

**Travel advisory for the
125th IEEE Region 8 Committee Meeting
Dubrovnik, Croatia, 18-19 October 2025**

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[2025-October - Dubrovnik - IEEE Region 8](http://october-2025.ieeer8.org/)

WELCOME TO DUBROVNIK – HOST CITY FOR IEEE REGION 8 COMMITTEE MEETING

Dubrovnik, often celebrated as the "Pearl of the Adriatic," stands as a beacon of historical grandeur and natural beauty on Croatia's southern coastline. The city is globally recognized for its magnificent historic Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site, which, alongside its spectacular landscapes, contributes to its undeniable charm and allure.



- Population: Dubrovnik city urban area 26,922; metropolitan area 65,808
- Currency: Euro (EUR)
- Time zone: Central European Summer time zone (CEST = GMT / UCT + 2).
- Telephone calling prefix is: +385
- Units of measure: The metric system
- Electricity: Electrical sockets (outlets) in Croatia are one of the two European standard electrical socket types: The "Type C" Europlug and the "Type E" and "Type F" Schuko. The standard voltage is 230 V / frequency 50 Hz.



VENUE AND ACCOMMODATION – HOTEL RIXOS PREMIUM DUBROVNIK

The **Rixos Premium Dubrovnik** will be the main venue for the IEEE Region 8 meeting. The Rixos Premium Dubrovnik is a luxury, five-star hotel located near the Old Town of Dubrovnik, Croatia. Known for its modern architecture and impressive exterior that cascades down to the Adriatic Sea, it offers a sophisticated stay with premium amenities. The hotel has 310 rooms, which were given a major refurbishment in 2020. Its location places is just 1.5 kilometers (approx. 0.9 miles) from Dubrovnik's historic Old Town, making it highly accessible for exploring the city's main attractions even on foot.



Address: Rixos Premium Dubrovnik

<https://www.rixos.com/hr/hotel-resort/rixos-premium-dubrovnik>

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PROVISIONAL MEETING AND SOCIAL EVENTS SCHEDULE

Friday, 17 October 2025

18:00–19:00 Welcome reception: Croatia Section presentation & cocktail (Hotel Rixos)

19:00–22:00 Welcome Dinner at the Hotel Rixos Mykorini Beach Restaurant

Saturday, 18 October 2025

09:00–17:00 The R8C meeting, Day 1 (meeting room Mistral AB, floor 9)

17:30–19:00 Sightseeing of the Old Town (bus transfer at 17:00h)

19:00–22:00 Gala Dinner at the Posat Restaurant, Dubrovnik

Sunday, 19 October 2025

09:00–13:00 The R8C meeting, Day 2 (meeting room Mistral AB, floor 9)

13:00–14:00 Adjourn and lunch

Monday, 20 October 2025

Departure

DRESS CODE:

Please note that the dress code for the IEEE Region 8 committee meeting is business casual. Walking sightseeing on Saturday afternoon and the gala dinner afterwards dress code casual.

SOCIAL EVENTS

1. Welcome Reception, Friday 19:00–22:00 h after the Croatia Section presentation & cocktail, at the [Hotel Rixos](#) (Mykorini Beach Restaurant if good weather; Mistral meeting room if bad weather). Menu:

Aged Smoked Beef with Trapist Cheese

Served with Olives and Pickles

Roasted Dalmatian Lamb

Served with Homemade Potatoes & Vegetables

Local delicacy

2. Old Town sightseeing, Saturday 17:30–19:00 h. Bus transfer from Hotel Rixos starts at 17:00 h. Guided 1.5h walking tour, groups of 35-40 people with wireless tour guide audio system.

3. Gala Dinner, Saturday 19:00–22:00 h after the Old Town sightseeing at [Posat Restaurant](#) (ul. uz Posat 1, Dubrovnik) next to the Old Town main entrance Pilat. Menu:

Carpaccio & Carpaccio

Swordfish carpaccio and octopus's carpaccio on young salads, juvenile fish in lemon and pepper emulsion

Scallops & Beetroot

Scallops wrapped in zucchini on arugula pesto with beetroot creamy risotto

Fish & Olives

Fresh white fish fillet with black olives crust on broad beans mousse and warm-cold vegetable salad

Dubrovačka rozata & Vanilla

Traditional Dubrovnik dessert with caramel and vanilla ice cream

AIRPORT - HOTEL TRANSFER

Dubrovnik Airport (DBV), also known as Ruđer Bošković Airport, serves as the primary gateway to the city, offering a range of facilities designed to facilitate a smooth arrival for travelers. Rixos Premium Dubrovnik is approximately 23 km (14.3 miles) or 30 minutes by car from Dubrovnik Airport (DBV).



