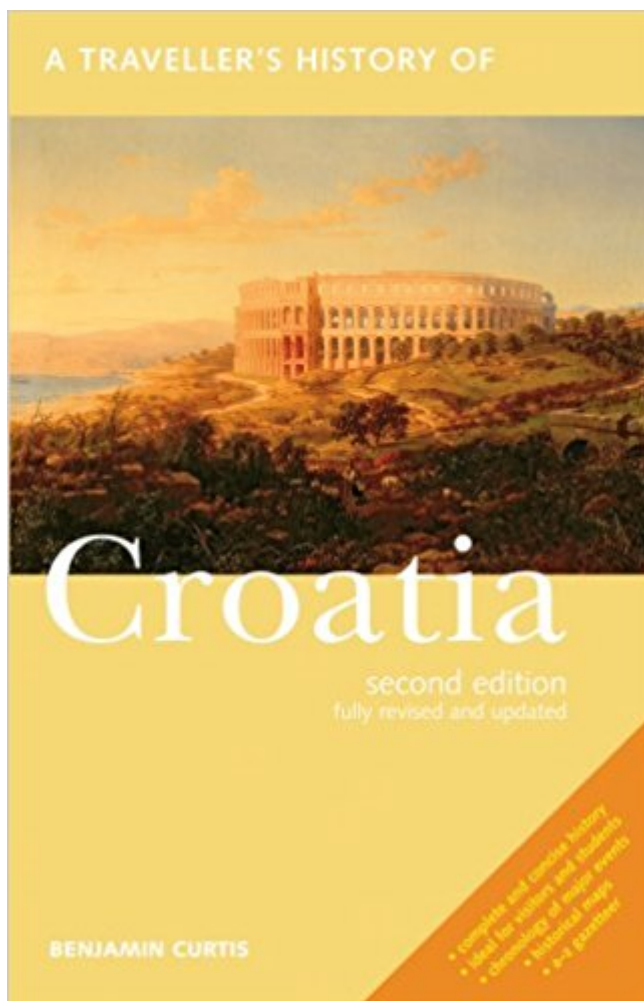


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A Traveller's History Of Croatia



Synopsis

Anyone who has glimpsed the long, mountainous, island-studded Dalmatian coast would surely agree that its beauty is little short of divine. Croatia, quite simply, is blessed with some of the most spectacular scenery on the planet, and its history is equally captivating. A Traveller's History of Croatia offers tourists and travellers an inside look at how the country's cultural fusion of Mediterranean, Central European and Balkan influences has given it a tumultuous past. The book's narrative begins with Croatia's astounding Greek and Roman legacy, and then explains how the early blooming of the Croatian state in the 9th century was thwarted by the ambitions of its powerful neighbour, Hungary. In the Middle Ages much of the coast came under the control of Venice, which over centuries left its indelible stamp on many charming, historic towns. Croatia became a battlefield as the Ottoman Turks invaded during the 1500s, until they were finally repulsed by the Habsburgs, who ruled the country right up until the First World War. The twentieth century brought new solutions in the founding of Yugoslavia, problems with Croatian nationalism and the horrors of invasion in World War II. Under Tito a stability came to the region until the battles of the 1990s, which were finally resolved with the international recognition of an independent state in 1992. Croatia today is independent, peaceful, and as beautiful as ever: it has taken its place as one of the world's most coveted travel destinations.

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Very well written and interesting. The earliest history is a bit of a slog but worth it. By the end, I felt I had a better appreciation for the divisions which lead to the breakup of Yugoslavia, which were not entirely religious (as I initially thought). The book also has very interesting maps of ancient Croatia and how the county/region evolved over time.

An excellent value for those wanting an introduction to Croatian history and for travelers who want more than the brief summaries in guide books. Made our recent trip much more satisfying.

Provides an informative and clear reading of major historical events that shape Croatia, but is in need of geo-political maps to illustrate the complicated shifting of powers through out the centuries.

A fascinating work. I brought it along to read on a trip to Croatia and, of the three or four histories of Croatia I've read, it was by far the most enjoyable.

This is an interesting and comprehensive compilation of Croatia's turbulent history-thanks very much, Barb.

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