



OPPORTUNITY EDUCATION GLOBAL * THE FIELD SCHOOL OF HVAR

An adventure on the Adriatic Sea for the whole family.

Slow down, go deep, live on island time.

Two weeks of slow travel and an intergenerational retreat, with youth workshops, apprenticeships and real adventure running alongside it.

Two weeks on the sunniest island in Croatia, where the Adriatic is a colour nobody quite believes until they are in it and the whole town moves on foot. Mornings belong to your family: swimming off the rocks, the market, a long lunch, no plan.

Afternoons belong to your young person, out in Jelsa with Croatian makers, farmers, sailors and cooks. Evenings everyone lands back at the same table. It is the Mediterranean summer people picture in Greece, France or Italy, without the crowds.

DATES

Two weeks, 19 June to
2 July
One week, 19 to 25 June

WHERE

Jelsa, Island of Hvar,
Croatia

WHO

Families. Youth delegates are 12 to 20. Companions are the adults travelling with them: parents, grandparents, older siblings 19 and up, aunts, uncles and godparents.

YOUTH PROGRAM

\$3,450 two weeks
\$1,950 one week

COMPANION

\$995 two weeks
\$595 one week

Travelling with younger children? Field School Hvar runs programming for ages 3 to 12 during the same hours, in collaboration with the OEG Youth program. Families with younger children join for the full two weeks and enroll directly with Field School at fieldschoolhvar.org.

WHY TWO WEEKS

Week one you arrive. Week two you belong.

The first week is for learning the place: the walk into town, the best gelato, the people behind the stalls. By the second week the novelty fades and island life takes over. That is when young people start navigating on their own, when hosts start greeting them by name, and when families stop looking at the clock.

The full two weeks is the experience we designed, and the only option for families with children in Field School. One week remains a strong introduction for families with less time.

THE YOUTH PROGRAM

Adventure meets impact meets culture meets memories.

Delegates are out on the island with Croatian makers, farmers, skippers, chefs and entrepreneurs, learning real skills and doing work the island is counting on. Snacks and dinner are included every program day.

THE WEEKLY RHYTHM

Mon · Wed · Fri	1:00 to 3:00	Intergenerational Workshops at the Field School Hub, open to OEG youth and companions, Field School parents and our Hvar partners
	3:00 to 5:00	Art and Artisan Hours
	5:00 to 7:00	Nature and Sport Adventures
	7:30 to 9:00	Dinner
	9:00 onward	Free time in Jelsa, with a check-in time agreed with each family
Tuesday	9 am to 9 pm	Apprenticeship Day. Each delegate joins a local leader for a day of shadowing and support.
Thursday	9 am to 9 pm	Island Exploration Day. Open to delegates and companions, several options in small cohorts.
Weekends	Unprogrammed	Family time: boat days, beaches, Split, or rest.

The schedule is built around our island partnerships and is a general overview, subject to change with the weather and other logistics.

Intergenerational Workshops

Leadership and impact built on OEG's four pillars: awareness, authenticity, agency and action. Systems thinking, the eight types of capital, service rather than service tourism, and honest work on what it means to stay human in an age of machines. Youth learn alongside parents, Field School families and island partners.

Art and Artisan Hours

Professional fellows join us to share their craft and expertise. Hands busy and phones away, delegates take on anything from simple, quick projects to in-depth, complex ones: sewing and mending, wood carving, ceramics, watercolor, natural dyeing, pickling and preserving.

Nature and Sport Adventures

Swimming the coves, kayaking, cycling the coastal path and climbing to the island's high points as the heat breaks. The island as a playing field.

Tuesdays: Apprenticeship Day

Delegates choose a track and spend the day alongside a local entrepreneur, chef, skipper, scientist, artist, lawyer, architect or educator. A rare look at life on Hvar and at the social impact industries here and globally. All logistics, including travel, are handled by OEG and Field School.

Thursdays: Island Exploration Day

Open to delegates and companions, with several options running in small cohorts: a women-owned winery and olive estate on the Stari Grad Plain, the Vrboska boatyard, hill villages, hidden coves. OEG handles all transportation, meals and logistics.

Dinner and evenings

Dinners together, some cooked by the delegation itself. After 9:00 the town is theirs: gelato on the riva and a version of independence most young people have never had, inside clear boundaries.



