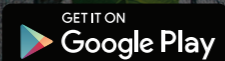




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## A complete visitors' GUIDE TO ŠOLTA ISLAND

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## WELCOME

*...to the island of olives, wine, figs and honey – an oasis just 9 nautical miles from Split, ideal for boaters, families and all those looking for a stress relief holiday...*

The Island of Šolta is only 19 kilometers long, 4.5 kilometers wide and in the very vicinity of the city of Split to which is connected with eight connections daily in the season. Swap the perpetually crowded roads leading to cramped city beaches for a ferry ride, cool down on the ferry's deck and, in less than an hour, arrive at a destination with crystal clear sea, numerous pebble beaches not busy with bathers, with realistic and affordable prices. Here, no one will bother you shouting "Zimmerfrei!".

After a good swim and still in your summer mood- tanned, salty and calm, leave the beach and head over to one of the numerous family-run farms on the island, and learn of the art of making oil, wine and honey. Doesn't a glass of Dobričić wine, drunk in the same cellar it's made, served with olive pate made with olives from Šolta and anchovies in golden, award-winning olive oil sound absolutely enticing? Looking to get your adrenalin fueled? Try scuba diving or sea kayaking around Maslinica's islets.

The south side of the island harbors a multi-

tude of alcoves that cannot be reached by car with some of the best places on the island to eat fresh, homemade meals you won't easily forget. Some of these spots have already become a must on boating routes for boaters that usually spend the nights in Maslinica, Stomorska or Rogač. These three harbors offer safe berths and good conditions for boaters; with Maslinica having a brand new marina and Stomorska and Rogač offering berths in the center of respective towns.

Tourist offices in Stomorska, Nečujam, Rogač and Maslinica are at your disposal for any inquiries, promo materials or suggestions...or simply for Wi-Fi.

Now, read the rest of this later! It's time to hop into a swimsuit, have a quick grappa with your hosts and do what you came here to do – enjoy! And as the islanders say- one day "may you end up in Šolta!"

Šolta Island Tourism Board



Magnificent, untouched and in some points rough and steep side of the island is rich with hidden and indented magical inlets and lagoons. Livka alcove is a hydro-archeological site and a great diving destination. Stračinska is located behind it, housing an charming beach and several fisherman and weekend houses. Steering further Northwest along high vertical stone blocks screamingly diving into the big blue, you will find two deep inlets- Grabova and Senjska. Both inlets have a handful of cottages and several stunning beaches. The legend says that the Illyrian Queen Teuta had a castle just above Senjska and that the first fish caught by the fisherman had to be thrown back into the sea in order to gain the favor of this famous queen. Lučica, Jorja and Tatinja are the next two inlets in the line of these Šolta pearls, also with a few cottages and piers with local boats. Cruising further along, you will find a few smaller inlets and the fascinating Zaglav alcove with three natural pebble beaches and some fisherman cottages and boats. Poganica cove is next in the row of Šolta's south side inlets, offering a front view to the long and pointed cape Ražanj. As you ride the currents

behind Marinča Rat cape, a captivating view breaks over an array of tiny islands garnishing the west coast of Šolta and leading the way to the deep and hidden lagoon Šešula – the favourite destination for sailors. Šešula is known for its two amazing restaurants right by the sea with free mooring for guests of the restaurants.

The next alcove is Maslinica, one of the eight villages of Šolta. An old castle built in the very beginning of the 18th century towers over the village, today a luxury heritage hotel with a fine dining restaurant, a SPA and a beautiful marina in front. The marina was finished in April 2012 and has 50 berths that can hold mega yachts as well. Locals say that right here is the most beautiful sunset on the island- when the sun on this far west point of the island falls behind the archipelago of seven small islands in front of the village. The heart of the village is adorned with old stone houses housing restaurants, bars and great original souvenir shops.



#### **SAILING INFO - MASLINICA**

Geographical coordinates:

43° 23' 57" North, 16° 12' 27" East

Depth: 1,8 m - 2,5 m

Facilities: *running water & electricity, toilets and showers, ka front dest, restaurant, Wi-Fi internet, hotel Martinis Marchi*

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cove in the direction of Southwest, you will find Tanki Rat, a huge body of unmarked shallow waters, so the boaters are advised to keep away from the coast line.

There are no berths with running water or electricity in Nečujam, so if you do decide to sail here, you will probably end up anchored in one of the safe alcoves.

