



WELCOME TO LIBERTAS INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY ERASMUS + STUDENT GUIDE 2026./2027.

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DEAR INCOMING EXCHANGE STUDENT,

This brochure has been designed for you by students of Tourism and Hotel Management at the Libertas International University to welcome you to the city of Zagreb. We wish to make your student life in Zagreb easier and exciting, so the students have selected some of their favourite places, which they would visit themselves if they wanted to relax, eat out, go out, study or experience some culture. In this brochure, you will not read about museums and landmarks of significant historical and cultural heritage – it is even better! Here you can get their inside information on the best spots to hang out in the city and just enjoy yourself.

We are very proud that the texts you will read and the photographs you will see have all been written and taken by the students themselves.

We hope you will enjoy your stay to the fullest and take home the best memories of our lovely city of Zagreb!





STUDENT REGISTRATION

Upon arrival in Zagreb the International Relation Office shares a date for the planned Orientation day, located at the address Trg J.F. Kennedy 6b.

IR Office regular working hours are

Monday – Friday 9.00 am – 17.00 pm

Within your registration at the IR Office you will be given further instructions about enrolment procedure and you will be assisted in further steps concerning other formalities.

STUDENT IDENTITY CARD THE X CARD

Exchange students at Libertas University are entitled to hold a student identity card, the so-called X Card. It is a sort of a pre-paid card used in students' cafeterias and restaurants. It is not only a "licence to eat", but also a card that proves your student status, so you can get some tickets and services at a reduced price.

In addition to grades, higher education institutions in Croatia award **ECTS credits** (European Credit Transfer System), as a part of the Bologna system. Although there is no national regulation on this issue, it is common for 1 ECTS credit to be equivalent to approx. 30 student working hours. Credits are awarded when a course has been completed and all required examinations have been successfully taken. 60 ECTS credits represent the workload of one year of study and 30 ECTS credits represent a workload of one semester.

WELCOME AND ORIENTATION DAY

IR Office will organize a Welcome event for all incoming students, aiming to establish relations among all incoming exchange students and their ESN friends. You will be informed about the Welcome Day programme well in advance via e-mail, as well as after registration at our Office. To help you get settled during your first days in Zagreb and to learn more about our university we have designed a special orientation programme with information, tips and lots of opportunities to meet your professors and fellow students.

GRADING SYSTEM

The Croatian national grading system consists of five grades with numerical equivalents:

Excellent (*izvrstan*) – 5

Note: highest grade

Very good (*vrlo dobar*) – 4

Good (*dobar*) – 3

Sufficient (*dovoljan*) – 2

Note: minimum pass grade

Insufficient (*nedovoljan*) – 1

Note: requires student to retake exam/resubmit work

HEALTH INSURANCE

All exchange students must have health insurance during their stay in Croatia. There are several options for regulating your health insurance.

- Students may use the health care services upon presentation of the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC).
- If you are coming from a country that has signed an international agreement on health security with the Republic of Croatia, you are entitled to use the emergency health care services during your temporary stay in Croatia. Before coming to Croatia, you should check with your health insurance provider at home under which conditions you can use your home health insurance in Croatia. If possible, your health insurance provider will issue a relevant document, which you should bring with you to Zagreb. Upon arrival, you will be assisted in contacting the Croatian Institute for Health Insurance, in order to replace the certificate attesting your right to use the health care with a paper-based health insurance record card.
- You should possess international travel and health insurance issued by an insurance company in your home country that is valid in Croatia.

ESTIMATED MONTHLY LIVING EXPENSES

Your living expenses will vary according to individual needs and the ability to budget and manage your finances. Of course, if you want to travel a lot and take the full advantage of available cultural and social opportunities, expenses will be higher. The estimates below are therefore only a very general guide. Currency- EURO.

Food	130/month
Rented room and utilities (water, electricity, heating, internet)	250-400/month
Transportation	13/month
Miscellaneous	50/month
Total	(approx. from 500 to 650 euros)

ACCOMMODATION FOR STUDENTS

Students coming to study at the Libertas International University as free-mover students should make a reservation for their accommodation by themselves. You can check a Croatian website where available apartments are listed [here](#). Those apartments are in the vicinity of our university. Additionally, you can check [Home in Zagreb](#) and many hostels in Zagreb.

