Hvar: island cycling from Jelsa

Seven nights on the island of Hvar in Jelsa, with e-bike riding and half board.

Dates	21 – 29 May 2027
Price from	680 € per person
Hotel	Hotel Hvar ***, Jelsa. Right on the coast in a pine grove, a few minutes' walk from the centre of Jelsa
Meals	Half board

Highlights

- Hotel Hvar***, Jelsa
- 7 nights, half board
- E-bikes (see booking page for availability)
- 9 cycling routes from Jelsa

Direct access to the seafront promenade and to the cycle routes to Vrboska and the Stari Grad Plain. Excellent facilities for cycling groups, easy access for support vehicles and parking.

Description and programme

The small town of Jelsa is considered the ideal starting point for cycling routes across the whole island, as the choice of routes suits both leisure cyclists and demanding road and mountain riders.

Cycling routes on the island of Hvar:

“UNESCO Baština” route (Jelsa – Vrboska – Stari Grad Plain – Jelsa): about 23 km, gentle climbing (120 m), asphalt and compacted gravel. An easy, rewarding route through history, vineyards and olive groves, with a visit to Vrboska (the “Little Venice”) and the Stari Grad Plain (UNESCO).

“Preko vrha” route (Jelsa – Pitve – Humac – Jelsa): about 24 km, moderate difficulty (500 m of climbing), asphalt and gravel. A climb through the traditional village of Pitve to the ethno-village of Humac, with wonderful panoramic views of the Hvar Channel and the island of Brač.

Climb to Sveti Nikola (626 m above sea level): a demanding route, ideal for an e-bike, more than 600 m of climbing, gravel and asphalt. A climb to the highest peak of the island with an indescribable view of the southern slopes of Hvar, the islands of Vis and Korčula, and the open sea.

Trans-Hvar (Jelsa – Sućuraj / Stari Grad / Hvar): the main road, up to 174 km there and back, 100 % asphalt. The main island road linking the east and west of the island, ideal for road cyclists.

More routes:

Old road Jelsa – Hvar town (via Brusje): 100 % asphalt, about 30 km one way. A classic road route along the old scenic road. It passes lavender fields and the village of Brusje, with beautiful views of the channel.

South side: Selca – Dubovica – Sveta Nedjelja – Zavala: mixed surface (asphalt and a gravel section / the Pitve tunnel), about 25 km. A dramatic route along the southern cliffs and sunny vineyards (Plavac Mali grape).

Kabal peninsula (Stari Grad – Rtič Kabal): mixed surface (asphalt from the town of Stari Grad, then compacted gravel), about 22 km, circular. A quiet route through the wooded Kabal peninsula to historic tunnels from the Second World War and places to swim.

Eastern circuit: Jelsa – Zastražišće – Poljica – Jelsa: 100 % asphalt, about 40 km. A route through a quieter part of the island, past inland villages, olive trees and untouched nature.

Coastal route: Jelsa – Basina – Vrboska – Jelsa: mixed surface (asphalt and short sections of compacted gravel), about 18 km. A short, picturesque coastal route linking the bays of Basina and Mudri Dolac with Vrboska and Jelsa, suitable for a warm-up day.