The famous maritime alcove Stomorska, a rather small port packed with stone houses located at the sea front is found just two miles southeast. The history of nautical tourism on the Island of Šolta originated right here, in the oldest village on the sea front. Maritime transportation of goods and passengers has been, ever since ancient times, one of the most important business activities for the islanders. The people of Stomorska have always been famous for their fleet of wooden sailing boats that transported oil, wine, figs and similar products. At the beginning of the 1960's, the ship owners from Stomorska reconstructed their wooden motor sailboats and turned them into cruise tours boats. The business started to flourish in the 70's, with the boats cruising along the entire Adriatic. Nowadays Stomorska represents a very attractive nautical and tourist center of the Island with plenty of restaurants and bars, furnished with 25 berths for sailing boats and four berths for mega yachts. Other facilities include electricity & water, a small meeting room, toilets and showers.



#### SAILING INFO – STOMORSKA

Geographical coordinates:

43° 22' 12" North, 16° 21' 6" East

Berths: 30

Berths for boats above 50m: 4

Depth: 2 - 6 m

Facilities: *running water and electricity, a front desk; Wi-Fi; toilets and showers.*

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Sailing 2 miles Southeast of Stomorska, you will come across Gornja Krušica, the uninhabited alcove at the far east point of Šolta. There are some weekend houses and several apartments for rent in this quiet and beautiful alcove. Sailing towards Split Gate and the Island of Brač, there are extended shallow waters of the cape Tanki Ratac stretching into the sea in the length of approximately 100 meters. Split Gate, the most busy Middle Dalmatian maritime traffic route, is a half mile long border line between Brač and Šolta. You will come across a large alcove Livka there, and then arrive to the south side of Šolta, locally known as "Izvanje" (Outer facet).

## HISTORY OF ŠOLTA

*...a brief introduction to the history from the Neolithic era to the present.*

The history of Šolta dates back to the Neolithic era, but the first legends are related to Illyrians, as apparently their queen Teuta had her palace above the bay Senjska on the south side of Šolta, where its remains are still visible. The remnants of "villae rusticae", a fairly common edifice of the land-owners in the ancient times, can also be found on the island – around Donje Selo, Rogač (Banje alcove), Gornje Selo (Starine) and Nečujam (Piškera). Here is where the emperor Diocletian back in the 295 AD had built his own fish farm, visible today only under water. Christianity started to spread on the island only in the beginning of the fourth century AD – the remains of the basilica and sarcophagus from that time can be found next to the church of St. Stjepan in Grohote. In 614, when the Avars destroyed Salona – the capital of Dalmatia province, the refugees from this glorious city came to Šolta, as it was one of the closest points of escape.

Soon after, the Croats came to Šolta and Romans, Illyrians and Croats blended together. The island's location made it an easy mark for pirates and was attacked several times. The biggest attack happened in June of 1240., when the pirates from Omiš burned the church of St. Stjepan in Grohote. Never fully independent, Šolta was then owned by the nobility from Split – Šolta's farmers were working for them, bringing the goods produced on Šolta, from vegetables to limestone, on their boats to Split.

The first defensive fortresses on the island were built in the 15th century, when the Venetians were battling against the Turks. One of those castles is in Grohote now and it is the office of the Municipality of Šolta – restored now of course. Another beautiful restoration happened in Maslinica, where the castle Martinis Marchi (which was actually the beginning of what is today's Maslinica, together with the St. Nicholas church built around 1706. AD) was transformed into a luxury hotel with only six rooms, private pool, a SPA and a beautiful Marina in front.



At the end of the 15th and the beginning of the 16th century, Marko Marulić, the father of Croatian literature, spent time in Šolta – in Nečujam, the "quiet bay" – after he allegedly got in trouble with one noble girl's family from Split.

In 1905., the people of Šolta felt tired of being ruled over by the ever-changing administrators and nobles they had to give their goods to, and decided to buy back their own lands from Split's nobility. They were given a 25-year contract, whose value



today would be about 1.5 million Euros. Paying off this debt was not easy, as the constant agricultural work required to do so left little time for education or planning the island's development. With the debt finally paid off, another great adversity struck to the island and the world- the Second World War- when the total of 1.800 persons left Šolta and fled to the camps in El Shaht in Egypt. For over six months Šolta was completely empty. In 1946., people started to come back to the island and efforts were being made to restore a somewhat normal life.

