

# Bikini time in the city

It's not just empty talk to cool you down - Zagreb does have a sea. Or at least sea-like beaches. Four of them at Jarun Lake have blue flags, a sign of the beach excellence, while the newest one is the nudist beach (more on page 6). The Big Lake at Bundež has guarded beaches with lots of shade. And let's not forget five Olympic-size pools, from Šalata to Svetice, and the city's fountains...

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## TALKABOUT

**SMART BENCHES,** solar-powered mobile charges and wi-fi spots have arrived to Zagreb. Invented by a student from Split, the first bench has been installed in front of the Rectorate building. At night, the benches are cooled down and lit; all you need to use them is a USB stick.

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**THE FESTIVAL IS OVER** but Design District is here to stay. Last month, the Martićeva neighborhood attracted thousands of visitors to the Festival sights. Zagreb's most creative initiative lives on, until the next year's show.

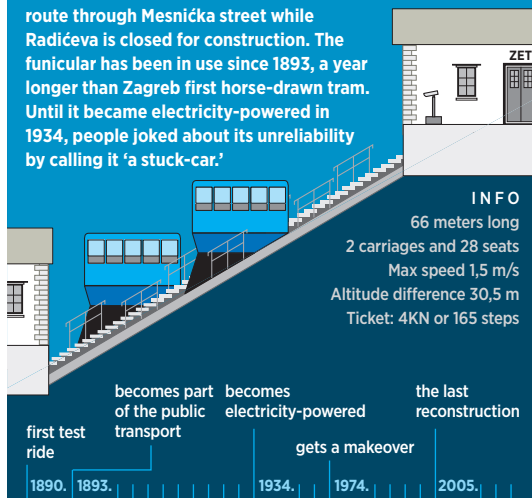
@designdistrict.hr

**THE MEDAL OF ZAGREB**

city goes to Leon Žilavi, author of the funniest photo-montage of the 7-meter deep road hole on Slavenska Avenija. Mayor Bandić is portrayed standing next to the hole-cum-fountain with a speech bubble: 'Problem solved.'

## 64 seconds to the top of Zagreb

Forget about the strenuous 165-steps climb from Tomićeva street to the Upper Town! Zagreb's funicular is back in full swing. The reopening particularly delights the Upper Town residents who use it daily and who had to take a roundabout route through Mesnička street while Radićeva is closed for construction. The funicular has been in use since 1893, a year longer than Zagreb first horse-drawn tram. Until it became electricity-powered in 1934, people joked about its unreliability by calling it 'a stuck-car.'



He welcomed the joke at his expense. @facebook/zakajvolimzagreb **THE PRIDE OF ZAGREB,** the Mathematics High School (MIOC) kids are the world best. They won the first award at the IT contest

in the US; 200 worldwide schools took part. Their biggest reward was a visit to MIT and Harvard, organized by their older peer Marin Soljačić, a young inventor fondly dubbed Nikola Tesla.

## FIRST MINUTE

Love at first taste

Find out if love really comes through the belly at the Dolac market. It only takes minutes of mingling through the colorful stalls of this place, fondly dubbed 'the belly of Zagreb,' to fall in love with the city. Take in the smells, the sounds, or even an occasional tug from the crowd and get ready for Zagreb to reach your heart through your belly.

## WORD

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(Zh-edge)

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갈증, 口渴,

# WHAT WHERE WHEN

## GRADEČ OPEN-AIR CINEMA

Self-dubbed 'the Filmbox under a million of stars,' this popular open-air cinema showcases an impressive program: 52 movie titles from 13 countries (with English subtitles), music concerts and stand-up comedies. Entry is free but hurry not to miss a seat at the romantic Upper Town square opposite St. Catherine's Church. Starry screenings begin at 9pm and last Jul 15-Aug 31.

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## FOOTBALL FEAST IN RIBNJAK PARK

Football fans, get ready for the ultimate open-air screening of EURO 2016 in the gorgeous Ribnjak park at the heart of town. Watch your favorite team from a deckchair, snack on tasty street food and sip fab local beer. Test your football skills at the park's All Stars' Corner, then join the after-party of live music and foodie delights. Jun 9 - Jul 10.

