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# A TASTE OF CROATIA

## AN EPICUREAN VOYAGE BY YACHT AND ON FOOT

A colorful blend of old Europe, Croatia's coastline reminds guests of an ancient, beautiful world. ROW Adventures boasts this epicurean voyage for small groups to explore the steep coastal mountains, golden strands of beach, and small islands towns all while anticipating each island or coastal area's local cuisine! As you sail along the shores, walk through historical paths and savor age-old wines, you'll find yourself asking, "Why haven't I visited Croatia before?"



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### AT A GLANCE

**DURATION** 9 days

**INTENSITY** Easy

**SEASON** June-September

**MINIMUM AGE** 12

**BEGINS IN** Split, Croatia

**ENDS IN** Dubrovnik, Croatia

**AIRPORT** Split or Dubrovnik, Croatia



### TRIP INCLUDES

Services of our talented adventure consultants and professional guides, all meals as indicated in itinerary, accommodations as indicated

### DOES NOT INCLUDE

Airfare, gratuities, alcoholic beverages, items of a personal nature, transfers to/from airports

# TRAVEL TO CROATIA

The Adriatic coast of Croatia, known as Dalmatia, is a colorful blend of old Europe, abruptly rising coastal mountains and golden strands of beach. The numerous islands and extensive coast beg to be explored by boat. Here are Renaissance villages hidden in idyllic coves and others that sit like beacons to wandering seafarers. The islands and coast have seen many conquerors, each of whom have left their architectural influences behind. The Illyrians, Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, Slavs and Venetians all left their mark. The island towns are replete with red-tiled roofs, narrow streets of white limestone, elegant carved balconies, windows and portals. Weaving this rich tapestry together is the warm Adriatic Sea, beloved among those of the Mediterranean. It sparkles with a rare clarity and, according to NASA astronauts, shows as the bluest sea in the world when viewed from space. The salty waters invite the body and soul for soothing swims.

Across the sea from Italy, influenced by years of Venetian and Ottoman occupation, Croatia is a land of dramatic limestone mountains of craggy beauty. Among the islands and captivating old cities, is some of the finest cuisine in the world. In Italy, they say that the fish and shellfish on the Croatian side of the Adriatic Sea are better, because the bottom is mainly rocky, unlike the Italian side, where it tends to be muddier. And as Rebecca West remarks in her historic and monumental travel book published in 1941, "Black Lamb and Grey Falcon," people in this part of the Balkan peninsula "cook lamb and suckling-pig as well as anywhere in the world," especially in the hills behind the coast, where sage, thyme and basil grow in lush, perfumed profusion. Tastes of Turkey also are evident in dishes such as like burek, a flaky pastry filled with cheese, delicious when fresh and hot and a remnant from the centuries of Ottoman occupation of the interior.

Croatian wine, once celebrated, is staging a comeback with small producers creating flavorful wines in a variety of styles. There is Posip, a crisp, chalky, flowery white made from the same grape as Hungary's furmint, and Plavac Mali, a dense, chewy red, full of pepper and blackberry notes, which is a cousin of California's zinfandel. There is the legendary Grk from the island of Korcula, Dingač and a fortified wine called prošek.

The atmosphere aboard is casual and some people may enjoy sleeping on the deck under the starlit sky. The captain and crew provide the best of service and prepare delicious, traditional meals from the finest ingredients. Meals are prepared from an array of fresh fruits, vegetables and meats as well as freshly caught seafood. All meals and drinks (excluding hard liquor) are served on the yacht and are included. One reason our guests enjoy these trips so much is that they offer many of the advantages of travel with a group without compromising any person's individuality. Along the way there is as much room for solitude as there is opportunity for creating lasting friendships. You'll find plenty of time to mix with the natives and enjoy a wonderful balance of structured and free time.

We invite you to wander with us on this sensational taste of Croatia!





“I can't think of anything that excites a greater sense of childlike wonder than to be in a country where you are ignorant of almost everything. To my mind, the greatest reward and luxury of travel is to be able to experience everyday things as if for the first time, to be in a position in which almost nothing is so familiar it is taken for granted.”