ARTISAN HOURS

With the people who carry the craft.

Busy hands, calm minds. The thing every parent notices first and finds hardest to explain.

WHO IT IS FOR

One slice of life: the years from twelve to twenty.

Delegates are deliberately not sorted by age. Almost everything else in a young person's life is age-segregated, and young people rarely get an honest reason to know someone two years older or younger. The younger ones see what sixteen and twenty look like up close. The older ones discover they have something to offer.

WHAT THEY ARE AFTER

Independence and agency, inside real boundaries

Long afternoons in a foreign town, a host of their own on Tuesdays, decisions that are actually theirs, held by a structure they can feel in a place small and safe enough to let them roam.

WHAT THEY BUILD

The five that carry into college and adult life

Punctuality, because a host is waiting. Accountability, because someone is counting on the work. Cultural competency, because they are guests. Authenticity, because performance does not survive two weeks on island time. Responsibility, because it was handed to them.

FOR PARENTS AND COMPANIONS

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Mornings together. Afternoons that are yours.

Companions are the adults who travel with a delegate: parents, grandparents, older siblings 19 and up, aunts, uncles, godparents and other family. You are invited into the parts of the program that the OEG and Field School team curate for companions. Mornings belong to the family. While youth are out with us, the afternoon is genuinely yours, and there is as much or as little to join as you like.

With the delegation

Three shared family meals each week, starting with a welcome dinner in the stone village of Humac on opening night, shared with Croatian families who are part of OEG and Field School year round. Join the Monday, Wednesday and Friday Intergenerational Workshops and every Thursday Island Exploration Day.

Day trips for adults

A series of place- and weather-specific day trips, most included in the companion fee, with a few private tours with outside companies at additional cost. Once trips are confirmed, adults receive a separate note to sign up.

If you need to work

The 1:00 to 9:00 block lines up with a full East Coast working day and a West Coast morning, uninterrupted.

If you don't

A boat out to a cove, a walk into the hill villages, daily Field School adult workshops including yoga, and special workshops for older siblings and young adult companions run by YPO professionals.

Younger children

Field School Hvar runs programming for ages 3 to 12 during the same hours. Two weeks required; enroll directly at fieldschoolhvar.org.



A LONG LUNCH ABOVE THE WATER, AND NOWHERE TO BE AFTER IT

THE TWO WEEKS

A rhythm, not a schedule.

Arrive Saturday 19 June; the full retreat closes Friday 2 July. We understand families have different travel needs and some may need to depart early. Please do your best to arrive by 19 June so you do not miss orientation and kickoff events. One-week families join 19 to 25 June. You simply show up at the designated time.

WEEK ONE

Awareness and authenticity

Learn the place before you act on it. The opening circle and the welcome dinner in Humac, the first artisan hours and workshops, a first apprenticeship, and a Thursday out across the island.

THE MIDDLE WEEKEND

Adventure, then rest

An adventure day by boat in a private island cove for two-week families, then a Sunday with nothing programmed. Šćedro, the catamaran to Split, or the beach. OEG connects you to boats, skippers, drivers and chefs.

WEEK TWO

Agency and action

Make something the island keeps. A second Tuesday with your host, deeper island exploration, a cooking night the whole delegation eats, and a closing evening and showcase on 2 July.



ONE OF EUROPE'S BEST KEPT SECRETS

An island that has kept the best of European slow travel.

Jelsa is a small harbour town in the middle of Hvar, almost entirely car free, ringed by pine, lavender and pebble coves. Families walk and bike everywhere. Lunch takes two hours because it should. You will not be managing a vacation. You will be living somewhere for a while.

Late June into early July is the best fortnight of the Hvar year. The sea has warmed, the lavender is out, and the island is still itself, before the deep heat of August and the European holidays.

- PLAVAC MALI TASTINGS
- OLIVE OIL AT THE SOURCE
- SKIPPED BOAT DAYS
- PAKLENI ISLANDS
- SEA KAYAKING
- SNORKELLING THE COVES
- STARI GRAD PLAIN
- GRAPČEVA CAVE
- HUMAC STONE VILLAGE
- VRBOSKA'S CANALS
- LAVENDER AT VELO GRABLJE
- KONOBA DINNERS
- MORNING MARKET
- KLAPA SINGING
- GELATO ON THE RIVA

Please read this part. This is island life, not a tourist itinerary. There are no Ubers on Hvar and no food delivery, by design. Shops close in the afternoon and boats change with the weather. You walk, you bike, or you ask someone. Families who arrive ready for that tend to love it and talk about it for years. Families expecting a resort do not. We would rather tell you now than have you find out in June.

