

Pearls of Dalmatia

with Dubrovnik & the Island of Hvar

September 14-28, 2023

15 days for \$5,884 total price from Fort Myers

(\$5,295 air & land inclusive plus \$589 airline taxes and fees)

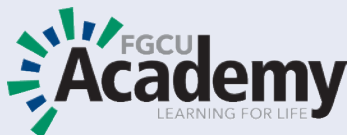


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**An Exclusive Small Group Tour
for FGCU Academy**



Dear Friends,

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

Set out first to explore Croatia's gracious capital, Zagreb, where touring includes the historic Old Town. Journeying on to Slovenia, enjoy discovery of delightful Ljubljana and a tranquil boat ride on fairytale Lake Bled. After exploring the depths of Postojna Cave by train, continue on to the charming seaside resort of Opatija, where Habsburg royalty once vacationed. In Plitvice Lakes National Park, see the famed turquoise lakes – a UNESCO site – and visit 3rd-century Diocletian's Palace in Split. 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 for a three-night stay. Discover the tiny and fascinating nation of Montenegro with a 4-day/3-night post-tour extension.

Space on this exciting program is limited and will fill quickly. Your deposit is fully refundable up to 95 days prior to departure. Reserve risk-free today!

Sincerely,

John Guerra
Director, FGCU Academy

FGCU RESERVATION FORM: PEARLS OF DALMATIA

To reserve your place on tour, **please call FGCU Academy at 239-434-4838, or e-mail jguerra@fgcu.edu**. Please have the information outlined below available to share with an FGCU Academy representative.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Form and submit it to FGCU Academy's office. Once this request is received, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to securely take your credit card information for the deposit. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.** and include with the form. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure.

Send to: **FGCU Academy**
Attn: John Guerra
704 Goodlette-Frank Rd North
Suite 330
Naples, FL 34102

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I/We would like to request _____ place(s). (Deposit amount is \$500 per person.)

Full Passport Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

E-mail(s) _____ Badge Name(s) _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

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 ☐

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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.



Day 1: Depart U.S. for Zagreb, Croatia

Day 2: 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.

Day 3: 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*

Day 4: 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*

Day 5: 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*

Day 6: 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 Riviera" on a walking tour of this modern-day resort town nestled between green forested hills and the cobalt Adriatic. We dine together tonight. *B,D*

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

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Zagreb		
2-3	Zagreb	Amadria Park Hotel Capital	Deluxe
4-5	Ljubljana	uHotel Ljubljana	Sup. First Class
6-8	Opatija	Hotel Milenij	Sup. First Class
9	Trogir	Hotel Trogir Palace	First Class
10-11	Hvar	Adriana Hotel Hvar	Sup. First Class
12-14	Dubrovnik	Dubrovnik Palace	Sup. First Class
15	Depart Dubrovnik for U.S.		

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



Lovely Lake Bled, surrounded by mountains and forests

Day 7: Opatija/Istrian Peninsula Today’s tour of the Istrian Peninsula reveals the multicultural 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. *B,D*

Day 8: 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 amid the Belle Epoque architecture and atmosphere. *B,L*

Day 9: 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. *B,L,D*

Day 10: 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 two nights. We dine tonight at a local restaurant just a short walk from our hotel. *B,D*

Day 11: Hvar With captivating natural beauty and a strategic Adriatic location, Hvar has prospered

Post-Tour Extension

September 28-October 1, 2023

Montenegro

4 days/3 nights for \$1,495 total price

Single Supplement: \$495

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



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IN LOVE, THE WORLD IS
MADE NEW AGAIN.”

– EMILY DICKINSON

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*

Day 12: Hvar/Dubrovnik We continue our journey south today, leaving Hvar for the mainland then traveling along the scenic Dalmatian coast to popular and beloved Dubrovnik. After reaching our hotel late afternoon, we enjoy dinner there this evening. *B,L,D*

Day 13: Dubrovnik Today we discover the city whose ancient walls have withstood both time and tide for hundreds of years. We begin with a walking tour around the city walls, whose original ramparts and bastions date to the 12th and 13th centuries (Dubrovnik itself was founded in the 7th century). Then we continue through the Old City, paying a visit to the stately Baroque Cathedral (c. 1672). We also see the Treasury, whose gilded shelves and historic relics sit behind locked wooden doors; and the Franciscan monastery with a 14th-century pharmacy. This afternoon is free to explore on our own. *B*

Day 14: 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*

Day 15: Depart for U.S. This morning we transfer to the airport for our return flights to the U.S. *B*

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
- 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



We visit Plitvice Lakes on Day 9.

