



ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE
OF AMERICA TOURS

DUBROVNIK TO VENICE

CRUISING THE ADRIATIC ABOARD
THE 50-CABIN *EMERALD SAKARA*

JUNE 13-22, 2024

FEATURING ARCHAEOLOGIST
VANČA SCHRUNK



DEAR TRAVELER,

I invite you to **join Archaeological Institute of America lecturer and host Ivančica (Vanča) Dvoržak Schrunk aboard the *Emerald Sakara*, a luxury 50-cabin yacht**, for a summer cruise along the spectacular Adriatic coast. Through the centuries, Romans, Byzantines, Venetians, Ottomans, and Austrians have vied for control of this strategic coastline dotted with over 1,000 islands. In a region well worth exploring for its natural beauty alone, visit impressive archaeological sites, dramatic cathedrals and palaces, and ancient city centers that illuminate the layered history of the Dalmatian Coast.

Begin the program with a night in **Dubrovnik**, with time to explore the magnificent walled city. Then embark the spectacular, new *Emerald Sakara* for a **seven-night Adriatic cruise**. Launching in 2023, this beautiful, modern vessel is designed to allow **access to smaller ports not accessible to larger cruise ships**. Cruise along the Croatian coast from Dubrovnik to Venice, Italy, calling at **Korčula, Split, Hvar, Šibenik, Zadar, and Rovinj**. After navigating the traditional route past St. Mark's Square in Venice, and docking within walking distance of the Square at San Basilio, you have the opportunity to participate in a two-night, **post-tour extension in Venice**, "La Serenissima."

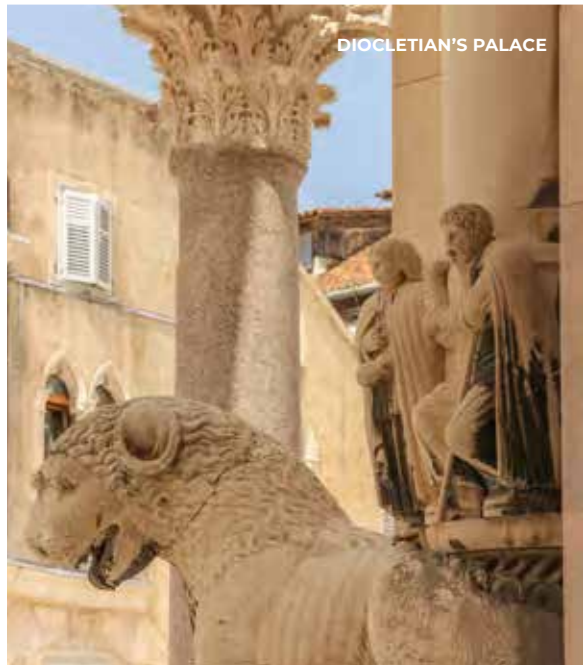
Engage with expert study leaders throughout this unique educational program, and gain a better appreciation of the region's historical and cultural significance. Born in Zagreb, Croatia, AIA lecturer and host Vanča Schrunk will be joined onboard by historic preservation expert John Meffert and historian and archaeologist Michael McCormick to enrich your travel experience through an **onboard series of stimulating lectures** as well as informal discussions. In addition, **excellent local guides** will accompany you on excursions throughout the program.

With only 50 cabins available, and with this cruise being co-sponsored by other organizations, I encourage you to reserve your preferred cabin today by contacting AIA Tours at **aia@studytours.org** or **(800) 748-6262**.

Sincerely,



Lauren Cummings
Education & Program Manager, AIA Tours
Archaeological Institute of America





STUDY LEADERS



Archaeological Institute of America lecturer and host Ivančica (Vanča) Dvoržak Schrunk was born in Zagreb, Croatia, and teaches ancient history and archaeology at the University of St. Thomas (St. Paul, MN).

