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CROATIA QUICK FACTS

FULL NAME: Republic of Croatia (Reublika Hrvatska)

POPULATION: about 4 million people (2021)

CAPITAL: Zagreb

MOTTO: "Our Beautiful Homeland"

LANGUAGE: Croatian

RELIGION: Predominantly Christian / Roman Catholic

HISTORY: Croatia's first multi-party elections were held in 1990. Croatia declared its independence in 1991 and Yugoslavia broke up into six different countries (Croatia, Slovenia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro, and North Macedonia).

INDEPENDENCE DAY: October 8

NATIONAL SYMBOLS: Marten (national animal), Iris (national flower), and Oak (national tree)



Croatia Geography

Croatia is about the same size as West Virginia, is located in Southeastern Europe, and has five countries that border it: Slovenia, Hungary, Serbia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Montenegro. It also borders the Adriatic Sea, which is the northernmost part of the Mediterranean Sea. The highest mountain is Dinara Peak, 6,004 ft. high at the border of Bosnia-Herzegovina. The longest river is the Sava with 350 miles. Lake Vrana in Dalmatia is the largest lake in the country. The coastline of the Mediterranean Sea is more than 1,100 miles long.



What is Croatia Known for?



Game of Thrones

Croatia was the primary filming location for the popular series.

Gorgeous Waterfalls

Including The Great Waterfall at Plitvice Lakes National Park and Skradinski Buk (pictured) at Krka National Park



Dalmatians

While you might associate this dog breed with England, Firefighters, and Disney, the Dalmatian is actually Croatian, from historic Dalmatia on the Adriatic coast

Lavender Fields

The most famous lavender fields are located in Hvar, a Croatian island that has been cultivating lavender for centuries. From July-August the areas become wonderful and the air is rich with the distinct lavender scent.



Sights to See in Croatia

Croatia has no shortage of beautiful scenes. From miles of beautiful, rocky coastline with crystal-clear Mediterranean seas to ornate architectural marvels and medieval cities, Croatia has it all. Some popular destinations in Zagreb, Croatia's capital, include Art Pavilion and St. Mark's Parish Church.



St. Mark's Parish Church, adorned with a brightly colored tile roof



Art Pavilion - art museum in Zagreb noted for its yellow Art Nouveau exterior



Gradac - a colorful coastal town on the Adriatic sea in southern Dalmatia, Croatia featuring red roofs and beautiful beaches



Croatia Trivia



1. Croatia returned to its original name in 1991. Between 1918 and 1991, it was part of what country?
A. Yugoslavia
B. Czechoslovakia
C. Turkey
2. Soccer is the most popular sport in Croatia, and the national team made it to the finals of the World Cup in 2018. They lost to what nation's team?
A. Spain
B. France
C. England
3. What article of clothing's origin can be traced to Croatia?
A. Necktie
B. Earrings
C. Vest
4. Which body of water does Croatia border?
A. The Pacific
B. The Adriatic Sea
C. The Rhine River
5. Which breed of dog originally came from Croatia?
A. Dalmation
B. Samoyed
C. Beagle
6. The hard, strong cheese known as Pag comes from Croatia. From what source does Pag come from?
A. Sheep's Milk
B. Goat's Milk
C. Almond Milk
7. In what year did Croatia join the European Union?
A. 1995
B. 2006
C. 2013
8. Croatia is known for its islands, which it has more than 1,200 of. How many are inhabited?
A. 700
B. 50
C. 20
9. The Croatian island of Hvar is known for what plant with a distinct scent?
A. Lavender
B. Pine
C. Bergamot
10. Which country governed Croatia before it became part of Yugoslavia?
A. Russia
B. Greece
C. Austria-Hungary



Famous Croatians

No matter what sector of society you look in - from actors to inventors - you're apt to find some famous Croatians! Match up these famous Croatia natives with their descriptions.

1. This Croatian actress/singer was best known for her roles as the Minbari Ambassador Delenn in the science fiction series *Babylon 5* (1993 - 1998), and as Danielle Rousseau in *Lost* (2004-2010).
2. This man was "proud of his Serb origin and Croat homeland". His contribution to the world was immense, with over 300 international patents on his inventions. His most famous inventions were the alternating current (AC) motor and the development of AC generation and transmission technology.
3. Born in Dalmatia before pursuing winemaking in California. His 1973 Chateau Montelena Chardonnay beat all the famous Burgundies. He was inducted into the Culinary Institute of America's Vintner's Hall of Fame in 2008.
4. Often considered one of the founders of modern seismology, this geophysicist was born in Opatija and worked as a teacher. After the deadly earthquake in Pokuplje in 1909, he dedicated himself to the studies of the composition and forces in the Earth's core.
5. Probably the most famous Croatian actor on the world stage. He played the ER heartthrob, Dr. Luka Kovac, on television. He emigrated to the United States from Sibenik in the 1990s. He is also known for his role on NBC's *Timeless* as Garcia Flynn.





