

**Registration Opens
Wednesday, April 18, 2018**

- *Walk-in registration begins at 8:30 a.m.
- *Telephone registration begins at 9:00 a.m.



**Cruising the Adriatic:
Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia & Herzegovina**
February 26 - March 12, 2019



Osher Lifelong Learning Institute



**SAGINAW VALLEY
STATE UNIVERSITY**

Cruising the Adriatic

Discover the lush islands and magnificent walled cities of Croatia, Eastern Europe's best-kept secret, on a small ship adventure. Explore the beauty of Zadar (a true hidden jewel) and cruise to Hvar and Korčula, two stunning unspoiled islands. From Zagreb to Zadar, and Montenegro to Mostar, it's a journey that will linger in your memory like a gentle Adriatic breeze.

This 15-Day Trip Includes:

- Accommodations for 11 nights aboard our private small ship and 3 nights in handpicked hotels.
- Round-trip international airfare, airport transfers, taxes & fees from Detroit to Zagreb Croatia, and the return from Zagreb to Detroit.
- Ten included tours and five exclusive discovery series events.
- Coach transportation from SVSU to Detroit airport.
- Breakfast daily, 11 lunches and 12 dinners, plus all onboard house beer, wine, & soft drinks.
- Gratuities for local guides and motorcoach drivers.
- Resident program director.
- *Pre-trip dinner at SVSU.

** We will offer a pre-trip dinner about two weeks prior to departure which will feature traditional cuisine. You will receive your travel documents and we will go over trip logistics.*



Trip Providers

This educational travel experience is offered by the SVSU Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in conjunction with Grand Circle Travel, a global enterprise which is comprised of a family of companies which offers a variety of travel options. It is committed to changing people's lives by offering high-impact experiences to their travelers. It was established in 1985. Grand Circle Travel was the travel provider for Ireland, Australia & New Zealand, and two European river cruises.

About this Small Ship Adventure

We'll explore in small groups of 25 aboard a privately owned 50-passenger ship on either the Artemis or the Athena, operated by Grand Circle Cruise Line. The size of these ships allows for greater access into smaller ports, bringing you closer to more authentic discoveries. You can expect less crowds and a more intimate experience in these areas during this time of year.

Pacing and Physical Requirements: You should be able to walk 3 miles unassisted and participate in 6-8 hours of physical activities daily, including stairs. Balance, agility, and strength are required to board watercraft and during possible rough seas. Travelers using mobility aids must travel with a companion who can assist them throughout the trip and be able to keep up with the pace of the tour. Please be aware that there are **NO ELEVATORS** onboard the ship. The program director reserves the right to modify participation or send travelers home if their limitations impact the group's experience.

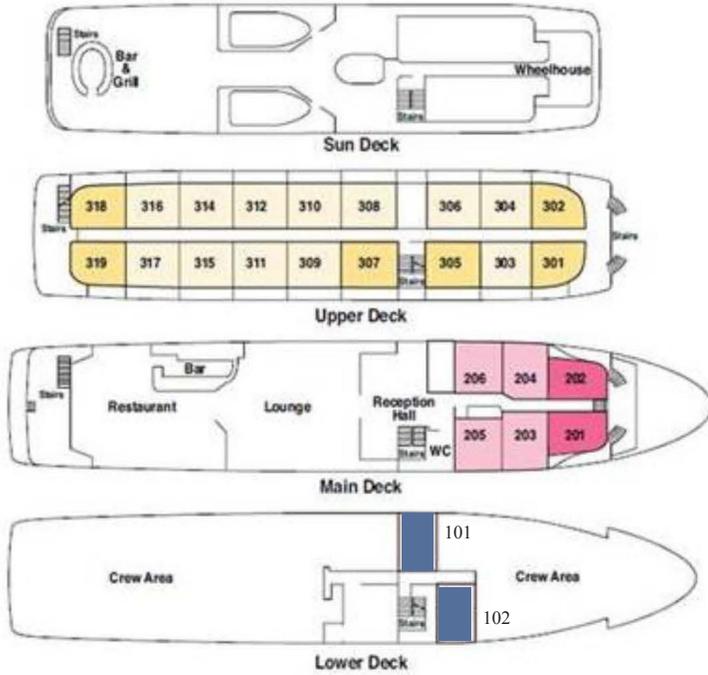
Weather Projection: Daytime temperatures should range between 52-54 degrees during this time. Generally speaking you can expect cooler temperatures and warmer clothing is recommended. For additional information on the climate of the regions we will be visiting, see Grand Circle's website www.gct.com/trips/small-ship-cruise-tours/mediterranean/cruising-the-adriatic-croatia-montenegro-bosnia-and-herzegovina or climatestottravel.com.

