



Winter Holidays Open 2019

Zagreb, Croatia
13th - 15th December

INFO PACK

ACCOMMODATION AT WHO 2019

There will be WHO volunteers at every accommodation site and organized departure using local transportation to the tournament venue. Travel time from accommodation to tournament venue is from 20 to 40 minutes by tram and all hotels and hostels are located directly on public transport routes. Public transport tickets can be bought at kiosks or with the driver. The tickets are cheapest if bought at kiosks. A 30 min ticket costs 4 HRK (0.5 €) and it's enough to get you from any accommodation to the venue. We recommend buying a few tickets at a time.

Please **do not change any rooming arrangements on arrival**. There are over 300 accommodated participants at WHO 2019. The rooming structure we have is complex, made in accordance to previously reported needs and changes are impossible at this stage. Any changes made affect other delegations. Please be respectful towards others.

HOTELS

Hotel Central

Address: Ulica kneza Branimira 3
10000 Zagreb
www.hotel-central.hr
+385 1 4841 122

Breakfast will be served at the hotel for all nights you have booked.

Public transport around the hotel: Tram 4 from Glavni kolodvor tram station in front of the hotel will take you directly to our main venue (Jordanovac station).

Delegations: Kaduna (Nigeria), Helsingin kaupunki (Finland), DSDC (Netherlands), NSDA (USA), Bežigrad (3 adjudicators)

Hotel Orient Express

Address: Trnjanska cesta 11e
10000 Zagreb
www.hotelorientexpress.com
+385 1 4954 210

Breakfast will be served at the hotel for all nights you have booked.

Public transport around the hotel: Tram 5 from Kruge tram station near the hotel will take you directly to our main venue (Jordanovac station).

Delegations: FMV Erenköy Işık High School (Turkey), International School Frankfurt (Germany), The International School of Turin (Italy), Helsingin Suomalainen Yhteiskoulu (Finland), United World College Maastricht (Netherlands)

HOSTELS

Please **make sure you don't leave your luggage on or otherwise use any beds other than your own.**

Empty beds in your room (especially if you arrive before the 13th) are only empty because the participants meant to occupy them have not arrived yet.

Chillout Hostel

Address: Tomičeva 5a

10000 Zagreb

www.chillout-hostel-zagreb.com

+385 1 4849 605

Public transport around the hostel: Trams 11 and 12 from Frankopanska station or Main Square will take you directly to our main venue (Jordanovac station).

Delegations: Milestone Institute (Hungary), Gimnazija Franca Miklošiča Ljutomer (Slovenia), Terakki Foundation Schools (Turkey), Debating Society Germany e.V. (Germany), Engame Academy (Hungary), American Robert College of Istanbul (Turkey), Druga gimnazija Sarajevo (Bosna and Herzegovina), Akg - Alternatív Közgazdasági Gimnázium (Hungary), Bilingválne gymnázium Milana Hodžu (Slovakia), Leaf Academy (Slovakia), Bežigrad – Društvo Argument (Slovenia), Red Dot Academy Singapore, FMV YAZAGA ISIK LISESI (Turkey), Asociace debatních klubů, z.s. (Czech Republic), ARGO (Romania)

Swanky Mint Hostel

Address: Ilica 50,

10000 Zagreb

swanky-hostel.com

+385 1 4004 248

Public transport around the hostel: Trams 11 and 12 from Frankopanska station will take you directly to our main venue (Jordanovac station).

Delegations: Singapore (Singapore), Gimnazija Litija (Slovenia), Gimnazija Poljane (Slovenia), Gimnazija in ekonomska srednja šola Trbovlje (Slovenia)

TOURNAMENT VENUE

Our main venue for WHO 2019 is XV. Gymnasium (MIOC), Jordanovac street 8, Zagreb, easily reachable by trams 4, 7, 11 and 12 (tram stop Jordanovac).

WAIT, WHAT, WHERE?

In order to help you figure Zagreb and WHO 2019 out, we have updated this [WHO Google map](#) with all relevant tournament locations, notable Advent in Zagreb spots, supermarkets and some of our favourite coffee places and restaurants.

DRESS CODE

Dress code for the tournament is business or smart casual.

ACTIVITIES

WHO is a pretty intense tournament, but that does not mean you are not supposed to have any fun. We have two age-appropriate social events planned on Friday and Saturday evening.

Advent in Zagreb – Friday evening, 13.12.

