Our dear friends,

Let us tell you a little bit about Croatia. It is situated in the South of Europe. About 4 million people live in Croatia and 1 million people live in Zagreb which is the capital of Croatia. Did you know that the tie was invented in Croatia? It was invented in 17th century actually, it was worn by Croatian soldiers and it spread all over the world.

Everyone has heard about Nikola Tesla, but did you know that he was born in Croatia; in a small village Smiljan in Lika region. He spent most of his life in the USA. We are so proud of him because he is one of the world's greatest scientists.

When you visit Croatia, a must see place is Dubrovnik. It is one of the most beautiful towns in Croatia and probably the world. In 1979, the city of Dubrovnik was added to the UNESCO list of the World Heritage Sites and it became even more popular when the famous series The Games of Thrones and the famous movie Star Wars were filmed there.

Croatia is very popular with tourists. Some of the famous people who have visited us were Prince Harry, Angelina Jolie, Brad Pit, Ronaldo, Salma Hayek to name a few. Thousands of tourists visit Croatia and its islands every year. There are more than a thousand islands in Croatia. There are eight national parks and they are: Briuni, Kornati, Krka, Mljet, Paklenica, Plitvička jezera, Risnjak, North Velebit

Check them out!

The Croatians are very good at sports. You probably know some of our athletes. Luka Modrić is the best soccer player in the world. Water polo is very popular in Croatia. Handball is also popular. A lot of young people play it. Marin Čilić, Goran Ivanišević, Borna Čorić and Monika Seleš are famous tennis player.

Most people admire our neighbours’ food (Italian), however you would be surprised how well you can eat in Croatia. Our traditional food is yummy! “Peka”is a dish made with any kind of meat or octopus. “Strukli” is delicious pastry filled with cottage cheese and sour cream. It is very popular in the region of Hrvatsko Zagorje. “Brudet” consists of different species of fish. Everybody has their own way of making brudet. Brudet is usually served with polenta.

Check out our video where you can see the photos of some of the things we talked about in here.

[(LINK)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0oi3VfSdcSc)

We look forward to working with you

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