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Must See and Do in Croatia

Wine Tasting: One of the oldest wine-producing regions in the world, Croatia is steeped with wine production history that dates back to about 2,500 years ago when the ancient Greek settlers brought the vine to the islands of Hvar, Vis, and Korcula. Today, visitors can take a step back in time, visiting the old-world wine estates and tasting the traditional wines of the region.

The wine region of Croatia is quite large, spanning from the Dalmatian Coast all the way up into the floodplains of the Danube River. But because it would take you weeks to move through all of the incredible vineyards throughout Croatia, we recommend visiting a few of our favorite regions, which include Central, South, and North Dalmatia, as well as Istria.

Some of the wineries you don't want to miss while visiting Dalmatia include the BIBICH winery, Milos winery, Boskinac winery, and the Tomic winery.

Set Up a Picnic: Soak in some of Croatia's gorgeous lavender-covered fields or sparkling lakes with a picnic set up! We recommend bringing a bottle of your favorite Croatian wine to your picnic and pairing it with a wedge of Paski Sir – a hard cheese produced exclusively on Croatia's island of Pag from autochthonous sheep.

Explore Croatia's Culinary Delights: With such a diverse spectrum of flavors, Croatian cuisine originates from the proto-Slavic era, and also brings together flavors from neighboring countries, including Greece, Italy, France, and Turkey.

The various regions of Croatia utilize different cooking methods and ingredients, which are apparent when visiting the restaurants and cafes found throughout the country. For example, you'll notice that much of the continental cuisine is comprised of meats, freshwater fish, and lots of tasty vegetables.

Whereas the coastal areas were influenced more by Mediterranean cuisine and typically include lots of freshly prepared seafood, olive oil, and vegetables.

It's not surprising to visit a coastal restaurant and watch as chefs pick up the local catch from fishermen who just arrived back into port. We encourage you to explore the harbor areas of the various fishing villages you visit before eating at a local restaurant or café to get the full from-sea-to-table experience!

Relax on the Beach: If you're visiting Croatia during the summer months, be sure to check out some of the country's most sought-after beaches for a day of relaxation.

Croatia is home to dozens of incredible beaches – some of which are remote and others crowded with trendy jet setters. But the best beaches are found on the Dalmatia coast. These beaches are some of the most breathtaking in the world and are characterized by their pebbly coves and sandy and rocky shores.

For a list of beaches near where you'll be visiting on your trip to Croatia, contact the Adventures Croatia team.

Festivals: Home to some of the most unique and awe-inspiring festivals in the world, Croatia is bursting with vibrant traditions that can be explored throughout the year.

Some of our favorite events and festivals include:

St. Martin's Day: Happening on November 11th, St. Martin's day is the most meaningful winegrower's holiday. During this festival, the winemakers celebrate the transformation of young musk into wine. This event brings locals and visitors together to explore the delightful flavors of Croatian wine and cuisine and you will be able to witness some of Croatia's most unique wine customs during this day.

Moreska Sword Dance: Every Monday and Thursday in July and August on the Island of Korcula, you can witness one of the most exciting living art performances! Sword dancing is one of the islands most revered traditions, dating back to the 15th Century. You will be thrilled by the agility of the performers and the history of the dance.

Korkyra Baroque Festival: Happening from September 7th - 13th on the island of Korcula, the Korkyra Baroque Festival is a feast of music set in cultural heritage sites. Concerts are held over the course of seven days in addition to a varied entertainment program and lectures related to baroque music. A must-see event for music lovers!

The Annual Dubrovnik Summer Festival: One of the oldest festivals in Europe, this festival, occurring July 10th through August 25th takes place in the gorgeous city of Dubrovnik. With over 80 international music, theater and dance performances over a seven-week period, you will be thoroughly entertained. Thousands of artists perform in venues such as the Minceta Fortress and Rector's Palace for a dazzling display.

Jelsa Wine Fair: An incredible event for wine lovers, the Jelsa Wine Fair is an annual event that showcases Hvar's world-famous wines. The best of the island vintage is on display, as well as a variety of local cuisine to create a gourmand's delight. The event takes place on August 29th and 30th on the stunning and culturally rich island of Hvar.