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CRUISING THE ADRIATIC

The Best of Slovenia and Croatia
aboard the 18-cabin *Queen Eleganza*
September 21–October 2, 2022



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Above left: Krka National Park
Cover: Dubrovnik

Cruising the Adriatic

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, visit spell-binding archaeological sites, impressive cathedrals, dramatic palaces, and ancient city centers that illuminate the layered history of the Dalmatian Coast.

Begin in Slovenia's capital, Ljubljana, a city with roots dating 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 Veliki Brijun Island, Pula, Zadar, Split, Hvar, and Korcula along the way. A leisurely pace and mooring directly in town harbors allow for free time in town to sample local cuisine and mingle with locals.

Activity Level 3:

A LITTLE MORE TO IT

This is a moderately strenuous program that is at times physically demanding and busy. Daily excursions involve walking one to two miles—through city centers and historic sites 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. In some instances, elevators are unavailable, and stairs may not have handrails.

Study Leader

As this brochure goes to print, we have not yet confirmed the faculty study leader for this program. We intend, however, that you will be joined by a Harvard lecturer who will enhance your travel experience. You will discover that our lecturers are not only first-rate scholars and teachers but also friendly traveling companions, eager to share their insight through conversation as well as in scheduled presentations.

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Left: Lake Bled; Right: Rovinj

Schedule by Day

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 & 22

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 and gather for a festive welcome dinner featuring local specialties. GRAND UNION HOTEL (R,D)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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, the famous Dragon Bridge, and the ancient Roman wall. After lunch, venture to the lovely and impossibly blue Lake Bled and ride gondola-like boats to visit Slovenia's only island, a picturesque outpost in the center of the lake. Dinner is at your leisure back in Ljubljana this evening. GRAND UNION HOTEL (B,L)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Portorož

Travel by coach to the UNESCO-designated ancient Škocjan Karst Caves, a vast network of tunnels and chambers sometimes referred to as the "underground Grand Canyon." Settle at the luxurious Kempinski Palace Hotel near the oceanfront promenade of Portorož, "the French Riviera" of Slovenia, followed by a sunset dinner at the historic Venetian stronghold Piran. KEMPINSKI PALACE HOTEL (B,D)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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 *Queen Eleganza* this evening. QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,L,D)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Pula

Cruise to Veliki Brijun Island, part of a national park known for dinosaur footprints and home to a first-century Roman villa. Continue to nearby Pula to explore its well-preserved ruins, including the only Roman amphitheater in the world with a complete circle wall. QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

At Sea / Zadar

Spend the morning sailing the scenic coastline and enjoying the educational program en route to Zadar, with stops for swimming also possible. The impressive but less-crowded city 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)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Krka National Park / Split

After a morning of cruising, explore Krka National Park, one of Croatia's most-loved National Parks, known for its series of cascading waterfalls, picturesque pools, and acres of lush vegetation. Continue to Split, Croatia's fashionable second-largest city. Enjoy time to explore and have dinner at leisure. QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,D)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Split / Hvar

Visit Roman emperor Diocletian's palace, an ancient fortress-like complex spread along the Split waterfront, before cruising to lavender-scented Hvar Island. Stroll along the main square, with views of the 15th-century Franciscan Monastery, whose refectory contains a 1524 edition of Ptolemy's Atlas. Enjoy an evening at leisure in the restaurant-lined avenues. QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,L)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Korčula

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. Sample some of Croatia's most famous wines, including the white wine made from pošip grapes that grow primarily on Korčula. QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,L)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

Dubrovnik

Noted for its expansive walls and red tile rooftops, Dubrovnik is perhaps the most-visited destination on the Adriatic coast. Visit sites along the city's main street and enjoy free time in the afternoon to explore the maze of alleyways and Renaissance-era architecture before a farewell dinner on board. QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,D)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

Dubrovnik / Home

Disembark this morning and transfer to Dubrovnik airport for flights home. (B)