Based on previous experience in organizing the tournament during [Advent in Zagreb](#), the winner of “Best Christmas Market in Europe” title, participants want to see what all the fuss is about and Friday evening is when you’ll have the chance to do that. We encourage you to explore the Advent in Zagreb web page as well as our map to see what you’re interested in. If you want to explore on your own, that’s fine – if you’d like some help, our volunteers can accompany you on your Zagreb adventure, but please make sure to **send us an e-mail with the request as soon as possible**.

Country Expo & Break Announcement – Saturday evening, 14.12.

WHO 2019 will host participants from 16 countries so on Saturday evening everybody will have the chance to showcase their culture, food, drinks (non-alcoholic) and other interesting things about your respective countries to other tournament participants.

Country Expo will take place at the tournament venue and will start after dinner, so please bring some national foodstuff, flags, souvenirs and different knickknacks with you **when you depart from your accommodation to the school on Saturday morning**.

Every delegation will have a stand available to present their country. If there are several nationalities represented within a delegation, feel free to set up joint tables or represent your country on a separate table, just make sure to mention you need more space to our volunteers.

Regular and Novice breaking teams will be announced during Country Expo.



WHO 2019 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

13.12.2019. – Friday

14:00 - 15:00 - Arrival to venue and registration

14:15 – 15:15 – Adjudicators meeting

15:15 – 15:50 - Opening ceremony

16:00 – 18:00 – Round 1

18:00 – 20:00 - Round 2

20:00 – 21:00 – Dinner

21:00 – 22:30 – Advent in Zagreb

14.12.2019. – Saturday

08:30 – 09:00 – Arrival to venue and registration

09:00 – 11:40 – Round 3 – impromptu

11:40 – 14:00 - Round 4 – impromptu

14:00 – 15:30 - Lunch

15:30 – 17:00 – Round 5

17:30 – 19:00 – Round 6

19:00 – 20:00 - Dinner

20:00 – 22:00 Country Expo / Break announcement

15.12.2019. – Sunday

08:30 – 10:45 – Octofinals (impromptu)

11:00 – 13:15 – Quarterfinals (impromptu)/Novice Semifinals (impromptu)

13:15 – 14:15 – Lunch

14:15 – 15:45 – Semifinals/Novice Finals

16:30 – 17:30 – Grand Final

17:30 – 18:30 – Closing Ceremony



GETTING AROUND ZAGREB

Our volunteers can help you get from your accommodation to the tournament venue and vice-versa.

TRAMS:

Trams are Zagreb's favourite and easiest to use form of public transport.

Tram tickets can be bought at kiosks or from tram drivers. There are three types of tram tickets – 30 minute ones that cost 4 HRK / 0.5€, 60 minute ones that cost 7 HRK / 0.9 € and 90 minute tickets that cost 10 HRK / 1.3 €. We recommend buying 30 minute tickets as there are no tram rides from any of our accommodation sites to the main venue over 30 minutes. You can get tram tickets in kiosks around tram stations. The tickets bought in trams are bit more expensive – 30 minute ones cost 6 HRK / 0.8 €, 60 minute ones 10 HRK / 1.3 € and 90 minute ones 15 HRK / 2 €.

TAXI:

Using taxis in Zagreb has become relatively cheap in recent years. Taxi fare from city centre to the airport should be around 150 HRK or 20€, and taxi fare from city centre to the tournament venue should be around 6-9€ per cab.

Here are our favourite taxi company picks. You can book your rides online, by phone or through their apps.

TAXI CAMMEO

cammeo.hr

+ 385 1 1212

EKO TAXI

ekotaxi.hr

+ 385 1 1414

UBER + BOLT

If you're living the opposition to "This house would delete Uber", you'll be happy to know Uber is available in Croatia. This goes for Bolt, too.

FOOD, BARS, STORES AND COFFEE PLACES

First off, remember that breakfast will be served at your accommodation, while both lunch and dinner will be provided at the tournament venue (dinner on Friday, lunch and dinner on Saturday, lunch on Sunday) so you will not have to use a lot of restaurants. Regardless of that, you might want to try some local food.

Zagreb has a large number of local fast food establishments, small bistros and big old fashioned restaurants. On top of that, you're visiting Zagreb during Advent and will notice that the city is full of street food. You don't have to worry – **all street food Zagreb is perfectly safe.**

There are several "hubs" for restaurants in Zagreb such as Masarykova, Teslina, Tkalčićeva and Skalinska Street and you will find all sorts of food within 15 min walk between these places.

