



Kaštel Štafilic

# KAŠTELA

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## LOCATION AND CLIMATE

The city of Kaštela is an agglomeration of seven smaller towns situated in the central part of Croatian coast, i.e. in the Kaštela bay between Trogir and Split.

These are the following: Kastel Štafilic, Kastel Novi, Kastel Stari, Kastel Luksic, Kastel Kambelovac, Kastel Gomilica and Kastel Sucurac. Mildness of the climate is the main characteristic of this area, which makes it one of the sunniest parts of the Adriatic with almost 2700 hours of sunshine a year. The average annual temperature of the air is 19,2°C and of the sea is 17,5°C. The average air temperature in summer is 25,8°C and the average sea temperature 24°C.

## HISTORY AND SIGHTS

The area of Kaštela has always attracted people. It gave shelter to the prehistoric man... Centuries ago, after the Greeks had founded Trogir, it was covered with Mediterranean plants like vines and olives. The Romans built roads there as well as many villas that had an economic, but also a country character. In the 7<sup>th</sup> century this area was inhabited by Croats, who started building their own country on the foundations of the antique civilisation. Noble Croatian families built small towns with churches that exist even nowadays. During the war with Turks some twenty fortifications were erected by royals along the coast, in order to protect the inhabitants as well as the properties of the noble



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Kaštel Luksic



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families. Nowadays only seven castles and fortifications are preserved. Around them settlements were sprouting to finally merge together into the town of Kaštela. The name of the city derives from the Latin word castellum that signifies a fortified castle, tower or wall.

### KAŠTELA TODAY

Nowadays, Kaštela is a significant commercial and transit centre of the Central Dalmatia. The modern marina, situated on the north-eastern coast of the city, near the medieval tower, provides sailers with high-quality services. The Riviera of Kaštela is a favourite summer destination of foreign as well as home guests. Along the long sandy beach there are terraces and viewpoints, tennis and other sports grounds (for basketball, football, volleyball, etc.), surrounded by greenery of pine and tamaris trees. The guests can also rent vessels and equipment for water activities. Kastel Luksic is well-known for its botanic garden with Mediterranean plants and pebbled beaches. Except beaches, the guests will be drawn to Kastel Kambelovac due to the many excellent restaurants, attractive boulevard along the coast and the mountain Kozjak. Most of the beaches in Kastel Gomilica are pebbled beaches, and are, therefore, excellent for children.

### HOW TO ARRIVE?

#### By plane

The Split airport is around 10 km far away from Kaštela. Direct flights to Kaštela depart from the following European cities: Göteborg, Berlin, Prague, Amsterdam, Frankfurt, Paris, London and Manchester. There



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are many other possible options if flying to Zagreb. There are several flights from Zagreb to Split and vice versa on a daily basis, and the flight lasts approximately 35 minutes.

**By car or bus**

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

Highway Zagreb - Split is the fastest way if you are arriving from the direction of north. Or you can use the alternative route Zagreb - Karlovac - Plitvice - Gracac - Knin - Split.

If you are arriving to Kaštela from the direction of Italy, you can use the Adriatic highway from Rijeka, Zadar or Sibenik toward Split. If you are arriving from the direction of north, you can use the old route Zagreb-Karlovac-Gracac-Knin-Split or the highway Zagreb - Split.

**By train**

There are fast trains from Zagreb to Split on a daily basis (8 hours drive) that stop in Kastel Stari as well as business trains (5,5 hours drive).

**By ship**

If arriving by ship, you can use some of the regular ferry lines from Rijeka or Dubrovnik toward Split, or international ferry or fast lines from Italy (Ancona, Civitanova, Giulianova, Pescara, Bari).

**Photo:** Croatian National Tourist Board

| Distance / km  | Zagreb | Rijeka | Split | Dubrovnik | Trieste | Ljubljana |
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| <b>Kaštela</b> | 370    | 307    | 20    | 232       | 390     | 430       |