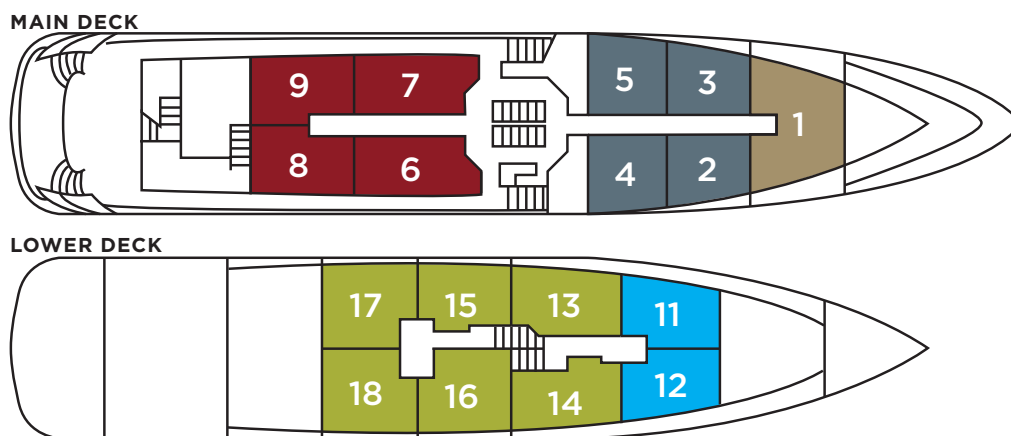
Queen Eleganza

The yacht-like *Queen Eleganza*, launched in the spring of 2018, was beautifully crafted in Croatia specifically to cruise the Adriatic coastline. With its small number of travelers, 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. Meals are served in a single seating and feature fresh and tasty Mediterranean cuisine.



Program Rates (per person)

CATEGORY/DECK	DOUBLE	SINGLE
A (Lower Deck) two portholes; 161 sq. ft.	\$6,990	\$10,390
B (Lower Deck) two portholes 156–178 sq. ft.	\$7,990	\$11,640
C (Main Deck) three large portholes; 156–172 sq. ft.	\$9,990	–
D (Main Deck) picture window; 151 sq. ft.	\$10,990	–
E (Main Deck) four large portholes; 242 sq. ft.	\$11,990	–



AIR ARRANGEMENTS U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. 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. Further information about making flight arrangements will be sent to confirmed participants.



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Step 3: Look for an email confirmation from HAA.

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Terms & Conditions

AA&D Community Expectations: Harvard University Alumni Affairs & Development (AA&D) programs and volunteer opportunities respect the rights, differences, and dignity of others. Those taking part in AA&D activities, including travel programs developed by Harvard Alumni Travels for the Harvard Alumni Association ("HAA"), are expected to demonstrate honesty, integrity, and civility and are accountable for their conduct with University alumni, students, parents, volunteers, employees, and invitees.

AA&D reserves the right to suspend services to—and to exclude from participation in AA&D programs—any person whose inappropriate behavior adversely affects the safety, well-being, and inclusion of community members.

CONTRACT: Harvard Alumni Association does not itself conduct tours, but instead partners with several different tour operators to offer a broad range of travel programs. Tour participants contract directly with tour operators, although HAA is available to act as a liaison with tour operators should participants have any questions or concerns. HAA is not responsible for performing any of the tour operator's obligations. The tour operator for this program is Criterion Travel, based in Beaverton, Oregon.

PROGRAM COST INCLUSIONS: All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary, including ten breakfasts, six lunches, six dinners, three hotel nights, and seven nights aboard *Queen Eleganza*; Comprehensive program of briefings, lectures, and presentations; Group transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure dates • All gratuities to porters, wait staff, guides, drivers and shipboard personnel for all group activities • Entrance fees and port charges • Welcome and farewell wine receptions • House wine, beer, and soft drinks with all group lunches and dinners • Bottled water on motorcoaches • Comprehensive packet of pre-departure information • Professional tour manager throughout the program

PROGRAM COST EXCLUSIONS: U.S. domestic and international airfare; Passport/visa expenses; Medical expenses and immunizations; Travel and trip cancellation insurance; Private transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure days; Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour; Airline baggage charges; Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted; Laundry or dry cleaning; Telephone, fax, internet, and email charges; Room service; Other items of a personal nature and those not specifically noted in the Program Inclusions.

PROGRAM SIZE: *Queen Eleganza* will accommodate up to 30 participants for this Harvard-exclusive voyage.

HAA reserves the right to cancel the program, levy a small group surcharge, and/or send the program without a Harvard study leader. HAA retains the right to add staff members and/or invited guests to any group departures regardless of the stated group-size limitation.

RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS, & FINAL PAYMENT: To reserve a space on this program, a \$1,000 deposit is required per person. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt until the maximum enrollment has been reached. Final payment is due May 24, 2022 (120 days before departure), payable by check only to "Criterion Travel". Participants will receive an invoice directly from Criterion Travel for all subsequent payments after the initial deposit.

PARTICIPANT CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS: Notification of cancellation must be received in writing by HAA from the participant. Deposits are refundable until final payment deadline of May 24, 2022. Cancellations after May 24, 2022: All payments are 100% nonrefundable, regardless of booking date.

