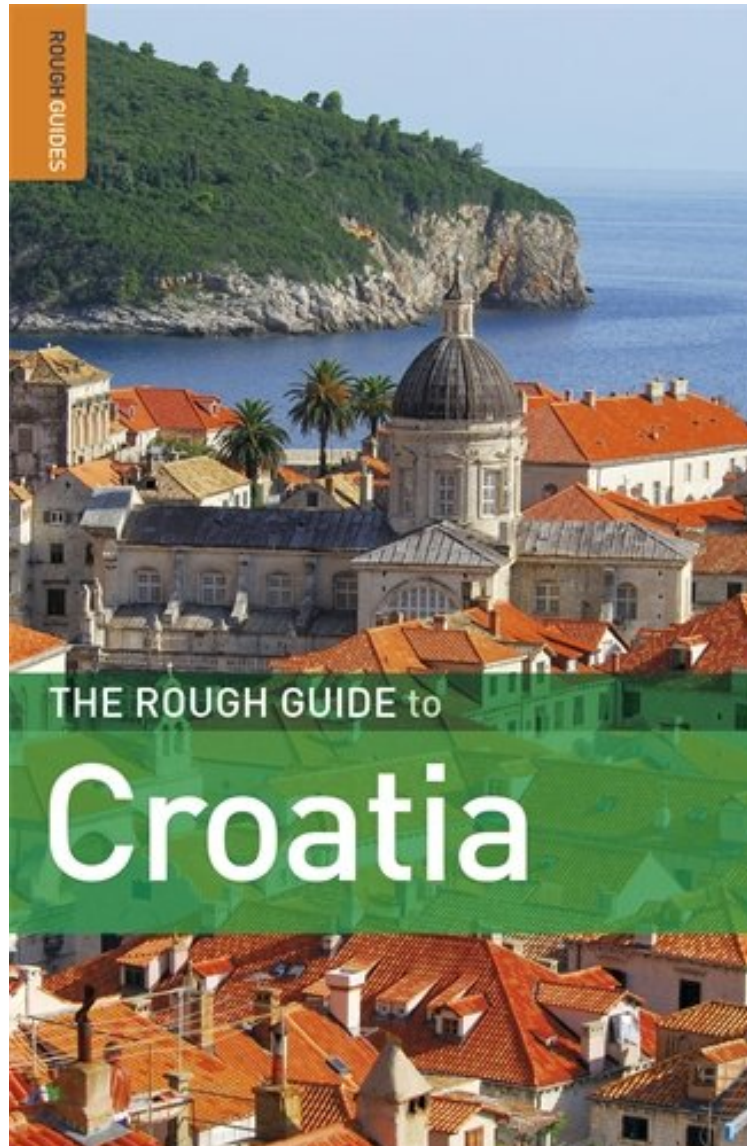


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Jonathan Bousfield : The Rough Guide to Croatia before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Rough Guide to Croatia:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A little out of date, but still good. By Haley Emma's Mom This book was a 2010 edition. We just came back from Croatia and used the book a lot. Prices and times have changed on buses and ferries since then. The restaurant recommendation should include a budget or casual option. A lot of the places were full sit down meals. We did not need the language section at all because everyone spoke English. All the menus

had English pages as well. So easy! The Octopus Salad was sooooo delicious! The maps were good. The freeway to Dubrovnik will also keep changing as it is being built. Great book, buy the latest version if there is one. 37 of 39 people found the following review helpful. The best guide out there; author has a great "voice"; accurate, dependable. By Maria This is the most comprehensive guide in terms of giving you an overall picture of Croatia, including history, culture, and useful language translations. The information is not misleading as other guidebooks have proven to be. For example, some guidebooks tout Croatia's Istrian coast as an undiscovered paradise, but I can't imagine where that information is coming from, unless it is really old. The western coast has been slathered in concrete and is the epitome of mass tourism. One of the author's most telling statements is that your experience in Croatia depends so much upon when you go. If you go in July or August, you'll probably hate any city, no matter how beautiful because the Istrian coast is a mecca of the bussed-in mass tourists. Thankfully, this guide prepares you for that and helps you to steer clear of the bad/overtouristed places...mostly. I believe the author to be a bit biased by his interest in art and museums...and some places that he describes as so quaint and lovely, I was left scratching my head about. Porec for example. But for other places, he is dead on....the little piece on Umag might not jump out at you as overly negative but read between the lines...his warnings are subtle. Umag was a horror, a run-down, mass-tourism nightmare and has absolutely nothing to offer other than one desparate street of lungy, grabby restaurant owners and a pathetic rock beach that is under construction. Of course, he can't come right out and say that, but if you really listen to what he writes, you'll see it. I left Umag after one day (and I'm so glad that I did!) He's also right on about places like Rovinj, which was the loveliest place I have seen in a long, long time, in Croatia or anywhere. He is extremely accurate in recommending restaurants and attractions ... the reviews and recommendations were excellent. Many times you can't trust what guidebooks say ... they are either misleading or just leave out the bad stuff. This is not one of those books. You can depend upon the information. The maps of the towns are accurate, easy to follow. The author is also a good writer, so the book is interesting to read as well, and I even found myself laughing. He's fair and honest and knowledgeable. I depended on this book quite a bit in Croatia and was glad to have it. I think you will be too. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. off the beaten path By CarveGlass Like all Rough Guide books, this one is excellent. It provides the perfect starting point for adventurous travel. Not knowing anything about the Croatian countryside it gave us a good start to check out and read up about the country. A lot of areas piqued our interest and I learned a lot in the process. I was able to map out our trip confidently. The guides provide excellent information about language, pronunciation, customs, food and activities for every budget. I can recommend it.

"The Rough Guide to Croatia" is your ultimate travel guide to one of Eastern Europe's most beautiful countries with clear maps and detailed coverage of all the best Croatian attractions. From the hustle and bustle of Zagreb to the undulating hills and charming villages of the rural Zagorje, discover Croatia's highlights inspired by dozens of colour photos. Find detailed historical coverage of the must-see sights and practical advice on getting around the country whilst relying on up-to-date descriptions of the best hotels, bars, clubs, shops and restaurants for all budgets. "The Rough Guide to Croatia" includes two full-colour sections on Croatian cuisine and Croatia's beautiful Islands and a crucial language section with basic words, phrases and handy tips for pronunciation. You'll find up-to-date information on excursions around the country, including sea kayaking in Dubrovnik and trips to the ancient Pula Amphitheatre in Istria. Explore every corner of Croatia with expert background knowledge on everything from stone masonry to local pungent fungi! Make the most of your holiday with "The Rough Guide to Croatia".

Authoritative, practical, and refreshingly direct, Rough Guides can't be beat Chicago Tribune About the Author Jonathan Bousfield is co-author of Rough Guides to Austria, Bulgaria, Poland and the Baltic States.