Treasures of the Adriatic Sea

CROATIA’S DALMATIAN COAST AND SOUTHERN ITALY

September 12 to 24, 2011
The Adriatic, unofficially the latest darling of the travel world, possesses that certain timeless quality every traveler seeks. Imagine marbled spires amid terra-cotta-roofed buildings and sapphire waters that enchant the most seasoned explorer. Not only are the lands and waters of the Adriatic a treat to the senses in form and in nature, but they are also rich in history. For thousands of years the Adriatic has captured the attention of global powers such as the Greeks, Romans, Venetians and, more recently, the Soviet Union for its access to mainland Europe and the flow of its tributaries into the Mediterranean. Join us aboard the all-suite Corinthian II as we explore both the eastern and western shores of the Adriatic with Stanford Travel/Study faculty leader Gail Lapidus.

BRETT S. THOMPSON, ’83, DIRECTOR, STANFORD TRAVEL/STUDY

Highlights

MARVEL at the whimsical conical homes that define the trulli villages of southern Italy’s Puglia region.

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

STROLL along the canals of Venice after a tour of St. Mark’s Basilica and the Doge’s Palace, both historical symbols of Venetian maritime power.

DOCK in the secluded town of Kotor, Montenegro, and walk within the city’s walls, surrounded by overhanging limestone cliffs.

KOTOR, MONTENEGRO

TRULLI HOME, ALBEROBELLO, ITALY
Growing up in the U.S. during the Cold War, DR. GAIL LAPI DUS, senior fellow emerita at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies at Stanford and a professor, by courtesy, of political science, was fascinated by the Communist regimes of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. Their rich histories and cultures juxtaposed against rigid political systems drew her into their study, and the causes and consequences of their later collapse have been a focus of her more recent teaching and research. The rise of ethno-political struggles and conflicts across the region has been a particular focus, and Professor Lapidus will draw upon her expertise to explore the impact of these developments in the former Yugoslavia. This is her second trip with Stanford Travel/Study to the Adriatic.

- 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 the 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

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**Reservation Form**

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I/We have read the Terms and Conditions for the program and agree to them.

SIGNATURE

If this is a reservation for one person, please indicate:

- [ ] I wish to have single accommodations.
- [ ] I plan to share accommodations with ________________________
- [ ] I’d like to know about possible roommates.

Here is my deposit of $___________ ($1,000 per person) for _____ space(s).

**CATEGORY PREFERENCE:**

1st choice: ____________________________  □ Twin Beds  □ Queen Bed

2nd choice: ____________________________  □ Twin Beds  □ Queen Bed

- [ ] Enclosed is my check (make payable to Stanford Alumni Association) OR
- [ ] Charge my deposit to my:  □ Visa  □ MasterCard  □ American Express

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Mail completed form to address on mail panel or fax to (650) 725-8675 or place your deposit online at www.stanfordalumni.org/trip?adriatic2011. Please submit your reservation only once to avoid multiple charges to your account.
Itinerary

MONDAY & TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 & 13
U.S. / VENICE, ITALY / EMBARKATION
Depart on overnight flights to Venice. Built on an archipelago of small islands in a lagoon beginning in the 5th century, Venice rose to power in the 13th century and flourished, shaping and dominating the affairs of the Eastern Mediterranean for several centuries. Upon arrival in Venice transfer to the pier and embark Corinthian II, where we spend the night dockside.

