



UPDATES ON

**CURRENT SITUATION IN CROATIA
AND INFORMATION ABOUT
FRANCE, ITALY & SPAIN**

REGARDING THE NAUTICAL TOURISM IN RESPECT OF COVID-19

With this information we intend to keep you up to date about the situation of the nautical tourism in Croatia, France and Italy.
A weekly update is aspired.



24.04.2020



Facts - Opinions - Interpretations - Speculations

Dear sailors,

we share the wish to end travel restrictions and open sailing areas as soon as this is responsible.

However, we do **not** participate in speculation. In many reports on the internet this is not the case and more is suspected and hoped for than reported. **We stick to the facts.**

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Coronavirus pandemic in Croatia

Latest news on outbreak, 22.04.2020

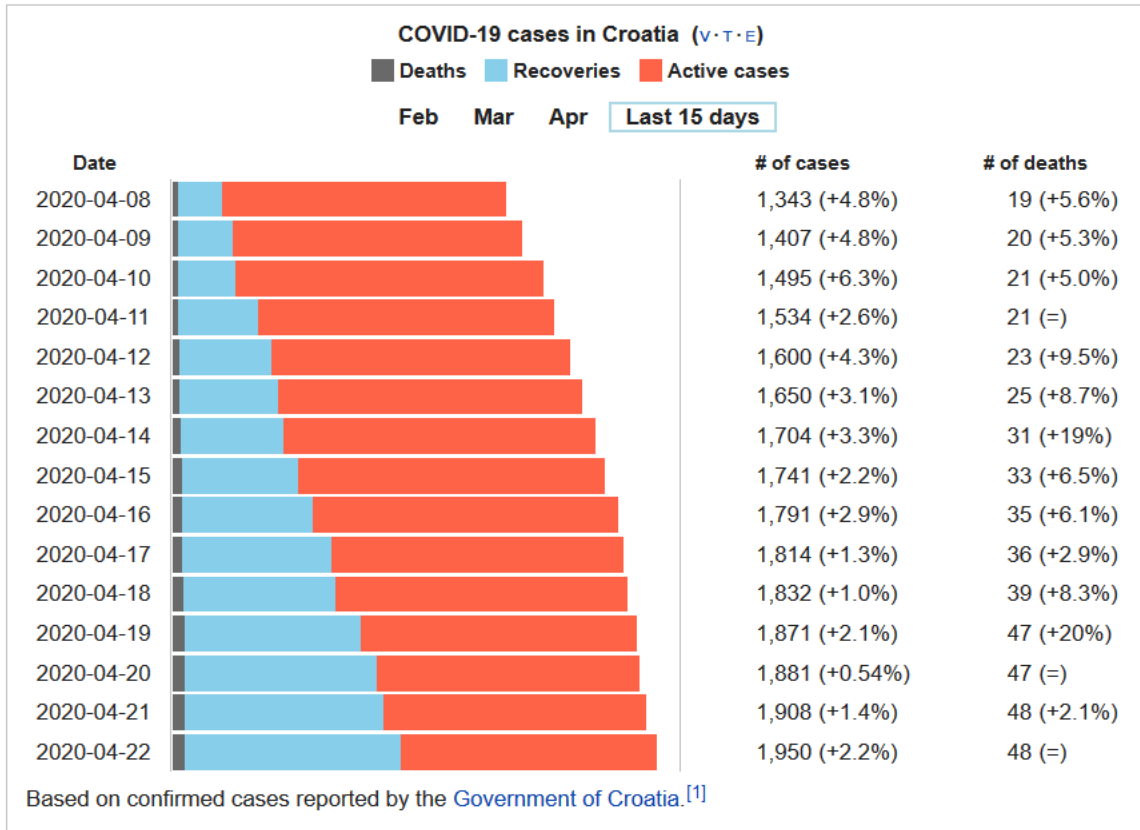
Outbreak of Coronavirus in Croatia

NEWS FROM LAST WEEK

On 20 April, ten new cases were confirmed. The number of patients on ventilators decreased to eighteen while the number of recovered patients increased to 771. No deaths were recorded.

