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## CROATIA / HRVATSKA

### VISITS

- when visiting, you should bring coffee and cookies
- guest takes off the shoes when entering, and we offer them slippers
- you need a permission to smoke in someones house
- when you go to a visit, you will be offered with coffee, juice, cookies and some home food specialties
- when you visit someone at a village, you will end up leaving with a bag of really good home food

### STORES

- plastic bags in stores are not free, and you should ask to buy one
- stores are working every day -- Saturday, Sunday, holliday
- food is better on the market (home made stuff) then from the store
- we say thanks to everything
- do not walk the street in a bikini, do not enter a store without a shirt

### COFFEE SHOPS / RESTAURANTS / BARS

- no smoking in restourants and cakeshops
- coffee meeting lasts couple of hours
- when drinking with a group, usually every person pays for one round of drinks
- we leave a small tip if everything was great, usually rounding up to the first round number
- club entrance is usually charged 3 EUR
- clubbing days: Wendesday, Friday, Saturday
- tap water is drinkable throughout the country and it is delicious, due to plenty of water sources
- when meeting a friend, we shake hands or hug, girls are kissing
- organized New Years Eve at town squares
- when you go out to turbo-folk music, expect a lot of a\*holes and incidents
  - it's normal to break some glasses when the right song hits the floors

### PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION / DRIVING

- you can buy ticket inside a bus/tram
- we allow women, elders and disabled to take a seat if all seats are taken
- time of arrival is not so precise to rely on
- you can ask any stranger to get directions
- Bus is a safe travel
- no phones while driving

### WEDDINGS

- most of wedding gifts are money instead of material gifts
- wedding - the bride is being at auction, and the false ones are presented until you offer enough amount of money
- at funeral money is given also, and funeral feasts are normal

### OTHER TIPS AND BEHAVIOURS

- when making a hospital visits, bring food and water

- when hiking, bring proper equipment, do not go in flip-flops and take food and drinks
- we have beaches for pets
- we still have mine fields left from a war, respect the signs for it
- do not call it Yugoslavia
- dress politely when going to church
- walking is done on the right side of the street
- it's normal to look people at the eyes
- everybody is wearing sunglasses, even on winter or in a building
- we try to fix everything by hand, or we call a help from our family before calling the handman
- foreign movies are displayed in native language with croatian subtitles
- we uses curse words as catchphrases
- we say hello to neighbors
- on Christmas Eve we go to church at midnight

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- Ode To Joy

<https://youtu.be/bCxulFgT938>

- Your life is full of Croatia

<https://youtu.be/hRfX5LDcevk>

- Pulse of Zagreb

<https://youtu.be/u4odLj2cDTg>