



University
of Rochester

 **Duration**
11 days

 **Activity Level**
Active Travel

 **Journey Type**
Land
Solo-Friendly



Croatia & the Dalmatian Coast

October 9-20, 2026

Starting from \$6,545/pp

Evocative cities ... refined cuisine ... coastal havens ... discover Croatia's bounty on this incredible 10-night journey, including a seven-night Adriatic cruise! Board your small yacht in Dubrovnik, a marvelous medieval town, and sail along the Dalmatian coast to enchanting islands and timeless ports of call. Taste fresh oysters along the Pelješac Peninsula, indulge in the beauty of Hvar and Korula, and unravel history in Split and Zadar. Wrap up your adventure in Plitvice Lakes National Park, followed by a three-night stay in wonderful Zagreb! Enjoy an extensive meal plan and all the wonders that Croatia holds.



Day-by-Day Itinerary

Croatia & Cruising the Dalmatian Coast

Air Program: 12 days/11 nights (includes 1 air night)

Land Program: 11 days/10 nights

Breakfasts: 10

Lunches: 7

Dinners: 4

Receptions: 3

B | L | D denotes included breakfasts, lunches, dinners and receptions.

- A special note about air: If you have purchased only the Land Program, please book flights that arrive on Day 2, the first day of the Land Program. The date is listed at the top of your Reservation Confirmation.
- This itinerary is subject to change due to operational conditions.
- This active program is designed for people who are in good health and can comfortably participate in a demanding daily schedule of physical activities. The itinerary may feature full days of ongoing activities.
- Excursions on this program require: walking distances of up to 3-5 miles, sometimes uphill or downhill
- walking up/down and along cobblestones, unpaved terrain and paths and/or uneven and slippery surfaces.
- getting on/off motor coaches and motor yacht.
- Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available.
- Due to specific mooring conditions and requirements in some Croatian ports, the cruise line's vessels may be moored side by side, making it necessary for guests to cross from one vessel to another with gaps in between to get to the shore. In such cases, guests need to take special care when crossing and do this at their own risk. It is advised to ask a crew member for assistance when crossing. Note that movement between the ships is the passenger's responsibility.
- During rough weather, movement on the ship should be minimized and done with care as floors can be wet and slippery.

Day 1 | Depart gateway city

AHI FlexAir passengers depart for Dubrovnik, Croatia. Please check your luggage from your gateway city to your arrival city. Your claim checks should have the following airport code: DBV.

Day 2 | Dubrovnik, Croatia

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Arrive at Dubrovnik Airport. Proceed through immigration to the baggage claim area and retrieve your luggage. After completing customs, AHI FlexAir passengers traveling on flights that qualify for the group arrival transfer and Land Program passengers who have purchased seats on the group transfer should exit the baggage claim area and proceed to the Arrivals Hall, where an AHI Travel representative will meet you.

Transfer and embark your first-class ship. Take some time to unpack and get to know the ship's amenities.

Gather with your fellow travelers to enjoy an onboard Welcome Reception, followed by a Welcome Dinner.

Day 3 | Dubrovnik | Mali Ston & Ston

MV Infinity

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Dubrovnik. This beautiful city was relentlessly shelled during Croatia's Homeland War in the early 1990s, but the medieval churches, graceful fountains and squares have been restored to their former glory. Visit the baroque cathedral and admire the loggia and ornamentation inside of the Rector's Palace. Pass by the medieval Sponza Palace, which houses priceless ancient manuscripts, and visit the 14th-century Franciscan Monastery's Romanesque cloister. Its small apothecary is the oldest-working pharmacy in Europe.

Begin cruising along the stunning Dalmatian coast, a landscape of dramatic limestone cliffs.

Idyllic Pelješac Peninsula. Beloved for its stunning beauty, the rugged Pelješac Peninsula is abundant with fjords, quiet bays and vineyards. Today, gain insight into a centuries-old practice while visiting some of the world's oldest salt harvesting sites. Also, see the Great Wall of Ston, which links Ston to Mali Ston.

AHI Connects: Mali Ston Oyster Farm. Board a boat in the fishing village of Mali Ston. Ride across the bay to visit an oyster farm. Taste delicious bivalves, fresh from the sea, accompanied by sensational wine.

Back on board, meet up with your group for a Captain's Dinner.