Bill Bryson

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 - Arrive in Split

**Activities:** Explore the city

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Arrive in the beautifully historic city of Split and check into your hotel. Depending on your arrival time, you may want to enjoy a stroll around the city and start to absorb the atmosphere of this amazing country. Overnight.

### Day 2 - Split; Board Yacht

**Activities:** Orientation meeting, walking tour, board yacht, welcome dinner

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In the morning, you are met by our guide for a brief orientation meeting, followed by a guided walking tour of Split including the beautifully preserved Palace of the Roman Emperor Diocletian that in the last few centuries has become a part of the city, with houses built within the ancient walls. The temple of Jupiter and Diocletian's mausoleum, which is now the cathedral, are two of numerous ancient monuments. Split is an active town with a colorful street market, friendly cafes and a traditional bayside promenade. About 2.00 PM we transfer to the yacht in the harbor for our first lunch and to get settled into our cabins. We may begin our journey to the Island of Brač or stay in Split harbor.

Tonight's dinner focuses on food from the mainland and you'll be introduced to a traditional Dalmatian pot roast known as pašticada (pahsh-tee-TSAH-dah) perhaps with a side of potato gnocchi and for dessert, a palačinke (pah-lah-CHEEN-keh, meaning 'pancakes'). B,L,D.

### Day 3 - Jelsa

**Activities:** Hike, cruise to quiet bays, seafood dinner, wine tasting

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Today, we travel from Split to Jelsa. We cross the channel to the island of Brač where the white limestone of the United States Whitehouse was quarried. Our first stop is the stone cutting school to see this rock up close and learn about the importance of this tradition in Croatia. We then continue to the small town of Pucisca with a stop along the way. We begin our first shore excursion, driving into the center of the island to visit a quaint and information museum of local history and culture. From there we continue to the highest point of the island for views over the Adriatic. We then start a hike of around three miles to visit a hidden monastery in the mountains, one of the trip's highlights. (In late 2011 the Monastery was closed to the public in order to do some restoration, we have no date for it re-opening yet. The hike is still spectacular). By late afternoon we meet the Romanca in a small bay, board and cruise to the lovely town of Vrboska. Or we may choose to anchor out in a quiet bay.

Tonight, our dinner focuses on fish. Perhaps a crni rižot (TSIR-nee REE-zhot), or 'black risotto'. Known in Italy as Risotto Nero di Sepie, black risotto uses the meat and ink of the cuttlefish, the latter of which lends the characteristic black color and silken texture to the broth. Fresh greens from a local farmer and a traditional dessert such as fresh figs sprinkled with lemon juice round out the meal. After dinner on the boat, we walk to the private home of Davor Osjak for a private wine tasting. Davor produces three different wines from the same grape and we enjoy good company and conversation as we learn about his wines and life. B,L,D.

#### **Day 4 - Vrboska to Starigrad**

**Activities:** Visit Vrboska, hike, see historic architecture

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In the morning we visit the village of Vrboska. Vrboska is a charming town with narrow streets, ancient churches and houses, situated at the head of narrow bays surrounded by lovely pine forests and vineyards. It also is the home of a fortified church which houses a magnificent collection of paintings, including some by the school of Titian. There is also a fun "Museum of the Sardine Fishermen" that tells the history of fishing from this town. Once upon a time, the Adriatic was a world producer of sardines, tuna and other fish. Starkist Tuna Company was started by Croatians who emigrated to San Pedro, California years ago.

After visiting the town, we offer a hike of about four miles on level ground, through fields, olive groves and vineyards, across a part of the island of Hvar. We meet the boat for lunch in Starigrad. Starigrad is the home of Petar Hektorovic, one of Croatia's most loved poets. We visit his 16th century home, uniquely built within a Turkish fort. There is also another excellent museum housed in a monastery and streets with small cafes. Enjoy a stroll amid Renaissance era architecture and narrow streets and perhaps see the so-called "Cyclopean walls" built of gigantic blocks of stone dating from the Illyrian Period. We will tie up at the wharf or perhaps move into the bay for more privacy and another Epicurean feast. Perhaps tonight we'll taste our first Prsut - a smoked ham that is home-cured in the bora, a dry winter wind that blows from the mountains through passes down to the sea. There are many local fish still found in the Adriatic and each night we'll be able to sample a different one. The names don't translate well, but the flavors are memorable. B,L,D.

