Cruising the ADRIATIC
Best of Slovenia and Croatia aboard Queen Eleganza • August 25–September 5, 2021
With Council Leader Derrick Olsen, President of WorldOregon

SPECIAL PAYMENT TERMS
For peace of mind, all payments are 100% refundable until May 22, 2021.
See inside for more details
Dear Council Travelers,

Over the course of many millennia, a succession of civilizations—from the Byzantine and Ottoman Empires to the Crusades and the Renaissance—swept across the Eastern shores of the Adriatic Sea, leaving behind a wealth of architectural and cultural treasures. 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 that illuminate the layered history of the Dalmatian Coast.

Begin in Slovenia’s capital city, Ljubljana, a city with roots dating back to Roman times. Discover magical Lake Bled, monumental karst caves, and mountain aeries before continuing to Rovinj, Croatia to begin your 7-night Adriatic cruise. Sail along the Croatian coast from the Istrian Peninsula to Dubrovnik, calling at Veliki Brijun Island, Pula, Zadar, Split, Hvar, and Korčula along the way. A leisurely pace allows for free time in town to sample local cuisine and mingle with locals.

Launched in 2018, the intimate Queen Eleganza yacht features a casual ambiance and the ability to call at small, inviting islands and ports not accessible to large cruise ships. This shared departure with alumni and friends of the University of Pennsylvania is limited to 28 travelers. Space will go quickly, so I encourage you to reserve your place today!

Sincerely,

Shoshana Altrichter
Vice President of Travel
World Affairs Council of Philadelphia
Your Host

Derrick Olsen is President of WorldOregon and a member of the Board of Directors of the World Affairs Councils of America. Prior to joining the Council on March 1, 2016, Derrick was the Vice President of Regional Strategy at the regional economic development nonprofit Greater Portland Inc (GPI) for almost four years. While there, he led the implementation of Greater Portland Global, the region’s Global Trade and Investment Plan developed as part of the Global Cities Initiative, a joint program of the Brookings Institution and JPMorgan Chase. He also served on the Board of Trustees for the World Affairs Council of Oregon during that time. Previously, Derrick managed international trade and investment issues for over four years with Business Oregon (the Oregon Business Development Department). Derrick also has over 13 years of experience managing political and economic issues as a Foreign Service Officer for the U.S. Department of State in Latin America, Asia, and Washington, DC, with four overseas tours including as Chief of the U.S. Embassy’s Political Section in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Highlights

♦ **Experience** Veliki Brijun Island where Tito once entertained celebrity guests, now a national park with abundant flora and fauna.

♦ **Marvel** at the well-preserved Roman ruins of Emperor Diocletian’s palace at Split and Pula’s amphitheater and temple.

♦ **Explore** World Heritage designated Plitvice Lake National Park’s 16 lakes, interconnected by a series of soaring waterfalls and splashing cascades.

♦ **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

Wed–Thurs, August 25–26
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.
GRAND UNION HOTEL (R,D)

Friday, August 27
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 this afternoon 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 this evening.
GRAND UNION HOTEL (B,L)

Saturday, August 28
Portoroz
Travel by coach to Lipica Stud Farm, breeding home of Vienna’s famed Lipizzaner horses. Continue to the UNESCO-designated ancient Skocjan Karst Caves, a vast network of tunnels and chambers sometimes referred to as the “underground Grand Canyon.” Settle in at the Kempinski Palace Hotel near the oceanfront promenade of Portoroz, and this evening, dine at the historic Venetian stronghold Piran.
KEMPINSKI PALACE HOTEL (B,L,D)

Sunday, August 29
Rovinj, Croatia
Cross the border into Croatia and drive to Rovinj by way of the scenic mountaintop village of Motovun on the Istrian Peninsula. Enjoy a walking tour of the charming old town, which was a small island until 1763, and time at leisure to explore the cobbled streets. Embark the Queen Eleganza this evening in time for a welcome reception and dinner.
QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,L,D)

Monday, August 30
Pula
Cruise to Veliki Brijun Island, formerly a favorite of Marshal Tito, now part of a national park known for dinosaur footprints and home to a 1st-Century Roman villa. Continue to nearby Pula to explore its well-preserved Roman ruins, including the impressive colosseum, the only Roman amphitheater in the world with a complete circle wall.
QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,L,D)

Tuesday, August 31
At Sea / Zadar
Spend the morning sailing the scenic coastline 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)

Wednesday, September 1
Plitvice Lakes National Park / Split
Explore Plitvice Lakes National Park, a series of 16 lakes interconnected by waterfalls and pedestrian bridges, and a World
Heritage Site. Continue to Split, Croatia's fashionable, second-largest city. Enjoy time to explore the old town and have dinner at leisure.

QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,L)

Thursday, September 2

Split / Hvar

Visit Roman Emperor Diocletian’s Palace, an ancient fortress-like complex spread along the Split waterfront, before cruising to lavender-scented Hvar Island. Stroll along the elegant main square, 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. Explore the yacht-filled waterfront and enjoy an evening at leisure in the restaurant-lined avenues.

QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,L)

Friday, September 3

Korčula / Dubrovnik

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 the sixth-largest island in the Adriatic Sea, rich in vineyards and olive groves, picturesque villages and 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 specialties. Continue to Dubrovnik this afternoon.

QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,L,D)

Saturday, September 4

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,D)

Sunday, September 5

Dubrovnik / Home

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

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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**

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**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 shipboard personnel, porters, wait staff, guides, and drivers 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 • Bottled 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.

**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. By forwarding the deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any physical or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants.

**Group Size**

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**A Note About Costs**

Tour costs 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 prices, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.
To reserve a place, please contact the World Affairs Council by phone at (800) 942-5004 or (215) 561-4700 x217 or x209; or you may fax the completed reservation form to (215) 561-5660. The Council is moving offices in January 2021. Please call before mailing in your reservation form.

For more information please visit our website at www.wacphila.org or email travel@wacphila.org.

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PAYMENT

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

SINGLE TRAVELERS

☐ I prefer to have single accommodations.

☐ I plan to share accommodations with:

O or ☐ I’d like to know about roommates

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of April 27, 2021, I will pay the single rate.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Cabin category preference:

1st Choice _______ 2nd Choice _______

Bed Preference (not guaranteed):

☐ One bed  ☐ Two beds

Other Information

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

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