



Where world-class ophthalmology meets beautiful holiday destinations for a truly fulfilling medical travel experience

Svjetlost's eye clinics in Croatia are widely regarded as some of the leading facilities for ophthalmology in Europe. As such it has become a hot favourite amongst those travelling overseas for eye surgery, including many patients from the UK. So Medical Traveller Magazine thought this would serve as the perfect opportunity to take a closer look at this revered clinic and all it has to offer prospective patients.



Location and Facilities

Svjetlost's main clinic in Zagreb, first opened over 19 years ago. Over the years the company has expanded with three facilities: in Split as well as clinics in Sarajevo and Banja Luka (Bosnia and Herzegovina), and to Montenegro and Macedonia with partner clinics.

The company's achievements and reputation have also gone from strength to strength, having now performed more than 100,000 surgeries and treated over 300,000 patients from all over the world, including many high profile celebrities and public figures.

More recently, their success has been commemorated with several prestigious awards - including Best Regional Hospital and the Quality Choice Prize, and the most valuable of them all is the Oscar in



Prof. Iva Dekaris,
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Above: Prof. Nikica
Gabric with the Oscar
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The flagship clinic in Zagreb, now one of Europe’s biggest eye hospitals, is an impressive, modern facility that stretches over eight floors. The Zagreb clinic consists of nine departments, each one specialising in a specific function of the eye and boasts six operating theatres. Given the company’s reputation for using the most cutting edge technologies and procedures, each treatment room and operating theatre is naturally kitted out with the latest and very best medical equipment and supplies. The clinic even has its very own eye bank on site.

As 30 percent of the clinic’s patients come from overseas, staff members are well accustomed to adapting their services to suit the needs of travelling patients. Most procedures can be performed as outpatient surgeries for maximum convenience. Although the centre also offers overnight accommodation - in private rooms - if required. And all staff speak excellent levels of English to ensure extra comfort and convenience to those who don’t speak Croatian.

Procedures and Expertise

The most standout feature about Svjetlost is their truly comprehensive range of ophthalmological procedures. In fact, Svjetlost is widely considered to be one of the most comprehensive providers of complete ophthalmic care in Europe. Specialising in laser eye, cataract, glaucoma and corneal transplant surgery, they also perform many other procedures, including vitrectomy operations, strabismus surgeries, eyelid plastic surgeries, sty treatments and silicon ball implantations.

In addition to the procedures for adults, the hospital also

caters to younger patients with its paediatric department, where patients from as young as several months old to 18 years of age, can be treated for a number of common eye problems, such as cataracts, squints and damaged or diseased corneas.

Quality and safety are two of the biggest considerations when it comes to selecting a potential care provider for treatment to any part of the body, but even more so when it comes to an area as delicate as the eyes. With their phenomenal clinical team, headed by leading physician Professor Nikica Gabric, and including 44 of the region’s finest ophthalmologists, Svjetlost are able to wholeheartedly reassure patients that they are in the most capable of hands.

What’s even more impressive is that many of the doctors are also teachers and researchers in the field of ophthalmology. Regularly hosting and attending important international conferences and seminars, they benefit from up to date knowledge and are privy to the most advanced techniques and procedures around.

All in all, with such exceptional standards in every aspect of eye care, it’s easy to see why Svjetlost is such a popular choice amongst medical tourists.

Their clinic in Split is located in a great tourist destination and offers a fulfilling experience where patients can receive their eye treatment and enjoy a holiday at the same time.

If you are considering travelling to receive treatment for an eye condition, then we fully recommend you consider one of their outstanding clinics.

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