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From gourmet food and wine to stunning jewelry and artwork, Split is not only a unique opportunity to experience a living 1,700-year-old city, to bring home some of its authentic magic. The diversity here is wonderful, from hand-made Nadilaka chocolates and divine lip gloss to gorgeous Narinegg jewelry and Zlinitc prints. Tucked into and around the Palace you’ll find everything from locally-designed leather bags and shoes of Guelf, authentic Game of Thrones souvenirs to an entire store full of 100% made in Croatia souvenirs at Cro Corner! From gourmet food and wine to stunning jewelry and artwork, Split is not only a unique opportunity to experience a living 1,700-year-old city, to bring home some of its authentic magic. The diversity here is wonderful, from hand-made Nadilaka chocolates and divine lip gloss to gorgeous Narinegg jewelry and Zlinitc prints. Tucked into and around the Palace you’ll find everything from locally-designed leather bags and shoes of Guelf, authentic Game of Thrones souvenirs to an entire store full of 100% made in Croatia souvenirs at Cro Corner!
Getting around

Everything in Split is up close, an easy walk or bike ride, buy a bus pass or take a ferry to explore more!

You'll see a lot of travel agencies with words “Tourist Office,” but they aren't. Split only has two official tourist board offices—one in the middle of the Riva (with a big white letter “F” on the glass window), next to the Adriana Hotel, and another in the Peristil. Either one is the place to start, for the best reliable access.

Wining and dining

From classic Dalmatian stews in family-run konobas to a stylish late night 5 course tasting menu, let's eat!

It’s hard for us here living in this land to imagine just how much the culinary scene has changed since we enjoyed our first positively, a slow-cooked marinated beef stew with a unique sweet-sour-salty taste (originally prepared by ancient Greek and Roman cooks) at a sleepy little back street Palace konoba. This year, the annually published Michelin Red Guide, Europe's oldest hotel and restaurant reference guide, has given a coveted “Recommendation” to four well-known Split Polish restaurants and its “Bib Gourmand” award to Konoba Fethi, Gault & Millau, another well-respected Guardian guide, has selected 31 different establishments, from tiny cafes to elegant fine-dining venues, to be on their award list—all of these and their addresses are on page 9.

So whether it’s terrific sushi at Mini Bota Oyster and Sushi, really smart street food at Misto or a sublime three-hour wine-paired tasting menu at Zora Bila, the choice of cuisine here has never been better. And you don’t have to pay a small fortune to get a very good meal. A number of places are also offering a four course dinner for as little as 250kn. And between 17 and 20. Since all restaurants here have their menus out front, it’s easy to see what’s today’s special as well as the rest of the menu and the price. Wise, an essential part of dining here, is also much less than in other parts of Europe and the overall quality is exceptional. In addition to Split’s traditional family run konobas that really know how to cook local, are an increasing number of bistros that have decided to add a new twist to Dalmatian cuisine. One thing they all have in common however, is a focus on fresh. The sheer variety of such terrific local produce, fish, poultry, game, fruit and more-food we will take for granted but somehow always long for—is truly one of the joys of living here!
Some helpful hints to make Chops has generated a solid buzz

Run by Igor and his wife Jasmina, Croatian National Theatre. takes you up past the fish market Riva where it meets Marmontova Split is the place. Let’s start with a you enjoy your fish or beef grilled, a wood fire grill, fresh caught tuna Whether it’s slow cooked peka on

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Dining al fresco watching From morning to the wee

A deep dive into Adriatic fish

There are a lot of different Adriatic Fish. A good rule of thumb is if you like fish like a red snapper, black cod, flounder, etc. look for the local equivalent — like monkfish, brancin (sea bass), orad (sea bream), list and zabulac. If you like blue fish, then go for sandale, usta/locarda (mackerel), and palamida (like the baby cousin of tuna). Surrounded by the sea, you should expect to get high quality fresh fish whenever you decide to eat. Don’t be afraid to ask your waiter, “what is today’s freshest fish”? With one of the largest fish markets right off the Riva that’s been here more than a century, if you really love fish, you can enjoy everything from succulent shellfish, terrific oysters and mussels as well as seafood royalty like fresh tuna, sushiba and John Dory. There is also lot of farmed fish here as well. Almost every restaurant here has fish on the menu. Grilled with vegetables and liberally doused with olive oil is the traditional serving—if you want to add your own olive oil, please tell the waiter in advance! While we are still fishing, let’s continue our Croatian odyssey. Next on the line is lubin, also called branica, a farm raised (wild) sea bass which is white, light and delicate. The most expensive fish and trucked in daily) and other shellfish like shrimp and larger shrimp (scampi).

