



National Trust for Historic Preservation

National Trust Tours

# Wonders of **SLOVENIA AND CROATIA** by Private Yacht

aboard *Queen Eleganza*  
August 28–September 8, 2025



# Dear National Trust Traveler,

Join us aboard the intimate 18-cabin *Queen Eleganza* for a cruise along the spectacular Adriatic coast. Throughout history, 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, visit spellbinding archaeological sites, impressive castles, dramatic palaces, and ancient city centers.

Begin the program in the magnificent walled city of Dubrovnik, Croatia before embarking on a 7-night Adriatic cruise. Launched in 2018, the beautiful and intimate 18-cabin *Queen Eleganza* yacht features a casual ambiance and the ability to call at small, inviting islands and ports not accessible to large cruise ships.

Cruise the Croatian coast from Dubrovnik to Zadar, calling at Mljet, Korčula, Hvar, Split and Trogir. A leisurely pace allows for time in port to sample local cuisine and meet and mingle with residents. After disembarking the ship, travel by motorcoach to walk amongst the waterfalls at Plitvice Lakes National Park then continue to Slovenia's captivating capital city, Ljubljana, and magical Lake Bled.

Throughout this educational program, you will be joined by expert lecturers who will offer a series of engaging lectures and informal discussions along the way. With only 18 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

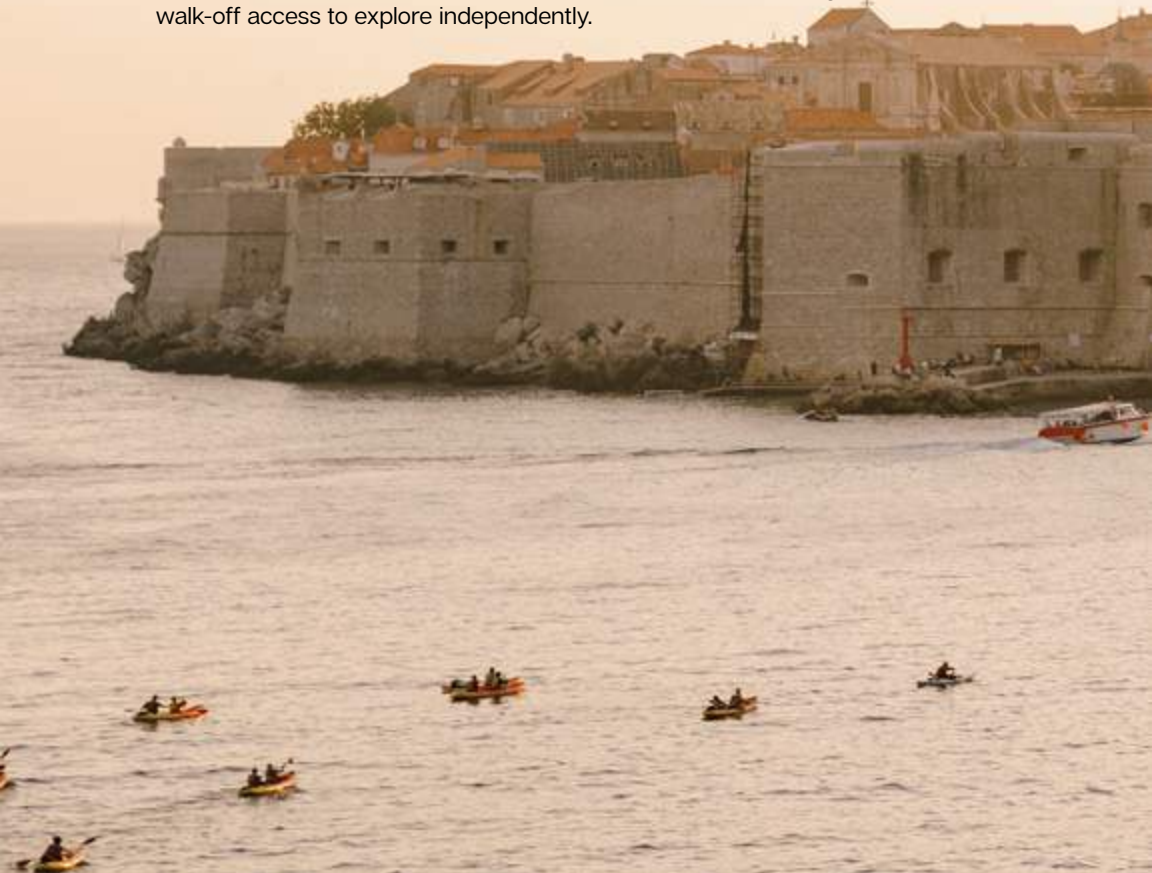
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# Study Leader