1. Taxi

Dubrovnik is a city with many exclusive possibilities. There are also taxi drivers believing to fit this category and they may charge their services significantly above the average price of regular taxi services and often without possibility of credit cards, especially offering such services to foreign visitors.

Important note: Participants are therefore kindly advised not to use airport taxis. Instead, it is strongly recommended to use Uber or Bolt, which are reliable, safe, and usually much more affordable options for reaching the hotel. **Expected price for UberX is ~30-50 EUR.**

2. Recommended option – Uber/Bolt, preferably shared with other IEEE guests

Ride-sharing services provide an alternative to traditional taxis, offering convenience through mobile applications.

- Uber: Uber is available for pickup services at Dubrovnik Airport (DBV). Travelers can request a ride directly through the Uber app, with the official pickup location at Dubrovnik Airport to the left of the taxi rank at Terminal B. When you arrive, open your Uber app and follow the in-app directions to guide you to the designated pickup zone. The cost of trip depends on several factors, including the chosen ride type and the current demand for rides. **Price to Rixos hotel in regular conditions is ~30 EUR.**

- Bolt: Bolt offers similar pricing and conditions as Uber and the choice between the two is up to your preference as both are the recommend way of travelling. Drivers will use both apps.

- Should you need more personalized approach, most of the Uber / Bolt drivers can be asked for contact for specialized or tailored driving services. Lot of them have contracts with hotels or tourist agencies, they accept pre-scheduled airport transfers and wait at the arrivals (for those who do not use Bolt/Uber). One example is Aleksandar private driver +385 99 375 8668 (WhatsApp) offering airport transfers, daily trips and private tours.

3. Airport bus

An official airport shuttle bus transports people between Dubrovnik's main bus station and the airport. The journey time is about 25-30 minutes. It is a convenient and affordable way of transport to and from Dubrovnik airport.

The bus leaves the airport 30 minutes after every flight. The bus arrives in Dubrovnik at the [main bus station](#) in Gruž. From here, some buses cover most of the city. The shuttle bus timetable for departures from Dubrovnik main station to the airport and information on tickets and prices are available [here](#). From the main bus station you can take [bus number 7 KANTAFIG - BABIN KUK](#).