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## SUMMER ON STROSS

Nicknamed Strossmartre, this all-summer street festival captures the old Parisian flair at Zagreb's most romantic Upper Town spot. Hit the chestnut-lined promenade to mingle with artists, watch theater plays or quirky pet mongrel shows and listen to an eclectic mix of live music. Almost 100 days of Summer on Stross (May 29-Sep-tember 2) never fails to match whatever mood you're in.

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'Where else to finish the world tour other at home!'

Luka Šulić and Stjepan Hauser



## ZAGREB SUPERHEROES

Straight from Verona, where 12,000 people clapped for encore, 2Cellos arrive to Zagreb to wrap up their world tour. Since their big Zagreb concert four years ago, these two young cellists played more than 1000 concerts, in front of 10 million people - a career success to brag about. Luka Šulić and Stjepan Hauser aka 2Cellos play at King Tomislav Square on Saturday, July 2 and the entrance is free (part of the Zagreb Classic open-air festival). Special guests include Zucchero and Oliver.

@2cellos.com



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## Off the guidebook grid

As I write this, I'm taking time off from running around the city checking out all that's new and cool for the next edition of *Lonely Planet Croatia*. For this guidebook author, sure, it's fun to traipse around town seeking out the latest and marking up city maps with fun-filled spots.

What this guidebook writer also tells you - in confidence and with hope my editors don't read it - throw away the guidebook! ☺ Shut off your iPhone and all its open apps and lift your gaze up from the screen. Sit on a sidewalk terrace. Strike up a conversation with a stranger. Befriend a local. Zagrebians may not come across as the friendliest of peoples at first sight but once you crack the ice, it's going to be smooth sailing through the Zagreb summer.

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### WHAT'S HOT THIS JULY

- A wander around the newly minted Design District around Martićeva street [www.designdistrict.hr](http://www.designdistrict.hr)
- Cool down with a Medenko ice cream at Cogito Coffee (Varšavska 11)
- Catch live music on the terrace of Sherry's Wines & Bites (Ilica 73)

# MONOVIEW

## Zagreb's Museum of Broken Relationships opens in Hollywood



Olinka Vištica, cofounder of the Museum

MUSEUM OF BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS IS LIKE A CHAMELEON THAT MOLDS ITSELF ACCORDING TO THE CITY IT LANDS INTO



Upper Town, sipping on a glass of wine at the museum's terrace, watching the sunset. **YOUR FAVORITE PLACE TO HEAL A BROKEN HEART...** Heart is a muscle, isn't it? The best way to mend it is to build up the muscle and clear the head. Water is the element that allows for both. Every mile of crawl in one of Zagreb's swimming pools accounts for a healing stitch in my heart. I love the retro look of Dom Sportova. The open-air pool at Šalata with its beautiful view is also great. **THE BEST WAY TO FALL IN LOVE WITH ZAGREB...** I love cycling through Zagreb's streets 24/7 almost in every season. Only the deep snow can stop me. I love to slide through the streets and parks, especially early in the morning or late at night during summer. It's a solitary experience, contemplating the facades, feeling the rattle of the tram tracks, hearing the sound of tires touching the cobblestone streets.

## HIDDEN ZAGREB

### Wander off into urban wilderness

When the sizzling Zagreb asphalt starts to burn your eager walking shoes, wander off into the little-known oasis of urban wilderness - the Tuškanac forest. Best accessed through Dežmanova street, this enchanted semi-wild woodland runs parallel with Ilica street. Cool down alongside centennial plane trees and see Zagreb with different eyes. Notice the statue of Croatia's famous writer Miroslav Krleža and the hanging gardens of many Upper Town villas. Straight ahead is Dubravka's Trail (once the strolling ground of Duke Jelačić's wife) that meanders through thick forests to the Cmrok common - a perfect spot for a picnic.

