The Association of Rice Alumni presents

PEARLS OF DALMATIA
With Dubrovnik & the Island of Hvar
September 19-October 3, 2016

15 days for $5,184 total price from Houston
($4,495 air & land inclusive plus $689 airline taxes and fees)

An Exclusive Small Group Tour for Alumni, Parents, and Friends of Rice University
Independent, democratic Croatia welcomes visitors eager to absorb its remarkable history and culture – and its beautiful and unspoiled Dalmatian coastline. As our small group travels from historic Zagreb and beautiful Lake Bled to the Habsburg resort of Opatija, the island of Hvar, and beloved Dubrovnik, we see why this cherished region lays such a claim on the hearts of all who visit.

Day 1: Depart U.S. for Zagreb, Croatia

Day 2: Arrive Zagreb After a connecting flight in Europe, we arrive in Zagreb and transfer to our hotel. Tonight we meet our fellow travelers and learn about the journey ahead as we gather for a briefing and welcome dinner. D

Day 3: Zagreb This morning’s tour of the Croatian capital by coach and on foot reveals a gracious city of culture and hospitality. We visit Mirogoj Park Cemetery, known for its arcades and sculpture; then continue through Old Town with a visit to St. Stephen’s Cathedral. After calling on the colorful Dolac open-air market, the remainder of the day is at leisure. Tonight we dine at a local restaurant. B,D

Day 4: Zagreb/Lake Bled, Slovenia/Ljubljana We travel northwest this morning to the town of Bled, whose namesake lake is the stuff of fairytales. Surrounded by the Julian Alps and deep forests, and with a medieval castle perched on its shore, the almost mile-wide lake ranks as a popular tourist destination. We tour the castle then enjoy a boat ride around the placid lake. Late this afternoon we depart for the Slovenian capital of Ljubljana, arriving in time for dinner at our hotel. B,D

Day 5: Ljubljana This morning’s walking tour reveals the charming heart of this friendly, mid-sized European capital with ornate façades, romantic bridges, a historic city center, and abundant parkland. Then the remainder of the day is free for independent exploration, perhaps to visit some of the city’s museums, galleries, or historic houses. B

Day 6: Ljubljana/Postojna/Opatija, Croatia En route to Opatija today, we stop to explore Postojna Cave, the almost 13-mile long karst cave system where an electric train takes us deeper than is possible in any other cave in the world. Then after free time here for lunch on our own, we
Day 7: Opatija/Istrian Peninsula Today’s tour of the Istrian Peninsula reveals the multicultural roots of this alluring spit of land jutting into the Adriatic. At various times a vassal of Venice, the first Austro-Hungarian Empire, Fascist Italy, the Yugoslav Federation, and finally, Croatia, Istra, as it is known, boasts an interesting history, mild Mediterranean climate, lovely scenery, and good wines. Our first stop is in the port of Pula, where we visit the well-preserved remains of a Roman amphitheater (c. 177 ce). Next is Rovinj, a charming old Venetian port where we are free to explore on our own and perhaps enjoy lunch at an outdoor café. After returning to Opatija late this afternoon, we dine together tonight at a local restaurant. B,D

Day 8: Opatija We explore the “Opatija Riviera” this morning, beginning here with a walking tour in the former Habsburg vacation retreat – and modern-day resort town – nestled between green forested hills and the cobalt Adriatic. Then we continue on to nearby Moscenicka, a former fishing village that now draws visitors to its tranquil port and beautiful pebble beaches. After lunch at a local restaurant, we return to Opatija where the remainder of the day is at leisure. B,L

Day 9: Opatija/Plitvice Lakes/Trogir We travel south this morning for an excursion to Plitvice Lakes National Park. Famed for its string of 16 turquoise-colored lakes connected by a series of waterfalls and cascades, separated by distinctive travertine deposits, and surrounded by dense forests, Plitvice counts as one of UNESCO’s first natural sites and Croatia’s largest national park. Late afternoon we depart for Trogir, arriving early this evening in time for dinner at our hotel. B,D

Day 10: Trogir/Split/Hvar This morning we travel to Split, the main city of the central Dalmatian Coast and home of 3rd-century Diocletian’s Palace. As we see on our guided tour, the palace, and eventually its ruins, formed the historic heart of picturesque Split. After time for lunch on our own, we board a ferry for the two-hour cruise to Hvar, “queen” of the Dalmatian islands. Upon arrival we travel by coach to lively Hvar town, where we spend the next two nights. We dine tonight at a local restaurant just a short walk from our hotel. B,D

Day 11: Hvar With captivating natural beauty and a strategic Adriatic location, Hvar has prospered since antiquity. We discover some of its

Your Tour Price Includes
• 3 nights’ accommodations at Hilton Imperial Hotel (Superior First Class)
• 3 meals: 3 breakfasts
• Transfer to airport

Post-Tour Extension
October 3-6, 2016
DUBROVNIK — ON YOUR OWN
4 days/3 nights for $495 total price
Single Supplement: $295

Enjoy more of this beloved city on your own, and at your own pace.
On Day 9 we visit Plitvice Lakes.