Delicious dining on the waterfront With such a beautiful, busy harbor, at least once during your stay having dinner or lunch overlooking the sea is a must. Our top picks are Restaurant Adriatic, high above the sea next to Sustipan Park, it’s just a 10 minute walk along the Riva, West Promenade. Just keep heading for the marina with all the tall sailboat masts. Long one of the favorite places for locals, the family that runs Adriatic and Poseidon has continued the tradition bringing nearly all sail and motor craft in and great wine to go with that spectacular view. And just in front of the restaurant is their pizzeria—Skipper, The wood fired beached boats that come out of this oven are stunning—and the view over the marina into the city is priceless. Choose from a dozen or more pies and kick back with a local brew or a cocktail. For about 10 Euros a generous pie, it doesn’t get better than this!

Chic, cool and classy Although not open just a few years ago, Zoi has made a big splash not only with the locals but with Michelin fans as one of its Michelin Plate winners. Their location is picture perfect—it’s a 300 year old house, the entrances to the basements of Doktlor’s Palace right on the sea and busy harbor in front of the marina. The original restaurant was sitting on a terrace attached to the original wall of the Palace, looking at the starting line of the Adriatic marathon. Now you get to sit inside have the same view and are treated to a very casual experience—seafood from marinated tongue cooked for 26 hours to their own spectacular

Pizza with avocado! Skipper’s fabulous, fresh, wood-fired pizza with a 270 degree million-dollar view overlooking Skipper’s wonderful harbor says it all! All the love pizza, but getting it this good this close to the Adriatic is something special. Whether it’s a creamy light and zesty cheese nombre your yuca hungry for or your meaty Stuffed with spicy scamor, hot chili pepper, or a different traditional taste to choose from. And if you have a big group, their famous 2 meter long family-style pizza where you can choose three different toppings is perfect. Great salads, really tasty burgers and beer, Too all washed down with local wine and beer—and that amazing view

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crowded with creative cocktails, their Noor bar just

A stone’s throw up the charming alleyway opposite Poseidon is

Mazapoon ($3 yellow on the Palace Map), run by Toni and his wife Sara, arguably the coolest place in town with a "stubbornly different" menu that’s gorgeous to read and even better to eat. Lovely streetside seating and out, a private
courtyard as well as indoor seating. We love their seasonal changing menu that celebrates Dalmatian specialties. And for some roamantly creative cocktails, their Noor bar just across the alley is a real find.

Bajamont Pizza, Steak and Fish house, facing the harbor and sitting pretty under a sea of umbrellas smack in the middle of the big open square at the end of the Riva (the Prokurative) has everything from wood-fired Romana-style pizzas and impressive 40 day aged steaks to super fresh seafood including a sublime lobster and shrimp tails with black noodles. A wine card with more than 80 selections and fabulous desserts too.

Fish—the times the charm

The local saying about fish is that it swims three times—one in the sea, one in oil and then again in wine. Here in Dalmatta, most konobas prepare fish with a healthy
dose of olive oil and that’s it. Or if it’s stewed, a good dose of wine is sure to be included. At a particularly
delicious starter is cream of shrimp soup. Rich, creamy, with lots of shrimp—together with a crunchy salad and some local bread, you will remember! Many places put their seafood catch of the day and other specials on a blackboard out front—so be sure to check it because it’s usually what the chef found at the fish market today.

If you really consider yourself a seafood aficionado, now that you are finally here, the one dish you must have at least one serving of is black risotto. Made with cuttlefish—don’t be put off by its strange licorice look, which is actually made with squid ink—the taste is remarkably light and sweet. Other fin food to miss, despite its lowly status and bargain price is gnarvi and sardines. The former are tiny snails that are quick-fried and so downhill yummy they’re like seafood pomme frites. And the sardines here are so fresh and un-salty, you will be amazed. The "sardine" was even known to a "devil’s mother", a ferocious looking monster whose fat, sharp toothed head is chucked into the soup pot, but its firm, white tail is delicious grilled. And when fish is stewed, a good dose of wine is

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Outsider the Palace
While Split’s waterfront Riva is buzzing with people and coffee-drinking, just behind the Riva is an oasis of calm—Morpurgo Square, the home of the world-famous “designer hostelt” Goli + Bosi is the first alleyway on your right as you walk up Marmontova Street from the end of the Riva.

