

# Stanford **TRAVEL/STUDY**

## **Slovenia and Croatia**

### ***Featuring Seven Nights aboard the Queen Eleganza***

**August 9 to 21, 2021**

With faculty leader Roberto D'Alimonte, sail leisurely down the Croatian coast from Rovinj to Dubrovnik aboard the 18-cabin yacht *Queen Eleganza*, calling at more than half a dozen unique and charming port towns. **Days of Rome.** Marvel at the well-preserved ruins of Roman Emperor Diocletian's palace in Split and the Roman amphitheater and temple in Pula. **Parks and recreation.** Explore Veliki Brijun Island, where Marshal Tito once entertained celebrity guests and which is now a national park. Also visit Plitvice Lakes National Park, with its 16 interconnected lakes. **Slovenia mania.** Precruise, explore Slovenia's colorful capital city, Ljubljana; venture out to Lake Bled; and check out the Lipica Stud Farm, where Vienna's famous Lipizzan horses are bred.

## **STANFORD FACULTY LEADER**

### **Roberto D'Alimonte**

Roberto D'Alimonte is a professor of Italian politics in the department of political sciences at Luiss Guido Carli, a private university in Rome that prepares future leaders in the areas of economics, law and political science. Before joining Luiss in 2008, he taught at the University of Florence. He has taught many courses over the years at Stanford's Bing Overseas Studies Program in Florence and has been a visiting professor at Stanford's main campus a number of times, teaching both in the political science department and in the MBA program at the Graduate School of Business. He has also lectured frequently at the business school's Executive Program. His current research focuses on political and electoral change in Western democracies, particularly Italy. A well-known political journalist, Professor D'Alimonte covers Italian political events for *Il Sole 24 Ore*, Italy's major financial newspaper. His commentaries have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Financial Times*, *New Yorker* and *Le Monde*, and on Bloomberg and Reuters. He has worked on electoral reform with former Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi. During our trip, he will lecture on the disintegration of former Yugoslavia, the impact of the pandemic on the politics of the EU, and challenges of our time.

## **ITINERARY**

Monday, August 9

Zagreb, Croatia

Settle in at our hotel, located in the heart of the city. This evening gather with fellow travelers for a welcome orientation and dinner. AMADRIA PARK HOTEL CAPITAL (D)

Tuesday, August 10

Zagreb

This morning explore the Upper Town of Zagreb on a walking tour, stopping at the mosaic-roofed St. Mark's Church, the Stone Gate, Strossmayer Promenade and the 13th-century Lotrščak Tower, which has been firing its cannons at noon every day since 1877 to alert the city's churches to ring their noontime bells. Enjoy dining independently this evening. AMADRIA PARK HOTEL CAPITAL (B,L)

Wednesday, August 11

Zagreb / Ljubljana, Slovenia

Depart Zagreb this morning for the capital of Slovenia, Ljubljana, known for its unique heritage, with roots stretching back to the medieval 12th century, and situated on the site of the ancient Roman city of Emona. Upon arrival, set out on a walking tour of the car-free old town, visiting its sprawling Central Market and Prešeren Square, heart of the historic center, and walking across the famous Dragon Bridge with its four menacing copper dragons. UHOTEL LJUBLIANA (B,L,D)

Thursday, August 12

Ljubljana / Lake Bled / Bled Island

This morning explore Ljubljana and enjoy lunch independently before venturing this afternoon to stunning, cobalt-blue Lake Bled in the Julian Alps. Here we visit Slovenia's only island, tiny Bled Island, an exquisite outpost in the center of the lake that we reach via *pletna*, unique, flat-bottom boats propelled by oarsmen and featuring a Venetian gondola-like design; *pletna* have plied the lake's waters since 1590. Enjoy time to explore the island's steeped baroque church, the Pilgrimage Church of the Assumption of Mary, which started life as a Gothic church in 1465. UHOTEL LJUBLIANA (B,D)

Friday, August 13

Škocjan Caves / Portorož

Travel by coach to the UNESCO-designated Škocjan Caves, a vast, ancient network of tunnels and chambers often dubbed the "underground Grand Canyon." Continue to the Lipica Stud Farm, where Vienna's famed Lipizzan horses were first bred in the 16th century. Dine this evening in the beautiful coastal town of Piran, a historic Venetian stronghold, before checking in to our oceanfront hotel in Portorož. GRAND HOTEL BERNARDIN (B,L,D)

