PEARLS OF Dalmatia: Croatia & Slovenia

with Dubrovnik & the Island of Hvar

April 30-May 14, 2020

15 days for $5,684 total price from San Francisco
($5,195 air & land inclusive plus $489 airline taxes and fees)

An Exclusive Small Group Tour for the Commonwealth Club
Dear Club Travelers,

Travel with us to delightful Zagreb and along the beautiful Dalmatian coast to treasured Dubrovnik on an exclusive 15-day small group tour, discovering a region cherished by all who visit.

We set out to explore Croatia’s gracious capital, Zagreb, with visits to historic Old Town as well as the colorful Dolac open-air market and St. Stephen’s Cathedral. In Bled, we enjoy a tranquil boat ride on the fairytale lake, then journey by train into the depths of Postojna Cave. After absorbing Ljubljana’s many charms, we continue on to Opatija, “the jewel of the Adriatic,” where Habsburg royalty once vacationed. We see the famed turquoise-colored lakes in Plitvice Lakes National Park and visit Diocletian’s Palace, a UNESCO site. The final stops on this Dalmatian sojourn are enticing medieval Hvar Town, situated on one of the most beautiful islands along the Adriatic coast; and beloved Dubrovnik, another UNESCO site, for a three-night stay. Extend your time with an optional extension to Montenegro.

With space for only 24 guests on this departure, we expect this tour to fill quickly. Book today to secure your place on this memorable tour of Croatia and Slovenia!

Sincerely,
Kristina Nemeth, Director of Travel

COMMONWEALTH CLUB RESERVATION FORM – PEARLS OF DALMATIA: CROATIA & SLOVENIA

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $______ ($500 per person) for ____ person(s) on Pearls of Dalmatia: Croatia & Slovenia departing April 30, 2020. I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and send, with completed reservation form, to: The Commonwealth Club, 110 The Embarcadero, San Francisco, CA 94105. For reservations and information, please call (415) 597-6720, fax (415) 597-6729, or e-mail travel@commonwealthclub.org.

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Please book my/our air from _______________________ I/We request an air upgrade to _____________________
I will share a room with _____________________________________ I request a single room (limited availability) □
Post-Tour “Montenegro” Extension: Please sign me/us up □

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for Pearls of Dalmatia: Croatia & Slovenia, April 30-May 14, 2020, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) ________________________________________________________________ Date___________________

We require membership in the Commonwealth Club to travel with us. Please check one of the following options:
□ I am a current member of the Commonwealth Club.
□ Please use the credit card information below to sign me up or renew my membership.
□ I will visit commonwealthclub.org/membership to sign up for a membership.

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Final invoicing will be sent by the tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure, and is payable by check or credit card.
Thursday, April 30: Depart U.S. for Zagreb, Croatia
Friday, May 1: Arrive Zagreb
After a connecting flight in Europe, we arrive in Zagreb and transfer to our hotel. As guests’ arrival times may vary greatly, we have no group activities or meals planned for today.

Saturday, May 2: Zagreb
This morning’s tour of the Croatian capital by coach and on foot reveals a gracious city of culture and hospitality. We visit Mirogoj Park Cemetery, known for its arcades and sculpture; then continue through Old Town with a visit to St. Stephen’s Cathedral. After calling on the colorful Dolac open-air market, we have the remainder of the day at leisure. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner. B,D

Sunday, May 3: Zagreb/Ljubljana, Slovenia
Departing by coach this morning, we arrive in the Slovenian capital in time for lunch on our own. An afternoon walking tour reveals the heart of this friendly mid-sized city of romantic bridges, ornate façades, pedestrian zones, and abundant parkland. We dine tonight at our hotel. B,D

Monday, May 4: Ljubljana/Lake Bled
This morning we visit Bled, Slovenia’s popular resort town whose namesake lake is the stuff of fairytales. Sitting in the foothills of the Julian Alps with a medieval castle perched above its emerald-green waters, Lake Bled draws visitors and locals alike. We tour the castle then enjoy a leisurely boat ride around the placid mile-wide lake. After this relaxing interlude, we return to Ljubljana with the remainder of the day at leisure. B