On 21 April, 27 new cases were reported. The number of patients on ventilators did not change, while thirty recovered. One death was recorded; an 88-year-old woman from Zagreb.

On 22 April, 42 new cases were recorded while 68 had recovered. No deaths were reported. The new outbreak of the virus was recorded in a nursing home in Koprivnica, whose thirteen patients and three employees tested positive



Coronavirus Infographic

From latest news on 22.04.2020.

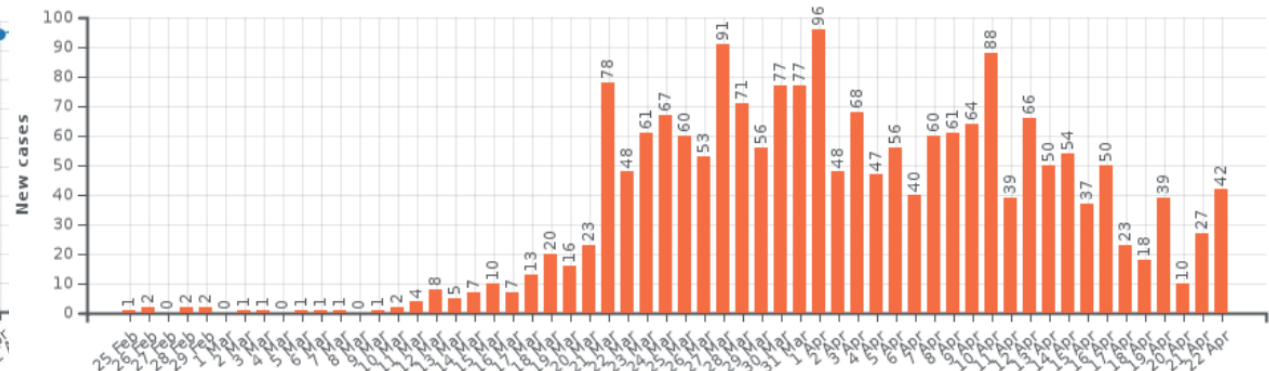
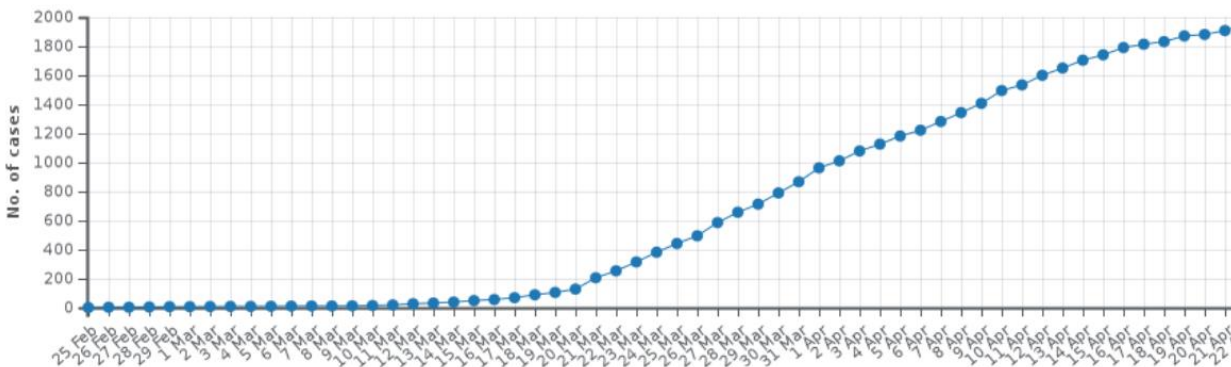
COVID-19

Situation in Croatia

So far, Croatian efforts in containing the coronavirus pandemic have been succesful and we managed to „flatten the curve” and not to have exponential growth – due to quarantine, strict monitoring of cases and contacts, and selfisolation measures. Government even forbid intercity travel and restricted public transport in order to minimize the impact.

There are currently 1950 officially confirmed Croatia COVID-19 cases and 42 new cases since yesterday afternoon. 869 patients have recovered. Forty-eight people have died. 18 patients are on ventilators. There are 1033 active cases.

