

## Did you know?

1. Croatia is home to the world's smallest town – Hum.
2. The amphitheatre in Pula is one of only 3 preserved in the world.
3. At least 10% of the land in Croatia is made up of 8 national parks, 11 nature parks and 2 nature reserves.
4. People in Croatia enjoy 2,715 hours of sunshine a year.
5. Croatian's Glagolitic script (Glagoljica) is the oldest Slavic script.
6. The Game of Thrones' King's Landing is, in fact, Croatia's Dubrovnik.
7. Croatia's currency is named Kuna (marten in English) because trappers used to trade their fur.
8. Two craters on the Moon are named after Croatian scientists – Bosovich (Bošković) and Mohorovichic (Mohorovičić)
9. The Croats invented the necktie (cravat - kravata) in 1660.
10. The last specimen of the Mediterranean seal lives in the Croatian aquarium.
11. The world's first pipe organ that is played by the sea's rhythmic waves is in Zadar.
12. Croatia is the 127<sup>th</sup> largest country in the world.
13. The Sphinx in Split was brought over from Egypt for emperor Diocletian and is over 4000 years old.
14. Nikola Tesla was born in Smiljan, a village in Croatia.
15. The world's first torpedo was built in Rijeka, Croatia.
16. The city of Krapina has the richest collection of the remains of Neanderthal people in the world.
17. Croatian Slavoljub Penkala invented the mechanical pencil called the Penkala u in 1906. Today we call it "pen".
18. The Croats arrived in the area of present-day Croatia during the early part of the 7th century CE.

19. Croatia has the longest UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage list in Europe.
20. The national flower of Croatia is the iris.
21. Shakespeare's comedy Twelfth Night was set in Dalmatia.
22. A sculptor from the island of Rab, Marin, founded the Republic of San Marino.
23. Croatia has the top two ace servers in tennis history – Ivo Karlović and Goran Ivanišević.
24. The island of Cres is home to the last remaining colony of griffon vultures.
25. King Tomislav was Croatia's first king. He was crowned in 925 CE.
26. It was a Croatian named Rudjer Boskovic who suggested placing five concentric iron bands on the dome of St. Peter's when a crack had been discovered. He saved Michelangelo's masterpiece.
27. Zlatni Rat Beach on the island of Brač changes its shape and colour depending on the wind.
28. In the 1960s, Paklenica National Park doubled as the American Wild West in 11 movies filmed about the fictional Native American hero Winnetou.
29. Croatian Faust Vrančić designed the first wind turbine.
30. Two winners of the Nobel Prize in chemistry came from Croatia – Lavoslav Ruzicka (1939) and Vladimir Prelog (1975)
31. Croatian Marko Marulić (1450 - 1524) is considered to be the first one to use the word 'psychology' in his literary work *Psichiologia de ratione animae Humanae*.
32. The island of Rab was first mentioned in the 4<sup>th</sup> century BCE under the name Arba (Latin for dark, forested)
33. "Surogat" (The Substitute) by Dušan Vukotić was the first animated film outside the USA to win the Oscar for the best cartoon in 1962.