



National Trust for Historic Preservation

National Trust Tours

Cruising the **ADRIATIC**

Best of Slovenia and Croatia aboard *Queen Eleganza*

May 27–June 7, 2023

with study leader **Barbara Horlbeck**



Dear National Trust Traveler,

I invite you to **join National Trust Tours aboard a modern, 18-cabin yacht** for an early summer cruise along the spectacular coast of Croatia. Romans, Byzantines, Venetians, Ottomans, and Austrians have vied for control of this strategic coastline that is dotted with over 1,000 islands. 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.

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 **Pula**, Croatia, to begin your **seven-night Adriatic cruise from the Istrian Peninsula to Dubrovnik**, visiting **Mali Losinj, Zadar, Krka National Park, Šibenik, Split, Hvar, and Korčula** along the way. A leisurely pace allows for free time in town to sample local cuisine and mingle with locals.

An expert study leader will enrich your travel experience and understanding of the ancient and medieval history of this region through an **onboard series of stimulating lectures** as well as informal discussions. In addition, **excellent local guides** will accompany you on excursions throughout the program.

Launched in 2018, the intimate *Queen Eleganza* yacht features a casual ambiance and the ability to call at small islands and ports inaccessible to larger cruise ships. We are co-sponsoring this program with another organization and, with only 18 cabins total aboard ship, I urge you to reserve your cabin today.

Sincerely,



Meg Annacone-Poretz
Director, National Trust Tours

For information on this or other National Trust Tours, call (888) 484-8785.

The **NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION** is a private, nonprofit membership organization dedicated to saving historic places and revitalizing America's communities. For more information, visit the Trust's website at www.savingplaces.org or phone (800) 944-6847 or (202) 588-6000.