Tour Departs: September 14, 2023

Prices include int’l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Boston, New York	\$5,584
Philadelphia, Washington, DC	\$5,784
Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Fort Myers, Miami, Minneapolis, Orlando, Tampa	\$5,884
Dallas, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle	\$5,984
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$4,595

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$589, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,395. Your \$500 deposit is fully refundable up to 95 days prior to departure. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class – \$3,795 per person; Premium Economy – \$1,595 per person (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change). Upgrade costs are in addition to the costs above.

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking uphill and on uneven or cobblestone streets. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy this tour to the fullest.

For information and reservations, please contact John Guerra at FGCU Academy at (239) 434-4838 or e-mail jguerra@fgcu.edu

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, if required; immunizations, inoculations, and COVID-19 testing; 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's 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's 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: full refund; cancel 94-85 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 25% of tour price; cancel 20 days before departure: 90% of tour price; cancel 19 days or more before departure: 94-30 days prior to departure.** Odyssey's Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, 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 have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

Responsibility-Tour Participation Contract – IMPORTANT: FCGU Academy does not provide travel services or act as the agent of any provider of travel services. The liability of Florida Gulf Coast University, as a sponsor, and Odyssey's Unlimited, Inc., as a tour operator, is strictly limited. FCGU Academy is not responsible or liable for any of the services provided for/by Odyssey's Unlimited, Inc. or any other travel agency, or for any of the services of hotels, motorcoaches, trains, vessels, aircraft, or other forms of transportation that may be used in connection with the tour. Odyssey's Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under its control. All arrangements for transport, accommodations, and services are made upon the express condition that FCGU Academy, Odyssey's Unlimited, Inc., and their affiliates shall not be liable for any direct, consequential, or incidental damage, injury, loss, accident, delay, or irregularity of any kind occasioned by reason of any act or omission beyond their control, including, without limitation, any act of negligence or breach of contract of any third party such as an airline, cruise line, train, hotel, restaurant, tour operator/supplier, ground handler, etc., including their employees, agents, servants, or representatives, who is to or does supply any goods or services to the tour. Without limiting the foregoing, FCGU Academy, Odyssey's Unlimited, Inc., and their affiliates are not responsible for any losses or expenses due to delay or changes in schedule, overbooking of accommodations, default of any third parties, sickness, weather, strikes, acts of God, acts of terrorism, war, quarantine, criminal activity, the defect of any vehicle, or for any other cause beyond their control. FCGU Academy reserves the right to change the itinerary of the tour, or to substitute similar quality hotels or airlines without prior notice. If the tour is cancelled by FCGU Academy for any reason, FCGU Academy, Odyssey's Unlimited, Inc., and their affiliates shall have no liability beyond the refund of all tour participant deposits received by them, net of any and all expenses due to suppliers and the airline refund policies. FCGU Academy, in its sole discretion, may increase the tour price in the event costs are increased. FCGU Academy may decline to accept or retain any tour participant as a participant on the tour at any time. Airline tickets may be sold in conjunction with the services of any airline. The passenger tickets in use by the carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the carriers and the passenger. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, FCGU Academy and Odyssey's Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of or changes to this tour. The parties agree that Ft. Myers (Lee County) in the state of Florida shall be the venue for any disputes arising out of this tour. **A signed FCGU General Release and Waiver Agreement is required from each participant prior to departure.**

Medical Conditions: If you or a member of your party suffer from any physical challenge or medical condition, you must check with your doctor about the advisability of traveling abroad and make this known to us before you book. We will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants, but are not responsible for denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants, and other independent suppliers.

Smoking: Smoking is **NOT** permitted in the hotels, on motorcoaches, or on other modes of transport used by the group.