Saturday, August 14

Zagreb/Dubrovnik, Croatia / Embark

Return by coach to Zagreb to connect with a short flight to Dubrovnik, arriving mid-afternoon for boarding of the *Queen Eleganza*, our home for the next seven nights. Gather this evening for a welcome aboard reception and dinner followed free time to explore Dubrovnik independently at night. *QUEEN ELEGANZA* (B,L,D)

Sunday, August 15

Dubrovnik

Noted for its expansive walls, Dubrovnik is perhaps the most-visited—and most-loved—destination on the Adriatic coast. This morning take in the sights along the marble-clad Stradun, the historic city's main street: Onofrio's Fountains, St. Blaise Church, the Rector's Palace and the Franciscan church and monastery. The latter, a large complex belonging to the Order of Friars Minor, includes a monastery, church and library, and a pharmacy dating from 1317. Enjoy free time this afternoon to explore Dubrovnik's mesmerizing maze of alleyways and Renaissance-era architecture before regrouping topside to enjoy spectacular views of Dubrovnik's harbor as we set sail for Korčula. *QUEEN ELEGANZA* (B,L,D)

Monday, August 16

Korčula / Hvar

This morning we visit the fortified Old Town of Korčula, perched atop a promontory on the island of Korčula and considered by some authorities to be the birthplace of Marco Polo. Take a walking tour of the town's narrow, stepped streets, taking in the ancient walls and massive entrance gates, the sea of

distinctively Croatian orange-tiled rooftops and the medieval St. Mark's Cathedral along the way. Next we cruise to lovely, lavender-scented Hvar Island, where we visit the elegant main square and view the Cathedral of St. Stephen, distinguished by its tall, rectangular bell tower, and the 15th-century Franciscan monastery, whose refectory contains a 1524 edition of Ptolemy's atlas. Take a walk along the island's yacht-filled waterfront and enjoy an evening at leisure strolling among its restaurant-lined avenues. *QUEEN ELEGANZA* (B,L)

Tuesday, August 17

At Sea / Split

Spend this morning sailing Croatia's scenic coastline and enjoying our educational program, arriving mid-day in historic Split, Dalmatia's largest city, which began as a Greek settlement and has a rich past as a Roman, Byzantine, Venetian and Austro-Hungarian seaport. This afternoon depart on foot for to explore the UNESCO World Heritage site of Diocletian's Palace, built by the Roman emperor Diocletian between the late 3rd and early 4th centuries CE. The sprawling, fortress-like complex along Split's waterfront is considered one of the world's best-preserved examples of Roman architecture. Enjoy time exploring its old town and having dinner at leisure. *QUEEN ELEGANZA* (B,L)

Wednesday, August 18

Plitvice Lakes National Park / Zadar

This morning we have the opportunity to spend some time at scenic Plitvice Lakes National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site that features a series of 16 lakes interconnected by waterfalls and pedestrian bridges. Late this afternoon we arrive in Zadar, which boasts a rich history dating as far back as the Neolithic era and whose streets in the old town are paved with shining white marble. Explore Zadar's inviting waterfront, a magnet for art lovers, and enjoy an evening at leisure discovering the city's café-lined streets, Roman ruins and Venetian architecture. *QUEEN ELEGANZA* (B,L,D)

Thursday, August 19

At Sea / Pula

Spend the morning cruising to Pula and continuing our educational program, possibly stopping to swim in the Adriatic's azure coastal waters. Arrive in Pula mid-afternoon to explore its well-preserved Roman ruins, which include an impressive colosseum—the only Roman amphitheater in the world with a complete circular wall. Enjoy time exploring Pula's bustling waterfront and having dinner at leisure. *QUEEN ELEGANZA* (B,L)

Friday, August 20

Veliki Brijun Island / Rovinj

Cruise to Veliki Brijun Island, a favorite of Marshal Tito and now part of Brijuni National Park, which is known for dinosaur footprints and is the site of a 1st-century Roman villa. Continue to nearby Rovinj for a walking tour of the charming medieval-era old town, walking along the walled city's twisting and arched cobblestone streets and taking in views of the lush forest that surrounds its base. Gather this evening to celebrate our memorable Adriatic sojourn at a farewell reception and dinner aboard ship. *QUEEN ELEGANZA* (B,L,D)

Saturday, August 21

Rovinj / Disembark / Pula / U.S.

