ADRIATIC VOYAGE

FROM VENICE TO DUBROVNIK

June 10 to 18, 2016

a program of the stanford alumni association
The warm azure waters of the Adriatic Sea touch a host of countries that have played important roles in both ancient and modern European history. On our epic journey aboard the all-suite Island Sky, we visit four of these storied lands—known in modern times as Italy, Croatia, Montenegro and Albania. We’ll discover ancient archaeological sites, quaint villages and idyllic islands, all once inhabited by early Greeks and Romans and later in medieval times by Venetians. We’ll also taste local culinary specialties; breathe the fresh, clean air of the sea; and soak up splendid scenery throughout our voyage. Stanford faculty leader Gail Lapidus will be on hand to help us sort out the layered histories and current politics of the area. We hope you’ll join us!

Highlights

EXPLORE Split’s vast Palace of Diocletian in Croatia, the world’s oldest continuously inhabited palace and a UNESCO World Heritage site.

SAMPLE tasty local cheeses and cured hams in the mountain village of Njegusi, Montenegro.

ENJOY a lively evening of locavore dining and tarantella dancing and music at an Apulian farm in Italy’s heel.

MARVEL at the archaeological site of Butrint, Albania, with its Greek, Roman and medieval ruins.
Dr. Gail Lapidus, a senior fellow emerita at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies at Stanford, has a long-standing fascination with the undulating history of Communist regimes of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. The rise of ethno-political conflicts across the region and nation- and state-building in the post-Soviet states have been of particular interest in her research and teaching. She is the author of numerous books and articles on Soviet and post-Soviet politics, society and foreign policy. Dr. Lapidus will draw upon her expertise to explore the impact of modern-day developments in the countries bordering the Adriatic Sea.

- At Stanford: senior fellow emerita, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies
- At UC-Berkeley: professor of political science; director, Center for Slavic and East European Studies, 1976–1994
- Head of the UC-Berkeley/Stanford program in Soviet and post-Soviet studies
- Former president, American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies
- Member, board of trustees, the World Affairs Council of Northern California and the European University of St. Petersburg
- BA, Radcliffe College; MA and PhD, Harvard University

Additional Study Leaders

Michael McCormick is the Francis Goelet Professor of Medieval History at Harvard University and chair of the Initiative for the Science of the Human Past. Professor McCormick also co-directs the excavation of a late Roman settlement in eastern France.

Andrew Moore is the president of the Archaeological Institute of America. Recently retired from the Rochester Institute of Technology, Dr. Moore is currently conducting archaeological surveys and excavations of Neolithic villages in Croatia.
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JUNE 10 & 11
U.S. / VENICE, ITALY /
EMBARK ISLAND SKY
Depart the U.S. on overnight flights to Venice. Upon arrival in Venice on Saturday, transfer to the Island Sky for embarkation and orientation. Enjoy a welcome reception onboard before dinner. Our ship departs Venice at 10 p.m. this evening.

SUNDAY, JUNE 12
PULA, CROATIA
Arrive in the town of Pula this morning. Located at the tip of Croatia’s Istrian Peninsula, Pula has been an important administrative center since ancient Roman times. Tour its well-preserved amphitheater, Triumphal Arch, Forum and Temple of Augustus. Continue by coach to a picturesque mountaintop village for a lunch featuring local culinary specialties. ISLAND SKY (B,L,D)