TRIP INSURANCE: Neither HAA nor the tour operator, including all representatives, employees, and agents, will take responsibility for any costs or losses incurred or suffered by a participant, or a participant's dependents

or traveling companions before, during or after the tour. This includes, without limitation, cancellation or curtailment of the tour, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, or damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money, and goods. As noted below, neither HAA nor its tour operators shall be liable for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable airline ticket or for any other expenses incurred by tour participants in preparing for the tour.

HAA highly recommends the purchase of trip insurance to cover unforeseen trip interruptions, cancellations, lost baggage, and emergency medical assistance and evacuation. Participants may purchase trip insurance through any provider. HAA will provide information from one provider, Redpoint Resolutions, upon confirmation, which will detail available options. If a participant purchases a trip insurance policy from Redpoint Resolutions within a 14-day window, then the pre-existing medical conditions exclusion will be waived, and the participant will be eligible to purchase the "Cancel for Any Reason" upgrade. The 14-day window begins on the first day the participant's trip deposits become non-refundable. For participants who utilize a trip credit to book the trip, the 14-day window starts the first day the participant is subject to financial penalty for cancellation, including full or partial loss of the trip credit. An insurance policy, when issued, shall constitute a contract only between the participant and the insurance provider. HAA will not intervene in any transactional issues or claim disputes between the participant and the insurance provider.

AIR ARRANGEMENTS: International and US domestic airfare are not included in the program cost. Criterion Travel does not make flight arrangements, but Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc. can help participants with flight arrangements and can be reached at (877) 376-1754. Travelers are also welcome to book air transportation through a local travel agent, online booking site, or airline. Information about making flight arrangements will be sent to all participants in the Initial Planning Mailing. Neither the Harvard Alumni Association nor the tour operator accepts the liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable airline ticket. The air ticket when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and the airline concerned. Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable. Your airline ticket constitutes a contract between you and the airline, even if purchased through Operator.

WHAT TO EXPECT / PHYSICAL HEALTH: Due to the prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), participants should anticipate rules and restrictions to be enforced at airports, on flights, and at country entry points, as well as protocols in place during the program to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Updates will be provided closer to departure.

All participants must be in overall good health to participate in a HAA trip. All programs require physical independence and mobility: participants must be able to embark or disembark all conveyances used on the program alone or with minimal assistance from a traveling companion and must be able to climb stairs and step over raised thresholds without assistance.

Participants requiring assistance must travel with a companion who will be responsible for handling any required equipment. Any physical or mental health condition that may require special medical attention or physical assistance must be disclosed in writing prior to booking so that HAA and the tour operator may evaluate whether participation is feasible. All participants should consult with their doctor about whether they can meet the physical requirements of their trip and must complete and return any medical forms required by the tour operator.

Participants with dietary restrictions also must make these known to the tour operator well before departure, otherwise the tour operator may not be able to accommodate them.

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PREPARING FOR THE TOUR: Participants will be provided with comprehensive pre-departure travel information, including specific suggestions for packing.

CHANGES IN ITINERARY, PROGRAM, STAFFING & COSTS: The itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of HAA and the tour operator. HAA reserves the right to change program dates, staff (including study leader), itineraries, or accommodations as conditions warrant. HAA further reserves the right to cancel programs, levy a small group surcharge, send a program without a study leader and/or withdraw HAA sponsorship from a program. Please note that all participants are bound to the cancellation fee schedule and other terms and conditions of the program regardless of whether HAA takes any of these actions. Participants making deviations from the scheduled itinerary do so at their own expense. All prices quoted are based on prevailing fuel prices, airfares, and currency exchange rates in effect as of the date of this publication and are subject to change.

FAILURE TO OPERATE THE TOUR OR CANCELLATION OF THE TOUR BY THE TOUR OPERATOR:

If the tour operator fails to operate the tour or cancels the tour, except as a direct result of adverse weather conditions, strikes, local laws, hostilities, wars, terrorist acts, significant health concerns (such as epidemics or pandemics requiring significant travel disruptions), or other such causes beyond HAA and the tour operator's reasonable control (Force Majeure Events), then the tour operator shall refund all monies received from tour participants. If the tour operator's failure to operate the tour or cancellation of the tour is a direct result of a Force Majeure Event, then the tour operator may provide tour participants a refund consisting, in whole or in part, of credit toward future travel. Tours also shall be cancelled if the U. S. State Department, another U.S. government agency, or a relevant local government agency issues a statement within sixty (60) days of tour departure to the effect that American citizens or others should not travel except for essential reasons to any of the destinations on the itinerary for that tour. In such case, the tour operator will provide an alternate tour with a revised or substitute itinerary and may provide tour participants who choose not to travel on the alternate itinerary a refund consisting, in whole or in part, of credit toward future travel.