CORINTHIAN II (D)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
VENICE
Venice is unquestionably one of Europe's most extraordinary cities. Explore some of Venice's main landmarks, including St. Mark's Basilica, consecrated in 1094 and adorned with splendid marble and mosaics, and the elaborate Doge's Palace, seat of Venetian power. Spend the afternoon at leisure for independent activities, and enjoy a welcome cocktail reception aboard our ship this evening.
CORINTHIAN II (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
PIRAN, SLOVENIA
Placed under the control of Venice in 1283, delightful Piran is rich in Venetian-inspired architecture. Meander through the marble-surfaced Tartini Square and stand beneath the bronze statue of famous composer Giuseppe Tartini. Tour the 14th-century Church of St. George, whose bell tower mirrors the bell tower in Venice's Piazza San Marco.
CORINTHIAN II (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
PESCARA, ITALY / CHIETI / ATRI
Arrive this morning in Pescara where we drive to the nearby history-rich town of Chieti, conquered and controlled by a number of foreign invaders, from Romans to Normans. Explore the National Museum of Archaeology, contained within a villa built in the early 19th century and housing some of Abruzzo's most important artifacts. In the afternoon, visit the Abruzzo hill town of Atri, once the Roman colony of Hatria and whose stepped and bridged streets make for an enjoyable stroll. Tour the town's beautiful Romanesque-gothic cathedral, built upon the ruins of a Roman bath and containing lovely 15th-century frescoes by the Abruzzi artist Andrea DeLilito. Later visit the 14th-century Palazzo Ducale, located at the highest point of the city and now used as the town hall.
CORINTHIAN II (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
SPLIT, CROATIA
Originally a Greco-Illyrian settlement called Aspalathos, Split is an ancient city centered around the formidable Palace of Diocletian, built in 295 AD. An extensive, well-preserved structure, the palace contains Split's medieval town within its walls, thus purportedly making it the only palace in the world that has been continuously inhabited since Roman times. This afternoon enjoy a visit to the Split Archaeological Museum, which contains a variety of artifacts, including Hellenistic ceramics, Roman glass and medieval coins.
CORINTHIAN II (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
KORCULA
As we approach Korcula, take in its skyline of white towers and green hills. Strolling through town, note the medieval town's layout: the streets closest to shore run straight to funnel refreshing sea breezes; the streets further inland curve slightly to minimize heavier winds. Witness the imprint and influence of Venetian power at the cathedral, the Bishop's Palace and Treasury, and the Church of All Saints, all structurally similar to St. Mark's Basilica in Venice.
CORINTHIAN II (B,L,D)
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
DUBROVNIK / KOTOR, MONTENEGRO
For hundreds of years, Dubrovnik (the "Pearl of the Adriatic") was an independent city-state in competition with Venice for Constantinople’s trade routes. Visit the Franciscan and Dominican monasteries and the baroque cathedral that contains works by Titian and Andrea del Sarto. Continue on to the lovely courtyard of the Rector’s Palace and the Cathedral of Our Lady, known for its rich treasury. In the afternoon, travel overland to the port town of Kotor, located at the inlet of the bay beneath towering mountains. One of the most quaint and best-preserved medieval towns along the Dalmatian coast, Kotor is a designated World Heritage site. Enjoy a walking tour of Kotor that takes us to the town’s fortifications and its monuments dating back to the time when the Venetians ruled the Adriatic. Board our ship and navigate through the fjord-like Bay of Kotor.
CORINTHIAN II (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
VLORE, ALBANIA / APOLLONIA
Arrive in Vlore, one of Albania’s oldest cities. On our excursion to Apollonia, the ancient Greek city founded in 588 BC, explore its ruins, including the Monument of Agonothetes, the Roman Theater and the Shen Meri Monastery.
CORINTHIAN II (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
MONOPOLI, ITALY
Dock at the fishing port town of Monopoli, dominated by its 16th-century castle, and explore the region’s unique trulli villages with their most-unusual whitewashed conical dwellings built without mortar. Visit two of the trulli villages, Alberobello and Locorotondo, then view Ostuni, an ancient town enclosed within ramparts and often referred to as “La Città Bianca” for its white walls and stone architecture.
CORINTHIAN II (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
TARANTO / METAPONTUM
Drop anchor at Taranto and drive to the remains of the ancient Greek city of Metapontum, founded in the 7th century BC; the city grew rich from agriculture and its position on the trade route. Continue on to the hilltop village of Matera, a World Heritage site. Visit the ancient neighborhood of Sasso Caveoso to view caves that were inhabited during the Neolithic period. Explore the rock church of Santa Lucia alle Malve, a Benedictine settlement residing with the rocks.
CORINTHIAN II (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
SARANDA, ALBANIA / BUTRINT
Arriving at Saranda, drive to the World Heritage site of Butrint. Inhabited since prehistoric times, the city was founded by the Trojans, or so claimed the poet Virgil. A gem of an archaeological site, its ruins span 2,500 years and include the remains of a Greek acropolis, Roman theater, 6th-century baptistery and 19th-century fortress. This evening enjoy a festive farewell reception aboard ship.
CORINTHIAN II (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
PIRAEUS, GREECE / ATHENS / U.S.
Transfer to Athens where we connect to our return flights back to the U.S.
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Corinthian II