Information and Reservations: Please fill out the enclosed registration form and bring it to the OLLI office on the day of registration. Cabin selections will be awarded on a first come basis, and single cabins will be awarded by lottery. A passport is needed for this trip, and a copy is required at time of registration.

Cancellation Fees: We highly recommend trip insurance! All cancellations must be made in writing to the OLLI office, and you will be charged a \$50 change of reservation fee. Grand Circle's cancellation policies will prevail.



Cabin Categories - Cost including air



A A = Upper Deck \$4,885 pp (Double)
303, 304, 306, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 314, 315, 316, 317

B B = Upper Deck \$4,785 pp (Double)
301, 302, 305, 307, 318, 319

C C = Main Deck \$4,685 pp (Double)
203, 204, 205, 206

D D = Main Deck \$4,585 pp (Double)
201, 201

S S = Lower Deck \$4,585 *(Single)
101, 102 (Plus \$200 Single supplement fee)

** Due to limited single cabins, travelers should submit their request for single cabins to the OLLI office on April 16 prior to registration day. There will be a non-refundable single supplement fee of \$200 payable to SVSU-OLLI once the single cabins have been awarded by lottery. Names for the single cabins will be drawn at 8:30 a.m. on registration day.*

Trip Insurance

We highly recommend trip insurance. You may elect to purchase Grand Circle's Travel Protection Plan. See the breakdown for your per person cost.

- Up to \$4700 \$499 pp
- \$4701 - \$5700 \$599 pp

If paying balance in full on April 18, you must also pay for insurance at the same time. If paying deposit only on April 18, the decision regarding insurance will need to be made within 14- days of deposit date. Please visit our trip providers website for details on ways to save with a Good Buy Discount Plan & Travel Protection Plan at www.gct.com/ways-to-save/travel-protection-plan. It is the traveler's responsibility to review insurance coverage to make sure it meets your needs prior to purchase.

Two Payment Options:

#1) Pay in full April 18, 2018 /Good Buy Plan: If you pay your trip in full prior to final payment due date (90 days prior to departure) you will receive a discount. To receive the full 10% discount from Grand Circle Travel for this trip you must pay in full on April 18. The payment **MUST be made by check**, NOT a credit card on April 18, to receive the 10% discount.

#2) Deposit Only: If travelers choose to pay deposit only, a deposit of \$500 by check or credit card is due on April 18. The trip balance must be paid in full by November 5, 2018.

* If you have traveled with Grand Circle in the past two years you are eligible to receive a discount. If the trip was within the last year you will receive 5% off the trip cost, and a 3% discount if your last trip was within two years. This discount will be deducted by Grand Circle Travel.

Payment Information: *Please note that Non-members will pay an additional \$30 and will receive 2017/18 membership*

I authorize full payment of \$ _____ for _____ person(s) Total _____

OR I authorize a deposit of **\$500 member/\$530 non-member** for _____ person(s) Total _____

Optional travel protection plan included with deposit: Yes ___ No ___ Total _____

Electronic Transfer (payment is automatic): Name on Checking Account: _____
Routing Number: _____ Account Number: _____

Credit Card: ___ Master Card ___ Visa ___ Discover Card #: _____

Exp. Date: ___ / ___ / ___ CVV Code _____ Card Holder name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: ___ / ___ / _____

By signing the above I have read and understand all the terms and conditions and accept them on behalf of myself and my party.

Saginaw Valley State University OLLI - Trip Reservation Form

Please provide accurate information. This will eliminate any change fees or document delays.

Group Name: Saginaw Valley State University OLLI
 Group Number: G9-24365
 Trip: Cruising the Adriatic: Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia & Herzegovina
 Departure Date: February 26, 2019 Departure City: Detroit
 Extensions: Pre-Trip: N/A Post-Trip: N/A

Leave this area blank until registration day

Deck Level Preference: First Choice _____ Second choice _____
 Occupancy: *Single _____ (additional \$200 non-refundable single supplement fee) *please note that single cabins will be awarded by lottery
 Double _____ Roommate's Name _____ Looking for Roommate _____

Past Grand Circle traveler: Y ___ N ___
 Full name (for your account's name): _____
 Address: _____
 (Including zip code)
 Phone (home): _____ - _____ - _____ Phone (cell): _____ - _____ - _____
 Email address: _____

Passenger 1

Title: Mr./Ms./Mrs. _____
 First & Middle Name: _____
 (Name as shown on passport)
 Last: _____
 (Name as shown on passport)
 Nickname (for name badge): _____
 Passport#: _____
 Passport Issue Date: ____/____/_____
 M M D D Y E A R
 Passport Expiration Date: ____/____/_____
 M M D D Y E A R
 Place of Birth: _____
 State Country
 Date of Birth: ____/____/_____
 M M D D Y E A R
 Nationality: _____
 Country of Issue _____
 Occupation: _____ if you are retired
 please state Retired and from what ie: Retired teacher, retired
 doctor, retired carpenter...etc.
 Dietary Restrictions: _____