The Municipality of Šolta was set again in 1952., roads were built, the electrification of the island commenced, the school and medical facilities were built, two buses were bought to connect the island, etc. The Municipality was taking proactive action,



the Split Municipality and suffered a period of stagnation. Only after the civil war in Croatia, in 1993., Šolta again got back its Municipality in the same form as it is today and has continued working on the development on the island, especially in the terms of agricultural production and tourism.



but the island was still being depopulated. The reason for that could be that a lot of effort went into establishing some basic necessities that close-by areas had in place for a while. After 1953., first companies were founded on the island- one for tourism that managed more hotel beds than there are now on the island. The second one was called "Jugoplastika"- it was one of the biggest companies in ex-Yugoslavia that produced various items made from plastic. They had a factory in Grohote and were employing most of the island's population. Even though things were looking up for Šolta, in 1962. it was again brought under



# Sailing

## SAILING AROUND ŠOLTA

*24 alcoves, natural beauties, hidden gems and the south side*

If you are visiting Šolta by boat, you are definitely going to enjoy a couple of great spots, some good restaurants, hidden beaches and a safe mooring for the night. Šolta is only 9 nautical miles from Split and due to its geographical location, it will appear on your map as the first day or the last day destination of your cruise. Arriving from the direction of Split, Trogir or Kaštela you will probably first arrive in Rogač (positioned on the north side) – it is the main port of the Island of Šolta and currently the closest marine gas station to Split. Don't just fill up your tanks in Rogač – there are beaches you might enjoy (especially on the right side as you enter the alcove, towards cove Kašjun) and a lovely restaurant by the sea. The locals keep their boats in this alcove – it is only 2 kilometers from Grohote, the administrative center of the island. Besides the locals, tourists can moor here as well – there is 25 berths with electricity and water supply. Even if you are without a boat, you can start your cruise in Rogač as there is a charter base (Sailing Europe Charter) on the opposite side of the gas station, offering berths, electricity, water and toilets / showers for guests of their charter.



## SAILING INFO – ROGAČ:

Geographic coordinates:

43° 23' 44" North, 16° 17' 49" East

Berths: 20

Depth: 2 - 6 m

Facilities: *electricity, running water, toilets with showers*

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— Set you sail towards the Southeast, and, only a few minutes later, you will end up in the most indented alcove on the island Šolta called Nečujam. Its name derived from the Latin name "Vallis surda", meaning "the deaf alcove", called that because of the specific acoustic features this alcove has had since the ancient times. According to the archeological studies, Piškera – one of the most secret coves of Nečujam, served as the Emperor Diocletian's fish pond. The underwater wall at the alcove's entrance could be seen as a proof of that theory. Many centuries later, Nečujam inspired the father of Croatian literature Marko Marulić. This artist spent a lot of time in Nečujam creating his master pieces inspired by the peace and harmony of this place, and Nečujam is often called "Marul's alcove". Setting sail along the west side of Nečujam you'll come across peaceful coves Šumpjivina, Potkamenica and Mala Maslinica, well known for being safe anchorage. In the summer time, one can find more than a hundred boats moored here overnight. Leaving the Nečujam alcove behind and following the coast line of Bok



## WHAT TO SEE AND DO

### *...a short visitors' guide*

Šolta is a treasure for those who love nature. The island is only 19 km long and 4,9 km wide, so if you decide to see the most of it, do it on foot or explore the island by bike (scooters and bicycles can be rented in Stomorska, Nečujam, Maslinica – if you need more info please contact the tourism board). Take a map in one of our tourist offices and enjoy many paths and trails leading through ancient olive groves and wild stone-walled meadows. Walking around the island, you will notice small roof-less stone buildings. These are the so-called “japjenice”- where lime was produced in the past. Just follow the wooden signs along the main road as they will take you to the secret beaches and bays. There are a lot of wonderful beaches on the island, but the most beautiful ones are those on the south side. Amazing cliff-scape overlooking hidden alcoves will take your breath away. Why not spend the whole day in Tatinja or in Senjska, for example? One of Šolta's most interesting legends is that on the mountain above Senjska alcove the legendary Illyrian queen Teuta had a fort.

Maybe you are looking to boost your adrenalin? Why not try sea kayaking around 7 small islets in front of Maslinica? Šolta can also provide you with spectacular diving experience. There are several wrecks in the waters surrounding the island, and spectacular marine life on the underwater cliffs on the south side. You can also spend your mornings playing tennis, go paintballing or maybe take your whole family to the medieval archery club in Maslinica.

