

# UPDATES 14.05.2020 ON COVID-19

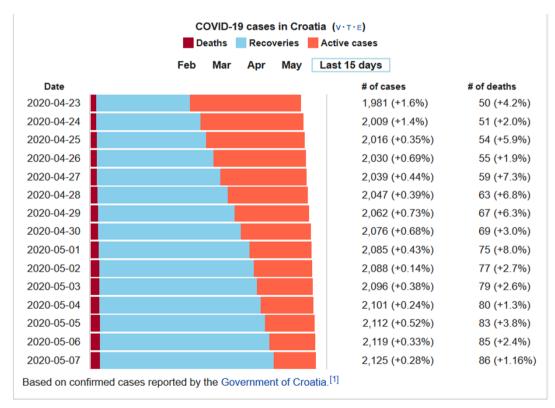
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# Coronavirus pandemic in Croatia

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Latest news on outbreak, 22.04.2020



### **Coronavirus** in Croatia

NEWS FROM LAST WEEK

On 4 May, the second phase of easing the Corona-restrictions started. The healthcare system that was remodelled for emergency response only due to the pandemic is reactivated for all medical purposes. Businesses such as barber shops, hair salons and pedicure salons started working again. The same day, five new cases were reported. The number of infected people decreased to fifteen, while the number of recovered increased to 1,522. One death in Split was confirmed.

Furthermore, Arena Zagreb, that was prepared for reception of lighter cases on 20 March, was unfurnished after being not of use any more.

On 5 May, eleven new cases were confirmed. The number of infected people decreased to fourteen, while 38 recovered. Three deaths were recorded.

On 6 May, seven new cases were reported. The number of patients on ventilators did not change, while the number of recovered increased to 1,601. Two new deaths were confirmed.

Bad News: On 9 May, there is a new wave of infections on island BRAC, which may go under quarantine!



# Coronavirus Infographic

From latest news on 14.05.2020.

# **COVID-18**

### Situation in Creatia

Croatia has 2221 confirmed cases of COVID-19 within its borders

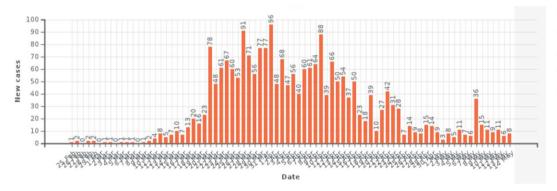
New cases recorded in the last 24 hours: 8

· Number of deaths in the last 24 hours: 0

· Total number of deaths: 94

• Recovered: 1850

New cases per day:



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- The following have reopened with precautionary measures: stores, shopping malls, libraries, museums, galleries, service-based industries, coffee shops, restaurants, hotels, religious institutions and services, health and beauty industries, sports venues, playgrounds and national parks, preschools and elementary schools (grades 1-4).
- Public transportation between cities has resumed including air, land and rail traffic as well as boat connections for islands.
- · Mass gatherings up to 40 people are allowed, with social distancing.
- Gyms and fitness centers may reopen May 13.
- Pools, movies and theaters may reopen May 18.
- · Schools (grade 5 and above) and universities remain closed.
- A pass is no longer needed to travel throughout Croatia.
- Health Inspectors of the Croatian State Inspectorate are monitoring and enforcing individual orders
  to self-isolate which continue to be in force. They are authorized to fine any individual violating this
  order with fines ranging from 8000 HRK for the first violation to 30,000 HRK, 60,000 HRK and
  120,000 HRK for repeat offenders. Persons violating health inspector orders may also be subject to
  criminal charges. The Croatian Public Health Institute issued Guidance on Self-Isolation in English.



# Information on borders & travel

Latest news from 14.05.2020.



### **EU** Borders

COVID - 19 update on 14.05.2020.



### Brussels, 13 May 2020

### European Commission - Press release

Today, the Commission presents a package of guidelines and recommendations to help Member States gradually lift travel restrictions and allow tourism businesses to reopen, after months of lockdown, while respecting necessary health precautions.

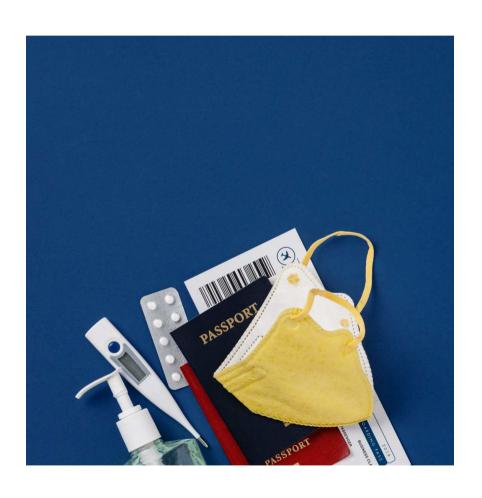
The Commission's guidance aims to offer people the chance to get some well-needed rest, relaxation and fresh air. As soon as the health situation allows, people should be able to catch up with friends and family, in their own EU country or across borders, with all the safety and precautionary measures needed in place.

Free movement and cross-border travel are key to tourism. As Member States manage to reduce the circulation of the virus, blanket restrictions to free movement should be replaced by more targeted measures.

