

## **Let There Be Light**

Croatia is the most beautiful country in Europe for me. It has magnificent environment that we need to appreciate and cherish to keep its beauty. We all need to respect nature because our existence and life depends on nature. Many people are accidentally polluting their country, and the whole planet. I think that happens because they are not familiar with the consequences of their actions. If we try to warn people about the seriousness of polluting and importance of keeping the nature and its resources maybe, they will realize how the environment is important for them and their health. Each of us can do a little, but in the end it's a lot actually. For example, we could recycle things. Except that's better for the environment, it is better for our home budget, ex. if we instead of using plastic plates and glasses, and use ordinary ones that we will wash later.

Here are some things that you can do:

1. Plastic bags replace with canvas bags
2. Always turn off the water while brushing your teeth (I know that you all are learning this from young age, but it is really useful)
3. Turn off all electric devices if you are not using them
4. Classify waste and put it in the provided containers
5. Plant a tree in the yard or grow your own houseplants if you live in a building because they encourage air purification.

Now return your attention on Croatia. Croatia is maybe advanced in taking care of its environment, but it still needs to improve many things. We have clean sea and healthy environment for now, but we must do our best to keep it that way. Many of our beaches have mark of Blue Flag, what means it has the cleanest sea. More those kind of beaches, more they will consider us a destination with the cleanest sea. Except for tourism and health, clean sea enables various wildlife that is also popular with tourists. In addition, tourists like our culture and many cultural sights. Many of them are on the UNESCO's list of world heritage. We have intangible heritage like lacemaking, two

part singing and material heritage like Old town Dubrovnik, Diocletian's Palace, National Park Plitvice Lakes and the most majestic St. Jacob's Cathedral in Šibenik. Šibenik is a wonderful city with rich history beginning in 1066, on Christmas, when it was first mentioned, then being attacked in the World War II, which ruined its development. Finally, it has successfully developed and now it is one of the most beautiful cities on the entire Adriatic coast. I want to save all the beauty of this town and my whole country, so I will keep trying to do my best to realize that.

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