Emergency Contact: _____
 Phone Number: _____ - _____ - _____
 Cell Number: _____ - _____ - _____

Passenger 2

Title: Mr./Ms./Mrs. _____
 First & Middle Name: _____
 (Name as shown on passport)
 Last: _____
 (Name as shown on passport)
 Nickname (for name badge): _____
 Passport#: _____
 Passport Issue Date: ____/____/_____
 M M D D Y E A R
 Passport Expiration Date: ____/____/_____
 M M D D Y E A R
 Place of Birth: _____
 State Country
 Date of Birth: ____/____/_____
 M M D D Y E A R
 Nationality: _____
 Country of Issue _____
 Occupation: _____ if you are retired
 please state Retired and from what ie: Retired teacher, retired
 doctor, retired carpenter...etc.
 Dietary Restrictions: _____

Emergency Contact: _____
 Phone Number: _____ - _____ - _____
 Cell Number: _____ - _____ - _____

Trip Itinerary

Note: Due to the length of the trip itinerary we have shortened the daily descriptions. For a detailed itinerary & videos visit the Grand Circle website: www.gct.com, choose small ship cruises/Cruising the Adriatic & Greek Isles/Cruising the Adriatic



■ Day 1: Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Depart SVSU via motorcoach to Detroit airport to begin your journey. This flight will be an overnight flight.

■ Day 2 : Wednesday, February, 27 (Zagreb, Croatia)

Upon our arrival in Zagreb, we'll be met by our program director and transferred to our hotel. We'll have some free time before we meet with our program director for a welcome dinner at the hotel. **D**

■ Day 3: Thursday, February, 28 (Zagreb • Zadar)

After breakfast at the hotel, we'll transfer over land toward the Adriatic coast to embark on our small ship in Zadar, one of Croatia's true hidden jewels. We'll enjoy lunch onboard before departing on a city tour of Zadar. After the Captain's welcome dinner aboard ship there will be time to explore Zadar's charming harborside. **B,L,D**

■ Day 4: Friday, March 1 (Zadar • Sibenik)

After breakfast, we'll tour the city of Sibenik. This ancient port, a hillside city that fans out like an amphitheater and reflects the elegance of late-Middle Age architecture. It's located in one of the Adriatic's most naturally protected harbors. Your included morning tour will reveal the city's highlights, including the Cathedral of St. James, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Built completely of limestone and marble, its impressively detailed stone sculptures include 71 human faces, believed to represent early local Sibenik residents. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to make your own discoveries in Old Town before dinner back aboard the ship. **B,L,D**

■ Day 5: Saturday, March 2 (Sibenik • Krka Falls)

Today we'll visit nearby Krka Falls, a series of spectacular cascading waterfalls that comprises one of Croatia's true natural wonders. Over millennia, the Krka River has carved canyons into the surrounding limestone of the Dinara Mountains, creating a spectacular landscape where you'll view the river's waterfalls cascading over and around lush, dense vegetation. You'll also explore the surrounding Krka National Park, home to abundant indigenous flora and fauna, including over 200 bird species. It's a memorable excursion to one of Croatia's most pristine locales. After lunch aboard, you'll begin cruising to Split. Along the way enjoy a Croatian language lesson onboard

ship, an exclusive Discovery Series event. Upon arrival, enjoy an evening walk in the stunning medieval town built around the Roman emperor Diocletian's summer palace. Your ship will be docked near Split's fashionable waterfront promenade known as the Riva. After dinner aboard ship, enjoy a performance of Dalmatian folklore, another exclusive Discovery Series event. **B,L,D**

■ Day 6: Sunday, March 3 (Split)

This morning in Split, you'll discover the Imperial Palace of the Roman Emperor Diocletian. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is the greatest Roman ruin in southeastern Europe, built like a fortress with walls 590 feet by 705 feet. The medieval town of Split took shape within the palace walls; the entire old section of Split, with the palace as its centerpiece, is a virtual open-air museum with the city's contemporary life bustling throughout. After lunch aboard the ship you'll have the afternoon to make your own discoveries in Split. **B,L,D**

■ Day 7: Monday, March 4 (Split • Hvar • Dubrovnik)

Early this morning, you'll sail to Hvar Island, the longest of the Croatian isles, and enjoy an included tour. Occupied since at least 3500 BC, beautiful Hvar has been ruled variously by the Greeks, Romans, Ottomans, Austrians, and French, without ever losing its character as a place of fresh fish, wild herbs, and verdant vineyards. Today it is still known as one of Europe's most beautiful islands, benefiting from warm summers, mild winters, and more than 2,715 hours of sunlight in an average year—making it arguably the sunniest spot in Europe. During your Hvar Island tour, you'll discover its Venetian flavor. After lunch onboard, we'll set sail for Dubrovnik. Tonight's dinner will be onboard the ship. **B,L,D**

