IN THE REALM OF THE WINGED LION

CROATIA & THE VENETO

ABOARD SEA CLOUD II

OCTOBER 8 TO 16, 2012
Dear Smith Alumnae and Friends,

When Venice ruled the Adriatic and the coastal cities prospered, a new civilization was born. It was made of local traditions—artistic and architectural—but it also reflected the influence of the Most Serene Republic. Then there were the surviving monuments testifying to Ancient Rome's greatness. Today, the Adriatic coast has revived; once again it offers the pleasures for which it was long famous.

We are delighted that Olivier Bernier, erudite scholar and lecturer at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, will accompany us on this voyage. Mr. Bernier has planned a series of visual presentations to enhance this cruise experience. Also joining us will be Ivo Banac, Bradford Durfee Emeritus Professor of History at Yale University and a former member of the Croatian parliament. Professor Banac will lecture on the history of the Adriatic basin, on religion and nationalism in the Balkans, and on current Balkan developments.

Dubrovnik is the right place to start. Now fully restored, it is a city of entrancing charm. Then, we begin our sail through the October seas. Hvar, home to the best lavender in this area, smells as good as it looks: its Renaissance architecture has originality and character. That is also true of Trogir, where we go next; then, in Split, the splendid remains of Diocletian’s palace tell us about the might of even a retired Roman emperor. At Pula, too, the Empire survives in a triumphal arch, amphitheater, and the Temple of Augustus. Finally, in Ravenna, we will see the Empire’s last capital and some of the most beautiful mosaics in Europe.

An all-day sail adds to the many pleasures of this voyage. From the broad decks of the majestic Sea Cloud II, we will see the enchanting Adriatic coast as well as great art in every port of call. Life aboard Sea Cloud II has no comparison. Her friendly staff, luxurious accommodations, and fine dining create an onboard ambiance of relaxed elegance. When the wind billows the white sails, watch the young, energetic crew practice the age-old art of setting the sails by hand.

An optional Bosnia-Herzegovina prelude includes less-visited sites in Sarajevo and Mostar. If you wish to spend more time in Venice, the optional postlude highlights the masterpieces at the Accademia.

I hope you will join us on what promises to be an exceptional program. We will travel in the congenial company of members from The Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Yale Alumni Association.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Bigwood
Director, Smith Travel
Alumnae Association of Smith College
NEW YORK

Monday, October 8  Depart New York on an overnight flight to Dubrovnik.

NEW YORK

DUBROVNIK, CROATIA  |  SEA CLOUD II

Tuesday, October 9  Arrive this afternoon in the spectacular fortified city of Dubrovnik, the “Pearl of the Adriatic Coast.” Following lunch in the walled city, join a walking tour of this World Heritage Site, which has undergone sensitive postwar restoration with the assistance of UNESCO. The influence of Venetian architects is apparent on Dubrovnik’s main artery, Placa. At teatime, embark the awaiting Sea Cloud II and enjoy a champagne toast as we set sail.

KORCULA  |  HVAR, CROATIA

Wednesday, October 10  Spend the morning in charming Korcula, which gave its name to the island on which it is built. One of the many ports that prospered under the rule of Venice, Korcula has lost none of its appeal. After lunch on board, our ship calls at the lovely island of Hvar, celebrated for its lavender, lace, and gracious civil and religious buildings. Visit the Church of Our Lady of Mercy, a fine example of early Renaissance architecture; the town square; and the Cathedral of St. Stephen. This evening, join the captain for welcome cocktails and dinner.

SPLIT  |  TROGIR, CROATIA

Thursday, October 11  Dock in Split this morning and drive to enchanting Trogir. Admire the Romanesque and Renaissance architecture within the 15th-century walls, including the Cathedral of St. Lawrence with its remarkable portal. After a typical Croatian lunch, return to Split to discover Diocletian’s Palace. The Emperor retired here in 305 C.E., having reorganized his army and Empire and appointed a successor. The ruins of the palace are the finest surviving example of late Classical architecture, which now intriguingly incorporates modern offices, restaurants, and residences within the ancient fabric.

AT SEA

Friday, October 12  A leisurely day at sea allows for lectures. This afternoon, gather on deck as Sea Cloud II passes the rugged scenery of the Kornati National Park.