MONDAY, JUNE 13
HVAR / SPLIT
The charming island of Hvar is known for its fields of fragrant lavender and its beautiful walled city. Take a walking tour of the town and bustling harbor, then return to our ship for lunch as it sails to the ancient city of Split. Upon arrival, visit the vast Palace of the Roman Emperor Diocletian, built in 295 C.E. Continuously inhabited since then, the palace also contains the city’s medieval quarter. This afternoon choose either to explore the archaeological site of Salona or attend a private opening of the gallery of famed 20th-century Croatian sculptor Ivan Mestrovic, located in the lovely seaside home where he once resided. ISLAND SKY (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, JUNE 14
OTRANTO, ITALY
Spend a relaxing morning at sea attending educational lectures by our faculty leaders. This afternoon call at Otranto, located on the tip of Italy’s “boot heel” peninsula. Visit Otranto’s impressive 11th-century cathedral with its spectacular mosaics and lovely rose window. Continue to a nearby farm where we enjoy a locavore dinner accompanied by lively tarantella music and dancing. ISLAND SKY (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15
BUTRINT, ALBANIA
Sail eastward back across the Adriatic Sea to the small country of Albania. Disembark in Sarande, once a major port and trade center between Venice and Constantinople, and drive to Butrint to explore a remarkable UNESCO World Heritage archaeological site. Inhabited since prehistoric times, Butrint has been the site of a Greek colony, a Roman city and later a bishopric. Ruins from each stage of the city’s evolution have been well-preserved, and the ancient layout of the entire city is relatively intact, making this site an exceptional archaeological experience. ISLAND SKY (B,L,D)
THURSDAY, JUNE 16
KOTOR, MONTENEGRO / CETINJE
Glide into the stunning fjord-like Bay of Kotor and marvel at the dramatic peaks that rim it from the deck of our ship. Arrive in Kotor and disembark for a walking tour of the town’s historic Venetian-influenced center. Stop for lunch en route to Montenegro’s old capital of Cetinje, boasting a rich heritage as an Orthodox religious center and the cradle of Montenegrin culture. After a guided walk through the town, drive to the mountain village of Njegusi to sample local specialties before returning to our ship. Enjoy the captain’s farewell reception and dinner onboard this evening. ISLAND SKY (B.L.D)

FRIDAY, JUNE 17
DUBROVNIK, CROATIA
At sunrise our ship departs for Dubrovnik, the beautiful “Pearl of the Adriatic.” Upon arrival, take a tender to the Old Town Harbor and walk to the center of the old walled city. Stroll along the Stradun, Dubrovnik’s principal street, to explore the Franciscan Monastery, St. Blaise’s Church, the Rector’s Palace and St. Onofrio’s Fountain. Enjoy lunch independently at one of Dubrovnik’s many restaurants and cafes. Choose to spend the afternoon either exploring the city’s architectural treasures at leisure or visiting the ancient site of Epidaurum at Cavtat. Toast the end of our journey at a festive dinner in one of Dubrovnik’s historic palaces, followed by a performance by the noted Lindjo Croatian folkloric ensemble. ISLAND SKY (B.D)

SATURDAY, JUNE 18
DUBROVNIK / DEISEMBARK / U.S.
This morning depart the Dubrovnik airport for flights home. (B)

Optional Pre-voyage Extension: Venice
JUNE 8 TO 11
Spend two additional nights before our main program begins in the majestic canaled city of Venice. One of Italy’s most enchanting cities, renowned for the beauty of its setting, architecture and artwork, the entire city is designated a World Heritage site. View the treasures of the Doge’s Palace before it opens to the public and the stunning interior of St. Mark’s Basilica after closing, when the sun’s rays hit the mosaics and give off a golden gleam. Take a private boat cruise among the islands of the Venice Lagoon, delve into the history of the Jewish Ghetto and its synagogues, and explore the art and gardens of Peggy Guggenheim’s contemporary museum right on the Grand Canal.

Optional Post-voyage Extension: Sarajevo, Mostar & Medjugorje
JUNE 18 TO 21
After disembarking the Island Sky, drive to Sarajevo, capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina. On our tour of the city, visit houses of worship reflecting Sarajevo’s historic diversity—among them the Gazi Husrev-Bey Mosque, the Jewish Synagogue, Sarajevo Cathedral and the Orthodox church; and sites related to World War I and the 1990s conflict, including Snipers’ Alley and the WWI Assassination Memorial. In Mostar, tour the ethnically divided city on either side of the iconic, lovingly restored Stari Most Bridge, one of the country’s most famous landmarks. In Medjugorje stop at pilgrimage sites where the Virgin Mary is said to have appeared in visions to local residents.

Details and pricing for both extensions will be sent to confirmed participants.
Island Sky

Originally built in 1992 and refurbished and redecorated in 2010, the Island Sky accommodates all guests in 57 outside suites, each affording sea views and elegantly furnished with a sitting area, flat-screen TV, safe, mini-refrigerator and an en suite bathroom with robes, slippers, hairdryer and toiletries. Several suites have private balconies. Spacious and finely decorated public areas include a large lounge, an elegant bar and a library. The dining room accommodates all guests in a single seating where house wine, beer and soft drinks are included at lunch and dinner. Wi-fi access is available throughout the vessel (at additional cost and dependent upon satellite reception). The ship also offers a hairdresser, onboard clinic and doctor, elevator serving all passenger decks and two sun decks, one with a bar. The Island Sky is served by 75 experienced officers and crew.

