For fine dining and a great terrace, Dubravkin Put is tops. For a hipper vibe, Rougemarin has a fun menu and a nice terrace. Beer lovers can try some good local brew in the shade of Medvedgrad terrace. And I love the morning vibe of Café u Dvorištu, where they have great specialty coffee and artisanal ice cream (Medenko) in the same yard; don't miss the Slavonian hazelnut flavor!

HIDDEN ZAGREB

Cooking feast at Kuhaona

If the path to your heart is via your belly, I don't skip a cooking class at Kuhaona. This cool little gastro-educational center a stone's throw from Dolac offers a range of culinary workshops (by appointment only). Their shortest two-hour cooking class will show you how to make *eingemachtes* (chicken minestrone), Zagreb steak (veal escalope filled with ham and cheese) and *jabuke u šlafroku* (apple fritters), all typical Zagreb dishes. For a market stall-to-table experience, arrange a pre-class trip to Dolac to pick the freshest ingredients and then learn to whip up a storm with them in Kuhaona's fancy kitchen. Throw in a wine pairing too, and you're in for a special treat. Prices range from 200 to 600KN per person. For schedules, check out @kuhaona.com.

SPEND SUMMER ON STROSS

Strossmayer promenade, a beautiful tree-lined spot in the Upper Town, is the best place to spend your summer evenings. The popular Summer on Stross festival throws up almost 100 days of festivities: music and theater performances, art exhibitions and workshops, all accompanied with a cooling drink. @ljetonastrosu.com



NEW Zagreb opens up its underground heart

Zagreb has shared one of its best-kept secrets: The mysterious Grič Tunnel that connects Mesnička and Radićeva streets is finally open to visitors (daily 9am-9pm; free entry). Built in 1943 as an air raid shelter, it has remained closed ever since. Rare one-off events, such as the storied 1993 rave party that took

place inside, have only built up the intrigue. Enter the Grič Tunnel from Mesnička street (the entrance is unmarked but you can't miss it, on your right as you walk uphill) and stroll around this 350m-long and 3m-wide catacomb that branches off with several corridors. Two exits to the right

lead to 'the small Stross' which currently hosts Street Art Park and another further up takes you to a courtyard off Ilica. Take time to notice quirky WW2 wall inscriptions, such as 'no spitting on the ground' or 'tell people off for anti-social behaviour' that have now been restored. Plans are underway for the Grič Tunnel to turn into Museum of the Senses, slated to showcase permanent exhibits, concerts, holograms and animations, together promising a spine-tingling experience.

PHOTO: Zlatko Bašić/Pixsell



TIP: New toilets are installed by both exits. They're very sleek so pay them a visit even if you don't have to go.

QuizG

1 Cannon in the Lotrščak Tower has fired daily at noon since:

- a) 1646
- b) 1857
- c) 1877



2 There are 15 daytime tram lines in Zagreb. How many operate at night?

- a) 4
- b) 5
- c) 6

3 Veternica Cave on Medvednica mountain is around 7 km long. How big is the stretch open for visitors?

- a) 250 meters
- b) 310 meters
- c) 380 meters

BONUS QUESTION

How many house numbers are there in Novodvorska, Zagreb's shortest street?

- a) 2
- b) 3
- c) 4

ANSWERS

1 c, 1877 was when the Lotrščak cannon fired at noon for the first time; the bell was installed in 1646 and the cannon floor in 1857

2 a, four tram lines operate at night: 31, 32, 33 and 34; **3 c**, only the first 380 meters of the Veternica Cave are open to visitors. Bats have a separate entrance; **BONUS b**, Novodvorska street in Trešnjevka has three house numbers and is shorter than 30 meters.

Day at a pool

Zagreb has its own 'sea,' the lakes Jarun and Budek (check the beach map at the back) but its pools are just as full and well-equipped for those looking to cool down with a splash. Each pool in Zagreb has its own highlights, with little difference in ticket prices.

Svetice in Maksimir with three pools opened earlier this summer so it still gets quite busy. Opens daily till 10pm. Ticket: 20KN



Mladost by the Sava has outdoor and indoor Olympic-size pools, a gym, sauna and a bunch of trendy cafes in the namesake sport center. Ticket 25KN, family ticket 70KN

Šalata has a unique Olympic-size pool overlooking the city. The sport center is open till 6pm on weekdays and 7pm on weekends. Highly recommended for a middle-of-the-day dip.

Utrina in Novi Zagreb has two Olympic-size pools: one for divers and one for beginner swimmers. Additional facilities include a spa, gym and sport courts. Open till 8pm. Ticket: 20KN



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Honestly, get savvy with your Zagreb windows

In the last two years since I've been an Airbnb host, I met hundreds of people from every corner of the world. Apart from giving them the comfort of a home away from home, I do everything to send my guests to Zagreb's sweetest spots. In these short encounters, I learned many things about other cultures. And what amazes me most is how this global village of our world takes vastly different approaches to windows. We have countless opening and closing systems – I now always include 'the Croatian window' in my welcome tour – and various understandings of when is the best time to keep them open or closed. Here's the proven window schedule to beat the Zagreb heat naturally. Keep all the windows and blinds closed during the day. Literally, barricade yourself in. After the sun has gone down, or even later, open every single one of them. Create a big enough drought to see the curtains dance. Enjoy the cool breeze even as you sleep.