If you rent an apartment, it is very important that you sign a contract with the homeowner!

**This is only a rough estimate and students may actually spend more or less than these amounts.*

ABOUT LIBERTAS

Libertas International University is the oldest private university in Croatia. It developed out of Libertas Business School in Zagreb and DIU Libertas International

University in Zagreb and Dubrovnik. In 2016, these two institutions merged, and today Libertas International University consists of four faculties and a business school. At Libertas classes are taught in small groups, and knowledge is acquired through an active approach to relevant topics. Students are equal participants in the process of education, and not mere passive observers that reproduce other people's knowledge and ideas. Team work is emphasized, but at the same time special attention is paid to an individualized approach to every student, their intellectual needs, and affinities. The biggest strength of Libertas are its distinguished professors who possess outstanding academic and professional experience. The Libertas team of renowned international scholars includes professors

that have taught or are currently teaching at Harvard University, Princeton University, Georgetown University, London School of Economics, Sorbonne University, New York University, Virginia School of Law, and other leading institutions of higher education in Europe, the United States and other parts of the world. Besides, it includes present and former ambassadors, ministers, economists, executive directors, experts in international law, military generals, artistic directors, representatives to the UN, OSCE and IMF, and other prominent international institutions. This combination of academic excellence and real-world experience ensures that our study programs balance the theoretical with the practical. Because of our dedicated and distinguished faculty, and because of the adoption of the most contemporary methods of teaching, the university educates professionals who are ready to take on leading positions in diplomacy, business, and tourism and hospitality.



FACULTIES

A provided link of all faculties:

<https://www.libertas.hr/en/study-programmes/>



Faculty of Tourism and Hotel Management in Zagreb

Tourism and Hotel Management is a modern and attractive study programme, aimed at all those who recognise tourism and hospitality as the growing and prominent branch. One of the main advantages of the programme is the orientation of its courses toward practical contents taught by its teachers, renowned Croatian experts and economists. All courses are taught by experts who also participate in the business practices in their particular areas of expertise (and in which they have made considerable achievements). The main courses include areas of economics, finance, marketing, human resource management, sociology, strategic planning, quantitative methodology and sector research in the various fields of tourism and hospitality. Students are encouraged to actively participate in their own education and develop skills and competences under professional guidance, necessary to conduct modern business practices on the European and global tourism market.

[Undergraduate professional study programme](#)

[Graduate professional study programme](#)

Faculty of Business Economics in Zagreb

Business Economics offers high quality professional education in all areas of business economics, and helps students develop skills and abilities through real-world examples of different business issues, practical classes, and project work. In the course of their studies, students will acquire knowledge that meets the needs of the contemporary economy, and the expertise that provides competitive advantage that will help them find jobs easily.

[Undergraduate professional study programme](#)

Faculty's graduate programmes are divided into two study programmes - Domestic and International Trade Management, and Banking, Insurance and Financial Management.

[Graduate professional study programme -
Domestic and International Trade Management](#)

[Graduate professional study programme -
Banking, Insurance and Financial Management](#)



ZAGREB

Zagreb might not be Rome or London, but it is certainly rich in culture, art, music, architecture, gastronomy, nightlife and all other features of an exciting metropolis. Mysterious, bustling and romantic – Zagreb shows a unique character due to its historical heritage and is a great choice for your stay abroad.

After meeting new and fun people at your host institution, you can spend your afternoons drinking coffee with them in one of the numerous and very busy cafes. You can also check out museums and galleries or relax in the beautiful parks or by the river Sava and Jarun Lake fantastic. Nightlife enthusiasts can dance the nights away in the numerous clubs, while the pubs, spread all over the town, invite you to taste local dishes and homebrew beer. Zagreb is a destination for shopping, concerts and theatres, but also do not forget your sports clothes, because you will be dragged on to the top of the Medvednica Mountain or to a barbecue weekend in a forest cottage at least once. So, embark upon an adventure of a lifetime and let Zagreb amaze you!

