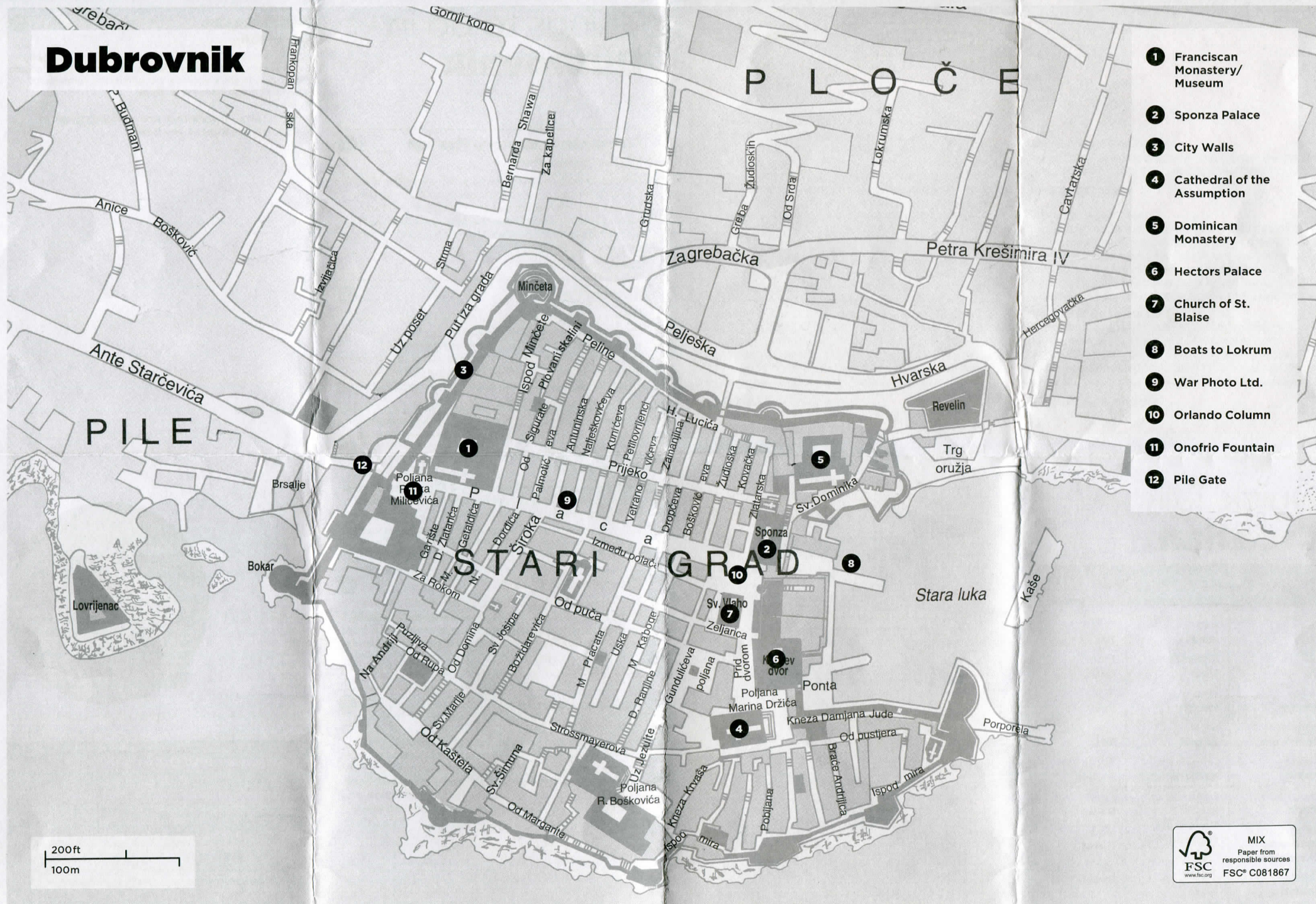


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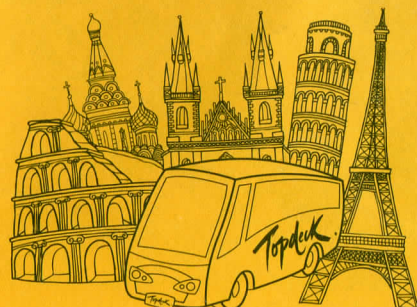
The official language of Croatia is Croatian.  
The following are a few words to help you out.