## 50TH INTERNATIONAL FOLKLORE FESTIVAL

Celebrating the diversity of local ethno music and dance, this festival has grown into a global feast of folklore performances. Traditional Croatian and world music concerts, workshops and exhibitions sweep Zagreb July 20-24. Don't miss unique church folk singing at St. Catherine's Church on July 24, at 7.30pm. @msf.hr

# European University Games: When students take over the city

If you love sports and find yourself visiting Zagreb or Rijeka between July 12 and 25, tune into daily sport games featuring Europe's best players. Or simply hit the streets full of vibrant youth. Zagreb and Rijeka host the thus far largest European University Games, with more than 6000 participants. All activities are free to watch and superbly taken care of by 7000 EUG2016 workers. Organizers predict that due to hot weather, more than 200,000 liters of water will be drunk during the event.

The best sports team arrives from the UK, headed by Univer-

sities of Oxford and Cambridge that traditionally excel at sport competitions.

The hosts' hope is to recreate the success from 29 years ago when Zagreb was home to the World University Games – the time when the city truly came alive. For WUG1987, Zagreb got 14 stadiums, 11 football pitches, 42 sport courts, four swimming pools and four tennis grounds

with 41 courts. Locals who are 30 and older remember the WUG mascot Zagi – a squirrel with a rainbow-colored tail.

Under the slogan 'the world of youth for the world of peace,' the WUG torch was carried by one of world's best basketball players – Dražen Petrović. No wonder we say that what the Olympic Games meant to Sarajevo and Barcelona, Student Games mean to Zagreb.

## GAMES IN NUMBERS

**4781** participants

**41** countries

**403** European universities

**2000** volunteers

**7000** staff and security workers



*Squirrel  
Zagi,  
1987*



*Hamster  
Hrki,  
2016*

## QuiZG

**1** The slide in the Museum of Contemporary Arts is 44 meters long. How many seconds is the ride down the Slide?

- a) 4 sec
- b) 5 sec
- c) 6 sec



**2** Zagreb Zoo celebrates its 91th birthday. Which animals were its first residents?

- a) Three wolves and two falcons
- b) Three foxes and two owls
- c) Three eagles and two bears

**3** How many bike trails are there on Medvednica Nature Park?

- a) 7
- b) 8
- c) 9

### BONUS QUESTION

What is the fine for jaywalking in Zagreb?

- a) 200 KN
- b) 300 KN
- c) 400 KN



### ANSWERS

**1 c.** A ride down the MSU 17-m-long slide takes 6 seconds; **2 b.** When it opened in 1925, Zagreb Zoo was home to five animals: three foxes and two owls; **3 c.** Medvednica Nature Park has 8 circular trails and a transverse one that connects them all; **BONUS b.** 300 KN. Since 2015, Zagreb pedestrians have been fined 2,124 times for jaywalking.

## Zagreb's coolest museums

**Lauba (Baruna Filipovića 23a) Part museum part gallery, Lauba excels with its outlandish take on contemporary art. A former riding stable, the monumental space is a perfect playground for artists and art lovers.** [lauba.hr](http://lauba.hr)

**Museum of Illusions (Ilica 72)** 'The world is sometimes just a perception' is the motto of this brilliant place featuring over 70 exhibits, hologram pictures, puzzles and educational games. Embark on this exciting sensory adventure. [muzejiluzija.com](http://muzejiluzija.com)

**Tortureum (Radićeva 14)** Want a peak into how confessions were forced out during the ancient times? Tortureum's replicas of the torture chair, guillotine, pendulum and other instruments of execution are chillingly real. [tortureum.com](http://tortureum.com)



## Museum of Contemporary Art

(Avenija Dubrovnik 17) This jewel museum is worth visiting if only for its meander-shaped architecture. Don't miss the collection of Croatia's 1950s generation of abstract-geometric artists or the fab roof terrace. [msu.hr](http://msu.hr)

## Museum of Broken Relationships

(Čirilometodska 2) Once a roving exhibition honoring the legacy of love by focusing on failed relationships, it's perfect for its therapeutic or curiosity effect. [brokenrelationships.com](http://brokenrelationships.com)

## Ferdinand Budicki Auto Museum

(Ljudevita Posavskog 48) Housed in a hangar-sized building, it celebrates everything auto-related. Cars and motorbikes from the post-WW2 era steal the show, with an odd old tram thrown in. [otk-ferdinandbudicki.hr](http://otk-ferdinandbudicki.hr)



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## Honestly, get culture smart about Zagreb

Let me show you a shortcut to cracking Zagreb and its people. It's really quite effective, and if you walk it enough times, you'll deserve the title of being Zagreb culture smart.

