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A CITY OF SIGHTS,
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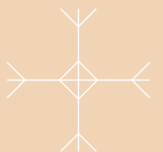
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Split has a rich culinary tradition that merges both Balkan and Mediterranean flavors. Staples of the Split cuisine include grilled meats, seafood, shellfish and a variety of vegetables and fresh herbs. From quaint street food vendors to gourmet fine-dining experiences, all types of food aficionados are sure to find something that satisfies their palettes.



The best cuisines to try in Split: Truly Croatia's guide on where to eat in Split, for every budget and style, including locals' favorite places.



Traditional Food

You will find a bountiful of traditional restaurants in Split that serve local Croatian cuisine. The local cuisine consists of a Mediterranean diet that includes seafood, cheese and grilled meats. Although Split boasts a unique blend of traditional and modern food, be sure to take the time to enrich your palettes and sample local dishes such as black risotto and grilled fish.



Modern Cuisine

Split has experienced a culinary renaissance in the last few years. There are a number of chefs and restaurants who are experimenting and creating modern twists on traditional dishes. As well as blending Dalmatian ingredients with flavors from around the world, Split also offers a vast array of modern street food and well-known staples such as pizzas, burgers and sushi.



Fine Dining

With a great selection of top-tier restaurants, Split is quickly becoming a sought-after fine-dining destination. There are few dining experiences more romantic than enjoying a gourmet meal while looking out onto the Adriatic Coast. Additionally, Split's locally sourced and high-quality ingredients play a large role in the delicious and visually appealing dishes that are produced.



Blending both Balkan and Mediterranean cuisine, Split's culinary heritage is a perfectly balanced blend of undisputed flavor. Below are 3 restaurants that Truly Croatia recommends that specialize in the varying cuisines that Split has to showcase.

Traditional Food
Villa Spiza



Address: Ulica Petra Kružića 3, Split
Reservations: No reservations

Villa Spiza is a highly acclaimed restaurant located in the historic center of Split. The menu at Villa Spiza changes daily but this is the perfect establishment to try some of Split's traditional cuisine. The restaurant specializes in fresh seafood and serves a wide array of local dishes such as grilled octopus or black risotto.

Modern Cuisine
Fig Split



Address: Dioklecijanova 1, 21000, Split
Reservations: +385 21 247 399

Combining traditional flavors with modern techniques and presentation, Fig Split is a contemporary restaurant located in the heart of the city. Situated in a renovated historic building, the beautiful surroundings and sun-filled courtyard only add to the dining experience.

Fine Dining
Konoba Nikola



Address: Ivankova ul. 42, 21311, Stobrec, Split
Reservations: +385 21 326 235

Konoba Nikola is a seafood restaurant that prides itself on serving delicious culinary marvels and some of the standout dishes include grilled squid, seafood risotto and grilled lamb chops. Impeccable cuisine combined with the cozy and rustic atmosphere will keep you coming back for more.



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Located on the eastern shore of the Adriatic Sea, Split is the largest city in the Dalmatian region and the second-largest city in Croatia. From rich history and culture to stunning natural beauty and delectable cuisines, Split is a sought-after tourist destination offering a wide variety of experiences and entertainment options.



The best landmarks in Split: Below are some Truly Croatia recommendations on where to visit in Split for every budget and style, including locals' favorite places.



History & Architecture

Every historian's dream, Split is home to numerous archaeological marvels and stunning cultural sites that are under UNESCO heritage protection. Split's most famous historical attraction is Diocletian's Palace and every year, thousands of visitors flock to witness its beautiful halls. Aside from the palace, there is a vast array of architectural styles present within the city.



Museums & Galleries

Offering a fascinating glimpse into the city's rich history and cultural heritage, Split is home to a variety of museums and galleries for any visitor who is interested in art, history or archaeology. Whether you travel to the center of the city to visit the Archaeological Museum or head to the Split City Museum in the heart of the old town, you are sure to experience an avalanche of knowledge.



Sights & Sounds

Split is a city that entertains and captivates travelers with its wide range of sights and sounds. Visitors can hear the church bells chiming throughout the city and will be exposed to street performers who add to the lively and vibrant atmosphere. Sights range from preserved architectural masterpieces to panoramic views of the Adriatic Coast and surrounding islands.





