

You've booked your trip...Now what?

Photography in Croatia

Photographing Landscapes and Nature

From stunning beaches to renowned nature reserves, and dramatic mountains to sprawling lakes, accented by waterfalls, Croatia's landscape and thriving eco-systems provide the perfect subjects for award-winning photography (or at least photography worthy of being hung on the wall!).

Tips to Keep in Mind:

- Cloudy days can provide some of the best photography opportunities! Overcast skies project a defused light that can bring out some of the most vibrant colors in lush landscapes.
- While exploring the various regions of Croatia, keep your eyes open for areas with lots of texture. These can produce some gorgeous photographs – especially at both sundown and sunrise. Some of the best textures to explore with your camera include craggy rocks within the nature reserves and parks, windblown beaches, and lake and ocean ripples.
- Find a unique vantage point wherever you go (but stay safe - don't go climbing to the top of a jagged and steep mountain!). Consider capturing your subjects from above, below, to the side, or through another object (such as a rock formation or opaque wall).
- Animals tend to blend into their backdrop a bit, so catching them during sunset or sundown will create a more vibrant backdrop that makes the subject pop.
- Take photos early to get excellent sunlight (and avoid crowds).
- When photographing wildlife or a flower up close, use a shallow depth of field (to blur out the background). This will allow the focus of the photograph to go directly to the subject you wish to spotlight.

Photographing Cities and People

The unique Mediterranean architecture, city markets, street artists, and charming white stone streets and alleys all lend to Croatia's urban charm. We encourage you to explore the cities on foot and capture with a lens some of the elements that intrigue you.

Tips to Keep in Mind:

- If you venture to the top of a building or monument, be sure to use a wide-angle lens, which will allow you to capture a broader view of the city. Wide-angle lenses are also crucial for shooting busy markets or streets.

- Food is a huge part of a Croatia's culture so be sure to take pictures of street food / vendors, as well as pictures of the food you see in markets and enjoy in restaurants and cafes. And for some truly distinct photographs, snap pictures of chefs during their preparation / cooking processes.
- The people of Croatia are very friendly and proud of their trades. Don't be shy to go up to a local fisherman, musician, chef, or street artists and ask for their photograph while they work. This is one of the best ways to capture the culture on camera and interact with the locals, learning about their various skills and trades.

Equipment

Unless you are an avid photographer, don't over pack photography equipment – it can take up quite a bit of room in your luggage! All you need is a great camera, such as a Nikon or Cannon, and perhaps even an extra lens or two (such as a wide-angle lens).