**Dear Yale Traveler**

The northern Mediterranean region is one of the great repositories of civilization and culture in the Western world. One could spend a lifetime exploring its many-layered history and contributions to nearly all walks of life from art and architecture to science, mathematics, and medicine. The 19th- and 20th-century politics in this part of the world offer an equally fascinating range of topics to consider, making this a program that is rich in educational content and opportunities for learning. I warmly invite you to join Yale on this cruise along the Dalmatian coast, calling in Italy, Croatia, Montenegro, Albania, and Greece, including a passage through the Corinth Canal.

**Our program departs** in the month of September when crowds thin and the weather turns milder, giving us a better chance to comfortably explore and enjoy our time at sea. Few cruising itineraries in this region feature such a diversity of cultural, political, and historical landscapes. We’ll depart from the iconic city of Venice and end in the ancient center of Athens. Our journey will take us to the former Yugoslavia including Split, the walled city of Dubrovnik, and the port city of Sarandë. We’ll marvel at the intermingling of Italian, Slavic, and Hellenic influences as we move along the coast, stopping at the beautiful Ionian island of Corfu. Traversing the Corinth Canal, a feat of 19th-century engineering, will call to mind ages of religious and mythical heritage from oracles and emperors to early Christian communities.

**Our study leader**, Professor Ivo Banac, brings a wealth of insight on contemporary Croatia as well as the region’s recent political history. Also joining us on board the exclusively chartered ship, Le Bougainville, will be travelers from Tulane, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and Smithsonian Journeys. This cruise is sure to be both enlightening and memorable, so I encourage you to reserve your place early by calling (203) 432-1952, emailing edtravel@yale.edu, or visiting www.yaleedtravel.org/aegean20.

Best wishes from Yale,

Lauren Summers
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**Highlights**

**Cruise** through the stunning Bay of Kotor, a fjord-like body of water framed by dramatic limestone massifs, and tour Kotor’s historic Old Town.

**Walk** in the footsteps of Roman emperor Diocletian in his UNESCO World Heritage-designated palace in Split, Croatia.

**Explore** sacred Delphi and its archaeological treasures and works of art, including the life-size, fifth-century B.C. bronze statue of the Charioteer of Delphi.
Ivo Banac

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His award-winning books are *The National Question in Yugoslavia: Origins, History, Politics* (1984, Wayne S. Vucinich Prize) and *With Stalin against Tito: Cominformist Splits in Yugoslav Communism* (1988, Strossmayer Prize). He served as the co-chair of the Open Society Institute (Croatia) and as the Director General of the Inter-University Centre, Dubrovnik. He was also minister of environmental protection and urban planning in the government of Croatia, a member of the Croatian parliament (Sabor), president of the Liberal Party, president of the Croatian Helsinki Committee for Human Rights, and editor of *East European Politics and Societies*. He is a corresponding member of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts (HAZU).

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**Upcoming Trips**

**Portugal and Northern Spain**  
May 17 to 27, 2020  
Prof. Steven Smith

**Midsummer Viking Voyage**  
June 5 to 18, 2020  
Prof. Paul Bracken

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June 21 to 29, 2020  
Prof. Maureen Long

**Waterways of Russia**  
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Prof. Harvey Goldblatt

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WELCOME PHONE CALL  
*Thursday, Sept. 4 (tentative)*
Join the group at 10AM Eastern for a pre-trip welcome call with Professor Banac in order to learn more about what to expect and to ask questions.

U.S./VENICE, ITALY  
*Thursday, September 17 and Friday, September 18*
Depart the U.S. for Venice. Upon arrival, embark the five-star *Le Bougainville* (1D)

SPLIT, CROATIA  
*Saturday, September 19*
The glory of Split resides in the way contemporary life seamlessly surrounds Roman Emperor Diocletian’s Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Visit the palace, including Diocletian’s mausoleum, converted to the Cathedral of St. Domnius (A.D. 305) and regarded as the world’s oldest Catholic cathedral, and the Temple of Jupiter, one of the best-preserved Roman temples, which now houses the cathedral’s baptistery.