Tuesday, May 5: Ljubljana/Postojna/Opatija, Croatia
En route to Opatija today, we stop to explore Postojna Cave, the almost 13-mile-long karst cave system where an electric train takes us deeper than is possible in any other cave in the world. Then after free time here for lunch on our own, we continue on to Opatija, the seaside resort where Habsburg princes once vacationed. Upon arrival, we explore the “Opatija

Small Group Tour Highlights

Historic Zagreb • Scenic Lake Bled excursion • Vibrant Ljubljana • Visit to Postojna Cave • Istrian Peninsula touring • Visit to Plitvice Lakes National Park • Dramatic Dalmatian coastline • Diocletian’s Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site • Charming Opatija • Two-night stay on island of Hvar • Three-night stay in Dubrovnik • Dubrovnik touring, including Old City walls • U.S. Embassy and/or Consulate visits

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Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

Cover photo: Lovely Lake Bled, surrounded by mountains and forests, which we visit on May 4

Independent, democratic Croatia welcomes visitors eager to absorb its remarkable history and culture – and its beautiful and unspoiled Dalmatian coastline. As our small group travels from historic Zagreb and beautiful Lake Bled to the Habsburg resort of Opatija, the island of Hvar, and beloved Dubrovnik, we see why this cherished region lays such a claim on the hearts of all who visit.

Tour membership limited to 24 guests

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We enjoy a pleasing mix of guided touring and time on our own in Dubrovnik.

Riviera” on a walking tour of this modern-day resort town nestled between green forested hills and the cobalt Adriatic. We dine together tonight.  

Wednesday, May 6: Opatija/Istrian Peninsula

Today’s tour of the Istrian Peninsula reveals the multicultur- al roots of this alluring spit of land jutting into the Adriatic. At various times a vassal of Venice, the first Austro-Hungarian Empire, Fascist Italy, the Yugoslav Federation, and finally, Croatia, Istra, as it is known, boasts an interesting history, mild Mediterranean climate, lovely scenery, and good wines. Our first stop is in the port of Pula, where we visit the well-preserved remains of a Roman amphitheater (c. 177 CE). Next is Rovinj, a charming old Venetian port where we are free to explore on our own and perhaps enjoy lunch at an outdoor café. After returning to Opatija late this afternoon, we dine together tonight at a local restaurant. 

Thursday, May 7: Opatija

Today we visit nearby Moscenicka, a one-time fishing village that now draws visitors to its tranquil port and beautiful pebble beaches. After lunch together we return to Opatija where the remainder of the day is at leisure. 

Friday, May 8: Opatija/Plitvice Lakes/Trogir

We travel south this morning for an excursion to Plitvice Lakes National Park. Famed for its string of 16 turquoise-colored lakes connected by a series of waterfalls and cascades, separated by distinctive travertine deposits, and surrounded by dense forests, Plitvice counts as one of UNESCO’s first natural sites and Croatia’s largest national park. Late afternoon we depart for Trogir, arriving early this evening in time for dinner at our hotel. 

Saturday, May 9: Trogir/Split/Hvar

This morning we travel to Split, the main city of the central Dalmatian Coast and home of 3rd-century Diocletian’s Palace. As we see on our guided tour, the palace, and eventually its ruins, formed the historic heart of picturesque Split. After time for lunch on our own, we board a ferry for the two-hour cruise to Hvar, “queen” of the Dalmatian islands. Upon arrival we travel by coach to lively Hvar Town, where we spend the next

Post-Tour Extension

May 14-17, 2020

MONTENEGRO

4 days/3 nights for
$1,095 total price
Single Supplement: $395

Discover this tiny nation with a stunning coastline, imposing mountains, ancient towns, and a rich culture formed from its perch straddling East and West.

