

Dubrovnik - The Pearl of the Adriatic: A Look at the Rich Heritage, Bright Future, and Scenic Beauty of Dalmatia (Croatia)

April 30 - May 8, 2010

Introduction:

The World Affairs Council invites you to join us on a personalized touch of the most culturally rich and beautiful areas along the Dalmatian coastline in Croatia.

The tour will be led by Ljubomir (L.J.) Stambuk, Executive Director of the World Affairs Council of Charlotte who has deep roots in the area. Having grown up in the region, L.J. Stambuk is perfectly suited to guide your adventures in Croatia based on his extensive knowledge of the country and his skillful ability to provide cultural and historical background and perspectives on current developments.

L.J. will personally guide you through the rich heritage of the Dalmatian region and provide context to what you see and experience. The itinerary is specially developed for WACC travelers and is focused towards providing a deep understanding and insight into the history, culture, politics and people of this beautiful country.

Joining L.J. in leading the tour will be Jeff Knight, Principal of Knight Travel (Agency), and a local Tour manager.

Friday, April 30 - Charlotte/Munich/Dubrovnik

Depart from Charlotte this evening via Lufthansa's nonstop service to Munich. En route, enjoy dinner and in-flight entertainment aboard Lufthansa's Airbus service. Upon arrival in Munich, you will have time for a welcomed stretch and optional meal before continuing for a short flight onward to Dubrovnik.



Saturday, May 1 - Arrival Dubrovnik

Welcome to Dubrovnik, Pearl of the Adriatic! After clearing customs, immigration formalities and claiming your luggage, you will be greeted by your Tour manager and transferred to your hotel via private motor coach. The remainder of the day is at leisure to rest or begin independent exploration of the incredible sights of Dubrovnik. Stay at the luxurious Rixos Libertas Hotel during your stay in Dubrovnik.

This evening, celebrate with festive Welcome dinner complete with wine. Enjoy!

Sunday, May 2 - Dubrovnik



After breakfast at your hotel, meet your Tour manager and local guide for an exciting full morning of city sightseeing. Walking explorations begin with the Old Town including Minceta Tower and the fortified city walls whose original ramparts and bastions date to the 12th and 13th centuries. Visit the Rector's Palace, the Church of St. Blaise and a 14th century Franciscan Monastery. Free time this afternoon to relax and enjoy the famous splendor and Mediterranean charm of the city of Dubrovnik.

Arrangements will be made for US Embassy officer to lead a discussion on current US-Croatia relations. Be sure not to miss it! **schedule subject to change depending on the availability of Embassy official*

Lunch and dinner on an independent basis. LJ Stambuk will provide individualized recommendations for independent day tours and restaurants based on personal taste and preferences.

Monday, May 3 - Dubrovnik

Start this day with another enjoyable breakfast in the hotel, followed by choices of one of the recommended, interesting optional

full day excursions (extra cost) to either Mostar, Mljet or Medjugorje. Or simply choose to remain in Dubrovnik for an independent day.



Mostar (USD 62 based on minimum of 15 tour members)

A scenic three hour inland drive takes you across the border to Bosnia and Herzegovina and onward to Mostar, a picturesque town situated on the banks of the Neretva River - also known for its remarkable and romantic 15th century bridge.

Medjugorje (USD 83 based on minimum of 15 tour members)

Another inland excursion which takes you across the Bosnia-Herzegovina border to the village of Medjugorje, famous for the apparition of the Virgin Mary. Also visit St. James Church.

Mljet (USD 125 based on minimum of 15 tour members)

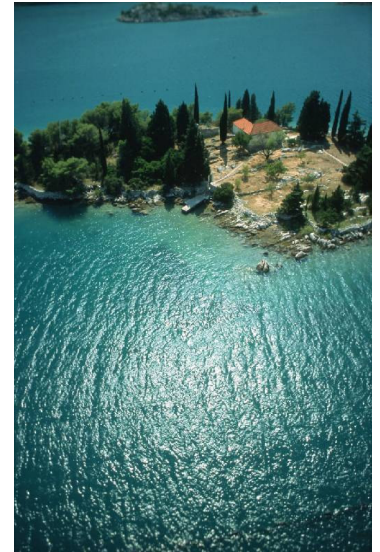
Ride up the coast to Prapratno where you will then take a short boat trip to the island of Mljet. Mljet is known for its' beautiful inland lakes, one with an island monastery.

Lunch and dinner on an independent basis. LJ Stambuk will provide individualized recommendations for independent day tours and restaurants based on personal taste and preferences.

Tuesday, May 4 - Dubrovnik/Korcula via Ston



After breakfast, board your private motor coach for a ride up the Dalmatian coastline along the Peljesac peninsula, stopping in the medieval walled town of Ston, well known for its' seafood - for a fresh oyster lunch! Following lunch, continue to the picturesque coastal town of Orebic to meet the ferry transfer for a short trip to the island of Korcula, birthplace of Marco Polo.



This afternoon, meet your licensed guide and Tour manager for a city tour, inclusive of a visit to St. Mark's Cathedral, and house/birthplace of Marco Polo.

After sightseeing, transfer to the best hotel in Korcula, the Marko Polo Hotel. Tonight, a very special optional dinner event is highly recommended: A home hosted dinner on a private estate in the small village of Zrnovo, just outside of Korcula. Sample their home-grown vegetables, homemade olive oil and local wine...a gourmet delight! (Optional dinner limited to 20 people and is at additional cost).

Wednesday, May 5 – Korcula



After enjoying breakfast in the hotel, a full day in Korcula to relax, enjoy the local charm and food, or join other tour members for a World Affairs venue TBA.

Lunch and dinner on an independent basis. LJ Stambuk will provide individualized recommendations for independent day tours and restaurants based on personal taste and preferences.