#### **Day 5 - Hyar**

**Activities:** Cruise/drive, explore Hyar, hike

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The ancients considered Hvar one of the "Isles of the Blessed". Today we have a couple of options. One is simply enjoy a peaceful cruise around the island to the town of Hvar. For the more energetic, we offer a rugged hike of six to eight miles (depending how far we can drive) over a mountain range reaching about 2000' (500 meters) above sea level. The views are superb and from the summit we descend back to the inviting waters of the Adriatic.

Either way, we end up in the town of Hvar after lunch. Flower-filled gardens, palms, lemon and orange groves add a fragrance lovely enough to match the visual appeal of this sun-drenched island beauty. Visit the theatre of 1506, Benedictine Monastery, the town square and ancient stone houses. At the end of the main square is the 16th century cathedral with impressive Christian paintings of the Madonna. Or, hike to the 16th Century Venetian Citadel

for fabulous views over the town and sea. Depending on conditions we may tie up on the wharf, anchor in a quiet bay, or if weather permits, cruise to the island of Vis in the late afternoon. B,L,D.

#### **Day 6 - Vis; Bisevo; Komiza**

**Activities:** Sail to the town of Vis, explore various towns

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If we didn't make it to Vis yesterday, we'll try today. It is about a two-hour sail and we'll hope to make a swim stop en route. Our cruise may take us to the town of Vis, or direct to the beautiful blue grotto on the island Bisevo, just a few miles off Vis. On the island of Vis we'll stroll through the enchanting seaside town of Komiza and visit one of the two best wineries on the island. Tito set up headquarters for his Partisan operation during WWII on this wild and remote island and the island's history of war and occupation is fascinating. It was only opened to tourism in 1989 and is still off the beaten track. B,L,D.

#### **Day 7 - Vis to Korcula**

**Activities:** Explore historic architecture of the city

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More exploration of Vis and with cooperating weather, we begin the journey south to the island of Korcula. The town of Korcula is one of the most dramatic medieval walled towns of Europe. The stone palaces and churches are a magnificent display of architectural style ranging from 14th to 16th century and house excellent collections of religious art. Korcula lays claim to being the birthplace of Marco Polo and in September there is a reenactment of the famous battle between Genoa and Venice where he was taken captive, thrown in prison in Genoa and thereby wrote his now-famous travels. We are joined here by our Korculan friend and guide who shares his unique knowledge of the town's rich legacy. Here, or on Hvar, we sometimes hear local "Clappa" singers carrying on this beautiful tradition of accapella singing. B,L,D.

#### **Day 8 - Viganj; Orebic**

**Activities:** Hike to Orebic

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After breakfast we leave Korcula to walk the hills along the Peljesac Peninsula starting at the small village of Viganj and ending at Orebic. This hike covers about five miles and takes around three hours, walking through pines, pomegranates and enjoying sweeping views across the water to the island of Korcula. We visit a small maritime museum before returning to the yacht. We cruise north to our final anchorage for the night. B,L,D.

#### **Day 9 - Departure**

**Activities:** Eplore Peliesac Peninsula, oyster tasting, travel to Dubrovnik

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After breakfast we say an early farewell to the captain and crew and begin a fun day of exploration of the Peljesac Peninsula. We drive to Ston, a site of historic salt production and acres of oyster and mussel farms. We'll taste superbly fresh oysters and continue to Dubrovnik, arriving mid-afternoon. Here we will transfer you to a hotel of your choice and you are free to explore the beautiful old town of Dubrovnik. (After arrival in Dubrovnik we recommend an extra day and night to fully explore this Mediaeval walled-city, one of the finest in all of Europe.)

