

AE2017 Tour – OCT17

Mali Ston Bay – traditional area of European Flat Oyster cultivation

Date: Tuesday, October 17th

Time: 10:00 to 18:00

Cost: 70€ per person, including: bus, boat trip along Mali Ston Bay including oyster farm visit together with oysters and local mussel stew degustation, lunch, entrance tickets to the Ston City Walls, Bastion and Saltworks, visit of Winery and wine tasting.

Limit: Maximum 51 persons – book early to ensure your place!

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This excursion will visit Mali Ston Bay – around 55Km north of Dubrovnik and declared a Special Natural Reserve in 1983. And the most famous place in Croatia for cultivation of the European Flat Oyster, *Ostrea edulis* cultivation.

We will take a boat trip along the Bay that will include the visit to the oyster and mussel farms and a degustation of oysters and mussel stew. After lunch at the Vila Koruna restaurant in Mali Ston, we will visit Ston Salt Works and the Ston City Walls and Bastion from which there are spectacular views over the bay. At the end of the trip – we will visit the Miloš winery to have a tour and taste some of their wines.

Time	Activity
10:00	Travel by bus from Valamar Lacroma Dubrovnik Hotel to Mali Ston
11:00	Boat trip along Mali Ston Bay with oyster farm visit (including oyster and local mussel stew degustation)
12:30	Lunch at the Restaurant Vila Koruna, Mali Ston
14:00	Visit to the Ston Salt Works , Bastion and Ston City Walls walking tour
16:00	Wine tasting at the winery Milos
18:00	Return to Valamar Lacroma Dubrovnik Hotel in time for the AE2017 Opening Ceremony



Mali Ston Bay – traditional European Flat Oyster farming area



Boat trip along Mali Ston Bay including oyster and mussel farm visit as well as degustation



Ston saltworks from City Walls



Restaurant Vila Koruna



Winery Miloš

Detailed description of the Tour:

After arrival to Mali Ston, we will take a boat trip along the Mali Ston Bay – an area well known for the European Flat Oyster since Roman Era. The tour includes a stop at an oyster farm, where traditional farming technology will be described to us. Degustation of oysters and local mussel stew “buzara” is infallible part of the boat trip, as well as a homemade myrtle liquor or herb brandy and glass of wine.

The next stop is lunch, where we will taste grilled fish prepared in a typical Dalmatian way.

After lunch, we will take a guided tour of the Ston saltworks. This is an historical monument which dates back to Roman times.

The next guided tour will be Bastion and Ston City Walls. The walls of Ston were built in 1333, when Ston became a part of the Republic of Dubrovnik. Their purpose was to defend the Republic and the peninsula. Originally they were 7 km long. Its forts and towers are strengthened by 10 round and 31 square flanking towers and 6 semi-circular bastions.

Beside the oyster farming and historical monuments, the Pelješac peninsula is well-known for its wineries. So, the last stop will be visit of the Miloš winery, where we will taste their finest selection of wines and their award-winning extra virgin olive oil.

The bus will then return to Dubrovnik to arrive in time for the welcome reception.

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