She has published numerous articles and has co-authored or co-edited several books, including two volumes on the excavations at Diocletian's Palace in Split and a book on archaeology and history of Brijuni from prehistory to Tito. Vanča is past president of the Minnesota Society of the Archaeological Institute of America and is currently vice-president of the Croatian Cultural Society of Minnesota. In 2017 she was named one of the Croatian Women's Network's "Croatian Women of Influence." She leads study abroad courses in Croatia and Italy, and for more than a decade she has involved her students and international volunteers in a collaborative archaeological project on the island of Sveti Klement (St. Clement), near Hvar. Vanča excavated in Diocletian's Palace, where she met her husband, and since then they did archaeological work at several other Adriatic sites, as well as in Tunisia, Egypt, Lebanon, and Syria. Since 2021 she has lectured, to excellent traveler reviews, on two AIA-sponsored cruises in Slovenia and Croatia; and on our upcoming cruise she will share her expertise in Roman maritime villas, island environments, and ancient Mediterranean networks.



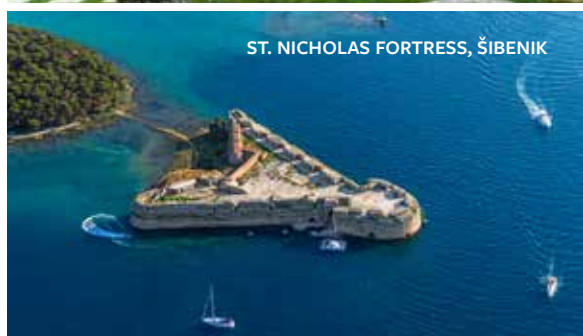
John Meffert, consultant on Heritage Conservation Services, has a long tradition with the National Trust for Historic Preservation. He has served as the Director for their Southern Office from 1982 to 1988 and

was the director of the Preservation Society of Charleston, the oldest nonprofit organization in the United States. John has delighted countless study tour groups with his lectures and insights on preservation and receives rave reviews as study leader.

Michael McCormick, historian and archaeologist of the late Roman Empire and early medieval Europe, will be joining as the Harvard-affiliated study leader.



ROMAN FORUM, ZADAR



ST. NICHOLAS FORTRESS, ŠIBENIK

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Delve** into the historic grandeur of the fortified city of Dubrovnik, known as the "Pearl of the Adriatic."
- **Marvel** at Split's UNESCO World Heritage Site of Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace, and explore the city's historic Jewish neighborhood.
- **Tour** the first-century Roman amphitheater at Pula.
- **Discover** Hvar, where chapels and palaces are embellished with intricately carved Venetian architecture.
- **Explore** Šibenik's 15th/16th-century Cathedral of St. James, a UNESCO World Heritage Site; as well as its St. Nicholas Fortress.

THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA AND THE AIA TOURS PROGRAM

The Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) is the oldest and largest archaeological organization in North America. The AIA seeks to educate people of all ages about the significance of archaeological discovery. For more than a century the AIA has been dedicated to the encouragement and support of archaeological research and publication, and to the protection of the world's archaeological resources and cultural heritage. By traveling on an AIA tour you directly support the AIA while personally gaining the benefit of the AIA's network of scholars and worldwide contacts.



ITINERARY

THURSDAY–FRIDAY, JUNE 13–14

HOME / DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

Depart home on an overnight flight to Dubrovnik, Croatia. Upon arrival on June 14, transfer to the 5-star Hotel Dubrovnik Palace overlooking the Adriatic Sea. Gather in the evening for a welcome orientation and reception at the hotel.

HOTEL DUBROVNIK PALACE (R)

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

DUBROVNIK / EMBARKATION

Noted for its expansive walls and red tile rooftops, Dubrovnik is perhaps the most-visited destination on the Adriatic coast. Attend a morning lecture and explore the sites along the city's main street, the marble-clad Stradun, including Onofrio's Fountain and the Franciscan Church and Monastery. Stroll Žudioska Ulica (Jewish Street), which features the baroque-style Dubrovnik Synagogue, Europe's second oldest continuously functioning synagogue. At the synagogue's Jewish Museum, view numerous religious artifacts, including ancient Torah scrolls brought to Dubrovnik by its earliest Jewish residents. Explore the maze of alleyways and Renaissance-era architecture before embarking this afternoon on the elegant *Emerald Sakara*. This evening enjoy the Captain's welcome reception followed by dinner at sea.

