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The Best of Slovenia and Croatia
Cruising the Dalmatian Coast
aboard the 18-cabin Queen Eleganza
September 8–19, 2019
With David A. Aguilar
Over the course of many millennia, a succession of civilizations—from the Byzantine and Ottoman Empires to the Crusades and the Renaissance—swept across the Eastern shores of the Adriatic Sea, leaving behind a wealth of architectural and cultural treasures. In a region well worth exploring for its natural beauty alone, you will visit spellbinding archaeological sites, impressive cathedrals, dramatic palaces, and ancient city centers that illuminate the layered history of the Dalmatian Coast.

Begin the program in Slovenia’s capital city, Ljubljana, a city with roots back to Roman times. Discover magical Lake Bled, monumental karst caves, and mountain aeries before continuing to Rovinj, Croatia to begin your 7-night Adriatic cruise. Sail along the Croatian coast from the Istrian Peninsula to Dubrovnik, calling at Velika Brijun, Pula, Zadar, Split, Hvar, and Korčula along the way. A leisurely pace allows for free time in town to sample local cuisine and mingle with locals.

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A LITTLE MORE TO IT
This is a moderately strenuous program that is at times physically demanding and busy. Participants must be physically fit, active, and in good health. Daily programs involve walking one to two miles—through city centers, historic sites, and in museums, where there may also be extended periods of standing. Participants will encounter uneven terrain, including dirt and cobblestoned paths, and must be able to walk at least 20 minutes up and down hills without stopping. Participants must be able to stand outside for up to two hours with limited shade and no available seating.

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former director of public affairs and science information at the Harvard Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, is an internationally recognized author, lecturer, astronomy expert, naturalist, and space artist whose expertise lies in explaining the fascinating connections between the universe and ourselves. He is a Random House/Smithsonian and National Geographic author and illustrator, and the television host of the Science Channel’s NASA’s Atlantic Unexplained Files and the History Channel’s The Universe series. He has been featured on the BBC, ABC News, CNN, and NPR, and in Time magazine, the New York Times, USA Today, National Geographic, Sky & Telescope, and Scientific American. He is also past director of special media for NASA’s historic New Horizons mission to Pluto. Asteroid 1990A was named to honor his outstanding achievements in science education, and he has the added distinction of being a Grammy-nominated musician.
Trip Sampling

**LAND & RAIL**

**Colombia:**
From Bogotá to Cartagena
MAR 6–20, 2019
Bence Olveczky

**Tanzania Migration Safari**
MAR 10–20, 2019
Bence Olveczky

**On the Road to Civil Rights**
MAR 16–24, 2019
Timothy McCarthy

**HMSC Silk Road**
In Central Asia & Iran
APR 6–23, 2019

**Behind The Scenes at Cern & Iter:** Celebrating the Scientific Discoveries, Culture & Cuisine of Geneva & Provence
MAY 5–14, 2019
Melissa Franklin

