

CAU STUDY TOUR:

Wonders of Slovenia and Croatia

BY PRIVATE YACHT

SEPTEMBER 18–29, 2026

Featuring 7 Nights Aboard
the 18-cabin *Queen Eleganza*



TRAVEL WITH **BENJAMIN ANDERSON**, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF HISTORY OF ART AND CLASSICS, WHO SPECIALIZES IN THE ARTS AND CULTURES OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA, FROM ANTIQUITY TO THE PRESENT.

Dear CAU Friends,

Begin your journey in Dubrovnik with a stay at the contemporary Hotel Dubrovnik Palace overlooking the Adriatic Sea. Explore the charming Old Town, rich with history and stunning coastal views, before boarding the beautiful and intimate *Queen Eleganza* yacht.

Launched in 2018, this 18-cabin vessel offers a relaxed, casual ambiance and the unique ability to access small, inviting islands and ports that larger ships cannot reach.

Sail along Croatia's breathtaking coastline, visiting the lush island of Mljet, the historic towns of Korčula, and Hvar, and the vibrant cultural centers of Split and Trogir. The itinerary's leisurely pace allows for overnight stays in port, providing ample free time to sample local cuisine, explore on your own, and connect with residents. Along the way, enjoy walking tours, wine tastings, and moments to soak in the rich heritage and lively waterfront scenes of each destination.

The adventure concludes with a visit to Zadar before traveling inland to Slovenia's charming capital, Ljubljana, and the picturesque Lake Bled.

Warmly,

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CROATIA VINEYARDS



LJUBLJANA

Highlights

- ▶ Delve into the historic grandeur of **Dubrovnik**, known as the “Pearl of the Adriatic.”
- ▶ Appreciate the **sculptures of Ivan Meštrović**, of one of the most prominent Croatian artists of the first half of the 20th century, on a guided tour of Meštrović Gallery, located in his former villa in Split.
- ▶ Swim in secluded coves in the **pristine waters of the Adriatic Sea**.
- ▶ Sample local delicacies and some of **Croatia’s most famous wines** in Korčula.
- ▶ Marvel at the ruins of **Emperor Diocletian’s Palace** in Split.
- ▶ Take guided walks at **Plitvice National Park** on wooden walkways and bridges through the magical landscape of cascading waterfalls, picturesque pools, and lush vegetation.
- ▶ Moor at or near town centers aboard the yacht *Queen Eleganza*, with easy **walk-off access to explore independently**.
- ▶ Explore **Ljubljana**, Slovenia’s charming capital city, and ride gondola-like pletnas on the remarkably blue waters of Lake Bled.

Study Leader



BENJAMIN ANDERSON

Associate Professor of History of Art and Classics

Benjamin Anderson, Associate Professor of History of Art and Classics, specializes in the arts and cultures of the Mediterranean Sea, from antiquity to the present. He is the author and / or editor of eight books and many essays. As an archaeologist, he works at Sardis (Türkiye); and he serves on the Managing Committee of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens. His CAU Summer 2025 course filled in record time, a testament to the strong interest in his dynamic teaching and compelling subject matter.



QUEEN ELEGANZA

Itinerary

FRIDAY/ SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 & 19 HOME / DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

Depart home on an overnight flight to Dubrovnik. Upon arrival, transfer to the 5-star Hotel Dubrovnik Palace, overlooking the Adriatic Sea.

Relax and settle in, then gather for an orientation, welcome reception, and dinner.
HOTEL DUBROVNIK PALACE (R,D)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 DUBROVNIK

Begin the day with a morning lecture, then set out on a guided walking tour of Dubrovnik's historic Old Town. Known for its imposing stone walls and signature red-tiled rooftops, Dubrovnik is one of the Adriatic's most iconic cities. Stroll along the marble-paved Stradun and visit landmarks such as Onofrio's Fountain, St. Blaise's Church, and the Franciscan Monastery complex—home to a historic library and one of the oldest still-operating pharmacies in Europe, established in 1317.

Enjoy free time in the afternoon to wander the city's narrow alleyways, discover hidden courtyards, or take in the coastal views. Later, board the *Queen Eleganza* and settle into your cabin before gathering for a welcome reception and dinner.
QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,L,R,D)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 MLJET

Relax on the sun deck while cruising to the picturesque island of Mljet. At Mljet National Park, walk or e-bike among shady forests of Aleppo pine, or take a refreshing swim in a tranquil saltwater lake. Take a small ferry to see the Benedictine monastery on St. Mary's Island. Dinner is at leisure this evening.
QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,L)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 KORČULA

En route to the fortified town of Korčula, enjoy a swim in a calm cove, (weather permitting.)