Croatia’s most accomplished sculptor, Ivan Meštrović, became the first living artist to exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. Experience his unique vision in the Meštrović Gallery. Attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception on board the ship this evening. (B/L/R/D)

HVAR/KORČULA  
*Sunday, September 20*
Since the 4th century B.C., Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, and Venetians have left their mark on the island of Hvar. Tour the Old Town’s remarkably preserved landmarks within its 13th-century walls, including St. Stephen’s Cathedral and its four-story bell tower. Visit the museum in Hvar’s 350-year-old Benedictine Convent, which features exhibits of unique, handcrafted lace fashioned by nuns from agave and aloe thread, a delicate practice recognized as a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

Within the medieval walls of Korčula, you will find the Abbey Treasury, home to a priceless collection of medieval manuscripts and artwork. See masterful works by Tintoretto in the 15th-century, Gothic-Renaissance-style Cathedral of St. Mark. (B/L/D)

DUBROVNIK  
*Monday, September 21*
Affectionately called “the pearl of the Adriatic,” World Heritage-designated Dubrovnik is one of Europe’s most beautifully preserved walled cities. See Onofrio’s Fountains, a beloved city landmark, and visit the 15th-century Rector’s Palace, the fascinating Maritime Museum, and the Romanesque Franciscan Monastery’s gorgeous cloister and historic pharmacy, one of the oldest working pharmacies in Europe.

By special arrangement this evening, listen to local singers perform *klapa*, traditional a cappella folk music recognized as an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. (B/L/D)

KOTOR, MONTENEGRO  
*Tuesday, September 22*
The breathtaking, fjord-like Bay of Kotor winds deep into the mountains of Montenegro. Charming Kotor is a UNESCO World Heritage site for its rich cultural history, revealed in mosaic-tiled Roman villas, ornate Catholic churches, Venetian Baroque palaces, flamboyantly frescoed Orthodox monasteries, and impressive medieval fortifications. Visit St. Tryphon Cathedral, consecrated in 1166 and a masterpiece of Romanesque architecture with elegant Corinthian columns and remains of Byzantine-style frescoes.

This evening, meet and engage with local residents who will discuss daily life along the Adriatic during the specially arranged Coastal Life® Forum. (B/L/D)

SARANDË, ALBANIA, FOR BUTRINT/CORFU, GREECE  
*Wednesday, September 23*
After arriving in Sarandë, a short drive to 16th-century Lëkurësi Castle provides stunning panoramas of this port city, the gateway to Butrint. Hailed as “a microcosm of
Mediterranean history,” Butrint and its exceptional ruins trace 3,000 years of ancient civilizations, from the Greek and Roman to the Byzantine and Ottoman Empires. Public baths, a gymnasium, and an aqueduct built by Emperor Caesar Augustus offer glimpses of Butrint as a Roman port, while the intricately tiled baptistery depicts its ties to early Christianity. Enjoy a tour of this monumental site, including the Lion Gate, the Acropolis, the Byzantine basilica, and more.

Cruise to the Ionian island of Corfu, Homer’s “beautiful and rich land,” where a profusion of cultural influences are reflected in the Old Town’s harmonious ensemble of primarily neoclassical architecture, including the Greek Orthodox St. Spyridon Church nestled between two Venetian fortresses. Enjoy a walking tour of Corfu’s World Heritage-inscribed Old Town. See the 17th-century Town Hall—once a Venetian theater—and the Regency-style Palace of St. Michael and St. George.

This evening, enjoy the Captain’s Farewell Reception on board the ship. (B/L/R/D)

ITEA FOR DELPHI/ CORINTH CANAL Thursday, September 24 Delphi, considered the center of the Greek world in the 6th century B.C., is now a UNESCO World Heritage site. Ancient Greeks from all walks of life flocked to sacred Mt. Parnassus to consult the high priestess of the Temple of Apollo. Tour the magnificent Archaeological Museum, a treasure trove of ancient artifacts. Walk the Sacred Way to the Panhellenic sanctuary of Delphi, second only to the Athens Acropolis in importance. Stand at the marble Altar of the Chians, where the common and the mighty alike awaited the oracle’s pronouncements.

The Corinth Canal cuts through the Isthmus of Corinth and narrows to just 70 feet across—only small ships can make the passage. This evening, experience a transit through this legendary canal that was thought to be first proposed in the 7th century B.C. and not fully realized until 1893. (B/L/D)

PIRAEUS FOR ATHENS/U.S. Friday, September 25 Birthplace of democracy and home to many of great philosophers and historians—from Socrates to Herodotus—Athens is unmatched in its contributions to early Western civilization. Disembark the ship and continue to the Wonders of Ancient Athens Post-Program Option or transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B)

Included meals indicated each day as B/L/R/D = Breakfast/Lunch/Reception/Dinner.

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