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## Guest Reviews

“Back aboard Romanca, our classic motor sailer elegantly appointed with stained hardwood and highly-polished brass, we sampled the gourmet harvest of both sea and land. That certainly included some of the finest Croatian wines, well acknowledged in many European countries, but an unexpected treat for guests from North America.

Our cruise manager, Vlado, was first off the ship to visit his favorite local produce markets, bakeries, butchers and fishing boats on every island. His credo was “everything fresh today” on what could easily have been billed as a gourmet dining cruise. Handing over his purchases to our 6-foot, 5-inch Croatian chef, barely able to stand upright in his tiny, shiny galley kitchen, the results were culinary magic all the way from Dubrovnik to Split.”

*Alison Gardner; Editor of  
“Travel with a Challenge” and  
ROW guest*





# SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL

ROW is dedicated to sustainable travel and adheres to the highest standards of stewardship for the environment and cultures in the areas where we operate. With superlative guides and artfully orchestrated itineraries, our goal is to connect people in a meaningful and personally relevant way to the places we visit. We work to inspire guests to become actively involved in, and advocates for, the preservation and conservation of the places they visit.

## Environmental Ethics

One of our core values is respecting the Earth. We practice this at all levels at ROW, from our office to our field operations. Our mission is to minimize our carbon footprint through wise energy use, recycling, reducing and reusing.

We minimize motorized travel on our adventures, preferring to see a small geographic area well rather than hustling through a large area. On our trips with motorized travel, we choose local operators with the most fuel efficient vehicles.

We observe wildlife in a sensitive manner, while enlightening our guests on the history of the plants and animals before us. Through education, we believe we can increase understanding and awareness of our world and its precious species.

We encourage environmentally friendly practices on the yacht, changing bedlinen only once on the trip, recycling where possible. We are working to educate the crew and encourage guests to consider the impact of everything they do - e.g. providing a central drinking water source for guests to fill personal water bottles rather than hand out individual plastic bottles every day.

## Economic Responsibility

In an effort to stimulate the local economies in which we visit, we source as many of our supplies and food as locally as possible. We source as many of our supplies and food as locally as is possible. We also employ a number of local guides, thus creating jobs in a number of regions of the world.

Because all of our international trips are small group adventures (12-16 guests), we are able to use local and independent hotels, restaurants, and transportations. Responsible travel requires innovation and dedication, and ROW applauds organizations that are working to help keep our wild places wild. ROW is actively involved with and financially supports a number of conservation groups.

We are proud that our Croatia yacht trips strive to conserve the environment and benefit the local economy of the towns and islands we visit along the Adriatic coast. We stay, where possible, in smaller locally owned hotels at the beginning of our trips. When onshore we eat in local restaurants. On the yacht we eat meals prepared from locally sourced ingredients. We charter Croatian owned and crewed yachts, employ local Croatian guides, and our trips offer an excellent opportunity for our guests to interact with locals, providing a strong cultural emphasis

# TRIP DETAILS

## Weather

Our trips are timed to enjoy the finest weather of the Dalmatian Coasts while also avoiding the throngs of European tourists that come to play in August. Average day-time temperatures will range from 64°-75°F in May to 70°-80°F in June and September. Sea temperatures are in the 60°s in May and rise as the sun heats up the water, reaching the mid 70°s in September. Evenings see moderate drops in temperature. Weather is of course variable and our packing list will help you prepare.

## Yacht Specifics

We travel aboard the Romanca, a 105' traditional Croatian made motor/sail vessel completed in July of 1998. She is one of the finest ships on the Adriatic coast, offering comfortable accommodations in double bed cabins, each with its own bathroom. You will find her to be spacious and elegant with large amounts of deck space, and beautifully fitted. Our guests have said of the Romanca, "The photos on your website do not do her justice. This is much more beautiful than we anticipated."

