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DUBROVNIK TO VENICE

CRUISING THE ADRIATIC
ABOARD THE *EMERALD SAKARA*

JUNE 13-22, 2024

FEATURING HISTORIAN JOHN MEFFERT



DEAR NATIONAL TRUST TRAVELER,

I invite you to join us aboard the luxury 50-cabin yacht, *Emerald Sakara*, for a summer cruise along the spectacular Adriatic coast. Romans, Byzantines, Venetians, Ottomans, and Austrians have vied for control of this strategic coastline dotted with over 1000 islands. In a region of the Adriatic well worth exploring for its natural beauty alone, we'll visit spellbinding archaeological sites, impressive cathedrals, dramatic palaces, and ancient city centers that illuminate the layered history of the Dalmatian Coast.

Begin the program with a night in Dubrovnik, with time to explore the magnificent walled city. Then board the spectacular new *Emerald Sakara* for a seven-night Adriatic cruise. Launched in 2023, this beautiful, modern vessel is designed to allow access to smaller ports not accessible to larger cruise ships. **Cruise along the Croatian coast from Dubrovnik to Venice, calling at Korčula, Split, Hvar, Šibenik, Zadar and Rovinj.** After navigating the traditional route past St. Mark's Square in Venice and docking within walking distance of the Square at San Basilio, there will be an opportunity to participate in a post-trip extension in Venice.

Engage with expert study leaders throughout this unique educational program and gain a better appreciation of the region's historical and cultural significance through onboard lectures and informal discussions.

With only 50 cabins available, we encourage you to reserve your space by calling our office at (888) 484-8785 today!

With kind regards,



Meg Annacone-Poretz
Director, National Trust Tours



DIOCLETIAN'S PALACE



HVAR

STUDY LEADERS



John Meffert, consultant on Heritage Conservation Services, has a long tradition with the National Trust for Historic Preservation. He has served as the Director for the Southern Office from 1982 to 1988 and

was the director of the Preservation Society of Charleston, the oldest nonprofit organization in the United States. John has delighted countless study tour groups with his lectures and insights on preservation and consistently receives rave reviews as study leader.



Archaeological Institute of America lecturer and host Ivančica (Vanča) Dvoržak Schrnk was born in Zagreb, Croatia, and teaches ancient history and archaeology at the University of St. Thomas (St. Paul, MN).

She has published numerous articles and has co-authored or co-edited several books, including two volumes on the excavations at Diocletian's Palace in Split and a book on archaeology and history of Brijuni from prehistory to Tito. Vanča is past president of the Minnesota Society of the Archaeological Institute of America and is currently vice-president of the Croatian Cultural Society of Minnesota. In 2017 she was named one of the Croatian Women's Network's "Croatian Women of Influence." She leads study abroad courses in Croatia and Italy, and for more than a decade she has involved her students and international volunteers in a collaborative archaeological project on the island of Sveti Klement (St. Clement), near Hvar. Vanča excavated in Diocletian's Palace, where she met her husband, and since then they did archaeological work at several other Adriatic sites, as well as in Tunisia, Egypt, Lebanon, and Syria. Since 2021 she has lectured, to excellent traveler reviews, on two AIA-sponsored cruises in Slovenia and Croatia; and on our upcoming cruise she will share her expertise in Roman maritime villas, island environments, and ancient Mediterranean networks.



VINEYARD IN KORČULA



ROMAN FORUM, ZADAR



ST. NICHOLAS FORTRESS, ŠIBENIK

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Delve** into the historic grandeur of the fortified city of Dubrovnik, known as the "Pearl of the Adriatic."
- **Marvel** at the well-preserved Roman ruins of UNESCO World Heritage Site, Emperor Diocletian's Palace, at Split and explore the historic Jewish neighborhood.
- **Tour** the first-century Roman amphitheater at Pula.
- **Discover** Hvar where chapels and palaces are embellished with intricately carved Venetian architecture.
- **Explore** UNESCO World Heritage Monuments at Šibenik; St. James Cathedral and St. Nicholas Fortress.



ITINERARY

THURSDAY–FRIDAY, JUNE 13–14

HOME / DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

Depart home on an overnight flight to Dubrovnik, Croatia. Upon arrival on June 14, transfer to the seaside 5-star Hotel Dubrovnik Palace overlooking the Adriatic Sea. Gather in the evening for a welcome orientation and reception at the hotel.

