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# Cruise the Dalmatian Coast

CROATIA TO VENICE



**EXCLUSIVE GUEST SPEAKER**  
**Jim Laurie**

# Centuries of Civilization

Discover ancient walled cities, medieval villages, iconic archaeological sites and stunning Dalmatian landscapes on an unforgettable journey that takes you from Dubrovnik, Croatia, to Venice, Italy. Cruise for seven nights aboard the deluxe **World Navigator**, a retro-chic small ship able to dock in ports not available to other itineraries. Visit four countries and four UNESCO Heritage sites, retracing centuries of Roman, Byzantine, Venetian and Slavic civilizations. Explore the fortified city of Dubrovnik, known as the “Pearl of the Adriatic,” and marvel at the Bay of Kotor. Visit the remarkably preserved landmarks within Hvar’s 13th-century walls and learn more about the legend of Venetian explorer Marco Polo in Korcula, said to be his birthplace. Tour Split’s spectacular, fourth-century Diocletian’s Palace, stroll through the Old Town of ancient Zadar and see astounding Roman ruins in Pula, including a first-century amphitheatre where gladiators used to compete. This one-of-a-kind itinerary also features opportunities to enjoy an abundance of natural splendor, including the waterfalls of Croatia’s Krka National Park and the underground river canyons of the UNESCO-designated Škocjan Caves in Slovenia.

Front cover: *Hvar, Croatia.*



*Skradinski Buk waterfall, Krka National Park, Croatia*



Kotor, Montenegro



Dear Alumni and Friends:

The unspoiled coastlines and idyllic islands of the Adriatic and Dalmatian coasts are the crossroads of the Roman, Byzantine and Venetian civilizations that flourished here for more than 3,000 years. Our exclusive itinerary reveals an extraordinary cultural legacy spanning four countries.

Begin your journey in seventh-century walled city of Dubrovnik, Croatia, where you will board the deluxe **World Navigator**, a small ship featuring just 95 ocean-view suites and staterooms, most with a private balcony. Cruise for seven nights through the stunning region of Dalmatia to Venice, Italy.

Call at ancient walled cities, medieval villages, sublime archaeological sites, picture-perfect islands and stunning landscapes. Visit four UNESCO World Heritage sites, including the seventh-century walled city of Dubrovnik; the Natural and Culturo-Historical region of Kotor in Montenegro; historical Split with its fourth-century Palace of Diocletian; and the astounding Škocjan Caves.

Discover the many hidden gems along these storied coastlines as a panorama of daily life unfolds before you. Reserve now while early booking savings are still available!

Please feel free to contact the alumni association concerning the Roaming Buffs program at 303-492-5640. For booking, please contact Gohagan & Company at 800-922-3088.

Sincerely,

Tricia Essenpreis  
Director, Roaming Buffs

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## GUEST SPEAKER

### Jim Laurie

Jim Laurie is an award-winning writer, journalist and broadcaster who has traveled the world, reporting and writing, for over 50 years. He is the author of “The Last Helicopter: Two Lives in Indochina,” a story of war, love and survival during the 1970s wars in Cambodia and Vietnam. As a correspondent for NBC News and ABC News, Laurie has reported on some of the biggest global stories of the late 20th century. During the 1990s, from his bases in Moscow, Rome and London, he covered Europe extensively. Laurie reported on the disintegration of Yugoslavia and the wars in Croatia, Bosnia and Serbia. He also reported from Ukraine as that nation gained independence from the Soviet Union. Laurie has interviewed global leaders past and present, including the Dalai Lama, China’s Deng Xiaoping and Russia’s Vladimir Putin. He has received multiple Emmy, Peabody and Overseas Press Club Awards.

His lectures will feature:

#### **Dubrovnik: Saving the Jewel of the Adriatic**

Laurie will share personal stories from his time covering the disintegration of old Yugoslavia in a lecture that reviews the region's history from ancient times to the 1990s war that nearly destroyed Dubrovnik.

#### **The Mysteries of Marco Polo**

Drawing from his experience visiting China in 1978, Laurie reviews the history and lore relating to Marco Polo, his true ancestry and the 13th-century Venetian explorer's reported 17 years exploring the mysteries of China's Silk Road.



Korcula, Croatia

# Divine Dalmatia

The glorious Dalmatian Coast has a remarkable history that can be traced back to the conquests of the Greeks and the Romans. The name “Dalmatia” appeared as early as the first-century B.C., believed to have originated from an ancient Illyrian tribe known as *Delmatae*. The region fell under many rulers over the centuries and today is considered one of the most majestic coastlines in the world. From the spectacular waterfalls of Krka National Park to the UNESCO-designated Škocjan Caves, natural splendor and lush landscapes only accentuate its allure. You can even hear the sounds of the Adriatic amplified by the 35-pipe sea organ that’s carved into the seafront promenade in Zadar. These storied cities have been infused with a cosmopolitan energy, inviting visitors to discover mysterious origins that span millennia. Among those enigmas is the tale of one of the earliest known depictions of a dog in an early 17th-century painting found in a Dalmatia city — a breed the World Canine Association aptly designated as the Dalmatian.