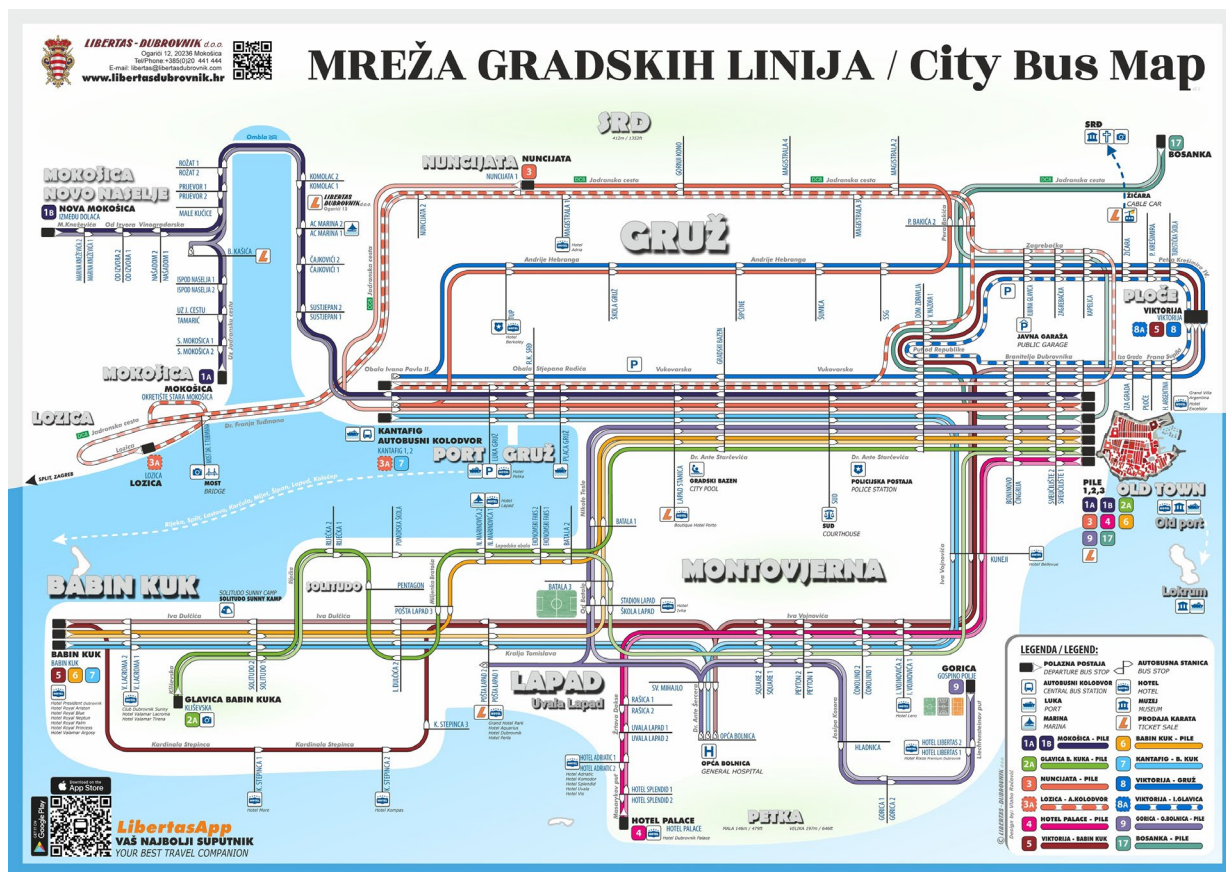
4. Private shuttle/hotel transfer

Many hotels offer private airport shuttle services, and these can be arranged in advance. Check with your hotel for availability and pricing: <https://www.rixos.com/hr/hotel-resort/rixos-premium-dubrovnik>

DUBROVNIK CITY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

From the Rixos Premium Dubrovnik, guests can easily access the city's public transport network. A bus stop is located just a short walk from the hotel on Iva Vojnovića Street, served by several local lines, including Line 4 (towards the Old Town – Pile Gate) and Line 7 (towards the Central Bus Station in Gruž). These connections provide convenient access to Dubrovnik's main attractions, as well as transport links to other parts of the city.

Public transport routes and timetable: <https://www.libertasdubrovnik.com/en/timetable/1/city-timetable>



Prices : <https://www.libertasdubrovnik.hr/en/price-list>

CURRENCY AND PAYMENTS

Currency: The official currency of Croatia is the **Euro (EUR)**. Credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, etc.) are widely accepted in hotels, restaurants, and shops; it is advisable to carry some cash for smaller souvenir purchases or local markets.

Currency Exchange: Exchange services are available at the airport, banks, major hotels, and exchange offices throughout the city. Be aware that exchange rates at the airport may not be the most favorable. ATMs are widely available, and most international debit and credit cards are accepted.

Tips: Tipping is customary in Croatia when related to hospitality. In restaurants, rounding up the bill or leaving **around 10%** is appreciated but not mandatory.

CLIMATE OVERVIEW – WEATHER IN OCTOBER

October in Dubrovnik is characterized by mild autumn weather, with temperatures typically around 20°C (70°F), and such is the sea temperature, although in last several years it has leaned towards 24°C. Days are often sunny and pleasant, but evenings can be cooler, especially near the coast. Occasional rain showers are possible, with about 30% chance in October, so it is best to be prepared for changing weather conditions.

What to Pack:

- Swimming suit just in case of a warm sunny day.
- Comfortable shoes as Dubrovnik's Old Town and surroundings are best explored on foot.
- A light jacket or sweater for cooler evenings.
- Possibly an umbrella as well.