PERFORMANCE ARTS AND STUDYING

LIBRARIES

For anyone who likes to take a time-out to read or just study in a peaceful environment, Zagreb has plenty of city and university libraries. They are modern and well-organized and the staff are always ready to help. Among all the different faculty libraries, the largest and maybe most important one in a student's life is the National and University Library, where numerous students and book enthusiasts gather to exchange ideas, write, read and study.

There you should be able to find almost any book that interests you and before going there you can use their online library catalogue. For more information, you can visit the official website of [Zagreb city libraries](http://zagreb-city-libraries.hr) or visit www.nsk.hr for more information about the National and University Library.

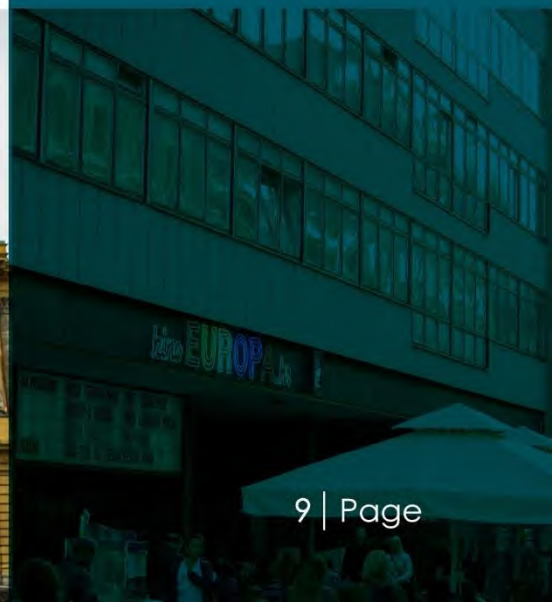
THEATRES

Even though theatres might be less popular among the younger crowd, they are definitely worth a visit and you get to experience something new. An opera or a ballet performance, contemporary performance, musical or a comedy - the choice is yours, but an unusual and fulfilling experience is guaranteed! The spectacular Croatian National Theatre is definitely worth visiting and experiencing but also other smaller theatres which are a bit more "cosy" such as Exit, Mala Scena, The Gavella City Drama, Zagreb Youth Theatre and Zagreb Puppet Theatre to name but a few. The theatres Mala Scena and Zagreb Youth Theatre have plays in English as well, so not knowing Croatian is no excuse for the theatre lover or the curious! During the Queer Zagreb Festival you can also enjoy plays in Italian, Spanish, French and German. In the manner of a famous saying "the world is a stage", explore to see if there is any truth in that and enter a world of the performing arts and entertainment!

CINEMA

What is better on a Saturday night than enjoying a great movie in front of a big screen!

Zagreb offers many modern and comfortable cinemas where it is easy to have a great time and the majority of movies are in English with Croatian subtitles. The cinemas offer student discounts as well with the most popular ones being Cinestar cinemas located in the Arena Centar and Novi Zagreb in Avenue Mall. There are also Cineplexx cinemas in Centar Kaptol and City Centar One, etc.



EATING OUT

Being a newcomer in a city can be really frustrating at times, especially when hunger kicks in, finding yourself both lost and hungry. Trying to find an inexpensive yet good place to eat can almost turn into a treasure hunt. Zagreb has many affordable restaurants and fast food restaurants but plenty of those can leave a bad taste in your mouth, literally. So, to help you spend, not waste time, we checked out and picked out some places that will satisfy all your needs (regarding food of course) and will not break the bank.