Situated on a scenic promontory, Korčula is known for its rolling vineyards, olive groves, charming villages, and remarkably preserved old town. The island also boasts a rich heritage of religious traditions, folk music, and dance. Take in the highlights on a guided walking tour, then enjoy a tasting of regional delicacies paired with some of Croatia's most renowned wines.

QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,L)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 HVAR

Today cruise to lavender scented Hvar Island, known as the "Queen of the Dalmatian islands." Stroll along the elegant main square and visit a Franciscan monastery whose refectory contains a 1524 edition of Ptolemy's Atlas and a large painting of the Last Supper.

Enjoy time to wander the yacht-lined waterfront and lively promenades, where cafés and restaurants offer the perfect setting for a relaxing evening.
QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,L)

KORČULA



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

SPLIT

Enjoy another lecture by Professor Anderson, en route to Split. Upon arrival, explore the impressive Diocletian's Palace, a monumental Roman structure stretching along the waterfront. Enjoy free time to wander the pedestrian-friendly Old Town. In the evening, discover local delicacies at one of the city's many inviting restaurants.

QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,L)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

TROGIR

Before cruising to Trogir, enjoy a guided tour of Meštrović Gallery, the former villa of Croatia's premier 20th-century sculptor, Ivan Meštrović.

A walking tour introduces you to the tiny, but charming Old Town of Trogir, a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site. For dinner, savor a traditional *peka*, meat and potatoes slowly roasted over coals under an iron bell, at a local restaurant.

QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

AT SEA / ZADAR

As the ship makes its way to Zadar, enjoy a final lecture about pirates in the Adriatic during the Middle Ages. In the late afternoon, explore Zadar's Old Town on a guided walking tour, featuring highlights such as the Roman Forum and the circular Church of St. Donat. This evening, gather on board to toast the journey with a farewell dinner.

QUEEN ELEGANZA (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA

Disembark this morning and travel by motorcoach to Ljubljana. En route, visit Plitvice Lakes National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its cascading lakes and waterfalls set in a lush forest landscape. Upon arrival in Ljubljana, check in to a centrally located hotel.

Grand Hotel Union (B,L)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

LJUBLJANA

Begin the day with a walking tour of Ljubljana's historic center, visiting landmarks such as the Dragon Bridge and the ancient Roman wall. Then, travel by motorcoach to Lake Bled, where you'll enjoy a lakeside lunch before boarding a *pletna* boat to visit the church-topped island. Return to Ljubljana for a farewell dinner in a cozy restaurant.

GRAND HOTEL UNION (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

LJUBLJANA / HOME

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home.

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ZADAR



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DUBROVNIK

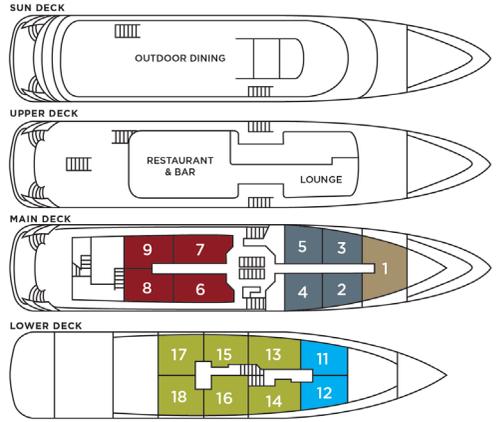




Ship

Launched in spring 2018, the super yacht *Queen Eleganza* was built in Croatia for cruising the Adriatic coastline. Designed for an intimate travel experience, the vessel accommodates up to 28 guests, creating a relaxed and informal atmosphere on board.

Each of the 18 cabins features modern design and a neutral color palette. The lounge, bar, and restaurant areas offer comfortable seating, large windows, and complimentary tea and coffee throughout the day. Meals are served in a single seating and feature fresh Mediterranean cuisine.



