



The Olive Odysseys
Croatia & the Dalmatian Coast
By Land & By Sea
with Prague & Budapest
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Day Eight September 10
Island of Hvar

We take off inland for our trip to the small island town of Trogir, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a small quaint town. Trogir (called Trau by the Venetians) is a lovely walled city boasting both Romanesque and Renaissance buildings. Our guide will be on hand to take us around and then show us some spots for lunch on your own.

Afterwards, we are off to Split with its walled city, Roman palace, and palm-lined streets. We'll delve into the role this city played in Roman history. We will tour the Diocletian's Palace, erected by the Roman emperor in the 4th century. Once home to thousands, it still has more than 200 buildings within its enclaves. Then we are off to the cathedral of St. Domnius one of the best, standing Roman ruins in existence today. For those who want we can climb up the belfry to catch the sites of the town below us.

In the afternoon, we will head to our ferry to the lovely island of Hvar, renowned for its beautiful harbor town and wineries in the hinterland villages. Be sure to sit seaside right outside of our hotel for cocktails as the sun sets.

Join us for dinner together, at our nicely located restaurant in the heart of Hvar.

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Trogir is considered a small gem on Croatia's Dalmatian Coast. The tiny old town is located on an island of barely 1 square kilometer area and it is connected to continental lands by two bridges, one on the north side and one to Čiovo Island, on the south. Due to its unique urban layout and the relevance of some of its Baroque and Renaissance buildings, it was declared a World Heritage Site in 1997.

Trogir was founded by the Greeks as Tragurio in the 3rd century BC. The main urban grid, a key factor for UNESCO to declare this a protected place, was established then. Trogir was also occupied later in history by the Romans, the Slavs or the Saracens, but the next to leave their mark forever were the Venetians, who settled in Trogir for almost 400 years (1420 - 1797). The Renaissance and Baroque buildings that make Trogir so special today were designed and built during this period. Like other localities in the area, Trogir continued changing hands (Austro-Hungarian, Italian or Yugoslav) before, in 1991, it became part of the newly independent Croatia.

Trogir's best sight is the Cathedral of St. Lawrence (*Katedrala sv. Lovrijenac*), built in 1250. The cathedral's bell tower was raised later on, between the 14th and 16th centuries. Streets in Trogir's old town are small and narrow, around some of the still preserved city walls. Although the promenade by the sea is the place to be, it is recommended to try and 'get lost' in the alleyways if the town.

Split, like many other cities in Croatia, is a mix of styles and influences. As the capital of Dalmatia, it is the second largest city in the country with a thriving port. Among its main monuments and sights, there are two that stand out: the Diocletian's Palace and the cathedral of St. Domnius.

Located next to the Adriatic Sea, Diocletian's Palace has a rectangular 200-meter long and 160-meter wide shape. Three of its sides were fortified and most of the walls are still standing, as well as the three main entrances. The only unwallled side is the one that faces the sea. Inside, the main palace area, where access to vehicles are prohibited, there are houses, shops, restaurants and many narrow streets. Among its main elements, the Peristyle is worth viewing: a large courtyard surrounded by marble columns in the heart of the palace, where two main Roman style avenues cross each other.

Next to the Peristyle, is the Cathedral of St. Domnius, an ecclesiastical complex formed by the old Diocletian's mausoleum (a small octagonal building), including the newer church and a bell tower with views of Split's old town and the Adriatic Sea.

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