Minister Vili Berson said yesterday "We are communicating with you and the public that when the situation is favorable we will consider very carefully which of the measures we have put in place and we have talked about putting together with the government a plan of measures that will least disturb the epidemic. The government will come out tomorrow with a document outlining the stages and dates.





Information on Croatian borders & travel

Latest news from 17.04.2020.

Croatian and EU Borders

COVID – 19 update on 16.04.2020.



On 8 April, the European Commission invited Member States and non-EU Schengen countries to extend the temporary restrictions on non-essential travel to the EU until 15 May.

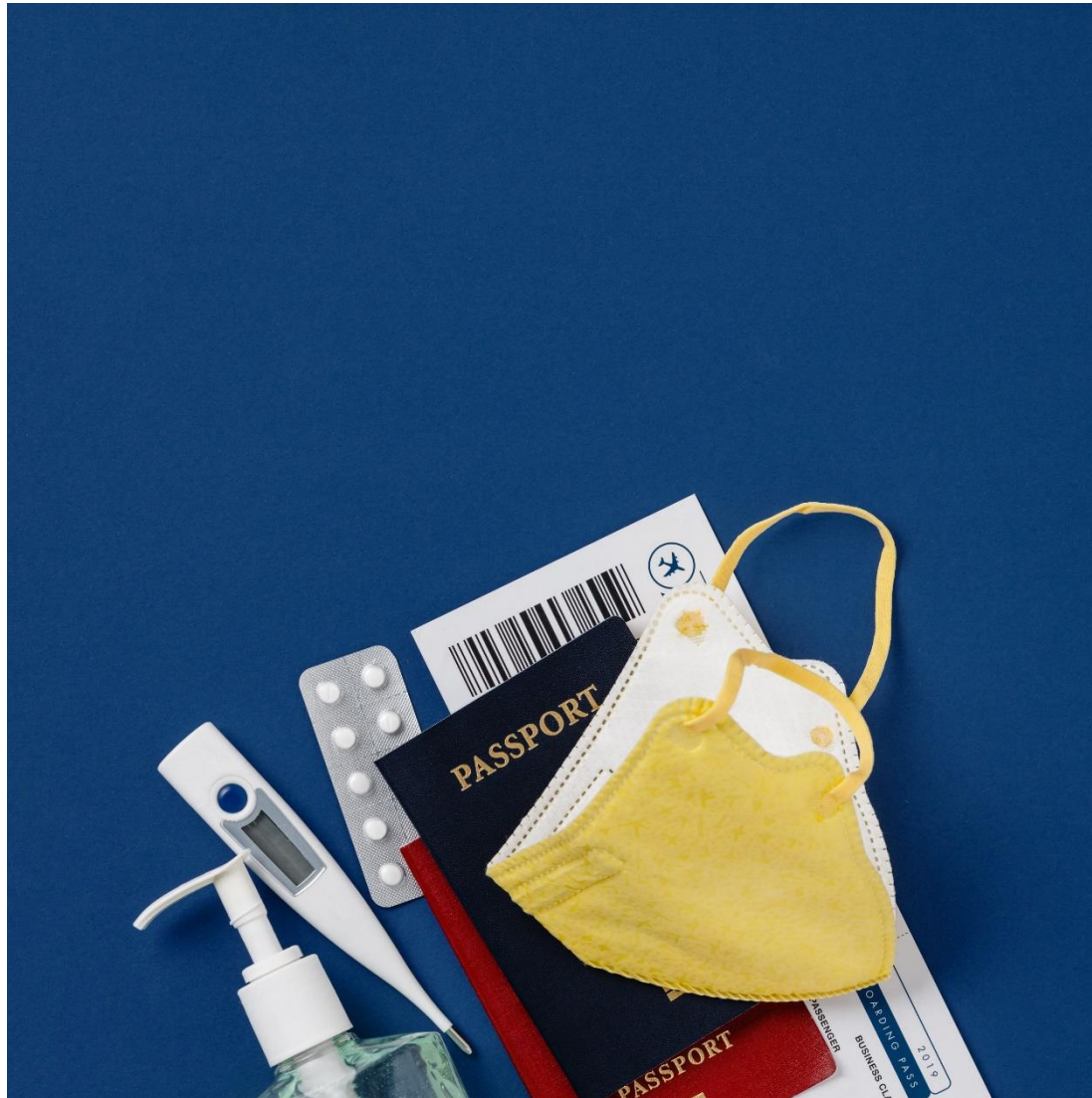
International commercial flight options currently exist in Croatia, but they are severely limited. Travel within the European Union is restricted on a country by country basis. Croatia has barred admission to all travelers except Croatian citizens and foreign national residents returning home, foreign citizens departing to their home countries, diplomats, law enforcement, medical workers, controlled shipments of goods, and others on a case by case basis.

