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DALMATIAN COAST**
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JUNE 18-26, 2014



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Dear Smithsonian Traveler,

Along the eastern coast of the Adriatic Sea, splendid walled cities, unspoiled picture-perfect islands, and pristine blue waters beckon visitors to explore the stunning region of Dalmatia. A virtual crossroads of Roman, Byzantine, Venetian and Slavic civilizations, the deep-rooted cultures of this storied land have flourished for more than two thousand years.

We invite you to join us for this exclusive cruise from Venice featuring three countries—**Italy, Croatia and Montenegro**—and four UNESCO World Heritage sites. Discover hidden gems along the beautiful Dalmatian coastline at just the right pace and enjoy a specially arranged COASTAL LIFE FORUM® featuring Puljani (residents of Pula) who will provide personal perspectives on past and contemporary life in the ancient Roman colony.

Cruise aboard the deluxe, Five-Star M.S. LE SOLÉAL, launched in 2013, a new generation of **small ship** design and technology featuring only 120 staterooms. Dock in small ports of call—Split, Hvar, Korčula, Trogir, Pula and Rovinj, Croatia; and Kotor, Montenegro—inaccessible to larger ships, and the medieval walled port city of Dubrovnik.

This popular program is an exceptional value—all accommodations, meals and most excursions are included, and you need to unpack only once! I encourage you to book now while Early Booking Savings and space are available.

Sincerely,

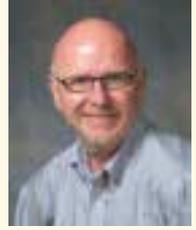


Amy Kotkin
Director

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OUR SMITHSONIAN EXPERT Thomas Emmert

Thomas Emmert, professor emeritus at Gustavus Adolphus College, is a historian of Central and Eastern Europe with a research



focus on the former Yugoslavia. Professor Emmert has also had visiting appointments at the University of Zagreb, the University of Minnesota, and Stanford University. He received his B.A. in history from St. Olaf College and his Ph.D. in Balkan and Russian history from Stanford University. He has been awarded research fellowships from the Fulbright Program, the Woodrow Wilson Foundation and the Ford Foundation, among others. His publications include *Serbian Golgotha: Kosovo, 1389* (1990) and, most recently, *The Scholars' Initiative: Confronting the Yugoslav Controversies* (2009), a collaborative project of scholars from around the world dedicated to providing an objective analysis of what happened to Yugoslavia at the end of the 20th century. Professor Emmert has accompanied several educational trips to southeastern Europe. He will be joined by other experts from our cosponsoring organizations.

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Cover: Walk along the ancient city walls surrounding historic Dubrovnik located on the Dalmatian Coast's stunning riviera.

Gladiators competed before thousands in Pula's Arena, one of the greatest in the Roman World.

COASTAL LIFE®

Cruising the Dalmatian Coast



*Dalmatia's medieval
Coat of Arms*

Experience firsthand the true character and traditions of coastal Dalmatia during this comprehensive cruise featuring Croatia and Montenegro, the medieval walled cities of Dubrovnik and Trogir, and the charming and historic towns of Korčula and Pula.

Enjoy an enriching travel experience at an excellent value, including all accommodations and meals and a specially designed excursion in every port. Explore the history and culture, art, language, cuisine and rhythm of daily life along the Dalmatian Coast; interact with local people; and unpack just once! This popular program immerses you in a comprehensive and intimate travel experience at just the right pace.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS are specially arranged and only available on this custom-designed itinerary:

- ◆ **Hear it from the Experts!** Prominent faculty, guest speakers and experienced, English-speaking local guides will accompany you throughout the program and discuss historical, cultural and contemporary Croatia and Montenegro.
- ◆ **Engage** a local Puljani family during the COASTAL LIFE FORUM® where they share their candid perspectives on daily life.
- ◆ **Meet** a former director of the Institute for the Restoration of Dubrovnik for exclusive insight on the efforts to restore historic Dubrovnik, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- ◆ **Explore** the wonders of provincial ports; the world-famous artistic heritage of Trogir and Korčula; the majestic waterfalls in Krka National Park; and the marvelous architecture of Dubrovnik and Pula.
- ◆ **Experience** a private performance of klapa music—traditional Croatian a cappella, multi-part songs sung with blended voices.
- ◆ **Learn key phrases** and pronunciation of the Croatian language to make your interactions with local residents all the more enjoyable.
- ◆ **Enjoy time on your own**—stroll the seaside promenade in Split, take in the scent of lavender in Hvar and search for Istrian white truffles in Pula's market.