PROGRAM RATES (per person)

	CATEGORY	DOUBLE	SINGLE
A	Lower Deck 161 sq ft; queen bed; 2 portholes	\$7,990	\$12,790
B	Lower Deck 156-178 sq ft; twins or queen; 2 portholes	\$8,490	\$13,590
C	Main Deck 156-172 sq ft; twin beds; 3 windows	\$9,490	
D	Main Deck 151 sq ft; twins or queen; picture windows (cabins 8 & 9 have partially obstructed views)	\$9,990	
E	Main Deck 242 sq ft; king bed; 4 windows	\$11,990	

GENERAL INFORMATION

PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE

All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary, including ten breakfasts, nine lunches, 5 dinners, 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 • Baggage handling • Gratuities to porters, waitstaff, guides, and drivers • Gratuities to shipboard personnel • Port charges • Entrance fees • Welcome and farewell wine receptions • House wine, beer, and soft drinks with group lunches and dinners • Filtered water on motorcoaches • Professional tour manager throughout the program

PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport/visa expenses • Medical expenses and immunizations • Private airport transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure dates • Travel and trip cancellation insurance • Excursions that deviate from the scheduled tour options • Airline baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the

included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted • Laundry or dry cleaning • Telephone, fax, Internet, and email charges • Room service • Other items of a personal nature.

AIR ARRANGEMENTS

U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., can help with airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at 877-376-1754. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice. Further information about making flight arrangements will be sent to confirmed participants.

WHAT TO EXPECT

This is a moderately strenuous program that is at times physically demanding and busy. Participants must be physically fit, active, and in good health. Daily programs involve walking one to two miles—through city centers, historic sites, and in museums, where there may also be extended periods of standing. Participants will encounter uneven terrain, including dirt and cobblestoned paths, and must be able to walk at least 20 minutes up and down hills

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without stopping. Participants must be able to stand outside for up to two hours with limited shade and no available seating. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Cornell University and Criterion Travel, local staff, and host country laws. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply.

GROUP SIZE

This program is exclusive to Cornell University and is limited to 28 participants.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, medical problems, baggage loss and delays, etc., is highly recommended. Cancellation policies that apply are included in this brochure. Information about travel insurance will be sent to confirmed participants.

A NOTE ABOUT RATES

Program rates are based upon current fuel prices, 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.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS

An initial deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve space on this program. You may reserve online at https://account.criteriontravel.com/Booking/RefStart/CAU/260918_ADR_CAU/tour or by completing the reservation form included in this brochure. Submit your form by email to res@criteriontravel.com, by mail to Criterion Travel, 4250 SW Hall Blvd., Beaverton, OR 97005, or by fax to (650) 560-6400.

Final payment is due by May 21, 2026. For reservations made after this date, full payment is required at the time of booking. Final payment may be made by check, bank transfer, or credit card (a 2% processing fee applies to credit card payments).

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

Upon payment of the \$1,000 per person deposit, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions

set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be in effect until they are received in writing and confirmed by Criterion Travel. Deposits are refundable (less a \$250 per person admin fee) if written notice of cancellation is received within 30 days of booking; after that, deposits are 100% nonrefundable. For cancellations after final payment deadline: All payments are 100% nonrefundable, regardless of booking date. Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. NOTE: Neither Cornell University nor Criterion Travel, the tour operator, accepts liability for any airline cancellation penalties incurred with the purchase of non-refundable tickets.

TRAVEL SAFETY POLICY

While Cornell is pleased to facilitate travel opportunities for its alumni and friends with tour operators that specialize in high-quality educational travel, please be aware that Cornell does not conduct, manage, or operate these travel experiences, or act as an agent for travelers interested in tours. Tour operators and travelers are responsible for making their own safety decisions concerning this travel, and, as a facilitator between travelers and the tour operators with whom travelers make arrangements for completing travel, Cornell's role and liability are strictly limited. Specific tour operator and national health and safety protocols will apply to each trip, and travelers should review all protocols and trip terms and conditions, including terms and conditions regarding cancellations, refunds, health and safety, and insurance prior to making a reservation. Cornell is not responsible for changes to trips or travel arrangements or for losses, expenses, damages, or injuries resulting from travel.

ITINERARY CHANGES

The itinerary presented for this tour is subject to modification and change by Cornell University and Criterion Travel. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require the itinerary to be altered, Cornell University and the tour operator reserve the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant.

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For more information or to reserve by phone, please call: **(888) 328-2089** or **(650) 328-2089**; or by email: **res@criteriontravel.com**. You may also complete and return this form with your deposit of \$1,000 per person, payable to Criterion Travel, 4250 SW Hall Blvd., Beaverton, OR 97005.



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Enclosed is my check for \$_____ (\$1,000 per person, **payable to Criterion Travel**), for _____ place(s) on Wonders of Slovenia and Croatia.