- 8 Double Bed Cabins / One with upper bunk
- All cabins with WC, Shower, hot water
- Large Salon / Living Area w/TV Stereo System
- Inside Dining
- Bar, Espresso machine
- Outside Dining on rear deck
- Large upper sun deck with chairs and pads
- Air Conditioning
- On-deck shower
- Teak decks
- Dinghy with outboard
- Wave Runner (extra charge applies if used)
- Year Built: 1998 Hull: Slavonian Oak
- Four Sails: 400 m2
- LOA: 115' Beam 25' Draught: 11'

- Water Tank: 22 tons Fuel Tank: 9 tons
- Engine: Caterpillar 570 HP Speed: 10 mph

## Currency

Guidelines for Gratuities- Tipping isn't mandatory, but it's common to round up the bill in a restaurant and a tip of 10% for good service will always be appreciated.

Cash Machines or ATM's- There are plenty of cash machines around the city. ATMs are readily available in all resorts, towns and cities in Croatia, in banks, supermarkets, airports and elsewhere.

As a foreign card is inserted into the machine, you will most likely be presented with a choice of languages - no need to navigate through Croatian-language menus! The exchange rate you'll receive will be fairly good, and there may only be a small service charge, which depends on your bank back home - you may want to check before traveling. Local banks may also charge an operating fee on top of this.

Money Exchange- The best option for exchanging money is a bank. The currency used in Croatia is the Kuna.

Credit Cards- Only the larger hotels and travel agencies accept credit cards, and in only a handful of establishments outside Tirana.

### Suggestions-

- Avoid carrying a lot of cash.
- Do not take your cash out in public (mostly in tourist areas).
- In case you need to carry a lot of cash, take it in different pockets or share pockets with your friends.
- If you need to make a payment of a high amount, avoid doing so in cash, use credit cards.

# Communication

Cell Phones- Contact your service provider for the best options for taking your cell phone overseas.

## Useful Numbers-

Country Code: +385

International Call Prefix: 00

Trunk Prefix: 0

xxx xxxx (within the 043 area)

0 43 xxx xxxx (within Croatia)

+385 43 xxx xxxx (outside Croatia)

## Emergency Numbers

Ambulance: 94

Fire: 93

Police: 92

Fax- Faxes can be sent from telecommunications offices located throughout the city. Also, most hotels provide fax services.

Internet- The easiest way to get online in Croatia is usually at a cybercafe. There are about a dozen in Zagreb, a half-dozen in Dubrovnik and at least one in every town along the coast and the major city of every island.

# Additional Information

Customs- It is not permitted to enter the country with plants, vegetables, fruits and perishable food.

Public Restrooms- If you are walking around the city when nature calls, you can go to any bar or restaurant (all are required by law to have restrooms).

Taxes- Tax on purchases is 20%.

## Other Recommendations-

-Do not have jewelry or valuables at easy reach.

-Do not expose your photo camera too much.

-Always have an ID with you.

-Have your bags and belongings in sight if traveling on a crowded subway or on busy streets.

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

## How to Sign Up:

Contact our office and we will be happy to sign you up. Early reservations are recommended as space is limited to 12-14 guests per departure. While it may be possible to join a trip on short notice, we recommend at least six to eight months in advance. To reserve a place please call our office and request an application. Once completed, a deposit of **\$500**/person. A second deposit of **\$500** is due 120 days prior to departure, and final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Upon receipt of your reservation, we will send you complete information about what to bring, a suggested reading list, and other pre-trip information.

## Single supplement:

All prices are based on cost per person sharing a triple or double room. The single supplement is 1.7 times the twin rate. For guests wishing to avoid a single supplement, we will match single travelers with same-sex roommate. If you prefer a single room, then you must pay the single supplement.

## Waiting lists:

If you wish to be waitlisted for a full trip, the normal deposit is required. If an opening occurs on the trip, you will be informed and automatically transferred to the trip roster if you wish to join the trip, subject to the normal cancellation policy should you accept the slot. Otherwise your deposit will be refunded in full.

## Insurance:

We strongly recommend that you protect yourself and your equipment through the purchase of a short-term travelers' insurance policy, covering baggage, accident/life and trip cancellation. Baggage is carried entirely at owner's risk, and ROW International accepts no responsibility whatsoever for loss, damage, or delayed property. ROW International assumes no liability regarding provisions of medical care. Participants should realize that hospital facilities for serious problems may be remote and evacuation prolonged and expensive. Participants are urged to check their medical coverage to be sure it is adequate. You may purchase reliable coverage through our office. You will receive a policy application along with your deposit. You should purchase cancellation insurance soon after signing up, as the policy will cover any deposits paid if you need to cancel for health reasons.