EMERALD SAKARA (B,L,R,D)

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

KORČULA

Cruise to Korčula Island for a walking tour of the fortified Old Town, where the 15th-century St. Mark's Cathedral dominates the small square. Present-day Korčula is rich in vineyards and olive

groves, picturesque villages, a glorious old town, age-old religious ceremonies, folk music, and dance traditions. Wander the narrow, stepped streets and enjoy sampling wine made from the pošip grapes grown primarily on the island.

EMERALD SAKARA (B,L,D)

MONDAY, JUNE 17

SPLIT

Visit Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace (UNESCO World Heritage Site), an ancient fortress-like complex spread along the Split waterfront, and marvel at one of the most imposing ancient Roman structures in existence. Meander the labyrinth of streets and alleyways to the historic Jewish neighborhood.

EMERALD SAKARA (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

HVAR

Cruise to lavender-scented Hvar Island, known as the "Queen of the Croatian Dalmatian islands." Stroll along the elegant main square of Hvar, with views of St. Stephen's Cathedral, distinguished by its tall, rectangular bell tower; and the 15th-century Franciscan Monastery, whose refectory contains a 1524 edition of Ptolemy's atlas.

EMERALD SAKARA (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

ŠIBENIK

Investigate two UNESCO World Heritage monuments in Šibenik: The Gothic and Renaissance styled St. James Cathedral and the oldest monument in town, St. Nicholas Fortress. Wander the Old Town's maze of medieval streets and admire the views of Šibenik Bay and neighboring Adriatic Islands.

EMERALD SAKARA (B,L,D)



KORČULA



ZADAR



THURSDAY, JUNE 20
ZADAR

Discover the vibrant city of Zadar on a walking tour. The impressive city of Zadar boasts a rich history that dates as far back as the Neolithic era. The streets of the old town are paved with shining white marble, and the inviting waterfront is a magnet for art lovers. Just as in Roman times, the Roman Forum is the center of civic and religious life, with St. Donatus Church as the focal point.

EMERALD SAKARA (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, JUNE 21
PULA / ROVINJ

Take a morning excursion to Pula to explore its well-preserved Roman ruins, including the remarkable Pula Arena, one of the best-preserved Roman amphitheatres. Following lunch onboard *Emerald Sakara*, enjoy a free afternoon of exploring picturesque Rovinj Old Town, a collection of pastel pink and yellow buildings along narrow, car-free streets. This evening attend the Captain's farewell reception and dinner.

EMERALD SAKARA (B,L,R,D)

SATURDAY, JUNE 22
VENICE, ITALY /
DISEMBARKATION /
RETURN TO U.S.

Admire the breathtaking scenery of the Venetian coast as *Emerald Sakara* navigates the traditional route past St. Mark's Square in Venice. Disembark near San Basilio Square and transfer to the airport for flights home.

EMERALD SAKARA (B)

OPTIONAL POST-TOUR
EXTENSION

JUNE 22-24, 2024

TWO-NIGHT STAY
IN THE HEART OF VENICE

Experience the enchanting city of Venice. Spend two nights in the heart of Venice at the elegant Ca' di Dio Hotel, a palace that has been renovated with modern comforts while retaining the charm of traditional Venetian design. Relax and indulge in the serene atmosphere, enjoying the views of the canals and immersing yourself in the city's romantic ambiance. Morning and afternoon guided tours include St. Mark's Square; the island of Murano, known for its exquisite glass; and a romantic gondola ride.

Alternatively, we can arrange accommodation at the legendary Hotel Cipriani, a truly exceptional and iconic luxury hotel that embodies the essence of elegance, charm, and unparalleled service. Situated on the picturesque island of Giudecca, Hotel Cipriani offers breathtaking views of the Venetian lagoon and historic landmarks.

The hotel has a rich history and timeless allure with a sense of tradition and refined hospitality that is deeply ingrained in every aspect of the hotel. The Cipriani boasts an array of elegantly designed rooms and suites, each exuding opulence and sophistication.

CA' DI DIO HOTEL OR HOTEL CIPRIANI (2B,D)

Further details and pricing will be sent to confirmed participants.





GENERAL INFORMATION

PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE

All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary, including **one hotel night and seven nights aboard Emerald Sakara** • Full 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 and on board *Emerald Sakara* • Filtered water on motorcoaches • Professional tour manager throughout the program.

