

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 laid out below.
- **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, variously attributed to...
- **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 and lavender gelato.

BEST WALKS

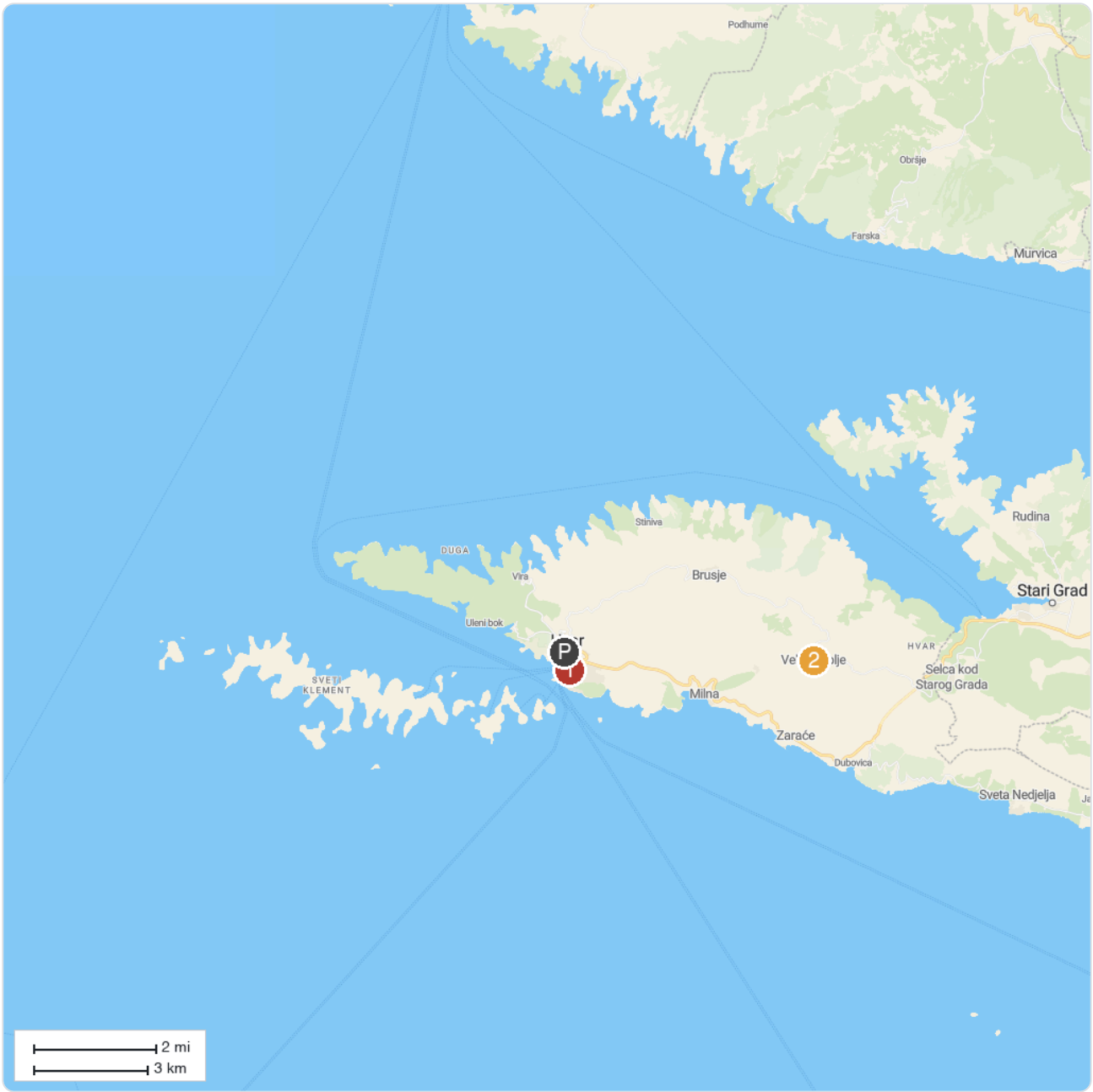
- **Old Town Circuit** 45–60 min | Easy | Flat stones — From the tender dock on the Riva, loop through St.
- **Fortress Climb** 1–1.5 hrs | Moderate | Uphill — From St.
- **Bonj Beach Walk** 30 min each way | Easy | Coastal path — Head north from the Riva along the coastal promenade to Bonj Beach — a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

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.
- Buy lavender souvenirs on the Riva. Hvar was once a major lavender producer. The purple market stalls sell oils, sachets, and soaps — lightweight and genuinely local.
- Cards accepted, but carry some cash. Restaurants and shops take cards widely; taxi boats, market stalls, and public restrooms prefer cash. A free water fountain on St. Stephen's Square saves you buying bottles.
- Pakleni Islands are worth it. The best swimming is a short taxi boat ride away. Boats leave from the Riva dock continuously — no pre-booking needed.

Hvar, Dalmatia, Croatia — Port Map

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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Franciscan Monastery

Hvar Town's monastery features art, a library, and peaceful gardens.
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Velo Grablje

Velo Grablje is a historic village known for lavender production.
- P

Cruise port / terminal