HOTEL DUBROVNIK PALACE (R)

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

DUBROVNIK

Noted for its expansive walls and red tile rooftops, Dubrovnik is perhaps the most-visited destination on the Adriatic coast. Attend a morning lecture and explore the sites along the city's main street, the marble-clad Stradun, including Onofrio's Fountain and the Franciscan Church and Monastery. Stroll Žudioska Ulica (Jewish Street), which features the baroque-style Dubrovnik Synagogue, Europe's second oldest continuously functioning synagogue, and the Jewish Museum on location, which houses numerous religious artifacts, including ancient Torah scrolls brought to Dubrovnik by its earliest Jewish residents. Explore the maze of alleyways and Renaissance-era architecture before an afternoon embarkation on the elegant *Emerald Sakara*.

EMERALD SAKARA (B,L,D,R)

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

KORČULA

Cruise to Korčula Island for a walking tour of the fortified Old Town, where the 15th-century St. Mark's Cathedral dominates the small square. Present-day Korčula is rich in vineyards and olive groves, picturesque villages, a glorious old town,

age-old religious ceremonies, folk music, and dance traditions. Wander the narrow, stepped streets and enjoy sampling wine made from the pošip grapes grown primarily on the island.

EMERALD SAKARA (B,L,D)

MONDAY, JUNE 17

SPLIT

Visit Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace (UNESCO World Heritage Site), an ancient fortress-like complex spread along the Split waterfront, and marvel at one of the most imposing ancient Roman structures in existence. Meander the labyrinth of streets and alleyways to the historic Jewish neighborhood.

EMERALD SAKARA (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

HVAR

Cruise to lavender-scented Hvar Island, known as the "Queen of the Croatian Dalmatian islands." 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.

EMERALD SAKARA (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

ŠIBENIK

Investigate two UNESCO World Heritage monuments in Šibenik: The Gothic and Renaissance-styled St. James Cathedral and the oldest monument in town, St. Nicholas Fortress. Wander the Old Town's maze of medieval streets and admire the views of Šibenik Bay and neighboring Adriatic Islands.

EMERALD SAKARA (B,L,D)



KORČULA



ZADAR

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL



ISLAND OF MURANO



THURSDAY, JUNE 20
ZADAR

Discover the vibrant city of Zadar on a walking tour that highlights a rich history 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. Just as in Roman times, the Roman Forum is the center of civic and religious life, with St. Donatus Church as the focal point.

EMERALD SAKARA (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, JUNE 21
ROVINJ / PULA

Take a morning excursion to Pula to explore its well-preserved Roman ruins, including the remarkable Pula Arena, one of the best-preserved Roman amphitheataters. Following lunch onboard *Emerald Sakara*, enjoy a free afternoon of exploring picturesque Rovinj Old Town, a collection of pastel pink and yellow buildings along narrow, car-free streets.

EMERALD SAKARA (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, JUNE 22
VENICE, ITALY / RETURN TO U.S.

Admire the breathtaking scenery of the Venetian coast as *Emerald Sakara* navigates the traditional route past St. Mark's Square in Venice. Disembark near San Basilio Square and transfer to the airport for flights home.

EMERALD SAKARA (B)

**OPTIONAL POST-TOUR
EXTENSION**

JUNE 22-24, 2024

**TWO-NIGHT STAY
IN THE HEART OF VENICE**

Experience the enchanting city of Venice. Spend two nights in the heart of Venice at the elegant Ca' di Dio Hotel, a former palace that has been renovated with modern comforts while retaining the charm of traditional Venetian design. Relax and indulge in the serene atmosphere, enjoying the views of the canals and immersing yourself in the city's romantic ambiance. Morning and afternoon guided tours include St. Mark's Square, the island of Murano known for its exquisite glass and a romantic gondola ride.

We can also arrange accommodation at the legendary Hotel Cipriani, a truly exceptional and iconic luxury hotel that embodies the essence of elegance, charm, and unparalleled service. Situated on the picturesque island of Giudecca, Hotel Cipriani offers breathtaking views of the Venetian lagoon and historic landmarks.

The hotel has a rich history and timeless allure with a sense of tradition and refined hospitality that is deeply ingrained in every aspect of the hotel. The Cipriani boasts an array of elegantly designed rooms and suites, each exuding opulence and sophistication.

CA' DI DIO HOTEL OR HOTEL CIPRIANI (2B,D)

Further details and pricing will be sent to confirmed participants.

ST. MARK'S SQUARE



MURANO GLASS





GENERAL INFORMATION

PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE

All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary, **one night and seven nights aboard Emerald Sakara** • 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 aboard Emerald Sakara** • Filtered water on motorcoaches • 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. Further information about making flight arrangements will be sent to confirmed participants.

WHAT TO EXPECT

This is a moderately strenuous program, at times physically demanding and busy, with considerable walking at some sites. The ship does not have an elevator, so you will need to navigate stairs, possibly while on choppy seas. Daily activities can involve miles of walking, often on cobbled streets and uneven terrain; elevators may not be available, and stairs may not have handrails. Participants should be fit and in active good health. Limited medical facilities are available on board Emerald Sakara. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by National Trust Tours or Criterion Travel, local staff, and host country laws.








