

CROATIAN LANGUAGE COURSE



- **Description:**

The Educational Center Preko (POU Preko) is located in a beautiful charming old building which has been totally renovated on 2007 in the village Preko on the island of Ugljan. Our Educational Center is located in the center of Preko and is only 5 meters distance from the beach.

The Center offers good facilities including: large classroom, teaching materials, video materials and is fully airconditioned.

Teachers hold a university degree in teaching Croatian as a foreign language to foreign students and the school has a good mix of international students from around the world. It rapidly gained an international reputation for innovative and effective ways of teaching.

The beach, harbor, cafes, bars and all facilities are only a short walk away.

- **Highlights**

The island of Ugljan is situated in the middle Dalmatia, Republic of Croatia, 25 minutes by ferry from 3000 years old town Zadar on the main land. With a population of nearly 8.000 inhabitants, the island of Ugljan is rich in cultural and historical monuments. Located on the coast, there is a wealth of contrast with small bays, beaches, steep cliffs and densely wooded bays. There is a rich variety of Flora including groves of cypress, pine, olive, palms, agave, cactus as well as vineyards and olives plantations together they create a unique atmosphere.

- **Teaching methods**

Modern didactic methods used on the Course to teach Croatian as a foreign language enable the students to acquire competence of all four language skills: speaking, writing, reading and listening.

The Course through interaction and multimedia offers its students a chance to acquire elementary and extended knowledge of phonology and grammar (morphology, syntax, semantics and

pragmatics) of contemporary Croatian language as well as knowledge of Croatian literature, culture and history. The Course has a capacity in both instruction and research to provide highquality tuition in various disciplines of interest to all those who need proficiency in Croatian – foreign students and teachers, researchers, diplomats, journalists and tourists.

The main domain of activity of the Course consists of instruction in the following areas:

- Standard Croatian Language: basics of pronunciation, spelling, reading, translation, conversation and grammar
- Croatian Literature, present and past
- Croatian Culture, National history and geography.

The participants are divided into small groups (of up to 8 students) in order to ensure active involvement of each participant. High-quality instruction of Croatian combined with small group's guarantees excellent results.

- **Language practice classes**

According to the Course participants' level of proficiency, which is established in a placement test on the first day, the following courses, according to the are organized:

- Elementary - lower and higher (Levels A1 and A2),
- Intermediate - lower and higher (levels B1 and B2),
- Advanced - 1 and 2 (levels C1 and C2).

- **Description**

By checking the knowledge of different subcategories of the language, the level of knowledge is determined and a method for overcoming weak points is established. Upon completion of the interview, students are placed into groups according to their level of knowledge. Classes can be organized into private groups, individual lessons or small groups, also called conversational groups.

Croatian classes for foreigners include 6 levels; 4 basic levels and 2 conversational levels (beginners and advanced).

Every level includes 40 hours. After completion of each level, the students are tested to determine their knowledge and to be able to take a higher level.

- Elementary

Level A1

On this level students are taught how to introduce and talk about themselves, their work, family and friends. They will manage simple life situations, answer questions about the weather and dates, manage a visit to the store and a restaurant, talk about food, buy a tram, bus or train ticket, order a taxi, send a postcard, etc.

Grammar:

Through intensive conversation, reading and writing, students are familiarized with grammar basics: personal and possessive pronouns, possessive adjectives, past, present and future tense of the verb «to be»; present of main verbs, verbs that express possibility and command, noun gender, noun inflection, numbers, reflexive pronoun «sebe, se».

Level A2

Students learn how to talk about themselves, their work, way of life and hobbies in more details. They will be able to talk about fashion, talk on the phone, describe cities and countries, write a letter, and talk about holidays and travels, and what to say in the post office or travel agency.

Grammar:

Through conversation, listening, reading and writing, students acquire past and future tenses, plural of nouns, practice noun inflections and learn inflection of personal pronouns.

Intermediate:

Level B1

Students learn what to say in a bank, use ATM machine, talk about holidays, describe excursions in more detail, talk more extensively about themselves and their friends and talk about Croatia sights.

Grammar:

Students revise and expand their knowledge from previous levels, expand their vocabulary, start with the functional analysis of the language and meet with more complex grammatical structures and also word stress.

Level B2

Students talk about themselves, their plans, interests, talk about their past and their future plans, documents, text from the newspapers and news.

Grammar:

Students learn compound tenses, aorist and imperfect tense. They also learn compound nouns, diminutives, augmentatives and practice their spelling.

- Advanced:

Levels C1 & C2

Students practice their conversation skills in business and other specific situations, read the daily news and literary works (prose and poetry). They practice presentations and writing business letters. Classes are organized to suit student's needs and are oriented towards vocabulary expansion and speech.

- Lectures

Depending on the special interests of the Course participants, additional courses and workshops are organized in the following areas:

- Croatian Language (Phonology and Accentology, Syntax and Semantics, Lexicology and Onomastics, Dialectology, history of the Croatian Vernacular and Literary Language, Old Church Slavonic...),
- Croatian Literature (Folk and Oral Literature, Medieval Literature, Contemporary Literature),
- National history and geography,
- Other Croatian subjects of interest to participant.

The participants can choose lectures on specific areas in the first week and these will be organized if a sufficient number of participants apply for them. Each participant who fulfills all course requirements and passes the final examination will be issued with a Certificate of Proficiency in Croatian Language. At the end of the course, there is assessment of the participants' achievement (in written and oral examinations).



- Teaching material

For the purpose of instruction, three modern course books for learning Croatian as a foreign language have been prepared, following the principles and requirements of the Communicative Approach:

- Hrvatski za početnike (Croatian for beginners 1)
- Dobro došli 1 i 2 (Welcome 1 and 2)
- Hrvatski kroz razgovor (Croatian through conversation)

The price of the set is included in the course fee.

This course books have been designed for students of elementary and intermediate levels of proficiency. (A1, A2, B1 and B2).

For advanced students of levels 1 and 2 (C1 and C2), there are special problem oriented texts and tailor-made exercises and workshops, which develop the students' grammatical, lexicosemantic and communicative competence.

- Extra curriculum activities:

Excursions: guided tour of Zadar - city break.

The fee also includes one extra curriculum activity per Module such as visit to one of the national parks or one of the outdoor activities (ship excursion, parasailing etc.)

Cultural and social activities: Visit to cultural events in Zadar and on the island (exhibitions, book promotions, literary evenings, theatre plays, concerts) optional.

Fees

EUR	US\$	CAD	CHF	GBP	AUD	XAU*
470	630	625	610	400	630	0.46

*GOLD OUNCES

THE PRICE ARE PER WEEK.
ONE MODULE IS MINIMUM 2 WEEKS.

Fees Includes :

- Standard 4 Lessons daily (20 lessons per week)
- Accommodation (Self-catered apartments)
- Use of teaching materials.
- Placement test on the beginning of course.
- Maximum class size: 15 students.
- Lecture on Croatian history, culture and art
- Cultural and social activities
- Excursions
- Certificate of Proficiency in Croatian Language

Dates:

Course start every 2nd Monday from 20 June 2011 till 29 August 2011. (20.6. / 4.7. / 18.7. / 2.8. / 16.8.)

Experience Required: NO

This Program is open to World Wide Participants.

Application must be send by vto@con-sole.hr till 20.June, 2011.

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