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## Travel Restrictions

Latest news & updates



## TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

A gradual lifting of borders has been proposed by the EU's executive in an attempt to kick-start a tourist industry hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic.

"Our message is we will have a tourist season this summer," said economic affairs commissioner Paolo Gentiloni, "even if it's with security measures and limitations." Borders are closed across the EU, including the border-free Schengen zone, but states are starting to reopen them.

Austria and Germany have become the latest EU countries to agree to remove travel restrictions.

From Friday there will be random checks at border crossings and then on 15 June free movement should resume. "We want to make people's everyday lives easier and take another step towards more normality," said Chancellor Sebastian Kurz.



# Easing restrictions in Croatia?





Based on other counties situation and sources like The Guardian, Index.hr. koronavirus.hr Government site

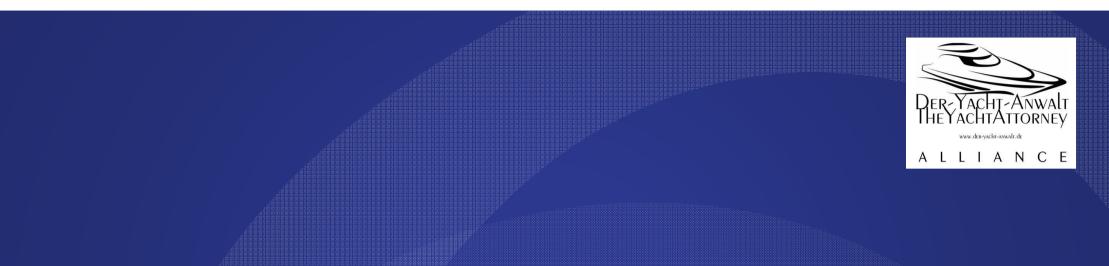
# **Arriving in Croatia**

Entry into the Republic of Croatia for foreign nationals: If the foreign national intends to cross the state border he has to meet one of the following conditions:

- 1. Possesses documentation with which he can prove ownership of real estate located in the Republic of Croatia, or vessel (lessee is also permitted), or is attending a funeral in the Republic of Croatia (possesses appropriate documentation which proves this). After meeting the conditions, such foreign nationals are allowed to cross the state border, they are registered and the location/address where they will stay, or where the real estate/vessel is located, is entered as well as the contact telephone number and duration of stay-when they plan leaving the Republic of Croatia.
- 2. They possess documentation with which they prove that they were invited to the Republic of Croatia by an economic operator, the economic operator's interest for them to enter into Republic of Croatia, or a business meeting invite. For these passengers, it is necessary to enter the place / address where they will stay and the contact phone number and duration of stay when they plan to leave the Republic of Croatia.
- 3. All other foreign nationals who have a certain business reason, which cannot be foreseen at this time, and do not have the appropriate documentation, should be instructed to announce their intention to cross the state border (enter into the Republic of Croatia) at mailto:uzg.covid@mup.hr and they will receive an answer as soon as possible.



Find more useful info here: https://bit.ly/2T506Jg



# Tourism in Croatia in 2020



## Tourism after COVID-19 outbreak

Things will change, we will adapt.

### **IMPORTANT NEWS**

### Is it safe to travel to Croatia?

Croatian citizens are allowed to return to the Republic of Croatia and EU citizens are able to return to their countries of origin. Effective May 10<sup>th</sup> Croatian citizens are now allowed to enter Croatia and/or exit the country in compliance with measures outlined by the Civil Protection Directorate. When there are valid reasons to travel which include essential business travel, foreign citizens will also be able to enter the Republic of Croatia in compliance with the <u>recommendations</u> of the Croatia Institute of Public Health, along with foreign citizens who travel for urgent personal reasons.

### Are there flights to Croatia?

Croatia currently maintains one daily return flight: Zagreb – Frankfurt – Zagreb operated by Croatia Airlines. Croatia Airlines is currently in discussions about reinstating other flights, such as Amsterdam, Brussels and London, but all are pending further approval. For more information on Croatia Airlines flights, please check their website.

# Are private boats allowed to enter Croatian waters and or mooring in Croatia? What is the situation with nautical tourism?

Currently, yachts (boats) longer than 24 meters are allowed to enter Croatian ports, i.e. yachts are allowed to enter the berths in nautical tourism ports and ports open to public traffic. In addition, yachts are allowed to enter shipyards for overhaul or repairs, and as we approach the main summer months, further relaxation of measures is expected. Nautical tourism is highly popular in Croatia and we are ensuring that each new measure aids in returning nautical tourists to our country, however, there is an overall clear emphasis health and safety.

# Is there passenger traffic and or public ferry transport available to and from the Croatian islands?

Currently there is limited ferry transport to any from various Croatian islands subject to the health and safety measures. Travel to and from all Croatian islands is now possible, with the exception of the Island of Brač, which is on an extended 14-day isolation order. All travel on, to and from the island is restricted and requires special permits at this time. For information on ferry lines operated by Jadrolinija please check here.

# STAY IN TOUCH

Contact us for further information and advise



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