Day 4 | Kor ula

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Kor ula. The spectacular "Emerald Isle" juts into the Peljesac Channel and brims with beauty, harbor-side restaurants and thriving vineyards. Its medieval streets are designed like fish bones, branching off from a central square, and the medieval old town is decorated with red rooftops, similar to those found in Dubrovnik. In the center of town sits a pretty Gothic-Renaissance church. The island is also rumored to be the birthplace of famous Italian explorer Marco Polo! (Allegedly, the home of Marco Polo is located in the old town on Ulica Depolo street.)

Day 5 | Hvar

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Hvar's Stari Grad . Visit sunny Hvar, a Croatian favorite lauded for its sunny shores, lavender plantations, olive groves and idyllic beaches. With a history dating back to 6,000 B.C., Hvar brims with cultural and historical heritage, plus a tranquil Mediterranean ambience. Uncover a slice of paradise in the ancient port town of Stari Grad, Croatia's oldest town. Admire the churches, quaint squares and orange-tiled rooftops clustered around the charming marina.

AHI Connects: Lavender Farm. Soak up the purple beauty and delightful fragrance of lavender during a visit to family-run lavender farm in Jesla. The blossoms are grown for medical, cosmetic, cooking and other products.

Vrboska & Winery. Learn about the local viniculture at a family winery and enjoy a guided tasting of the family's legendary wines. Continue to the fishing town of Vrboska with fig-covered courtyards and pretty alleyways. Chat about your day during dinner at a local restaurant with a dazzling view.

Day 6 | Split

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After breakfast, a morning of sailing begins! Watch the scenery unfold before you: picturesque islands, hidden coves and azure seas! If luck is on your side, you may see dolphins!

Exploring Split. Enjoy a walking tour of Split and delight in the city's historical wonders. Visit the incredible living ruin of Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site that has been continuously inhabited since the Roman emperor abdicated his throne in A.D. 305. See the cellars, temple ruins, the elaborate Cathedral of St. Domnius and the Golden Gate, and witness the Peristyle, a rectangular open court that was the heart of the palace. Roaming this complex's tangle of passageways, courtyards and underground chambers is one of Croatia's most enchanting experiences.

Return to the ship for lunch. If you wish to stay and explore in Split, feel free to do so! The ship overnights in Split tonight.

Day 7 | Šibenik

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Relax over a morning of sailing. Soak up the sun, bring a book on deck or enjoy an opportunity to swim in the refreshing waters! Enjoy a group lunch on the ship. Then disembark set off to explore Šibenik.

Šibenik. is a proud city that welcomes visitors with winding alleys, squares and striking buildings. Visit the UNESCO-listed Cathedral of St. James, one of Europe's most significant monumental churches.

Day 8 | Zadar

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This morning, gather with your friends for a Farewell cocktail reception during lunch.

Zadar. Set off to discover the incredibly pretty city of Zadar. This storied university town features a bevy of cosmopolitan cafes, museums and Roman ruins. Witness the impressive Roman Forum and the St Donat church. Enjoy the city's modern attractions at its waterfront promenade, including the sea organ, a musical art installation. Listen to its unending melody, which is fueled by the ebb and flow of the sea's currents. Nearby is the 72-foot Monument to the Sun, which celebrates Zadar's incredible sunsets. During your outing, pause to taste some unique Maraschino cherry liquor and other locally made sweets. The first recipes of the Maraschino liquor emerged from Zadar during the 16th century!

Free Time: Perhaps return to see the famous sea organ and light show by the promenade.

Day 9 | Zadar | Plitvice Lakes National Park | Zagreb

Esplanade Zagreb Hotel

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After breakfast, disembark the ship. Head inland, stopping at Plitvice Lakes National Park for a tour.

Plitvice Lakes National Park. Enjoy a refreshing escape to one of Croatia's most spectacular natural wonders. This UNESCO World Heritage site flaunts sixteen crystal lakes that are laced together in a series of awe-inspiring waterfalls and cascades. The vibrant landscape is a vision of unsurpassed beauty where the waters shimmer and constantly change color, a result of the karst terrain. Wander planked walkways and trails amid a fragrant forest of beech and pine. The park is also home to nearly 160 species of birds as well as many rare, endemic species, including the endangered European brown bear.

Following this sojourn, enjoy a lunch of regional dishes. Continue your journey to the capital city of Zagreb and check in to the Esplanade Zagreb Hotel .

Day 10 | Zagreb

Esplanade Zagreb Hotel

B | R | D

Enrichment: Contemporary Croatia. Join a local expert to gain a thorough understanding of recent events that have shaped the stable, independent Croatia of today.