ITALIAN RESTAURANTS AND PIZZERIAS

Nokturno

Skalinska ul. 4

www.restoran.nokturno.hr

Boban

Gajeva ul. 9

www.boban.hr

Il Secondo

Avenija Dubrovnik 12

www.ilsecondo.hr

Pizzeria Stara Sava

Savska cesta 208

www.starasava.hr

Pizzeria DG

Ul. Andrije Žaje 57

www.facebook.com/PizzeriaDg

TRADITIONAL CROATIAN RESTAURANTS

Stari Fijaker

Mesnička ul. 6

www.starifijaker.hr

Korčula

Ul. Nikole Tesle 17

www.restoran-korcula.hr

Vagabund

Vlaška ul. 90

www.vagabund-pizza.com

La Štruk

Skalinska ul. 5

www.facebook.com/La-Struk

Pithos

Ul. Jurja Žerjavića 7

www.pithos.hr

GRILL RESTAURANTS AND FAST FOOD

Maredo Grill

Ul. Florijana Andrašeca 14

www.maredogrill.com

Pani Mexican Street Food

Maksimirska cesta 66

www.facebook.com/panizagreb

MekPer's

Zagrebačka cesta 194

www.mekpers.com

Batak Grill

Multiple locations

<https://batak-grill.hr/>

ASIAN RESTAURANTS

Wok 'n Walk

Ilica 60

www.wokandwalk.hr

China House

Šipanska ul. 16

www.chinahouse.hr

Soi Fushion, EverGreen

Ilica 50

<https://www.soifusion.hr/>

EverGreen

Ilica 49

<https://www.evergreensushi.com/>

VEGETARIAN RESTAURANTS

Vegehop

Vlaška ul. 79

www.vegehop.hr

Green Point

Varšavska ul. 10

www.green-point.hr

Simple Green

Jablanska ul. 24

www.simplegreenbyjelena.com

SWEETS

Vincek

Ilica 18

www.vincek.com.hr

The Cookie Factory

Ul. Ivana Tkalčića 21

<https://www.cookiefactory.hr/>

Magnolia

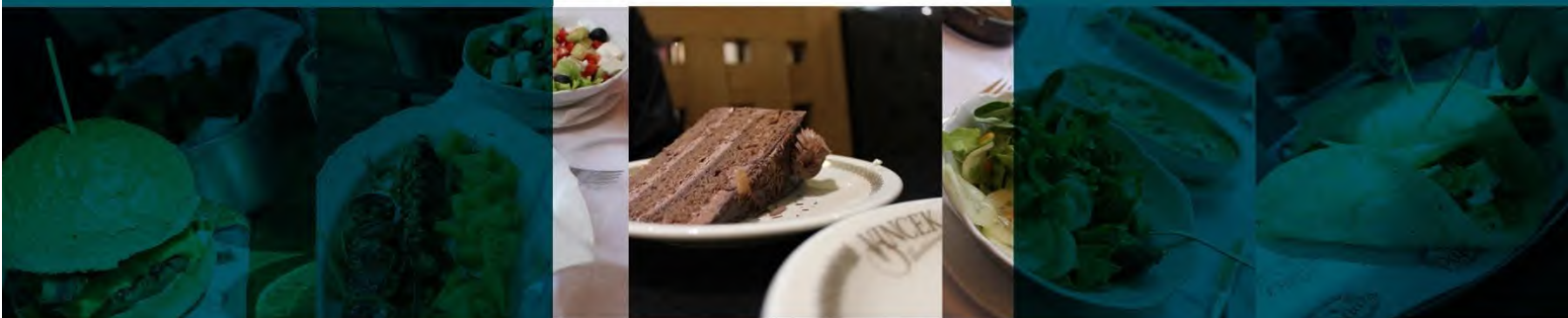
Radnička cesta 49

www.magnoliaslastice.com

Amelie

Vlaška 6

<https://www.slasticeamelie.com/>



OUTDOOR FUN

Zagreb is a true gem when it comes to outdoor and fresh-air activities. Among the many different areas which are known for their exquisite aspects throughout the seasons, we have selected a few must-see landmarks and hangout spots in the green.

Bundek

Close to the banks of the river Sava, Bundek is a charming park area with an artificial lake, a popular city spot in summer for those who love sunbathing and swimming. Its paths offer an ideal setting for short walks, roller-skating and cycling. A perfect place for a BBQ with friends and recreational sports activities. In May, Bundek transforms into a huge and beautiful flower garden as it hosts the *Florart* flower exhibition. From time to time it also becomes a stage for rock and pop concerts as well as classical music events, combining the beauty of the park with the sound of orchestras.