Diocletian's Palace

A massive complex covering over 7 acres, Diocletian's Palace is an ancient fortress located in the center of Split. Constructed in the 4th century AD by the Roman Emperor Diocletian, it remains one of the most breathtaking Roman ruins in the world.



Church of St Francis

The Church of St. Francis is a Gothic-style monument that was constructed in the 14th century. The exterior of the church features a large rose window above the entrance and the interior features a vaulted ceiling and several works of art.



Brace Radic Square

Located in the heart of Split's old town, Brace Radic Square is surrounded by a plethora of historical buildings including the Ethnographic Museum and the City Hall. It is also home to several restaurants and cafes making it a perfect spot to enjoy a meal or drink.



Ethnographic Museum

Established in 1910, the Ethnographic Museum is a museum dedicated to the cultural heritage of the Dalmatian region in Croatia and has amassed a collection of over 25,000 objects related to their traditional life and customs.



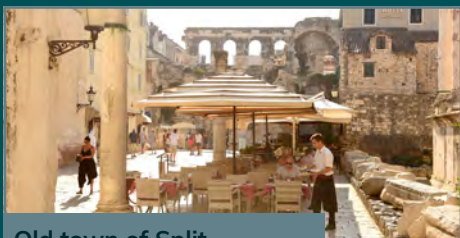
Gregory of Nin

One of the most famous landmarks in the city of Split, this statue depicts the Croatian bishop, Gregory of Nin. An important figure in the history of the Dalmatian region, he is depicted raising his left hand in a gesture of blessing and holding a book in his right hand.



Croatian National Theatre

High-quality productions of opera, ballet and drama, let the sounds this theatre produces transport you to another world. The Croatian National Theatre was originally constructed in 1893 and showcases an impressive neoclassical design.



Old town of Split

A beautiful and historic area located in the heart of Split, the old town is comprised of mazy streets and cultural landmarks and should be one of the first places you visit in this breathtaking city.



Mestrovic Gallery

Dedicated to the life and works of famous Croatian artist, Ivan Mestrovic, the Mestrovic Gallery features a wide range of the artist's masterpieces and these include grand sculptures, stunning drawings and remarkable paintings.



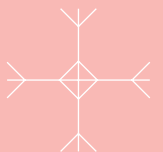
Riva Promenade in Split

A vibrant and lively waterfront promenade that offers stunning views of the Adriatic Sea, the Riva Promenade in Split is the ideal location to go for a leisurely walk or admire the boats and yachts that inhabit the harbor.



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Split is divided into a number of neighborhoods, each with its own unique attractions and characteristics. Some of these locations offer laid-back, bohemian vibes and give a great insight into Split's rich history and traditions while others offer a more contemporary experience and appeal to an individual's need for a more urban setting. Regardless of preference, every visitor is sure to find a region that resonates with them and exceeds their travel expectations.



Truly Croatia recommends that everyone who visits Split should take the time to travel to 3 or 4 of the surrounding neighborhoods. Experiencing all facets of what Split has to offer and gives you an all-encompassing experience. Below are some of the best neighborhoods of Split.

1

Old Town

The Old Town of Split is home to an array of historic buildings and is a maze of alleys, narrow streets and hidden courtyards. It is centered around the Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that was constructed in the 4th century. The blend of ancient history and vibrant culture make the Old Town of Split a great place to visit for all travelers.

2

Bacvice

Known for its breathtaking sandy beach, Bacvice is the ideal location for travelers and families to take a well-earned break from exploring ancient history and cultural landmarks. This neighborhood is also especially popular with younger travelers as it is home to a vibrant and bustling nightlife scene.

3

Veli Varoš

Located on the western side of the old town of Split, Veli Varoš is a charming neighborhood comprised of stone houses, windy roads and red-tilted roofs. One of the oldest and most breathtaking regions in Split, this beautiful location is only a stone's throw away from the Diocletian's Palace and Riva Waterfront Promenade.