## Itineraries:

We do our best to follow the itinerary as published, yet the nature of this sort of adventure is such that each trip will be slightly different. Weather, National Park regulation changes, hotel availability, guest ability, fuel shortages, and other factors may require modifications. We always do our best to substitute equivalent destinations and activities. ROW will not be held responsible for any refunds whatsoever for changes to the printed or scheduled itinerary.

## Cancellations and Refunds:

Deposits are not refundable. There is a **\$500** cancellation fee for reservations cancelled outside of 90 days. Cancellations within 90 days are subject to full fare forfeiture. Please understand that once you have signed up for one of our adventures, we lose the right to sell your reserved space to other individuals or groups. Therefore we regret that we cannot make exceptions for personal emergencies. Cancellation dates are determined by the date of our receipt of written cancellation notice. ROW must normally make substantial payments to its suppliers far in advance of scheduled departures. If a trip is canceled due to force majeure (acts of God, war, labor strikes, flooding, earthquake, etc.), Remote Odysseys Worldwide Inc. dba ROW Adventures will promptly refund the portion of the trip cost not advanced to suppliers and use its best efforts to recover and refund the balance as promptly as possible. However, Remote Odysseys Worldwide, Inc. dba ROW Adventures does not guarantee recovery of any or all of the advance payments made, and our use of best efforts to recover these payments will not include the institution of any legal proceedings in foreign jurisdictions. Remote Odysseys Worldwide, Inc. dba ROW Adventures is not responsible for expenses incurred by trip members in preparing for a cancelled trip (e.g. visa fees, equipment, nonrefundable advance purchase air tickets, etc.) or for any additional arrangements should the trip member have embarked prior to the scheduled group departure date.

## Cancellations for Extensions:

There is a \$100 per person non-refundable cancellation fee for all extensions. Cancellations must be received no later than 60 days prior to departure to avoid additional penalties. Cancellations made 59-30 days prior to departure incur a cancellation fee of 50% of the total fare. Cancellations made 29 days prior to departure forfeit all fees paid. For groups of ten or more, cancellations must be received no

later than 120 days prior to departure. Cancellations made between 119-60 days have a service charge of \$100 per person.

## Transfers:

You may transfer your payment to another trip four (4) months or more prior to departure without penalty, based on availability. Within four (4) months you are subject to the applicable cancellation fees stated above. By direct permission, and on a limited basis, name changes on a reservation can be made at a fee of \$300.00 per person. This paragraph does not apply to private or special charters or groups of six or more traveling together.

## Canceled Trips:

Remote Odysseys Worldwide, Inc. dba ROW Adventures reserves the right to cancel any trip prior to departure for any reason whatsoever, including insufficient sign up or logistical problems which may impede trip operations. The refund of all land payments received shall release ROW International from any further liability. A trip cancellation due to insufficient sign up would occur no later than 30 days prior to departure.

## Health Requirements:

We ask all guests to complete and submit basic medical information prior to departure. Specific conditions may require additional medical documentation from your personal physician. If additional documentation is requested, ROW will require the documentation be received prior to trip departure. There may be certain conditions that require a specific level of fitness/mobility. In such instances, individual participation may be restricted by the captain, expedition leader or ship's doctor.

## Entry Requirements:

Visas are not required for citizens of the UK, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and most other Western countries. South Africans and all others need to apply for a visa in advance from an Albanian embassy, a list of which can be found at [www.mfa.gov.al](http://www.mfa.gov.al). Most foreigners need to pay an entry tax on arrival, which is €10 at the airport or €1 at land or sea borders. Payment in other major currencies is possible. There is no departure tax. Passports need to be valid for six months from the date of entry.

