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FACULTY OF
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AND INFORMATICS
VARAŽDIN

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

ABOUT US

The Faculty of Organization and Informatics, part of the University of Zagreb, is a leading institution in Croatia for education and research in information sciences, organizational sciences, and computer science.

UNIZG FOI fosters an innovative and interdisciplinary approach to education, combining IT, business and management. We actively collaborate with international universities and industry partners, offering a number of exchange programmes, research opportunities and joint projects.

Explore UNIZG FOI: <https://www.foi.unizg.hr/en>



VENUE

The University of Zagreb, Faculty of Organization and Informatics (UNIZG FOI) is located in Varaždin, a city in northern Croatia, approximately 80 km from the capital, Zagreb.

UNIZG FOI operates across three buildings, commonly referred to as FOI 1, FOI 2, and FOI 3.

FOI 1 (MAIN BUILDING)



Located at Pavlinska 2, on the main city square, this is the central hub of the faculty, housing most staff offices and serving as the primary venue for events, including FOI International Days.

FOI 2

Located at Prilaz Fausta Vrančića 3, primarily used for teaching activities, especially for the Economics of Entrepreneurship study programme.



FOI 3 (VILLA ORŠIĆ)



A smaller historical building situated between FOI 1 and FOI 2 (Ul. Petra Preradovića 15), used for smaller meetings, workshops and similar events.

ARRIVAL TO VARAŽDIN

Varaždin is easily accessible by car (highway) or bus, and also by train, but connections in Croatia are generally slow, with only a few faster trains per day.

From Zagreb Airport, you have two main options:

- **Taxi/Private transfer** – This is the most convenient option, especially if shared with other travelers. Our guests often use [City Airport Taxis](#) for van rentals.
- **Public transport** – Take the airport shuttle bus to the main Zagreb bus station, then transfer to a regular bus to Varaždin. Buses are frequent, and the journey takes 1 hour 15 minutes to 1 hour 30 minutes. You can check schedules here: [Zagreb Bus Station](#).

ACCOMMODATION

There are several accommodation options in Varaždin, including hotels, private rentals, and a student residence. UNIZG FOI has discounted rates at several facilities:

- **Hotel Park Boutique****** – We recommend booking directly via email and mentioning that you are our guest to receive a 30% discount on regular prices. The cost per night, including breakfast, is approximately 90 EUR.
Contact: recepcija@park-boutique-hotel.eu
- **Hotel Turist****** – Also book directly via email to apply the discount (around 100 EUR per night, depending on the room, including breakfast).
Contact: recepcija@hotel-turist.hr
- **Student Residence** – A good option offers rooms and apartments for staff. If you're interested, you can let us know and we'll check availability for you, or you can book directly by stating that you are an FOI guest. The price is approximately €30 per night, depending on the room. Breakfast is also available.
Contact: dom@scvz.hr
- **Pansion Maltar** – A family run facility in the centre of Varaždin.
Contact: info@maltar.hr

FOOD

It's well known that this part of Croatia offers great food. Varaždin has several excellent restaurants where you can enjoy local and traditional cuisine, with **Restaurant Verglec**, located in the heart of the city, being a standout choice. If you're in the mood for Italian cuisine (pizza & pasta) with a local touch, check out **Angelus** and **Domenico**.

For a more refined dining experience, restaurants **The Family**, **Bedem** and **NOBEL** offer excellent menus and an elegant atmosphere.

Of course, if you're short on time or just craving something quick, **Banus Grill**, **Doner**, **Schwabos**, **Golden Chef – Lounge Bar**, or **P'alapassion** (a pancake house) are great fast-food options.



WHAT TO SEE

During your visit to Varaždin, we highly recommend exploring its rich history, charming streets, and unique cultural sites.

Varaždin Castle & Old Town (Stari Grad) – This well-preserved medieval fortress houses a museum showcasing the city's history.

Varaždin Cathedral – A stunning baroque cathedral, perfect for history and architecture lovers.

City center & hidden corners – Take a stroll through the picturesque old town, discover small streets, and soak in the lively atmosphere.

The City of Angels – Varaždin is often called the "City of Angels," so keep an eye out for angel motifs hidden around the city. Visit the Angels Museum on Silvija Strahimira Kranjčevića Street.

Varaždin Cemetery – One of the most beautiful cemeteries in Europe, recognized as a protected monument of park architecture and a cultural heritage site.

Entomological Collection "World of Insects" – Located in Herzer Palace, this unique exhibition showcases a fascinating world of insects.



ALSO IN CROATIA

We highly recommend spending some time in **Zagreb capital** before or after the event. The nearby **Međimurje** and **Zagorje** regions, with their picturesque green hills, vineyards and rich gastronomy, are a must-visit.

If you have more time, consider a trip to the coast – it's a great idea to visit the Adriatic in May! The nearest coastal city is **Rijeka**, an industrial and harbor city, but with great vibes, culture and gastronomy. The nearby **Opatija Riviera** is beautiful and well worth visiting.

Other great options for a two-day trip include the **Istrian Peninsula** or the historic **city of Zadar**.

Overall, no matter where you go in Croatia, you're sure to have a great experience.

Explore Croatia: <https://croatia.hr/en-gb>



CONTACT US

If you need more information or would like us to arrange an individual meeting with researchers from a specific area, laboratory, or center, feel free to contact the FOI International Relations Office directly.

You can find a list of research centers and laboratories [here](#).

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We wish you a warm welcome!