I'm not sending you off to the best museums, eateries or bars. Being Zagreb culture smart rests on a single principle: people trump 'places to see' and relationships overshadow 'things to do.'

During a hot Zagreb July, you'll be tempted to walk all day long, scrambling to tick off the highlights from your travel itinerary. This is exactly what NOT to do in Zagreb. Stop fussing about having to see it all. Skip a museum or two and linger with your coffee at a shaded terrace. Turn to a local next to you and strike up a conversation. Ask THEM what you should do next. Here's a surprise: they might just suggest having another drink together. Be culture smart - accept and do as the Zagreb locals do.

*Tip: Forget about the weather talk. One of the best small talk ice-breakers is sports. Think Dražen Petrović, Goran Ivanišević, Davor Šuker, Janica Kostelić...*

**7,128**

meters is the length of Veternica cave on Medvednica mountain

**12**

thousands square meters is how far and wide Ban Jelačić Square is

**3**

seasons is the time Luka Modrić spent playing for Dinamo

# COOL TURE

## FANTASTIC

**ZAGREB**, a unique regional festival of sci-fi movies is on until July 9, with screenings in cinemas and theaters across the city. Look out for the shows in the Tuškanac open-air cinema and the Medvedgrad castle. See the program @fantastic-zagreb.com

**SUMMER AT MUSEUM FOR CONTEMPORARY ART** throws up a fab music program at the amazing roof terrace. Every Saturday throughout July, the lineup is as follows: Pips Chips Videoclips, Let 3, TBF and Psihomodopop. @msu.hr

**SUMMER NIGHTS AT TEATAR EXIT** delight with hit shows from Croatia and beyond. Catch them until early August at the courtyard of the Museum of Arts and Crafts. Don't miss the award-winning show *ThisCasting* on July 8. @teatarexit.hr

**THE CRAZY TWENTIES** are held on the Gradec plateau July 5 & 6 with shows like the the 1926 beauty pageant, plenty of live jazz, b&w movies, all paired with 1920 paraphernalia. Fancy voting for Miss Europe in Berlin? @kdz.hr

## ZGBLOG

### FANCY A BIT OF DARK TOURISM?

Uncover the lesser-known Zagreb through the exciting *Zagreb Noir* collection of crime stories. Follow local writers' darkly funny tales, each set in a different location across the city and watch how the local colors seep into your field of vision. This gem of a literary translation, published by Acashic Books in the US, is available on Amazon and is the best add-on to a classic travel guide.



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## Hide your drinking holes

For the last month, I felt old. People who know me know I rarely act old. This isn't bragging. I just mean my job and personality have meshed to bring out the most selfish side of a human. Essentially I am living the life I assumed adults lived when I was 13. Back then I thought grownups went to bed when it suited them, ate and drank when they felt like it, and played whenever they wanted. (It probably goes without saying that no one depends on me for much.)

However, for the last month, in Zagreb, I taught a travel writing class to a group of 12 university journalism students—all girls—from the U.S. Among my duties: Show them around town. "Here's Dolac," I said. "Here's the funicular," pointing to the impractical cable car. "Make sure to visit the City Museum," I encouraged like an uncle. "Who's up for a hike on Medvednica?" I asked sporting lederhosen. "Gosh, you really haven't seen Zagreb until you've woken early for špica!"

The kids would inevitably look at me with tilted heads, sigh deeply, and ask—without ever looking away from their mobile phones: "Okay, but which clubs should we go to?"

No matter where I suggested, they'd already been and crossed it off the list. The music wasn't right. The guys weren't hot enough. The drinks too expensive.

"Didn't you used to live here Mr. Crevar?"