■ Day 8: Tuesday, March 5 (Dubrovnik)

Today we'll tour Dubrovnik, Croatia's crown jewel. Your tour today in this historic gem includes visits to the Rector's Palace, a Franciscan Monastery housing one of Europe's oldest pharmacies. Regarded today as one of the world's most exquisite walled cities, Dubrovnik's character reflects its storied past as an independent city-state that rivaled Venice. After lunch back aboard the ship, your afternoon is at leisure to explore Dubrovnik on your own. Tonight, discover the warmth of a Croatian welcome when you enjoy a Home-Hosted Dinner in a nearby village. **B,L,D**



■ **Day 9: Wednesday, March 6 (Dubrovnik • Kotor • Montenegro • Our Lady of the Rocks)**

Today we'll cruise to Croatia's southern neighbor, Montenegro, a small Mediterranean country at the foot of the Balkan mountain range. Our destination is Kotor, a picturesque walled city nestled at the head of Europe's deepest fjord. During our talk this morning, we'll learn the turbulent history of Kotor Bay. Then a walking tour will reveal the architectural splendor of this ancient Montenegrin city, recently declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We'll also visit the Maritime Museum, which highlights the long and proud sailing traditions of Kotor, including navigational tools and maps dating back to 1168. Following an onboard lunch, we'll depart for Perast. There we'll take small boats to visit the baroque Our Lady of the Rocks shrine on a man-made islet. The shrine contains 68 paintings by a local 17th-century artist, Tripo Kokolja, while its greatest treasure is the icon of Our Lady of the Rocks. **B,L,D**

■ **Day 10: Thursday, March 7 (Kotor • Cetinje Tour)**

This morning, we will tour Montenegro's cultural heart and one-time capital, Cetinje. Today, this tiny city, built in the 15th century, is home to the official residence of the President of Montenegro. Here, you'll enjoy a guided tour of the summer palace of Nikola I, Montenegro's only king, who ruled from 1860-1918. You'll also have free time to explore the cultural treasures of this ancient royal town, including the Monastery, with its fence made out of barrels of captured enemy rifles—and the National Museum of Montenegro. Rejoin your fellow travelers for lunch onboard, followed by an afternoon at sea as your ship sails toward the island of Korcula. **B,L,D**

■ **Day 11: Friday, March 8 (Korcula, Croatia)**

After breakfast you'll tour Korcula, the largest island in an archipelago of 48 and the site of a picturesque medieval town. Then call on the spot believed by many historians to have been Marco Polo's birthplace, where one stone wall of his original house remains. We'll return to your ship for lunch, and a discussion about Croatia Today. You'll have the afternoon to explore Korcula Island on your own or relax. This evening, enjoy an authentic Dalmatian Coast dinner onboard, followed by an exclusive Discovery Series demonstration of klapa singing, an informal tradition in which friends gather to sing in four-part harmony, and is perhaps the most definitive of all Croatian music forms. **B,L,D**

■ **Day 12: Saturday, March 9 (Korcula • Ploče • Bosnia • Herzegovina)**

After arriving in Ploče before breakfast, we'll disembark for an overland journey to Bosnia and Herzegovina, where you'll explore Mostar. The city is named for the watchtowers (mostars in Bosnian) of its historic bridge, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We'll stop for lunch at a local restaurant before returning to our ship. Later this afternoon we'll enjoy a Port Talk before a special Captain's farewell dinner this evening. **B,L,D**

■ **Day 13: Sunday, March 10 (Zadar)**

Today, say farewell to your ship's crew and travel over land to Opatija, a seaside resort nestled under the pine-covered slopes of Mount Ucka near Istria. During your journey, you'll stop for lunch at a local restaurant, arriving at the coastal resort town in the late afternoon. Opatija has been a popular all-season resort destination since the mid-19th century, when fashionable aristocrats from around Europe came here to rejuvenate. After dinner at your hotel, you'll have time to stroll along the Lungomare, a famous waterfront promenade that stretches for seven and a half miles along the Gulf of Kvarner, linking Opatija to the town of Lovran. **B,L,D**

■ **Day 14: Monday, March 11 (Opatija • Zagreb • Disembark ship)**

After a morning in Opatija with lunch on your own, journey overland to Zagreb, where you will toast to shared discoveries with your fellow travelers over a farewell drink. Then enjoy your final evening at leisure. **B**

■ **Day 15: Tuesday, March 12 (Zagreb • Return to U.S.)**

This morning, transfer to the airport for your flight home. **B**