Croatian Words & Names

Zagreb Capital of Croatia

Cres Largest of the Croatian Islands

Pag Popular cheese from the island of Pag

Krka National Park known for its waterfalls

Dalmatia Island where the dog breed of Dalmations came from

Bukovac Impressionist Croatian artist

Dubrovnik A popular tourist city due to its medieval architecture

Lavender Fragrant flowering plant grown in Croatia

Zadar Oldest continuously inhabited Croatian city (9th century BC)

Kosor Former Prime Minister of Croatia; first woman to hold the title

Adriatic The sea along Croatia's coastline

Tourism One of Croatia's main economic sectors

Croatian Anything that comes from Croatia is Croatian

Kuna A Croatian unit of currency

Balkan The geographical region Croatia belongs to

Istrian referring to Istria, a peninsula in northern Croatia

Yugoslavia The country that Croatia was once a part of





Word Search

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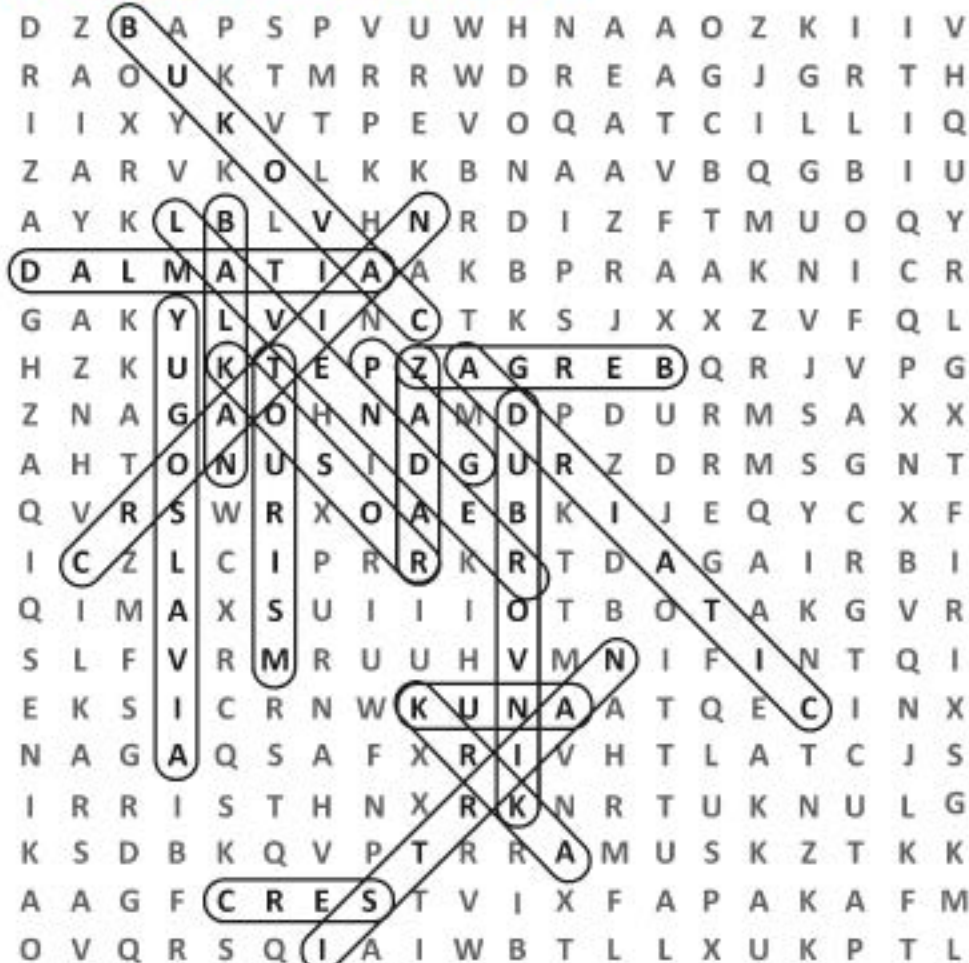
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Trivia Answers