INVESTMENT

One fee per youth delegate, **one per companion.**

The comprehensive fee lets us arrange transportation, set up apprenticeships and island exploration days, manage tipping and gratuity in equitable and ethical ways, and bring local Croatian fellows into the program.

\$3,450

PER YOUTH · TWO WEEKS

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PER YOUTH · ONE WEEK

\$995

PER COMPANION · TWO WEEKS

\$595

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What is included. During scheduled OEG programming, the listed activities, local transportation, youth snacks and dinners on every program day, Island Exploration Day meals, three shared family meals each week and gratuities are included. **What is separate.** Flights, accommodations, family meals outside scheduled programming and optional add-ons.

THE YOUTH PROGRAM

- Programming Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 1:00 to 9:00 pm, with full days on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 am to 9 pm
- Intergenerational Workshops, Art and Artisan Hours, and Nature and Sport Adventures with world class artists, artisans, chefs and entrepreneurs
- Snacks and dinner every program day, and all local transportation
- Weekly apprenticeship placement, with host stipend and travel
- Weekly Island Exploration Day, with transportation and meals
- Three shared family meals each week
- A joint Field School and OEG certificate of completion, with logged service hours

EVERY COMPANION

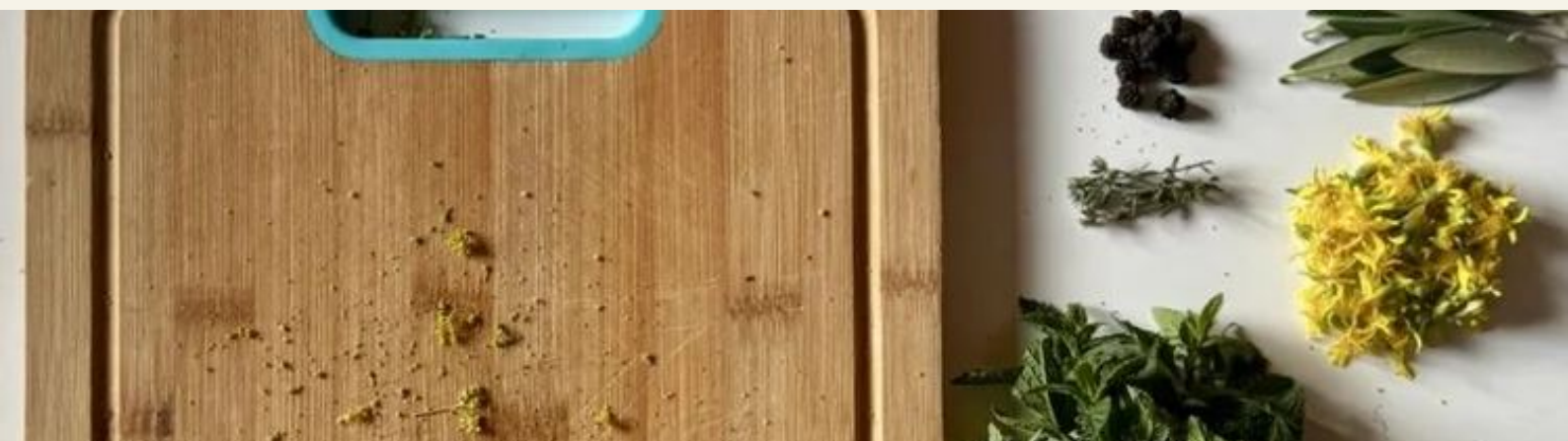
- Three shared family meals each week, beginning with the Humac welcome dinner
- Monday, Wednesday and Friday Intergenerational Workshops
- Thursday Island Exploration Days, with transportation and meals
- Place- and weather-specific day trips for adults, most included; a few private tours at additional cost
- Field School adult workshops, including yoga, and YPO-led workshops for older siblings and young adult companions
- Family orientation, a Know Before You Go packet and a welcome basket
- Housing guidance, plus our drivers, private chefs and boat captains

Reserving and paying

Places are held with a deposit, in the order applications arrive. After your application is accepted, you receive a secure link to pay your deposit by card or bank transfer, followed by an invoice for the balance.

