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DUBROVNIK TO VENICE

Cruising the Adriatic
Aboard the *Emerald Sakara*

June 13–22, 2024

with Historian and Archaeologist Michael McCormick



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Left photo: St. Nicholas Fortress, Šibenik / Right photo: Korčula

Dubrovnik to Venice—Cruising the Adriatic Aboard the *Emerald Sakara*

Join fellow alumni and friends of HAA aboard the luxury 50-cabin yacht, *Emerald Sakara*, for a summer cruise along the spectacular Adriatic coast. Through the centuries, Romans, Byzantines, Venetians, Ottomans, and Austrians have vied for control of this strategic coastline dotted with over 1000 islands. In a region of the Adriatic well worth exploring for its natural beauty alone, visit spellbinding archeological sites, impressive cathedrals, dramatic palaces, and ancient city centers that illuminate the layered history of the Dalmatian Coast.

Engage with your expert Harvard study leader as you cruise along the Croatian coast from Dubrovnik to Venice, calling at Korčula, Split, Hvar, Šibenik, Zadar and Rovinj. After navigating the traditional route past St. Mark's Square in Venice and docking within walking distance of the Square at San Basilio, there will be an opportunity to participate in a post-trip extension in Venice.

Activity Level 3: 

A LITTLE MORE TO IT

This is a moderately strenuous program that is, at times, physically demanding and busy. Daily excursions involve up to one mile of walking at a time, often on uneven terrain. In some instances, elevators are unavailable, and stairs may not have handrails. Participants must be physically fit, active, and in good health. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by HAA or Criterion Travel, our tour operator; local staff; and host country laws.

Study Leader



Michael McCormick is an historian and archaeologist of the late Roman Empire and early medieval Europe. Born on the banks of the Erie Canal, McCormick received his PhD from the Université Catholique de Louvain in 1979 and served

on the faculty of the Department of History of Johns Hopkins University and as a research associate at Dumbarton's Oaks in his early academic career.

He came to Harvard in 1991, where he is presently the Francis Goelet Professor of Medieval History and chairs the new University-wide Initiative for the Science of the Human Past at Harvard (SoHP), an interdisciplinary research networks that brings together geneticists, archaeological scientists, climatologists, environmental, computer and information scientists, humanists and social scientists in order to explore great questions of human history from our origins in Africa to our migrations across the globe.

He has written numerous monographs and articles and has been awarded several fellowships. He is general editor of the Digital Atlas of Roman and Medieval Civilizations and its innovative free data distribution site. His current research interests focus on developing new archaeological, scientific, and textual approaches to the fall of the Roman Empire.



Right photo: Dubrovnik

Schedule by Day

THURSDAY—FRIDAY, JUNE 13-14

Home / Dubrovnik, Croatia

Depart home on an overnight flight to Dubrovnik, Croatia. Upon arrival on June 14, transfer to the seaside 5-star Hotel Dubrovnik Palace overlooking the Adriatic Sea. Gather in the evening for a welcome orientation and reception at the hotel.

Hotel Dubrovnik Palace (R)

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

Dubrovnik

Noted for its expansive walls and red tile rooftops, Dubrovnik is perhaps the most-visited destination on the Adriatic coast. Attend a morning lecture and explore the sites along the city's main street, the marble-clad Stradun, including Onofrio's Fountain, and the Franciscan Church and Monastery. Stroll Žudioska Ulica (Jewish Street), which features the baroque-style Dubrovnik Synagogue, Europe's second-oldest continuously functioning synagogue, and the Jewish Museum on location, which houses numerous religious artifacts, including ancient Torah scrolls brought

to Dubrovnik by its earliest Jewish residents. Explore the maze of alleyways and Renaissance-era architecture before an afternoon embarkation on the elegant *Emerald Sakara*.