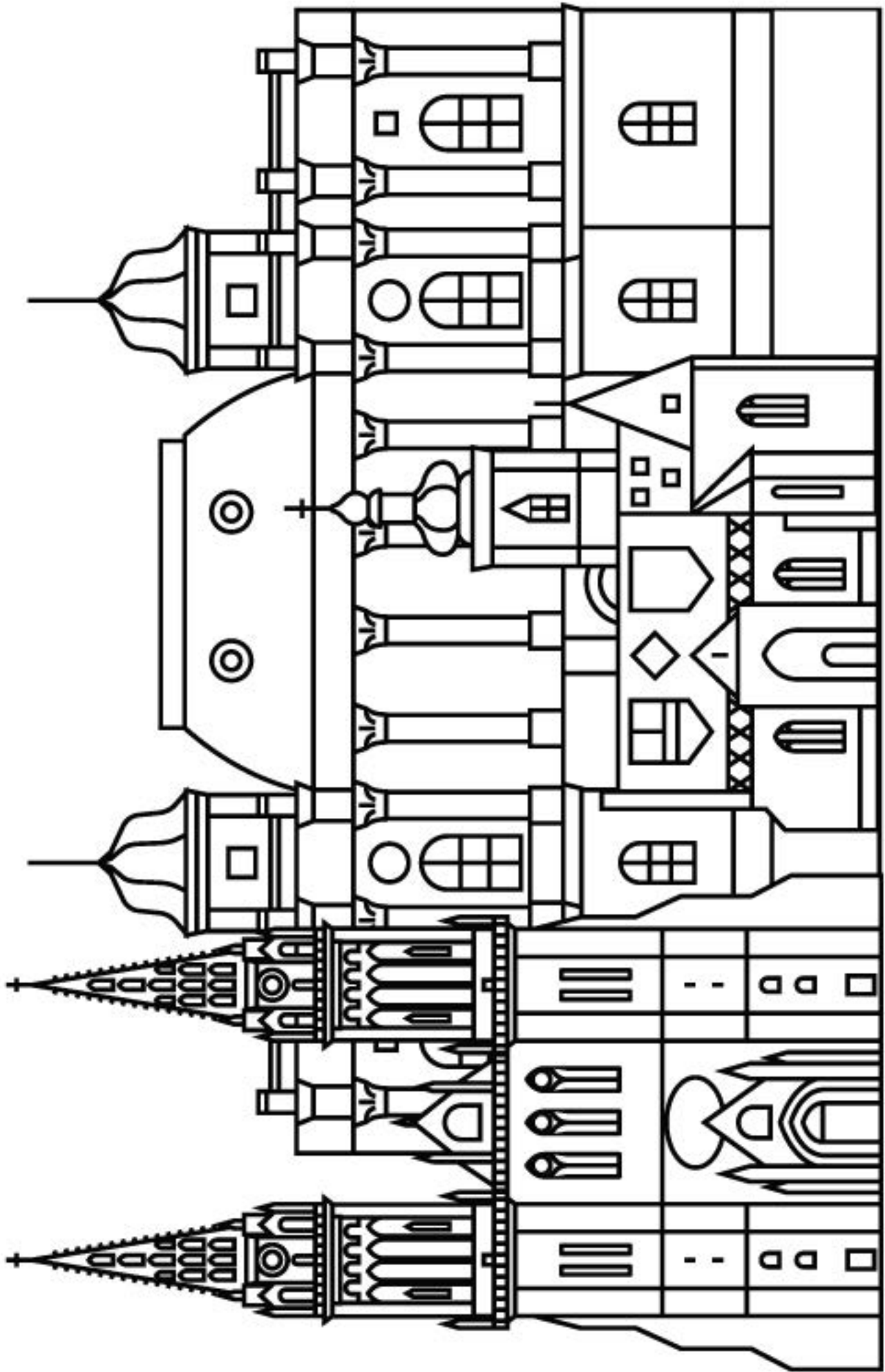
1. **A- Yugoslavia** In June of 1991, Croatia declared independence, setting off a war with the Yugoslav People's Army and various Serb military groups. The war ended in 1995.
2. **B- France** The French National team defeated Croatia 4-2 for the World Cup.
3. **A- Necktie** The necktie was originally called the Cravat, which was a French mispronunciation of "Croat." French soldiers saw Croatian mercenaries wearing these neckties, and introduced them to their own country. A cravat was wider and more ornate than a standard necktie.
4. **B- The Adriatic Sea**
5. **A- Dalmatia** The Dalmatian originates from the historic area of Dalmatia.
6. **A- Sheep's Milk**
7. **C- 2013** Croatia joined the EU in 2013 after completing the negotiating process in 2011.
8. **B- 50** There are nearly 50 islands with at least one person living there, down from 67. Economics dictated that those previously settled islands were abandoned.
9. **A- Lavender** Lavender has been cultivated in Hvar for centuries, and the summer months are filled with the wonderful scent of the lavender fields.
10. **C- Austria-Hungary** In 1102, Croatia entered a union with Hungary and remained part of that union when Austria entered into a union with Hungary in 1867.

