

RUNNER-UP

# Croatia *at the World Cup.*

*A runner-up route hands you a different  
knockout city. Plan for both.*



CROATIA

GROUP	CONFEDERATION	OPENS AGAINST
L	UEFA	Ghana · Dallas

## TOURNAMENT

11 June - 19 July 2026 · USA · Canada · Mexico

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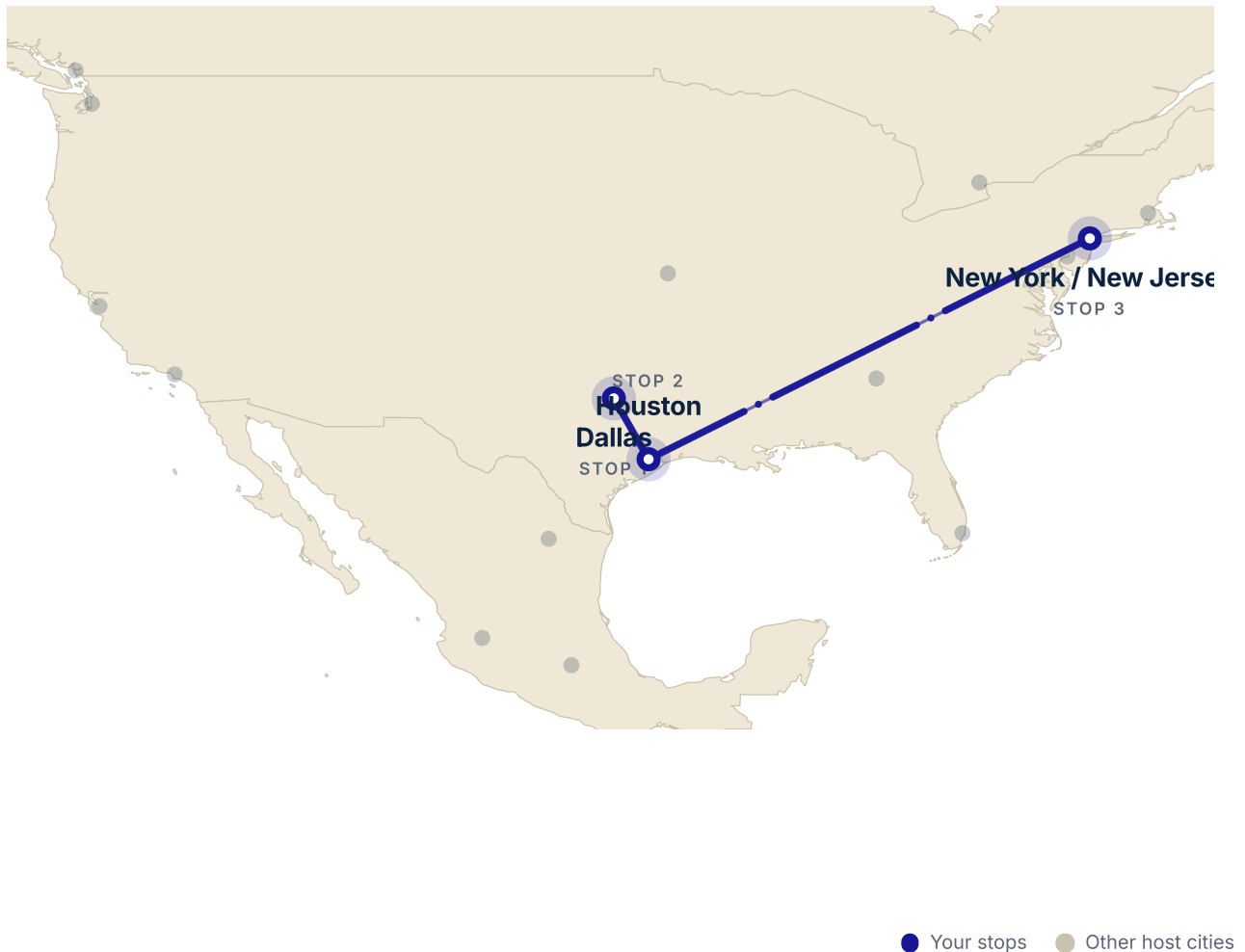
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# Your trip at a glance

Croatia · Runner-up

<b>MATCHES</b> <b>4</b> 3 group + up to 1 knockout	<b>HOST CITIES</b> <b>3</b> Dallas → Houston → New York / New Jersey	<b>COUNTRIES</b> <b>1</b> USA	<b>TRAVEL TIME</b> <b>1h</b> Between host cities
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## YOUR ROUTE ACROSS NORTH AMERICA



### BASE CAMP

TBC

### FINAL VENUE

MetLife Stadium · New York / New Jersey · 19 July 2026

## 01 FIXTURES

3 MATCHES

## Your group stage

MATCH

1



vs Ghana

Wed, 17 Jun 2026 ✦ Dallas - AT&amp;T Stadium

KICKOFF

TBC

MATCH

2



vs Panama

Tue, 23 Jun 2026 ✦ Houston - NRG Stadium

KICKOFF

TBC

MATCH

3



vs England

Sat, 27 Jun 2026 ✦ Houston - NRG Stadium

KICKOFF

TBC

BASE CAMP

TBC

TEAM HOTEL

TBC

CENTRAL REGION · USA

# Dallas

AT&T Stadium · DFW / DAL



CAPACITY

**80,000**

ROOF

**Retractable**

SURFACE

natural grass overlay

CLIMATE

Hot and very humid. Heat gear, hydration essential.