Air Transportation – Important Information: Odyssey's Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price roundtrip 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 assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in.** Odyssey's Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments. Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, 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. **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's Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**

COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols: The well-being of our guests and staff members on tour will continue to be our highest priorities. To maintain a healthy environment for travel, we will be establishing and adhering to a detailed set of health and safety protocols for all facets of your tour. We are committed to following the guidelines of the State Department, CDC, WHO, and authorities of respective countries regarding travel to a particular destination. Detailed protocols for this tour, based on conditions at the time, will be provided to you prior to your departure.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel Trogr Palace

www.trogr-palace.net
Opened in 2008, The Hotel Trogr Palace is located on the island of Gvozd, just a short walk across the bridge from Trogr's historic town center, a UNESCO World Heritage site. The 36-room hotel's amenities include a restaurant with terrace, complimentary Wi-Fi internet access, and laundry and dry-cleaning services (for a fee). Each air-conditioned guest room includes private bath with hair dryer, minibar, in-room safe, TV, and phone. Please note that accommodations in Trogr tend to be simpler and guest rooms smaller than at other hotels on this tour.

Adriana Hvar Spa Hotel

www.samanahvar.com
The 59-room Adriana enjoys a prime location: it sits on the main Promenade, facing the old city center and within sight of the yacht harbor and bay, the Cathedral, Arsenal, and Venetian piazza. Hotel amenities include a restaurant and bar, rooftop terrace with heated indoor and outdoor seawater pools, fitness center with spa, complimentary Wi-Fi internet access, and laundry service (for a fee). Air-conditioned guest rooms have private bath with hair dryer, minibar, TV, and phone. Please note that the rooms here are less spacious than elsewhere on your tour as the hotel is in the center of the historic waterfront district.

Dubrovnik Palace Hotel

www.adriaticluxuryhotels.com/hotel-dubrovnik-palace/
The Dubrovnik Palace Hotel boasts a breathtaking location, set at the tip of the Laped Peninsula overlooking the Adriatic Sea. Though the hotel feels secluded between the peninsula's forest and the ocean, downtown Dubrovnik is only a few minutes' drive down the coast. Among the many amenities on offer here are six dining and drinking options, private beach, three swimming pools (two outdoor and one indoor), tennis court, walking paths through the forested hillsides behind the hotel, full spa with a range of treatments (some at additional cost), fitness center, laundry and dry-cleaning services (for a fee), and complimentary Wi-Fi internet access. All guest rooms offer sea views, as well as air conditioning, private bath with hair dryer, minibar, in-room safe, TV, and phone.

Amadria Park Hotel Capital

www.amadriapark.com
The Amadria Park Hotel Capital sits in the center of Zagreb, in a former bank building designed by famed Viennese architects Ernst Gohlth and Alexander Neumann. The hotel boasts Art Deco and Art Nouveau influences, a beautiful cream-colored stone facade, and elegant interior furnishings. Hotel facilities include a restaurant and bar, fitness center (for a fee), shopping boutique, laundry and dry-cleaning services (for a fee), and complimentary Wi-Fi internet access. Air-conditioned guest rooms have private bath with hair dryer, minibar, TV, and phone.

Eurostars UHOTel Ljubljana

www.eurostarhotel.co.uk/eurostars-uhotel.html
The Eurostars uHOTel Ljubljana stands in the heart of Slovenia's capital, perfectly positioned to allow guests to explore this eminently walkable city. Amenities of the hotel include a restaurant, bar, and café; fitness center with indoor swimming pool; spa with sauna and massage treatments (for a fee); beauty salon; jewelry gift shop; laundry and dry-cleaning services (for a fee); and complimentary Wi-Fi internet access. Air-conditioned guest rooms have private bath with hair dryer, minibar, in-room safe, TV, and phone.

Hotel Milenij

www.amadriapark.com
The Amadria Park Hotel Milenij is located alongside the beautiful Park and Church of St. James on one side, and the famous Lungomare seafront promenade and Štarna beach on the other. The 96-room luxury hotel offers a restaurant, bar, and café with outdoor terrace; indoor and outdoor swimming pool; spa; laundry and dry-cleaning services (for a fee); and complimentary Wi-Fi internet access. Air-conditioned guest rooms have private bath with hair dryer, minibar, in-room safe, TV, and phone.



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