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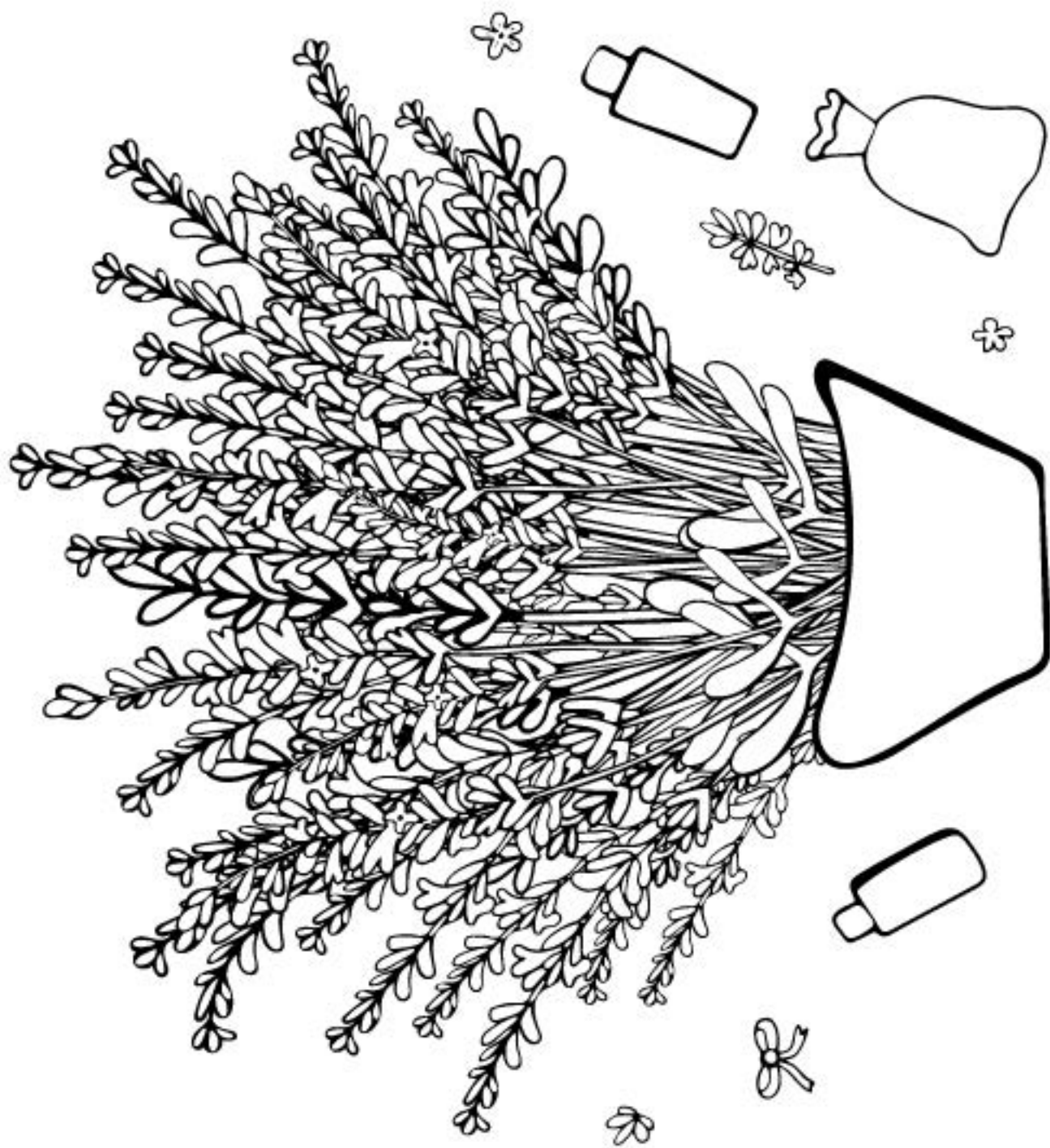


Famous Croatian Answers

- 1- Mira Furlan
- 2- Nikola Tesla
- 3- Mike Grgich
- 4- Andrija Mohorovicic
- 5- Goran Visnjic



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LAVENDER

