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*I didn't tell
 half of what
 I saw,
 because
 no one would
 have
 believed me.*”

Marco Polo (1253-1324),
 born island of Korcula,
 Croatia

*If only Marco Polo had
 had a camera with him,*
 he could have shown Kubla Khan how beautiful it is in Croatia.

Zagreb first appeared on the map of Europe in 1094. Since that time the city has experienced all of the tumults that have characterised the history of the Balkans. Yet, despite this, the ensemble of Baroque buildings within the Upper Town and Kaptol are unique, even within Europe, for their preserved state.

The city has two world-class museums: the Strossmayer Gallery of Old Masters and the Mimara Museum, with a roll call of great artists, such as Raphael, Rembrandt, Rubens, Van Gogh and Da Vinci. But if you really want to get to know Zagreb, to feel the pulse of the city, then the way to do it is to simply sit down in one of the many cafés encircling Ban Jelacic Square, Zagreb's meeting place, and watch the world go by.

*Dubrovnik, we think is one of the
 most beautiful towns in Europe.*