*Pro tip: If you take students to Zagreb, never suggest the bars you frequent.*

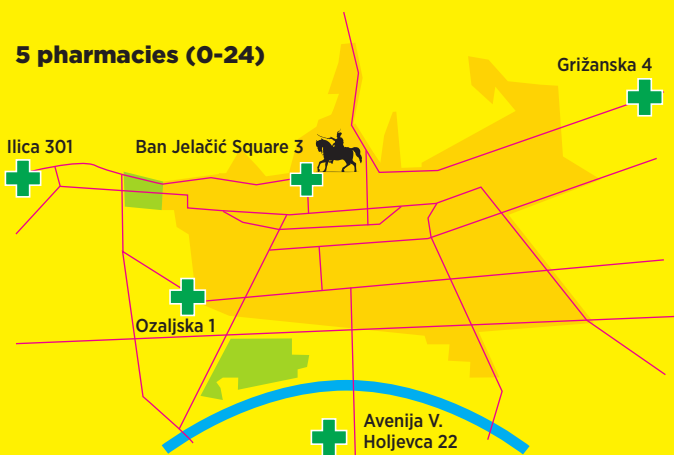
## NEW IN TOWN

### Zagreb's brand-new Art Park

Street art + sunshine + summer = fun. The famed Pimp My Pump collective together with the Lapo Lapo street art studio revived a dingy little park by the old city walls, between Tomičeva street by the funicular and Strossmayer promenade. Once known as Narkić Parkić (junkies' little park), this former vice-filled hangout has been turned into a cheerful spot. Zagreb's top street artists painted the benches, walls and easels placed around the park. You, too, can give it a hand at making street art, with easels and paints on the spot. The park features a makeshift café (daily 11am–9pm) and a repertoire of events – live music, poetry readings, exhibits... For the schedule, check out Pimp My Pump and Lapo Lapo on FB.

# YELLOW PAGE

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## No such thing as closing time

Zagreb lives around the clock so no need to worry that your needs won't be met. Petrol stations have for years been go-to places for after-hours shopping. 40 of them work the night shift, turning into lively meet-ups, like the one on Miramarska street. When most foodie places close for the day, look for the grill joint on Dolac, where it gets packed even at 5am. Or scout out bakeries at tram depots and bus stations: the safest bets are the main bus station and Savski Most. Proper nighttime shopping is available at Konzum (Ilica 288) or Importantne Center, while a cure for nocturnal aches

and pains can be found at the central pharmacy (Ban Jelačić Square 3). Fancy polishing your car at night? Head to a number of self-service car washes or to Szabo car wash in Novi Zagreb if you want someone else to do it.

## TIPS&TRICKS

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### FIVE MINUTES TO TAXI

Zagreb taxis usually arrive within five minutes from making a call. That is, if you manage to get through during rush hour. Calls are charged but you can keep the driver waiting for up to five minutes for free.

### BOTANICAL GARDEN FOR FREE



Zagreb Botanical Garden is free and open every day from morning to dusk – a policy in operation since its opening in 1891. The Garden was the city's gift to the University of Zagreb provided it kept free entrance.

### THE MOST USEFUL CARD

With Zagreb Card tourists get free transport and ticket discounts for more than 150 locations. Daily card is 60KN, a three-day card is 90KN. A ride on the funicular is included.



## The emerald valley cool-off

The luscious emerald-colored Mrežnica river flows not far from the famous Plitvice Lakes. While it's not a national park it's just as stunning. Plus it's warm enough to dip into. Only 50km south of Zagreb, the Mrežnički Brig river beach is a perfect respite from the hot city asphalt. Here you can laze around on thick grass, go for a swim or rent a canoe to explore the river's nooks and crannies.



**Tip:** Have lunch at the Slapić campsite. Their trout is as fresh as it gets.

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# ZAGREB COURTYARDS SEASON – THE CITY’S TRUE BLOSSOMING

**Exploring Zagreb’s cityscape is like peeling off one layer after another.** And many are not obvious. Just like its courtyards: inner patios that snuggle between buildings. Although hidden, the courtyards reveal Zagreb at its most authentic. See them for yourself July 15–24 during the Courtyards Festival when seven unique Upper Town villas open their doors and hearts with fab live music and foodie program.