Seventeen centuries ago, Roman galleons anchored in the scenic harbor of Split and began construction of Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace.

ITINERARY

Day

VENICE® PRE-CRUISE OPTION

- 1 Depart from the U.S.
- 2 **VENICE, ITALY/**
Embark M.S. LE SOLÉAL (D)
- 3 **SPLIT, CROATIA (B,L,R,D)**
 - ◆ Visit to the Meštrović Gallery.
 - ◆ Walking tour of Diocletian's Palace®.
- 4 **HVAR/KORČULA (B,L,D)**
 - ◆ Walking tour of Hvar's Old Town.
 - ◆ Visits to Korčula's Cathedral of St. Mark and the Abbey Treasury.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:

 - ◆ Klapa folk performance.
- 5 **KOTOR®, MONTENEGRO (B,L,D)**
 - ◆ Walking tour of Kotor.
 - ◆ Afternoon at leisure in Kotor.
- 6 **DUBROVNIK®, CROATIA (B,L,D)**
 - ◆ Old Town walking tour.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:

 - ◆ "Dubrovnik: Architectural Legacy Preserved" lecture.
- 7 **TROGIR® (B,L,D)**
 - ◆ Walking tour of historic Trogir.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:

 - ◆ Explore Krka National Park.
- 8 **PULA/ROVINJ (B,L,R,D)**
 - ◆ Tour of Pula's Roman ruins.
 - ◆ Walking tour of Rovinj's Old Town.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:

 - ◆ COASTAL LIFE FORUM® in Pula.
- 9 **VENICE, ITALY/Disembark ship**
Return to the U.S. (B)

VENICE® POST-CRUISE OPTION



Split, Croatia

Enjoy a walking tour of Split's historic city center, a UNESCO World Heritage site, built on the very foundation of the vast retirement palace Roman Emperor Diocletian built here in the late third century. Today people still live and work in this nearly 2000-year-old palace. Experience the unique vision of Ivan Meštrović, Croatia's most accomplished sculptor, on a visit to the Meštrović Gallery, built by the artist as his family home and atelier in the 1930s.

Hvar

Since the fourth century B.C., Sicilians, Romans, Byzantines, Croats and Venetians have all left their mark on Hvar's history and architecture. Within the Old Town, see the impressive landmarks including the Renaissance Cathedral of St. Stephen, with its Italianate bell tower, and the Benedictine Monastery, well known for the unique lace made from agave fibers and handcrafted by nuns.

Korčula

The original 13th-century city walls of Korčula surround unique herringbone-patterned streets and many historical and artistic riches including the Abbey Treasury, home to a priceless collection of medieval manuscripts, artwork and historic artifacts; the house where Marco Polo is said to have been born; and masterful works by Tintoretto, housed in the 15th-century, Gothic-Renaissance Cathedral of St. Mark.



Explore the finely preserved medieval port of Korčula, encircled by its original 13th-century walls and impressive Venetian-built bastions and towers.



Dock in Montenegro's stunning Bay of Kotor, a fjord-like natural harbor.

Kotor, Montenegro

Montenegro is one of the newest nations in the world, having gained its independence from Serbia in 2006. The spectacular Bay of Kotor, deeply carved into the Montenegrin mountains, leads to the charming town of Kotor, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its Venetian baroque Old Town and impressive medieval fortifications.

Dubrovnik, Croatia

Affectionately called "the pearl of the Adriatic" the entire city of Dubrovnik has been named a UNESCO World Heritage site in recognition of its incomparable beauty and historic treasures and is one of UNESCO's largest restoration projects. The city's most famous landmarks include the Franciscan Monastery, the 15th-century Rector's Palace, well-preserved old city walls and the Maritime Museum, which chronicles Dubrovnik's long and fascinating history as one of Europe's most storied ports.