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

The pace of this tour is moderately active with considerable walking each day, often over very uneven and cobblestoned terrain, and extended periods of standing. The ship has two elevators. Participants must be in good health and able to keep up with the group without assistance from tour staff. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by AIA Tours or Criterion Travel, our tour operator; 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 limited to 90 participants, including travelers from the Archaeological Institute of America, Harvard Alumni Travels, Jewish Heritage Travel, and National Trust Tours.

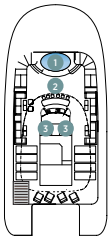
EMERALD SAKARA

Cruise on the elegant luxury yacht *Emerald Sakara*, launched in 2023. A full 360 feet in length but with only 50 cabins, she has ample space and a relaxed atmosphere on board. The staterooms and suites are uniquely designed and offer views of spectacular scenery. Forty-four of the fifty cabins have step-on balconies. Dining onboard includes menus with fresh, locally sourced ingredients. With its panoramic observation lounge, navigation bridge, marina platform, multiple pools, and wellness area—along with several fine dining, bar, lounge, and café areas; and even a gym, spa, sauna, and boutique—this state-of-the-art vessel offers grandeur and opulence. Perhaps best of all, *Sakara* can tie up next to the promenades with other superyachts, rather than being banished to the commercial cruise piers where larger ships must dock.

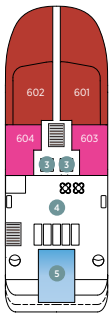
PROGRAM RATES (PER PERSON)

		DOUBLE	SINGLE
D	CATEGORY D, OCEANVIEW STATEROOM Twins or queen bed; 183–205 sq. ft.	\$7,990	\$12,790
B	CATEGORY B, BALCONY SUITE Twins or queen bed; 285–306 sq. ft., includes private balcony	\$9,990	\$15,990
A	CATEGORY A, BALCONY SUITE Twins or queen bed; 285–306 sq. ft., includes private balcony	\$10,490	—
S	CATEGORY S, DELUXE BALCONY SUITE Twins or queen bed; 382–404 sq. ft., includes private balcony	\$11,990	—
T	CATEGORY T, TERRACE SUITE Twins or queen bed; 260 sq. ft. + 410 sq. ft. private terrace	\$13,990	—
Y	CATEGORY Y, YACHT SUITE Twins or queen bed; 345 sq. ft. + 375 sq. ft. private terrace	\$14,490	—
SA	CATEGORY SA, OWNER'S SUITE Twins or queen bed; 580 sq. ft. + 600 sq. ft. private terrace	\$19,990	—

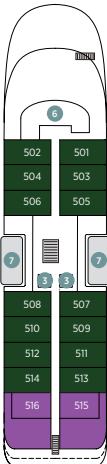
Deck 7
Sky Deck



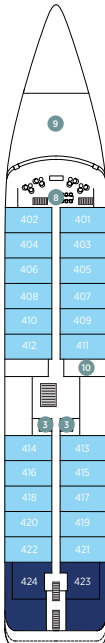
Deck 6
Pool Deck



Deck 5
Panorama Deck



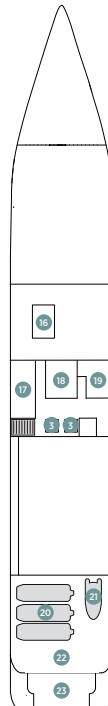
Deck 4
Observation Deck



Deck 3
Emerald Deck



Deck 2
Wellness Deck



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| 1 Spa Pool | 7 Life Boats |
| 2 Sky Bar | 8 Observation Lounge |
| 3 Elevators | 9 Observation Terrace |
| 4 Aqua Café | 10 Self-service Laundry |
| 5 Aqua Pool | 11 Amici Bar & Lounge |
| 6 Navigation Bridge | 12 Reception |
| 13 Boutique Azurra | 19 Elements Spa |
| 14 La Cucina Dining | 20 Tender Boats |
| 15 La Cucina Terrace | 21 Water Sports Boat |
| 16 Medical Center | 22 Garage |
| 17 Gym | 23 Marina Platform |
| 18 Infrared Sauna | |

