**Sample Pages- Day 1 in Hydra**

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**Arrival and Exploring Hydra Port**

**Arrival**

When you get off the water taxi, you will need to make your way to your lodgings, either by foot or by mule. Most hotels aren’t far from the waterfront as the crow flies but the streets are cobblestone and generally uphill so pulling a suitcase gets old fast. The mules are popular for a reason.

The mules are located on the east side of the harbour by Alpha Bank (to your left if you are looking at the clock tower). There is a notice board nearby with set prices for all of the muleteers (€10-20 for 2 suitcases, depending on the zone). If your hotel organizes luggage pick-up at the water taxi, just be aware it usually isn’t included in your stay and you are still responsible for paying the muleteer.

**Explore Hydra Port**

After you check into your lodgings, park yourself by the waterfront, grab a bite to eat, and watch the action. You can choose to watch tourists attempt to ride the mules around town, the water taxis taking calls and speeding off to different parts of the island, or just try to guess which yacht is the most expensive (the kids had fun with this one).

Walk to the [Bastion](https://www.simplyawesometrips.com) at the east entrance of the harbour and climb up to the cannon mounts. You will get a nice view over Hydra Port.

On the way to the bastion, you will pass the [Historical Archives and Museum of Hydra](https://www.simplyawesometrips.com). This little museum is small but well laid out, with period outfits, weapons, and lots of naval history. Most fascinating for the kids though, will be a jar supposedly containing the heart of Admiral Miaoulis (he of the War for Independence fame). The Museum is open everyday 9am-4pm (plus 730pm- 930pm in the summer). Tickets are €5.

Walk up Miaouli St. to [Votsi Square](https://www.simplyawesometrips.com) and treat yourself to something from Flora’s Pastry Shop in the afternoon. Flora’s serves yummy sorbet, gelato, baked goods, and coffee.

***Pro-Tip-*** Look up on the buildings at the street corners for the small embedded plaques that tell the street names. Unfortunately, many of the smaller alleys aren’t signed at all but luckily the town is not large and it is pretty easy to find your way.
Map of Hydra Port, the main town on the island

- Coastal path to Kamini
- Coastal path to Mandraki Beach
- Historical Museum
- Ferry Drop-off
- Sunset restaurant and Hydronetta cocktail bar
The harbour of Hydra Port. The water taxis are the boats on the left that will take you to the different villages around the island. The mules can be seen in the middle of the picture.

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