TIP: Read all about the Croatian drought phenomenon in Cody Brown's *Chasing the Croatian Girl* bestseller.

208

meters is the height of Zagreb's heating plant

5653

meters is the length of Ilica, for a long time Zagreb's longest street

4

kuna is the price of a single ride with the funicular

COOL TURE

NOEL GALLAGHER and High Flying Birds play at Šalata stadium on August 16. The Oasis frontman is touring with the new band and this is his first concert in Croatia and beyond. Start time: after 8pm.

@noelgallagher.com

SUMMER CINEMA Gradec in the Upper Town has daily screenings starting at 9pm. Choose among excellent European art movies or the Croatian classics such as *The Brave Adventures of a Little Shoemaker*, scheduled for the last days of August.

@ljetnokinogradec.com

ST. MARK'S ORGAN Zagreb's festival of classical and chamber music has performances throughout the summer in the namesake church in the Upper Town. Don't miss Oratio Divina on Aug 14. Organ concerts are on in the Cathedral, too.

#orguljesvetogmarka

ZAGREB TIME MACHINE A unique journey through Zagreb's history and culture pops up at every corner and park. Make a special trip to the Upper Town on weekends (5-8pm) to brush shoulders with historic figures like Zagorka and Ljudevit Gaj or literary characters Dora and Pavle. @infozagreb.hr

ZGBLOG

MAKE IT YOUR LITTLE ZAGREB

If you follow a spritely team of seven known as My Little Zagreb, you'll soon feel the city underneath your skin. Journalists, writers, yoga teachers, coaches but most of all Zagreb aficionados, these girls deliver delicious stories about little pleasures awaiting in Zagreb. Topics cover everything from food and culture to design and shopping, all spruced up with interviews with real local folk.

mylittlezagreb.com



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Evolution

In terms of tourism success, cities reside in three categories. One: A necessary layover on the way to somewhere else. Two: As a home base from which to explore a region. Three: A dynamic magnet luring travelers with a wealth of interesting sites and activities. A decade ago most of us in the travel profession would have defined Zagreb as category one.

Within a few years, Zagreb evolved to category two. Cool lounges started serving hip drinks. Chichi bistros opened their doors. Suddenly visitors could eat items besides grilled meats served on table-sized platters. Vegetarians actually had options beyond shredded cabbage.

I travel a lot for work. Assignments take me to destinations desperate to find a place on this scale. Even residing in the number-one slot would be a success. The reason: no industry is as beneficial to a place as well-planned tourism. As a city moves along the depth chart from one to three it improves its economic situation AND sends a message to the world: "This is a place you should visit, spend your holiday budget, and share with your friends."

Every time I come back to Zagreb—about five times a year—it's more obvious that it now resides in categories two and three. Travelers likely never even notice the change. They just know Croatia's chief city is the new darling of Central European tourism, alongside Prague, Vienna, and Budapest.

Pro-tip: Stay in Zagreb and the surrounding highlands during the summer. Save the Adriatic for September 1.

NEW IN TOWN

Enter the Zagreb magic through Portal Escape

With their mind-bending challenges and fantastic period ambience, Room Escape adventures might even trump visiting the most interactive museum. Zagreb's newest addition is the Portal Escape (Amruševa 8) with its three rooms built in the rich Hollywood-style make belief, and with various degrees of difficulty. Inspired by a mythical heroine of Zagreb's lore, The Black Queen Castle is even suitable for families with children (10+). You can also challenge yourself to the mafia-style Don Francesco's Secret or the mind games inside Cubes.

Ticket: 350KN for a room (2-8 players) Duration: 60 min @portalescape.com

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List of public toilets



Where to go when you need to go

In Zagreb, we can hardly wait for that alfresco season to kick off so we can spend the whole day outside. So we've rounded up a few great options for finding a toilet on the go. Your first pee opp are public toilets. The oldest one, a fine example of Art Deco architecture, is on the British Square, while the newest loo has been set up on the Europe Square. Housed in historic green huts are public toilets in the Botanical Garden and in Nazor Park. The train and bus stations have them, too. Museum hopping is a great way to find a good restroom. And if you want to appreciate a unique toilet design, visit those in the

Museum of Arts and Crafts or inside the Grič Tunnel. If you take a breather from sightseeing in a cafe or a restaurant, have change ready. Some places charge you a 1, 2 or 5KN coin to use the loo.