Sea organ in Zadar, Croatia

## INCLUDED FEATURES

- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if you purchased air through Gohagan & Company and your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
- ◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- ◆ Complimentary water in your suite or stateroom and on excursions.
- ◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
- ◆ Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
- ◆ Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
- ◆ Hospitality desk aboard the ship.
- ◆ Meals included as noted in the itinerary (B,L,R,D).



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## 2025 | 9-DAY/8-NIGHT ITINERARY

Depart Home City

**Day 1 | August 24**

Depart your home city.

Dubrovnik, Croatia/  
Embark ship

**Day 2 | August 25**

Arrive in Dubrovnik, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Enjoy lunch on your own with time to explore this historical walled city at leisure. Shuttles will be provided from the hotel hospitality room for your convenience. Later this afternoon, embark the deluxe **World Navigator**. (D)

Kotor, Montenegro

**Day 3 | August 26**

Cruise to the UNESCO World Heritage-designated medieval town of Kotor on Montenegro's Adriatic coast. Stroll these storied streets on a walking tour of its Old Town. After lunch on board, visit Our Lady of the Rocks, one of two islets off the coast of Perast in the Bay

of Kotor. Return to the ship for a Captain's Welcome Reception, followed by dinner. (B,L,R,D)

Hvar/Korcula, Croatia

**Day 4 | August 27**

Since the fourth century B.C., Greeks, Romans, Byzantines and Venetians have left their mark on the island of Hvar, a key center of the Croatian Renaissance. Marvel at its 13th-century landmarks on a walking tour. Return to the ship for lunch on board and a lecture by Guest Speaker Jim Laurie about legendary explorer Marco Polo.

Later this afternoon, travel to Marco Polo's reputed birthplace of Korcula. Explore sites within its medieval walls, including the Abbey Treasury and the house where Marco Polo is believed to have been born. Enjoy an evening at leisure in Korcula with transportation provided to and from the ship. (B,L,D)

Split

**Day 5 | August 28**

This morning you arrive in Split, where you will disembark for an excursion to Krka National Park, a natural wonderland comprised of spectacular waterfalls, lush forests, a monastery and several important archaeological sites.

After lunch, return to Split for a walking tour of a nearly 2,000-year-old city center built around Roman emperor Diocletian's fourth-century palace compound, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Tour the palace, including Diocletian's mausoleum, converted to the Cathedral of Saint Domnius and regarded as the world's oldest Catholic cathedral. Then, visit the Cathedral of St. Dujé, the patron saint of Split: and the Temple of Jupiter. See two of the four principal Roman gates:



Diocletian's Palace in Split, Croatia

Korcula, Croatia



Croatian Klapa performers



Škocjan Caves, Piran, Slovenia

Golden Gate and Silver Gate; along with Peristyle Square. Return to the ship to delight in a traditional *klapa* folk music performance. (B,L,D)

### Zadar

#### Day 6 | August 29

Wake up to views of Zadar, an ancient coastal city filled with Roman ruins and Venetian treasures. Known as the oldest continually inhabited city in Croatia, this former Roman colony is UNESCO designated for its ancient temple ruins and a medieval-era Episcopal complex — which includes several orthodox churches, a palace and a Benedictine nunnery. Walk through its old town to see such sites as the ninth-century St. Donatus Church, the Venetian Land Gate and the remains of the Roman forum. Return to the ship for an afternoon at leisure. (B,L,D)

### Pula/Rovinj

#### Day 7 | August 30

Today you arrive in Pula, an ancient settlement on the Istrian Peninsula. An elliptical Roman amphitheater that once hosted gladiator fights, a restored Byzantine basilica and a temple of Augustus are a testament to its storied history.

Enjoy one of three included Traveler's Choice excursions that pair a walking tour of Pula with one of the following: a truffle hunt presentation and tasting; a visit to a winery and olive oil producer with a tasting; or extra time in Rovinj for lunch and a tour. After each choice, spend the afternoon and evening at leisure in Rovinj before boarding the ship to continue your cruise (B,L,D)

### Piran, Slovenia

#### Day 8 | August 31

This morning you will experience

the natural wonder of the UNESCO-designated Škocjan Caves, a limestone cave system that includes one of the world's largest known underground river canyons. Marvel as the river disappears into the karst underground, reappearing in a cavernous maze filled with waterfalls, roaring rapids and rare endemic species.

