



THE LAURA & ALVIN SIEGAL
LIFELONG LEARNING
PROGRAM

September 25 to October 3, 2024

featuring faculty leader **Jenifer Neils**

The Elise B. Smith Professor in the Liberal Arts Emerita, Department of Classics

Adriatic & the Dalmatian Coast

VENICE TO ATHENS



The image shows the interior courtyard of the Rector's Palace in Dubrovnik, Croatia. The architecture is classical, featuring a series of large, ornate columns supporting a series of arches. In the center, there is a clock tower with a bell. The sky is visible through the arches, and the overall atmosphere is bright and historic.

ADRIATIC & THE DALMATIAN COAST

Cruise from picture-perfect Venice along the stunning Adriatic coast and through the Corinth Canal to Athens. Embark upon this unforgettable journey for seven nights aboard the five-star small ship, L'AUSTRAL. Visit four countries and five UNESCO Heritage Sites, exploring the influence of the Roman, Greek, Byzantine, Venetian, and Slavic civilizations. Relish access to stops at ports inaccessible to larger vessels, including Hvar, Korcula, and the Bay of Kotor. In Croatia, tour Split's Roman Diocletian's Palace. Be awed by Dubrovnik's beautifully restored, 15th century walled city. In Montenegro, marvel at Kotor's medieval fortifications and architecture. Explore Hvar's remarkably preserved landmarks within its 13th-century city walls; and see handcrafted lace meticulously made by Benedictine nuns. In Greece, stroll through Corfu's Old Town, rooted in the eighth century B.C., and witness the sacred ancient Greek site of Delphi. To further enrich your cultural experience, meet and engage with locals in an exclusive COASTAL LIFE® forum; and delight in a traditional, a cappella folk music performance of the *klapa*. Enhance your journey with Venice Pre-Program and the Athens Post-Program options.

Front cover: Aerial of Dubrovnik coast along Adriatic Sea. This page: Rector's Palace, Dubrovnik, Croatia



Kotor, Montenegro



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Dear CWRU Alumni and Friends:

The unspoiled coastlines and idyllic islands of the Adriatic, Aegean, and Ionian Seas are the crossroads of the Roman, Byzantine, and Venetian civilizations that flourished here for more than 3,000 years. Our exclusive itinerary reveals an extraordinary cultural legacy spanning four countries—Italy, Croatia, Montenegro, and Greece.

Begin your journey in Venice, where you will board the five-star, small ship L'AUSTRAL, featuring just 110 ocean-view suites and staterooms. Cruise along the Adriatic coast of the stunning region of Dalmatia and conclude in Athens, the cradle of Western civilization.

Call at ancient walled cities, medieval villages, sublime archaeological sites, picture-perfect islands, and stunning landscapes. Visit five UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including historical Split, with its fourth-century Palace of Diocletian; the seventh-century walled city of Dubrovnik; the elegant island capital of Corfu's Old Town; and the historic Delphi and its iconic Doric columns.

Discover the many hidden gems along the Dalmatian Coast as a panorama of daily life unfolds before you. Enjoy our private, specially arranged lectures and the COASTAL LIFE® forum, featuring local, personal perspectives. Reserve now while early booking savings are still available!

Sincerely,

Karen A. Laurence, Ph.D.
Director of Educational Programs & Faculty and Alumni Engagement
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Faculty Leader



Jenifer Neils is an internationally renowned classical archaeologist, curator of three international exhibitions, author of 15 books and 70 articles on Mediterranean culture, and teacher of ancient Greek and Roman art. She is the Elsie B. Smith Professor in the Liberal Arts Emerita in the Department of Classics, and she was the Ruth Coulter Heede Professor in Art History in the Department of Art History and Art which she chaired for 12 years. Prof. Neils was a member of the Case Western Reserve faculty for 37 years, and most recently, she was the director of the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, Greece. She has enjoyed leading trips around Greece, Italy, Turkey, and Egypt.

