September 14-28, 2019

Pearls of Dalmatia
With Dubrovnik & the Island of Hvar

Paul Hawkshaw
Professor Emeritus in the Practice of Music History
Marvel in the scenic beauty of the Dalmatian Coast.

Independent, democratic Croatia welcomes visitors eager to absorb its remarkable history and culture. As we travel 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.
Dear Yale Traveler,

Perched on the Adriatic Sea, Croatia is a well-known destination; yet it still offers many surprises for the curious traveler. Layers of history bring new perspectives on the Roman Empire, Austria-Hungary under Hapsburg rule, the evolution of the Yugoslavian state, and the emergence of today’s Republic of Croatia. This fascinating heritage comes to life as we land in the capital, Zagreb, a gracious city dating back nearly 1,000 years. We’ll take in the historic old town and the colorful Dolac market, before crossing the border into Slovenia for two nights in the capital, Ljubljana.

Along the Istrian Peninsula, we’ll spend three nights in Opatija. This resort town, first made popular by the Habsburgs and the nobility of their day, continues to allure visitors with its Mediterranean climate and seaside villas. In Split, the 3rd-century Diocletian’s Palace, a UNESCO site, offers an imposing sense of Croatia’s ancient past. Next, we’ll land in the Venetian-tinged port town of Hvar, situated on Hvar island, “queen” of the Dalmatian. We round out our trip in Dubrovnik, with a fascinating exploration of the medieval old town, and dinner in the home of a local family. The optional 4-day, 3-night post-tour extension explores the charms of Montenegro.

Joining you will be Paul Hawkshaw, Professor Emeritus in the Practice of Music History, whose knowledge of the Austrian Empire will elucidate the rich traditions we’ll discover in our travels along the Dalmatian coast.

Space is limited on this small group tour, so please secure your spot right away. To register, visit yaleedtravel.org/dalmatia19. Or contact us at (203) 432-1952 or edtravel@yale.edu for more information.

Best from Yale,

Lauren Summers
Senior Director, Lifelong Learning & Travel
Paul Hawkshaw is Professor Emeritus in the Practice of Music History at the Yale School of Music, where he has also served as Director of the Norfolk Chamber Music Festival. He now spends part of each year in Vienna where he continues to pursue his life-long passion: the music of the great Austrian composers from Mozart to Schoenberg. In the spring of 2018, he was Fulbright Guest Professor of Musicology at the University of Vienna. Professor Hawkshaw continues to teach classes at Yale on music in the context of the cultural politics of the Austrian empire in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. He is interested in how the arts were used both to feed and to placate the nationalist fervor that eventually tore the empire and Europe apart. Professor Hawkshaw is looking forward very much to joining you for this visit to beautiful Croatia – crown jewel of the Austrian empire and historically one of the most fascinating places in Europe.

Upcoming Trips

Discovering the Caucasus
May 19-31, 2019
With Harvey Goldblatt
Professor of Slavic Literatures

Waterway of the Tsars
June 5-15, 2019
With Ivo Banac
Professor Emeritus of History

Canadian Maritimes
August 16-25, 2019
With John Mack Faragher
Professor Emeritus of History
WELCOME PHONE CALL  
Tuesday, September 3  
(tentative)  
Join the Yale group at 4PM Eastern for a pre-trip welcome call with Professor Hawkshaw in order to learn more about what to expect and to ask questions you may have.

DAY 1: DEPART U.S. FOR ZAGREB, CROATIA  
Saturday, September 14

DAY 2: ARRIVE ZAGREB  
Sunday, September 15  
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  
Monday, September 16  
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, the remainder of the day is at leisure. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner. (B,D)

DAY 4: ZAGREB/LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA  
Tuesday, September 17  
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)

DAY 5: LJUBLJANA/ LAKE BLED  
Wednesday, September 18  
This morning we visit Bled, Slovenia’s popular resort town whose namesake lake is the stuff of fairytale. 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 lunch together at a lakeside restaurant, we return to Ljubljana with the remainder of the day at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 6: LJUBLJANA/POSTOJNA/OPATIJA, CROATIA  
Thursday, September 19  
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)

DAY 7: OPATIJA/ISTRIAN PENINSULA  
Friday, September 20  
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  
Saturday, September 21  
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. (B,L)

DAY 9: OPATIJA/PLITVICE LAKES/TROGIR  
Sunday, September 22  
We travel south this morning for an excursion to Plitvice Lakes National
What Is Included:

- Program of lectures and discussions with Yale Professor Hawkshaw
- 13 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and First Class hotels
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- 25 meals: 13 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 8 dinners
- Services of a Tour Director
- Welcome & Farewell Dinner (including glasses of domestic wine/beer)
- Gratuities for the tour director, local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers
- Assistance and porterage at the airports
- Bottled water and transportation in air-conditioned vehicle
- Emergency medical evacuation services

What Is Not Included:

- Expenses of a personal nature like laundry, telephone/fax calls, alcoholic beverages, medical expenses, etc.
- Any insurance
- Any meals or beverages that are not specified in the itinerary
- Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package
- Expenses caused by factors beyond our control like rail and airplane delays, roadblocks, vehicle malfunctions, political disturbances, taxes, lost luggage, etc.

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

Monday, September 23

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

Tuesday, September 24

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

Wednesday, September 25

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,D)

DAY 13: DUBROVNIK

Thursday, September 26

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

Friday, September 27

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.

Saturday, September 28

This morning we transfer to the airport for our return flights to the U.S. (B)

Included meals indicated each day as B/L/D = Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner.

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**Accommodations**

**Hotel Trogir Palace**
The hotel offers a restaurant with terrace, complimentary Wi-Fi/internet, and laundry/dry cleaning services (for a fee). Guest rooms include private bath with hair dryer, minibar, safe, TV, and phone.

**Esplanade Zagreb**
Hotel facilities include two restaurants, bar, and lounge; casino; health club/fitness center, sauna, and massage; Wi-Fi/internet; and laundry/dry cleaning services (for a fee). Guest rooms have private bath with hair dryer, safe, minibar, TV, and phone.

**Grand Hotel Union**
The hotel offers three restaurants, bar, and café; fitness center with indoor swimming pool, saunas, and massage treatments; beauty salon; jeweler; gift shop; laundry/dry cleaning services (for a fee); and Wi-Fi/internet. Guest rooms have private bath with hair dryer, minibar, in-room safe, TV, and phone.

**Hotel Milenij**
The hotel offers a restaurant, bar, and café with outdoor terrace; indoor/outdoor swimming pool; spa; laundry/dry cleaning services (for a fee); and Wi-Fi/internet. Guest rooms have private bath with hair dryer, minibar, in-room safe, TV, and phone.

**Adriana Hotel Hvar**
Hotel amenities include a restaurant and bar, rooftop terrace, heated indoor/outdoor seawater pools, fitness center with spa, Wi-Fi/internet, and laundry service (for a fee). Guest rooms have private bath with hair dryer, minibar, TV, and phone.

**Grand Villa Argentina**
Hotel amenities include three dining and drinking options; spa with massage, sauna/steam bath, pool, and beauty treatments; hairdresser; fitness center; laundry and dry cleaning service (for a fee); and Wi-Fi/internet. Guest rooms feature private bath with hair dryer, minibar, in-room safe, coffee/tea, TV, and phone.

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**Program Cost**
The base cost for this program, per person, based on double occupancy:

$5,995 including air from Boston, New York

$489 airline taxes and fees additional.

Single Supplement: $1,295 (limited availability)

A post-tour extension to visit Montenegro is available from September 28-October 1, 2019. Please inquire for details.

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

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# Pearls of Dalmatia

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