Jarun Lake

Located only a few tram stops from the city centre, Jarun is a very nice and clean open area with a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. It is a perfect escape in summer with its artificial lakes and beaches. It is a place where you can jog, skate, swim, row, sunbathe, play football, basketball or beach volleyball, or just enjoy walking around. There is also a picnic area with BBQs for lazy afternoons, plenty of bars and restaurants with open terraces and nightclubs to suit everyone.

Sava River

As a natural divider between the city centre and the suburbs, the Sava River offers kilometre long walking and cycling paths. During the dry seasons, the river banks are also accessible for picnics or fishing, while you can spot a wide range of animals such as huge catfish, egrets and tame foxes. A special highlight by night is the colourfully lit Hendrix Bridge, which was named after a red Graffiti that keeps appearing on the green steel construction since the 1990s.





Botanical Garden

The delightful botanical garden with its winding paths and well-documented plant species is a quiet, peaceful refuge for nature lovers full of life and colour. Situated in the centre of the city, it is an oasis of greenery where fish ponds create a relaxing environment. On warm days, the flower and plant specimen collections offer an exciting educational experience or you can take the opportunity to relax on the shaded benches and admire your vibrant surrounding.

ArtPark

The ArtPark is located just behind the Hotel Jägerhorn in the city centre and is accessible from several sides. Before 2015, this cosy little park had been completely abandoned and only visited by a hand full of teens, while today it has become a popular hangout and meeting spot during the warm months offering food and beverages, screening nights, concerts and graffiti jams. Given that two of the Grič tunnel's entrances are embedded in the park, it has become a unique urban place where nature fusions with street art.

Maksimir

Maksimir is a lovely park and a zoo, located within 10 minutes by public transport away from the city centre. It is ideal for relaxation and enjoyment, as well as for cycling, jogging, walking or just listening to music. Its natural scenery is exceptional, with endless paths, shiny lakes and numerous playgrounds for kids. It has lots of benches to relax on and maybe even enjoy an ice-cream while taking in nature or you can choose from the many restaurants and a lovely pavilion located on top of the hill. For the more adventurous, joggers or cyclists, a network of paths push deep into the woods and swoop around lakes that offer boat rentals. It is a stimulating place to spend a few hours away from the hustle and bustle of the city and only 10 walking minutes away from the Libertas building.

Medvednica

Medvednica Nature Park offers the opportunity to experience nature without being too far from the city centre. It is a huge forest area with numerous hiking trails, natural landscapes and mountain huts with authentic Croatian food. There is also a small ski resort, if you haven't got enough fun filled days. From the top of the mountain the views are spectacular and you can also enjoy a great panoramic view of Zagreb from Medvedgrad, an old medieval fortification built in the 13th century, located on the southern slopes of the mountain.

GETTING AROUND

Zagreb has a very good public transport system - ZET offers low-fare tram and bus tickets for students. The trams and buses connect the heart of the city with the suburbs. Makes it very easy to get around.

LINKS

Public transport: www.zet.hr
Croatian Railways: www.hzpp.hr
Bus: www.akz.hr

Taxi:
Uber/ Bolt

CAR SHARING

UberPool- share your ride to save!

Bolt- <https://bolt.eu/hr-hr/cities/zagreb/>

RENT A BIKE

Probably the most practical and quickest way to discover the beauty of the city is to rent a bike. Zagreb offers several possibilities like *Blue Bike Zagreb*, a small company that also organizes a wide range of city tours throughout the year (www.zagrebbybike.com).

However, if you prefer to explore the city on your own, you can use the services of *Nextbike*. *Nextbike* is a rental service that is offered in several cities and which enables the renting of bikes any time you want. There are several stations all over the city and the rental service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

USEFUL LINKS

Zagreb Tourist Board

www.infozagreb.hr

Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes

www.mobilnost.hr

Study in Croatia

www.studyincroatia.hr

Erasmus (Zagreb)

www.erasmusu.com/en/erasmus-zagreb

Erasmus Student Network Croatia

www.facebook.com/ESNCroatia

Erasmus Student Network Zagreb

www.facebook.com/esnzagreb

Life as Erasmus Students in Zagreb (Article)

www.lancaster.ac.uk/lec/news-andevents/blog/life-as-erasmus-students-inzagreb