Originally built in 1992 and refurbished and redecorated in 2004 and early 2005, the 114-guest Corinthian II accommodates all guests in 57 outside suites, each affording sea views and elegantly furnished with a sitting area, TV, safe, mini-refrigerator and other amenities, as well as a marble-appointed bathroom. Several suites include private balconies accessed via sliding glass doors. Spacious and finely decorated public areas include a library, an elegant lounge and The Club bar. The restaurant, serving fine cuisine prepared by European chefs, accommodates all guests at a single seating. The ship also includes a gym, beauty salon, elevator serving all passenger decks, sun deck with Jacuzzi, and outdoor bar and café. Corinthian II is served by 70 experienced officers and crew.

Program Cost

Rates are per person, based on double occupancy unless otherwise specified.

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*Association nonmembers add $200 per person.
**Single occupancy cabins are limited.

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Information

D A T E S
September 12 to 24, 2011 (13 days)

S I Z E
Limited to a total of 100 participants, including travelers from Stanford, the Archaeological Institute of America, the California Alumni Association and The Explorers Club Museum.

I N C L U D E D
11-night cruise aboard the Corinthian II ■ 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches and 11 dinners ■ Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions ■ Bottled water on excursions ■ Gratuities to porters, guides, drivers 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

N O T I N C L U D E D
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 email, telephone and fax calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

A I R A R R A N G E M E N T S
International and U.S. domestic airfare is not included in the program cost. Round-trip, economy-class airfare on United from San Francisco to Venice with return from Athens is approximately $1,300 as of November 2010 and is subject to change without notice. Information on recommended flight itineraries will be sent by our designated agent.

F U E L C O S T S
In the uncertain, often volatile oil market of late, it is difficult to predict fuel costs over the long term and, more specifically, at the time of operation of this voyage. Our prices are based upon the prevailing fuel rates at the time of brochure printing. While we will do everything possible to maintain our prices, if the fuel rates increase significantly, it may be necessary to institute a fuel surcharge.

W H A T T O E X P E C T
We consider this program to be mildly active. Most of our touring is done by motorcoach and boat. 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 will have 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.

Terms & Conditions

Deposit & Final Payment
A $1,000 deposit is required to hold space for Treasures of the Adriatic Sea. Complete and return the attached reservation form or sign up online. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure.

Cancellations & Refunds
Deposits and any payments are fully 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. We recommend trip-cancellation insurance; applications will be sent to you.

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. We strongly recommend that you subscribe to optional baggage and trip-cancellation insurance. A brochure offering such insurance will be mailed with your confirmation about one week after we receive your deposit. The product offered in this brochure includes a special Waiver of Pre-Existing Conditions and coverage for Financial Insolvency and Terrorist Acts if you postmark your insurance payment within 15 days of the date listed on the confirmation letter.

Eligibility
We encourage membership in the Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is $200 more than the members’ price. Parents and their children under 21 may travel on one membership. For more information or to purchase a membership, visit www.stanfordalumni.org/membership or call (650) 725-0692.

Responsibility
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