ZAGREB

FREE MAP FOR YOUNG TRAVELLERS
MADE BY LOCALS

USE IT

ACT LIKE A LOCAL

PURGER

A native of Zagreb is called "Purger". But, not every dweller of Zagreb is a **Purger**. How do you recognize a purger? Well real Purger's love Zagreb more than anything and represent their city in the most profound manner. We are extra polite, with good manners and a certain charm. A real Purger will always help you out if you get lost or have a question. **A Purger in need is a Purger indeed**.

BEAUTIFUL WOMEN

Beautiful women in Zagreb are common like pigeons in Venice. Just taking a walk through the center will make you realize that. Young, old, small, big, skinny or thick, whatever your preference is, be sure that you will see beautiful women every 100m, especially during summer time. Heck, there's even a bunch of Croatian songs dedicated to **the beauties of Zagreb**. One of them goes "Ladies in summer dresses, I love" (Djevojke u ljetnim haljinama volim), youtube it!

DRINK / MEAL INVITATION

If you invite someone for a drink or a meal, be sure to pay for that drink or meal. The rule is that if you invite someone, you have to pay. Nobody likes a cheapskate, girls pay drinks too. This is how we do it, because next time that person will invite you and pay for your meal or drink. **It's a bonding method!**

Drink coffee like a local

We adore coffee anytime, anywhere and in so many ways. Don't be like Italians, who are done in 5 minutes with their coffee — we need at least 50! Please don't offend our coffee having it "to go". Drinking it on your feet, in a rush, from a closed plastic cup is just horrible. You shouldn't ever be in a hurry while drinking coffee, not even if you are fashionably late. **Work will always be there, you don't have to chase it**. How to order coffee like a local?

KRATKA • means SHORT, which is a less fancy name for espresso.

PRODUZHENA • coffee machine will stay on a bit longer, giving you watered down espresso, also called Americano.

KAVA S HLADNIM • "coffee with cold" which means coffee with cold milk

KAVA S TOPLIM • "coffee with warm", wait... can you believe it? — Coffee with hot milk.

KAVA SA SHLAGOM • coffee with whipped cream. We order this when we really want to drink coffee, but we are hungry a little too.

NESICA • our way of saying instant coffee with flavors and although it was named after it, it isn't always a brand of Nescafe. If you say this to a waiter THEN YOU ARE A TRUE LOCAL, because only Purgers say it like this.

Drink beer like a local

24 29 33 42 ZMAJSKO
24 29 33 42 NOVA RUNDA
24 29 33 42 GRIČKA VJEŠTICA
24 29 33 42 FAKIN IPA

Eat like a local

18 MLINCI + PURICA
2 4 ZAGREBAČKI
7 8 ŠTRUKLI
6 8 18 KREMŠNITE

CITY SPOTS

1 CUTENESS OVERLOAD

Instagram friendly

Sjedi 5 bar tells a story about a young man of 25 who desired to bring Istrian wines and delicacies into the heart of the metropolis. His vision was clear — in the mornings you slowly sip your morning coffee and have breakfast with fresh bread and homemade jam, and in the afternoon, you meet with friends in the garden with wine and a fine plate of cheese and spreads. For each and every ingredient you taste, you will have a detailed insight about its origin — everything comes from small family farms from Istria and around Zagreb. Almost everything is in wood and plastic is all but banned.

♥ TKALČIĆEVA 84 | OPEN 9:00–23:00 | FB CAFESJEDI5

2 ZAGREBACHKI STEAK

It seems that every central European city has its own brand of steak, and Zagreb follows suit next to established names such as Wiener schnitzel with its own **Zagrebački odrezak** (Zagreb escalope). What is a Zagrebački odrezak? Well, it's Wiener schnitzel upgraded, with ham and cheese filling. Real Zagrebački odrezak is made from pork, so when you visit a restaurant in Zagreb and order yours, make sure it's, not chicken, because that would make it a cordon bleu. The perfect Zagrebački? **At Didov San restaurant.**

♥ MLETAČKA 11 | OPEN: 10:00 – 00:00 | WWW.KONOBA-DIDOVSAN.COM

3 NAÏVE ART

As they say on their website, "the Naive clearly shows that everyone has the right to express himself or herself in art and that schools of art are in themselves no guarantee of artistic value." How amazing that such an idea was promoted decades before it became a worldwide belief, wouldn't you agree? Note: if you're interested in shopping for posters or even paintings, beside the souvenir shop in **the Museum**, there is a really nice **Naive art gallery** in Tkalčićeva street.

♥ SV. ČIRILA I METODA 3 | MON – SAT 10:00–18:00, SUN 10:00 – 13:00 | INFO@HMNU.HR | TICKET 15 HRK (2 €), STUDENTS 10 HRK (1€)

4 THE WITCH OF GRICH

Right in the Upper town, that saw its share of witch hunts, **Vještica** will give you a hint of how it was in the old days of Zagreb city. Turkey with "mlinci" (special local pastry not available anywhere else in the world) is one of the traditional specialties you must try. Also, after a Saturday night out, we all know how mom's soup can bring you back from the dead and in this case Vještica will make one for you. On Sundays they serve "Ajngemahtec" soup (chicken broth, a very Zagreb thing) + fried chicken, rice with peas and salad for only 6 EUR.

♥ VRANYCZANYEVA 6 | MON – THU 09:00 – 23:00, FRI – SAT 09:00 – 00:00, SUN 10:00 – 22:00 | WWW.VJESTICA.EU

5 KAVALIRSHOP

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An attraction in itself, Kavalir is not your typical trashy type of **souvenir shop**. Offering carefully selected souvenirs that are not of the classical boring stuff kind, found at every other souvenir shop, the place itself is worth a look — decorated in unique, part-rustic part-industrial style. You find mostly handcrafted items made by local people from natural materials in a sustainable way. Therefore, must have items for this season are WooDoo phone cases and wallets! Instagram @woodoostore.

♥ RADIĆEVA 3 | OPEN 11:00 – 17:00, SUNDAYS CLOSED | FB KAVALIRSHOP

6 FIRST LOVE

Today we have a number of modern cake & pastry shops, all waiting in line to stuff you with delicious cakes. But keep in mind that **Vincek** is the most prominent one. It is the place where we had our first dates, and where our beautiful and delicious B-day cakes are coming from when mums are in a hurry. So, become a local and take a sweet break at this 30-years-old family-owned candy house. Hint: they were the first to offer the famous Zagreb custard slices topped with whipped cream and chocolate.