Cafés, bars and restaurants are mainly open after midnight, but you'll notice that shops and markets are not and close around 8 pm. We recommend you do your shopping before that. Apart from a couple of kiosks, there's an underground supermarket open 24/7 at the main train station (and it's way less scary than it sounds).

We are providing you with [a map of supermarket-type stores and coffee places](#) in vicinity of the hotels and the hostels. As you can see, there is quite a choice of such establishments and you will not have a problem of finding any of these anywhere in Zagreb.

PLACES TO VISIT

Here are some of our participant's favourite places to see:

- Museum of Broken Relationships
- Museum of Contemporary Art
- Upper Town (Gornji Grad)
- Dolac open air farmers market
- Zagreb 360° cafe and viewing platform
- Tkalciceva street (nice during the day and fun during the night)
- Ribnjak & Maksimir public parks
- Mirogoj Cemetery
- [Advent in Zagreb](#)

PRICES

Prices in Croatia are relatively low for European standards and are about the same as prices in Slovenia, The Czech Republic and Slovakia.

The official Croatian currency is **Croatian Kuna (HRK) – not Euros!**

Sample prices in supermarkets

Coca Cola, 0.5l costs around 7 HRK or 1 EUR, 0.5l of water costs about the same and a tube of Pringles will cost you around 20 HRK or 2,50 EUR.

Sample prices in restaurants and coffee places

Coffee – around 10 HRK or 1,50 EUR

0.2l soft drinks – around 14 HRK or 2 EUR

Big Mac - 18 HRK – 2,35 EUR

Hamburger (Fast food places) - from 25 HRK do 45 HRK (3 to 5 EUR)

Pizza – 30 – 40 HRK – around 4 EUR

An average main course meal in a slow food restaurant can be found from around 50 HRK or 7€.

VICES AND ADDICTIONS

Smoking

Smoking is forbidden in restaurants and all establishments that serve food. Coffee places & night clubs can choose if they will allow smoking. Since you're in the Balkans, expect most will choose to allow smoking. Smoking in all public buildings and courtyards (schools etc.), public transport and all indoor public spaces is strictly forbidden.

Legal age for buying cigarettes is 18+.

Drinking

Almost all coffee places in Zagreb serve alcohol and different alcoholic beverages are readily available in every store and kiosk in Zagreb. Mulled versions of wine, but also spirits, can be found at most Advent food and/or drink stands. Legal age for buying alcohol is 18+. Coaches and accompanying adults, **be aware that this is relatively loosely enforced!**

Drugs

Drugs (marijuana included) are not legal; possession or use of all narcotics in any quantity is a criminal offence.

WATER

Tap water in Zagreb is perfectly safe and water quality in Croatia in general is excellent. Please make use of this fact – even if you buy a bottle of water, keep using that bottle for the duration of your stay.

SAFETY

Zagreb is in general a very safe city with a very low (practically non-existent) level of violent crimes, especially towards tourists. There are no unsafe parts of the city or parts in which extra precaution is warranted so feel free to move around and explore. As for some general safety tips, you should observe normal caution - avoid dark parks or streets during the night if you're on your own, do not leave your things unattended in public places and try to organise your belongings as to avoid pick pocketing etc.

There are no recorded terrorist threats in Croatia.

During the winter holiday period use of pyrotechnics such as fireworks and firecrackers is extensive. One should not get alarmed by this and use normal caution in these situations, which is basically avoid people/groups doing stupid things with firecrackers if you happen to come across them. We propose this as a general rule of thumb outside of Croatia also.

Carrying a form of ID is legally required for all people above age of 18. You should carry a driving licence, passport or a regular ID on your person at all times outside of your accommodation.

DECEMBER WEATHER

The weather in Zagreb can be quite unstable in December.

Remember to pack warm clothes and footwear suitable for rain or snow. If you're thinking about whether you should pack that extra scarf or sweater, pack it! There are a few things worse than freezing half to death mid-Christmas market.

As expected in long term forecast, please check for updates before you leave for Zagreb.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

112 - Emergency number

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+385 1 4004 248 Swanky Mint Hostel, Ilica 50
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Official currency:

Croatian Kuna, Hrvatska Kuna or HRK (**not Euros!**)

Conversion rate on December 2nd:

1 EURO – 7.44 HRK