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WI-FI SOLAR BENCHES

Look out for smart solar-powered benches where you can charge your phone and get free wi-fi access. Currently set up on two locations: in front of the Rector building at Marshal Tito Square and in front of the Faculty of Kinesiology in Horvačanski Zavoji.

BOTANICAL GARDEN FOR FREE

Zagreb Botanical Garden is free and open every day from morning to dusk – a policy in operation since its opening in 1891. The Garden was the city's gift to the University of Zagreb provided it kept free entrance.

THE MOST USEFUL CARD

With Zagreb Card tourists get free transport and ticket discounts for more than 150 locations. Daily card is 60KN, a three-day card is 90KN. A ride on the funicular is included.



(R)E-charge in Tesla's home village

If you're curious about Nikola Tesla's source of inspiration, venture to the quiet village of Smiljan in the midst of Lika's wilderness. The memorial center, which includes his birth house, marks its 10th anniversary; it now offers even more Tesla-related experiences, such as the multimedia room that makes you feel as if you've stepped into his lab. You can even charge your e-car at the entrance.



Tip: Make sure you see the demonstration of the Tesla coil during which you hold a wireless neon light that sparkles in your hands.

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ZAGREB'S RIVIERA WITH FOUR BLUE FLAGS

The Zagreb sea is what the locals fondly call the lakes of Jarun and the newly restored Bundeč. The vibe is similar to the Croatian coast; you only need to imagine swans as seagulls. Here you'll find four blue-flag beaches: Trešnjevka island, Big Lake South, Small Lake and the Rowers' island. All of them have lifeguards, cafes, restaurants and ice cream stands. The newest addition is the special beach for the lesser-abled. And let's not forget the nudist one, if you fancy a spot of skinny dipping.

JARUN BEACHES

Big Island has the largest area designated for barbecues, a skate park and a volleyball sand court

Trešnjevka is the biggest island at Jarun lake, connected by bridge with the **University Games island**

Small Island has the largest number of terraces and a wakeboarding lift.

The nudist beach has recently been fenced up against peeping

Ilica st.

Srpska st.

Av. V. Holjevca

River Sava

Horvaćanska st.

Ban Jelačić Square

Bundeč The Big Lake is for swimmers while the Small Lake is a flora and fauna nature reserve. Bundeč Lake has a rollerskating path, three playgrounds, two volleyball and handball sand courts, plus a floating stage for up to 2500 visitors.

Rowers' Island is set opposite the Island of Love and is the favorite place for people to swim from one side of the lake to the other

LAST MINUTE

Wound up to Zagreb's curious clock

If you're wondering how to stop time so you can enjoy Zagreb longer, walk up to the Cathedral and look for the old clock where it's always 7.03am. This intriguing clock commemorates the Big Earthquake that hit the city on November 9, 1880 at that exact time. You, too, can stand still for a while and pretend you don't have to leave.

4am

COOLEST VINYL HANGOUT

Pločnik is Zagreb's newest multimedia and concept venue that kills not two but three birds with one stone: it's a cafe, a club and a vinyl store. Also head there (Medimurska street) for 60+ types of craft beer and a rare opportunity to enjoy vinyl DJ-ing. Closing time is 2am but if you want to stay up later (think party till 7am), visit nearby Masters. #pločnik #masters



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Let's sway in the Art Park

Not long ago few people knew about the park nestled between Ilica and Tomičeva streets and Stross promenade. Once burdened with the nickname 'the druggies' park,' it has turned into a vibrant green oasis thanks to street artists Lonac, Lunar, Artez and Modul, all headed up by the Pimp My Pump team. Head there for daily festivals and flea markets. This month's special: restoring and painting of the park's benches and swings. @pmp.hr

Have you seen tourists strolling the Upper Town with selfie sticks? They've probably talked the street lamp lighter into letting them turn on one of the gas lamps that adorn the historic buildings. Following the lamp lighter has become a prime tourist attraction; he's been doing it for 150 years (not the same man). If you want to catch him, show up at dawn or dusk.

There are 214 gas lamps in the Upper Town. 60 new ones are to arrive soon.

TASTE OF ZAGREB



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Scoop it up in Zagreb

Zagreb has always been crazy about ice cream. Colorful display of flavors from shops and street vendors follows wherever you go. While the old traditional patisseries had their own recipes, it's hard to find places that make the creamy mixture from scratch nowadays. This is where artisan ice cream comes to save the day.

Many locals adore the family-owned Orijent (Maksimirska 34). Though the procedure hasn't changed much in decades the creative team always comes up with new flavors, such as black sesame. Gelati d'Oro, found in shops around town (Ilica 38, Britanski trg 2), specialize in vegan, gluten- and lactose-free ice cream. Medenko, the "ice cream factory" from Samobor, has just opened a tiny shop (Jurja Žerjavića 7/2); try their blackcurrant and mint or poppy seed and lemon. Kcal per 1 large scoop: 180, price per scoop: 7-10KN

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