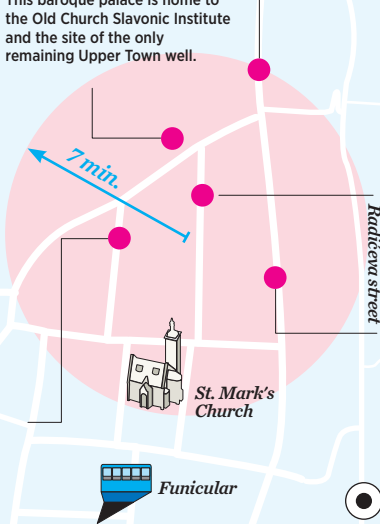
**Meštrović Atelier (Mletačka 8)** Once his home and studio, the inner patio and the secret garden of this palace are home to some of the best sculptures by Ivan Meštrović.

**Balbi Palace (Demetrova 11)** This baroque palace is home to the Old Church Slavonic Institute and the site of the only remaining Upper Town well.

**Erdödy-Drašković Palace (Opatička 29)** Croatian opera singer Sidorija Erdödy Drašković grew up here; today the palace is home of the Zagreb City Archives.

**Private courtyard (Basaričekova 11)** It’s been dubbed the ‘One Song a Day Takes Mischief Away’ courtyard because the namesake movie – an enormous hit – was shot here.

**Croatian Institute of History (Opatička 10)** The famous movie *The Glembays* was shot in this opulent palace that oozes history and culture.



# LAST MINUTE

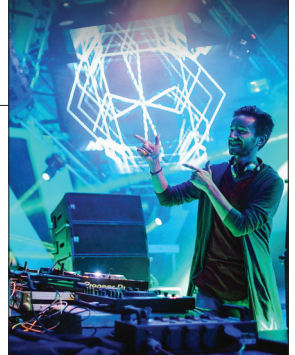
Keep the magic aflame

Soak up the magical powers of the Stone Gate, the eastern entrance to the medieval Gradec Town turned shrine. Join the locals in their silent prayers and light a candle at this atmospheric corner before leaving Zagreb. As you walk through the Gate, go either to the left or the right of iron pillars. Don’t ask why; just respect the local lore.

## 4am

# CROATIAN IBIZA IS TWO HOURS DRIVE

Most Zagreb clubs have closed for the season and moved to the Croatian coast, only two hours drive from Zagreb. Aquarius, Noa, Papaya and Kalypso all set up camp on Zrće, the hit Pag beach. Don’t miss Love Week festival (July 23–30), on in all clubs and with parties every day, all day and all night – and all summer. There’s a reason Zrće is called the Croatian Ibiza. @zrce.com



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APPS



Radićeva has been the most important access point to the Upper Town for centuries so locals are eager to see the end of renovations

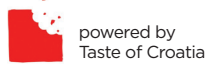
## Street fit for a makeover

Radićeva street – first known as the long street, then as Zagreb’s main shopping strip – is an age-long connection between the Lower and Upper Towns. As of this spring, it’s in the midst of a makeover, until the new and improved Radićeva is unveiled on Sep 1. Till then, enjoy alternative ways of getting up-town, via staircases, roundabout routes and the funicular (from mid-July on; till then hop on a replacement bus from Ban Jelačić Square).

**No more peeping at naturists having a dip at Zagreb’s favorite riviera on the Lake Jarun.** Protected by the fence, the nudists can now relax at their own beach on the south bank of the Big Lake. Freshly laid out with pebbles and fitted with toilets, this Jarun spot is one of its kind in continental Croatia.

**Naturists and all other swimmers at Jarun and Bundek lakes are watched over by 30 guards.**

## TASTE OF ZAGREB



### Summer stuff – filled peppers

Ask anyone here for their favorite summer dish and we bet you’ll hear *punjene paprike* often. Fleshy juicy bell peppers stuffed with minced meat and rice, cooked in tomato sauce and served with mashed potatoes make a dish that’s seasonal and filling. This delicious



crowd-pleaser, which stems from the Ottoman cuisine and exists in different forms in the whole of Southeast Europe, is beloved all over Croatia. At Zagreb’s restaurants, it’s a mandatory summer lunch special but still tastes best when lovingly prepared at home. For the old-school traditional version, go to Purger restaurant in downtown Zagreb; for the modern version of *punjene paprike*, head to Bistro Šalša in Trešnjevka neighbourhood. Price: app 40KN Calories per serving: 750 kcal

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