PULA, CROATIA

Saturday, October 13  The morning is at sea as we cruise to Pula. Here we will discover the superb remains of this ancient Istrian metropolis. The Triumphant Arch of Sergius, the massive amphitheater, the Temple of Augustus, and the Twin Gates create a very satisfying Classical ensemble. Return to the ship before dinner as we cross to the western coast of the Adriatic.
RAVENNA, ITALY

Sunday, October 14  This afternoon we arrive in Ravenna, the capital of the Western Roman Empire from 402 to 476 and one of the highlights of our trip. The rich images in the mosaics at the Mausoleum of Galla Placidia and at the Churches of San Vitale and Sant’Apollinare Nuovo are extraordinary examples of this Roman and Byzantine art form. There are both religious and lay images, the most splendid of which depict Justinian, Theodora, and their court. This evening, celebrate a memorable voyage at the captain's farewell dinner.

VENICE, ITALY

Monday, October 15  Be on deck this morning for breathtaking vistas of La Serenissima as we enter the Venetian Lagoon. Following our arrival, visit the Scuola di San Rocco, an early Renaissance building housing Tintoretto's life work. Lunch on board is followed by an afternoon at leisure to explore this magical city. This evening, enjoy a specially arranged concert during a private visit to St. Mark's narthex; view the 11th- to 12th-century mosaics and see how these images relate to those in Ravenna.

VENICE | NEW YORK

Tuesday, October 16  Disembark for the return flight home or continue on the optional Venice postlude.

OPTIONAL POSTLUDE

VENICE

October 16 to 18, 2012

Tuesday, October 16  Explore the treasures of the Accademia Gallery. After lunch in a trattoria, visit I Frari, where Titian's monumental Assumption of the Virgin is a highlight, and Scuola di San Giovanni Evangelista, established in 1261. Transfer to the Hotel Europa & Regina for check-in. Dinner is at leisure.

Wednesday, October 17  Travel by water-taxi to two masterpieces of Palladio—the island church of San Giorgio Maggiore and Il Redentore on the Giudecca—and continue on to Santa Maria della Salute. A gondola ferry takes us to Santa Maria del Giglio. Upon returning to the hotel, lunch and the afternoon are at leisure. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner at the hotel.

Thursday, October 18  Depart on a flight to New York.
SEA CLOUD II • DECK PLAN

CRUISE RATES
(Per Person, Double Occupancy)

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A very limited number of cabins are available for single occupancy at a supplement ranging from 50 to 100 percent of the cruise rate.

Rates Include
- Seven nights cabin accommodations aboard Sea Cloud II
- All meals during the cruise. One lunch on land portion. Wine with lunches and dinners. Receptions as noted
- Enrichment program of lectures and special events
- Escorted sightseeing by motorcoach and entrance fees for visits
- Airport / pier group transfers and porterage
- Taxes and service; gratuities to guides and drivers

Not Included in Rates
- International airfare; passport fees; customary shipboard gratuities; alcoholic beverages other than wine at lunches and dinners; personal items and expenses; airport transfers for those not on group flights; baggage in excess of one suitcase; trip insurance; optional Sarajevo, Mostar, and Dubrovnik prelude; optional Venice postlude; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

OPTIONAL SARAJEVO, MOSTAR & DUBROVNIK PRELUDE $1,375 per person.
Single supplement $250. Includes two nights accommodations at the Hotel Europa, Sarajevo, and one night at the Hilton Imperial Hotel, Dubrovnik. Breakfast daily, three lunches, and two dinners. Sightseeing as noted.

OPTIONAL VENICE POSTLUDE $995 per person. Single supplement $370. Includes two nights accommodations at the Hotel Europa & Regina. Breakfast daily, one lunch, and one dinner. Sightseeing as noted.

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF SMITH COLLEGE | RESERVATION APPLICATION

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Accommodations
Sea Cloud II Cabin Preference 1. 2.
I wish to share a cabin with ____________________________________________________________________________

Optional Prelude and Optional Postlude
☐ I/We wish to join the optional prelude in Sarajevo, Mostar, and Dubrovnik. 
☐ I/We wish to join the optional postlude in Venice.
Hotel Room Preference ☐ Double ☐ Twin ☐ Single (limited availability)

Form of Payment
☐ Enclosed is my check (payable to Academic Arrangements Abroad).
☐ Credit card (for deposit only; final payment must be made by check).

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Each participant must sign below. I/We confirm that I/we have read and agree to the Terms & Conditions of this program. I/We agree to full payment by check 120 days prior to departure.

SIGNATURE REQUIRED ___________________________________________________________________________

DATE ___________________________________________________________________________________________

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The reconstructed Mostar bridge.

Friday, October 5

Depart New York on an overnight flight to Sarajevo.

Saturday, October 6

Arrive in Sarajevo in the early afternoon. A brief city tour precedes check-in at the Hotel Europe, well located in the historic Old Town. Gather for dinner in its Viennese restaurant.

