Cruising the ADRIATIC
Best of Slovenia and Croatia aboard Queen Eleganza
August 28–September 8, 2022
Faculty Host

We are confident this offering will resonate well with our travelers. As the registration grows, we will confirm a Tufts faculty host to join you to add to the overall learning experience and bring a uniquely Tufts perspective. Please check our website often for additions and updates.

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Highlights

- **Experience** Veliki 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.
- **Explore** Krka National Park’s magnificent waterfalls and splashing cascades in a magical landscape.
- **Delve** into the historic grandeur of Dubrovnik, known as the “Pearl of the Adriatic.” Swim in the pristine waters of the Kornati Archipelago.
- **Moor** at or near town centers aboard the yacht-like Queen Eleganza, with easy walk-off access to explore independently.
Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends of Tufts,

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 in Slovenia’s capital city, 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 Korčula along the way. A leisurely pace allows for free time in town to sample regional cuisine and mingle with locals.

Launched in 2018, the intimate Queen Eleganza yacht features a casual ambiance and the ability to call at small, inviting islands and ports not accessible to large cruise ships. With space for only 28 travelers, this program will likely fill quickly and I encourage you to reserve your place today by contacting Criterion Travel by phone: (888) 328-2089 or by email: res@criteriontravel.com

Sincerely,

Mary Ann R. Hunt
Director of Lifelong Learning and Travel-Learn Program

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Itinerary

Sunday–Monday, August 28–29
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 Slovenian specialties.

GRAND UNION HOTEL (R,D)

Tuesday, August 30
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, venture to the lovely and impossibly blue Lake Bled and ride gondola-like Pletna boats to visit Slovenia’s only island, a picturesque outpost in the center of the lake. Dinner is at your leisure in Ljubljana this evening.

GRAND UNION HOTEL (B,L)

Wednesday, August 31
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 in 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)

Thursday, September 1
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 2
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 first-Century Roman villa. Continue to nearby Pula to explore its well-preserved Roman ruins, including the impressive amphitheater in the world with a complete circle wall.

QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,L,D)

Saturday, September 3
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 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 4
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. Take guided walks on wooded walkways and bridges through this magical landscape. Continue to Split, Croatia’s fashionable second-largest city. Enjoy time...
to explore the old town and have dinner at leisure.  
QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,D)

Monday, September 5  
**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 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 6  
**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. 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.  
QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,L)

Wednesday, September 7  
**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.  
QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,D)

Thursday, September 8  
**Dubrovnik / Home**  
Disembark this morning and transfer to the Dubrovnik airport for flights home.  
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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)**

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**General Information**

**PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE**

- All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary, including three hotel nights and seven nights aboard Queen Eleganza
- Comprehensive program of briefings, lectures, and presentations
- Transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure dates
- 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
- Complete packet of pre-departure information
- 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.

**WHAT TO EXPECT**

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. The ship has no elevator, so guests should be capable of navigating stairs on rolling seas. Participants must be in good health and able to keep up with the group without assistance from tour staff. All participants, tour staff, and shipboard crew will be required to be fully vaccinated for SARS-COV-2 (COVID-19), plus follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by the tour operator, cruise management, local staff, and host country laws. By forwarding the deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any physical or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants.

**A NOTE ABOUT COSTS**

Tour costs 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.
GENERAL INFORMATION (continued)

PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE: Domiciled and international airline, Passport/visa expenses, - Medical expenses and immunizations, - Travel and trip cancellation insurance, - Private transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure days, - Personal excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour, - Airline baggage charges, - Meals not specified in the itinerary, - Clothes 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.

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

GROUP SIZE: This program is limited to 28 participants.

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. Final payment is due May 2, 2022. For those who register after May 2, 2022, full payment is due upon registration. 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 The Tufts Office of Alumni Engagement and Criterion Travel. Deposits are refundable until final payment deadline (May 2, 2022). Cancellations after May 2, 2022: All payments are 100% nonrefundable regardless of booking date. Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended.

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PAYMENT: Please charge the deposit to my credit card (circle one):

- VISA
- MC
- DISCOVER
- AMEX

NAME ON CREDIT CARD

CARD # EXP. DATE SECURITY CODE

SIGNATURE AS IT APPEARS ON CREDIT CARD

DATE

O I prefer to have single accommodations (limited availability) or O I'd like to know about roommates

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of May 2, 2022, I will pay the single rate.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Cabin category preference:

1st Choice __________________ 2nd Choice __________________

Bed Preference (not guaranteed): O One bed O Two beds

I/We have read the Terms & Conditions section of this brochure and understand and agree with them as stated herein:

SIGNATURE DATE

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