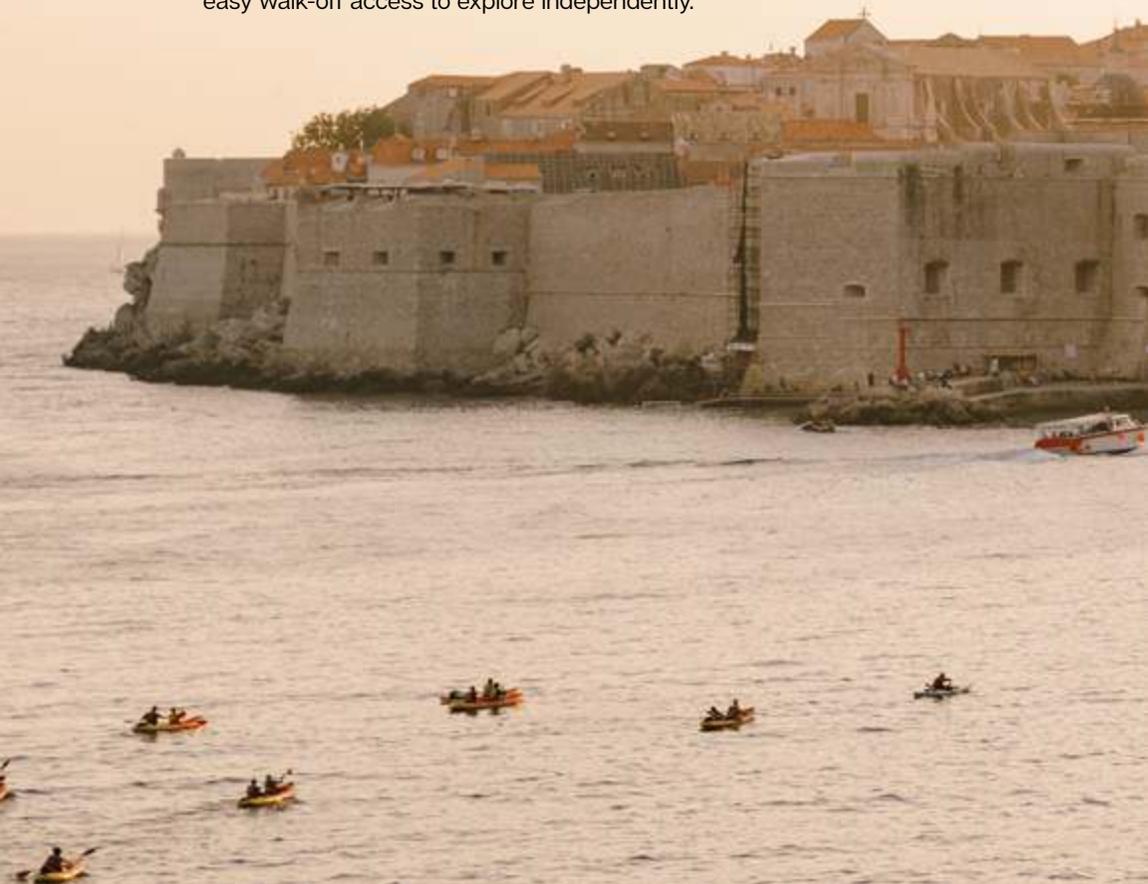
Study Leader



Lecturer **Barbara Horlbeck, M.A.**, is an arts and culture professional with extensive global experience. She is a lecturer, writer, independent researcher, and adjunct instructor of art history, and has developed and teaches college and university-level art history courses, including “Arts of the Islamic World” and “Arts of the Ancient World.” As Founder of *Arts and Influences*, Barbara developed the successful Food for Thought Lecture and Lunch Series and created a series of in-depth seminars covering a broad range of topics from “Arts of the Medieval World,” and “Arts of China, India and Japan” to “Collectors, Collections, and the Modern Museum.” As a docent at the Minneapolis Institute of Art for nearly 20 years, Barbara has led tours for educators, specialists and the general public. She has traveled in nearly 40 countries, including five continents and the North Pole, as well as Iran, India, Pakistan and China. Barbara loves helping travelers develop a deeper understanding of our rich artistic and cultural legacy while, at the same time, placing works of art and architecture in their rich historical context.

Highlights

- ◆ **Marvel** at the well-preserved Roman ruins of Emperor Diocletian’s palace at Split and Pula’s amphitheater and temple.
- ◆ **Explore** Krka National Park’s magnificent waterfalls and splashing cascades in a magical landscape.
- ◆ **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.





Itinerary

Saturday–Sunday, May 27–28

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 and gather for a festive welcome dinner featuring Slovenian specialties.

GRAND UNION HOTEL (R,D)

Monday, May 29

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, venture to the lovely and impossibly blue Lake Bled and ride gondola-like Pletna boats to visit Slovenia's only island, a picturesque outpost in the center of the lake. Dinner is at your leisure in Ljubljana this evening.

GRAND UNION HOTEL (B,L)

Tuesday, May 30

Portorož

Travel by coach to the UNESCO-designated ancient Škocjan Karst Caves, a vast network of tunnels and chambers sometimes referred to as the “underground Grand Canyon.”

Settle in at the luxurious Kempinski Palace Hotel near the oceanfront promenade of Portorož, “the French Riviera” of Slovenia, followed by a sunset dinner at the historic Venetian stronghold Piran.

KEMPINSKI PALACE HOTEL (B,D)

Wednesday, May 31

Pula, Croatia

Cross the border into Croatia and drive to Pula by way of the scenic mountaintop village of Motovun on the Istrian Peninsula. Explore the well-preserved Roman ruins including the impressive colosseum, the only Roman amphitheater in the world with a complete circle wall. Embark *Queen Eleganza* this evening in time for a welcome reception and dinner.

QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,L,D)

Thursday, June 1

Mali Lošinj

Relax on the sun deck while cruising the scenic coastline to Mali Lošinj, a lovely town with a rich maritime legacy thanks to its unique long natural harbor. Explore the bustling seafont, lined with imposing 19th-century houses and villas, and enjoy free time in town for dinner and individual pursuits.

QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,L)

Friday, June 2

Zadar

Spend the morning cruising through the coastal islands and enjoying the educational program en route to Zadar, with stops for swimming also possible. 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)

Saturday, June 3

Krka National Park / Split

Board a coach and drive to Krka National Park, one of Croatia's most-loved National Parks, known for its series of cascading waterfalls, picturesque pools, and acres of lush vegetation. Take guided walks on wooden walkways and bridges through this magical landscape. Then tour the UNESCO World Heritage Cathedral of St. James in nearby Šibenik, and enjoy lunch on your own in town. Continue to Split, Croatia's fashionable second-largest city.

QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,D)



Sunday, June 4

Split / Hvar

Visit Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace, an ancient fortress-like complex spread along the Split waterfront, and enjoy more free time in the city before cruising to lavender-scented Hvar Island. Stroll along the elegant main square of Hvar, 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.

QUEEN ELEGANZA (B)

Monday, June 5

Korčula

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 rich in vineyards and olive groves, picturesque villages, 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 dining specialties.

QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,L)

Tuesday, June 6

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.

QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,L,D)

Wednesday, June 7

Dubrovnik / Home

Disembark this morning and transfer to the Dubrovnik airport for flights home.

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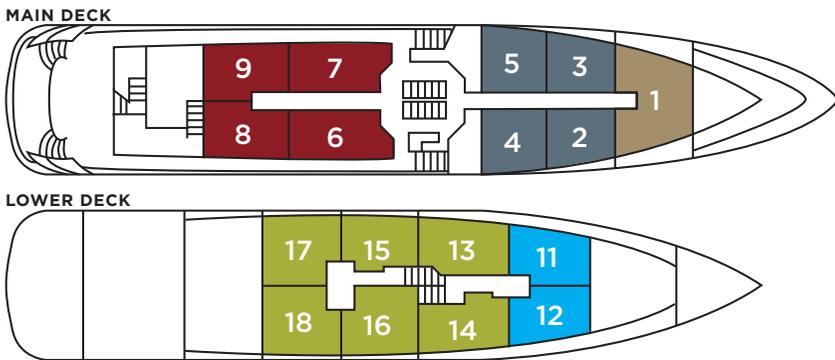


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Queen Eleganza



The yacht-like *Queen Eleganza*, launched in the spring of 2018, was beautifully crafted in Croatia specifically to cruise the Adriatic coastline. With its small number of travelers, 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. Meals are served in a single seating and feature fresh and tasty Mediterranean cuisine.



Program Rates (per person)

CATEGORY	DOUBLE	SINGLE
A (LOWER DECK) 161 sq ft; queen bed; two portholes	\$7,990	\$11,390
B (LOWER DECK) 156–178 sq ft; twins or queen; two portholes	\$8,990	\$12,640
C (MAIN DECK) 156–172 sq ft; twin beds; 3 windows	\$9,990	–
D (MAIN DECK) 151 sq ft; twins or queen; large picture window; cabins 8 & 9 have partially obstructed views	\$10,990	–
E (MAIN DECK) 242 sq ft; king size bed; 4 windows	\$11,990	–

General Information

PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE

All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary, including **three hotel nights and seven nights aboard *Queen Eleganza*** • Comprehensive program of briefings, lectures, and presentations • Transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure dates • **Gratuities to porters, wait staff, guides, drivers, and shipboard personnel for all group activities** • Entrance fees and port charges • Welcome and farewell wine receptions • **House wine, beer, and soft drinks with all group lunches and dinners** • Complete packet of pre-departure information • Professional tour manager throughout the program

AIR ARRANGEMENTS

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.

GROUP SIZE

This program is limited to 28 participants.

WHAT TO EXPECT

The pace of this tour is moderately active with considerable walking each day, often over very uneven and cobblestoned terrain, and extended periods of standing. The ship has no elevator, so guests should be capable of navigating stairs on rolling seas. Participants must be in good health and able to keep up with the group without assistance from tour staff. SARS-COV-2 (COVID 19) vaccinations are required for all participants as well as tour staff and shipboard crew. Up-to-date COVID-related protocols and procedures will be communicated in pre-trip documents. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by National Trust Tours or Criterion Travel, our tour operator; local staff; and host country laws.

A NOTE ABOUT RATES

Tour rates 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 rates, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.



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Complete Terms and Conditions including a Statement of Responsibility will be made available to you at time of registration, or in advance upon request. A signed "Terms & Conditions, Release from Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Clause" is required from each applicant prior to participation on the tour.

PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

U.S. domestic and international airfare · Passport/visa expenses · Medical expenses, immunizations, and COVID-19 testing if required at the time of travel · Travel and trip cancellation insurance · Private transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure days · Excursions that deviate from the scheduled tour options · Airline baggage charges · Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted · Laundry or dry cleaning · Telephone, fax, internet, and email charges · Room service · Other items of a personal nature

TRAVEL INSURANCE

National Trust Tours strongly recommends the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to covered illness or accident. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. USI Travel Insurance Services offers a plan designed specifically for National Trust Tours travelers, providing coverage for Trip Cancellation, Trip Interruption, Travel Delay, Baggage Delay, Baggage Loss, Emergency Medical and more. Plus, you can upgrade your plan with Cancel For Any Reason (CFAR) coverage for the utmost flexibility. CFAR allows you to cancel your trip for ANY reason at all and be reimbursed up to 70% of your pre-paid, non-refundable trip costs (conditions apply, see plan for details). For additional information, please contact National Trust Tours at (888) 484-8785.

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS

A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve space on this program. If you have questions, or to register using a credit card (preferred method), please call (888) 484-8785 or email info@nationaltrusttours.com. Final payment deadline is January 27, 2023. Final payment must be made by check or wire transfer. For those who register after January 27, 2023, full payment is due upon registration.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

Upon payment of the \$1,000 per person deposit, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be in effect until they are received in writing and confirmed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Deposits are refundable (less a \$250 per person administration fee) if written notice of cancellation is received within 30 days of reservation; after that, deposits are 100% nonrefundable. After final payment deadline of January 27, 2023, all payments are 100% nonrefundable, regardless of booking date. Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. NOTE: Neither the National Trust for Historic Preservation nor Criterion Travel, the tour operator, accepts liability for any airline cancellation penalties incurred with the purchase of non-refundable tickets.

ITINERARY CHANGES

The itinerary presented for this tour is subject to modification and change by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Criterion Travel. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require the itinerary to be altered, the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the tour operator reserve the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant.

ELIGIBILITY

National Trust for Historic Preservation tours are open to members only. Membership dues for 2022 and 2023 are \$30 for family and \$20 for individual membership. The minimum age limit for the program is 14. Children must pay the full price, and those under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. There is no maximum age limit. PLEASE NOTE: Participants must be in excellent health and able to participate in tour activities. Any physical condition that may require special medical attention must be reported at the time of your reservation. If you have any doubt about your ability to participate fully due to health conditions or disabilities, contact the National Trust at (888) 484-8785 or (202) 588-6300. The National Trust for Historic Preservation and Criterion Travel reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of this tour at any time. In such case, the refund will be limited to the actual cost of unused tour services.

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For more information or to register by phone (preferred method of registration), please call **National Trust Tours at (888) 484-8785**. Or, return this form with your deposit of \$1,000 per person, payable to **Criterion Travel**. Mail to: Criterion Travel, 4250 SW Hall Blvd., Beaverton, OR 97005.

NAME #1 _____ BIRTHDATE _____

NAME #2 _____ BIRTHDATE _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY / STATE / ZIP / POSTAL CODE _____

HOME PHONE _____ MOBILE PHONE _____

E-MAIL(s) _____

PAYMENT

Please charge the deposit to my credit card (circle one):

VISA MC AMEX DISCOVER

NAME ON CREDIT CARD _____

CARD # _____ EXP. DATE _____ SECURITY CODE _____

SIGNATURE AS IT APPEARS ON CREDIT CARD _____ DATE _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (\$1,000 per person, payable to Criterion Travel) to reserve _____ place(s) on **Cruising the Adriatic**

NATIONAL TRUST MEMBERSHIP

I am/We are National Trust Members. My/Our membership # is _____

I am/We are not National Trust members. Please enroll me/us as members. (\$20 individual; \$30 family)

SINGLE TRAVELERS

I prefer to have single accommodations.
or I plan to share accommodations with: _____

or I'd like to know about roommates

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of January 27, 2023, I will pay the single rate.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Cabin category preference:

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Bed Preference (not guaranteed): One bed Two beds

I/We have read the Terms & Conditions section of this brochure and understand and agree with them as stated herein:

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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