♥ ILICA 18 |OPEN MON – SAT 08:30 – 23:00, SUNDAYS CLOSED | VINCEK.COM.HR

7 NATIONAL SWEETHEART

In case you did not find out already, "**štrukli**" are our most favorite national dish, served across the northern part of Croatia. You can order this delicious pastry almost anywhere, from local taverns to restaurants in luxurious hotels! (You can also get them frozen from supermarkets, but please don't do that). Indeed, in 2007, štrukli were included into the list of Croatia's cultural heritage, maintained by our Ministry of culture. We recommend a small restaurant called **La Štruk**, as they make them in the traditional way, with some very tasty twists (truffles come to mind). One thing is for sure — you will lick all of your fingers.

♥ SKALINSKA 5 | OPEN 11:00 – 22:00 | FB LA-ŠTRUK

8 COOKIE FACTORY

This is our small piece of the "American Dream" right in the heart of Zagreb. **Cookie Factory** desserts melt in your mouth: hot brownies with cold, perfectly creamy vanilla ice-cream, cheesecake muffins, and peanut butter cookie sandwiches. It is cool to sample international delicacies, so younger locals often gather in this sweet-dream-come-true-factory!

♥ TKALČIĆEVA 21, NEMČIĆEVA 8 | OPEN 09:00 – 23:00 | FB COOKIEFACTORYZGB

9 DAY & NIGHT

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Velvet offers sweet escape in two separate spaces — white and black. Breathtaking interiors are designed by Saša Šekoranja, Croatian florist and designer. White Velvet is perfect for daily gatherings, looking all fresh and clean and airy, filled with light and scents of fresh cakes and coffee. And just a few steps up the hill is Black Velvet which takes you 2 centuries back in time with its Chick Noir vibe. It is like you stepped into some sort of a psychological thriller that explores fears and anxieties of a woman struggling with dark side of love and intimate danger, imbued with elegantly seductive style. Take your pick — fresh and flaunting or seductively dark — and go!

♥ DEŽMANOVA 9 | OPEN MON – SAT 09:00 – 23:00, SUN 08:00 – 02:00 | WWW.VELVET.HR

10 ART PARK

Instagram friendly

One of the highlights of our 2016 summer was the outdoor festival "Art Park", hosted by **Pimp my Pump**. These guys had previously repainted the old water pumps all over Zagreb into funky motives. Last summer they returned a long-neglected park to citizens and tourists. From the end of June till September: artsy performances and parties.

11 ART KINO GRIČ

This **cinema** dates from the 40's but got reinvented as an art cinema at the beginning of 2012 for anything non-Hollywood. And as a curiosity, you will be sitting in the original cinema chairs from 7 decades ago. Where can you find such a cinema today? It's also extra cheap, tickets are just 2 EUR and reservation is not needed — they will always find a place for you. Foreign movies are always screened with subtitles so don't be afraid of bad attempts at sync. The cinema has a brightly colored bar as well.

♥ JURIŠIĆEVA 6 | OPEN 08:00 – 23:00 | WWW.ARTKINOGRIC.HR | TICKET PRICE 15 HRK (2€)

12 THE GRIČ TUNNEL

Instagram friendly

Underneath the streets of Zagreb there are abandoned underground tunnels that stretch throughout the whole city. The one running between Radićeva and Mesnička streets, **the Gric Tunnel**, is restored and open to public (from 09:00 until 21:00 every day, free entrance). This 350-metre-long and 3 meters wide tunnel, was used as a public bomb shelter during WWII, and again for the same purpose in the 1990s during the Croatian War of Independence. Take a walk through this new tourist attraction, and stop by another one, just above the tunnel entrance — 10 The Art Park — an open-air museum and chill place

13 PERFECT BITES

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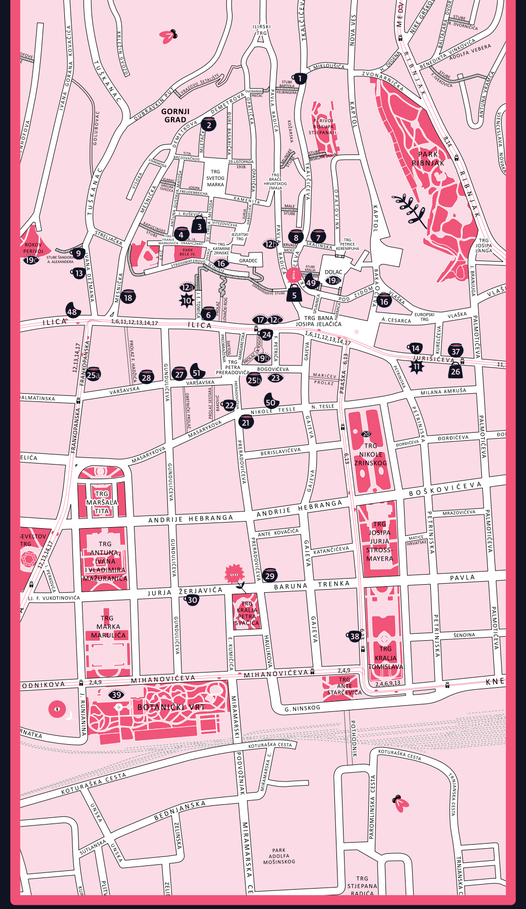
Dežman passage takes you from city noise right into the soothing tranquility of Tuškanac park and one of the oldest residential districts in Zagreb. The passage holds bars which our residential crop of modern hipsters hold dearly. In **Dežman bar** you will have a chance to start your day with some gluten-free sandwiches (it is really cool not to eat gluten — so if anything, do it for the cool factor). Or try homemade focaccia with rosemary flour and extra virgin olive oil, two keywords that turn our taste buds on, just ask any Italian or Spaniard if you still don't trust us.