I/we understand that final payment is due May 21, 2026. After May 21, 2026, full payment is due at registration.

NAME #1 (AS ON PASSPORT) _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

NAME #2 (AS ON PASSPORT) _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

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SINGLE TRAVELERS

- I prefer to have single accommodations.
- I plan to share accommodations with:

- I'd like to know about roommates.
- I am a non-smoker smoker

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of May 21, 2026, I will pay the single rate.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Cabin category preference:

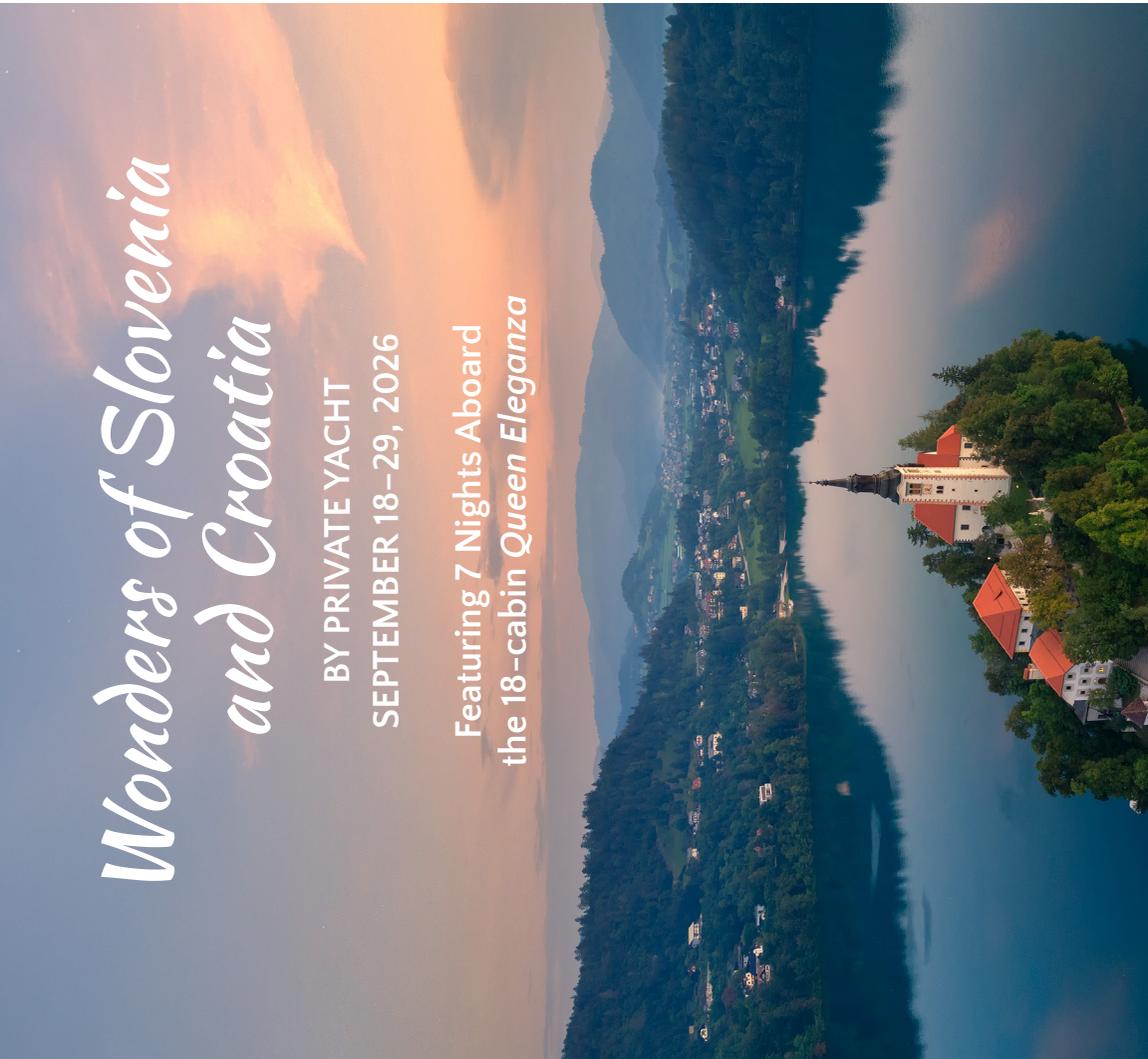
1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Bed Preference (not guaranteed) One bed Two beds

I/We have read the tour information section of the brochure and agree to the Terms and Conditions stated therein.

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