

CROATIA: The Independence Day, Oct 8th

Why do we celebrate it?

- We celebrate it because 26 years ago on October 8th, Croatia decided to declare its independence from SFRJ (Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia).
- It was a decision made by the Croatian Parliament, and it was made in a cellar of a big oil company building, because it was war time and Parliament building was in danger.

How do we celebrate it?

- We always celebrate it on St. Mark's square.
- It starts with Croatian national anthem and minute of silence.
- During the ceremony, the soldiers perform a military-acrobatic exercise.
- That's a national holiday, and nobody works or goes to school on that day.