**Poland: Jewish History & Culture**
MAY 11–21, 2019
Jay Harris

**England’s Suffolk Coast & Aldeburgh Music Festival**
JUN 12–18, 2019
John Stewart

**CRUISES**

**Japan by Sea:** Land of the Rising Sun on Caledonian Sky
MAY 5–19, 2019
Werner Sollier

**Cruising the Rivieras of Italy, France, Spain on Le Bougainville**
MAY 29–JUN 6, 2019
Daniel Donoghue

**Arctic Expedition: Spitsbergen and Svalbard on L’Austral**
JUN 21–JUL 1, 2019
Lisa Randall

**Changing Tides: The Baltic Sea Countries on Dumont D’Urville**
JUN 23–JUL 2, 2019
Richard Thomas

**Circumnavigation of Iceland on Le Champlain**
JUL 31–AUG 8, 2019
Fran Ulmer

**A Cruise of Ancient Greece on Le Bougainville**
SEP 12–20, 2019
Ani Patel & Jennifer Burton

**Oman and the Gulf States on Crystal Esprit**
January 2–12, 2020

**Tasmania by Land and Sea on Coral Discoverer**
January 8–22, 2020

**Madagascar to Mauritius: Islands of the Indian Ocean on Serenissima**
JANUARY 15–31, 2020

**RIVERS & LAKES**

**Cruising the Mekong River:** Vietnam & Cambodia on Mekong Princess
JAN 14–27, 2019
Susan Suleiman

**Dutch Waterways on Amadeus Silver II**
APR 25–MAY 3, 2019
Peter Bol

**Normandy to Paris:** Commemorating the 75th Anniversary of D-Day
JUN 4–13, 2019
Charles Maier

**Waterways of the Tsars on Volga Dream**
JUN 5–15, 2019
James Salzman

**FAMILY ADVENTURES:**

**Greece: A Family Odyssey on Running On Waves**
JUN 19–28, 2019
Jonathan Walton

**China Family Tour:** Imperial Grandeur, Terracotta Warriors, Giant Pandas
JUN 21–JUL 3, 2019
R. Nicholas Burns

**HMSC Galápagos Family Adventure on La Pinta**
JUN 23–JUL 2, 2019
Brian Farrell

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Schedule by Day
(B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner, R=Reception)

SUNDAY–MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8–9

Home / Ljubljana, Slovenia

Depart home on an overnight flight to Ljubljana. Upon arrival, transfer to the Grand Union Hotel located within the historic center of the city. Grand Union Hotel (R,D)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Ljubljana

After a morning lecture, set out on a walking tour of the historic center, which is off limits to automobiles, and visit the sprawling Central Market. See the famous Dragon Bridge and explore the ancient Roman wall. After lunch at leisure, venture to the lovely and impossibly blue Lake Bled this afternoon and ride gondola-like Pletna boats to visit Slovenia’s only island, a picturesque outpost in the center of the lake. Grand Union Hotel (B,D)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Portoroz

Travel by coach to the UNESCO-designated ancient Skocjan Karst Caves, a vast network of tunnels and chambers sometimes referred to as the “underground Grand Canyon.” Continue to Lipica Stud Farm, breeding home of Vienna’s famed Lipizzaner horses. Dine at the historic Venetian stronghold Piran before settling at the Kempinski Palace Hotel in Portoroz, near the oceanfront promenade. Kempinski Palace Hotel (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Rovinj, Croatia

Cross the border into Croatia and drive to Rovinj by way of the scenic mountaintop village of Motovun on the Istrian Peninsula. Enjoy a walking tour of the charming old town, which was a small island until 1763, and time at leisure to explore the cobbled streets. Embark the Queen Eleganza this evening in time for a welcome reception and dinner. Queen Eleganza (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Pula

Cruise to Veliki Brijun Island, formerly a favorite of Marshal Tito, now part of a national park known for dinosaur footprints and home to a 1st-Century Roman villa. Continue to nearby Pula to explore its well-preserved Roman ruins, including the impressive colosseum, the only Roman amphitheater in the world with a complete circle wall. Queen Eleganza (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

At Sea / Zadar

Spend the morning sailing the scenic coastline and enjoying the educational program en route to Zadar, with possible stops for swimming in azure coastal waters. The impressive but less-crowded city of Zadar boasts a rich history that dates as far back as the Neolithic Era. The streets of the old town are paved with shining white marble, and the inviting waterfront is a magnet for art lovers. Spend the evening at leisure exploring Roman ruins, Venetian architecture, and street side cafes. Queen Eleganza (B,L)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Split

Explore Plitvice Lakes National Park, a series of 16 lakes interconnected by waterfalls and pedestrian bridges, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue to Split, Croatia’s fashionable second-largest city. Enjoy time to explore the old town and have dinner at leisure. Queen Eleganza (B,L)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Split / Hvar

Visit Roman Emperor Diocletian’s Palace, an ancient fortress-like complex spread along the Split waterfront, before cruising to

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lavender-scented Hvar Island. Stroll along the elegant main square, with views of St. Stephen’s Cathedral, distinguished by its tall, rectangular bell tower, and the 15th-century Franciscan Monastery, whose refectory contains a 1524 edition of Ptolemy’s Atlas. Explore the yacht-filled waterfront and enjoy an evening at leisure in the restaurant-lined avenues.

Queen Eleganza (B.L)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
Korčula / Dubrovnik
Cruise to the fortified town of Korčula, perched on a promontory on its namesake island. Take a walking tour of the narrow, stepped streets and enjoy a wine tasting with accompanying local specialties. Korčula is the sixth-largest island in the Adriatic Sea, rich in vineyards and olive groves, picturesque villages and a glorious old town, and age-old religious ceremonies, folk music, and dance traditions. Sample some of Croatia’s famous wines, including the white wine made from pošip grapes that grow primarily on Korčula, as well as local specialties. Continue to Dubrovnik this afternoon. Queen Eleganza (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
Dubrovnik / Home
Disembark this morning and transfer to the Dubrovnik airport for flights home. (B)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
Dubrovnik
Noted for its expansive walls and red tile rooftops, Dubrovnik is perhaps the most-visited destination on the Adriatic coast. This morning explore the sites along the city’s main street, the marble-clad Stradun, including Onofrio’s Fountain, St. Blaise’s Church, the Rector’s Palace, and the Franciscan Church and Monastery, a large complex belonging to the Order of the Friars Minor and consisting of a monastery, church, library, and pharmacy, the latter of which dates from A.D. 1317. Enjoy free time in the afternoon to explore the maze of alleyways and Renaissance-era architecture before a farewell dinner on board the Queen Eleganza. Queen Eleganza (B,D)