Movement within Croatia is restricted. As of April 20, a pass is required to travel between counties.

About opening borders – Prime Minister Andrej Plenkovic on April 23rd
"I believe we will learn to live with this virus. We will find solutions with our partners in Europe. So we'll be in a position to move towards opening the borders as well. We'll find solutions in the coming weeks that will be mutually agreed upon and which will be safe," he said.

Travel Restrictions

Latest news & updates



TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

The ban on nonessential travel imposed by many countries in a bid to curb the spread of COVID-19 has adversely affected the tourism sector, which makes up a 20 percent of Gross Domestic Product of Croatia, a popular destination for many Europeans.

According to the information which he tweeted on his Twitter account, Plenković held telephone calls with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz, Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban and Slovenian Prime Minister Janez Janša. On Thursday afternoon, EU heads of state or government will hold a video conference to discuss a joint response to the economic and social repercussions of the corona crisis.

They are expected to reach agreement on a strategy for the recovery from the consequences of the coronavirus epidemic and on gradual reactivation of the economy.

Loosening of measures in Croatia?

COVID-19 situation

Based on other counties situation and sources like The Guardian, Index.hr, koronavirus.hr Government site

Loosening of measures announced

April 23, 2020 - The Croatian Government presented a three-phase plan to loosen coronavirus measures in Croatia.

"In our country, the epidemiological situation is under control. Despite minor fluctuations, the trend has been declining for the past two weeks," Prime Minister Andrej Plenkovic said. He says at no point was the number of new cases over 100.

Plenkovic presented loosening measures in three phases:

"What we are going to present today must come with strict measures.

Phase 1 begins on Monday, April 27: [The ability to] work will be provided to all entities engaged in trade activities except those operating within shopping centers.

We will make work possible for anyone engaging in service activities, except for those who have close contact with people.

Public city and suburban lines will be introduced. Libraries and museums will open. The training of athletes in the highest rank of competitions is allowed.

Phase 2, May 4: The health system will be fully operational except for exceptions decided by epidemiologists. The private healthcare system will operate.

Phase 3, May 11: Meetings of up to ten people will be allowed, shopping centers will be open, preschools will be open, classes from grades 1-4 will be provided and children with disabilities who have a teaching assistant will be able to undergo their education.

Nautical tourism in Croatia in 2020.

Predictions and opinions of the authors.

Tourism after COVID-19 outbreak

Things will change, we will adapt.

WHAT AUTHORITIES THINK?

April 23, 2020 - EU tourism ministers will hold a video conference on April 27 to discuss the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on tourism and measures to enable the quickest possible recovery of the sector, the Croatian Tourism Ministry said on Thursday.

April 23, 2020 - Croatian Prime Minister Andrej Plenković on Wednesday evening held telephone conversations with four European heads of government on restarting the tourist industry, a sector important for the Croatian economy.

Plenkovic also spoke about the tourist season:

"This morning and throughout this week, I interviewed colleagues whose citizens love Croatia. All colleagues would like us to find a model in the coming weeks on how to allow borders to open and allow people to come," Plenkovic said. He talked to Kurz, Janša, and Orban. He added that Angela Merkel also supports this.

"It's a government obligation," he said.

"If two countries are in a similar epidemiological situation, if they're fighting equally well, we will find a solution so you can travel. So that Slovenians can go to Croatia and Croats can go to Slovenia. Others have the same desires. We will look for a solution and then the season can be worked out. Clearly, it can't be a record season like the last three," Plenkovic said.

We believe that, due to Croatia outstanding efforts to contain the COVID-19 pandemic, and low number of those infected, we won't be hit as much as other EU countries such as France, Spain and Italy.