♥ DEŽMANOVA 3 | OPEN MON – SAT 8:00 – 00:00, SUNDAYS CLOSED | WWW.DEZMAN.HR



14 K&K MILČEC — THE SMALLEST MUSEUM OF THE MOST ZAGREBIAN WRITER EVER

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This cult cafe opened in 1995 and looks like a paradise for book lovers — a place where you just get lost in your own thoughts between the numerous photographs, framed newspaper articles and paintings. You see, the original owner of this bar was **Zvonimir Milčec**, a well-known writer who dedicated his work to the city of Zagreb. After he passed away in 2014, his daughter turned the bar into a small memorial to her father. If you pass by K&K (it's short for "Kava i Knjiga", which means Coffee and Book) on any evening, you'll have the opportunity to experience different events from Zagreb.

♥ JURIŠIĆEVA 5 | OPEN MON – TUE 7:30 – 23:00, FRI – SAT 7:30 – 02:00, SUNDAYS CLOSED | FB K&KMILČEC

15 LOST STREET

Hidden Zagreb

How is it possible for an entire street to get lost? One of the oldest streets in the center of Zagreb was rediscovered by accident during the reconstruction of building blocks around the European square and converted into a passage that now connects Bakačeva and Cesarčeva street. While you're here stop by **Amélie**, a pastry shop favorite with locals, making probably the best ice-cream in town!

♥ VLAŠKA 6 | OPEN MON – SUN 08:00 – 23:00 | WWW.SLASTICAMELIE.COM

16 FAMOUS BENCH WITH A VIEW

Instagram friendly
Tourist Classics

Every city has that one famous sculpture you simply must take a selfie with. Sometimes you need to rub a statue's thumb for good luck, sometimes you just zoom a bronze crotch to appear witty on social networks. In Zagreb, there are a plenty of "sculpties" you could do, precisely more than 150 public ones. One of our favorites is sitting on the bench on the Upper town, peacefully enjoying the city skyline since 1972. It is a portrait of Croatian poet **Antun Gustav Matoš**, made in aluminum by Ivan Kožarić in a way to approach the public, with no pedestal and no frog's perspective.

17 ZAGREB, I LOVE YOU!

Hidden Zagreb

Thousands of feet tread over Ilica (the longest street in Zagreb) without leaving a mark, but only a few notice a pair of footprints engraved on the ground in front of house number 8! Instead of handprints on Hollywood Boulevard, Zagreb has **footprints of Tomislav Gotovac**. He was an ultimate controversial actor and director, 1st and best-known performer in the former Yugoslavia. His most famous performance was "**Zagreb, I love you**" (1981), when he walked naked from Ilica 8 towards the main square, laid down on the street and kissed the asphalt. This lasted exactly 7 minutes until he got arrested. In memory of that event, his footprints were engraved in Ilica street forever.

18 OLD ZAGREB

When in Zagreb, do not miss having turkey with dumplings, or drinking a lot of wine and rakija. Finish it all with something sweet like "štrukli", or "orehnjača" (walnut and cheese pie), or simply traditional cake from Zagreb's rural surroundings called "kukuruzna zlevka" (made of corn flour). These mouthwatering foods can be ordered at fair prices in the authentic restaurant **Stari Fijaker**.

♥ MESNIČKA 6 | OPEN MON – SAT 11:00 – 23:00, SUN 11:00 – 22:00 | WWW.STARIFIJAKER.HR

19 GRAVEYARDS

Hidden Zagreb

And now for something genuinely spooky, but true. Under some of these pretty Austro-Hungarian era buildings looking so noble on your photos, there are no less than hundreds of private graves! During construction of **Dolac market** in 1930, the public was shocked with discovered tombs and bones. But it was all soon forgotten and Dolac opened to become one of the most recognizable symbols of our city. The other "city of the dead" is located under the **Octagon passage** between Cvjetni (Flowers) Square and Ilica street. Third one is **Rokov perivoj**, hidden behind the bustling British square. This charming spot was the city's main burial ground until 1877.

20 ZRINJEVAC

Instagram friendly
Tourist Classics

Zrinjevac is kind of a nickname for **Nikola Šubić Zrinski square**, which is an alley park with fountains and sculptures of great Croats, but most importantly 200 sycamore trees planted in 1872. For tourists, it is nice and very common to lay down on the grass, but locals prefer kissing on the benches in spring time, or toasting with mulled wine during Zagreb's award winning Christmas market. Did you know Zagreb has been voted "Best Christmas Market" two years in a row? We're just saying, no biggie.

21 AWESOME SEA FOOD ALART!

Instagram friendly

"Little Fishies and three little dots" — that's the literal translation of this seafood restaurant's name. And gosh it is just as adorable as its name suggests. The interior is a cityscape of Rijeka (city of rain, multiculturalism and alternative culture) painted by famous Croatian painter Vjekoslav Vojo Radočić. Prices are under 10 EUR for seafood delicacies that are usually much more expensive. Our hearts go to carrot flavored pasta with Mussels Buzzara Style (it's a Croatian thing that you won't understand, but definitely try it!) and to olive oil bread with olives — pure perfection.

♥ PRERADOVIĆEVA 7 | OPEN MON – SAT 09:00 – 00:00, SUNDAYS CLOSED | FB RIBICEITRITOCKICE

22 THE WORST COFFEE IN TOWN!

Our most charming passage, connecting Masarykova and Varšavska streets, hides a new bar with a very controversial name. But let us tell you about the passage first, as it is a great example of how we just looove changing names. The official name "**Baković sisters passage**" was given after tragic destiny of two young anti-fascists. Its name later changed into Balkan passage (after the Balkan cinema), then to Miskec passage (after a legendary accordion player), and about 10 years ago the initial name was finally given back. Advice: if looking for directions, try all the names. You will end up drinking probably the best coffee ever in "**Najgora kava u gradu**" (it translates to exactly the opposite — "the worst coffee in town"!)

♥ SESTARA BAKOVIĆ 3 | OPEN 08:00 – 20:00, SUNDAYS CLOSED | FB NAJGORAKAVAUGRADU

23 GROUNDED SUN

Hidden Zagreb

You probably passed by our Grounded Sun in Bogovićeva street — a large, golden, ball-shaped sculpture made by famous **Croatian artist Ivan Kožarić**. But Zagreb has grounded not only the sun but an entire **Solar system**! The open-air installation named "The nine views" ("Devet pogleda" in Croatian), is not widely known even among the citizens of Zagreb (at least before Pokestops became a thing). Physics students in particular love to rediscover that there is a model of the solar system overlaid over the entire city (at a scale 1:680 000 000).