Highlights

- **Explore** Velika Brijun Island where Tito once entertained celebrity guests, now a national park with abundant flora and fauna.
- **Marvel** at the well-preserved Roman ruins of Emperor Diocletian’s palace at Split and Pula’s amphitheater and temple.
- **Experience** UNESCO-designated Plitvice Lake National Park’s 16 lakes, interconnected by a series of soaring waterfalls and splashing cascades.
- **Delve** into the historic grandeur of Dubrovnik, known as the “Pearl of the Adriatic.”
- **Swim** in the pristine waters of the Kornati Archipelago.
Queen Eleganza

The newly built Queen Eleganza, launched in the spring of 2018, was beautifully crafted in Croatia specifically to cruise the Adriatic coastline. With a maximum of just 34 guests, there is a relaxed and informal atmosphere on board. The 18 cabins are finished to high standards with sleek lines and neutral colors. The bar/restaurant and lounge boast comfortable seating areas, large windows, and complimentary tea/coffee. Free wifi is provided in public areas and the cabins. Meals are served in a single seating and feature fresh and tasty Mediterranean cuisine.

Program Rates (per person)

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AIR ARRANGEMENTS U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Round-trip economy-class airfare from New York to Ljubljana, Slovenia with return from Dubrovnik, Croatia is approximately $1,200 per person as of October 2018 and is subject to change without notice. Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., can help with airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at (877) 376-1754. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice.
General Information

TOUR COST INCLUSIONS
All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary, including three hotel nights and a 7-night cruise aboard the Queen Eleganza • Comprehensive program of briefings, lectures, and presentations • Group airport transfers on group arrival and departure days • Baggage handling • Gratuities to porters, wait staff, guides, drivers, and shipboard personnel for all group activities • Entrance fees and port charges • Welcome and farewell receptions • House wine, beer, and soft drinks with all group lunches and dinners • Bottled water on motor coaches • Complete packet of pre-departure information • Professional tour manager throughout the program • $200,000 Emergency Medical Evacuation Insurance

TOUR COST EXCLUSIONS
U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport and visa fees • Medical expenses and immunizations • Trip cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance • Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour • Excess-baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals • Alcohol or soft drinks except where indicated as included • Private transfers or transfers not on program arrival and departure days • Personal items such as room service; internet, telephone, and fax charges; and other items of a personal nature

WHAT TO EXPECT
This is a moderately active trip for travelers who are flexible, comfortable traveling with a group, and can handle the vagaries of travel with good humor. Navigating uneven terrain at archaeological sites, walking on cobblestone pavement, and standing for up to two hours at museums or other sites are the most strenuous activities. Some locations may have stairs without handrails. Temperatures in the Adriatic at this time of year generally range from the low 60s to the high 70s Fahrenheit with occasional rain showers.

GROUP SIZE
This program is limited to 34 participants, including travelers from Harvard and Smith College.

RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS, AND FINAL PAYMENT
A deposit of $1,000 per person is required to reserve space on this program. Please either call us at 800-422-1636 or 617-496-0806 or fill out and mail or fax the registration form found in this brochure. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt until the maximum enrollment has been reached. Final payment deadline is May 10, 2019, 120 days prior to departure.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS
Notification of cancellation must be received in writing by HAA from the participant. Cancellations within 14 days of booking: full refund; cancellations received up to 120 days prior to departure will be assessed a cancellation fee of $1,000 per person. Cancellations received within 120 days prior to departure are subject to 100% penalty of all deposits and payments.

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The itinerary contained in this brochure is accurate at the time of printing. We reserve the right to change the program or accommodations as conditions warrant.

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We highly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance. An application for insurance will be provided by HAA upon confirmation.

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To register, fill out this form and return to Harvard Alumni Travels with your deposit of $1,000 per person.

Please return this form by mail to:
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Or by Fax: 617-496-4011

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