Croatia

& Cruising the Dalmatian Coast



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Featuring Cristelle Baskins



A World of Discovery



Traditional Croatian musician

This exhilarating itinerary introduces you to Croatia's familiar gems, such as Zagreb and Dubrovnik, as well as lesser-known fishing towns and unspoiled islets. You'll experience an immersive land journey during a three-night stay in Zagreb, plus discover why Croatia is a sailing haven with its gorgeous stretch of coastline, national parks and myriad islands. Get a taste of cruising life as your small vessel glides away from the crowds, pausing at various ports so you can hop off and witness centuries of visible history or sip wine in a café. Back on board, soak up more seascapes before your next port of call!

Inspiring Moments

- Fall under the spell of the **Dalmatian Coast** where glistening blue waters, timeless beauty and alluring islands await.
- Bask in unrivaled relaxation aboard a private yacht on a glorious **seven-night Adriatic cruise.**
- Stroll through the unique landscape of **Plitvice Lakes National Park.**
- Embrace the natural grandeur and well-preserved history of Adriatic island gems: **Rab, Hvar and Korčula.**
- Stand amid the magnificent Roman ruins of **Diocletian's Palace in Split.**
- Witness **Trogir's** Romanesque, baroque and Renaissance-style architecture.
- Explore a rich abundance of history and culture in beautiful **Dubrovnik.**
- Uncover the energetic **Croatian capital of Zagreb.**
- Experience six **UNESCO World Heritage sites.**

Top: City lights of Dubrovnik at dusk



Cristelle Baskins

Cristelle Baskins taught Art History at Tufts from 1997-2020. Her courses included Renaissance and Baroque (especially in Florence, Rome, and Venice), as well as seminars in the Art of Travel. Her book on portraits of the King of Tunis is forthcoming with Palgrave Macmillan press. Future projects will involve the interaction of people, goods, and images in the western Mediterranean and North Africa. On the trip she will discuss the impact of Venice in Dalmatia and the importance of Dalmatian sculptors in Naples, Rome, and the Veneto. The region was also understood as a bulwark against the Ottomans which fostered an interest in archeology, fortification, and ethnography.

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Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends of Tufts,

Experience the best that Croatia has to offer on this extraordinary 10-night adventure! Soak up absolute serenity aboard your small deluxe yacht while sailing the Dalmatian Coast, a region celebrated for its natural beauty and timeless charms. Embark in Dubrovnik and spend seven unforgettable nights cruising the Adriatic before capping off the journey in Zagreb.

Cruising in an intimately sized yacht is the perfect way to island-hop through Croatia's islands and ports. Your small cruise ship can reach tiny islets, ports and remote harbors that larger vessels cannot, allowing you access to some of Croatia's most spectacular destinations. By day, glide from one island to another, explore delightful villages and enjoy opportunities to swim, snorkel and sunbathe. Thoughtfully planned excursions introduce you to lauded sights and ancient ruins, local culture and natural wonders. By night, indulge in local gastronomic delights and fall asleep to the gentle rhythm of the sea. The adventure concludes with three nights in buzzing Zagreb, a capital city full of life and historical landmarks.

This trip combines the security, ease and value of group travel with opportunities for independent exploration. Enjoy the camaraderie of traveling with a group and, during your free time, feel the thrill of making your own discoveries! "Space on this exclusive journey is limited, and the trip is sure to sell out quickly, so make your reservations today!"

Please join us again or renew your connection to Tufts. As always, family members and friends are welcome to join as members of the Tufts "family." Share the experience of Travel-Learn!

Cheers,

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Medieval walls of Dubrovnik

Antiquity | Architecture | Art | Culture | Cuisine | History | Natural Beauty



Diocletian's Palace and Riva promenade, Split

Day 1 | **In Transit**

Depart for Dubrovnik, Croatia.