24 BIO&BIO ORGANIC CAFE

Local. Organic. Vegan. Exclusive. Like the buzzwords? These green oases can be found all over Zagreb; downtown, main streets and shopping malls — they are almost everywhere, which is good cause once you go bio&bio you never go back. Addiction alert! We like to spend mornings in **bio&bio organic caffe** because their organic coffee is fairtrade and their orange juice is freshly squeezed. And their seitan sandwiches with BBQ sauce are right for any meal — not just breakfast, but lunch or dinner. And you can get many other products from their small convenience stores — all natural and organic, from food and drinks to beauty products and cosmetics.

♥ ILICA 5 | OPEN MON – SAT 08:00 – 21:00, SUN 09:00 – 15:00 | WWW.BIOBIO.HR

25 BURGER PARADISE

Instagram friendly

We all eat in a yellow submarine, yellow submarine, yellow submarine... that can be found at three locations, but our favorite **Submarine Burger** is one at Frankopanska Street. Imagine pipes on the ceiling, distorted jars with flowers, a uniquely crafted price list and so on. But the main thing here is, of course, burgers. Burgers made only from ingredients which are of Croatian origin. Bagels made by a private bakery from Zagreb, Skripavac farmers cheese from Lika, salad from Istria, tomato and onions from Slavonia, smoked bacon from Dalmatia and meat from Zagorje. As you can see, with one burger you can taste the whole of Croatia.

♥ FRANKOPANSKA 11, BOGOVIĆEVA 7 | MON – SUN 11:00 – 23:00 | WWW.SUBMARINEBURGER.COM

26 VINTAGE STORE

Instagram friendly

Uliční ormar (Street closet) offers a second hand clothes and accessories rich in flair and history. Shop owners travel often to foreign countries to personally select each piece featured in their vintage collection. Because of their unique offer, a lot of theater actors choose to enrich their costumes here. Prices are very affordable for what you are getting, and even if it's not your style, it is worth to take a look and play with cutesy Sonja, cuddly dog of one of the owners that will brighten up your day.

♥ JURIŠIĆEVA 16 | MON – FRI 10:00 – 20:00, SAT 11:00 – 16:00, SUNDAYS CLOSED | FB ULICNI ORMAR

27 EAT GREEN, THEY HAVE A POINT!

Go trendy, go vegan! **Green Point** is the first restaurant in our city that introduced a healthy alternative to beloved but oh so rich in calories fast food! Fans (and future fans!) of seitan, tofu and hemp powder will be thrilled with this restaurant's favorite ingredients, as well as portion sizes and reasonable prices!

♥ VARŠAVSKA 10 | OPEN 09:00 – 22:00, SUNDAYS CLOSED | FB GREENPOINT ZAGREB

28 CUT MY MUSTACHE!

Imagine a chef telling you: "If you find a better grill, cut my mustache!". In **BRKO&BRKO** (Brko means "man with a mustache") there is no need to follow up on that motto. Their Bacon Burger is so much more than a burger with a strip of bacon. A hidden grill for all you burger fans who appreciate home-made, domestic, and all-natural.

♥ VARŠAVSKA 16A | OPEN: MON – SAT 08:00 – 00:00 | FB BRKOIBRKO

29 YOU HAD ME AT CARBS!

Bakeries in Zagreb are currently enjoying kind of a renaissance with many specialized and highly individual shops who add charm and character to breads and pastry — things venerated almost as much as coffee among the locals. **Korica** (meaning Crust) is one such shop, combining two crucial morning (and noon, and afternoon) routines — sipping the wake-up coffee while savoring freshly made, warm and buttery croissants. Cosy interior and traditional, authentic tastes — what are you waiting for?

♥ PRERADOVIĆEVA 39 | OPEN MON – FRI 07:30 – 20:00, SUN 08:00 – 20:00, SUNDAYS CLOSED | FB KORICAZAGREB

30 CAFE U DVORIŠTU

Instagram friendly

The name of this place translates to "**Cafe in the backyard**", and that is exactly what it is. This bike and dog friendly cafe bar is well hidden so be thankful we told you. It's next to a music shop, which was a meeting point for musicians, poets and writers back in the days. It is still the backyard where the same people gather. Drinking, not just coffee, but also Fischer's and O'Hara stout draught beer in a peaceful area surrounded by old buildings. Just not on Sundays — they don't work on Sundays. They say they need rest too

♥ ŽERJAVIĆA 7/2, BACKYARD | MON – SAT 09:00 – 23:00 SUN 10:00 – 18:00 | FB CAFEUDVORISTU

EVENTS

ZAGREBDOX

International Documentary Film Festival, known as ZAGREBDOX, is one of the largest festival of its kind in South East Europe, covering a multitude of genres and themes. So, what to expect? Everything! From touching to controversial titles, from docu-fiction to even virtual reality. Zagredox Pro is a feature running during the festival, offering training programs consisting of preparatory workshops for creative documentary projects, Pitching Forum and individual meetings. We dig it! *www.zagrebdox.net*

⊙ WHERE: ZAGREB CINEMAS
WHEN: FEBRUARY – MARCH

SCREEN ON GREEN

This is our 'other' film festival, taking place outdoors, at some of the most wonderful green sites around the city center! Tourist are more than welcome, because we all really crave to get to know you, and there is no better and more spontaneous place to make a first step. You too can enjoy the movies, as we do not dub them (thank god!) and you can even learn a bit of Croatian through subtitles! FB ScreenOnTheGreen

⊙ WHERE: JARUN LAKE, MAKSIMIR PARK, FRANJO TUDJMAN SQUARE
WHEN: MAY – JUNE

CEST IS THE BEST

The oldest street festival in Croatia is still going strong every spring on Zagreb streets, parks and squares. As the organizers say, it is intended for all good-natured human beings, the loud and the silent, those who clap and those who whistle, to bring vivacity, energy, culture and laughter. More info: *www.cestisdbest.com/engleski*. Interesting fact — festival founders are a group of street musicians named "Kraljevi ulice' (Street kings), being so good that we even sent them to Eurosong contest in 2008.