Trogir

The walled town of Trogir, a UNESCO World Heritage site located on a small island, is a virtual open-air museum of Renaissance architecture. Visit the Cathedral of St. Lawrence, the town's architectural and artistic treasure, featuring exquisite 13th-century carvings by local artist, Radovan.

On an afternoon excursion, visit one of Croatia's most spectacular natural wonders, Krka National Park, where the Krka River flows through a limestone landscape creating 17 dramatic waterfalls.

Pula

Pula's pride rests in its wide array of Roman monuments, most impressive of which is the magnificent Arena, completed in the first century A.D. After Rome's Colosseum, the Arena is arguably the finest and most intact Roman amphitheater in the world today. Michelangelo and Piranesi took inspiration from the nearby Triumphal Arch of the Sergii, distinguished by its coffered archways and winged Victory statues. The noble Temple of Augustus, still intact after 2000 years, displays a beautiful collection of friezes.

Rovinj

Diminutive houses lean together over the labyrinthine streets of Rovinj's Old Town, and traces of the Middle Ages can be seen in the ancient fortified town walls. The early 18th-century St. Euphemia Church houses the saint's stone sarcophagus, which legend says mysteriously washed ashore in the year 800 after its disappearance from Constantinople.

Venice

Pre- or Post-Cruise Option

Celebrate Venice's history as a European center of prosperity and culture. A staging ground for the Crusades and a giant of Mediterranean trade and commerce from the 13th to the 17th centuries, Venice has more recently gained fame as Italy's premier city for the arts and architecture. From the grace of the Bridge of Sighs to the grandeur of St. Mark's Basilica and colorful gondolas gliding along its legendary canals, Venice, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is an unmatched combination of history and beauty.

Venetian influence is evident throughout the Dalmatian Coast, making two nights in Venice an ideal extension to your cruise. Enjoy a guided walking tour of the Gallerie dell'Accademia, home to one of the finest collections of Renaissance art in the world, and take a cruise on the legendary Grand Canal. Accommodations for two nights are in the deluxe LUNA HOTEL BAGLIONI, known to be the oldest hotel in Venice and open since the 12th century when it provided shelter to the Knights Templar. It is located in the heart of Venice just a short walk from the Basilica of San Marco, the Grand Canal and the city's most elegant shops.

The Pre- and Post-Cruise Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.



Discover the history and romance of Venice while gliding through its legendary canals on a gondola.



FIVE-STAR, SMALL SHIP

M.S. LE SOLÉAL

Small Ship, State-of-the-Art Design

The highly acclaimed, exclusively chartered M.S. LE SOLÉAL, launched in 2013, represents the newest generation of **Five-Star small ships**, featuring only 120 Suites and Staterooms and distinctive French sophistication.

Spacious 100% Ocean-View Suites and Staterooms, 95% with Private Balconies

Each large, air-conditioned **deluxe Stateroom** and **Suite** (200 to 484 square feet) features a private bathroom with shower and luxurious **Five-Star hotel amenities**. Most accommodations have two twin beds that convert to one queen bed, individual climate control, satellite flat-screen television, wireless Internet access, safe, minibar, full-length closet, writing desk/dressing table, plush robes and slippers.

Chic and Casual Dining

International and regional cuisine is served in the stylish, spacious L'Eclipse dining room in single, unassigned seatings; alfresco in the casual indoor-outdoor Pytheas Restaurant; or from 24-hour room service. Continental and buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and a four-course dinner are served daily. Complimentary wine and beer are served with dinner; beer is served with lunch.

Spacious Public Areas/ World-Class Service and Facilities

Inviting and spacious public areas accommodate all passengers comfortably. Enjoy views from the Panoramic Lounge, nightly entertainment in the Main Lounge, and lectures, cultural performances and film screenings in the state-of-the-art theater. There is a library, Internet salon, Sun Deck, swimming pool, beauty salon, spa, Turkish bath-style steam room, full range of fitness equipment and two elevators. The infirmary is staffed with a doctor and nurse. The highly trained and personable, English-speaking, international crew provides attentive service.

Respect for the Environment

The state-of-the-art propulsion system and custom-built stabilizers provide an exceptionally smooth, quiet and comfortable voyage by minimizing vibration and engine noise. By design, the ship is energy efficient and environmentally protective of marine ecosystems and has been awarded the prestigious "Clean Ship" rating, an extreme rarity among ocean-cruising vessels. The ship has two tenders.