MUST-SEE ATTRACTIONS

1. Old Town (Stari Grad) & City Walls:

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Dubrovnik's Old Town is surrounded by impressive medieval stone walls. Walking the city walls offers breathtaking views over the Adriatic Sea, red-tiled rooftops, and historic fortresses.



2. Pile Gate & Stradun:

The main entrance to the Old Town, Pile Gate leads onto Stradun, the city's central promenade. Lined with shops, cafés, and landmarks, it is the perfect place to experience the city's vibrant atmosphere.

3. Fort Lovrijenac:

Often called "Dubrovnik's Gibraltar," this fortress sits on a cliff overlooking the sea. It played a key role in the city's defense and today offers spectacular views of the Old Town and the coastline.

4. Rector's Palace:

A stunning example of Gothic-Renaissance architecture, the Rector's Palace now houses the Cultural History Museum, showcasing Dubrovnik's rich political and cultural past.

5. Dubrovnik Cathedral (Assumption Cathedral):

Built in Baroque style, the cathedral is known for its treasury, which holds relics, paintings, and priceless religious artifacts.

6. Franciscan Monastery & Old Pharmacy:

This monastery complex includes one of the oldest pharmacies in Europe (established in 1317), still operating today, alongside a tranquil cloister and historical museum.



7. Mount Srđ & Cable Car:

For the best panoramic views of Dubrovnik, the Adriatic Sea, and the nearby islands, take the cable car to the top of Mount Srđ. A must for photography lovers.

8. Lokrum Island:

Just a short ferry ride from the Old Town, Lokrum is a lush island nature reserve with botanical gardens, a Benedictine monastery, and scenic swimming spots.

9. Gundulić Square Market:

Located in the Old Town, this lively morning market offers fresh produce, local delicacies, and handmade souvenirs — a great place to experience local culture.

10. Beaches (Banje & Lapad):

Dubrovnik is also famous for its beaches. Banje Beach, just outside the Old Town, is popular for its views of the city walls, while Lapad Bay offers a more relaxed atmosphere.



SPECIAL SERVICES

- Dubrovnik Pass – The official city card. It includes free entry to the City Walls, many of Dubrovnik's museums and galleries, as well as unlimited rides on public buses operated by Libertas during the validity period (1, 3, or 7 days). The pass also provides various discounts on cultural, entertainment, and dining experiences <https://www.dubrovnikpass.com/>
- Hop On Hop Off Tours – Sightseeing tours are available with panoramic buses offering hop-on hop-off services. These tours cover key attractions inside and outside the Old Town, with audio guides in multiple languages <https://sightseeing-dubrovnik.com/>

NEARBY HISTORIC AREAS AND DAY TRIPS

For those with extra time, Dubrovnik is surrounded by charming towns, islands, and coastal villages that are rich in history and tradition. These destinations offer a glimpse into Croatia's past and natural beauty, and are easily accessible from the city center. Here are a few notable places to visit:

1. **Cavtat:**
A picturesque coastal town just 20 km south of Dubrovnik, Cavtat is known for its waterfront promenade, historic villas, and the Racic Mausoleum. It's perfect for a relaxed stroll and enjoying local cuisine.
2. **Mljet Island:**
Part of Mljet National Park, this lush island offers dense forests, saltwater lakes, and a 12th-century Benedictine monastery. It's ideal for hiking, cycling, and swimming in serene surroundings.
3. **Korčula Island:**
Famous as the birthplace of Marco Polo, Korčula combines medieval architecture with scenic beaches. Explore the Old Town, narrow streets, and local vineyards.
4. **Ston and its Walls:**
Located about an hour's drive from Dubrovnik, Ston is renowned for its impressive medieval walls, salt pans, and fresh oysters. A great stop for history buffs and food lovers alike.
5. **Elaphiti Islands:**
A small archipelago northwest of Dubrovnik, including Šipan, Lopud, and Koločep. These islands feature sandy beaches, pine forests, and quaint villages, perfect for a day of exploration or a boat tour.
6. **Pelješac Peninsula:**
Known for its vineyards and coastal scenery, Pelješac offers wine tasting, historic towns like Orebić, and access to beautiful beaches.

Day Trips Recommended by IEEE Croatia Section

Brought by the brainstorming of IEEE Croatia Section Executive Committee, below you can find recommended options for half-day or full-day tours if you are staying extra days. Given prices are of guaranteed quality, and you can also use the keywords to search for cheaper or free alternatives if you like.