Day 2 | **Dubrovnik, Croatia**

Upon arrival, transfer to the pier and board your ship. Take time to unpack and get to know the ship's amenities. Later tonight, gather for a convivial Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Day 3 | **Dubrovnik | Korčula**

Discovery: ***Enchanting Dubrovnik.*** Encounter the endless wonders of this history-steeped city by the sea. Witness the Pile Gate, Europe's oldest working pharmacy and the Franciscan Monastery's cloister. Pass through the columns of medieval Sponza Palace and view a baroque cathedral with its collections of art and religious relics. You may wish to walk along the city's walls for epic vistas.

Begin cruising along the Dalmatian coast, a dreamy landscape of towering limestone cliffs.

Discovery: ***Korčula.*** The spectacular "Emerald Isle" juts into the Peljesac Channel and brims with natural beauty. Discover Korčula's stunning old town, cobbled lanes and enduring architecture with a guide. The island is rumored to be the birthplace of the famous explorer Marco Polo!

Day 4 | **Hvar | Split**

Discovery: ***Hvar Island.*** Visit sunny Hvar, lauded for its lavender plantations, olive groves and idyllic beaches. Uncover the island's highlights, including the Renaissance cathedral and a timeworn community theater. Walk up to the 16th-century Španjola Fortress for views of the old town, Pakleni islands and turquoise waters stretching beyond.

Continue sailing to Split.

Discovery: ***Split.*** Behold the riches of Split! Roam the courtyards and chambers of Diocletian's Palace. See the Cathedral of Saint Domnius, the Golden Gate and the Peristyle. Cap off the excursion at a colorful fish market, which offers a look into day-to-day life in this waterfront town.

Your Individual Experience

Free time means something different to every traveler. You may prefer to linger in a cozy café or stay on the go. That's why we design itineraries that allow you to craft an individual travel experience.

Personalize Your Journey | PYJ | ***Included***

With our Personalize Your Journey program, AHI travelers can match a range of excursions to their interests and activity levels. From culinary tours to cycling adventures, there's bound to be an adventure perfect for you.

Electives | ***At an additional cost***

For some travelers, a deeper dive into the locations we visit can be the difference between a great trip and an extraordinary one. Our electives give you the option for more guided exploration.

Check out our itinerary for more details. We've done the legwork. Now the choice is yours.



Old town, Trogir

Day 5 | **Trogir | Šibenik**

Discovery: ***Trogir.*** Fall under the spell of Trogir, a well-preserved Romanesque-Gothic town. See the Cathedral of St. Lawrence, the intricate Cipiko Palace and the Fortress Kamerlengo, built in the 15th-century. Plus, admire the Benedictine Monastery, founded by St. Ivan of Trogir.

Travel on to Šibenik.

PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

•***Cultural Šibenik.*** Uncover the city's storied architecture at the Cathedral of St. James, one of Europe's most significant monumental churches.

•***Krka National Park.*** Delight in the waterfalls, walking paths and more of this top-rated park. Set by the Krka River, the park features seven waterfalls, including the Skradinski Buk. (*Active*)

Settle in the sunshine for an afternoon of sailing.

Day 6 | **Zadar**

Discovery: ***Zadar.*** This storied university town features the impressive Roman Forum and the Church of St. Donatus. Witness the city's modern attractions at its waterfront promenade, including the Sea Organ, a musical art installation. Listen to its sweet melody, fueled by the ebb and flow of the sea's currents. Nearby is the Monument to the Sun, which celebrates Zadar's incredible sunsets.

Day 7 | **Rab Island**

Set off cruising this morning. Watch as lovely islands, coves and azure seas unfold before you. You may see dolphins and other marine life, too!

Discovery: ***Rab Island.*** Visit Rab for a tour of the island's many marvels, from medieval walls and ancient stone lanes to bell towers and pretty squares. Spy local artists painting in outdoor settings and taste *Rapska torta,* or Rab cake. Legend claims that the cake was first served in 1177 to Pope Alexander III. The main ingredient is almonds, but the rest of the recipe is a secret!

