

CROATIA GEMS

Flight/Travel Information for Dalmatia

Ferry option - If you can't get a reasonably priced flight into Dubrovnik, why not just fly into Split on an Easyjet flight and meander down the coast on a ferry? It's only a few hours between Split and Dubrovnik - there's a bar on board and you can leave your car below deck - it's altogether very pleasant! Just sit on deck with a glass of vino and enjoy watching the islands go by! (ask us for timetables...)

Flight Providers to try (at the time of printing) are as follows:

Flights leave from the following airports to Dubrovnik and/or Split: **Gatwick, Heathrow, Norwich, Bristol, Birmingham, Manchester and East Midlands** (either visit the airports website to find the flight provider or contact flight providers directly – see contact details below) There are also plenty of flights from **Ireland**:

British Airways

Reservations and general enquiries 0870 850 9850, Flight arrival and departure information 0870 55 111 55
www.britishairways.com Gatwick to Dubrovnik & Split - Daily flights departing Gatwick at 11.35, arriving Dubrovnik at 15.15 from the end of March to the end of October. From the 29th October flights will be 3 times a week on Tue, Wed and Thurs. Flights departing Gatwick 10:50 arriving Split 14:20 almost daily.

Croatia Airlines - Tel: 020 8563 0022 - www.croatiaairlines.hr (best to call them as website is confusing)

Easyjet & Wizzair - www.easyjet.com and www.wizzair.com are doing flights from Gatwick and Luton respectively, to Split, at very reasonable rates!

Excel Airways (Gatwick to Split: Mondays) - www.excelairways.com

Holiday Options - Tel: 0870 0130 450 - www.holidayoptions.co.uk

Balkan Holidays - Tel: 0845 130 1114

Hidden Croatia - Tel: 020 7736 6066 - www.hiddencroatia.com

Sunsail Holidays - Tel: 02392 222 226 - www.sunsailflights.co.uk

Palmar - Tel: 01202 200 700 - www.bathtravel.com/palmar/

Thomson Holidays/ Thomas Cook/ First Choice
www.thomson.co.uk

THOMAS COOK - Tel: 0870 607 5085 - www.thomascok.com, FIRST CHOICE - Tel: 0870 750 001 - www.firstchoice.co.uk

Cosmos (Gatwick-Dubrovnik) - Tel. 0800 083 3186 - www.cosmos.co.uk

Western Air Brokers – good for checking out charter availability and price... (Split, Dubrovnik from Gatwick, Manchester, Birmingham, Norwich, Bristol, Stanstead, East Midlands) - Tel. 0870 330 1100 - www.westernair.co.uk

Ryanair - www.ryanair.ie/index - Another option is to fly to Italy with Ryanair from Stanstead. Then get an overnight ferry to Dubrovnik/Split (cabins cost from £30 per person). Normally you do need to stay the night in Italy to get the ferry though as the flight times mean you just miss the connection...

Ferries from Italy

If you are looking to do a ferry crossing from Italy to Croatia (Pescara, Bari or Ancona) then it would be best to contact the following company (Based in London – they can book ferries all over Croatia for you! They can also decipher the timetables!);
Via Mare Travel – www.viamare.com Call: 0044 (0) 8704 10 6040, Fax: 0044 (0) 20 7431 5456, Email: ferries@viamare.com

Internal Ferries

There are plenty of car and passenger ferries to make use of in Croatia a trip on a ferry is a great way to see more of the country. You can also catch a Hydrofoil if you don't want to take the car and want a fast transfer - timetables for this are also on this website - the Hydrofoil is called "Fast-line" and will take you from, say, Split to Vela Luka on Korčula in 1 hour 45 mins. The main ferry company for Croatia is Jadrolinija - www.jadrolinija.hr - You can view their routes on a map or in tabular form.

Flight/Travel Information for Istria and Kvarner Region

Venice option - If you want to make your holiday to Croatia very special, why not fly into Venice, spend couple of days enjoying the magnificent history and then catch a fast ferry (passenger only) to the Istrian coast? It's only a few hours between Venice and Umag, Rovinj, Porec, Pula or Opatija – strolling through the Venice lagoon is a unique experience and the ferry journey is very pleasant. Just sit, relax and we will organize your rent-a-car to wait for you on your arrival and take you to your villa!

Flight Providers to try (at the time of printing) are as follows:

Flights leave from the following airports to Pula and or Rijeka, Trieste (Italy) and Ljubljana (Slovenia): **Gatwick, Heathrow, Stanstead, Luton, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dublin, Bristol, Birmingham, Manchester, Bournemouth, Doncaster/Sheffield and East Midlands** (either visit the airports website to find the flight provider or contact flight providers directly – see contact details below):

Croatia Airlines - www.croatiaairlines.hr – flights from Heathrow to Pula and Rijeka

Easyjet - www.easyjet.com - flights from Bristol and Luton to Rijeka, and from Stanstead to Ljubljana

Wizzair - www.wizzair.com – flights from Luton to Ljubljana

Globespan - www.flyglobespan.com – flights from Edinburgh and Glasgow to Pula

Ryanair - www.ryanair.com – flights from Stanstead and Dublin to Pula, and from Stanstead to Trieste

Thomsonfly - www.thomsonfly.com – flights from Gatwick, Bristol, Bournemouth, Birmingham, Manchester, Doncaster/Sheffield to Pula

Adria Airways - www.adria-airways.com – flights from Gatwick, Birmingham, Manchester and Dublin to Ljubljana

Astraeus - www.flyastraeus.com – flights from Manchester and East Midlands to Pula

Ferries from Italy

If you are looking to do a fast ferry crossing from the Italian towns of Venice, Ravenna or Rimini to Croatia then it would be the best to contact the **Via Mare Travel** (see previous page);

Or

You can book directly with Venezia Lines – www.venezialines.com - that operates following routes:

Rimini <> Porec
Rimini <> Pula
Rimini <> Mali Losinj
Ravenna <> Porec
Venice <> Mali Losinj
Venice <> Opatija
Venice <> Porec
Venice <> Pula
Venice <> Rabac
Venice <> Rovinj

Internal Ferries

The Hydrofoil in Istria is called "Fast-line" and will take you from, say, Rijeka to the Island of Rab or Pag in only 2 hours. The main ferry company for Croatia is Jadrolinija - www.jadrolinija.hr – You can view their routes and timetables on a map or in tabular form. The Islands of Krk, Rab, Cres, Losinj and Pag are all ferry connected with mainland.

Ferries to island of Rab are operated by Rapska Plovidba – www.rapska-plovidba.hr – the timetable can be checked on their website, but the connection is very frequent as they operate 4 ferries and there is no more than 30 min gap between each crossing in high season. From June until September Jadrolinija operates a ferry connection between the Island of Krk and the Island of Rab with five departures per day.

The Islands of Krk and Pag are also connected, by bridge, to the mainland.