A new home for the EMA
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A good life for you

CROATIA
The Croatian capital offers a comfortable standard of living and secure working conditions, and would go the extra mile to ensure the smooth transition of the European Medicines Agency (EMA) from London to Zagreb.
We have identified quality premises for the EMA – Zagreb’s famous Sky Office.

The heart of the agency is its staff, and for their rapid integration, a One-Stop Service Point would be established to provide full relocation assistance and information. The administration would also make quality temporary accommodation available for families who do not have the time, opportunity or desire to look for it themselves. In Zagreb, people are never just a number. We would welcome you amongst us and make you feel at home.

Smooth transition – A comfortable new home

The Sky Office is constructed with locally sourced materials, and integrates the latest technology in energy efficiency and accessibility. The building’s Environmental Management System optimises both energy use and waste reduction. 4G internet is available throughout the building, and office space is easily adaptable.
Zagreb has been chosen by Lonely Planet as the best place to visit in Europe in 2017. Since Croatia has 1,800 km of coast and more than a thousand islands, it is a huge compliment that an increasing number of visitors are choosing Zagreb as their destination for both business and leisure in Croatia. To welcome them, we are making sure that our accommodation capacities are growing in an organised and sustainable way. Zagreb has 52 hotels, 41 mostly new hostels, and almost 1,000 flats and houses available for short lets. Because of its size, coastline and stunning natural beauty, our country is geared for more than just holidays. Business meetings, seminars and conferences can all be held in the most fabulous of locations, all easily accessible from the city and offering a choice ranging from seaside resorts bathed in sunshine to picturesque rural villages.

Zagreb’s recently expanded airport is well connected with many European cities, and operates direct flights to Canada, Asia and Russia. The biggest advantage of air travel from Zagreb, however, is the short time to and from the airport. The city centre is just a 20-minute drive away. On average, it takes an hour to get from your front door to the gate of your flight!

If you are not keen on flying, Zagreb lies on Trans-European Transport corridors connecting western and eastern Europe, and its south with its north. Croatia’s motorway infrastructure is one of the best in Europe. It connects us to all our neighbours and provides easy access to less busy destinations. It takes less than two hours by motorway to reach the Adriatic and only 20 minutes to reach the Medvednica mountain and ski resort to the north of the city. Croatian maritime and ferry transport is also reliable and well developed, and smaller international airports are located in all Croatia’s major cities.
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Concept One is the name of the world’s fastest accelerating electric vehicle, reaching 100 km/h in 2.5 seconds. A product of the Croatian company Rimac Automobili, it was prototyped in the garage of Mate Rimac, the firm’s now 29-year-old founder. Due to Rimac’s enthusiasm and knowledge, coupled with the skills of the 20 engineers working on Concept One, the car is competing successfully with the vehicles of much larger corporations.

Croatia has a long tradition of innovation related to structural development and investment in the R&D sector and, even more, to its people’s independent and creative spirit.

Nowadays, young innovators no longer need to develop product prototypes in their garages. Zagreb’s Technology Park serves as a business and R&D hub at both national and regional levels, and has contributed to the establishment of a dynamic, creative and motivated high-tech community.

In 1892 the inventor and physicist Nikola Tesla, as a “true son of this country”, urged the Zagreb City Assembly to install public electricity. Thanks to him, in 1895 the Croatian city of Sibenik became the first in Europe to be illuminated by a hydroelectric plant.

Leopold Ružička
The Croatian-Swiss scientist Leopold Ružička was the joint winner of the 1939 Nobel Prize in Chemistry. He received eight honorary doctorates in science, medicine, and law.

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Vladimir Prelog received the 1975 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his research on the stereochemistry of organic molecules and reactions.

Research and development
- Concept One
Croatia

The Ruder Bošković Institute employs 300 senior and 250 doctoral and postdoctoral researchers. It carries out theoretical and experimental research in physics, chemistry, biology, medicine, oceanology and interdisciplinary studies. Its researchers actively participate in European cooperation initiatives and successfully secure EU funding for their projects.

In the field of life sciences, research centres are the University of Zagreb, the Ruder Bošković Institute, the Institute for Medical Research and Occupational Health, the Croatian Institute for Brain Research, the Croatian Veterinary Institute, and the Energy Institute Hrvoje Požar.