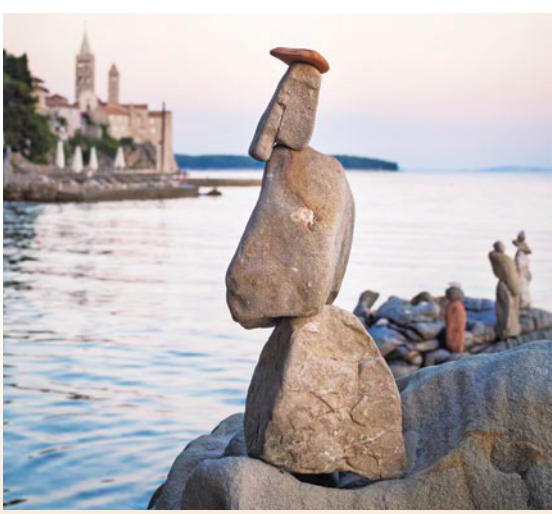
Day 8 | **Krk Island | Opatija**

Depart Rab and sail to Krk Island, which lies in the middle of Kvarner Bay. Enjoy lunch on board while docked in this charming port.

Spend an afternoon beneath blue skies during your final afternoon of sailing to Opatija.



Roman forum and Church of St. Donatus, Zadar



Stone sculptures, Rab Island



Plitvice National Park

UNESCO World Heritage

1. **Plitvice Lakes National Park**
2. **Historical Complex of Split with the Palace of Diocletian**
3. **Old City of Dubrovnik**
4. **Historic City of Trogir**
5. **Cathedral of St James** in Šibenik
6. **Venetian Works of Defence between the 16th and 17th Centuries: Stato da Terra — Western Stato da Mar** (Zadar)

Raise a toast to your cruising adventure at a Farewell Reception and Dinner on the ship.

Day 9 | **Opatija | Plitvice National Park | Zagreb**

After breakfast, disembark in Opatija. Head inland, stopping for a tour of Plitvice National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of Croatia's most spectacular national wonders.

Discovery: ***Plitvice National Park.*** This park is an example of Mother Nature's perfection! It features 16 crystal-clear terraced lakes linked in a series of emerald green and blue waterfalls. Wander planked walkways and trails amid a fragrant forest of beech and pine. The area is also home to nearly 160 species of birds and numerous plant species.

After a lunch of regional dishes, continue to Zagreb. Check in to the Esplanade Zagreb Hotel.

Day 10 | **Zagreb**

Enrichment: ***Contemporary Croatia.*** Join a local expert to gain an understanding of recent events that have shaped modern Croatia.

Discovery: ***Zagreb Panoramic Tour.*** Zagreb weaves European elegance with a



Old town, Korcula



Old town, Zagreb

vivacious Balkan spirit. After a panoramic tour of the lower town, drive to Mirogoj Cemetery, designed by architect Hermann Bollé. Tour the cemetery, then return to Zagreb's beautifully preserved upper town, home to wonderful Austro-Hungarian architecture and more treasures by Bollé, including The Cathedral of Assumption and St. Mark's Church. Originally erected in the 13th century, the church's mosaic roof depicts the Croatian, Dalmatian and Slavic coats of arms, plus those of Zagreb.

Day 11 | **Zagreb**

Free Time: Make your own discoveries in Zagreb today or join the elective excursion to Croatia's countryside. If you stay in town, visit the Museum of Broken Relationships or sample honey and fruits at the farmer's markets.

Elective | *Croatian Countryside.* Travel to Klanjec to visit the Antun Augustincic Museum and Gallery. See some of the artist's works and learn about his life before continuing to Kumrovec near the Sutla River. The village features an open-air museum with houses from the end of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century. Conclude your excursion with lunch



at a family restaurant before returning to Zagreb.

Celebrate your adventure as you gather for a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 12 | **In Transit**

Transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

Note: *Itinerary may change due to local conditions.*

Flights and transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

Elective experiences available at an additional cost.



St. Mark's Church, Zagreb

Note About Activity Levels

We have rated the activity levels of our excursions to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available. Please call or visit our website for more specific details.

Excursions on this program require:

– walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces

– getting on/off motor coaches and boats

Accommodations

Built in 1925 as a stylish art nouveau sanctuary for passengers of the grand Orient Express, the Esplanade Zagreb Hotel upholds its reputation for impeccable service and sumptuous decor. Enjoy the hotel's romantic Old World charm and classic style and appreciate your tastefully decorated guest room, featuring a luxurious marble bathroom. Dine on fine Mediterranean cuisine at the hotel's celebrated Zinfandel Restaurant. The property also features a health club, spa and gift shop. Wi-fi is complimentary.