## Trip Member's Responsibility:

Trip members have the responsibility to choose a trip appropriate to

their abilities and interests. We are happy to discuss this with you. Trip members are held responsible for being in sufficient good health to undertake the trip and for preparing for the trip by studying the itinerary and pre-departure information sent by Remote Odysseys Worldwide, Inc. dba ROW Adventures. It is the passenger's responsibility to determine if a visa is necessary and that they have the necessary travel documents.

Limitation of Liability:

These paragraphs define our responsibility with respect to all our trips. Please read carefully. Payment of deposit represents an acceptance by the tour member of these terms and conditions.

Remote Odysseys Worldwide, Inc. an Idaho Corporation, and its owners, agents and employees (hereinafter referred to collectively as ROW Adventures) give notice that services provided in connection with its itineraries, including transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurants, and other services, are purchased from various independent suppliers who are not affiliated with ROW Adventures. Although it endeavors to choose the best suppliers possible, ROW Adventures has no right to control their operations and therefore makes these travel arrangements upon the express condition that ROW Adventures and its own agents and employees shall not be liable for any delay, expense, mishap, inconvenience, bodily injury or death to a person, or damage to property occasioned through the conduct or default of any company or individual engaged in providing these services. Each of these passenger conveyance companies, hotels, tour companies, restaurants, etc. is subject to the laws of the state or country where the service is provided.

ROW Adventures shall not be liable for bodily injury or property damage for any reason, including but not limited to acts of God, detention, annoyance, delays and expenses arising from quarantine, strikes, thefts, pilferage, force majeure, failure of any means of conveyance to arrive or depart as scheduled, civil disturbances, government restrictions or regulation, discrepancies or change in transit over which it has no control.

ROW Adventures reserves the right to substitute hotels and leaders and to alter the itinerary when deemed necessary or advisable.

ROW Adventures reserves the right to take photographic or film records of any of our trips and may use any such records for promotional and/or commercial purpose.

ROW Adventures reserves the right to decline to accept or restrain from further participation any person whose actions or deportment

impede trip operations or rights, welfare or enjoyment of other trip members. A refund based on cost of unused land services is the limit of ROW International's responsibility.

Please call if you have any questions or would like any references. 1-800-451-6031. 8am-5pm PST.

# WHY ROW IN CROATIA

Without people, places are just...well, places. The ROW difference begins and ends with people. For more than 30 years, Peter Grubb has carefully- crafted itineraries through first-hand experience.

2013 will be ROW's 21st year in Croatia! No other adventure travel company has the breadth or depth of experience in Croatia as do we at ROW. In 1988 and 1989, long before Croatia became the new darling of travelers, we were leading trips and learning her charms. We had to pause as Yugoslavia broke apart and the various Republics won their independence. We resumed operations in 1998 and have returned every year since, leading the way for others to follow. Croatia today is a peaceful country excited about its future and on the path to become a member of the EU. It has much to offer the traveler - the UNESCO World Heritage City of Dubrovnik, miles of beaches, isolated swimming coves, charming towns, a rich culture and friendly locals. With a Croatian guide, Croatian ship owner and crew, this trip gets you fully immersed into the local culture and history as no other can. Our primary ship, the Romanca, is in a class of its own and one of the finest on the Dalmatian Coast. 105' in length, made of solid Slavonian oak with teak decks, the crew is professional, friendly and gracious. Food aboard is excellent, carefully prepared and artfully presented by a talented Croatian chef.

ROW is driven by service and providing life-changing travel experiences. We handle the logistics so you can embrace each moment of your trip to the fullest. On ROW trips, you not only meet the locals – you're welcomed by them and are made to feel like one of their own. You truly become a part of the places you visit.

Through superlative guest service, experience, education, and certification, ROW strives to provide travel experiences that have a positive impact on our guests, our guides, and the people and places we visit. You can be certain that our staff and equipment is prepared to handle any emergency situation that may arise. ROW carries emergency satellite telephones on all trips, and each ROW guide is certified in basic emergency care. Many have advanced wilderness and safety credentials.

Our entire staff genuinely cares and is motivated by a love of travel, adventure, and nature. We are proud to be named the World's Best Tour Operator by Travel + Leisure Magazine readers and strive to continue to set the high watermark for adventure.

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