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Croatian *Klapa*

Klapa, a form of a cappella singing, translates to “a group of friends,” and began as a way of socializing, bringing people together, and passing down oral history. With origins in Dalmatia, Croatia, *klapa* music traces its roots to littoral church singing, with motifs celebrating love, life, homeland, and the environment in which the singers live. Multi-part singing, a cappella homophonic singing, oral tradition, and simple music making are its main features. Performed in a group of about 4 to 10 people, wearing traditional outfits accented with a red sash and standing in a tight semicircle, the leader takes the role of first tenor, followed by several tenor, baritone, and bass voices. The voices blend to create a beautiful, melodious performance. Although once reserved strictly for male singers, it is now common to see all-female or mixed groups singing *klapa*. Inscribed in 2012 as a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, *klapa* is regarded by local cultures as a marker of their musical identity, celebrating respect for diversity, creativity, and communication.



DISCOVER THE DALMATIAN COAST



The glorious Dalmatian Coast has a storied history that is entwined with the conquests of the Greeks and the Romans. The name “Dalmatia” appeared as early as the first century B.C., believed to have originated from an ancient Illyrian tribe known as *Delmatae*. The region fell under many rulers over the centuries and today is considered one of the most beautiful coastlines in the world. Its medieval cities and archaeological treasures have been infused with a cosmopolitan energy, inviting visitors to discover mysterious origins that span millennia. Among those enigmas is the tale of one of the earliest known depictions of a dog in an early 17th century painting found in a Dalmatia city—a breed the World Canine Association aptly designated as the Dalmatian.



INCLUDED FEATURES

- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if you purchased air through Gohagan & Company and your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
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9-DAY/7-NIGHT ITINERARY

Depart Home City

Day 1

Depart your home city.

Venice, Italy/Embark ship

Day 2

Arrive in Venice and transfer to San Basilio to embark L'AUSTRAL. (D)

Split, Croatia

Day 3

Take a panoramic drive through Split, and then visit the Mestrovic Gallery, home and gallery of Croatian sculptor, Ivan Mestrovic. Continue to the entrance to the nearly 2,000-year-old city center built around Roman emperor Diocletian's fourth-century palace compound, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Tour the palace, including Diocletian's mausoleum, converted to the Cathedral of Saint Domnius

(A.D. 305) and regarded as the world's oldest Catholic cathedral. Then, visit the Cathedral of St. Duje, the patron saint of Split; and the Temple of Jupiter, one of the best-preserved Roman temples. See two of the four principal Roman gates: Golden Gate and Silver Gate; and Peristyle Square. Attend the Captain's Welcome Reception on board this evening. (B,L,R,D)

Hvar/Korcula

Day 4

Since the fourth century B.C., Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, and Venetians have left their mark on the island of Hvar, a key center of the Croatian Renaissance. Tour the Old Town's remarkably preserved landmarks within its 13th-century walls, including St. Stephen's Cathedral and

its four-story bell tower. Then, visit the Benedictine Monastery to see handcrafted lace made by nuns from agave and aloe thread—recognized by UNESCO as an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. After lunch on board, arrive in picturesque Korcula to explore sites within its medieval walls, including the Abbey Treasury; the 15th-century, Gothic-Renaissance-style St. Mark's Cathedral, with paintings by Italian painter, Jacopo Tintoretto; and the house where Marco Polo is reputed to have been born. (B,L,D)

Dubrovnik

Day 5

Enjoy a guided walking tour of UNESCO-designated Dubrovnik to see Onofrio's Fountains, a beloved



Korcula, Croatia



Mestrovic's statue of Grgur Ninski in Split, Croatia



Diocletian's palace in Split, Croatia

city landmark. Visit the Romanesque Franciscan Monastery's gorgeous cloister and historical pharmacy; the 15th-century Rector's Palace; and the fascinating Maritime Museum. This evening, delight in a traditional a cappella folk music performance. (B,L,D)

