

You are now at the beginning of a cultural and historical walk through the oldest parts of Zagreb and you can choose between two walks.

One will take you along Ilica towards St Mark's Square and the Zagreb City Museum, while the other heads down Dolac, Opatovina and Tkalčićeva Street to the same destination. To commemorate European Mobility Week (16th – 22nd September 2022) these walks were designed by the staff of Zagreb City Museum.

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Pick up your mobile phone, scan QR codes and learn something new about the City's history!

BAN JELAČIĆ SQUARE

Ban Jelačić Square owes its status as the City's main square to the most famous of all Croatian Bans (viceroy) – Josip Jelačić – and the munificence of wholesalers during the first half of the 19th Century. For many years the area that today is Ban Jelačić Square was known as Harmica. It was a transitory thoroughfare where goods entered the City and went on to the markets in Kaptol and Gradec. The name Harmica comes from the Hungarian word *harmincz* (thirty), which was a tax on goods received, i.e. a payment of thirty. Real development and significance arrived with the renaming of Ban Jelačić Square, whereon it gained recognition once a statue of Ban Jelačić was erected in 1866. The Square's appearance and function has changed over time. As with every main square, it has borne witness to a variety of socio-economic events. Ban Jelačić Square saw the arrival of the Ustaša Regime in 1941 and the arrival of the Partisans in 1945. Two years after the arrival of the latter, the iconic Square lost its statue and its name, after which it was renamed Republic Square (Trg Republike). Once the independence of the Republic of Croatia was declared in the 1990s, the Square's statue and its title returned. Today the Square is a place to meet and get to know one another, a transitory space to catch the tram and a backdrop to socio-political changes.

If you are heading towards Ilica, stop at the end of Petrićeva Street where a QR code is waiting for you. If you choose to head towards the Statue of Ban Jelačić, continue on to Splavnica and scan the QR code on the next sign.



Ban Jelačić Square, 1910



Republic Square, 1961

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