Emerald Sakara (B,L,D,R)

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

Korčula

Cruise to Korčula Island for a walking tour of the fortified Old Town, where the 15th-century St. Mark's Cathedral dominates the small square. Present-day Korčula is rich in vineyards and olive groves, picturesque villages, a glorious old town, age-old religious ceremonies, folk music, and dance traditions. Wander the narrow, stepped streets and enjoy sampling wine made from the pošip grapes grown primarily on the island.

Emerald Sakara (B,L,D)

MONDAY, JUNE 17

Split

Visit Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace (UNESCO World Heritage Site), an ancient fortress-like complex spread along the Split waterfront, and marvel at one of the most imposing ancient Roman structures in existence. Meander the labyrinth of streets and alleyways to the historic Jewish neighborhood.

Emerald Sakara (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

Hvar

Cruise to lavender-scented Hvar Island, known as the "Queen of the Croatian Dalmatian islands." Stroll along the elegant main square of Hvar, with views of St. Stephen's Cathedral, distinguished by its tall, rectangular bell tower, and the 15th-century Franciscan Monastery, whose refectory contains a 1524 edition of Ptolemy's Atlas.

Emerald Sakara (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

Šibenik

Investigate two UNESCO World Heritage monuments in Šibenik: The Gothic and Renaissance styled St. James Cathedral and the oldest monument in town, St. Nicholas Fortress. Wander the Old Town's maze of medieval streets and admire the views of Šibenik Bay and neighboring Adriatic Islands.

Emerald Sakara (B,L,D)



Left photo: Roman Forum, Zadar / Right photo: Venice, Italy

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

Zadar

Discover the vibrant city of Zadar on a walking tour. The impressive city of Zadar boasts a rich history that dates as far back as the Neolithic era. The streets of the old town are paved with shining white marble, and the inviting waterfront is a magnet for art lovers. Just as in Roman times, the Roman Forum is the center of civic and religious life, with St. Donatus Church as the focal point.

Emerald Sakara (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

Rovinj / Pula

Take a morning excursion to Pula to explore its well-preserved Roman ruins, including the remarkable Pula Arena, one of the best-preserved Roman amphitheatres. Following lunch onboard *Emerald Sakara*, enjoy a free afternoon of exploring picturesque Rovinj Old Town, a collection of pastel pink and yellow buildings along narrow, car-free streets.

Emerald Sakara (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

Venice, Italy / Return to U.S.

Admire the breathtaking scenery of the Venetian coast as *Emerald Sakara* navigates the traditional route past St. Mark's Square in Venice. Disembark near San Basilio Square and transfer to the airport for flights home.

Emerald Sakara (B)

Optional Post-Tour Extension

JUNE 22-24, 2024

Two-Night Stay in the Heart of Venice

Experience the enchanting city of Venice. Spend two nights in the heart of Venice at the elegant Ca' di Dio Hotel, a palace that has been renovated with modern comforts while retaining the charm of traditional Venetian design. Relax and indulge in the serene atmosphere, enjoying the views of the canals and immersing yourself in the city's romantic ambiance. Morning and afternoon guided tours include St. Mark's Square, the island of Murano known for its exquisite glass and a romantic gondola ride.

We can also arrange accommodation at the legendary Hotel Cipriani, a truly exceptional and iconic luxury hotel that embodies the essence of elegance, charm, and unparalleled service. Situated on the picturesque island of Giudecca, Hotel Cipriani offers breathtaking views of the Venetian lagoon and historic landmarks. The hotel has a rich history and timeless allure with a sense of tradition and refined hospitality that is deeply ingrained in every aspect of the hotel. The Cipriani boasts an array of elegantly designed rooms and suites, each exuding opulence and sophistication.

Ca' di Dio Hotel or Hotel Cipriani (2B,D)

Further details and pricing will be sent to confirmed participants.