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Zagreb can be described as an "outdoor living room". From early spring, restaurants and café terraces open for business. Streets transform into promenades - places where we like to have a cup of coffee, relax or have a business meeting. Our combination of Mediterranean cordiality and Austro-Hungarian business sense and order provide the ideal location for the EMA, its people and their families. Our efficient, comfortable and cheap public transport takes you anywhere you need to go. Zagreb’s people are always on the go, and expats quickly adapt to our easy-going lifestyle. The young (and not so young) dance the night away at music festivals across the country, sail the Adriatic in the summer and ski in the winter. On the weekend, we have coffee in the city centre and shop at the Dolac market which offers our Adriatic seafood caught only hours earlier, and the very freshest of our Mediterranean fruit and vegetables.

Zagreb provides plenty of opportunities for private time and peaceful walks off the beaten track. We hike in our national parks and on the slopes of Mount Sljeme, and run on the shores of lakes Jarun and Bundek. In town you can take a romantic stroll through the historic old streets of the Upper City where there are 214 gaslights. As darkness falls, every one is still lit by a professional "nažigač". Zagreb is one of only three cities in Europe which still upholds this tradition.

Zagreb’s people are famously sporty. The city has many sports centres, swimming pools, beauty salons and spas. The restaurant scene is innovative and ambitious. Local food is a mixture of Mediterranean and continental, and, as in every big city, the world’s cuisine is here and ever more popular. Whether you prefer haute cuisine or traditional family restaurants serving home-made slow food, Zagreb caters to all tastes. Wine is a deeply ingrained part of our culture, and our wines are one of Europe’s best-kept secrets. They are mostly produced in small family-run wineries which prize quality over quantity.

*Lifestyle*
"Europe’s living room"*

*Quote from Paul Marshman’s article for travellingboomer.com*
Health

Family healthcare services are of the highest quality and are very affordable.

A large majority of our medical professionals speak English and our system is patient-oriented with private doctors and lab personnel making home visits. The total number of doctors at the national level is 14,427.

Clinical care medical centres also serve as Centres of Excellence, carrying out advanced surgery and research. Croatia is a world leader in cancer screening and diagnosis, and in organ transplants.

Did you know that Zagreb has one of the oldest public healthcare systems in the world?

Education

Students regularly shine in international maths and IT competitions and start learning languages early. The city offers a wide range of nursery, primary and secondary schools in French, German and English which teach according to various national curricula (Croatian, German, French, British and American), or internationally certified programmes like the IB Diploma, Middle Years and Primary Years, or the Cambridge Secondary and Advanced qualifications. Schools are spacious and well-equipped, but the “jewel in the crown” is the teaching staff who are driven and devoted to their students. Cultural institutes, like the Goethe-Institut, the Alliance Française, the British Council, the Istituto Di Cultura-Zagabria, the Centro de Língua Portuguesa/Camões Zagreb, the Instituto Español and the Balassi Institute, participate actively in the cultural life of our city. If you are interested in learning Croatian, language schools are also an excellent place to meet fellow expats.

The Faculty of Medicine of the University of Zagreb is the first educational institution in the biomedical area in Europe to receive a “Certificate for Quality in Programme Internationalisation” from the European Consortium for Accreditation in Higher Education. The Medical Studies programme is taught in English and is attended by students from 29 countries.
Expat community
– Release your creativity!

Zagreb offers opportunities for career advancement in international and local companies. The Croatian capital is also suited for self-employment and freelance work. Business facilities and co-working office space are abundant and affordable. The internet is fast and reliable. Croatia was amongst the first countries in Europe to have a 4G LTE network, and free wi-fi is available in most public spaces. Short travel distances mean that in Zagreb you feel less of the hustle and bustle of the big city, and have more time to focus on what is important. The proximity of Slovenia, Austria and Italy provides Zagreb’s businesses with access to larger markets (with a combined population of 77 million), and it is very common for us either to travel to neighbouring countries for business or to establish cross-border operations.

Zagreb’s people are open to foreigners and we use English widely for business communication even amongst ourselves. The city is also host to several expat organisations, such as Zagreb Expat, InterNations Zagreb and the International Women’s Club Zagreb. They all help and welcome newcomers to make the Croatian capital their home.

Zagreb has the highest score of any EU capital for the integration of foreigners according to the latest Flash Eurobarometer survey on the quality of life in European cities.

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