

Croatia is a country in Europe. It is right in the middle of Slovenia, Hungary, and Bosnia Herzegovina. The



Danube River flows out of Germany and through Croatia, eventually ending in the Bay of Croatia and the Adriatic Sea. Because of its' location Croatia has been in the middle of several wars in recent years.



The people in Croatia speaks Croatian. Croatia is organized into a constitutional republic. The President is elected every 5 years in a direct election, and then appoints and works with the Prime Minister and the Parliament. Croatia is a largely farming country

and makes much of its money from people visiting. Recently Croatia has been building many roads to connect it to the rest of Europe.



Figure 2: Photo by Dennis Jarvis
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/archer10/>

Traditionally in Croatia women wear a simple white peasant shirt and skirt with a colorful apron, overskirt, or vest. Men wore a costume called a “dinaric.” A dinaric is baggy pants and shirt that are

white, black, or both. They will also wear a colorful vest. Because of where Croatia is and how cold it can be the vest or pants was often made of wool to help the man keep



Figure 1: Photo by Roberta F.
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Dinarska_nosnja_KUU_Zvona_Zagore_Knin_04082011_4910.jpg

warm.

Because Croatia is at a crossroads of Europe the food and culture is a combination of many different regions. There are Italian and Mediterranean influences. You will also find Middle Eastern influences in their recipes. They eat quite a bit of lamb and fish in their dishes.

Croatia is a largely Catholic nation, and this is reflected in their artwork. You will see many statues and depictions of Catholic saints and figures from the Bible. They also have made beautiful churches and cathedrals.