Zagreb . Tucked between the sparkling Sava River and the forested slopes of Mount Medvednica, Zagreb intertwines European elegance with a delightful Balkan spirit. Following a panoramic tour of Zagreb's modern Lower Town, drive outside the city center to visit Mirogoj Cemetery. Designed by architect Hermann Bollé, this gem is filled with tiled arcades, creeping ivy, sculptures and green copper domes. Back in Zagreb's beautifully preserved Upper Town, admire a rich array of Austro-Hungarian architecture and see more treasures by Bollé: The Cathedral of Assumption and St. Mark's Church. Originally erected in the 13th century, St. Mark's Church features a brilliantly tiled mosaic roof.

Free Time: Spend the remainder of the day at leisure in Zagreb.

Gather for a celebratory Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 11 | Zagreb

Esplanade Zagreb Hotel

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Free Time: Take part in today's Elective Activity to Ljubljana or enjoy a full day at leisure in this vibrant capital city. Treat yourself to an idyllic morning browsing the Museum of Contemporary Art or enjoying the quirky Museum of Broken Relationships. Observe local life in Zagreb's Jela i Square or wander through the farmer's market and sample organic fruits and honey.

Elective Activity: Ljubljana, Slovenia. Cross into Slovenia to discover colorful Ljubljana. Stroll along the Ljubljanica River, passing iconic bridges, shop like a local at the Central Market and browse Prešeren Square, home to the Franciscan Church of the Annunciation. Then, enjoy a cruise along the Ljubljanica River.. (Moderate) Available at an additional cost.

Day 12 | Depart for gateway city

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After breakfast, bid farewell to this beautiful region of Europe. AHI FlexAir passengers traveling on flights that qualify for a group transfer and Land Program passengers who have purchased seats on the group transfer depart for Zagreb Airport for your return flights home. Your Travel Director will provide the details.

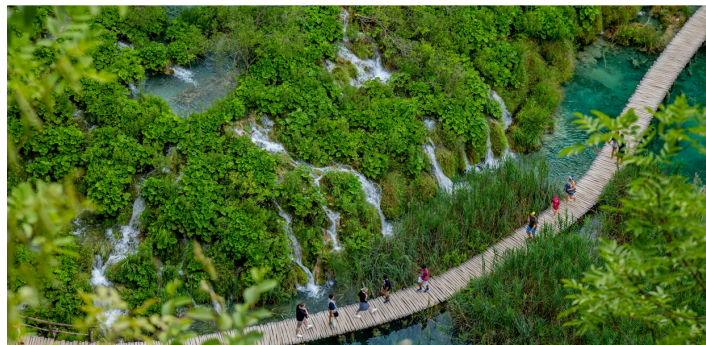
Meet the Rochester Experts

Elizabeth Colantoni

Lecturer



Elizabeth Colantoni is an Associate Professor of Classics in the Department of Religion and Classics at the University of Rochester, and she teaches in the University's Program in Archaeology, Technology, and Historical Structures. She is an archaeologist, and her research is focused on the ancient Mediterranean world, particularly Italy in the time before and during the Roman Empire. She regularly teaches courses on Greek and Roman archaeology, archaeological and museum ethics, and ancient Roman religion as well as Latin language courses. She has, since 2007, been taking students to Italy to participate firsthand in archaeological excavations there. In 2025 and 2026 she will be taking Rochester students to excavate at Trebula Mutuesca (near modern Monteleone Sabino, Rieti, Italy), a settlement that thrived during the Roman period and is noted today particularly for the remains of its ancient amphitheater and sanctuary to the Italic goddess Feronia.



What's Included

Program Overview

- Cruise for 7 nights aboard the first-class MV Infinity.
- 3 nights in Zagreb, Croatia, at the deluxe Esplanade Zagreb Hotel.
- AHI Connects: Local immersion.
- AHI Sustainability Promise: We strive to make a positive, purposeful impact in the communities we visit.
- Complimentary travel mementos.

Meal Program

- 10 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 4 dinners.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions and Dinners to mingle with fellow travelers.
- Tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.

On-site Features

- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land | Cruise Program.
- Engaging excursions showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- Enrichment by expert speakers enhances your insight into the region.
- Free time to pursue your individual interests.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.



FlexAir Travel Program

Need assistance booking your travel arrangements? Our experts are here to help. Our air program offers the following benefits.

