

Getting around

There are a number of options to get around Croatia, however, it is worth noting that some of these options are seasonal, and land transportation in the winter months may be affected by adverse weather conditions.

Driving in Croatia

Driving in Croatia is on the right, as many destinations in Europe. The motorways are in very good condition, many being built after Croatia gained independence in 1991. There are 3 types of roads in Croatia – motorways, rural roads and coastal roads. Don't be surprised if more rural roads are badly maintained.

The motorways in Croatia are toll roads, you will take a ticket as you enter and on exit you will hand your ticket to the attendant at the toll booth, paying the amount for your journey. The attendant should speak a little English.

Motorways link Zagreb to Pula, Rijeka, Zadar and Split along the coast and Varazdin in the interior, as well as sections within Istria. The Zagreb to Ploce, just north of Dubrovnik passes by Karlovac, Zadar, Sibenik, Trogir, Split, the Makarska Riviera. It is due to be extended to Dubrovnik in the near future.

Bosnia checkpoint (between Split and Dubrovnik)

If you are driving between Dubrovnik and Split you will pass through the Neum checkpoint. A small stretch of road belonging to Bosnia and Herzegovina. You will be asked to show your passports at the check-point to leave Croatia and enter Bosnia and again 12 miles later to exit Bosnia and re-enter Croatia.

[Click here](#) for further details about driving in Croatia.

Domestic Flights

If you are short on time, the quickest way to get around is an internal flight – Zagreb to Dubrovnik takes an hour, rather than a full day by land. It is also the best way to experience both cities in the winter months, when weather conditions may affect the roads.

Croatia Airlines operates internal flights year-round from Zagreb to Dubrovnik, Split, Pula and Zadar. There may also be flights between these airports. A timetable of year-round internal flights can be found [here](#).

Bus Network

If you have time to kill, the bus routes between major cities are efficient and regularly run between many of the key locations along the Dalmatian coast, as well as inland towards Zagreb. We found getting by bus was helpful for booking bus travel.

Note – The drivers often charge a fee per bag to store luggage in the hold. Travel times are extended as there are no toilet facilities available onboard, stops are made along the route.

Travelling through Istria we would recommend a car or transfers. While buses do run to key towns, more off the beaten track locations are difficult to reach.

Taxis in Croatia

We found local taxis in Croatia are highly overpriced in all locations, especially along the coast and in more rural areas. Where available, we recommend using Cammeo, for trips within cities.

Ferries and Catamarans

A number of ferry companies link the Croatian Coast to the nearby islands, with a regular schedule in the summer months. The main state ferry company is Jadrolinija and provides foot and car passage. Krilo is a privately-owned catamaran and also available in key locations.

A full overview of routes and timetables from all destinations is available [here](#)

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Private Sailing in Croatia

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