Thursday, May 6 - Korcula/Split

Just after breakfast in your hotel, a morning departure by private motor coach with your Tour manager from Korcula, via the beautiful port town of Vela Luka, to ferry directly to Split. Upon arrival in Split, continue via private motor coach to the Radisson SAS Blu Hotel or similar.

Remainder of the day at leisure. Optional afternoon activities and events TBA. Lunch and dinner on an independent basis. LJ Stambuk will provide individualized recommendations for independent day tours and restaurants based on personal taste and preferences.



Friday, May 7 - Split



After breakfast in your hotel, meet your escort and a licensed guide for an informative city tour of Split. Sights this morning include a visit to the famed Diocletian Palace, which is extremely well preserved. The city of Split was conceived within the walls of the Palace which was built by the Roman Emperor Diocletian as his private summer residence to which he retired; due to the uniqueness of the Palace it is now a UNESCO World Heritage site.



Today as the center of Croatian culture, Split boasts many institutions, museums, galleries and theatres, a good number of which are inside the Palace grounds and walls. This afternoon, time for last minute shopping or individual exploration of the unique sights of Split.

Tonight, revel with local food and typical folklore entertainment as you bid farewell to Croatia.

Saturday, May 8 - Split/Charlotte

Early morning breakfast at your hotel followed by a private transfer to the airport for your homebound Lufthansa flights to Charlotte via Munich. Meals and in-flight entertainment included.

PRICE PER PERSON BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY BOTH LAND AND AIR

15 PAYING PASSENGERS	\$ 3,045 (non-member add \$ 300)
20 PAYING PASSENGERS	\$ 2,812 (non-member add \$ 300)
25 PAYING PASSENGERS	\$ 2,669 (non-member add \$ 300)

FOR SINGLE OCCUPANCY, ADD \$375.00 TO THE PRICE

**AIR/GOVERNMENT TAXES AND FUEL SURCHARGES ARE EXTRA AND WILL BE ADDED TO FINAL PAYMENT INVOICES AT ACTUAL COST AT TIME OF FINAL BILLING. CURRENT ESTIMATE: \$375.00*

\$400 nonrefundable deposit should accompany your reservation as soon as possible. Space is limited. Confirmed reservations will be taken at first-come-first-service basis.

- Final payment will be due no later than 70 days prior to departure or by **February 24, 2010**. Payments may be made by personal check. If paying by credit card, a 3.5% processing fee will be added to the total invoice.
- Checks may be made payable to the "World Affairs Council of Charlotte" (Mail to: World Affairs Council of Charlotte, 9201 University City Blvd, 227 CHHS, Charlotte, NC 28223)

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For more information and booking details, contact Ljubomir (L.J.) Stambuk at lstambuk@worldaffairscharlotte.org.

Terms and Conditions

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TRANSPORTATION: Via Lufthansa German Airlines and their codeshare partner, Croatia Airlines, economy jet service from Charlotte to Dubrovnik, returning from Split to Charlotte. Non-refundable air tickets must be issued 40 days prior to departure and cannot be changed once issued. Deviations/stopovers and upgrades are permitted, subject to availability, with an additional deviation charge of \$100.00.

HOTELS: First class (four star) hotels throughout. Prices are based on two persons sharing a twin-bedded room. Single rooms are subject to availability at an additional cost of \$375.00.

NOT INCLUDED: Passport fees; items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, laundry, meals and beverages other than those specified as included; gratuities to European coach driver and guides.

INSURANCE: Trip Cancellation/Medical and Emergency Evacuation Insurance is available and is RECOMMENDED. By special arrangement with Travelex Insurance, a non-age specific comprehensive group policy is available for this group. Retail travel insurance packages are also available and may be purchased through Knight Travel, Inc. or your preferred agent. Additional information will be supplied upon registration.

DOCUMENTATION: A valid U.S. Passport is required for entrance by U.S. citizens into Croatia. Passport must be valid for at least 3 months beyond intended stay. Non U.S. citizens should contact Knight Travel, Inc. for entry requirements.

PAYMENTS: \$400 nonrefundable deposit should accompany the reservation application. Final payment will be due no later than 70 days prior to departure or by February 19, 2010. Payments may be made by personal check. If paying by credit card, a 3.5% processing fee will be added to the total invoice. Payment of the deposit or any partial or full payment for a reservation constitutes consent to all provisions listed herein.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS: All cancellations must be received in writing. All deposits are non-refundable once processed. Cancellations received:

From deposit – February 24, 2010, deposit is non-refundable

From February 24, 2010 – March 30, 2010 – passenger will incur 50% penalty

March 30 – Departure, passenger will incur 100% penalty – no refunds.

No refunds will be permitted for early departure from the trip.

LUGGAGE: Luggage travels at the risk of the passenger and tour operator is not responsible for any delay of, loss or damage to it or its contents. Insurance is recommended. Price includes the handling of one piece of average sized luggage per person.

LIABILITY: Knight Travel, Inc. and the World Affairs Council of Charlotte and their agents, affiliates, directors, officers, employees, including any person or entity employed or utilized in any country cannot be responsible for any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from events beyond its' control, including without limitation, acts of God, war, strikes, incidents of politically motivated violence, terrorism, sickness or quarantine, government restrictions or regulations, and, in the absence of its own gross negligence, arising from the use of any vehicle or from Knight Travel, Inc.'s selection of, or from any act or omission by any bus or car rental agency, steamship, airline, railroad, taxi or tour service, hotel, restaurant, or other firm, agency or company or individual. Knight Travel, Inc. reserves the right to decline, to accept and/or to retain any person as a member of this tour at any time and a refund for the unused portion of the tour is the limit of its liability in such an instance.