After swimming and indulging in relaxing activities, we recommend visiting the family-run farms both on the coast and inland, where you can see how oil, wine or honey is made (check the map of restaurants and tastings). Doesn't a glass of Dobričić wine, drunk in the same cellar it's made, served with olive pate made with olives from Šolta and anchovies in golden, award-winning olive oil sound absolutely enticing? Try several types of award-winning olive oil in the olive oil refinery in Gornje Selo, or go to a honey farm and discover everything about Šolta's famous honey



Olynthio. While there, grab a souvenir that will remind you of your pleasant stay in Šolta. While visiting Šolta's inland, don't forget to explore old villages and enjoy traditional dalmatian architecture. The biggest and the

most important village throughout history was Grohote, located in the center of the island. Visit St. Stjepan's Church, built on the site of an older church, next to the remnants of an Early Christian basilica. Take a look at Slavića kula, the castle of patrician family from Split, today's Šolta municipality offices. We recommend a lovely walk through fields and vineyards to visit St. Mihovil's Church, located under the hill of Vela Straža. It is only a half-hour walk, which has a pleasant surprise in store for you when you pass by Basilija, the pond in the middle of the field. Also discover Donje Selo and Srednje Selo, charming dalmatian stone villages.

When you are in Šolta, a must see is Stomorska, the oldest coastal village on the island. It is situated under Gornje Selo, small village on the island's highest peak. The village of Stomorska is known for being the home of many families of seamen and ship-owners who traded with wine and lime stone. Today Stomorska is a nice touristic village with a lots of coffee bars, taverns and apartments.

10 kilometers away is Nečujam, the youngest village on the island. It's the most touristic place with a lots of apartments and the largest beach on the island. It is a large bay with seven small bays in it. Because of its beauty, famous writer Marko Marulić, the father of Croatian literature, spent his summers in Nečujam.



### **MJESNI ODBOR band** *the new sound of Šolta*

It is not only our traditions that we use to presenting ourselves to the world with- our island is home to one of the most popular new bands in Croatia called "Mjesni Odbor" (translation: Town Council). These six young artists came together in 2009., during, how they call it- "a long and lonely island trouble- the so called winter, with a few glasses of our good wine, friendly talks and working in the field".



Municipality of Šolta and the association Šolta Art have organized an exhibition of Šolta's artists in the "Bratska Kuća" (in the street behind the Studenac supermarket) in Grohote center throughout the summer. The exhibitions will be opened for visitors in the evening hours and entrance fee- free, so if you are nearby make sure to stop by! You can find the exhibition itinerary within the events program on the Island of Šolta. This is your chance meet some of our local artists in their island ateliers.

### **FINE ARTS** *Šolta full od colours*

To nurture numerous the artists on the island and their exquisite work, who are both recognized outside of Šolta or still developing within the Šolta borders, the Cultural Informative center of the





## ART & MUSIC

*...meet some of the most interesting artists on the island!*

### **"ŠOLTA" CULTURAL ASSOCIATION**

*preserving the sounds & dances of the old Šolta*

The association has four sections: female klapa "Čuvite", female choir "Škojić" and the folklore dancing and instrumental section. The sections emerged through unofficial gatherings that included singing as a way to express the emotion towards the island and to conserve and protect the popular ancestral songs. The "Šolta" cultural association, as an essential part of Šolta's heritage, is funded by the Municipality of Šolta. As mentioned earlier, it is not about only professional singing or dancing – it is about preserving a way of life, about forming friendships and connections and about time well spent during the long winters on the Island of Šolta.

### **AMATEUR THEATER "SULET"**

*the fun side of Šolta's culture*

The theater was founded with the purpose of developing the theater culture on the island of Šolta, its cultural tradition, customs and legacy, as well as to promote the dialect of the island that is today being less and less used among the younger population on the island. Members of the theater are active in cultural and entertainment events on the island working closely with the tourism board, but they are also active in one of the most important tasks on a national level – connecting the islands in vicinity and the communities of inland Dalmatia.

And finally, don't forget to see the sunset in Maslinica. This picturesque fisherman village on the western part of the island is overlooking an archipelago of seven islands. Also, here is an idyllic castle that was owned by the aristocratic family Marchi, now turned into an exclusive hotel. Just at the entrance of the village is a small church on the top of the hill. There you can enjoy Šolta's most beautiful sunset view framed by the seven islets.