**PROGRAM RATES
DO NOT INCLUDE**

U.S. domestic and international
airfare • Passport/visa
expenses • Medical expenses
and immunizations • Airport
transfers outside of group
arrival and departure dates •
Travel insurance • Optional
excursions or deviations from
the scheduled tour • Excess
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.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

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

A NOTE ABOUT RATES

Tour rates are based upon
current fuel prices, currency
values, 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 AND CONDITIONS

**RESERVATIONS
& PAYMENTS**

To reserve space, return the
completed reservation form
with your \$1,000 per person
deposit to: AIA Tours, P.O.
Box 938, 47 Main St., Suite
One, Walpole, NH 03608-
0938 or fax to 603-756-2922.
Balance of payment is due
120 days prior to departure
(**February 14, 2024**). We
accept checks, payable to
'Eos AIA-AdriaticCR16/24'
as well as VISA, MasterCard
and American Express for
deposits. Reservations will
be processed in order of
receipt. Credit cards are NOT
accepted for final payment.

**PASSENGER
CANCELLATIONS
& REFUNDS**

Cancellations must be received
in writing by AIA Tours.
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.
After the February 14, 2024
final payment deadline:
All payments are 100%
nonrefundable, regardless of
booking date. For this reason,
we strongly urge participants
to purchase trip cancellation
insurance. Refunds cannot
be made to participants who

do not participate in any part
of the program, who do not
complete the tour for whatever
reason, or whose entry into
any country and/ or hotel or
aboard any cruise vessel on the
itinerary is delayed or denied.

**TRIP CANCELLATION
& REFUNDS**

If the program is cancelled
by AIA Tours or Criterion
Travel, our tour operator,
you will receive a full refund,
without further obligation
on our part. However, if trip
cancellation, itinerary changes,
and/or delays are mandated
by causes beyond our control,
the participant shall have
the option of accepting in
lieu of the original tour such
rescheduled tour or other
substituted tour(s) as may
be offered by AIA Tours or
Criterion, or else, receiving
a refund of as much of such
advance tour expenditures
as AIA Tours and Criterion
are able to recover on the
participant's behalf from
carriers, third-party tour
vendors, etc. Neither AIA
Tours nor Criterion shall
have any obligation or
liability to the participant
beyond the foregoing.

HEALTH

All participants should be
in good health and capable
of keeping up with an
active group of travelers.
By forwarding the deposit
for passage, the passenger
certifies that he/she does not
have any physical or other
condition or disability that
would create a hazard for him/
herself or other passengers.

ITINERARY CHANGES

The itinerary and study
leaders presented for this tour
are subject to modification
and change by AIA Tours
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, AIA
Tours 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.

RESPONSIBILITY

By submitting your deposit,
you are bound to the terms
and conditions delineated
throughout this brochure.
Due to space limitations these
are not AIA Tours' complete
Terms & Conditions, which
are available upon request,
can be viewed on-line at
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Fax: 603-756-2922. Email: aia@studytours.org.
Website: www.iaitours.org.

CONTACT INFORMATION (please print)

NAME #1 (AS IT APPEARS ON PASSPORT) DATE OF BIRTH

NAME #2 (AS IT APPEARS ON PASSPORT) DATE OF BIRTH

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY / STATE / ZIP

HOME PHONE MOBILE PHONE

EMAIL #1

EMAIL #2

Are you traveling with any other parties on this program?
 Yes, _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (\$1,000
per person, payable to "**Eos AIA-AdriaticCR16/24**" for
_____ place(s) on *Dubrovnik to Venice*.

Please charge my deposit of \$ _____ (\$1,000 per
person) to my
 VISA MasterCard American Express

NAME ON CREDIT CARD

CREDIT CARD NUMBER EXP. DATE SECURITY CODE

CARDHOLDER SIGNATURE

ACCOMMODATIONS (not guaranteed)

Cabin Category Preference: 1st _____ 2nd _____
Bed Preference Queen Twin

SINGLE TRAVELERS (choose one)

I prefer to have single accommodations. (limited availability)
 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 **February 14, 2024** I will
pay the single rate.

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

SIGNATURE #1 DATE

SIGNATURE #2 DATE

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