Yes <b>Da</b>	Exit <b>Izlaz</b>	Three <b>Tri</b>
No <b>Ne</b>	Entrance <b>Ulaz</b>	Four <b>Cetiri</b>
Hello <b>Zdravo</b>	Men <b>Muski</b>	Five <b>Pet</b>
Goodbye <b>Dovidenja</b>	Women <b>Zenski</b>	Six <b>Sest</b>
Please <b>Molim</b>	How much? <b>Koliko Kosta?</b>	Seven <b>Sedam</b>
Thank you <b>Hvala</b>	Do you speak English? <b>Govorite li engleski?</b>	Eight <b>Osam</b>
Open/Closed <b>Otvoreno/Zatvoreno</b>		Nine <b>Devet</b>
Toilets <b>Toaleti</b>	One <b>Jedan</b>	Ten <b>Deset</b>
	Two <b>Dva</b>	

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## City Guide Dubrovnik



**Eating & Drinking**

There are many cafes and restaurants in the old town. Sitting down for a coffee in the old city is a great way to spend the afternoon and do some people watching. There are some good little restaurants in the backstreets that sell pizzas and seafood at good prices.

Wines in the central regions of the country are also quite varied. On the coasts red wines are more commonly produced while in the central regions generally white wines are produced. You will also see locals sitting down enjoying either a beer or a coffee in Croatia, both of which are consumed in large quantities here.

**Internet Cafes**

The info centre just outside the main gates of the old city has internet available, plus there are many throughout the city itself.

**Shopping**

There are many local artisans who specialize in domestic crafts. Popular purchases include: hand-made tablecloths, linens, and napkins. Another local specialty is little dolls dressed in local garb. The pharmacy at the Franciscan Monastery creates hand creams and other toiletries based on ancient recipes. While wandering around the Old Town, you will come across many shops that sell Croatian goods such as wine and textiles.

## Things to do in Dubrovnik

### Franciscan Monastery/Museum

Museum approx 30Kn

Dating back to the 14th century, the monastery was badly damaged by an earthquake in 1667 and was almost entirely rebuilt, but the cloister and other elements still survive from the original building. It also houses what's believed to be the oldest working pharmacy in Europe.

Open: Daily 9am - 6pm

### Sponza Palace

Free

This attractive 16th Century palace on Stradun houses the Memorial Room of the Defenders of Dubrovnik, which contains photos and artefacts from Croatian patriots who died during the 1991-92 city siege. It also contains the city archives and hosts temporary art exhibitions.

Open: daily 9am - 2pm, though times vary during exhibitions

### City Walls

Approx 70 Kn

Dubrovnik is encircled by nearly 2 kilometres of wall. Take a walk around one of Europe's most beautiful and strongest fortification systems.

Open: Jun to Jul 8am - 7.30pm, Apr to May & Aug to mid Sep 8am - 7pm, mid Sep to Oct 8am - 6pm, Nov to Mar 10am - 3pm

### Church of St Blaise

Dedicated to the city's patron saint, this Baroque church was rebuilt in 1706 after being destroyed by fire. It contains a gold-plated statue of St Blaise from the 16th Century, which escaped the blaze and is now incorporated in to the altar.

Open: daily 8am - 12pm & 4.30pm - 7pm

### Boats to Lokrum

Approx 35 Kn

Lokrum is known as Treasure Island because of its rich pine-wood, subtropical vegetation, natural swimming-places and exotic historical heritage. The boats, called Skala and Zrinski, leave every half hour from the Old Town. The trip lasts 15 minutes and it's a great chance to view the City Walls from the sea.

### War Photo Ltd.

Approx 30 Kn

Dubrovnik has had a turbulent history, so is the perfect place for a museum which shows how raw war can be. This museum uses photos to show you how war affects the combatants involved and also innocent civilians.

**Remember! Entrance fees and opening times in Europe can change at any time.**

**Topdeck Top Tip:** Look out for small holes and chips in the buildings and pavements of the old city, some of which are from the siege and bombardment of Dubrovnik during the break up of Yugoslavia.

### Getting around Dubrovnik

The easiest way to get around Dubrovnik is by bus as most buses will take you to the old city, though it pays to check first. Tickets cost approx 12 Kuna for a single journey, or you could try picking up a day pass for 30 Kuna at the main bus terminals. Once you're by the old city then walking is the best form of transport, especially along the coastal roads where the views are often spectacular.