

**Country/Town Visited:** Dubrovnik, Croatia  
**Date of stay:** Aug 2012  
**Travelled with:** Friends & Family (Holiday Villa)  
**Tour or pre planned:** Pre Planned

Being originally from Ireland, it was an unusual request from a family member to want their wedding to be in Croatia. But it turned out to be the most spectacular wedding we have ever been to and I had never heard of the city of Dubrovnik before the wedding date was set, nor could I point to it on the map. But it is now one of my favourite destinations that I will always recommend to anyone I talk to.

August is considered to be one of the hottest months of the year in Croatia, and this August was definitely holding up its reputation. The average temperature for the week never dropped below 35 degrees so if you love the heat then this is the perfect destination. We stayed in a private villa for the week, roughly 1.5km to the North West of the city walls. The villas in Dubrovnik are very reasonably priced with most consisting of an outdoor pool area and large garden space.

The first key attraction in the city is the inner city walls. Also known as the old town, the entire inner area is surrounded by huge brick walls. Here you get the opportunity to walk along the city walls and also hire headphones so that as you walk you can learn all about the history of Dubrovnik.

My favourite attraction that I would highly recommend was the cable car journey to the top of Srd Mountain. At the summit the views are spectacular over the city and its surroundings (see images below). The restaurant at the top also has some really nice dishes and you can enjoy the views while you dine. One of the best times to take the journey to the top of the mountain is just before sunset. The sun sets over the back drop of several beautiful small islands is a must see.

After the wedding proceedings had finished at one of the local churches in the city walls we were ushered onto the city harbour walkway where we were greeted by one of the many boat tours. Here we cast off into the bay to be transported from the city to our next destination for the reception which was held at the Hotel Dubrovnik Palace around the North side of the city. The location was spectacular and the seating area was on a cliff edge overlooking the small islands and blue waters. The staff at the hotel were very polite and the food was great and this hotel is a must see if you are booking a long vacation.

There are plenty of opportunities to do water sports in the city and these are found inside the city walls at the harbour. We chose to do a canoe day trip and I'd fully recommend doing this. Food and drinks in the city are also reasonably priced and taxi fares are not too expensive.

All in all Dubrovnik was the perfect holiday destination for our family wedding and we will definitely be going back again soon.

### **Rating system**

Would you recommend this destination: **Yes**

Overall rating destination: **5 out of 5**

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