**Grace Gary**, an architectural historian with degrees from Randolph-Macon Woman's College and the University of Virginia, is a veteran leader of more than 30 Trust tours. Most recently she served as the executive director of Nemours Mansion and Gardens in Wilmington, DE, where she oversaw an award-winning, multi-year, \$70 million restoration of building and gardens. She and fellow National Trust lecturer Dwight Young are the authors of *Nemours: A Portrait of Alfred I. duPont's House*, which was published by Rizzoli in 2011. Grace also is the author of two volumes in the Trust's "Information" series and has also served as director of the Trust's Mid-Atlantic Regional Office, Preservation PA, and Longue Vue House and Gardens. She was the first director of Colonial Williamsburg's Tourism Leadership Center.

## Highlights

- ◆ Explore **Ljubljana**, Slovenia's charming capital city, and ride gondola-like pletnas on the remarkably blue waters of **Lake Bled**.
- ◆ Marvel at the well-preserved Roman Forum in **Zadar** and the ruins of Emperor Diocletian's palace in **Split**.
- ◆ Take guided walks at **Plitvice National Park** on wooden walkways and bridges through the magical landscape of cascading waterfalls, picturesque pools, and lush vegetation.
- ◆ Investigate the UNESCO World Heritage site of **Trogir**, an island dating back to the Hellenistic period embellished by successive rulers with Romanesque, Renaissance, and Baroque architecture.
- ◆ Sample local delicacies and some of Croatia's most famous wines in **Korčula**.
- ◆ Delve into the historic grandeur of **Dubrovnik**, known as the "Pearl of the Adriatic."
- ◆ **Swim** in secluded coves in the pristine waters of the Adriatic Sea.
- ◆ Moor at or near town centers aboard the **yacht-like Queen Eleganza**, with easy walk-off access to explore independently.





LJUBLJANA



PLITVICE LAKES NATIONAL PARK



KORČULA



SPLIT

## Itinerary

Thursday–Friday, August 28–29

### Home / Dubrovnik, Croatia

Depart home on an overnight flight to Dubrovnik. Upon arrival, transfer to the the 5-star Hotel Dubrovnik Palace, overlooking the Adriatic Sea. Relax and settle in, then gather for an orientation, welcome reception, and dinner.

HOTEL DUBROVNIK PALACE (R,D)

Saturday, August 30

### Dubrovnik

Following a morning lecture, take in iconic sites on a walking tour of historic Dubrovnik. Noted for its expansive walls and red tile rooftops, Dubrovnik is perhaps the most-visited destination on the Adriatic coast. Explore the sites along the marble-clad Stradun, including Onofrio's Fountain, St. Blaise's Church, 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. Take advantage of free time in the afternoon

to explore the maze of alleyways and Renaissance-era architecture before embarking *Queen Eleganza* for a welcome reception and dinner.

QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,L,R,D)

Sunday, August 31

### Mljet

Relax on the sun deck while cruising to the picturesque island of Mljet. At Mljet National Park, walk or e-bike amongst shady forests of Aleppo pine or swim in a saltwater lake. Dinner is at leisure this evening.

QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,L)

Monday, September 1

### Korčula

En route to the fortified town of Korčula, swim in a calm cove (weather permitting). Perched on a promontory on its namesake island. Korčula is rich in vineyards and olive groves, picturesque villages, and a glorious old town, as well as age-old religious ceremonies, folk music, and dance traditions. Following an insightful walking tour, sample local delicacies and some of Croatia's most famous wines.

QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,L)

Tuesday, September 2

### Hvar

Today cruise to lavender-scented Hvar Island, known as the “Queen of the Dalmatian islands.” Stroll along the elegant main square and visit a Franciscan monastery whose refectory contains a 1524 edition of Ptolemy's Atlas and a large painting of the Last Supper. Stroll along the yacht-filled waterfront and the restaurant-lined avenues this evening.

QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,L)

Wednesday, September 3

### Split

Call at sophisticated Split, Croatia's second largest city. Upon arrival, tour Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace, an imposing ancient structure spread along the waterfront. Enjoy ample time at leisure to wander the pedestrian Old Town, and in the evening, take the opportunity to try local delicacies.

QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,L)



Thursday, September 4

### Trogir

Cruise to Trogir with another possible swimming opportunity in a quiet cove. A walking tour introduces you to the tiny, but charming Old Town of Trogir, a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site. For dinner, savor a traditional peka, meat and potatoes slowly roasted over coals under an iron bell, at a local restaurant.

QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,L,D)

Friday, September 5

### At Sea/Zadar

Enjoy a day at sea with time for a final lecture en route to Zadar, the oldest continuously inhabited city in Croatia rich in natural beauty, charming architecture, and fascinating history. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner aboard *Queen Eleganza*.

QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,L,D)

Saturday, September 6

### Ljubljana, Slovenia

Take a morning walking tour of Zadar, a city which boasts a rich history dating as far back to the Neolithic era. Here admire the ancient Roman Forum and the cylindrical-shaped Church of St. Donat. The streets of the old town are paved with shining white marble, and the inviting waterfront is a magnet for art lovers. Before arriving in Ljubljana, visit Plitvice Lakes National Park, one of Croatia's most-loved national parks, and walk on wooden pathways amongst cascading waterfalls, picturesque pools, and lush vegetation. Dine independently in Ljubljana this evening.

GRAND HOTEL UNION (B,L)

Sunday, September 7

### Ljubljana

This morning tour Ljubljana's historic Old Town, which is off limits to automobiles, and explore the cobblestone streets, bridges, and markets

found in Slovenia's charming capital city. See the famous Dragon Bridge and stroll along the ancient Roman wall. Travel by motorcoach to picturesque Lake Bled and take gondola-like pletna boats to visit Slovenia's only island—a church-crowned islet in the center of the lake. As UNESCO has designated Slovenian beekeeping an Intangible Cultural Heritage, tour an apiary before returning to Ljubljana for a farewell dinner.

GRAND HOTEL UNION (B,L,D)

Monday, September 8

### Ljubljana/Home

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for flights home.

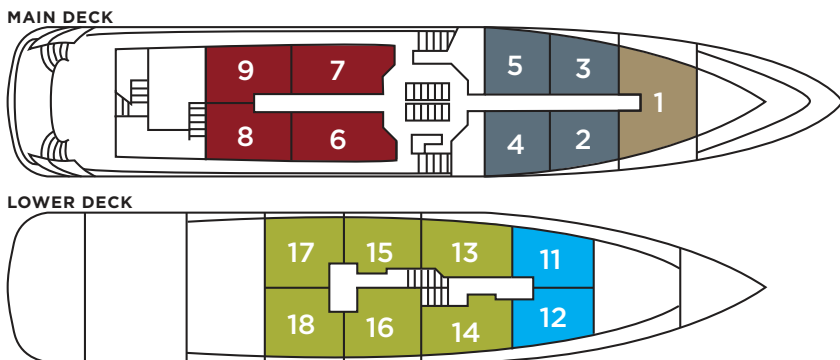
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# Queen Eleganza



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
<b>A</b> (LOWER DECK) 161 sq ft; queen bed; two portholes	\$7,990	\$11,390
<b>B</b> (LOWER DECK) 156–178 sq ft; twins or queen; two portholes	\$8,490	\$12,140
<b>C</b> (MAIN DECK) 156–172 sq ft; twin beds; 3 windows	\$9,490	–
<b>D</b> (MAIN DECK) 151 sq ft; twins or queen; large picture window; cabins 8 & 9 have partially obstructed views	\$9,990	–
<b>E</b> (MAIN DECK) 242 sq ft; king size bed; 4 windows	\$10,990	–

## 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

### WHAT TO EXPECT

This is a moderately strenuous program that is at times physically demanding and busy. Participants must be physically fit, active, and in good health. Daily programs involve walking one to two miles—through city centers, historic sites, and in museums, where there may also be extended periods of standing.

Participants will encounter uneven terrain, including dirt and cobblestoned paths, and must be able to walk at least 20 minutes up and down hills without stopping. Participants must be able to stand outside for up to two hours with limited shade and no available seating.

### GROUP SIZE

This program is limited to 28 participants.

### 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.

**PROGRAM RATES****DO NOT INCLUDE**

U.S. domestic and international airfare · Passport/visa expenses · Medical expenses and immunizations, if required at the time of travel · Travel and trip cancellation insurance · Private transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure days · Deviations from the scheduled tour · 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 and internet 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.

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**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](mailto:info@nationaltrusttours.com). Final payment deadline is April 30, 2025. For those

who register on or after April 30, 2025, 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 April 30, 2025 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 2024/2025 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.

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**PAYMENT**

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

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Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$1,000 per person, payable to Criterion Travel) to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) on

**Wonders of Slovenia and Croatia.**

**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 April 30, 2025, 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:*

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