



The Olive Odysseys
Croatia & the Dalmatian Coast
By Land & By Sea
with Prague & Budapest
September 3-15 2018

Day Nine September 11
Island of Hvar

Join us as we take a walking tour of the fortified town of Hvar town, The site of an ancient Illyrian settlement (500 BC). We will then take to the road to explore some of the outposts of the island, with stops at a local winery for a tour and a tasting. After our tour, you can have lunch on your own with plenty of recommendations from us.

In the afternoon you can do several things. Shop, sit in a seaside cafe, go for a swim just down the seaside. Hvar will be yours to explore. We will be on hand to recommend a restaurant for dinner on your own.

Breakfast/ Guided Tour of Hvar town/ Winery stop and tasting / Overnight Hvar

The small town of **Hvar**, located to the southwest of this same-named island, is a popular destination for the yacht-set. Hvar Town is embraced by its city walls, which date back to the 13th century although they underwent some modifications later on. It is possible to visit them and discover a fantastic view of the city and the sea from above. On the hills of the city, looms the Spanish Fortress, a fort from the 16th century.

Hvar's center is undoubtedly San Esteban square, the largest in all of Dalmatia at 4500 square meters. The baroque-style cathedral of St. Stephen, built during the 17th century on the ruins of an older Gothic cathedral, rules this area. To the west, one can find the Loggia and the Clock Tower, the only remaining elements from the late Governor's Palace. Here the style is mainly influenced by 16th century Renaissance inspiration.

On the northern coast of the island of Hvar, in a deep narrow bay, lies **Vrboska**, a small town that was declared UNESCO World Heritage site along with the **Stari Grad Plain**, in 2008. This area is dominated by an agricultural landscape set up by Greek settlers in the 4th century BC. It is currently intact and used the same way it was used back then. Thanks to its stone walls, that still shelter the terrain, as well as the water collection system, the fertile Stari Grad Plain arguably produces some of the finest wine and olives in Croatia.

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