

Obrovazzo is worth a visit no less for its picturesque scenery than for the insight it gives into Dalmatian geological structure.

Novigrad may also be reached by road from Zara in about an hour and a quarter by motor. You pass through the village of Semonico, and at Smilčić you leave the main road and reach Novigrad by a very inferior track. The great castle is almost surrounded by the waters of the inlet from the sea of Novigrad. It was the home of Hungarian and also of Croatian sovereigns, and the probable scene of one great tragedy, the murder of Queen Elizabeth, the elder, of Hungary, widow of Lewis the Great, in 1387. She had been left Regent on the death of Lewis in 1382, and guardian of his two daughters, Maria, who, like a later Maria, had been acclaimed "King" on her father's death, and her sister Edwigia, married to the Duke of Lithuania. But the turbulent lords of Hungary and Croatia rose against this "monstrous regiment of women", formed a plot to transfer the crown to Charles of Naples, Charles of Durazzo, who had just secured the throne of Naples by the murder of Queen Giovanna. In 1385 Charles sailed from Barletta, passed by Zara and made for Zengg on the canal of the Morlacchi, which leads to Fiume; thence he