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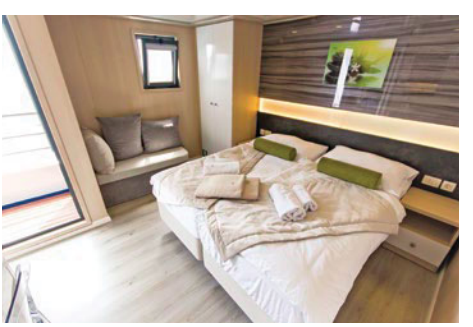




Esplanade Zagreb Hotel | Zagreb

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Croatia & the Dalmatian Coast

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Please have the information outlined below available to share with our AHI Travel Experts.

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Deposit amount is $600 per person.

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Name (Reservation Request sent separately)

Single Accommodations

❒ I prefer single accommodations (supplement waived, limited availability).

Flights

❒ Yes, I/we are requesting the round-trip AHI FlexAir to Dubrovnik, Croatia, with a return from Zagreb, to depart from:

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Departure City

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❒ First Class ❒ Business Class ❒ Premium Economy

❒ No thanks! I/we will book my/our own air travel and transfers.

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Your full balance must be paid by **July 1, 2023** (90 days prior to departure). Reservations received before this date are eligible for a discount if full payment is made at the time of booking. Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Payment may be made by eCheck, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or Amex.

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Air Program dates: Sept. 29 – Oct. 10, 2023

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Land | Cruise Program

Category-Deck	Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*
D-Lower	$5,245	$250	**$4,995**
C-Lower	$5,445	$250	**$5,195**
B-Main	$6,045	$250	**$5,795**
A-Upper	$6,745	$250	**$6,495**

A category features a private balcony and large window. B category features a large window. Categories C and D feature a porthole.
*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.
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Let us arrange your flights

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- **Included AHI Travel Assurance** plan covers travel- and health-related contingencies; available for U.S. residents only
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- **Travel Directors** specially trained to the highest standard in accordance with AHI's health and safety protocols
- A global network of partners rigorously following enhanced procedures and protocols
- Rigorous sanitization practices for river ships, hotels, trains and motor coaches
- Tour operations modified for smaller groups
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Left: Medieval walls of Dubrovnik

Included Features

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– Cruise for **7 nights** aboard the deluxe MV Infinity.
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– 10 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 4 dinners; including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
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– **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
  – Uncover enchanting Dubrovnik.
  – Explore Korčula, the "Emerald Isle."
  – See Hvar's ancient cathedral and other sites.
  – Roam through Split's Diocletian's Palace.
  – Marvel at timeless architecture in Trogir.
  – See Zadar's Roman Forum and waterfront.
  – Spend time enjoying Rab and Krk islands.
  – Wander the trails of Plitvice National Park.
  – Get to know Zagreb on a panoramic tour.
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– **PYJ | Personalize Your Journey**
  A choice of excursions in Šibenik.
  – Cultural Šibenik | Krka National Park
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Travel Information | Before your journey, our team closely monitors travel conditions, shares pre-departure details and provides information and enrichment about your destination.

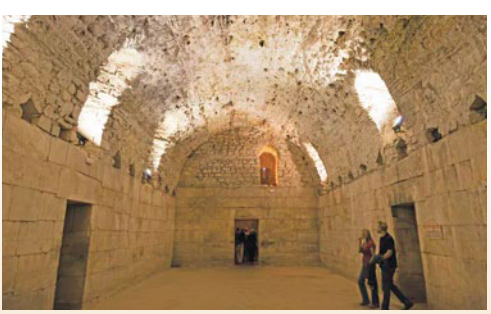
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Lecturers | Coming from all walks of life, our engaging local lecturers open your eyes to history, culture and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.



Substructures of Diocletian's Palace, Split



Spanjola Fortress, Hvar

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