As you come into the square, Brooklyn Bagel Co. is there on your left. The brainchild of a New Yorker, BBC is the real deal, hand formed, boiled, then baked. You can sit right there on a big long wooden table to enjoy their fabulous fresh daily authentic bagels—from plain to garlic. Get yours toasted with some homemade cream cheese “schmear” (lox, veggie, other varieties) and they have wonderful chunky sandwiches on the bagel of your choice. Their other retail shop, Bajamonti, al fresco in the Prokurative street at the light and then make your first right at Petrova—there is a big green drug store cross over a shop at this corner. As Petrova winds its way past Konoba Lučac and Bakra pizza and turns left, up a few meters on your right is one of our old-time favorites, Bistro Toc, also with its own outdoor shaded patio. The menu here is a surprising mix of fast, cheap, yummy

For something really different, it’s Dalmatia’s only authentic Chinese restaurant, Bistrot Ostra. A few years back they moved to new, larger space out of the center at Brune Buldica and have added private dining rooms as well as 40 different kinds of sushi! Their Chinese menu has more than 100 items, but our favorites are their tofu (made fresh daily) cooked ma po style, spicy and their amazing home-made noodles with vegetables. If you have never tried fried ice cream, save room for this treat! OK, it’s not in the center, but easy to find. Take Bus #3 or #8 from the Green Market, get off at the 4th stop on Brune Buldica. Or Uber!

And then there’s Luka, behind the National Theatre at the end of Marmontova street. Split’s most sensational home-made ice cream (rosemary, lavender, fig, and of course all the traditional flavors) and gorgeous cakes and other baked goodies. One lick and you will understand why so many ice cream and gelato shops, the lines at Luka are there for a reason.

And what about tipping? The local custom here is to round out the bill. Order an espresso for 8 kunas, leave 10. Even a meal for 78 kunas gets an extra 2. No one puts their nose up over a 5 or 6 kunas tip. It’s because, well, it’s just the custom. That said, tourism and tourists is what keeps this town alive and prosperous. While Split is humming during the summer, when the planes stop landing and ships stop docking, a lot of shops and restaurants close—there simply isn’t enough business. Although there is no standard rule of thumb, a gratuity of 10% or more really makes an enormous difference here. So be generous with your kunas—you can’t spend them back home anyway!
Split is not only a rare opportunity to experience a living 1,700 year-old city, but to bring home some of its authentic magic. The diversity of “made in Split/Croatia” is wonderful, from hand-made chocolates and divine olive oil and wine to gorgeous jewelry, painting and sculpture. Tucked in and around the Palace you’ll find arts and crafts boutiques, locally-designed clothing and leather bags, beautiful galleries, unusual souvenir shops and specialty stores who focus on locally produced food, wine, jewelry and even organic cosmetics made with local herbs. And for world-class cinema (films in English!) and a 170+ store shopping experience just outside of town, there’s the largest mall in Dalmatia, The Mall of Split (see page 10), with free bus service from the ferry port!

Let’s begin with the many small, charming shops in and around the Palace. The back page of DiscoverSplit has an exclusive category-by-category list of every shop! You’ll find boutique designer clothing, famous brand name sportswear as well as where those locally-sourced gourmet food products shops are. You’ll even find simple gifts like magnets, postcards and T-shirts made right here—look for the sign or tags that say “made in Hrvatska (Croatia)”.

For collectors Stamps, coins and paper notes are great gifts. Just outside the palace, there’s a post office up the red carpeted steps next to Cornaro Hotel.

Filigran, whose hand-made cloisonné enamel rings and gorgeous dials on Swiss made watches are celebrated around the world, now has a shop at 3 Marulićeva.

For artists One of the many wonderful stamps available at The Palais Post Office is a replica of the Throne!

Filigran shop on Bosanka St., just to the right of the West Gate as you enter the square. Made with single strands of silver wire, Viktor Cvejić works his magic to form intricate designs that go back more than 1000 years, everything you see is painstakingly made by hand. It’s one of the crafts that unfortunately is dying out as the public taste for traditional silver and gold craftsmanship is more into the modern. To help support Filigran, as group of friends here in Split, including us, have donated an Etsy website and the ad in this year’s DiscoverSplit.

Everywhere you look there seems to be another shoe store here—it’s been said that Split has more of them per capita than anywhere on the planet. For women who love shoes, Split is paradise. There are shops in and around the Palace selling everything from the latest European imports to brand-name sports shoes. Guličev, a local favorite, brings in leather from Italy and then makes its own shoes and bags right here. Their Old Town Split shop is on Donaldova street, just outside the Palace proper.