Your fee pays the people who make this work

Every cook, skipper, driver, guide and host is paid above local market rate, with a thoughtful tip on top. Slow travel only stays wonderful if the people delivering it are treated well.



GETTING HERE AND STAYING HERE

Jelsa is small, safe and almost entirely car free.

Where to stay

For simple, cozy accommodations with an island feel, the easiest access to OEG programming and a walk into town, we recommend The Fontana. Airbnbs and other resorts are wonderful options too, but may need a bike or car to get around. Jelsa is a small coastal town and accommodations book up fast.

Getting there

Fly to Split, then catamaran or ferry to Jelsa or Stari Grad. Build in a buffer day on each side; the ferry timetable does not forgive a delayed flight. OEG sends pre-travel guidance and connects families travelling on similar dates.

Getting around

A flat, traffic-free coastal path runs from Fontana into Jelsa and out to Vrboska. Most families walk or bike everything. All program transportation is arranged and paid for by us.

OPTIONAL ADD-ONS

None of it is required and none of it is in the program fee. Tell us what your family wants and we book it, at local prices, with people we know: skippered days to the Pakleni islands, sunset sails, private winery tastings, a chef in your kitchen, extra yoga or massage, a ceramics or natural dyeing session of your own, or childcare for an evening.

THE IMPACT THIS PROGRAM MAKES

To change the world, you have to fall in love with it first.

Our youth and families do not just observe island life. They work and live inside it: on the farm, in the studio, on the boat, at the table. We stay long enough in one village to be part of it, and through our partnership with Field School Hvar, programming is built around women-owned businesses, local entrepreneurs, farmers, restaurants and cultural practitioners.

We also provide scholarships so local Croatian students can join our cohort, creating relationships that live beyond the program itself. Who is happiest here: families who care deeply about people and the planet, who like spending time in community, and who share a commitment to the generation coming next.

THINGS YOU MIGHT NOTICE

What families tell us afterwards.

Intergenerational connection. Older and younger kids hanging out more fluidly, without anyone organising it.

Less anxiety, better sleep. Bodies in salt water and sun all day, and minds with less to brace against.

A connection to place. Navigating the town on their own. Opinions about the best gelato.

Low to no tech days. Not enforced. It just stops being the most interesting thing available.

Care for the community. Knowing whose farm, whose kitchen, whose boat, and wanting it to do well.

Busy hands, calm minds. The thing every parent notices first and finds hardest to explain.

We find the best partners in the world and build with them.

OEG designs regenerative leadership experiences for families and young people, organized around four pillars: agency, authenticity, awareness and action. Field School Hvar is exactly the kind of partner we look for: a real school, on a real island, run by people who live there year round.

AN OPTIONAL WAY TO GO DEEPER

SEPARATE FROM THE PROGRAM FEE · NEVER REQUIRED

Impact OEG Families

Impact OEG Families contribute **\$15,000 to \$25,000**. This covers program fees for every member of the family. The rest is a charitable contribution supporting The Field School of Hvar, a U.S. 501(c)(3), other nonprofits on Hvar, and scholarships for local Croatian youth to join OEG programming.

Charitable acknowledgment is provided for the portion given as a contribution. Becoming an Impact OEG Family is completely separate from the program fee and never a requirement to participate.

The OEG VIP party at Maslina Resort

Impact OEG Families are invited to the OEG VIP party on **Saturday 26 June**, a once-in-a-lifetime Hvar evening at Maslina Resort. By invitation only, for supporters of OEG and Field School Hvar. Book your travel to include it.

Interested in becoming an Impact OEG Family or learning more about the philanthropic opportunity?

Arrange a short call with us.

ARRANGE A CALL

LEAD PHILANTHROPIC PARTNER · ONE ONLY

A single lead partner underwrites what a program fee cannot reach: a working partnership with a Croatian nonprofit, a youth artist studio and hangout boat anchored in Jelsa, five educators in residence, and five college research fellows. We are glad to talk it through on a call.

NEXT STEP

Very limited spots. Reserve early.

Places are held with a deposit, in the order applications arrive. Housing on Hvar books up months ahead for June and July, so secure your spot first and your accommodation immediately after.

APPLY AND HOLD A PLACE

ARRANGE A SHORT CALL



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