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Slovenia and Croatia

SEPTEMBER 14-25, 2024

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HVAR MONASTERY

Dear W&L Alumni, Parents, and Friends,

Coveted by the ancient Greeks and Roman emperors, the Adriatic coastline of Croatia and Slovenia continues to entice modern explorers with its many riches—stunning natural beauty, significant history, and cultural jewels. Sun-dappled islands and well-preserved medieval towns dot the coast, each retaining its own authentic character and showcasing the idyllic marriage of land and sea.

We begin our tour in Slovenia's capital city, Ljubljana, and discover magical Lake Bled, monumental karst caves, and mountain aeries before continuing to Pula, Croatia to begin our 7-night Adriatic cruise. Launched in 2018, the beautiful 18-cabin *Queen Eleganza* yacht features a casual ambiance and the ability to call at small islands and ports not accessible to large cruise ships. Sail along the Croatian coast from Istria to Dubrovnik, calling at magical Zadar, Split, Hvar, and Korčula. Our leisurely pace allows ample time in port to sample regional cuisine and mingle with locals.

As our ship approaches, we'll see ancient walls rising from the water's edge, enclosing cobblestone streets and towns comprised of dramatic stone buildings with distinctive tiled roofs. In the distance, mountain peaks frame distinctive period architecture and archaeological treasures.

This special program aboard the *Queen Eleganza* has very limited space. Reserve your cabin today to ensure you are part of this program exclusive to W&L travelers.

Sincerely,

Gary Kirk
Director

Ruth Candler
Associate Director

Lisa D'Amelio
Program Coordinator

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Ljubljana, Slovenia's charming capital city, and ride gondola-like *pletnas* on the remarkably blue waters of Lake Bled.
- Marvel at the well-preserved Roman Forum in Zadar and the ruins of Emperor Diocletian's palace in Split.
- Investigate the UNESCO World Heritage site of Trogir, an island dating back to the Hellenistic period embellished by successive rulers with Romanesque, Renaissance, and Baroque architecture.
- Take guided walks at Plitvice National Park on wooden walkways and bridges through the magical landscape of cascading waterfalls, picturesque pools, and lush vegetation.
- Sample local delicacies and some of Croatia's most famous wines in Korčula.
- Delve into the historic sights of Dubrovnik, Pearl of the Adriatic.
- Moor at or near town centers aboard the super yacht *Queen Eleganza*, with easy walk-off access to explore independently.
- Swim in secluded coves in the pristine waters of the Adriatic Sea.

DUBROVNIK STRADUN



KORČULA VINEYARD



ZADAR ROMAN FORUM



ITINERARY

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14-15 LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA

Depart the U.S. on an overnight flight to Ljubljana, Slovenia. Upon arrival, transfer to the centrally located Grand Hotel Union for an orientation, welcome reception, and dinner.
GRAND HOTEL UNION (R,D)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 LJUBLJANA

Following a morning lecture, take a walking tour of Ljubljana's historic Old Town, which is off limits to automobiles, and explore the cobblestone streets, bridges, and markets found in Slovenia's charming capital city. See the famous Dragon Bridge and stroll along the ancient Roman wall. After lunch, take the funicular to Ljubljana Castle or spend the afternoon at leisure. Once a medieval fortress, Ljubljana Castle was likely built in the 11th century and continues to serve as a historical and cultural landmark.
GRAND HOTEL UNION (B,L)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 LAKE BLEĐ

This afternoon visit picturesque Lake Bled and take gondola-like *pletna* boats to visit Slovenia's only island—a church-crowned islet in the center of the lake. Before returning to Ljubljana, tour an apiary—UNESCO has designated Slovenian

beekeeping an Intangible Cultural Heritage. Dine and explore Ljubljana independently this evening.
GRAND HOTEL UNION (B,L)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 ZADAR, CROATIA

Drive to Zadar by way of Plitvice Lakes National Park, Croatia's largest national park known for its beautiful lakes, caves, and waterfalls. Walk through lush forest scenery and marvel at the park's magnificent waterfalls and emerald lakes. Upon arrival in Zadar, embark *Queen Eleganza* for a welcome reception and dinner along the inviting waterfront.
QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 TROGIR

Take a morning walking tour of Zadar, a city which boasts a rich history dating as far back to the Neolithic era. Here admire the ancient Roman Forum and the cylindrical-shaped Church of St. Donat. The streets of the old town are paved with shining white marble, and the inviting waterfront is a magnet for art lovers. In the afternoon, relax on the sun deck and have lunch on board while cruising to Trogir.
QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 SPLIT

This morning tour Trogir, a UNESCO World Heritage site located on a tiny island,





PLITVICE LAKES NATIONAL PARK



DIOCLETIAN'S PALACE

surrounded by medieval walls. Enjoy lunch and, weather permitting, a swim in a quiet cove, en route to Split, Croatia's second-largest city, this afternoon. Upon arrival, take a walking tour of Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace spread along the Split waterfront.

QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,L)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

HVAR

Today cruise to lavender-scented Hvar Island, known as the "Queen of the Dalmatian islands." Stroll along the elegant main square and visit a Benedictine monastery to see lace made by nuns from aloë threads. Explore the yacht-filled waterfront and the restaurant-lined avenues at leisure this evening.

QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,L)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

KORČULA

Cruise to the fortified town of Korčula, perched on a promontory on its namesake island. Korčula is rich in vineyards and olive groves, picturesque villages, and a glorious old town, as well as age-old religious ceremonies, folk music, and dance traditions. Following an insightful walking tour, sample local delicacies and some of Croatia's most famous wines, including white wine made from pošip grapes, grown primarily on the island.

QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,L)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

MLJET

Today walk or e-bike amongst shady forests of Aleppo pine or kayak in a saltwater lake at Mljet National Park. This evening dock in Pomena, a small village on the west end of the Island of Mljet.

QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,L)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

DUBROVNIK

En route to Dubrovnik, attend the final lecture of the educational program. There may also be an opportunity to swim in the azure waters of the Adriatic Sea before docking at Dubrovnik. Noted for its expansive walls and red tile rooftops, Dubrovnik is perhaps the most-visited destination on the Adriatic coast. On a guided tour, explore the sites along the marble-clad Stradun, including Onofrio's Fountain, St. Blaise's Church, 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. Take advantage of free time in the afternoon to explore the maze of alleyways and Renaissance-era architecture before a farewell dinner on board.

QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

DUBROVNIK / HOME

Disembark this morning by 9:00 a.m. and transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)



HVAR LACE



MLJET NATIONAL PARK



GENERAL INFORMATION

PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary including **three hotel nights and a 7-night cruise aboard Queen Eleganza**

- Full program of briefings, lectures and presentations
- Group transfers on arrival and departure days
- Baggage handling
- **Gratuities to porters, waitstaff, guides and drivers**
- **Gratuities to shipboard personnel**
- Port charges
- Entrance fees
- Welcome and farewell wine receptions
- **House wine, beer, and soft drinks with group lunches and dinners and on board Queen Eleganza**
- Filtered water on motorcoaches
- Professional tour manager throughout the program

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.

ACTIVITY LEVEL

The pace of this tour is moderately active with considerable walking each day, often over very uneven and cobblestoned terrain, and extended periods of standing. Participants must be in good health and able to keep up with the group without assistance from tour staff. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by W&L or Criterion Travel, our tour operator; local staff; and host country laws. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply.

GROUP SIZE

This exclusive program is limited to a maximum of 28 participants.

PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

- U.S. domestic and international airfare
- Passport/visa expenses
- Medical expenses and immunizations
- Private transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure days
- Travel 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; liquor or soft drinks except as noted
- Laundry
- Telephone and internet charges
- Room service
- Other items of a personal nature

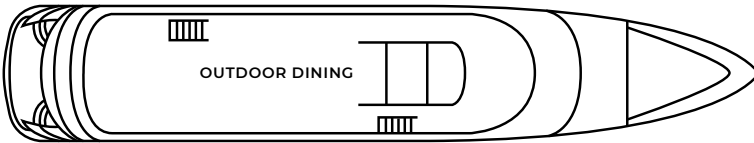
QUEEN ELEGANZA

The super yacht, *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. Meals are served in a single seating and feature fresh and tasty Mediterranean cuisine with beer and wine included.

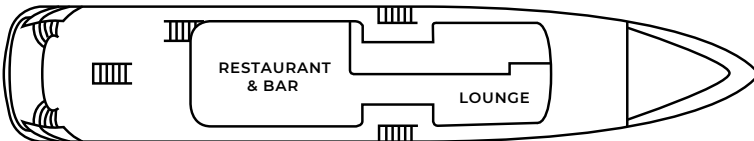
PROGRAM RATES (PER PERSON)

CATEGORY		DOUBLE	SINGLE
A	LOWER DECK 161 sq. ft.; queen bed; two portholes	\$7,990	\$11,390
B	LOWER DECK 156-177 sq. ft.; twins or queen bed; two portholes	\$8,490	\$12,140
C	MAIN DECK 156-172 sq. ft.; twins; three windows	\$9,490	—
D	MAIN DECK 151 sq. ft.; twins or queen bed; large picture window; cabins 8 & 9 have partially obstructed views	\$9,990	—
E	MAIN DECK 242 sq. ft.; king bed; 4 windows	\$10,990	—