The cravat is Croatian Did you know that today’s ties were first invented by Croats? In the 17th C, King Louis XIII hired Croatian soldiers to help him during the 30 year war. Arriving on horseback wearing a bright red piece of cloth around their neck as part of their uniform, the French and pretty soon the rest of Europe embraced the cravat as an essential part of a proper gentleman’s attire. To commemorate the invention, the founders of Croatia’s most famous shop, Croata, created Cravat Day. In 2008, the Croatian Parliament unanimously declared October 18 to be the “Day of the Cravat.” Inside their museum-themed shop right here in the Peristil, and another in Fruit Square, you can find 100% silk ties with authentic Glagolitic symbols and other intriguing designs. In addition to ties, there’s also a collection of sumptuous silk and pashmina scarves, shirts and more. And if you appreciate truly authentic artisan jewelry, Split’s last remaining silver filigree maker is hard at work in his tiny family run shop is on Donaldova street, just outside the Palace proper.

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Mountains and rivers snake the sea under the only bridge leading to the town. Up river is whitewater rafting heaven. Our favorite is Active at www.raftingomis.com

The islands
Let’s begin with Brac, just 45 minutes away by ferry, it’s easy to get here with lots of trips every day all year round—including a very late night crossing allowing you to spend a long time on the island. The main ferry port is Supetar, where a special walking route has been created. Zlaty rat, 80’s famous beach, is where a lot of folks head. Although it looks white and sandy, the beach is actually small pebbles. What makes this beach so popular isn’t just its amazing tongue-like shape, but the deep shade, cafes and changing/toilet facilities just off the beach that make it so comfortable to spend the day here—especially if you have children.

Frozen in stone
Sirip, the highest point on Brac, is a stone village dating back to the 11thC with a very good museum and a terrific restored 16thC original olive mill, complete with hand-cranked wooden press, a lift with wheels that could sleep a Roman, and where you can buy olive oil here and it’s excellent. Donji Humac, home to island stone erosion, is well worth a trip to see why Brac stone is so valued around the world and watch artists at work at Jasik守 Gallery. And for a unique thrill and a rugged 45 minute walk, nothing quite prepares you for Blaca Monastery, a village created by Dioksitc priests in the 16thC who carved an entire town out of the surrounding cliffs!

Hvar
Dating back to the first millennium BC, Hvar is considered by many to be the jewel of all the Adriatic islands. Stari Grad, the island’s ferry port, founded by the Greeks in 384BC—was the oldest town in Croatia! Its centerpiece is the marvelous Peter Hektorovic castle. The island’s magnetic is glittering Hvar Town, complete with a looming Renaissance fortress guarding it’s beautiful harbor, fancy restaurants and shops. Once you’re out of the buzz of Hvar town, the rest of the island is a quiet paradise with rolling hills, vineyards and groves, tiny villages and charming towns. Vrboska, dubbed a little Venice because of its canal and Jelsa are the main towns. Lots of beautiful architecture, terrific sailing and of course, all that famous splendid wine. Not sure what to do? www.hvartours.com!

Vis
For true pristine beauty it’s Vis, just 60 miles off the Italian coast. Because it was a military base for decades the whole island grew wild and wonderful. So today the lusher of the interior and unspoiled coastal beaches are a paradise for nature lovers and those who like to get away from it all. Vis town is a pretty place with its own park, some restored Roman ruins, a long horseshoe shaped seaside walkway and lovely cobbled back streets and alleys. For the best fish anywhere in Croatia, the commercial fishing village of Komila is also where the lobster are. By small boat, discovering hidden beaches like Stiniva are a joy.

Šolta
The closest island to Split, Šolta is the least visited despite excellent ferry service and only a 45 minute trip. Buckle and rocky, the island has less than 2,500 year-round inhabitants, but for people who love to bike and hike, sail and swim, it is perfect. Šolta’s must unique tour program is The Island of Olives, Honey and Wine Tour where you get to enjoy a honey farm with home-cooked lunch, how olives are pressed and drink great Dobričić wine! For information about this tour call 091 227-2727.

Special tours / Special needs
This year we’ll be mentioning a new tour program for people with special needs—wheelchair bound, blind, deaf or other disabilities. With specially trained guides, it’s the perfect way to experience the history and culture of Split’s Diocletian’s Palace and Šolta, the island of olives, honey and wine. For more information, see their ad below and call to get specific info.

Omiš
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Wet and wild
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Enjoy the Palace and Šolta, the island of hone, olives and wine with specially trained, local, licensed, professional guides. These special programs are designed for people who are wheelchair-bound, deaf, blind or autistic. To find out more, please call us so we can determine exactly what kind of additional supportive services you need to enjoy!

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