

CROATIA



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*Boats float in the harbor near Rovinj.
The colorful town has a long seafaring
and shipbuilding history and remains
a fishing port today.*



According to legend, Odysseus was held captive on the island of Mljet for seven years. Swimmers now enjoy the saltwater lakes in its national park.



Two thousand years ago, the Pula Arena attracted spectators to gladiator events. Today, the well-preserved Roman amphitheater is open for tours and hosts concerts and festivals.

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My father's homeland

of Croatia offers well-preserved ancient cities and stunning landscapes shaped by natural wonders. I keep returning to this enchanting country to experience more of its immersive history, abundant national parks and glittering Adriatic coast.



Traditional shawls are displayed at a cultural heritage exhibit in Donji Vidovec.



A truffle-hunting tour in Buzet uncovered these treasures hiding in the Istrian forest.



Farmed on the Pelješac Peninsula since Roman times, Mali Ston oysters are world renowned.



Kayakers paddle outside Dubrovnik's Old Town in Pile Bay, which stood in for Blackwater Bay in the TV series Game of Thrones.



Modern Split grew around the labyrinth of Roman Emperor Diocletian's 4th-century palace. Restaurants and cafés along the Riva, the city's palm-lined promenade, deliver Instagrammable seaside views.



Recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the 73,000 acres that make up Plitvice Lakes National Park feature numerous waterfalls and turquoise lakes that dazzle in every season.



Trams traverse lively Ilica Street in Zagreb, lined with elegant buildings housing cafés and boutiques. The charming capital blends its medieval roots with contemporary culture.