Disembark from our ship this morning and transfer to the Pula International Airport for flights home. (B)

## INFORMATION

### Covid-19 and Travel

With travel requirements and local Covid-19 conditions changing weekly, travel protocols for specific destinations will be shared with confirmed travelers closer to departure. To read more about Travel/Study's approach to ensuring traveler health and safety, visit our [Covid-19 Travel page](#).

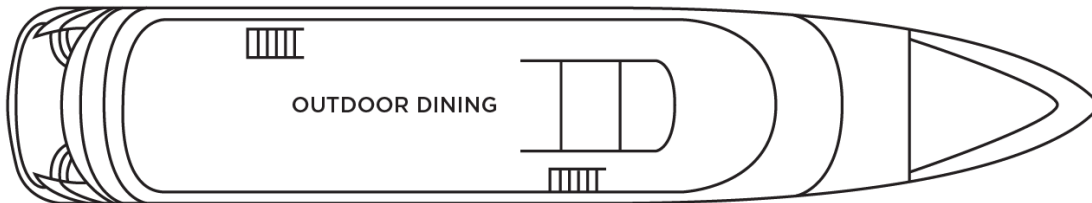
### Size

This trip requires a minimum of 20 participants and is limited to 32. Travel/Study is committed to providing a low-density experience on all programs and will implement protocols to do so, including social distancing on transportation, as well as during lectures, meals and excursions. Single accommodations are limited—please call for availability.

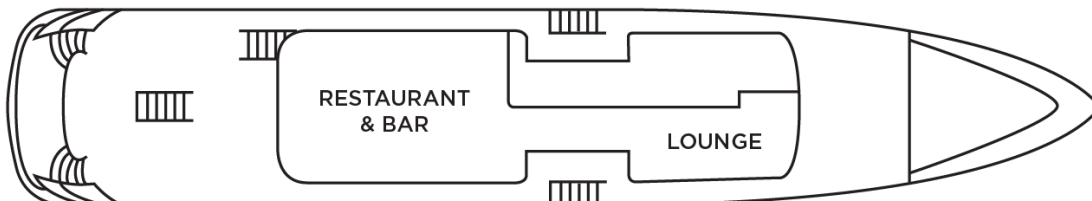
### About Our Ship

The newly built *Queen Eleganza* was crafted in Croatia for exploring the narrow coves and islands of the Dalmatian Coast. The 18 cabins are finished to high standards with sleek lines and neutral colors. The bar/restaurant and lounge have comfortable seating areas and large windows, perfect for taking in the passing scenery.

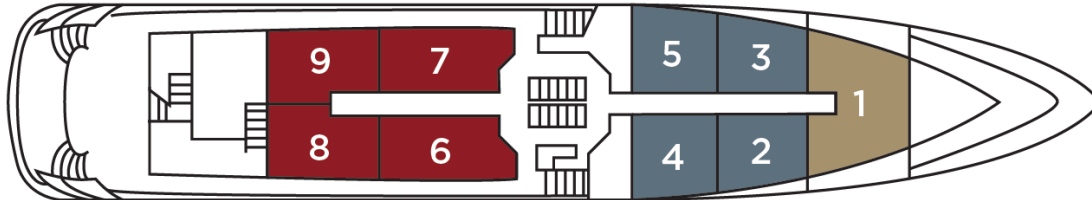
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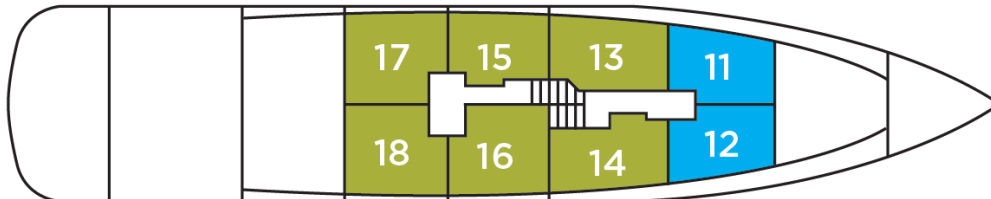
#### UPPER DECK