If you are not yet tired, after some grilled fish and a glass of home-made wine, check out the program of the summer events (note: these can be found in the tourism offices on the island) and see if there is a klapa singing, local brass band playing or a folklore group dancing near you. Pay a visit to them – these are all locals that spend their winter evenings practicing for the shows that revive our cultural heritage. Finish your evenings with a visit to a beach bar in Maslinica or Stomorska, but do remember to save your energy for the beauties that Šolta offers during the day!



## WINE, HONEY & OIL

*tradition, legacy and the present of authentic island varieties*

### **"DOBRIČIĆ" WINE**

*a new era of an authentic variety*

When on vacation, a glass of wine on your balcony overlooking the sea sounds enticing, doesn't it? And if you know that the wine in your glass is grown and made only on this island, it sounds even better. It is true – Šolta has its authentic variety of wine called Dobričić, an old variety unique in Dalmatia by many qualities. It has been scientifically proven that this variety is one of the parents of Plavac Mali (the other parent is kaštelanski Crljenak, also known as Zinfandel), one of the best known red grape varieties in Croatia.

Dobričić grows on Šolta's karst soil which, combined with the number of sunny days in the area, results in the variety's spectacular taste. The color is an exquisite dark red with purple shading. The variety has been grown on the island since ancient times, but the expansion happened with its revitalization, which started in 2005. This variety almost disappeared but with the efforts and investments made by the Municipality Šolta, it continued on and several families on the

island have devoted themselves to making excellent wine in limited quantities.

Make sure to taste Šolta through this authentic variety, learn more about it and see for yourself how this limited quantity wine is made on the local family-run farms.



## AUTHENTIC SOUVENIERS FROM ŠOLTA

*...indulge yourselves with unique tastes of Šolta, enjoy the art and experience parts of our tradition*

Associations Šoltanski Trudi and ŠoltaArt are both distinctive associations on the Island of Šolta that join together almost all of the most renowned farmers, producers, artists and experts in the field of protecting the traditional heritage of the island. The associations developed an innovative program that promotes art and the indigenous in a very special manner – after all, the creations and products of their members exist only on the Island of Šolta and nowhere else in the world.