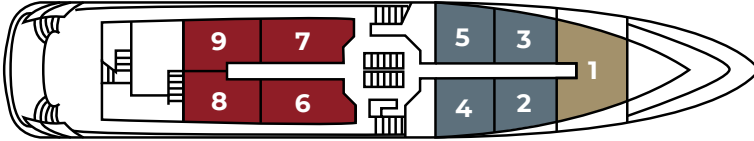
SUN DECK



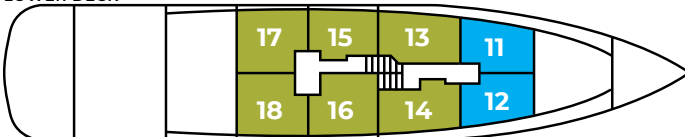
UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK



LOWER DECK



TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, medical problems, baggage loss and delay, etc., is highly recommended. Cancellation policies that apply to this expedition are included in this brochure. Information about travel insurance will be sent to confirmed participants.

A NOTE ABOUT RATES

Tour rates are based upon current fuel prices, currency values, taxes, tariffs, and a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Complete Terms and Conditions including Statement of Responsibility will be made available to you at time of registration, or in advance upon request. A signed "Terms & Conditions, Release from Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Clause" is required from each applicant prior to participation on the tour.

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS

A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve space on this program. For more information or to reserve your place, please visit wlu.edu/alumni/lifelong-learning/travel-programs or call (540) 458-8723. You may also return the completed reservation form to: W&L Office of Lifelong Learning, Washington and Lee University, 204 West Washington Street, Lexington, Virginia 24450; or fax the form to W&L Office of Lifelong Learning at (540) 458-8478. We accept personal checks, payable to Criterion Travel, as well as VISA, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover. Reservations will be processed in order of receipt. Final payment deadline is May 17, 2024. Final payment must be made by check or bank transfer.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

Upon payment of the \$1,000 per person deposit, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be in effect until they are received in writing and confirmed by W&L Office of Lifelong Learning. Deposits are fully refundable if written notice of cancellation is received up to six months prior to departure. Inside of six months prior to departure, up until final payment, deposits are refundable less a \$250 per person administration fee. For cancellations after final payment deadline: All payments are 100% nonrefundable, regardless of booking date. Trip cancellation insurance is strongly

recommended. NOTE: Neither W&L Office of Lifelong Learning nor Criterion Travel, the tour operator, accepts liability for any airline cancellation penalties incurred with the purchase of non-refundable tickets.

RESPONSIBILITY

W&L Office of Lifelong Learning, Washington and Lee University, and Criterion Travel, its officers and their employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, successors, agents, and assigns (hereafter referred to as "the Organizers") act only as agents for the passenger with respect to the travel services on this program, including but not limited to transportation, ship arrangements, food services, etc. The Organizers are not responsible for any injury, loss, accident, death, inconvenience, delay, or damage to person or property in connection with the provision of any goods or services whether resulting from, but not limited to, negligence, acts of God or force majeure, COVID-19 or other illness, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, animals, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, mechanical or other failure of airplanes or other means of transportation, or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart on time. If delayed past tour dates due to weather, flight schedules, or other uncontrollable factors, you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers, and meals costs. Baggage is entirely at owner's risk. The right is reserved to decline to accept or to retain any person as a member of this program at any time. Passenger certifies not to have any mental, physical, or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other passengers. We reserve the right to change the itinerary, trip features, or accommodations at any time and for any reason, with or without notice, as deemed necessary by program staff. The right is reserved to cancel any program prior to departure, in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. No refund will be made for any unused portion of the program. The Organizers do not accept liability for any airline carrier's cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable ticket connected with the tour. Upon payment of their deposit, tour participants indicate acceptance of the above Terms and Conditions.

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For the ease of registering online, please visit go.wlu.edu/sloveniacroatia. To register via email, please send your reservation to lifelong@wlu.edu. Once you have submitted your request, Criterion Travel will call within two business days to confirm your reservation and collect your deposit.

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NAME #2 AS IT APPEARS ON PASSPORT CLASS YEAR

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EMAIL 2

PAYMENT

- Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (\$1,000 per person, payable to Criterion Travel), to reserve _____ place(s) on *Wonders of Slovenia and Croatia*.

SINGLE TRAVELERS

- I prefer to have single accommodations (limited availability)
- or I plan to share accommodations with:

or I'd like to know about roomates

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of May 17, 2024, I will pay the single rate.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Bed Preference (not guaranteed):

- One bed Two beds

I / we have read the Terms & Conditions section of this brochure and understand and agree with them as stated therein.

SIGNATURE DATE

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