Program Cost*

Rates are per person, based on double or single occupancy, as specified.

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*Association nonmembers add $300 per person.

**Single accommodations may be limited to as few as 2 cabins.

Flag: Bahamas / Length: 297 ft. / Beam: 50 ft. / Draft: 12 ft.
Dates
June 10 to 18, 2016 (9 days)

Size
This program can accommodate a total of 96 participants, including travelers from Stanford, Harvard and the Archaeological Institute of America. Single accommodations are extremely limited; please call for availability.

Included
7-night cruise aboard the Island Sky ● 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 7 dinners ● Welcome and farewell receptions ● Gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, waitstaff and ship crew for all group activities ● All tours and shore excursions as described in the itinerary ● Transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days ● Port fees and embarkation taxes ● Minimal medical, accident and evacuation insurance ● Educational program with lecture series and pre-departure materials, including recommended reading list, a selected book, map and travel information ● Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

Not Included
International and U.S. domestic airfare ● Passport and visa fees ● Immunization costs ● Meals and beverages other than those specified as included ● Independent and private transfers ● Trip-cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance ● Excess-baggage charges ● Personal items such as internet access, telephone and fax calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

Air Arrangements
International and U.S. domestic airfare is not included in the program cost. Round-trip, economy-class airfare on American Airlines from San Francisco to Venice, Italy, and return from Dubrovnik, Croatia, is approximately $2,100 as of October 2015 and is subject to change without notice. Information on recommended flight itineraries will be sent by our designated agent.

What to Expect
We consider this program to be moderately active. Daily excursions involve one to three miles of walking on city streets, which are, in some cases, uneven or cobblestone. Much of the walking takes place at ancient sites, where paths can be rocky and uneven. In some instances, such as museums, guided tours require climbing up and down several flights of stairs. Stairs may not have handrails, and elevators may not be available. Travelers must be able to board the ship via a metal gangplank with rope handrails and to get into/out of bobbing tenders for one shore excursion. Busy days of touring will be balanced by opportunities to take in the beautiful Adriatic scenery from the comfort of our ship. Participants must be physically fit, active and in good health. We welcome travelers 15 years of age and older on this program.

Deposit & Final Payment
A $1,000-per-person deposit is required to hold your space. A $200-per-person deposit is required to hold space for each of the optional extensions. Sign up online at alumni.stanford.edu/trip?adriatic2016 or call the Travel/Study office at (650) 725-1093. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign a Release of Liability.

Cancellations & Refunds
Deposits and any payments are refundable, less a $500-per-person cancellation fee, until 120 days prior to departure. After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and your place(s) can be resold, in which case a $1,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply.

Insurance
Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian citizens with minimal medical, accident and evacuation coverage under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. You may choose to subscribe to optional trip-cancellation and baggage insurance. Information offering such insurance will be provided to travelers with their welcome materials. The product offered includes special benefits if you purchase your policy within 14 days of written confirmation of your participation on the trip.

Eligibility
We encourage membership in the Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is $300 more than the members’ price. Families and travel companions may travel on one membership. For more information or to purchase a membership, visit alumni.stanford.edu/goto/membership or call (650) 725-0692.

Responsibility
The Stanford Alumni Association, Stanford University and our operators act only as agents for the passenger with respect to transportation and ship arrangements and exercise every care possible in doing so. However, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any automobile, motorcoach, launch or any other conveyance used in carrying out this program or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the program. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, force majeure or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger as tour rates provide arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations to this published itinerary as may be deemed necessary. 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. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the program. No refund will be made for an unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. Baggage is carried at the owner’s risk entirely. It is understood that the ship’s ticket, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and the cruise company. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time that passengers are not onboard their plane or conveyance. Neither the Alumni Association, Stanford University nor our operators accept liability for any carrier’s cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in connection with the tour. Program price is based on rates in effect in October 2015 and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges.
“Had an absolutely amazing time on this trip. It was beautiful, educational, fun and exciting.”

KIM O’CONNOR, ADRIATIC VOYAGE, 2014