

Climate

Benefits of Hvar's climate

Hvar offers a number of advantages, which almost can not be found anywhere else in the world. Tourists embrace its most hidden places, not thinking where the origins of such harmony of climate, weather, sea, landscape and benevolence of people come from. They embrace everything in every way, especially climate and weather conditions.

The town is situated in the zone of the actual Mediterranean climate known also as "the climate of olive tree, which main characteristic is a clear, blue sky. Climate and weather make the town less average and tedious, and this makes it an attractive and to other unreachable phenomenon.

The annual average of sunny hours is 2726, while the maximum of 3053 hours was reached in 2003. Compared to Alexandria, Hvar has, during the summer period, clearer and sunnier sky. In multitude of sunny days, 18th of July is the sunniest with the average of 12 hours, 27 minutes and 36 seconds of sun-shine.

The benefits of the climate are also expressed by sea. The average month temperature of the sea, through the period of five months (June to October), is 20°C, which makes this climate even more attractive. It is not unusual for the temperatures of the sea to reach more than 27°C.

The average, month temperature of the air is in four months (June to September) is higher than 20°C, and just two months (January and February) have the average, month temperature lower than 10°C.

Climate takes care that ardency of the Sun and warmth of the sea are cooled by summer, benevolent mistral. Mistral is a wind often connected with blooming of the fig-tree. It blows on Hvar from the northwest through Pakleni Channel. As a rule it starts to blow in the morning about 10 or 11 o'clock, becoming stronger as the sun goes up, and then after a purple sunset, that announces another beautiful morning, it withers away in the warm and short summer night. Mistral blows constantly, but it stretches the sails of all kind; thus sailors like it. Rains are rare in summer months, but sometime when falling they make a welcome refreshment and short-term change.

The magnetic, summer attraction does not end with the autumn equinox. On the contrary, a period between autumn and spring equinoxes, brings a stimulating freshness of mild winter, slowed down pace of living, tranquillity and silence to all who like lush vegetation and miraculous changes, that are brought by jugo (sirocco) and bura (bora). It rarely snows during this winter period, in average once in every ten years, and when it does a real festivity to all residents of Hvar. Jugo brings frightfully respectful thunders and rains that fill cisterns of Hvar during late autumn and early winter, and the drizzle lulls to sleep. Bura, on the other hand, brings freshness, winds, clear air and the horizon that is limited only by the roundness of the Earth.

It is hard to make a decision when to visit Hvar. Be it the warm part of the year (late spring, summer, and early autumn) or the fresher part of the year (late autumn, winter, or early spring), the climate will take care that the atmosphere and adventures become unforgettable.

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