4

Poljud

If you have a keen interest in sports or outdoor activities, then Poljud is the place for you. Located here is the iconic Poljud Stadium which is home to the Hajduk Split football team and was built in 1979 to host the Mediterranean Games. As well as football, Poljud is in close proximity to several other attractions such as Poljud Beach and Marjan Hill, which are popular spots for swimming and hill walking.

5

Znjan

Offering a peaceful and relaxing escape from the hustle and bustle of the city center, Znjan is home to a long and stunning pebble beach and several tranquil parks and green areas. Here, you can take part in a range of entertaining watersports or bask in the radiant Split sunlight. Znjan is Split at its most idyllic; serene and tranquil.

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Stobreč

Just a few kilometers south of Split, Stobreč is a coastal town known for its beautiful beaches, crystal-clear water and endearing old town. Take in the sea view while having a relaxing drink or a meal in one of Stobreč's many restaurants or cafes or experience one of its unique tours and day trips. There is much to uncover in this atmospheric region.





Old Town
Best for sightseeing



Bacvice
Best for beaches



Veli Varoš
Best for traditional sights



Poljud
Best for sports lovers



Znjan
Best for green spaces



Stobreč
Best for a break



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Away from the bustling streets of Split city centre lay green parks and hills that act as the lungs of the city. These locations present visitors with an opportunity to do certain activities that otherwise aren't possible in the city. Visit the national oasis that is Marjan Hill and take in the breathtaking and scenic hiking trails, explore Klis Fortress and its beautiful surrounding mountains or relax and watch the world go by at Strossmayer Park.



MARJAN HILL

Hiking Trails | Panoramic Views | National Park |
Natural Wildlife | St. Nicholas Church |
Vidilica Viewpoint | Small Café | Small Zoo

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KLIS FORTRESS

Game Of Thrones Site | Remarkable History |
Surrounding Mountains | Museums and Exhibitions |
Spectacular Viewpoint | Church Ruins

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STROSSMAYER PARK

Urban Park | Walking Paths |
Croatian National Theatre | Escape the City |
Beautiful Trees and Flowers | Large Fountain

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Split offers a vibrant and exciting nightlife scene with something for every tourist who visits. Have a quiet alfresco cocktail or dance until the early hours of the morning. The choice is yours! Also popular in Split are the city's famed pub crawls. This is a great way to meet fellow tourists and make friends.



Nightlife in Split: Discover the unique atmosphere of nightlife in Split. From national theatres to lively and energetic bars.



Marvlvs Library Jazz Bar

The birthplace of Marko Marulic, who is widely considered the godfather of Croatian literature, this simple yet beautiful jazz bar regularly puts on jazz shows and is a hub for any visitor who enjoys music, books and entertainment that is presented in a refined way. The bar boasts a decent-sized library and is comprised of interesting artwork. This is a welcome change from your standard bar or pub.



Riva Promenade

Home to a plethora of restaurants, bars and cafes, Riva Promenade is the perfect location for an ambient nighttime meal or a relaxing alfresco cocktail. With prime views of the harbor, this area comes to life during the summer months when the walkways become filled with street performers, small festivals and locals and visitors taking in the aromatic night air.



Croatian National Theatre

Moving away from the conventional bar and restaurant, the Croatian National Theatre offers a unique nightlife experience that simply cannot be matched. Constructed in the late 19th century and serving as a key cultural landmark, the theatre hosts various plays, operas and concerts throughout the year for locals and visitors. This is a must-see destination for any visitors interested in theatre, opera or music in general.



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Split offers a wide range of hotels and resorts to suit all visitors. Regardless of budget, you'll find the perfect place to relax and take a break from the sightseeing and Split's bustling nightlife. If you prefer to be situated close to a beach, stay at Hotel Park, a luxurious 5-star hotel with stylish rooms and a rooftop terrace. Or if you prefer something in the city center, stay at Hotel Luxe, a 4-star boutique hotel offering comfortable rooms and a premium spa. There is a hotel in Split for everyone!



Sleeping in Split: Below are 6 hotels that we at Truly Croatia recommend for your stay in Split.



Hotel Luxe



Divota Apartment Hotel



Hotel Marmont



Hotel Ambassador



Hotel Park



Hotel Cornaro



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