

Stanford **TRAVEL/STUDY**

MONTENEGRO

May 16 to 24, 2022

Explore this Balkan gem with its unspoiled beaches, stunning national parks and Venetian architecture. Savor the flavors of the local cuisine at a country-style restaurant, then taste the country's wines during exclusive vineyard and wine-cellar tours. Take a private boat ride in the Bay of Kotor, a natural harbor on the Adriatic Sea that was an important artistic and commercial center in the Middle Ages, and stop by the legendary island, Our Lady of the Rocks. Conclude the trip with a day in the medieval town of Dubrovnik to wander the Old City's stone streets and marvel at the myriad Gothic, Renaissance and baroque churches, monasteries, palaces and fountains.

ITINERARY

Monday, May 16

Dubrovnik, Croatia / Tivat, Montenegro

Upon arrival in Dubrovnik, transfer to our hotel in the port town of Tivat, Montenegro. This evening gather with fellow travelers for a welcome reception and dinner at the hotel. REGENT PORTO MONTENEGRO (D)

Tuesday, May 17

Cetinje

Stroll in the former capital city of Cetinje, full of history and cultural treasures. Enjoy a private guided visit to the National Museum of Montenegro, which includes King Nikola's Palace. Delight in a lunch of local specialties at a country-style restaurant and listen to traditional music played on a stringed instrument known as a *gusle*. Go on a scenic drive back to Tivat with incredible views of the Montenegrin landscape and the Bay of Kotor. Dinner is served at a local restaurant. REGENT PORTO MONTENEGRO (B,L,D)

Wednesday, May 18

Bay of Kotor / Perast / Kotor

This morning embark on a private boat for an all-day outing on the Bay of Kotor. This natural harbor was an important artistic and commercial center in the Middle Ages and it continues to awe visitors today. First cruise to the man-made island of Our Lady of the Rocks and enter the church that has served as a sailors' shrine for centuries. Head across the bay to Perast for a guided tour of this small, idyllic village, followed by lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon resume our cruise to Kotor, the bay's namesake and a historic gem. Experience the walled old town, including the Square of Arms, Bizanti Palace, Beskuca Palace and Blessed Osanna Church. Hear an orthodox choir sing at Saint Nicholas Church and spend some free time before returning to Tivat by motor coach. Dinner this evening is on our own. REGENT PORTO MONTENEGRO (B,L)

Thursday, May 19

Podgorica / Lake Skadar

Today discover Podgorica, the current capital of Montenegro, on a panoramic tour. Known as Titograd from 1946 to 1992, when Montenegro was part of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Podgorica remains the nation's administrative, economic, cultural and educational center. Indulge in a tasting and

wine-paired lunch at one of Europe's biggest vineyards, which once housed a secret, underground, Yugoslav-era aircraft hangar. Journey to Lake Skadar, the largest on the Balkan Peninsula and home to numerous archaeological finds, medieval monasteries, fortresses and small fishing villages. Enjoy a boat cruise on the lake and learn about its ecosystem and history. Return to Tivat by motor coach. Dinner this evening is on our own. REGENT PORTO MONTENEGRO (B,L)

Friday, May 20

Tivat / Kotor

Browse the Maritime Heritage Museum in Tivat, located a short walk from our hotel. Exhibits include two submarines from the former Yugoslavia's navy. Lunch is on our own, and the rest of the afternoon is free for independent exploration in and around Tivat. This evening return to Kotor to experience the city at night, when the old town's picturesque squares and narrow streets come alive. Have dinner at a local restaurant. REGENT PORTO MONTENEGRO (B,D)

Saturday, May 21

Sveti Stefan / Budva

Travel south to the area of Budva on the Adriatic Coast. Our first stop is the Reževići monastery, where one can appreciate the remote location's quiet solitude. Savor the authentic specialties the monastery produces, including prosecco and brandy. Our next destination is the fortified island village of Sveti Stefan, one of the country's most photographed sites. Admire 15th-century stone villas connected to the mainland by a narrow causeway set against a backdrop of pink-sand beaches and turquoise waters. Finally arrive in the town of Budva and go on a guided walking tour of the old town with its historic churches, narrow lanes and charming squares. This evening dine at a local restaurant back in Tivat. REGENT PORTO MONTENEGRO (B,L,D)

