

2014 Travel Adventures

Adriatic Crossroads: Part I, Italy

Archaeology, gastronomy, and more

FEEL the magic of Venice
ENJOY delectable food and wine
EXPERIENCE the best of the Adriatic Coast

June 25–July 5, 2014

The sea lanes of the Adriatic have been crossed and recrossed in every era—the Venetian Republic, the Byzantine Empire, centuries of Ottoman control in the east. Join us for an unforgettable exploration of this cultural crossroads. In Part I of this trip, we explore the Veneto and Friuli regions of Italy, from Ravenna to Venice. In Part II, we begin in the Trentino–Alto Adige region of northern Italy, then continue down the Dalmatian coast to Dubrovnik. (Sign up for either part, or combine the two trips.) Led by Dr. Don McGuire, a scholar of Mediterranean history, classical literature, and archaeology, we retrace the paths of the Crusaders and explore the many historical threads of the Adriatic tapestry. We'll also enjoy some of the finest scenery and hospitality in the Mediterranean.

Scholar

Dr. Don McGuire

EDUCATIONAL FOCUS

- Archaeology, art, and architecture—from ancient Rome to the Venetian Republic
- The complex, often contentious history of the Adriatic Coast
- Archaeology, modern politics, and urban planning: dynamic approaches to preservation

ITINERARY

Wednesday, June 25 Depart this evening from your chosen U.S. gateway city.

Thursday, June 26 Arrive at Venice airport and transfer to our hotel in Ravenna. After time to unpack and rest from the overnight flight, meet for introductions and an overview of the tour. Enjoy a cocktail reception and dinner. Overnight, Hotel Bisanzio, Ravenna. (D)

Friday, June 27 The glories of Byzantium: circa A.D. 400–600, Ravenna was the center of Western civilization. Highlights of the day: exquisite examples of Byzantine mosaics; the Basilica di San Vitale, National Museum of Antiquities, Mausoleum of Galla Placidia, Baptisteries, Tomb of Dante, Basilica di Sant’ Apollinare Nuovo, and Mausoleum of Theodoric. Free evening. Overnight, Ravenna. (B) [*lunch and dinner on your own*]

Saturday, June 28 Day trip: Cosmopolitan Bologna is known for its architecture, including numerous towers and porticos. A powerful and independent city-state during much of Italian history, Bologna was a center of banking and commerce. Our day includes a walking tour of the Basilica di San Petronio and the Sanctuary of Madonna di San Luca. Note: Bring your appetite. Bologna has a reputation for having the best food in Italy! Free evening in Ravenna. Overnight, Ravenna. (B) [*lunch and dinner on your own*]

Sunday, June 29 Day trip: Explore Padua! An ancient Roman stronghold and the academic pulse of the Venetian Republic, Padua is one of the most important medieval and Renaissance cities in Italy. Walk in the footsteps of Dante, Copernicus, and Galileo as we traverse the narrow, cobbled streets. Highlights: Giotto’s remarkable frescoes in the Scrovegni Chapel, the Palazzo della Ragione, and the great anatomy theater at the University of Padua. Continue on to Venice; dinner at our hotel on the Grand Canal. Overnight, Hotel Carlton, Venice. (B, D) [*lunch on your own*]

Monday, June 30 A full day in magical Venice! Caught between the Roman and Byzantine worlds, this city of canals established a unique heritage of art, architecture, and culture. A morning walking tour takes us to St. Mark’s Square, the Doge’s Palace, and the Peggy Guggenheim Collection of modern art. Free afternoon and evening to take in the sights at your leisure. Be sure to indulge in some *gelato*! Lunch and dinner on your own. Overnight, Venice. (B)

Tuesday, July 1 We spend the day island-hopping in the Venetian Lagoon. San Michele, Torcello, Burano, and Murano reflect the origins of Venice—a group of small islands in quiet, tidal waters. Free evening. Overnight, Venice. (B) [*lunch on your own*]

Wednesday, July 2 Northern Veneto: we visit the medieval market town of Treviso and tour San Nicolò, a Dominican church that contains magnificent Gothic frescoes. Our journey

continues on to the rolling plains of Friuli and the town of Udine, an important center for trade across the Alps. Afternoon walking tour. Overnight, Hotel Astoria Italia, Udine. (B, D) [*Lunch on your own*]

Thursday, July 3 Focus on archaeology: Ancient Aquileia's strategic location at the head of the Adriatic made it a bustling center for trade between the Mediterranean and central Europe. Most of Aquileia remains intact and unexcavated; it's the most complete early Roman city in the Mediterranean. Our excursion to Aquileia and Cividale del Friuli includes museums, archaeological excavations, and the Lombard temple. Return to Udine for a free evening. Overnight, Udine. (B) [*lunch and dinner on your own*]

Friday, July 4 Medieval architecture and culinary pleasures: We spend the day in the Friulian countryside, exploring hill towns, taking scenic back roads, enjoying excellent food and prestigious wines. Stops on the "castles and ham" route include the castles at Villalta and Arcano. Enjoy a group dinner at the end of the day. Overnight, Udine. (B, L, D)

Saturday, July 5 Morning transfer to Venice airport for return flights to the U.S. (B) Travelers continuing on the second part of this trip: see itinerary for Croatia (July 5–12).

Itinerary subject to change

INFORMATION

Tuition Tuition is per person and based on shared accommodations. Tuition includes accommodations, meals listed, entry fees and permits, most gratuities, and group transportation from arrival in Venice, Italy, on June 26, 2014, until departure from Venice on July 5, 2014 (or continuation on part 2 of this trip). International transportation to and from Venice is your responsibility. Airport departure taxes and visa fees not included. Program prices are based on current tariffs and currency exchange rates and are subject to change. Crow Canyon reserves the right to levy a surcharge, if necessary, prior to the final payment date.

International Air International flights are not included. When making travel arrangements, plan to arrive in Venice no later than on Thursday, June 26, 2014. If leaving Venice on Saturday, July 5, 2014, schedule departure for after.

Accommodations All nights are spent in comfortable hotels. Shared accommodations based on double occupancy. Single accommodations available for additional fee of \$1,000.

What to Expect Passengers traveling abroad require a passport valid for six months beyond their travel dates. All travelers are responsible to check if a visa is required for all countries on their itinerary. Travel is by deluxe coach. Access to some locations requires moderate walking and standing throughout the day.

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