

HOW TO PACK?

for Algebra Winter School

Zagreb, Croatia



WHAT SHOULD BE IN YOUR BAG?



Bring your own laptop!

Students should have their own laptops to store coursework, homework, projects and data from the modules without risk of losing them.



Pack layers!

Wintertime in Zagreb and the rest of Croatia varies in temperatures, so we strongly advise students to bring layers. Zagreb is located inland and can get as low 0°C with occasional snowstorms and locals love to wrap blanket scarves around their shoulders and hang out in cozy cafes to enjoy the cooler weather. Here's what Croatians normally wear in the winter, layer by layer: Vest, tucked in, jumper, cotton tights (long johns for men), extra socks (preferably woolen), trousers, warm boots, woolen accessories—hat, scarf, gloves. It would also be wise to bring an umbrella to try to keep yourself dry as you sightsee. However, don't be surprised to see that one some days temperatures in January rise as high as 10-15°C with sunshine and zero clouds. **Waterproof footwear is a MUST.**



If traveling from outside Europe, pack a travel adapter!

Before you leave home, check if you need adapters and/ or converters to be able to use your electrical devices in Croatia. Croatia uses 220V, 50 Hz frequency, and type C & F plugs. Both are similar plugs with two round prongs with 19 mm between the two.

Tap water is safe to drink in all parts of Croatia!

HOW TO MAKE PAYMENTS IN CROATIA?

Starting from 1 January 2023, Croatia introduces EURO as our national currency. Given that the first 2 weeks are a national transitional period, you might receive change in Croatian kuna (HRK) when making cash payments in supermarkets, bakeries, cafes, restaurants etc. In such case, you can make further payments in Croatian kuna.

CASH OR CREDIT CARD?

In Croatia, it is customary to pay for the majority of services and goods using debit or credit cards and this also applies to travelers. Make sure to check with your bank whether there are additional charges for card transactions in Croatia.

It is also recommended that students bring cash for smaller expenses.

EXCHANGE OFFICES AND ATMs

In general, banks will give you a better exchange rate than exchange offices, and both may or may not charge a commission accordingly.

ATMs are the easiest option for dispensing cash. ATMs in Croatia all have an English-language option. ATMs in Croatia have various exchange rates and/or commissions, so beware when you're taking your money - some of them will give you far worse terms than any ATM by any 'proper' Croatian bank. Also, you can get your funds from your Revolut account from them as well.

Please note that daily withdrawal limits of around 500 EUR apply on most ATMs.

If you wish to withdraw more, you will need to have to take your card into the bank and request assistance.