Trip Transportation

- Assistance in the event of schedule changes or delays
- Arrival and departure transfers on group dates

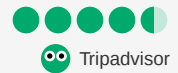
Price Guarantee

- Price guarantee to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase

Travel and Hotel Accommodations

Esplanade Zagreb Hotel

Built in 1925 as a stylish art nouveau sanctuary for passengers of the equally grand Orient Express, the Esplanade Zagreb Hotel upholds its reputation for impeccable service and sumptuously appointed accommodations. Zinfandel's, the hotel's fine-dining restaurant, is considered by many to be the best in the country. Three additional eateries offer indoor and outdoor dining of traditional Mediterranean cuisine. A health club, spa and gift shop are available as a revitalizing distraction. Wi-Fi is complimentary.



MV Infinity

Sail the Adriatic aboard the MV Infinity, one of the first-class cruise ships of the family-owned Katarina Line. Step aboard and discover the wonders of the Adriatic while indulging in the sophisticated style and state-of-the-art amenities of this sleek yacht! Enjoy the beautifully appointed furnishings of polished wood and warm Mediterranean blues. Outside, gather with friends by the hot tub to enjoy dramatic Dalmatian views or discover a quiet reading nook. With just 19 cabins, guests are guaranteed an intimate setting and personalized service from the friendly staff. Meals on board are a special treat! Dine on traditional Croatian gastronomy featuring fresh ingredients bought at local markets. All well-appointed cabins are designed for comfort and feature air conditioning, a sofa and desk, en-suite bathrooms with shower, slippers and bathrobes, life jackets and complimentary beach towels.

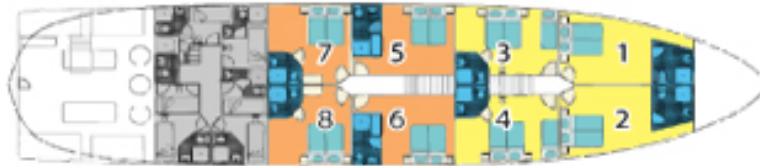
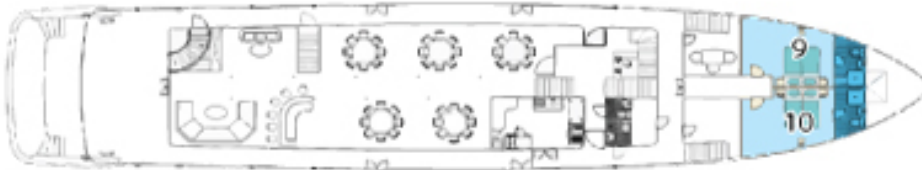
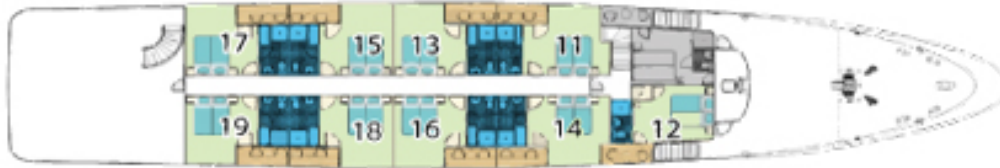
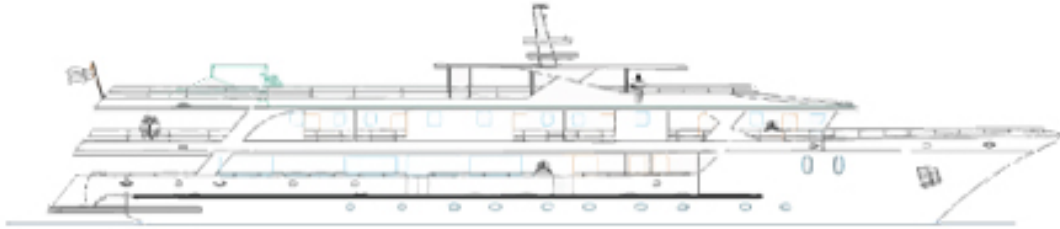


Pricing

Category/Deck	Base Price / You Pay
A-Upper Deck w/ Balcony	\$8,545
B-Main Deck Forward	\$7,545
C-Lower Deck Forward	\$6,745
D-Lower Deck Midship (WAIT LIST)	\$6,545

Package rates are per person based on Double occupancy from Land Only. Prices include all service charges; port charges when applicable; US government taxes and fees. The minimum deposit is \$750.00 per person. Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies. To view Program Terms and Conditions, close this window and scroll to the bottom of the page.

** Full Payment Discounts are only available at the time of booking with initial payment 120+ days prior to departure. This offer only applies to full payment at the time of reservation. Details on how to qualify for this savings will be included when your reservation request is confirmed.



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