

Practical Information for the Split Conference

About Split

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The story of Split is already 17 centuries old, dating to the time the Roman Emperor Diocletian decided to build his Palace right on the peninsula near the great Roman city Salona, where he wanted to spend the last years of his life. During these 1700 years the Palace slowly turned into a city, which to this day lures with its rich tradition, glorious history and beauty of its natural and cultural heritage. Diocletian Palace and the entire historical core of Split have been on the World Heritage UNESCO list ever since 1979, and not only for the extraordinary preservation of the Palace, but also because the Palace and its city (or the city and its Palace, if you like) continue to live a full life. All historical layers from the old Rome, middle ages till today are still visible and alive in this structure. A walk through the ancient city takes you through time, along the great examples of ancient architecture like Peristyle, the middle aged Romanesque Church and Gothic Palace, Renaissance portals of the noblemen's houses, Baroque facades and modern architecture superbly merged in the rich heritage. Such stratification is mirrored in everyday life of Split. Local inhabitants sit in the same cafes, restaurants, shop in the same stores as tourists, giving them the impression that, by arriving to Split, they became a part of the city and its rhythm. The vegetable market and the fish market represent the centre of each family's life in Split, just as the entire social life of this city of 200 thousand reflects on the Riva (waterfront), where every guest should endeavour to have his coffee alongside noisy, temperamental folk of Split. Split is much more than glorious architectural scenery. Split is also a venue for excellent gourmet and vine experiences, numerous cultural happenings like film and theatre festivals, exhibitions, excellent museums and concerts, a city which offers eclectic modes of entertainment starting with numerous clubs and bars, through street festivals to events such as Ultra Europe Festival visited each year by up to 100 thousand young people from around one hundred countries of the world. Split with its sport results is something only a handful of cities of similar size around the world can boast about as it is the home of a dozen Olympic medal winners as well as other sports medals. When you tire of the city bustle, there's Marjan, hill symbol over the city, with its forest, jogging trails, mountain climbing and biking, recreational terrains, but also the ancient churches where the late citizens of Split sought spiritual peace. Also very unusual to find in a city the size of Split are the numerous beaches with extraordinarily clean sea, from the well known Bačvice to the stone secluded oases' all around Marjan. After all that's said are you at all surprised that citizens of Split have a saying "There is no place like Split"?

For those who want to explore it is good to know that Split is surrounded with a lot of beautiful islands (Brač, Hvar, Vis, Šolta etc.). From Split it takes one to three hours with a ferry to get there. More info you can find at: <http://www.jadrolinija.hr/en/ferry-croatia>.

Communication

Split is a popular tourist destination. Besides the native Croatian language (Split dialect), English is widely spoken, followed by German and Italian.

Currency and exchange rates

The Croatian currency is the Croatian Kuna (HRK or KN). All major credit cards are widely accepted. Cash payments are only possible in Kuna.

Exchange rates (approximately): 1 EUR = 7,6 HRK; 1 USD = 6,6 HRK. Currency exchange is possible in exchange offices, banks and post offices (I recommend exchange offices – no commission, and no waiting in line).

Visas

Information on visas is available at: <http://www.mvep.hr/en/consular-information/visas/visa-requirements-overview/>

Getting to Split

You can reach Split by plane, train, car, bus and ferry (from Italy) – also check <http://www.visitsplit.com/en/385/how-to-reach-split>

The Split International Airport (Kastela) is located approximately 20 kilometers west from Split. Once at the airport, you can take a taxi to Split (about 300 kuna, approx. 40 EUR), or take a Airport Bus (30 kuna, approx. 4 EUR). Bus schedule is connected with the arrivals, so once the plane has landed you will be able to take a shuttle bus to the city center.

List of airlines flying to Split: http://www.split-airport.hr/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=175&Itemid=166&lang=en

You can also fly to Zagreb International Airport (capital of Croatia, approx. 400 km from Split), or Zadar International Airport (150 km from Split).

From Zagreb you can take a Croatia Airlines flight to Split (usually three times per day), or take a bus (5 h drive) or train (I would recommend flying or taking the bus). If you are flying to Zagreb the bus schedule is also connected with the arrivals, so once the plane has landed you will be able to take a shuttle bus to the city center, precisely to the Main Bus Station. From there you have buses to Split approximately every hour or two. You can see more detail information at: <http://www.akz.hr/default.aspx?id=260>.

You can also get a rent-a-car in Zagreb or Zadar and drive to Split. From Zadar you can take a bus to Split.

Getting around Split

Local transportation is provided by “Promet Split” busses. One-way ticket is 11 HRK (around 1,5 euro).

Taxi within Split should not exceed 100 HRK, depending on the distance. All taxi vehicles must have a meter running. Radio Taxi Split number – 1777.

Accommodation

List of hotels, hostels and private accommodation options can be found here:

<http://www.visitsplit.com/en/1225/accommodation>

Radisson Blu Hotel Split is the closest hotel to the University of Split School of Medicine.

However, getting to the venue from the city center is also not a problem (approx. 20 - 25 minute walk, 10 min by bus, or 5 min by taxi).

Venue

University of Split School of Medicine (Medicinski fakultet), address: Šoltanska ulica 2, is situated adjacent to the University Hospital Split – Krizine (Bolnica Krizine – please note that the two hospitals are close to one another Krizine and Firule – not to get confused when looking for direction. The bus stop is called Krizine, lines 3, 8, 17 – check the bus map attached. The bus stop is at the intersection of the Poljička cesta and ulica Bruna Bušića.

Web site of the Medical School: <http://www.mefst.unist.hr/default.aspx?id=46>