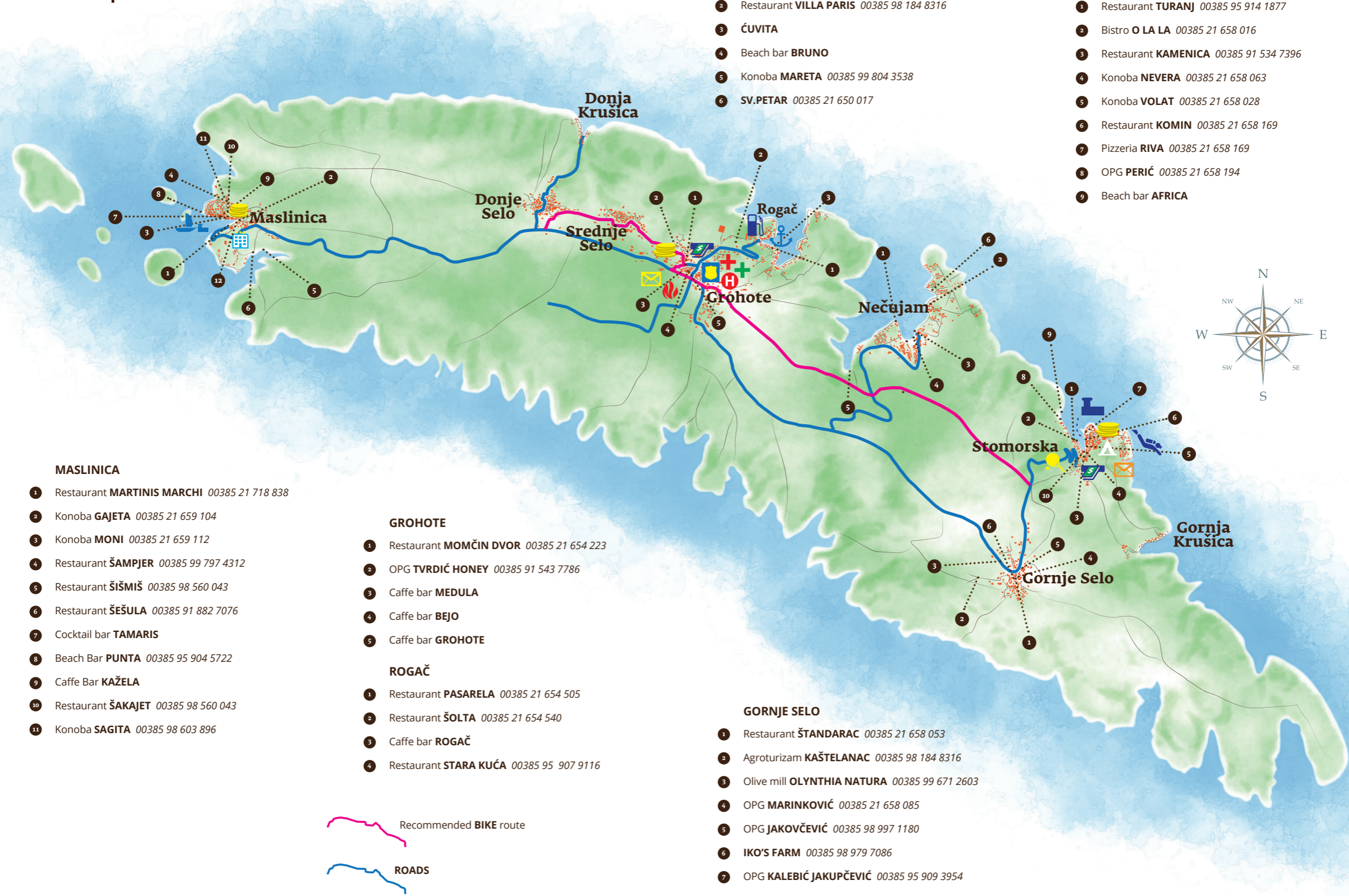
Members of Šoltanski Trudi formed in 2009, to preserve the natural and cultural heritage of the island by encouraging the locals to use natural resources in a sustainable manner that preserves the environment and biodiversity, and to be creative in Eco production of the traditional products and their presentation. They did not want to abandon their grandfathers' farms and they are still using their hands and simple tools to cultivate original grape varieties and olives, and produce top quality wine and olive oil. And they did not stop there – their members make home-made jams, marmalades, liquors, fig, orange and lemon products, etc., all made of plants that grow in a dry land full of sun, right here on the Island of Šolta.



Our small island hides plenty of hard working and modest people that are, most of the time, unaware of the value of what they are creating in their own homes. Those kind of people are in ŠoltaArt, who practice painting and applied arts using often only olive tree wood and stone. So if you wish to experience more than just swimming, dining and relaxing on Šolta, visit their open exhibitions during hot summer nights in Maslinica; indulge yourselves with unique tastes of Šolta, enjoy the art exhibitions and experience parts of our tradition and identity.



# Map Of The Island



## NEČUJAM

- 1 Restaurant **PUNTA** 00385 98 176 4993
- 2 Restaurant **VILLA PARIS** 00385 98 184 8316
- 3 **ĆUVITA**
- 4 Beach bar **BRUNO**
- 5 Konoba **MARETA** 00385 99 804 3538
- 6 **SV.PETAR** 00385 21 650 017

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- 2 Bistro **O LA LA** 00385 21 658 016
- 3 Restaurant **KAMENICA** 00385 91 534 7396
- 4 Konoba **NEVERA** 00385 21 658 063
- 5 Konoba **VOLAT** 00385 21 658 028
- 6 Restaurant **KOMIN** 00385 21 658 169
- 7 Pizzeria **RIVA** 00385 21 658 169
- 8 OPG **PERIĆ** 00385 21 658 194
- 9 Beach bar **AFRICA**

## MASLINICA

- 1 Restaurant **MARTINIS MARCHI** 00385 21 718 838
- 2 Konoba **GAJETA** 00385 21 659 104
- 3 Konoba **MONI** 00385 21 659 112
- 4 Restaurant **ŠAMPJER** 00385 99 797 4312
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- 10 Restaurant **ŠAKAJET** 00385 98 560 043
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## GROHOTE

- 1 Restaurant **MOMČIN DVOR** 00385 21 654 223
- 2 OPG **TVRDIĆ HONEY** 00385 91 543 7786
- 3 Caffe bar **MEDULA**
- 4 Caffe bar **BEJO**
- 5 Caffe bar **GROHOTE**