Your Tour Price Includes

• Round-trip private motorcoach transportation Dubrovnik/Tivat, Montenegro
• 3 nights’ accommodations: 2 nights in Tivat at Regent Porto Montenegro (Deluxe); 1 night in Cavtat, Croatia, at Hotel Croatia (Superior First Class)
• 5 meals: 3 breakfasts, 2 dinners
• Extensive included sightseeing: Kotor town and bay, Our Lady of the Rocks church, walled city of Budva, historic capital of Cetinje, Roman mosaics of Risan
• Services of an Odysseys Unlimited representative
• Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, hotel porters, and all drivers
two nights. We dine tonight at a local restaurant just a short walk from our hotel. B,D

Sunday, May 10: Hvar With captivating natural beauty and a strategic Adriatic location, Hvar has prospered since antiquity. We discover some of its charms this morning, first with a walking tour of Venetian-tinged Hvar Town then with a walking tour of nearby Stari Grad, one of Croatia’s oldest cities and where we also have time to wander on our own. Then we visit a local winery for a tasting and lunch. B,L,D

Monday, May 11: Hvar/Dubrovnik We leave Hvar for the mainland today, traveling south along the scenic Dalmatian coast to beloved Dubrovnik. After reaching our hotel late afternoon, we enjoy dinner there this evening. B,L,D

Tuesday, May 12: Dubrovnik Today we discover the city whose ancient walls have withstood both time and a tumultuous history, including the Siege of Dubrovnik in 1991. We begin with a walking tour around the city walls, whose original ramparts and bastions date to the 12th and 13th centuries. Then we continue through the Old City, paying a visit to the stately Baroque Cathedral (c. 1672). We also see the Treasury, with its gilded shelves and historic relics; and the Franciscan monastery with a 14th-century pharmacy. This afternoon is free to explore on our own. B

Wednesday, May 13: Dubrovnik Today is free to explore on our own. From the medieval Old Town to the contemporary city with its Mediterranean accent, Dubrovnik offers discoveries aplenty. Then we enjoy a small group highlight as we set out late this afternoon for a farewell dinner with a local family whose home overlooks Dubrovnik. Our menu features produce from their garden, homemade olive oil, and local wine. B,D

Your Tour Price Includes
- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 13 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and First Class hotels
- 25 meals: 13 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 8 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Educational lectures about the history and politics of the region
- Additional Commonwealth Club representative at 20 guests
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

Tour Departs: April 30, 2020

San Francisco, Los Angeles, $5,684
Denver, Portland, Seattle $5,284
Boston, New York $4,395

Tour includes int’l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Contact Club Travel at
415-597-6720
travel@commonwealthclub.org
www.commonwealthclub.org/travel

We visit Plitvice Lakes on May 8.

Thursday, May 14: Depart for U.S. This morning we transfer to the airport for our return flights to the U.S. B

“The journey is my home.”
– Muriel Ruckeyser
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a $500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Tour Price
Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odyssey Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: $10-$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes
If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odyssey Unlimited, Inc.’s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges:

- cancel 95 days or more before departure: $200 charge
- cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price
- cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price
- cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price
- cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund

You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, you will be charged the single supplement. No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information, you will be responsible for changes associated with the ticket's release.

Eligibility
We reserve membership in the Commonwealth Club to travel with us. People who live outside of the Bay Area may purchase a national membership. To learn about membership types and to purchase a membership, visit commonwealthclub.org/membership or call (415) 997-6720.

Insurance
We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident. Baggage insurance is also recommended. In the event you must cancel your participation in the travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be your only source of reimbursement. You will be sent information about insurance upon registration.

Responsibility
The liability of the Commonwealth Club, as sponsor, and Odyssey Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odyssey Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. The Commonwealth Club and Odyssey Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers.

We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances arise we will make every effort to alter a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

Health and Medical Issues
We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a considerable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs.

Air Transportation – Important Information
Odyssey Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. Please note that seat assignments on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odyssey Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments. Due to the nature of tour operator agreements, other restrictions apply, including but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. Land Only is available on most tours. Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odyssey Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.

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