⊙ WHERE: MAIN SQUARE
WHEN: JUNE

ANIMAFEST

We still love our dolls and toys... and cartoons in particular! We still love our dolls and toys... and cartoons in particular! Animafest Zagreb, established in 1972, is the 2nd oldest film festival in the world! There is room for anyone seeking for inspiration, creativity, exchange of ideas, innovation, communication or international diversity. It is also a chance to sit next to some of the greatest names of the world of animation, and see some of the latest, most relevant and interesting works. For keeping your inner child happy, visit: *www.animafest.hr*.

⊙ WHERE: ZAGREB CINEMAS
WHEN: JUNE

INMUSIC FESTIVAL

If you are a real party animal, we have just a perfect trap for you! INmusic, with a firm spot among the Top 50 World's best music festivals, is surely the largest of a kind in Croatia. Each year it hosts the most exciting names, combining several genre-specific stages with internationally renowned indie rock, heavy metal and electronic artists. And if you think a festival isn't a festival without camping, listen up! Festival campsite has its own beach, plus Wi-Fi, lockers and showers. Get informed and book your tickets: *www.inmusicfestival.com/en*.

⊙ WHERE: JARUN LIKE
WHEN: JUNE

THE COURTYARDS

Ready for a mix of history, romance and mystery? Look no further — there isn't a better way to see the secrets behind Upper town facades than to sneak and peek into their courtyards. You can do that without getting caught trespassing, because a fantastic festival — "Dvorišta" (The courtyards) is welcoming everyone to discover hidden nooks and crannies of Upper Town. And trust us, each courtyard tells its own story! *FB dvorista.in*.

⊙ WHERE: UPPER TOWN
WHEN: MID JULY

A FEW NOTES FROM HISTORY

Short and sweet — and there will be no exam!

THE STONE AGES

50.000 years ago there were Neanderthals living on the southern slope of **Medvednica Mountain**, where they partied in caves and danced in the woods. But soon they moved away from bears and snows closer to what we know today as the City of Zagreb and became serious about organic farming and animal husbandry. You too can explore homes of our first ancestors inside **Veternica cave** or by taking a walk around the **Nature Park Medvednica**, right above the city. For facts, maps and offers, head over to www.pp-medvednica.hr/en/.

TWO DEGREES OF SEPARATION

Zagreb of today grew out of two medieval settlements — Gradec and Kaptol, conveniently located on neighboring hills. Both took several centuries to build high walls and towers and in general be annoying to each other. **Kaptol** was all about guys in robes, founded in 1094 as a diocese, while **Gradec** people preferred tights and were declared a free royal city in 1242. Serious guys, like merchants and clergy lived inside the city walls, while villagers lived outside the walls and generally minded their own business, eventually merging into one medieval metropolitan area, sadly with no subway even today!

BOOM AT NOON

Or "Why is that cannon startling me everyday at 12:00? During the Ottoman wars in Europe, (14th to 18th century for you nerds), Zagreb was a really important border fortress. Ottomans had a camp to the south, across the Sava river, when a cannon ball, fired blindly from **Lotrščak tower** exactly at noon, hit and killed a rooster on a tray carried by a chef to the Ottoman pasha. So they packed their bags and fled. And from that day on, Lotrščak fires every day at noon, except during World War II. This is pretty unique, as beside Zagreb, only Vienna and Saint-Petersburg have a firing cannon. So when you hear a loud explosion at noon, do not be scared but remember instead that it is lunch time!

THE WHICH HUNT

Even in medieval times, Zagreb was growing and blooming as a city, but at the same time, some of its darkest moments of history were being written in blood, pain and injustice. As there was still no Facebook, bored people took a part in the evil **Witch hunt**. So in 1360, the first ladies un-friended, proclaimed witches and burned alive in Zagreb were Alica and Margareta. Many followed... Do you weigh less than 50kg? Burn — you can fly the broom! Do you have dark patches and spots on your face? Burn — you made a pact with the devil! So piercings and skinny clothes were a big no-no for a while. "The Witch from Gric" is a famous novel inspired with witch hunts in Zagreb, written by **Marija Jurić Zagorka**, one of the most important Croatian writers, first female journalist and female rights activist in Croatia.

THE BLOODY BRIDGE

"**Krvavi most**" or "**The Bloody Bridge**" was where citizens of Gradec on one side and citizens of Kaptol on the other came to fling choice words, cobblestones and pitchforks. Conflicts between the two sides, which often turned into bloodbaths, started in the 14th century and lasted all the way until the 18th century, when peace was made between the warring parties. Afterwards, a bridge was built over the Medveščak creek to connect the two settlements and promptly destroyed in the 19th century, while the creek was overlaid with bricks and concrete. This was good, as otherwise one of the top nightlife streets would not exist.

ADDITIONAL INFO

TOURIST OFFICES / USE-IT INFO DESK

Visit the **USE-IT info desk** at Hello Zagreb information center & gift shop at Radićeva 14. We got you covered with free Wi-Fi, most welcome friendly tips & a cup of coffee.
OPEN | MON – FRI 09:00 – 20:00, SATURDAY 10:00 – 17:00

TRANSPORTATION / PUBLIC TRANSPORT

TRAMS & BUSES — A ticket for a **30 minute** ride = **4,00 HRK (0,50 €)** and for **90 minute** ride = **10,00 HRK (1.5€)**, daily ticket is **30,00 HRK (4€)** and **3-day** ticket = **70,00 HRK (9.5€)**. Tickets can be bought in trams or buses by asking the driver and on newsstands at tram/bus stations. Make sure you stamp your ticket once you enter a tram or bus. Ticket checks are frequent and these people are serious — do not end up with a fine.

TO AND FROM AIRPORT

Shuttle buses connect the Airport and main bus terminal (at the southeast edge of the city center) every 30 minutes from 07:00 until 20:00, every day. Rides from the main bus terminal towards the airport start earlier, at 04:30. The ride lasts 30 minutes and ticket prices are **30,00 HRK (4€)** for one way and **40,00 HRK (5.5€)** for return (daily). www.plesoprijevoz.hr

24/7 OPEN STORE

Hungry and it's way past working hours? Fear not! A supermarket, a bakery and a couple of fast foods are always open at Importane Center (underground, down the steps in front of the Main railway station).