Half-day tours

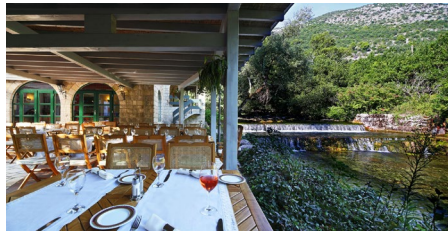
1. Game of Thrones themed sightseeing + Lokrum island

Immerse yourself in the captivating world of Game of Thrones as you stroll through Dubrovnik's stunning Old Town—King's Landing on screen. This 2 hour guided walking tour highlights iconic filming locations. Just a 15-minute boat ride from Dubrovnik's Old Port, Lokrum Island is a lush, peaceful escape steeped in nature, legend—and Game of Thrones lore. Once you arrive, you'll be surrounded by botanical gardens, wild peacocks, and ancient ruins, including the 11th-century Benedictine Monastery. **~60,00 EUR per person (min 8 people)**



2. Cavtat + Konavle

A Cavtat & Konavle tour offers a perfect balance of nature, history, culture, and culinary delights—an ideal half-day excursion to experience Southern Dalmatia beyond Dubrovnik's walls. The tour includes transportation, guided tour of Cavtat and lunch at picturesque Konavoski dvori (drinks not included). ***130,00 EUR per person (min 8 people)**



Full-day tours

1. Elafiti - boat rentals / customized tours

Escape the bustle of Dubrovnik and set sail on a relaxing full-day adventure through the enchanting Elafiti Islands—a picturesque archipelago known for crystal-clear waters, charming villages, and unspoiled nature. The tour typically includes three main islands: Koločep, Lopud, and Šipan—each with its own unique charm. Travel by comfortable boat, with plenty of time to swim, explore, and unwind. Decide on the spot where to eat. Options:

***1.600,00 EUR boat (total for max 8 people):** drinks, snacks, beach towels, snorkeling equipment, skipper, gas, taxes - included

****750,00 EUR boat (total for max 6 people):** skipper, gas, taxes - included



2. Pelješac Oyster & Wine Tasting

Embark on a luxurious culinary journey through the stunning Pelješac Peninsula, a paradise for wine and oyster lovers. This exclusive tour blends the region's rich traditions with modern elegance, offering private visits to an organic winery and family-run oysteria in Mali Ston Bay. Savor freshly harvested oysters paired with local wines, explore centuries-old vineyards, and indulge in a gourmet Dalmatian meal, all while surrounded by breathtaking Adriatic views. ***280,00 EUR per person (2-3 people); **220,00 EUR per person (4-8 people)**



Rixos hotel offers several organized trips:

- [individual trips: Montenegro, Mostar, Elaphite islands, Quad and Buggy adventure...](#)
- [group trips](#)
- [boat tours](#)

DINING IN DUBROVNIK

Dubrovnik is a culinary gem on the Adriatic, blending traditional Croatian flavors with Mediterranean and international cuisine. Here are some must-try dishes:

- **Peka:** A traditional Dalmatian dish of meat or seafood slow-cooked under a bell-shaped lid with vegetables and herbs.
- **Black Risotto (Crni Rižot):** A rich seafood risotto colored with cuttlefish ink, a local specialty.
- **Fresh Adriatic Seafood:** Grilled fish, octopus's salad, and shellfish are staples along the coast.
- **Rozata:** A caramel custard dessert similar to flan, often flavored with local liqueur.

For fine dining, Dubrovnik offers several gourmet restaurants with stunning sea views, while quaint konobas (traditional taverns) provide an authentic taste of Dalmatian hospitality.



SHOPPING AND SOUVENIRS

- **Stradun (Placa):** Dubrovnik's main pedestrian street, lined with shops, cafes, and restaurants, perfect for a leisurely stroll and shopping.
- **Old Town Markets:** Ideal for local products such as olive oil, lavender, traditional sweets, and handcrafted souvenirs.
- **Marina and Lapad Area Boutiques:** Home to high-end shops, designer boutiques, and galleries showcasing Dalmatian art and crafts.