CURTAILMENT OF THE TOUR BY THE TOUR OPERATOR: If a tour is curtailed after it has begun, either as a direct result of a Force Majeure Event, or because the U. S. State Department, another U.S. government agency, or a relevant local government agency has issued a statement to the effect that American citizens or others should not travel except for essential reasons to the remaining destinations on the itinerary for that tour, then the tour operator will take immediate steps to end the tour early and assist tour participants with travel arrangements back to their homes or other final destinations. In such a case, the tour operator may provide tour participants a refund for the number of missed days on the original tour consisting, in whole or in part, of credit toward future travel. The calculation for any such refund shall take into account any non-recoverable prepayments, and any additional expenses incurred by the tour operator to wind up the tour early.

RESPONSIBILITY: The tour operator, its owners, and employees act only as agents for the various independent suppliers and contractors providing transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurants, and other services connected with this tour. Such travel, accommodations, and services are subject to the terms and conditions under which they are offered or provided, and HAA and the tour operator, along with their respective employees, agents, representatives, and assigns, accept no liability therefor. Neither HAA nor the tour operator assumes liability for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or other irregularity which may be caused by the defect of any aircraft or vehicle or the negligence or default of any company or person engaged in carrying out or performing any of the services involved. Nor will HAA and the tour operator accept responsibility for losses, injury, damages, or expenses of any kind due to Force Majeure Events, other than as provided above. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they are provided. HAA and the tour operator reserve the right to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in their sole judgment, they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the tour participants. HAA and the

tour operator may, in their sole judgment, decline to accept or retain any person as a tour participant. Baggage and personal effects are always the sole responsibility of their owners. The price of the program is given in good faith based on current tariffs and rates and is subject to change. Any increases in tariffs, exchange rates, or fuel prices will be passed onto participants. As part of the consideration and right to participate in a tour, each participant must sign this document and may be asked to sign a separate liability waiver and release form by the tour operator.

PERSONAL INFORMATION: HAA and the tour operator will not share participants' personal information with third parties or make it publicly available except as follows: participants' names, degree(s), home city, and email addresses may be included in the tour participant list that is distributed to tour staff and participants prior to departure; and relevant information about participants is shared with those contracted to provide tour services in the destination. Tour operators and their agents are prohibited from sharing or selling this information to other parties. Participants may opt out of sharing their email addresses with others on the tour participant list.

DISCLAIMER: Every reasonable effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information presented in this document. HAA is not responsible for errors in or damages resulting from the use of the information contained herein. Information contained in this document is subject to change.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: Tour participants understand and agree that participation in the tour involves risks that include, without limitation, risks involved in: travel; political, legal, medical, social, economic, and weather conditions; standards of design, safety, and maintenance of buildings, public places, and conveyances that may differ from those to which they are accustomed; and health and safety standards that may differ from those to which they are accustomed. Without limiting the foregoing, tour participants understand and agree that there are risks associated with the possibility of an epidemic or pandemic, the trajectory of which may be unpredictable, and that as a result of such an epidemic or pandemic, local and national governments may enact border, travel, and stay-at-home restrictions, and health care systems may become overwhelmed. Tour participants recognize that they may be subjected to potential risks, illnesses, injuries, and even death and confirm that they have made their own investigation of these risks, understand them, and assume them knowingly and willingly. Knowing the risks described herein, tour participants agree, on behalf of their family, heirs, and personal representative(s), to assume all risks and responsibilities surrounding their participation in the tour.

RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION: By signing below (or by checking the respective box on the on-line registration form), I certify that I am age 18 or older and that I have carefully read and freely signed these Travel Terms and Conditions on my own behalf and on behalf of all members of my party. To the maximum extent permitted by law, I release, hold harmless and agree to indemnify Harvard, and its officers, governing board members, faculty, staff, representatives, employees and agents, from and against any present or future claims, losses, liabilities, costs and expenses for injury to person or property, or for any other damage, which I may suffer, or for which I may be liable to any other person, related to my participation in the tour resulting from any cause, including but not limited to negligence on my part or on the part of any of the released parties.

I understand and agree that no oral or written representations can or will alter the contents of this document. I agree that this agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (excluding its conflict of laws principles), which shall be the forum for any lawsuits filed under or incident to this agreement or the tour.

QUESTIONS: Please call Harvard Alumni Travels at 800-422-1636 or 617-496-0806, or email haatravels@harvard.edu.

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