Stateroom with Balcony



Dining Room



Lounge



Pool Deck

What is Included

- ◆ Seven-night cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star M.S. LE SOLÉAL.
- ◆ Expertise of a Study Leader, Travel Directors and local guides throughout the tour.
- ◆ All accommodations (based on double occupancy).
- ◆ Meals including special Welcome and Farewell Receptions, as noted in the itinerary.
- ◆ All sightseeing and visits as noted in the itinerary.
- ◆ Pre-tour information including a reading list.
- ◆ Gratuities to guides and drivers.
- ◆ All on-tour transportation unless otherwise noted.
- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad for all participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ Emergency evacuation insurance (up to \$50,000) and access to emergency assistance service.

What is Not Included

- ◆ Taxes and passport fees, visas, and visa photos as required.
- ◆ Personal items such as wines, liquors, à la carte orders, meals other than specified.
- ◆ Gratuities to ship and hotel staff.
- ◆ Expenses incurred by our tour operators in making travel arrangements in conjunction with the tour.
- ◆ Airfare and air and departure taxes.
- ◆ Other items not specifically mentioned as included.

On The Web ▶

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Go online to find a photo slide show and reading list for *Cruising the Dalmatian Coast*.

Also, go to our website for full **Terms & Conditions** for this tour.

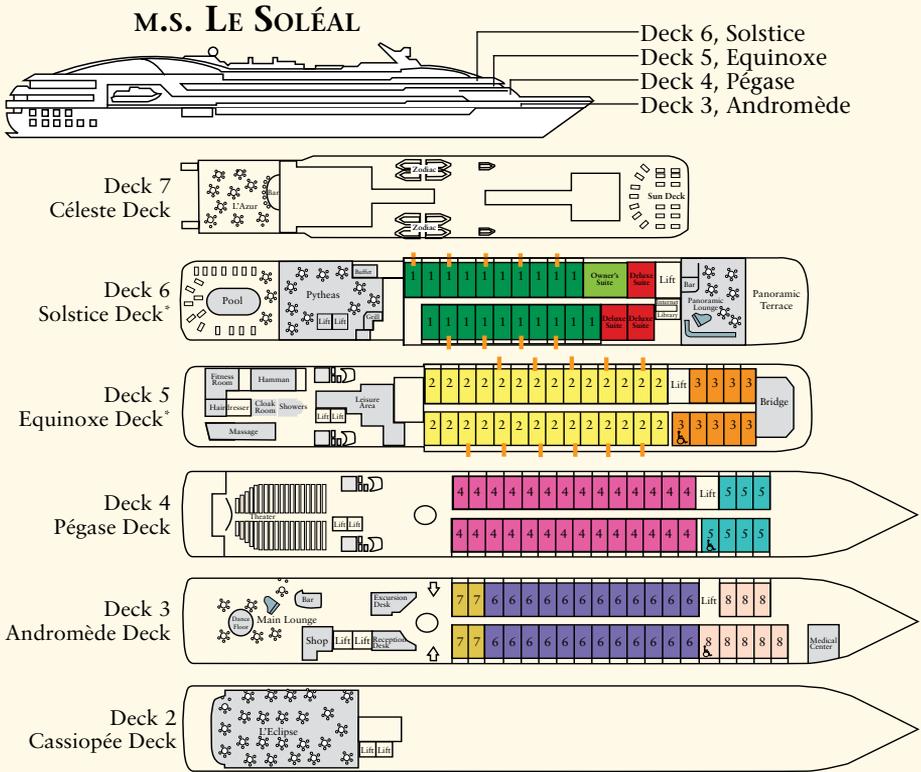
DUBROVNIK: ARCHITECTURAL LEGACY PRESERVED

From its beginnings in the seventh century, Dubrovnik has proven its resilience as one of the foremost architectural gems on the Adriatic Sea. For nearly 450 years (1358 to 1806), Dubrovnik remained the only independent city along the Dalmatian Coast, while neighboring cities were conquered by the Hungarians, Venetians, Hapsburgs and French. Due to this period of independence, the city's historic quarters, which were mostly built in the 15th and 16th centuries, remained an intact and impressive representation of a medieval city that once rivaled Venice in art, wealth and naval capabilities. Dubrovnik's magnificent Old City has been restored following the earthquake of 1979 and the Serbo-Croatian War of 1991-1995, and is one of the world's most comprehensive restoration projects coordinated by UNESCO and the Institute for the Restoration of Dubrovnik. By special arrangement, the Institute's former director, Professor Vjekoslav Vierda, who has worked on a wide range of restoration projects in Dubrovnik over the past 25 years, will share his insights into this truly amazing undertaking and address future challenges facing Dubrovnik and other cities committed to preserving their architectural legacy.