Emerald Sakara

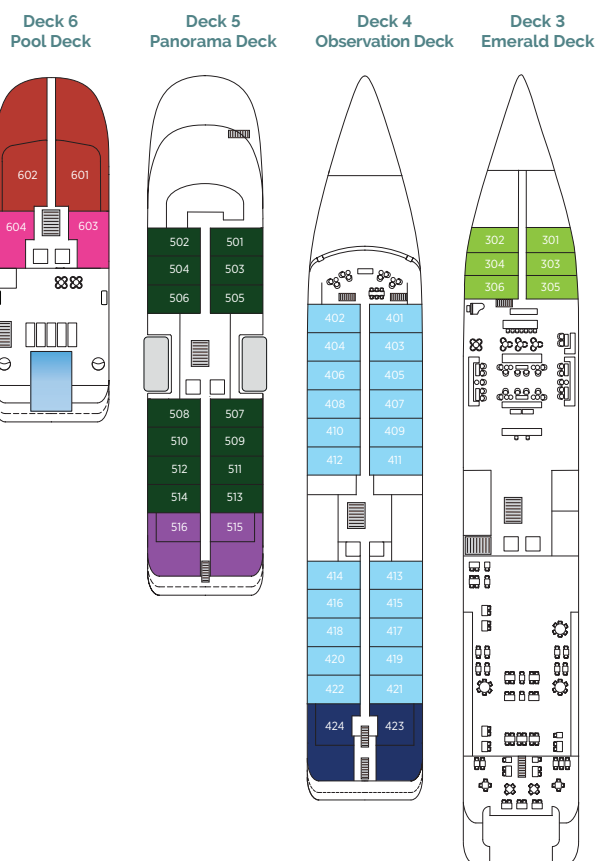
Cruise on the elegant Luxury Yacht *Emerald Sakara*, launched in 2023. A full 360 feet in length but with only 50 cabins, she has ample space and a relaxed atmosphere on board. The staterooms and suites are uniquely designed and offer views of spectacular scenery. Forty-four of the fifty cabins have step-on balconies. Dining onboard includes menus with fresh locally-sourced ingredients. With its panoramic observation lounge, navigation bridge, marina platform, multiple pools, and wellness area—along with several fine dining, bar, lounge, and cafe areas and even a gym, spa, sauna, and boutique—this state-of-the-art vessel offers grandeur and opulence. Perhaps best of all, Sakara can tie up next to the promenades with other superyachts, rather than being banished to the commercial cruise piers where larger ships must dock.



Rates

CATEGORY	DOUBLE
D OCEANVIEW STATEROOM 183–205 sq. ft., per person, sharing	\$7,990
B BALCONY SUITE 285–306 sq. ft., per person, sharing	\$9,990
A BALCONY SUITE 285–306 sq. ft., per person, sharing	\$10,490
S DELUXE BALCONY SUITE 382–404 sq. ft., per person, sharing	\$11,990
T TERRACE SUITE 648–670 sq. ft., per person, sharing	\$13,990
Y YACHT SUITE 700–721 sq. ft., per person, sharing	\$14,490
SA OWNER'S SUITE 1,163–1,193 sq. ft., per person, sharing	\$19,990

CATEGORY	SINGLE
D OCEANVIEW STATEROOM 183–205 sq. ft., per person, sharing	\$12,790
B BALCONY SUITE 285–306 sq. ft., per person, sharing	\$15,990



PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary, including one hotel night and seven nights aboard *Emerald Sakara* • Full program of briefings, lectures and presentations • Transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure dates • Baggage handling • Gratuities to porters, waitstaff, guides and drivers • Gratuities to shipboard personnel • Port charges • Entrance fees • Welcome and farewell wine receptions • House wine, beer, and soft drinks with group lunches and dinners and on board *Emerald Sakara* • Filtered water on motorcoaches • Professional tour manager throughout the program.

PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport/visa expenses • Medical expenses, immunizations, and Covid-19 testing if required at the time of travel • Private airport transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure dates • Travel and trip cancellation insurance • Excursions that deviate from the scheduled tour options • Airline baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted • Laundry or dry cleaning • Telephone, fax, Internet, and email charges • Room service • Other items of a personal nature.



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Left photo: Rovinj, Croatia
Bottom photo: St. James Cathedral in Šibenik



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