#### MAIN DECK



#### LOWER DECK



**Cost\* per person**

Category	Description	Double	Single
A	Lower Deck, queen bed, 161 sq. ft.	\$8,395	\$11,795
B	Lower Deck, two twin beds (cabins 13, 14, 15), queen bed (cabin 16) or choice of two twin beds or queen bed (cabins 17, 18), 156 – 177 sq. ft.	\$9,395	\$12,995
C	Main Deck, two twin beds, 156 – 172 sq. ft.	\$10,395	--
D	Main Deck, two twin beds (cabins 8, 9) or queen bed (cabins 6, 7) 151 sq. ft.	\$11,395	--
E	Main Deck, king bed, 242 sq. ft.	\$12,895	--

\*Stanford Alumni Association nonmembers add \$300 per person.

**Included**

- 5 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations
- 7-night cruise aboard the Queen Eleganza
- 12 breakfasts, 10 lunches and 8 dinners
- Welcome and farewell wine receptions
- Gratuities to porters, waiters, guides, drivers and ship crew for all group activities
- All tours and excursions as described in the itinerary
- Economy class flight from Zagreb, Croatia to Dubrovnik, Croatia
- Group transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days
- Port fees and embarkation taxes
- On-tour quarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage
- On-tour Covid-19 PCR testing fees
- General medical, accident and evacuation insurance
- Educational program with lecture series and pre-departure materials, including an education resource list and travel information
- Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

**Not Included**

- Your personal flights to and from the program
- Passport and visa fees
- Immunization costs
- Meals and beverages other than those specified as included
- Independent and private transfers
- Nonquarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage
- Baggage insurance
- Excess-baggage charges
- Personal items such as internet access, telephone calls, laundry and gratuities for non-group services

### **Air Arrangements**

You are responsible for booking and purchasing airfare to the start location and from the end location of the program. These air purchases are NOT included in the program cost. To assist you in making these independent arrangements, we will send you details with your confirmation materials on when to arrive and depart.

### **What to Expect**

This is a moderately active trip for travelers who are flexible, comfortable traveling with a group and can handle the vagaries of travel with good humor. Navigating uneven terrain at archaeological sites, walking on cobblestone pavement and standing for up to two hours at museums or other sites and walking one to two miles at a time are the most strenuous activities. Some locations may have stairs without handrails. Moving around on board the ship requires opening relatively heavy sea doors and climbing or descending somewhat steep stairways (with sturdy handrails). Shore excursions range from a half day to all day, with the balance of the time spent on board cruising to the next destination. We welcome travelers 15 years of age or older on this program.

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **Deposit, Payments and Cancellations**

A \$1,000-per-person deposit is required to reserve space on this program. Final payment is due 90 days prior to program start. Deposits and any payments are fully refundable until 90 days prior to program start. After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and your place is resold, in which case a \$1,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply.

### **Insurance**

Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian citizens with minimal medical, accident and evacuation coverage, as well as on-tour quarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage, under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. You may choose to subscribe to optional nonquarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage and/or baggage insurance. Information offering such insurance will be included in your confirmation materials. The product offered includes special benefits if you purchase your insurance within 14 days of receiving your welcome email.

### **Eligibility**

We encourage membership in the Stanford Alumni Association, as the program cost for nonmembers is \$300 more than the members' price. A person traveling as a guest paid for by a current member will not be charged the nonmember fee. To purchase a membership, call (650) 725-0692 or visit [alumni.stanford.edu/goto/membership](http://alumni.stanford.edu/goto/membership).

### **Responsibility**

The Stanford Alumni Association, Stanford University and our operators act only as agents for the passenger with respect to transportation and ship arrangements and exercise every care possible in doing so. However, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any automobile, motor coach, launch or any other conveyance used in carrying out this program or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the

passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the program. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, force majeure or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger, as tour rates include arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations to this published itinerary as may be deemed necessary. We reserve the right to cancel any program prior to departure, in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. We also reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the program. No refund will be made for an unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. Baggage is carried at the owner's risk entirely. It is understood that the ship's ticket, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and the cruise company. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their plane or conveyance. Neither the Stanford Alumni Association nor Stanford University nor our operators accept liability for any carrier's cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in connection with the tour. Program price is based on rates in effect at the time the brochure is published and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign an Assumption of Risk.

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