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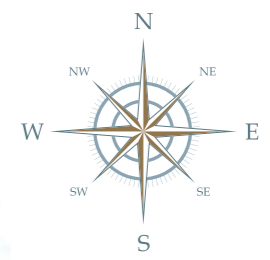
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- 2 Restaurant **ŠOLTA** 00385 21 654 540
- 3 Caffe bar **ROGAČ**
- 4 Restaurant **STARA KUĆA** 00385 95 907 9116

## GORNJE SELO

- 1 Restaurant **ŠTANDARAC** 00385 21 658 053
- 2 Agroturizam **KAŠTELANAC** 00385 98 184 8316
- 3 Olive mill **OLYNTHIA NATURA** 00385 99 671 2603
- 4 OPG **MARINKOVIĆ** 00385 21 658 085
- 5 OPG **JAKOVČEVIĆ** 00385 98 997 1180
- 6 **IKO'S FARM** 00385 98 979 7086
- 7 OPG **KALEBIĆ JAKUPČEVIĆ** 00385 95 909 3954

 Recommended **BIKE** route

 **ROADS**



## OLIVES & OLIVE OIL

*Oblica and Levatinka – authentic varieties giving “liquid gold”*

If you are reading this newspaper, you are most likely on Šolta. And if you are here, you've definitely tried tasty freshly-caught grilled fish in one of the local restaurants. Yes, the fish is amazing, but have you ever asked yourself why all the food just tastes different and better here? The secret to our Dalmatian cuisine is the home-made olive oil.

Unlike in the rest of the world, where the olive tree groves are huge and the production and harvest are mechanized, the trees here are hand-picked every year in early November. Olive picking dates are marked in all the social calendars – it is the time when the weather is still nice and the families get together on their plantations, laugh, work, eat and drink together until every single olive is in the sack. Some families even invite their friends and summer guests to spend some time out in the open with them and help them with harvesting.

There are about 100.000 olive trees in Šolta today, but only about half of them is cultivated and actually used for harvesting. The rest is uncared for, usually due to problems with land ownership administration, but certainly show potential for growth. Among these trees, there are two varieties of olives, almost in equal ratios: Oblica and Levatinka (also called Šoltanka=lady from Šolta), both authentic Dalmatian olive varieties. Oblica was widely grown in Šolta until mid-20th century when the experts started pushing the original variety from Šolta called Levatinka due to its agronomical and biological values. Levatinka needed soil with good watering and today it can be found only in Southern Dalmatia, mostly, though, on the Island of Šolta.

Olive growing became very popular among the locals but also among the vacation house owners that live on Šolta seasonally – some do it professionally, some to create a supply

for themselves and some do it for the extra income, as Šolta's olive oil is highly regarded and priced in Croatia. There are two olive oil refineries on the island – one is a very modern refinery called Olythia natura in Gornje Selo that is opened for tourists during the summer – you can see presentations, visit the olive groves, have a tasting and learn about the culture of olive oil from their staff. The other refinery is in Grohote, owned by the agricultural cooperative “Grohote”, where the oil is produced in a more traditional way.

Some family-run farms went a step further with olives – they use it for olive pates (a must try in Gornje Selo!), fill jars with salty olives that are usually served with meals on Šolta, or even manufacture natural soaps with home-made olive oil (Agroturizam Kaštelanac).

And all of this is not just us bragging about the “liquid gold” from Šolta – our olive oil keeps on winning awards on a national level and year after year it is named one of the best oils in the country!



## ŠOLTA'S HONEY

*rosemary honey with a pedigree*

Did you know Šolta is, besides for the wine and olive oil, also well known among the experts for its great domestic honey? Šolta's wild (self-seeding) rosemary produces a unique monofloral honey the locals call Olintio, that has been held in the highest regard since the ancient times.

Beekeeping is truly one of Šolta's traditions, as proven by the fact that the first beekeeping association was founded

in Šolta in 1875. During the period of French administration in Dalmatia, a special commission grading the quality of honey in the area deemed our honey as the best honey, not only in the area, but in the entire Europe!

Shortly after, Šolta's honey excited the public again and won medals in Bratislava. It was mentioned in the Italian newspaper Unita Catolica, and again, after the World War II, in a book on honey “Il Miele”, also published in Italy.

There it is written that the honey from Šolta, for it's qualities, is among the best three types of honey in the world.



Do not miss the opportunity to taste this honey, hear a presentation about it and actually see how it is being made today – the best way to do so is to visit the Tvrdić family in Grohote on their family-run farm.

