



ZATON

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LOCATION AND CLIMATE

Zaton is a small Dalmatian town surrounded by hills and situated on the coast, in a peaceful bay of Sibenik, 10 km northwest of Sibenik. The climate is Mediterranean. The average insolation on the coastal area is quite high (2710 hours), and it decreases toward the inland. The temperature is high during the summertime, but it is bearable due to the pleasant wind „Maestral” blowing in the direction sea - mainland. Winters are mild, and summers warm and dry.

HISTORY AND SIGHTS

Zaton is first mentioned at the beginning of the 14th century. Archaeologists claim that these hills and bays were inhabited by deers and wild horses, even rhinoceroses. Their fossilized remains, as well as that of humans, were found in the nearby caves. The fertile ground around the river Krka influenced the growth of this town. The inhabitants built houses by using stone as the main building material. Houses, paths, stairs and walls made of stone resist various climate influences. By all means visit the church of St. Jurje from the 16th century as well



as the church of St. Rocco which started to be built at the beginning of the 20th century.

ZATON TODAY

Nowadays, Zaton is a destination for tourist enthusiasts. From one side, it is surrounded by sea, nearby islands and the national park Kornati, and from the other by the lake Prokljan, river Krka as well as the national park bearing the same name. Fishermen can here angle both sea and river fish, and due to the brackish water, this area contains some very specific kinds of fish and shells.

The sea is quite calm here. Long pathways along the sea, where you can stroll both in winter and summer, reflect the quietness and harmony of this Dalmatian town.

In the hinterland of Zaton you can find many fields, gardens, vineyards, olive groves and fig plantation, whereas the local market (along with the fish market) always offers many fresh fruits and products.

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HOW TO ARRIVE?

By plane

If arriving by plane, you have two options, one of them being the Zadar airport, that is cca 60 km far away from Zaton (from there, you can reach it either by car or bus), and the other one being the Split airport, cca 90 km far away from Zaton.

By car or bus

You can reach Zaton by car, if driving via Trieste, Rijeka, and then via the Adriatic highway toward Sibenik, if you prefer to travel along the coast. Or you can use the highway Zagreb - Split when you reach Rijeka or the junction Zuta Lokva near the town Senj, about 60 km south of Rijeka, and continue driving toward Sibenik.

The highway Zagreb - Sibenik is the fastest way if arriving from the direction of north. You can exit the highway at number 20, „Pirovac”, 15 km far away from Zaton. Or you can use the alternative route Zagreb - Karlovac - Plitvice - Gracac - Knin - Sibenik.

If arriving by bus, you can take all bus lines to Sibenik, from where you can reach Zaton by local bus (operating on a daily basis).

By train

Via Sibenik, Zaton is connected with every bigger European city by railway lines. From Sibenik, you can reach Zaton either by regular bus lines or taxi (cca 10 km distance).

By ship

If travelling by ship, you can use one of the regular ferry lines from Rijeka or Dubrovnik toward Zadar or Split or international ferry lines from Italy (Ancona, Civitanova, Giulianova and Pescara) toward Zadar or Split.



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Distance / km	Zagreb	Rijeka	Split	Dubrovnik	Trieste	Ljubljana
Zaton	320	280	100	300	355	400