

Welcome to Split

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1. Getting to Split

Split is served by airport located in the city of Kaštela (about 25 km outside of Split), ferry and bus transport (last station of both train and long-haul buses is located in the city center, at the port). You can also comfortably arrive by car; Croatia has built an excellent network of highways in recent years.

2. Getting to your hotel from the airport

By airport shuttle: There is official airport bus, located immediately at the front of the airport building. Bus schedule: <http://www.plesoprijevoz.hr/page/timetable> (departures from Split airport). You can buy the ticket from the driver. One-way bus ticket costs 30 HRK (about 4 Eur). The driver does not accept Euros so you should change currency at the airport. This bus does not have any stops before Split, and it takes about 40 min to get to Split.

By taxi: Multiple taxis are available in front of the airport. It costs at least 250 HRK (about 35 Eur). Please check the price before entering the taxi.

3. What to see and do in Split

Split is a historical city, 1700 years old. There are plenty of things to see and do.

Diocletian's palace was built by Roman emperor in the 4th century AD, and the city grew around the palace. The palace is the very center of the city, so do not expect to visit some isolated and empty palace. Many people live in the palace, and it is full of shops and restaurants.

Cathedral and Bell Tower of St. Domnius are right in the center of Diocletian's palace. You can walk all the way to the top of the bell tower and the entrance ticket is 30 kn (about 4 Eur). Not recommended for people afraid of heights and open spaces, as the bell tower is quite 'airy'.

Riva is a promenade at a seaside front of the Diocletian's palace, facing the city. Riva is the living room of Split. We go there to see and be seen. Take a stroll through Marmont street and along Riva, and then have a coffee at one of numerous cafés.

West coast is a recently renovated and expanded part of the promenade that goes from the end of Riva to the Sustipan. Very nice and relaxing walk, highly recommended. There are several cafés and one restaurant right in the middle of the West coast.

Coffee culture is very strong in Split and you will see numerous people sitting in cafes. The price of beverage in cafes is the same if you sit or if you drink at the bar. To give you a rough estimate of prices to expect in cafes – plain espresso coffee is around 8 kn (cca 1 Eur), coffee with milk or

espresso around 10 kn (cca 1.5 Eur), soft drink around 12 kn (cca 1.7 Eur), small beer about 15 kn (cca 2 Eur).

Marjan hill is a small hill (highest point 178 m) with forest and recreational facilities. It is highly recommended to go to Vidilica – the observation point above Split. It is about 15 min walking uphill from the city center. When you get there, you will be rewarded with fantastic views of Split, sea and islands. And, of course, there is a café there.

Meštrović gallery houses works of a world renowned Croatian sculptor Ivan Meštrović. The gallery and surrounding park are truly worth a visit.

Bačvice beach is only 10 min walking away from the city center. It is a beautiful sandy beach, with a Blue Flag. This is not one of the beach resorts, and it does not have any mega hotels. A good place to relax, have an ice cream, or a drink in one of numerous bars along the beach.

Islands Brač and Šolta are one hour away with a ferry from Split. **Island Hvar** is two hours away. Going to islands would require a day trip and staying in Split more days before or after the meeting.

Cities of Trogir and Omiš are one hour away from Split by local buses. Those are beautiful historical cities, pearls of Adriatic.

Popular tourist attractions further away from Split are **national parks Krka** and **Plitvice Lakes**, city of **Dubrovnik** and city of **Mostar in Bosnia and Herzegovina**. Visiting those places requires at least a full-day trip.

4. Public transport in Split

Split has bus lines numbered from 1 to 19. Day buses 1 through 18 run from 05:00 to 23:00. There is only one night bus, number 19, which runs on Fridays and Saturdays. Maps and schedules for each line can be found at their respective stops. Tickets can be purchased on the bus for 11 kn or from kiosks near each bus stop for less. Split is covered by one zone, so a ticket is good for one trip anywhere in the city.

5. Taxis

The simplest way to call a taxi is to dial +385 (0)21 1777. Taxis wait in front of most major hotels, Firule and Križine hospitals, at the ferry port, at the main bus station and near the Riva.

6. Weather in June

Split has a Mediterranean climate that is mild with dry, hot summers and moderate seasonality. Most of June is dry and can get quite hot. The month of June is characterized by *rising* daily high temperatures, with daily highs increasing from 26°C to 30°C over the course of the month, and daily low temperatures range from 16°C to 20°C, falling below 13°C or exceeding 23°C only one day in ten. Throughout June, the most common forms of precipitation are thunderstorms and light rain though they are quite rare. The relative humidity typically ranges from 34% (comfortable) to 79% (humid) over the course of a typical June.

7. Practical tips

Tap water in Split is potable. Numerous public places have water fountains with potable water as well.

Currency is Croatian kuna (HRK). The exchange rate is approximately 1 Eur = 7.5 HRK. There are many currency exchange offices around Split and your hotel might also provide this service.

Split is generally a **safe city**, but exercise caution and common sense. Protect your valuables.

Official language is Croatian.

Population of Croatia is 4.2 million.

Useful links:

www.visitsplit.com

<http://www.split.info/>

www.croatia.hr