Day 12: Hvar/Dubrovnik  We continue our journey south today, leaving Hvar for the mainland then traveling along the scenic Dalmatian coast to popular and beloved Dubrovnik. After reaching our hotel late afternoon, this evening is at leisure for us to get our first look at this medieval gem.  B,L

Day 13: Dubrovnik  Today we discover the city whose ancient walls have withstood both time and tide for hundreds of years. We begin with a walking tour around the city walls, whose original ramparts and bastions date to the 12th and 13th centuries (Dubrovnik itself was founded in the 7th century). Then we continue through the Old City, paying a visit to the stately Baroque Cathedral (c. 1672). We also see the Treasury, whose gilded shelves and historic relics sit behind locked wooden doors; and the Franciscan monastery with a 14th-century pharmacy. We return to our hotel for an afternoon at leisure or for independent exploration.  B

Day 14: Dubrovnik  Today is free to explore on our own. From the medieval Old Town to the contemporary city with its Mediterranean accent, Dubrovnik offers discoveries aplenty. Then we enjoy a small group highlight as we set out late this afternoon for a farewell dinner with a local family whose home overlooks Dubrovnik. Our menu features produce from their garden, homemade olive oil, and local wine.  B,D

Day 15: Depart for U.S.  This morning we transfer to the airport for our return flights to the U.S.  B

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**Your Tour Price Includes**

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 13 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and First Class hotels
- 24 meals: 13 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 8 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

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**Tour Departs: September 19, 2016**

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Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of $689, which are subject to change until final payment is made. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Single travelers please add $995.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight:
- Business Class - $4,495 per person; Premium Economy - $895 per person (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

Upgrade costs are in addition to the costs above.

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking uphill and on uneven or cobblestone streets. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy this tour to the fullest.

For reservations and information, please call the Rice Alumni Traveling Owls at 713-34-TRIPS or fax your reservation to 713-348-5210.

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charms this morning, first with a walking tour of Venetian-tinged Hvar town then with a walking tour of nearby Stari Grad, one of Croatia’s oldest cities and where we also have time to wander on our own. We return to our hotel for lunch and an afternoon and evening at leisure.  B,L
Dear Rice alumni, parents, and friends,

Travel with us to the beautiful, unspoiled Dalmatian coast — an extraordinary realm of walled cities and Roman relics. Traveling in a small group of no more than 24 guests, we’ll savor many unique opportunities to discover the history and culture of this remarkable region.

Our 15-day journey begins in Croatia’s gracious capital, Zagreb, with visits to historic Old Town as well as the colorful Dolac open-air market and St. Stephen’s Cathedral. In Lake Bled, we enjoy a tranquil boat ride, and in Ljubljana we revel in romantic views of archetypal bridges and plentiful meadows. Then we continue to Opatija, “the jewel of the Adriatic,” where Habsburg royalty once vacationed. During the final stops on our Dalmatian adventure, we visit the beautiful island of Hvar, whose enticing medieval town is situated on one of the most beautiful islands along the Adriatic coast, and Dubrovnik, the world’s largest UNESCO conservation site. We tour the Old Town, with its distinctive medieval architecture, and enjoy our farewell dinner with a local family. An optional three-night extension in Dubrovnik allows you to explore the ancient city in more depth, at your own pace.

With space for only 24 Rice-affiliated guests in total, we expect this tour to fill quickly. Book today and secure your place on this fascinating journey!

Warm Regards,

Dan Stypa
Associate Director of Alumni Programs
Office of Alumni Relations

RICE UNIVERSITY RESERVATION FORM: PEARLS OF DALMATIA

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $______($500 per person) for ____ person/people on Pearls of Dalmatia departing September 19, 2016. I/we understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA or by personal check. Please make deposit check payable to Odyssey’s Unlimited, Inc., and send with completed registration form to: Rice Alumni Traveling Owls – MS 520, Rice University, P.O. Box 1892, Houston, TX 77251-1892. Or call the Rice Alumni Traveling Owls at 713-34-TRIPS or email travelingowls@rice.edu. You may also fax your reservation to 713-348-5210.

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Please book my/our air from ______________________________            I/we request a Business Class upgrade
I will share a room with ___________________________________     I request a single room (limited availability)
Post-Tour “Dubrovnik – On Your Own” Extension: Please sign me/us up

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for Pearls of Dalmatia, September 19-October 3, 2016, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) ________________________________________________________________ Date________________

Method of Payment  □ Check  □ American Express  □ Discover  □ MasterCard  □ VISA
Account # __________________________________ Security Code _________ Exp. Date _______________
Name of Cardholder ____________________________________________________________________________
Signature ______________________________________________________________________________________

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure and is payable by check or credit card.
Please read this information carefully, as payment of a $500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not included in tour price
Airfare when purchasing a Land Only tour package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; communication charges, gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities, $10-$15 per day, per traveler); optional sightseeing; travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline prior to departure.

Cancellations, refunds and changes
If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: Cancel 95 days or more before departure: $200 charge; Cancel 94-46 days before departure: 25% of tour price; Cancel 45-44 days before departure: 50% of tour price; Cancel 43-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; Cancel 29-0 days before departure: No refund. If a guest makes any changes to their reservation within 94 and 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a $100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure.

Upon making your reservation you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket’s reissue.

Responsibility
The liability of the Office of Alumni Relations and Rice University, assponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. The Office of Alumni Relations, Rice University, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchase transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurant, and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, their employees, agents, servants or representatives. The Office of Alumni Relations, Rice University, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise line, and other independent suppliers.

We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

Health and Medical Issues
We request that you be in good health to participate in this Odysseys Unlimited tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches on your own. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that our itineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, the Office of Alumni Relations, Rice University, and Odysseys Unlimited assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information
Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown and contracts with those airlines they feel provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. Please note that seat assignments on your international flight are usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited is unable to guarantee any seat assignments. Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and departure fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.