LAUNDRY

Want to clean, dry and iron your clothes? This service is not very common, so a bit harder to find — Laundry Room (Berislavićeva 14) is one of the places

RENT A BIKE

For sure the most affordable way of zipping around Zagreb is on bike. And the perfect place to rent a bike is one of the Nextbike stands. Just activate your account on one of the stations or at http://www.sjednijivozi.com.hr/en/ and after you register, just pick up a bike at any of 20 Nextbike stations in Zagreb. Check the map to see locations of all Nextbike stations.

URBAN DICTIONARY

(feat. some useful common slang, carefully selected for you)

KAJ BRIJEŠH? ✦ exact translation is "what are you shaving?". Makes absolutely no sense, right? But what it really means is 'What are you talking about???' (very common after a few drinks) / EXTRA FACT: can also be used to start a fight, so use with caution

FAKAT ✦ It means 'really'. We use it a lot. Like, FAKAT, too much. / EXTRA FACT: FAKAT is taken from Turkish language.

FAKIN ✦ Rogue. Someone like, James Dean would be a FAKIN. You get the picture. / EXTRA FACT: There is also a beer from Medvedgrad brewery called FAKIN IPA — light beer with rich taste and domesticated bitterness. It's made of three types of malt and three kinds of hops.

FRAJLA ✦ MISS, used to be a compliment, but today it is often used as a somewhat offensive address towards girls who like to flirt a lot. / EXTRA FACT: there is a popular regional band called 'Frajle' — look them up on Youtube.

DROT ✦ policeman, but don't call them like that, they'll find it offensive. / EXTRA FACT: probably taken from French 'droit' (law). Oh, btw, half of Zagreb was a part of Napoleon's empire once.

GRDO ✦ very ugly / EXTRA FACT: We also use it as a word when we want to describe our night out when we party too hard. So basically when you say IT WAS GRRRRDOOO, it means you spent the whole night wasted AF and there were some pretty nice situations that you will try to remember and then forget when you go back home.

ZIHER ✦ definitely, 100% / EXTRA FACT: Also used a lot just as the FAKAT (above). We use it sarcastically, for example 'Yeah, right...' would be "Da, ziher", or if we're feeling extra cool and full of ourselves then we use "Da Z" — too cool to say the whole word, you know how it goes.

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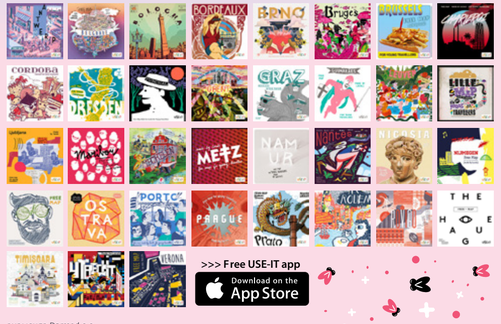

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32 WARZONE & A LITTLE LOVE STORY

Hidden Zagreb

Brestovac is an old sanatorium that hosted its first tuberculosis patients in 1909. This was one of the first efforts into organized hospital care in Zagreb, but was not founded because of social care but because of romantic love. Ljerka, a beauty from Zagreb was sick with tuberculosis, so Milivoj Dezman, her lover, initiated the construction of the building where Ljerka would eventually pass away in his arms. Today, however, the sanatorium is completely ruined and deserted and is one of the best places to go for a game of organized paintball. When there are no battles raging there, it is also one of the **creepiest places in the city**, definitely worth a visit for photographers!

♥ PAINTBALL CLUB SLJEME | WWW.PAINTBALL-SLJEME.COM

32 MAKSIMIR PARK

Tourist Classics

Large, green, quiet and clean, **Maksimir park** is recognized as one of the most beautiful urban parks of Europe. It is to Zagreb what Bois de Boulogne is to Paris, Tiergarten is to Berlin or Regents Park is to London. It was originally formed on the outskirts of Zagreb from the end of 18th until the first half of 19th century, but our city greatly expanded and today it is the east side of the city's green heart. We are proud of its hundred-year-old oak forests, meadows, lakes, streams, and thousands of hidden cozy corners for lovers, yoga practitioners or picnic and book-and-blanket aficionados. Our Zoo is also located within the park.

33 FEELIN' DANDY

Instagram friendly

Prepare to be transported from 2017. back to 1920 and enter **café bar Finjak**, decorated in authentic Chesterfield style. You will feel like you walked into an apartment whose owner likes sports, music and art, but also had time to study medicine in his free time. Terrace furniture was originally in use at a luxury hotel Esplanade, and the authentic coffee machine was on board on ex-Yugoslavian president Tito's luxury state yacht. Prices are a touch higher than average, but this is a unique opportunity to splurge a bit and get in touch with real history.

♥ VLAŠKA 78 | OPEN MON – SAT 08:30 – 22:00, SUN 09:00 – 15:00 | FB CAFFEBARFINJAK

34 LEGEND RIDERS BLUES BAR

Guitars on the walls, drums, posters and murals of the greatest rock and blues musicians. We dare say this place is sort of **a temple for rock'n'roll and blues**. The main exhibit, though, is a mural of the owner's (nickname Gapa) favorite musician, Eric Clapton. There's even a picture of him and members of the band while he was in Vienna. And he says that even Eric himself knows about this little blues bar. Out of 60 beers from their offer, we vote for craft beer **Nova Runda** — but make it clear you want Nova Runda C4 IPA. That one hits harder and tastes heavenly. On the terrace, you can often find dog named Blues, whom you can cuddle when that beer kicks in and you are feeling cuddly.

♥ TRG BARTOLA KAŠIĆA 4 | OPEN 08:00 – 23:59 | FB LEGENDRIDERSBLUESBAR

35 I LOVE YOU, BUT I LOVE MASTERS MORE

People actually travel from other cities just to visit this place. It's a real underground gem hosting national and international DJs and musicians. **Masters** is a place where clubbing means respecting what you are listening and the word "genre" is taboo. Good vibrations, open minded people, fresh air, perfection of sound and freedom all flow in abundance. Connect with yourself and revive your soul. An eponymous restaurant and bar will give you a chance to hang around during off hours and taste delicious domestic food made by "MAMA" herself. Actually you can hang at Masters 24/7, so you won't miss a thing.

