

# DALMATIA

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### GEOGRAPHY

MODERN Dalmatia is that long narrow strip of mainland and islands lying between Mount Velebit, the Dinaric range and the Adriatic Gulf. Its greatest length from the northernmost point of the island of Gregorio, due north of Arbe, to Spizza, south-east of the Bocche di Cattaro, is two hundred and seventy miles and a half; its greatest width, from the island of Zirona, west of Spalato, to Strmica, near the top of the pass that crosses the Dinaric Alps and leads into Bosnia, is only forty miles and a half.

In ancient times the Roman Province of Dalmatia was of much wider extent, and indeed it took its name from its first capital, Delminium, the *Δαλὲν* of the Emperor Constantine Porphyrogennetos, possibly the modern Županjac in Bosnia, or