



A View of Illyrian Square, the Chapel of the Holy Cross and the Priest's Tower from Jurjevska Street, circa 1903

ILLYRIAN (STATUE) SQUARE

You are now on the Square where, until 1893, there was a crucifix with the image of Christ, and the Square is accordingly named Statue Square. Today it is dominated by the Chapel of the Holy Cross, which is the work of Hermann Bollé, one of Zagreb's most famous architects. The Square was renamed Ilirski trg (Illyrian Square) in 1928, in memory of the Illyrian Movement whose founders, in the middle of the 19th Century, came up with the idea of arranging the space around the Square. Subsequently the Promenade on Gradec's eastern ramparts was named after one of these founders: Stanko Vraz. The Palainovka Cafe, founded in 1847, is still located on Vraz's Promenade. Right next to the Palainovka Cafe is one of the oldest buildings in Zagreb – Priest's Tower. The Tower was built as part of the fortification of Gradec in the 13th Century. At the beginning of 20th Century an observatory was added to the Tower, which still operates in the same place to this day.

Walk along Vraz's Promenade to the west until you reach the former entrance to Gradec where once the northern city gate stood, the floor plan of which is presented on the level of Opatička Street. Head through these towards Zagreb City Museum where the last sign awaits you.



A Postcard of Illyrian (Statue) Square, 1899



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