3 days in Hvar without a car

Field notes for moving lightly around the island.

The idea

Hvar is very doable without a car when the trip is organized around ferries, buses, walking and one clear base. Combining Hvar Town and Stari Grad gave us two very different rhythms of the island.

What makes it easier

- Travel light.
- Check ferry and bus schedules on the same day; they change with the season.
- Keep some cash for small transport services and local places.
- Choose accommodation with reliable internet if you also need to work.
- Do not try to “complete” the island. Leave time to walk, swim and notice things.

Two energies

Hvar Town: more movement, harbor life, sunsets and easy access to excursions.
Stari Grad: slower pace, history, quieter streets and a different sense of everyday island life.

What I would repeat

A compact itinerary, flexible afternoons and enough margin between transport connections. The trip felt better when the logistics supported the experience instead of becoming the experience.