

Hvar, Dalmatia, Croatia

Shimmering Venetian stones, a fortress overlooking the Adriatic, and Croatia's sunniest island waiting just beyond the tender dock — Hvar punches well above its size.

 Tender port (large ships)  Typical call: 6–8 hrs  Currency: Euro (€)  Language: Croatian  Sunniest island in Croatia

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — large ships anchor in the bay; tender drops you on the Riva waterfront

Best For: History, Adriatic beaches, Dalmatian food & wine, island atmosphere

Walk to center: 0 min — tender dock lands directly on St. Stephen's Square

Don't Miss: Hike the Spanish Fortress (Fortica) for panoramic harbor views

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  €40–45 (Stari Grad to Hvar Town) ·  **Rideshare**  Uber, PickApp

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Spanish Fortress (Fortica)** — A 16th-century hilltop fortress offering the island's best panoramic views — harbor, old town, and the Pakleni Islands...
- **Pakleni Islands Beach Day** — Taxi boats from the Riva whisk you to the Pakleni Islands in 10–15 minutes.
- **Franciscan Monastery & Last Supper** — A 15th-century monastery with a serene cloister garden and a museum housing a 2-by-8-meter painting of The Last Supper...
- **Hvar Arsenal & Historic Theatre** — Europe's oldest public community theater (1612) occupies the upper floor of the massive Arsenal building on St.
- **Dalmatian Food & Wine Tasting** — Sample Hvar's 2,400-year-old wine tradition — Plavac Mali red and Bogdanuša white — alongside Hvarska Gregada fish stew...

BEST WALKS

- **Old Town Circuit** 45–60 min | Easy | Flat stones — From the tender dock on the Riva, loop through St.
- **Fortress Climb** 1–1.5 hrs | Moderate | Uphill — From St.
- **Bonj Beach Walk** 30 min each way | Easy | Coastal path — Head north from the Riva along the coastal promenade to Bonj Beach — a pebble-and-clear-water Dalmatian classic with the upscale Bonj...

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Wear grippy shoes. Hvar's Venetian stone streets have been polished smooth by centuries of foot traffic — genuinely slippery even when dry. Avoid sandals for the fortress hike.
- Return early for tenders. Queues for the tender back to the ship can be long in the afternoon. Aim to arrive at the dock 45–60 minutes before 'all aboard'.
- Cover up in the old town. Hvar enforces dress codes in the historic center — swimwear and bare torsos carry fines starting at €500. Throw on a cover-up before leaving the beach.

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This map of the Dalmatian Coast in Croatia highlights several islands and coastal towns. Numbered orange circles 1 through 7 mark specific locations: 1 is near Šibenik, 2 is near Makarska, 3 is near Dubrovnik, 4 is near Dubrovnik, 5 is near Makarska, 6 is near Dubrovnik, and 7 is near Makarska. A black circle with a white 'P' is located near Makarska. The map also shows other islands like Brač, Hvar, and Korčula, and towns like Zadar, Rijeka, and Dubrovnik. A scale bar at the bottom left indicates 3 miles and 5 kilometers.

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