This will help Croatia to get back on it's feet more quickly, and to provide a safe zone for travelers around the world once the borders are open!

Nautic Tourism Service for Charter-Customer

WHAT CAN CHARTER-CUSTOMER DO TO SECURE THEIR PAYMENTS?

YACHT-POOL created an independent payment-security system for Charter Customers! The YACHT-POOL Trust Security Service :

In many cases, there are still uncertainties about further developments. Some things may change. But certainly not the need of people looking for relaxation on the sea. We are sure of that. YACHT-POOL can provide security when it comes to your payments for your next charter.

YACHT-POOL offers absolute security for charter-payments until the proper take-over of the chartered ship, in that payments are secured up to this point in a separate, bankruptcy-safe trust account in cooperation with a well-known German law firm.

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Therefore, booking now and sailing later is without any financial risk!



Nautic Tourism Service for Yacht-Owner

WHAT YACHT-POOL-CROATIA CAN DO FOR YACHT-OWNERS:

All owners of yachts in Croatia share the same problem:

due to border closing, travel restrictions and COVID-19 crisis, they can't reach their yachts moored in Croatia.

In cooperation with local experts YACHT-POOL-Croatia can offer a **special service** for yacht-owner in the Split/Trogir area FOR FREE:

Let us know and we will check on yachts and provide any necessary assistance - check the moorings, plug in/out shore power, check batteries etc.

This service is **now** offered in the Split/Trogir area, but we are working on expanding this service along the Croatian coast.

We will give further information with the next weekly update!

For more information please contact YACHT-POOL: info@yacht-pool-croatia.hr





Nautical tourism in France, Italy and Spain

Short information about the current situation

Affections on Nautic Tourism in France

Yacht industry News

The Maritime Prefect issued a decree on 20 March to prohibit pleasure boating, calls by cruise ships and water-based leisure activities unless an exemption is granted. 3,000 people have been inspected, 10% of whom have been fined. Containment is for everyone!



Closure of non-essential shops, prefectural bans linked to yachting: these measures are like a hammer blow for the professionals installed around the ports. Shipyards, the fittings trade... all are closed, Since a month, the yard has been closed, even the biggest, but it could not have been otherwise, with the containment measures, because three quarters of suppliers had stopped working.

Few boats ready to be delivered are stopped on the yards as the new owners can come to take them. Although the La Rochelle show has confirmed that it will take place in October maybe in a smaller version, the Cannes Yacht Show organization has not yet declared anything.

Thanks to the reopening of May 11th a glimmer of hope is beginning to appear for professionals, especially in the charter business.

Because if the gatherings are still forbidden, the hotel sector is still under tension. The charter solution seems to be confirmed as a very realistic holiday opportunity.

Affections on Nautic Tourism in Italy

Yacht industry News

The navigation is only allowed to transfer the boat from a marina to another or the reach the shipyard in order to do maintenance to the boat. Italian authority has increased the number of controls in sea to enforce the law.

The delivery of new boat is now stopped till further notice, not all the shipyards are working at the moment.

Genua boat show has been postpone to October, but the government can set some special restriction to public exhibition, so the future of the show for 2020 is unforecastable.

In Italy the call for a plan for a reopening of the nautical business is getting louder, according to this interview of the president of Confindustria Italiana Nautica:

"We must reopen on April 27th, a week before the phase 2 begin, not only for the boats to be delivered but also for production. I'm very worried about the small boat business, so an extra week of work would mean a lot. There's no more time, another week would mean a lot of companies closing down". This was said by the president of Confindustria Nautica Saverio Cecchi during a video conference for explain the situation in the yachting industry and give support to all the activities of the sector to face the period of the Covid-19 emergency and in perspective for the so-called phase 2.

Confindustria Nautica, which has organized several consultation tables extended to members, has already presented a detailed file to the government on the situation, depending on the resumption of activities. From the data processed by the group's research office, an estimate of 13% is given of what the industrial component of the supply chain has already lost in terms of a reduction in turnover as at 15 April, during the lock down period."