♥ RAVNICE BB | WWW.MASTERS-CLUB.COM

36 GET IN MY BELLY!

Oh man, **Baranjska Citadela** will water your mouth instantly. Baranja is a county in Croatia located at our eastern border and this place brings a little piece of it to Zagreb. That piece being what is best in Baranja — delicious food made in true Eastern European tradition. Start with appetizer (which they don't charge), move on to "čvarci" (pork fat, but Google is your friend) and cottage cheese spreads with homemade bread. Then have some of the amazing catfish "perklet" and bind it all together with some fine wine from Baranja. This will be a dinner you will never forget and your wallet won't even feel it.

♥ RAVNICE V. 10 (TAKE TRAM 12 DUBRAVA FROM THE MAIN SQUARE, GO OUT ON THE STATION RAVNICE) | CLOSED ON MONDAYS | OPEN TUE – SAT 09:00 – 00:00, SUN 11:00 – 00:00 | WWW.BARANJSKA-CITADELA.COM

37 MIMICE — THE OLDEST FAST FISH JOINT

Mimice is just a minute or two away from the main square, and although we wouldn't label it as a "restaurant", this cheap place specializes in fish delights. Established as a true cult in Zagreb, Mimice opened right after the liberation of Zagreb in 1945, first as a wine tap room. They began to serve fish two years after, and since then this small, and let's be honest, not very presentable eatery started to gather everyone from students craving for a cheap snack before heavy drinking, to famous actors, musicians, and politicians. Despite its looks, this place had a privilege to serve fried fish to country presidents, ministers and members of the parliament, who are known to send their drivers down to Jurisićeva to bring back snacks. Apparently, while other restaurants fight with competition, struggle with trendsetting menus and overpriced interior decorations, Mimice stays unchanged for more than 70 years! What is their secret? Maybe the freshest fish from the agricultural co-op in Mimice, not far from the town of Omiš.

♥ JURIŠIĆEVA 21 | OPEN MON – FRI 08:00 – 21:00, SAT – SUN 08:00 – 17:00

38 BACCHUS JAZZ BAR

Not just a bar, but a place to forget the woes of everyday life, hidden in the backyard garden just a few steps from the Main Railway station and across **Tomislav Square**. During summer and spring there are excellent jazz and funk concerts on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday and poetry nights on Wednesday.

♥ TRG KRALJA TOMISLAVA 16 | 11:00 – 00:00, SUNDAYS CLOSED | FB BACCHUSJAZZBAR

39 FLOWER JUNGLE

Instagram friendly

In spring, this is a magical place. Our **Botanical garden** grows a variety of trees and flowers, all around its small maze of paths. We consider this the most magical place in Zagreb, not only because it looks beautiful, but also smells heavenly. If you are an Instagram junkie and want more likes, this is the place to take those gorgeous plant photos.

♥ MARKO MARULIĆ SQUARE 9A | OPEN: MON – TUE 09:00 – 14:30, WED – SUN 09:00 – 19:00 | WWW.HIRC.BOTANIC.HR | FREE ENTRANCE

40 GOOD OLD DAYS

Kinoteka used to be a cult cinema where our silent generation (we have no idea why they call them "the silent generation" — maybe they behaved really well?) watched their first Disney cartoons. And as years passed, they also watched their first kisses in some of the classic movies. Established in 1941. near Trg Francuske Republike, for decades it was one of the few places to see anything but blockbusters and mainstream movies. Today, all that is left is a charming exKinoteka cafe, still frequented by true locals, for live music during chilly nights.

♥ KORDUNSKA 1 | OPEN 7:30 – 00:00 | FB EX-KINOTEKA

41 SIDEWALK

Not to be missed! **Pločnik**, in translation "Sidewalk", is a huge place which extends over three floors; caffe bar, record store and club. Inspired by gramophone culture and records, the entire interior evokes the atmosphere of New York in the 30's — high ceiling, large glass windows and portholes. Lovers of vinyl and cool vibe, this is your spot! The smooth electronic music, good cup of coffee or even better beer selection (over 60 types of beer), all while shopping for a rare record. Round it all with night out on the dancefloor in the basement.

♥ MEDUMURSKA 21 | OPEN 09:00 – 02:00 | FB PLOCNIKZG

42 JARUN LAKE | STUDENT CITY

Zagreb is also a city of students, and if you want to mingle go to **Jarun Lake**. During the day you can walk around the lake, chill on the beach, have a barbecue, workout or just have a drink at one of many bars. This is also a great place for people watching. You can have a swim in the lake, something that any self-conscious local will never do, unless she's drunk. At night time Jarun turns into our clubbing destination. Oh yeah, don't throw rocks at swans and ducks, no matter how drunk you are, or you might feel our wrath or earn yourself a nice bite (swans do that).

43 VINTAGE INDUSTRIAL BAR

Almost next door to **Bikers Beer Factory**, this is another great bar/club (don't choose, visit both!). **Vintage Industrial Bar** is inside the abandoned button factory (yes, there was such a thing!), and is divided into three areas — two floors and a bar. During spring and summer months, there is a terrace, too. We love Vintage most of all because of their wide-range program — from tattoo and piercing charity events, to impressive live rock and alternative music, along with vintage tributes. In just a few years, this place became a local favorite.

♥ SAVSKA CESTA 160 | OPEN TUE – FRI 08:00 – 02:00, FRI – SAT 08:00 – 05:00, MODAYS CLOSED | FB VINTAGEINDBAR

44 A MOST UNUSUAL GARDEN

Instagram friendly

"**A most unusual garden**" is a name for one of the most creative cafe bar in Zagreb, and it really is a garden. With a tree house dressed up in art drawings. Fun-loving streams of gin-tonic run through this Alice's Wonderland, since that refreshing potion is their "house speciality drink". Although it is not located in the center, and God knows we would put everything and everyone on the Main square if we could, this extraordinary corner is one of a few best things that happened to Zagreb lately. Not sure whether is it more "whoa!" over summer, or winter, when we chill under the Christmas lights warming ourselves with sharp drinks and good vibes.

