

CROATIA CUSTOMS

Greetings:

A handshake is the most common greeting in Croatia, along with a phrase such as *Dobro jutro* (Good morning), *Dobra dan* (Good day), or *Dobra večer* (Good evening).

The most common phrases for saying hello are *Zdravo* (Be healthy) and *Bok* (“Hi,” derived from *Zbogom*).

Good-bye” can be either *Zbogom* (With God) or *Do vidjenja* (Until we meet again).

Gestures:

One indicates “money” by rubbing the thumb and index finger of the right hand.

People beckon with the index finger or by waving all fingers inward with the palm up.

Holidays:

Official public holidays include the New Year (1–2 Jan.), Feast of the Magi (6 Jan.), Easter Monday (the second day of Easter), May Day (1 May), Day of the Antifascist Struggle (22 June), Day of Croatian Statehood (25 June), Day of Patriotic Thanksgiving (5 Aug.), Ascension (15 Aug.), All Saints' Day (1 Nov.), and Christmas (25–26 Dec.).

Orthodox Christmas is celebrated on 7 January and Orthodox Christians receive a paid holiday for it.

Muslims may take paid leave to celebrate *Ramasan Bairam* (the feast at the end of the month of fasting) and *Kurban Bairam* (Feast of the Sacrifice).

Jews may also have paid leave for *Yom Kippur* and *Rosh Hashanah*.