This afternoon, explore Piran's medieval town, noticing distinct Venetian influences. See Tartini Square and visit the Church of St. George. Attend the Captain's Farewell Reception, followed by dinner. (B,L,R, D)

### Venice, Italy/ Disembark ship/ Return to Home City

#### Day 9 | September 1

Disembark and transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B)

Pula, Croatia





## World Navigator

This newly constructed small ship, an intimate yacht appointed in retro-chic elegance, is able to dock in smaller ports inaccessible to larger ships. Each of the 95 suites and staterooms (up to 465 square feet) features a stunning ocean view, and most include a private balcony. All accommodations in your private haven at sea offer a queen-sized bed that can be separated into two twin beds, a private bathroom with spa shower and luxury hotel-style amenities — including bath products from L'Occitane. Complimentary alcoholic/nonalcoholic beverages and Wi-Fi access are available throughout the cruise. All meals aboard ship are included, featuring culinary adventures that rival your discoveries ashore.



### 2025 DEPARTURE DATE

**August 24 to September 1**

(Embarkation: August 25)

Category-Description	Standard Rate	Early Booking Savings*
<b>8</b> Stateroom with panoramic ocean view picture window. Deck 3	\$7,390	<b>\$6,390</b>
<b>7</b> Stateroom with <b>private balcony</b> and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5, forward.	\$8,290	<b>\$7,290</b>
<b>6</b> Stateroom with <b>private balcony</b> and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5, midship.	\$8,990	<b>\$7,990</b>
<b>5</b> Stateroom with <b>private balcony</b> and sitting area with sofa. Deck 6, midship.	\$9,390	<b>\$8,390</b>
<b>4</b> Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling <b>Juliet-style balcony</b> and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5, aft.	\$9,990	<b>\$8,990</b>
<b>3</b> Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling <b>Juliet-style balcony</b> and sitting area with sofa. Deck 6, aft.	\$10,390	<b>\$9,390</b>
<b>2</b> Stateroom with balcony. Deck 6.	\$11,090	<b>\$10,090</b>
<b>1</b> Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling <b>Juliet-style balcony</b> and interior sitting area. Deck 6.	\$11,990	<b>\$10,990</b>
<b>Journey Suite 2</b> Suite with <b>large private balcony</b> and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5.	\$13,090	<b>\$12,090</b>
<b>Journey Suite 1</b> Suite with <b>large private balcony</b> and sitting area with sofa. Deck 6.	\$14,490	<b>\$13,490</b>
<b>Discovery Suite</b> Suite with <b>larger private balcony</b> and separate living room with sofa. Deck 5.	\$14,790	<b>\$13,790</b>
<b>Navigator 2 Suite</b> Extra-large, one-bedroom Suite and separate living room with sofa and floor-to-ceiling ocean view, <b>large private balcony</b> , bathroom has a tub and two sinks. Deck 5.	\$16,290	<b>\$15,290</b>
<b>Navigator 1 Suite</b> Extra-large, one-bedroom Suite and separate living room with sofa and floor-to-ceiling ocean view, <b>large private balcony</b> , bathroom has a tub and two sinks. Deck 6.	\$16,890	<b>\$15,890</b>

**\*Early Booking Savings of \$1,000 are available when you book by 2/17/25 and pay in full at time of booking. If you pay only your deposit by early booking date, you still save \$500 per person.**

All rates are in U.S. dollars, per person, based on double occupancy, including taxes. Single accommodations are available in categories 6, 7 & 8 at 160% of the cabin fare, plus taxes, with limited availability. Single rates for all other categories are at 200%. Early Booking Savings still apply. (Cabin fare is the standard rate less taxes.)

Port taxes in the amount of \$195 per person are included in the above prices. Deck plans available upon request.

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## PRE-TOUR EXTENSION

### Dubrovnik

**August 22 to 25, 2025** (Program Begins: August 23)

Start your journey with two nights in Dubrovnik, Croatia, an ancient walled city on the stunning Adriatic coast. Discover the history of this UNESCO World Heritage site on a guided walking tour. Enter through the Pile Gate to see the 15th-century Onofrio Fountain and visit the Franciscan Church and Monastery — an architectural masterpiece built in Romanesque style. Explore the ornate, 15th-century Rector's Palace, now a museum with artfully restored rooms, and visit the Maritime Museum, which features more than 4,000 exhibits. Accommodations are at the **Hilton Imperial Dubrovnik Hotel**.

**Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$995**

**Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$1,295**



## POST-TOUR EXTENSION

### Venice

**September 1 to 3, 2025** (Program Ends: September 3)

Beloved worldwide for its extraordinary beauty, Venice is one of Italy's premier cities for art and architecture. Tour the heart of this UNESCO World Heritage site, including visits to the Doge's Palace and Basilica di San Marco, a flamboyant example of Byzantine architecture. Enjoy a traditional gondola ride, cruise the Grand Canal and visit the charming archipelago of Burano, known for its skilled fishermen, polychrome houses and intricate lace-making. Accommodations are for two nights in the ideally located **Hotel Monaco & Grand Canal**.

**Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$1,795**

**Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$2,295**

*Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.*

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