Sunday, October 7

This morning visit Bey’s Mosque, the Old Orthodox Church, the Latin Bridge, and Salvation Tunnel. After lunch, tour the National Museum, which, among other treasures, houses the Sarajevo Haggadah, the oldest extant Sephardic Jewish document in the world. The evening is at leisure.

Monday, October 8

Depart by private motorcoach for Mostar, known for its old Turkish houses and an Ottoman-era bridge originally built in 1566. The bridge was destroyed in 1993 in the conflict and was rebuilt with UNESCO funding. Following a lunch of regional specialties, continue to Dubrovnik; dinner and lodgings are at the Hilton Imperial Hotel.

Tuesday, October 9

Visit the collections in the ancient Franciscan and Dominican monasteries, as well as the Rector’s Palace. After lunch in the Old Town, embark Sea Cloud II at teatime.
Academic Arrangements Abroad (AAA) will be pleased to assist with air travel arrangements. A specially negotiated APEX Economy Class non-refundable group airfare will be offered. Business Class will be quoted on an individual basis. A fee of $75 per person will be charged for any reservations other than the group flight schedule; private transfers can be arranged at a supplemental cost. To redeem your frequent flyer mileage, please contact the airline directly. Please note that AAA can only assist in rebooking flights on those air reservations booked directly by AAA.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE** A deposit of $2,500 per person, payable to Academic Arrangements Abroad, of which $350 is non-refundable for administrative fees, is required with the reservation application. Final payment, by check only, must be received 120 days prior to departure.

**HEALTH** All participants must be in good health. This program involves extensive walking over uneven surfaces, climbing stairs at monuments and other locations not handicapped accessible, and climbing in and out of various conveyances including tenders. Any condition that may require assistance or special medical attention must be reported at the time of your reservation. **PLEASE NOTE:** Sea Cloud II does not have an elevator.

**INSURANCE** Trip Cancellation / Emergency Medical Evacuation / Baggage / Accident And Sickness Insurance Protection Is Strongly Recommended. Cancellation Penalties Are Strictly Enforced. Smith Travel will send an insurance application upon receipt of reservation and deposit, although you may select any insurer of your choice.

**CHANGES IN ITINERARY & COSTS** The itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of the Alumnae Association of Smith College (AASC) and AAA. All prices quoted are based on prevailing fuel prices, airfares, and currency exchange rates in effect at time of brochure printing and are subject to change without notice. Deviations from the scheduled itinerary are at the expense of the individual.

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**CANCELLATION POLICY** AAA must strictly adhere to its cancellation policy to offset costs incurred prior to the commencement of The Program, which may include but are not limited to: advance payments to land operators; ship charters; communication expenses; development/promotional expenses; and the loss of time that might have permitted resale of reserved space. All cancellations must be made in writing to the offices of AAA and are subject to a $350 non-refundable administrative fee. All refunds are limited to amounts actually received by AAA and are the sole responsibility of AASC; AASC shall have no liability for refunds. At the time AAA receives written notification of cancellation, the following cancellation charges will apply: cancellations received between 120 and 91 days prior to departure, 20 percent of the program cost per person; those received between 90 and 61 days before departure, 50 percent of the program cost per person; no refunds will be given for cancellations received within 60 days of departure. No refunds are given for cancellations on or after the day of departure, or for unused portions of the tour, for any reason. Air cancellation charges, if any, will be assessed in accordance with airline regulations. All group fare tickets must be issued no less than 30 days prior to departure. **NOTE:** Neither AAA nor AASC shall be liable for any airline cancellation penalties incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable ticket. In the case of a cancellation due to shortage of participants, AAA will attempt to notify all participants at least 45 days prior to departure. However, AAA reserves the right to cancel The Program prior to departure for any reason and, in such case, reimbursement of refundable costs of the trip by AAA shall constitute full settlement with the participant. In the unlikely event that a dispute arises between a participant and AAA or AASC, the following conditions will apply: (a) the dispute will be settled by binding arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association in New York, NY; (b) the dispute will be governed by New York Law; (c) the maximum amount of recovery to which a participant shall be entitled under any and all circumstances will be the sum of all monies actually received from the participant by AAA. The participant agrees that this is a fair and reasonable limitation on the damages, of any sort whatsoever, that a participant may suffer. Upon payment of the deposit to AAA, the participant agrees to be bound by the above terms and conditions.

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**On the front cover:** Dubrovnik. **On the back cover:** Mosaics in the Church of San Vitale, Ravenna, photo by Scott McDounough (top) and Sea Cloud II (bottom).
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