CRUISING THE DALMATIAN COAST HIGHLIGHTS

- Unique seven-night cruise along the stunning coast of the Adriatic Sea featuring Croatia, Montenegro and Italy.
- Exclusively chartered, Five-Star small ship M.S. LE SOLÉAL, launched in 2013.
- One excursion in each port.
- Four UNESCO World Heritage sites including the architectural gem of Dubrovnik and walled city of Trogir.
- Gain insights from local residents at the exclusive COASTAL LIFE FORUM® and special lecture on the preservation of Dubrovnik.



*Prestige Suites I and II, capacities to be advised.
 ■ Indicates one fixed Queen bed

LAND/CRUISE TARIFF (per person, based on double occupancy)

Stateroom Category*	Description- Staterooms and Suites range from 200 to 484 sq. ft. and most have two twin beds that convert to make one queen bed. All feature a private bathroom with shower and individual climate control.	Early Booking Price through April 30, 2014	Regular Price after April 30, 2014
8	Ocean-view, one large window, shower. Deck 3, Andromède, forward. (limited availability)	\$3,955	\$4,955
7	Ocean-view, small window and single door onto private, partial wall balcony, shower. Deck 3, Andromède, aft. (limited availability)	\$5,055	\$6,055
6	Ocean-view, small window and single door onto private, partial wall balcony, shower. Deck 3, Andromède, midship.	\$5,655	\$6,655
5	Ocean-view, expansive floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door onto private, partial wall balcony, shower. Deck 4, Pégase, forward.	\$6,155	\$7,155
4	Ocean-view, expansive floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door onto private balcony, shower. Deck 4, Pégase, midship.	\$6,755	\$7,755
3	Ocean-view, expansive floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door onto partial wall balcony, shower. Deck 5, Equinoxe, forward.	\$7,055	\$8,055
2	Ocean-view, expansive floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door onto private balcony, shower or tub/shower. Deck 5, Equinoxe, midship.	\$7,455	\$8,455
1	Ocean-view, expansive floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door onto private balcony, shower or tub/shower. Deck 6, Solstice.	\$7,655	\$8,655
Deluxe Suite	Ocean-view, expansive floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door onto partial wall balcony, shower and sitting area with sofa. Deck 6, Solstice. (limited availability)	\$8,555	\$9,555
Prestige Suite II	Two-room, ocean-view, expansive floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door onto large private balcony, two bathrooms: tub/shower and shower, large sitting area with sofa, two closets, writing desk and dressing table. Deck 5, Equinoxe. (limited availability)	\$9,555	\$10,555
Prestige Suite I	Two-room, ocean-view, expansive floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door onto large private balcony, two bathrooms: tub/shower and shower, large sitting area with sofa, two closets, writing desk and dressing table. Deck 6, Solstice. (limited availability)	\$10,555	\$11,555

- ◆ An Owner's Suite (Deck 6, Solstice) is available upon request at a cost to be advised, on a first-come first-served basis.
- ◆ Singles are available in category 6 at \$10855 and in category 4 at \$12055 on or before April 30, 2014. Add \$1000 for reservations made after April 30, 2014.
- ◆ Taxes are an additional \$460 per person and are subject to change.

*M.S. LE SOLÉAL has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

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Smithsonian Journeys are designed to engage travelers in Smithsonian's mission – “the increase and diffusion of knowledge”. Like the Institution, our tours enrich our guests' lives and satisfy their curiosity about the world. Your participation benefits the work of Smithsonian's 19 museums, the National Zoo and nine research centers, helping to preserve our national treasures and shape the future through science, research, and exhibitions.

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