



Split & Central Dalmatia

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Why Go?

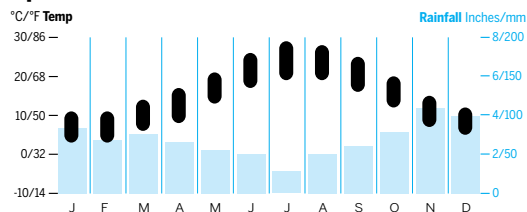
Central Dalmatia is the most action-packed, sight-rich and diverse part of Croatia, with pretty islands, quiet ports, rugged mountains, dozens of castles and an emerging culinary scene, as well as two Unesco World Heritage sites: Diocletian's Palace in Split and the medieval walled town of Trogir. Throughout it all, the rugged 1500m-high Dinaric Range provides a dramatic background.

Hot spots include the buzzing Mediterranean-flavoured city of Split and gorgeous little Hvar Town, where the cashed meet the trashed on the Adriatic's most glamorous party island. But if it's peace and quiet you're after, there are seductive sandy beaches and secluded pebbly coves scattered about islands near and far.

Best of all: Dalmatia is always warmer than Istria or the Kvarner Gulf. You can plunge into the crystalline Adriatic from the middle of May right up until the end of September.

When to Go

Split



May Sunny, less crowded, and the sea is already warm enough for swimming.

Jul & Aug The best weather and a full roster of festivities.

Sep Come for warm seas and lower prices after the summer hordes have left.

Split & Central Dalmatia Highlights

1 Diocletian's Palace (p202)
Discovering Split's ancient heart in Diocletian's Palace, a quarter that buzzes day and night.

2 Vis (p248)
Savouring the food and beaches of one of Croatia's remotest islands.

3 Zlatni Rat (p236)
Stretching out on Zlatni Rat, Croatia's most photogenic beach, in Bol.

4 Hvar Town (p239)
Capping off endless beach days with sunset cocktails and back-lane boogie sessions.

5 Biokovo Nature Park (p232)
Hiking up dramatic peaks and enjoying views right across the Adriatic to far-off Italy.

6 Trogir (p219)
Taking in the remarkably preserved ancient architecture of the tiny World Heritage star of Central Dalmatia.

7 Brač (p233)
Exploring the historic hamlets of the interior and the sleepy little towns scattered around the coast.

