CRUISING THE ADRIATIC
The Best of Slovenia and Croatia

aboard the 18-cabin Queen Eleganza
September 8–19, 2019
Dear Smith Alumnae,

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.

Launched in 2018, the intimate 18-cabin Queen Eleganza yacht features a casual ambiance and the ability to call at small, inviting islands and ports not accessible to large cruise ships. We will be joined on board by fellow alumni travelers from Harvard University.

With space for only 34 travelers, this program will likely fill quickly and I encourage you to reserve your places today by calling Smith Travel at (800) 225-2029 or going to http://alumnae.smith.edu/travel.

Best Regards,

Elizabeth Bigwood
Director, Smith Travel
Office of Alumnae Relations

STUDY LEADER

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Itinerary

**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 (B,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 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)**

**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.L.)**

**Thursday, September 19**
**DUBROVNIK / HOME**
Disembark this morning and transfer to the Dubrovnik airport for flights home. (5)
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 Please Note: 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.

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 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

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

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.

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

INSURANCE A trip protection plan is available at extra cost. Upon receiving your reservation, Smith Travel will send you information on this policy. This comprehensive guest protection plan covers trip cancellation for medical reasons, trip delay, medical expenses, accidental death, lost baggage, and medical evacuation.
GENERAL INFORMATION CONTINUED

PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE 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.

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PAYMENT

☐ Enclosed is my check for $_______ ($1,000 per person, payable to Criterion Travel), to reserve _________ place(s) on Cruising the Adriatic.
☐ Please charge the deposit to my:
  ○ VISA ○ MasterCard ○ Discover ○ AmEx

CREDIT CARD NUMBER _______ EXP. DATE _______
CARTE DI CREDITO SIGNATURE _______ SECURITY CODE _______
I/we understand that final payment is due May 10, 2019, 120 days prior to departure. After May 10, 2019: full payment is due at registration.

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SINGLE TRAVELERS

☐ I prefer to have single accommodations.
☐ I plan to share accommodations with

☐ I’d like to know about roommates. I am a ☐ Non-smoker ☐ Smoker.
☐ I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of May 10, 2019, I will pay the single rate.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Cabin Category Preference: 1st __________ 2nd _______
Bed preference in hotels (not guaranteed): ☐ Two beds ☐ One bed

I/we have read the tour information section of the brochure and agree to the Terms and Conditions stated therein.

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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.

MOOR at or near town centers aboard the yacht-like Queen Eleganza, with easy walk-off access to explore independently.