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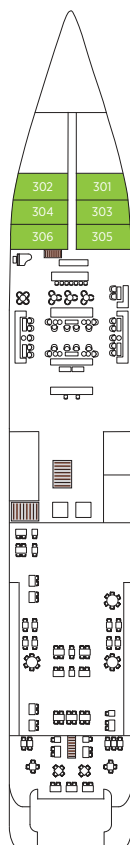
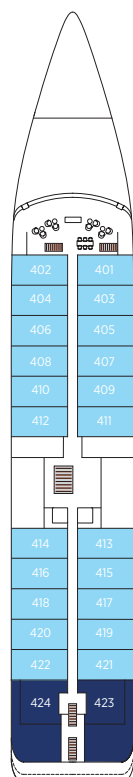
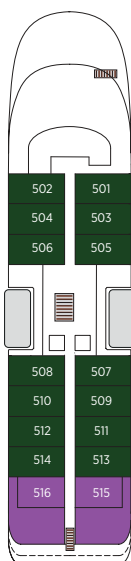
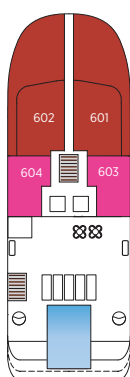
Airfare • Passport/visa expenses • Medical expenses, immunizations, or COVID-19 testing if required at the time of travel • Travel and trip cancellation insurance • Private transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure days •

EMERALD SAKARA

Cruise on the elegant Luxury Yacht *Emerald Sakara*, launching in 2023. A full 360 feet in length but with only 50 cabins, she has ample space and a relaxed atmosphere on board. The staterooms and suites are uniquely designed and offer views of the spectacular scenery. Forty-four of the fifty cabins have step-on balconies. Dining onboard includes menus with fresh locally sourced ingredients. Perhaps best of all, Sakara can tie up next to the promenades with other superyachts, rather than being banished to the commercial cruise piers where larger ships must dock.

PROGRAM RATES PER PERSON

	DOUBLE	SINGLE
 CATEGORY D, OCEANVIEW STATEROOM (183–205 sq. ft.), per person	\$7,990	\$12,790
 CATEGORY B, BALCONY SUITE (285–306 sq. ft., includes private balcony), per person	\$9,990	\$15,990
 CATEGORY A, BALCONY SUITE (285–306 sq. ft., includes private balcony), per person	\$10,490	—
 CATEGORY S, DELUXE BALCONY SUITE (top left photo) (382–404 sq. ft., includes private balcony), per person	\$11,990	—
 CATEGORY T, TERRACE SUITE (260 sq. ft. + 410 sq. ft. private terrace), per person	\$13,990	—
 CATEGORY Y, YACHT SUITE (345 sq. ft. + 375 sq. ft. private terrace), per person	\$14,490	—
 CATEGORY SA, OWNER'S SUITE (top right photo) (580 sq. ft. + 600 sq. ft. private terrace), per person	\$19,990	—





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RESERVATION FORM

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION (please print)

NAME #1 BIRTHDATE

NAME #2 BIRTHDATE

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY / STATE / POSTAL CODE

HOME PHONE MOBILE PHONE

EMAIL #1

EMAIL #2

Are you traveling with any other parties on this program?

Yes, _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

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

Please charge my deposit of \$ _____ (\$1,000 per person) to my

VISA MasterCard American Express

NAME ON CREDIT CARD

CREDIT CARD NUMBER EXP. DATE SECURITY CODE

CARDHOLDER SIGNATURE

ACCOMMODATIONS (not guaranteed)

Cabin Category Preference: 1st _____ 2nd _____

Bed Preference King/Queen Twins

SINGLE TRAVELERS (choose one)

I prefer to have single accommodations. (limited availability)

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 February 14, 2024 I will pay the single rate.

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

SIGNATURE #1 DATE

SIGNATURE #2 DATE

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, 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 75% of your pre-paid, non-refundable trip costs (conditions apply, see plan for details). To purchase travel insurance today, call: (800) 937-1387. For additional information, please contact National Trust Tours at (888) 484-8785. Complete Terms and Conditions including a Statement of Responsibility will be made available 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.

ELIGIBILITY

National Trust for Historic Preservation tours are open to members only. Membership dues for 2023/2024 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 recoverable cost of unused tour services.

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@nationaltruststours.com. Final payment deadline is February 14, 2024. For those who register on or after **February 14, 2024**, full payment is due upon registration. Final payment must be made by check or bank transfer.

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 on February 14, 2024, 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.

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