Voyage to Istria: Italy, Slovenia & Croatia
Italy: Venice • Slovenia: Piran • Croatia: Pula, Rovinj • Italy: Aquileia, Trieste

$4155
12 days from with international airfare from Albuquerque

$2995
11 days from Small Ship Cruise Tour only

ITINERARY OVERVIEW
NOVEMBER 19-NOVEMBER 30, 2017

Day 1 • Depart U.S.
Day 2-4 • Venice, Italy
Included Tour Venice
Optional Tour Gondola Discovery

Day 5 • Italy
Embark ship
Port Venice
Included Tour Torcello & Burano Islands

Day 6 • Slovenia
Port Piran
Included Tour Piran

Day 7-8 • Croatia
Ports Pula • Rovinj
Included Tours Pula • Rovinj

Day 9-11 • Italy
Ports Monfalcone • Trieste
Included Tours Aquileia • Risiera di San Sabba Concentration Camp • Trieste • Redipuglia World War I Memorial • Collio winery

Day 12 • Venice • Return to U.S.

IT’S INCLUDED
International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges, unless you choose to make your own air arrangements

Accommodations for 3 nights in at the Hotel Palazzo Giovanelli or similar and 7 nights aboard a private small ship with wireless Internet access

25 meals: 10 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 8 dinners—including 2 meals in local restaurants—plus all onboard house beer & wine, as well as soft drinks

10 included tours with personal headsets and 7 exclusive Discovery Series events—Italian With & Without Words lesson • Home-Hosted Dinner • Croatian language lesson • Croatia’s Past discussion • Croatia’s Present discussion • Olive oil tasting • Wine tasting

Local Program Directors, a Grand Circle Cruise Line exclusive: These dedicated experts are with you (and no more than 25 travelers) every step of the way to provide insider’s knowledge and the perspective that will enrich your experience

Gratuities for local guides and motorcoach drivers

All port charges

Baggage handling for 1 piece of luggage per person, including tips

5% Frequent Traveler Credit toward your next Grand Circle trip—an average of $204

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WHAT TO EXPECT

Pacing
- 11 days, with a 3-night hotel stay and 7 nights aboard the M/V Arethusa

Physical Requirements
- Walk 3-5 miles unassisted and participate in 6-8 hours of physical activities each day, including stairs
- Good agility, balance, and strength needed for boarding motorboats and possible rough seas
- Not accessible for travelers using wheelchairs or scooters
- Travelers using walkers, crutches, or other mobility aids will not be able to board the M/V Arethusa
- The Arethusa does not have an elevator onboard
- Program Directors reserve the right to modify participation or send travelers home if their limitations impact the group’s experience

Terrain & Transportation
- Uneven walking surfaces, including unpaved paths, hills, stairs, and cobblestones, which can be slick in wet or colder conditions
- Travel by 50-passenger small ship, 30-seat coach, 12-passenger motorboat, and 80- to 120-passenger public ferry

Climate
- Daytime temperatures range from 32-68°F during cruising season
- Winter weather can be unpredictable and change quickly within a short period of time
- You may encounter high water levels in Venice and sharp winds in the Adriatic

YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 Depart U.S.

DAY 2 Venice, Italy
You'll be met at the Venice airport and assisted to your hotel, a transfer that includes a motorboat ride. Relax and settle in before meeting with your Program Director and fellow travelers. If you began your explorations early with our optional Ravenna & Padua pre-trip extension, you will join the main group today.

Hotel Palazzo Giovanelli or similar

DAY 3 Venice
After breakfast, learn how best to communicate in Italian With & Without Words during an exclusive Discovery Series lesson, and then put those skills to the test during a walking tour of the "Floating City." After lunch on your own, continue your exploration in Venice's Jewish Ghetto. Or, enjoy an afternoon at leisure. Gather with your fellow travelers for tonight's Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant.
B,D—Hotel Palazzo Giovanelli or similar

DAY 4 Venice • Optional Gondola Discovery tour
The day—and city—is yours to discover today, with lunch and dinner on your own. Or, join our optional tour to learn from Venetian masters about how the craftsmanship involved with creating traditional gondolas and oars, an experience that includes your own musical gondola ride.
B—Hotel Palazzo Giovanelli or similar

DAY 5 Venice • Outer Islands • Embark ship
After breakfast, travel by boat to a pair of the Venetian Lagoon's outer islands. Begin in Torcello, the sixth-century hub of Venice, where the oldest mosaics in the region are visible in the Basilica of Santa Maria Assunta. Continue on to the brightly-hued houses of Burano, where you'll meet a few of the island's traditional lace-makers before an included island lunch.
Embark your small ship this afternoon and set sail for Slovenia this evening.
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DAY 6 Piran, Slovenia • Home-Hosted Dinner
Today, explore Piran, a proud Slovenian city known for its medieval architecture and lively arts community. In the city's main square, you'll see Piran's pride for native son Giuseppe Tartini, the Baroque violinist and composer who stands guard from a larger-than-life statue. Learn more about the composer of the Devil's Trill sonata during a visit to the Tartini Memorial Room. After lunch aboard your ship, the afternoon is yours. This evening, revel in the warm welcome of a Slovenian family during a Home-Hosted Dinner, a Discovery Series opportunity to enjoy homemade cuisine and gain insight into daily life in Piran.
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DAY 7 Pula, Croatia
Gain an introduction to Croatia during two Discovery Series events this morning: First, learn valuable phrases during an informational Croatian language lesson, and hear your Program Directors' candid insights into life.

