



# Northern Dalmatia

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## Why Go?

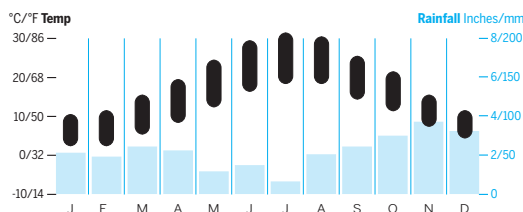
Isolated from Continental Europe by the Velebit mountains, northern Dalmatia is an incredibly scenic and temperate region. It's prime holiday country and given the exquisite coastline, historic cities, sublime offshore islands and national parks it's easy to appreciate why. Yet Northern Dalmatia is far from being overrun: whole stretches are pristine and retain a ravishing natural beauty.

Zadar, the main gateway, is a cultured city rich with museums, Roman ruins, restaurants and music festivals. Nearby Šibenik has an extraordinary medieval quarter. Of the dozens of Adriatic islands, Pag hosts Croatia's premier summer clubbing scene while Dugi Otok and the Kornati Islands are an escapist's heaven.

Croatia's most impressive national parks are here too: Paklenica offers exceptional hiking and rock climbing while Krka and Plitvice boast waterfalls and lakes in abundance.

## When to Go

### Zadar



**April & May** Mild temperatures are ideal for hiking Paklenica and Plitvice national parks.

**June & July** Catch Šibenik at its best during the city's famous Children's Festival.

**August & September** Petrčane hosts a merry bunch of music festivals.



## Northern Dalmatia Highlights

- 1 Hike the incredible canyons and alpine trails at **Paklenica National Park** (p178)
- 2 Party in **Petrčane** (p175), home turf of some of Europe's most innovative music festivals
- 3 Marvel at the turquoise lakes and waterfalls in **Plitvice Lakes National Park** (p176)
- 4 Discover **Zadar** (p168), one of the coast's most underrated and historic towns
- 5 Enjoy the delights of **Pag** (p183) – heady nightlife, stunning scenery and exquisite cheese
- 6 Wander the medieval streets of **Šibenik** (p187)
- 7 Explore the eerie beauty of the **Kornati Islands** (p192)
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