♥ HORVAĆANSKA 3 | OPEN: MON – SUN 09:00 – 00:00 | FB AMOSTUNUSUALGINGARDEN

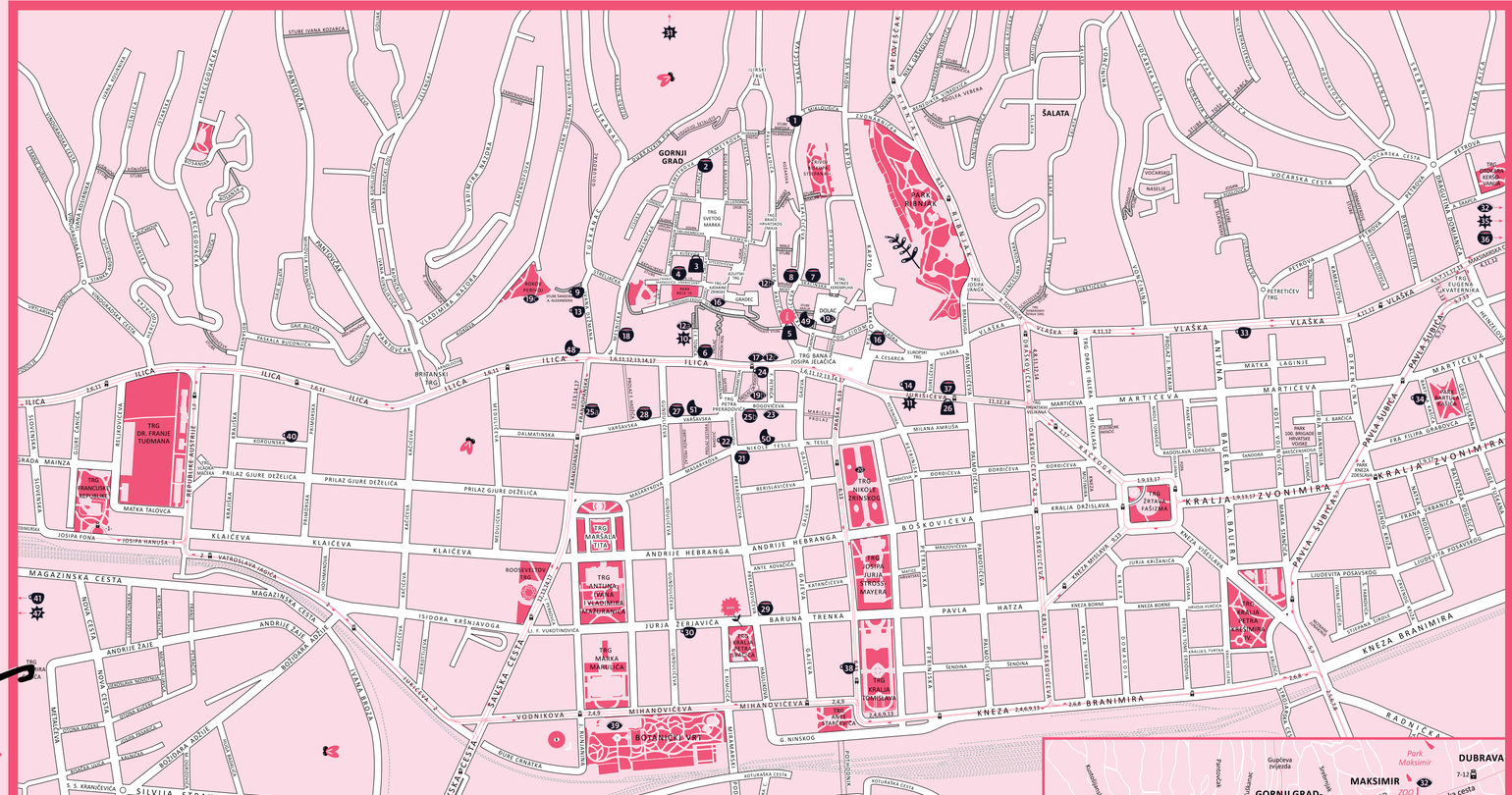
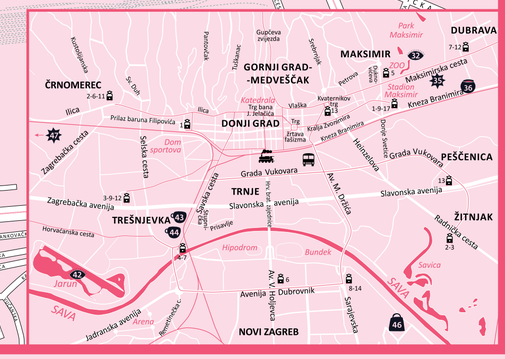
45 SPUNK

Spunk is right under the porch of the University Library complex, so it is teeming with students. The ritual goes something like this — smart boys and girls study hard, then meet at Spunk for a coffee, but end up drinking until the wee hours. That's how this place became a legend passed from generation to generation of fun loving bookworms. The bar has changed its name many times, and if it happens again, it will still always be known as Spunk. Everyone who likes good and loud live music and open-minded people is more than welcome!

♥ HRVATSKE BRATSKE ZAJEDNICE B.B. | OPEN SUN – THU 07:00 – 01:00, FRI – SAT 07:00 – 04:00 | FB SPUNK

46 HRELIĆ — NO LIMITS FLEA MARKET

Want to refresh your closet for all four seasons under 15 EUR? OK, no problem, your shopping spree should start either on Wednesday or Sunday — because flea market Hrelić will get you covered. Best offer is on Sundays, in the early morning, so put some comfy shoes on. The road to Hrelić is like something from Mad Max movie, and the place itself looks the part. But maybe you will come back with some designer dress for only 2 EUR. Or a brand-new car wreck... who knows!

47 DAS HAUS

This crib is as authentically underground as you can get nowadays. Located twelve km west of the city, club **Das Haus** is literally a house, a giant 1930s house, with drumming house music and techno. Don't expect neighbors, regular toilets, or break-off before Monday. Do expect dancing in the abandoned living room. It's not a squat house, but more like a temple and a relaxing meeting place of Das Haus growing subculture in Zagreb. It is open only a couple of weekends a month, so check their **FB page for details: Das-Haus**.