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in the Balkans predating Yugoslavia’s communist era. Then embark on a walking tour of Pula, a medieval city perched on the southern tip of the Istrian Peninsula that has been a popular destination since the Roman era. Your discoveries will include an exploration of the Arena, one of the world’s largest remaining Roman amphitheaters.

Dinner is onboard this evening, followed by a shipboard performance of Croatian folk music and dancing.

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**DAY 8 Rovinj**

Continue to learn about Croatia’s complex history with today’s **Discovery Series** session, which spans the civil war era of the 1990s through Croatia joining the European Union. Then disembark to explore the seaside resort town of Rovinj, a popular getaway dating back to the Venetian Republic, that today maintains its vibrant seaside charm.

After returning to your ship for an onboard lunch, set off for a **Discovery Series** journey to Bale, a medieval village where olive oil is a point of regional pride and industry. Sample the local product during a visit to a family-owned olive press, and learn more about the product and industry before you return to the ship.

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**DAY 9 Monfalcone, Italy • Aquileia • Trieste**

Disembark this morning in Monfalcone, and travel inland to discover Aquileia, an ancient Roman river port that once served emperors and soldiers alike. Discover this UNESCO World Heritage Site on an included tour, and discover the incredible mosaics on display within its eleventh-century basilica.

Return to your ship before an onboard lunch. Your ship cruises to Trieste, Italy, this afternoon.

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**DAY 10 Trieste • Risiera di San Sabba**

Take a sobering look into World War II history as you visit Risiera di San Sabba, the rice factory–turned–concentration camp at which Nazis killed as many as 3,000 political prisoners, while tens of thousands of Jews were processed for transfer to Auschwitz. Continue on to discover Trieste, a crossroad for cultures and perennial gathering spot for artists and thinkers (James Joyce lived here for 15 years), during an included walking tour. Your afternoon is yours to discover the Viennese and Venetian influences on display in this dynamic city. Dinner is onboard this evening.

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**DAY 11 Trieste**

Steep yourself in World War I history today, with a visit to the Redipuglia World War I memorial. More than 110,000 are laid to rest at this memorial, which marks the eastern front lines for Italy’s WWI campaign against Austria-Hungary and Germany. Learn about the myriad battles waged here, including the Battle of Caporetto: Among the survivors was Ernest Hemingway, who later used the experience as inspiration for A Farewell to Arms.

Turn to the Strada del Vino (Wine Road) this afternoon, and follow it into the Collio region of Italy, where you’ll meet the owners of a family-run vineyard for an exclusive **Discovery Series** cellars tour and tasting. Continue the toasting this evening, during your onboard Captain’s Farewell Dinner.

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**DAY 12 Venice • Return to U.S.**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home or, join our post-trip extension to Verona & Lake Como.

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During our travels in the Mediterranean—including the Aegean, Adriatic, and French and Italian rivieras—you’ll be cruising aboard one of Grand Circle Cruise Line’s exclusive 50-passenger small ships. The M/V Athena, M/V Artemis, and M/V Arethusa were designed and built to carry just two groups of 25 Grand Circle Cruise Line travelers, each with its own expert, resident Program Director (a native or resident of the region you’re exploring). These ships are the perfect size to explore the islands and shores of the Mediterranean—and then slip into the smaller ports and harbors for the right, well away from the larger cruise ships.

Length: 193 ft.
Beam: 35 ft.
Draft: 10 ft.
Passenger Capacity: 50
Crew/Nationality: 21/International
Passenger Decks: 3
Number of cabins: 26
(24 doubles, 2 singles)

Grand Circle Group:
50 travelers, in 2 groups of 25 each with a Program Director (exclusive Grand Circle-owned ship)
Stairs, no elevator
Built: 2007

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Voyage to Istria: Italy, Slovenia & Croatia

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Save up to 10% with our exclusive Good Buy Plan
Here’s how you’ll save up to 10% based on a trip price of $5000

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Good Buy Plan savings is calculated based on total reservation cost.

Additional departure cities are available. Call for details.

Deposits: $500 per person.

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GOVERNMENT TAXES AND FEES: The following government taxes and fees are now included in your airfare price:
- Government and other authority taxes and fees: September 11th Security Fee of up to $2.50 USD applies per passenger, per flight segment (maximum charge per trip—$5.00 USD one-way, $10.00 USD round trip). A flight segment is defined as one takeoff and one landing.
- Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) of up to $18 per passenger.
- Federal Domestic Flight Segment Fee of up to $3.70 USD applies per passenger, per flight segment (defined as a takeoff and a landing).
- U.S. or International Departure and Arrival Charges of up to $200 USD may apply depending on itinerary. On select itineraries that include the purchase of a pre- and/or post-trip extension, U.S. or International departure and arrival charges of up to $300 USD may apply. Call for details. Standard Terms & Conditions can be found on the web at www.gcl.com.br.

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