Affections on Nautic Tourism in Spain

Tourism is one of the most important activities in Spain generating almost the 20 % of the total employment in the high seasons and 14% of the GDP in the year.

The numbers of infections are very serious but when you analyze where the main cases are, you clearly discover that the core is the center of the land and in the more developed cities such as Madrid (57.000 cases) and Cataluña (42.000 cases) and not in the coasts and islands.

IMPACT ON TOURISM AND NAUTICAL ACTIVITY

The impact of the COVID 19 in tourism will be absolutely harm causing aprox. € 54.000 million loss in Spain. The nautical activity creates an impact of € 12.000 millions in the whole country and 83.000 direct and indirect jobs.

Nowadays, it is forbidden for any sailboat or motorboat to leave or enter a port and the nautical recreational activity it is not permitted. It is not allowed for owners, private or charter companies, to visit the boats. Only workers are permitted to work on maintenance, reparations and cleaning of the boats and eventually make a sea trial. The shipyards could open but few of them did it because they cannot get the spare parts from the distributors or the delivery time is too long.

In the last days the government decided a discount on port taxes and a postponement of their payment. The concessions of private ports, marinas and nautical clubs were extended for five years more from 20 to 25 years to compensate the loss during this season.



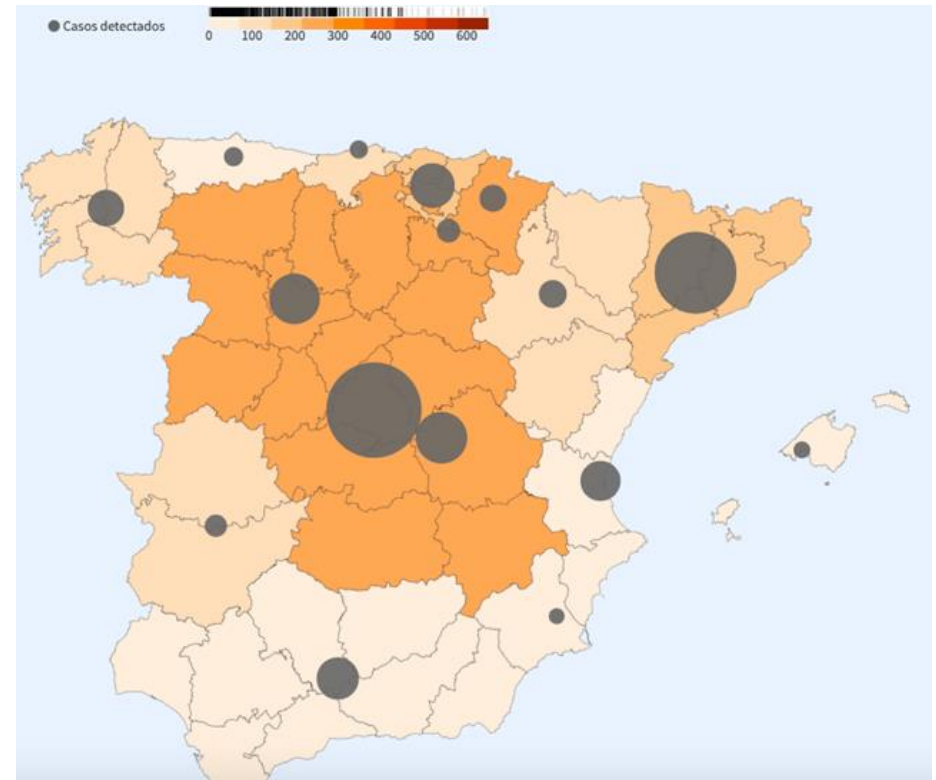
Affections on Nautic Tourism in Spain

LOOSENING MEASURES AND FLATTEN OF THE CURVE

In the last days the Spanish government has decided to loosen some measures allowing some activities to return to normality with special hygienic and distance cautions.

They are now planning the return of children to school and a reopening of activities by scales and differentiated by territories.

In that sense the provinces are asking the central government for differentiated measures because the impact of the COVID19 was very different according to any community.





STAY IN TOUCH

For further info on COVID-19 outbreak in Croatia

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And let us know if there is anything else we might do for you in this stressful times, we're at your disposal for help, support and assistance.