Kotor, Montenegro

Day 6

Take a guided walking tour through the medieval narrow streets of Kotor, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its 16th-century Old Town fortifications. Then, visit the 12th-century Saint Tryphon Cathedral, a masterpiece of Romanesque architecture and one of the most recognizable symbols of the city. Then, this afternoon, enjoy an exclusive COASTAL LIFE® forum to engage

with locals who will discuss life along the Adriatic. (B,L,D)

Corfu/Kerkira, Greece

Day 7

The island of Corfu is renowned for its beauty, exceptional architecture, and cultural heritage. On a guided walking tour of UNESCO-designated Corfu, pass through the Old Town and historical center and see the Palace of Saint Michael and Saint George; the Venetian quarters of Campiello; the Town Hall, once a Venetian theater; and the Church of Saint Spyridon, patron saint of Corfu. Attend the Captain's Farewell Reception. (B,L,R,D)

Itea for Delphi/ Corinth Canal

Day 8

In the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Delphi, tour the

Archaeological Museum, and see the life-size, fifth-century B.C. bronze statue of the Charioteer of Delphi. Walk along the Sacred Way to the iconic sanctuary of Delphi and stand at the marble Altar of the Chians, where the ancient Greeks awaited the Oracle's pronouncements. Thrill to a once-in-a-lifetime cruise through the 70-foot wide, recently reopened, Corinth Canal, which was closed for two years after a 2021 landslide. (B,L,D)

Piraeus for Athens/ Disembark ship/ Return to Home City

Day 9

After breakfast, disembark the ship and transfer to the Athens Airport for your return flight home. (B)



St. Spyridon Church Corfu, Greece



Delphi, Greece



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2024 DEPARTURE DATE: September 25 to October 3 (Embarkation: September 26 at 4:00 pm)

Category	LAND/CRUISE RATES <i>per person, based on double occupancy, excluding taxes</i>	Early Booking Rate through Feb. 9, 2024	Rates after Feb. 9, 2024
5	Superior stateroom, large window featuring bathroom with shower. <i>Deck 3, Le Champollion. (limited availability)</i>	\$5,755	\$6,395
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Deluxe Suite	Expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony , tub/shower, sitting area with sofa. <i>Deck 6, Le France. (limited availability)</i>	\$9,535	\$10,595
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Prestige Suite I	Two rooms, expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony , two bathrooms: tub/shower and shower, large sitting area with sofa, two closets. <i>Deck 6, Le France. (limited availability)</i>	\$11,335	\$12,595
Owner's Suite	One bedroom, sitting room with sofa, table and four chairs, expansive sliding glass doors, larger private balcony , one and a half bathrooms, separate tub and shower. <i>Deck 6, Le France. (limited availability)</i>	\$14,035	\$15,595

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PRE-PROGRAM OPTION

Venice

September 23 to 26, 2024 (Tour Begins: September 24)

Beloved worldwide for its extraordinary beauty, Venice is one of Italy's premier cities for art and architecture. Tour the heart of this UNESCO World Heritage Site, including visits to the Doge's Palace and Basilica di San Marco, a flamboyant example of Byzantine architecture. Enjoy a traditional gondola ride, cruise the Grand Canal, and visit the charming archipelago of Burano, known for its skilled fishermen, polychrome houses, and intricate lace-making. Accommodations are for two nights in the ideally located HOTEL MONACO & GRAND CANAL.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: **\$1,395**

Price per person, based on single occupancy: **\$1,795**



POST-PROGRAM OPTION

Athens

October 3 to 5, 2024 (Tour Ends: October 5)

Experience a beautiful ancient city unmatched in its contributions to the foundations of the Western world—Athens, the birthplace of democracy. Explore the enduring grandeur of the Acropolis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the gracefully proportioned Parthenon—dedicated to the goddess Athena in 438 B.C. See the archaeological treasures of the Acropolis Museum and visit the Temple of Poseidon, perched high on a cliff overlooking the Saronic Gulf. Accommodations are for two nights in the centrally located, five-star HOTEL GRANDE BRETAGNE.

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