## WHERE TO STAY

### BUDGET

#### **La Quinta Inn Arlington North**

Close to AT&T Stadium.

### MID

#### **Canopy by Hilton Dallas Uptown**

Walkable Uptown, Katy Trail access.

### PREMIUM

#### **The Joule**

Landmark downtown hotel with rooftop pool.

#### **The Adolphus**

Historic, afternoon tea.

## WHERE TO EAT

#### **Pecan Lodge**

BBQ - Deep Ellum, queue early.

#### **Homewood**

modern Texan - Matt McCallister, Oak Lawn.

#### **Uchi Dallas**

sushi - The Knox-Henderson flagship.

## WORTH YOUR TIME

#### **Fort Worth Stockyards**

Daily cattle drive at 11.30 and 16.00.

#### **Dallas Arts District**

Nasher, DMA, Meyerson - all walkable.

#### **Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza**

JFK assassination museum.

#### **Klyde Warren Park**

Urban park deck over a freeway.

CENTRAL REGION · USA

# Houston

NRG Stadium · IAH / HOU

nr<sup>g</sup> stadium



CAPACITY

**72,220**

ROOF

**Retractable**

SURFACE

natural grass overlay

CLIMATE

Hot and humid. 32-35 °C  
with heavy afternoon  
storms.

## WHERE TO STAY

### BUDGET

#### **La Quinta by Wyndham Houston Reliant Park**

Walking distance to NRG.

### MID

#### **The Hotel Alessandra**

Downtown, modern.

### PREMIUM

#### **Hotel ZaZa Houston Museum District**

Pool, central to museums.

#### **The Post Oak Hotel at Uptown**

Five-star, Galleria area.

## WHERE TO EAT

#### **Pinkerton's Barbecue**

BBQ - Texas pit BBQ, Heights.

#### **Xochi**

Oaxacan - Hugo Ortega, mole flight a must.

#### **Crawfish & Noodles**

Viet-Cajun - Asiatown; crawfish season tails off in June.

## WORTH YOUR TIME

#### **Space Center Houston**

NASA mission control tour; a half-day.

#### **Museum District + Menil Collection**

Most museums free on Thursdays.

#### **Galveston beach day**

1 hr south, Gulf Coast.

#### **Buffalo Bayou Park**

Kayaking and cycling near downtown.

EASTERN REGION · USA

# New York / New Jersey

MetLife Stadium · EWR / JFK / LGA



CAPACITY

**82,500**

ROOF

**Open bowl**

SURFACE

natural grass overlay

CLIMATE

Warm to hot, occasionally humid. Light jacket for evenings.

## WHERE TO STAY

### BUDGET

#### **HI NYC Hostel**

Upper West Side, Manhattan.

#### **Pod 39**

Budget micro-hotel, Midtown.

### MID

#### **Ace Hotel New York**

NoMad, lobby scene.

#### **citizenM Bowery**

Lower East Side, pod-style.

### PREMIUM

#### **The Mark**

Upper East Side, Jean-Georges on site.

#### **The Ritz-Carlton NoMad**

Rooftop bar.

## WHERE TO EAT

### **Katz's Delicatessen**

deli - Lower East Side, pastrami on rye.

### **Di Fara Pizza**

pizza - Midwood, Brooklyn; Dom DeMarco's slices.

### **Atomix**

tasting menu - Korean tasting menu, book two months ahead.

## WORTH YOUR TIME

### **The High Line + Hudson Yards**

Rail-trail through Chelsea.

### **Metropolitan Museum of Art**

Pay what you wish for NY residents; full price otherwise.

### **Staten Island Ferry**

Free; passes the Statue of Liberty.

### **Brooklyn Bridge walk + DUMBO**

Start Manhattan-side at sunset.

# 02 TRAVEL

1 HOP

## Getting from A to B

### Dallas → Houston



Drive 4h



Fly 1h

Worth stopping: **Waco** - Magnolia Market and Dr. Pepper Museum.

**03** PRE-FLIGHT

16 ITEMS

## Packing checklist

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Passport + printed copy             | <input type="checkbox"/> Tournament tickets                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance card + emergency contacts | <input type="checkbox"/> 20,000 mAh power bank                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Universal travel adapter            | <input type="checkbox"/> International eSIM                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Broken-in walking shoes             | <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle (empty through security) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Packing cubes                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen SPF 50                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hat + sunglasses                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Lightweight rain shell                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compression socks for flights       | <input type="checkbox"/> Matchday polyester shirt              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel-friendly debit/credit card   | <input type="checkbox"/> Ibuprofen / paracetamol               |

AFFILIATE · AMAZON

### Reflective LED armband

Evening kick-offs mean walking back after dark. A clip-on reflective LED armband keeps you visible to traffic, packs to nothing and costs a few pounds.

[Find it on Amazon](#)

## 04 AFFILIATE · AMAZON

TESTED PICKS

# Fan gear for your route

**Collapsible water bottle**

Most stadiums allow empty bottles through security.

[Find on Amazon →](#)**Sun-protective long-sleeve**

UPF protection without cooking you - Dallas/Miami/Monterrey.

[Find on Amazon →](#)**20,000 mAh power bank**

Enough for a matchday of phone, camera and maps.

[Find on Amazon →](#)**Packing cubes**

Non-negotiable for a multi-city trip.

[Find on Amazon →](#)**Wide-brim sun hat**

Better than a cap for afternoon kickoffs in the south.

[Find on Amazon →](#)**Universal travel adapter**

One adapter that handles plugs in all three host countries.

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For the long flight and the cross-country drive.

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Drop in a water bottle; cheaper than stadium sports drinks.

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