Sunday, May 22

Dubrovnik, Croatia

Bid farewell to Montenegro and drive back across the border to Croatia. Enjoy a guided tour through Croatia's most famous medieval city, Dubrovnik, beginning at the monumental Pile Gate in the Old Town. Stop at the Franciscan Monastery with its famed cloister and stop at the site of one of the oldest pharmacy in Europe, opened in 1317. Roam Sponza Palace, notable for its colonnaded portico and elaborate stone carvings. Conclude with a visit to the city's cathedral, which was built on the site of a 7th-century basilica but then destroyed by the great earthquake of 1667 and rebuilt in the early 1700s. During our afternoon at leisure, you may choose to walk the Old City walls. HILTON IMPERIAL DUBROVNIK (B)

Monday, May 23

Dubrovnik

Devote this final day to an exploration of Dubrovnik and its environs on your own. Perhaps take a walk along the Old City walls (if you didn't yesterday) or venture farther out for a cable car ride above the city. This evening enjoy a farewell reception and dinner at the hotel. HILTON IMPERIAL DUBROVNIK (B,D)

Tuesday, May 24

Dubrovnik

After breakfast and checkout, transfer to the Dubrovnik airport for flights home. (B)

INFORMATION

Covid-19 and Travel

With travel requirements and local Covid-19 conditions changing weekly, travel protocols for specific destinations will be shared with confirmed travelers closer to departure. To read more about Travel/Study's approach to ensuring traveler health and safety, visit alumni.stanford.edu/get/page/covidtravel.

Size

This trip is limited to 36. Single accommodations are limited.

Cost*

\$7,095 per person, double occupancy

\$8,195 per person, single occupancy

*Stanford Alumni Association nonmembers add \$300 per person.

Included

- Educational program with lecture series and predeparture materials, including an education resource list and travel information
- 8 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations
- 8 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 5 dinners
- Welcome and farewell receptions
- Gratuities to guides and drivers for all group activities
- All tours and excursions as described in the itinerary
- Transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days
- On-tour quarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage
- General medical, accident and evacuation insurance
- Educational program with lecture series and predeparture materials, including an education resource list and travel information
- Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

Not Included

- Your personal flights to and from the program
- Passport and visa fees
- Immunization costs
- Meals and beverages other than those specified as included
- Independent and private transfers
- Nonquarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage
- Baggage insurance
- Excess-baggage charges
- Personal items such as internet access, telephone calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

Air Arrangements

You are responsible for booking and purchasing airfare to the start location and from the end location of the program. These air purchases are NOT included in the program cost. To assist you in making these

independent arrangements, we will send you details with your confirmation materials on when to arrive and depart.

What to Expect

This is a moderately active trip for travelers who are flexible, comfortable traveling with a group and able to handle the vagaries of travel with good humor. Navigating uneven terrain at archaeological sites, walking on cobblestone pavement, standing for as long as two hours at museums or other sites, and walking one to two miles at a time are the most strenuous activities. Significant climbing of stairs, sometimes without handrails, will also be required at some historic buildings, museums and castles. Many sites and buildings do not have elevators, and many do not allow buses to pull up in front, thus requiring a walk of several minutes to reach the entrance. Participants must be able to keep up with an active group of travelers. We welcome travelers 15 years of age or older on this program.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Eligibility

We encourage membership in the Stanford Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is \$300 more than the members' price. The nonmember fee is waived for anyone traveling as a paid guest of a current member, as well as for emerita or emeritus faculty and staff. To purchase a membership, call (650) 725-0692 or visit alumni.stanford.edu/goto/membership.

Deposit, Payments and Cancellations

A \$1,000-per-person deposit is required to reserve space. Final payment is due 120 days prior to program start. Deposits and any payments are refundable, less a \$500-per-person cancellation fee, until 120 days prior to program start. After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and we resell your place(s), in which case a \$1,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply.

Insurance

Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian residents with minimal medical, accident and evacuation coverage, as well as on-tour quarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage, under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. You may choose to subscribe to optional nonquarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage and/or baggage insurance. Information offering such insurance will be included in your confirmation materials. The product offered includes special benefits if you purchase your insurance within 14 days of receiving your welcome email.

Responsibility

The Stanford Alumni Association, Stanford University and our operators act only as agents for the passenger with respect to transportation and ship arrangements and exercise every care possible in doing so. However, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any automobile, motor coach, launch or any other conveyance used in carrying out this program or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the program. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, force majeure or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger as tour rates include arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve

the right to make such alterations to this published itinerary as may be deemed necessary. The right is reserved to cancel any program prior to departure in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the program. No refund will be made for an unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. Baggage is carried at the owner's risk entirely. It is understood that the ship's ticket, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and the cruise company. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their plane or conveyance. Neither the Stanford Alumni Association, Stanford University nor our operators accept liability for any carrier's cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in connection with the tour. Program price is based on rates in effect at the time the brochure is published and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign an Assumption of Risk.

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