



presents its 20th annual arts & culture tour

“Adriatica”

*a leisurely tour of the lands at the top of the Adriatic Sea
escorted by historian Jacques Pauwels, PhD**

April 5 to 18, 2018

Tour Cost from Toronto

\$4595

(including all taxes and other surcharges)

Single Supplement \$675

Land only \$3545

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About Guelph Arts Council

Guelph Arts Council is a non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to the encouragement, stimulation and co-ordination of arts activities in the City of Guelph. Its programs and activities are supported through memberships; individual, business and corporate gifts; and government agencies.

<https://guelpharts.ca>

About Jacques Pauwels*

Born in Belgium but resident of Canada since 1969, Jacques Pauwels has a PhD in History from York University, and both an MA and PhD in Political Science from the University of Toronto. He has lectured at several Canadian universities, including Waterloo, Guelph and U of T, and is the author of numerous articles and books. With his many languages, and his love of food and wine, Jacques continues to be a most popular tour guide for Guelph Arts Council tours. His wealth of information on any subject is always in abundance for participants on his personally designed and executed tours around the world.

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Aquileia, the Roman Empire's metropolis on the Adriatic, on a 1493 German woodcut (illustration in the public domain, c/o Wikimedia Commons)

“ADRIATICA”

A leisurely tour of the lands at the top of the Adriatic Sea

Thursday, April 5, to Wednesday, April 18, 2018

A 14-day exploration of the three countries that converge on the northern shores of the Adriatic Sea: Croatia, with its beautiful Dalmatian Coast and fabulous Plitvice Lakes; Slovenia, featuring superb Alpine scenery; and Italy's historic seaport of Trieste, off-the-beaten-path province of Friuli, and ruins of the metropolis that was the terminus of Antiquity's legendary Amber Road, Aquileia, one of the numerous UNESCO World Heritage Sites visited on this trip. This tour is offered in collaboration with Guelph Arts Council and will again combine wonderful scenery with plenty of history and culture, plus, of course, excellent hotels and fine food and wines! It will be escorted by historian Jacques Pauwels, PhD, author of books such as 'Beneath the Dust of Time: A History of the Names of Peoples and Places' (London, 2009), who will lecture on the sometimes tragic but rich and exciting history of this part of Europe.

PROPOSED ITINERARY:

Day 1 - Thursday, April 5: Evening departure from Toronto to Munich with Lufthansa German Airlines. Dinner and a light breakfast will be served on board.

Day 2 - Friday, April 6: Early morning arrival in Frankfurt and connecting flight to **Zagreb**, arriving around noon. Here a private coach will be waiting to take us to **Plitvice National Park** (140km), considered to be one of Europe's most beautiful and interesting landscapes, featuring a rosary of sixteen lakes in the midst of a beautiful forest complex; this area has been a national park since 1949 and was designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1979, described as follows: "The waters flowing over the limestone have, over thousands of years, deposited travertine barriers, creating natural dams which in turn have created a series of beautiful lakes, caves, and waterfalls; the forests in the park are home to bears, wolves, and many rare bird species." (<http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/98>). Dinner and overnight in the 4-star Hotel Ethno Houses Plitvica Selo, situated near one of the entrances to the National Park (<http://www.ethnoplitvice.com>), or similar.

Day 3 - Saturday, April 7: A full day of relaxed sightseeing in the Plitvice National Park, including touring by coach and a boat tour, as well as some leisurely hiking, e.g. to view the waterfalls. Dinner again in our hotel.



< Scenery in the Plitvice Lakes National Park (photo by Tommie c/o Wikimedia Commons)

Day 4 - Sunday, April 8: Today we motor for a total distance of about 200km through Croatia's rugged interior, stretching along the Bosnian border, via towns such as Gracac and Knin, to the beautiful Dalmatian Coast. Our destination is picturesque **Sibenik**, the oldest Croatian town on the Adriatic Sea, ruled for many centuries by outsiders such as the Venetians and the Austrian-Hungarians. Dinner and overnight in a 4-star beachfront hotel a few miles away from the city centre, the Amadria Park Hotel Jure (www.solarishotelsresort.com/wh/hotel-jure-en).

The old town of Trogir (photo c/o Wikimedia Commons)



Day 5 - Monday, April 9: Morning tour of historic Sibenik and its fortresses, noble residences, monasteries, and churches. The absolute highlight is the late-medieval Cathedral of St James, a UNESCO World Heritage Site whose architecture and sculptures, a fusion of Gothic and Renaissance architecture and art, reflect influence from Northern Italy and as far away as Tuscany (<http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/963>). Time for lunch, individual exploring, and shopping before we return to our resort hotel to relax and or enjoy a walk along the beach – and/or a traditional glass of the famous local plum brandy (*šljivovica*) in the bar? - before dinner.



*Split in Dalmatia, jewel of Croatia's Adriatic coast
(photo by E.coli free of copyright c/o Wikimedia Commons)*

Day 6 - Tuesday, April 10: Full-day excursion to two nearby UNESCO World Heritage Sites. First, **Trogir**, a quaint coastal community with ancient Greek origins and plenty of medieval, Renaissance, and baroque buildings (<http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/810>). Second, the ancient city of **Split**, with its magnificent seafront and ruins of the palace of Roman Emperor Diocletian, built around 300AD (<http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/97>). Return to Sibenik - along the scenic coastal road . . . if time permits! - and dinner in the hotel.

Day 7 - Wednesday, April 11: Departure from Sibenik after breakfast. We motor through beautiful Adriatic coastal as well as inland scenery to the Italian border and to the city of **Trieste** (415 km), where we will stay, and enjoy dinner, in the centrally-located, historic Victoria, a first-class "literary hotel" that was once home to James Joyce and purports to honour this multicultural city's great literary tradition (<http://www.hotelvictoriatrieste.com/en>; on Joyce in Trieste, see www.museojoycetrieste.it/english/the-trieste-of-james-joyce). Trieste used to be a major "centre of literature, music, art, and culture" when, until the end of WW I, it was part of the Austrian-Hungarian Empire; today, the city is a delightful and fascinating fusion of Italian and Eastern European architecture and atmosphere, and a magnificent window on the Adriatic Sea.

Day 8 - Thursday, April 12: Morning sightseeing tour of Trieste, with sights such as the old town, the Austrian Quarter, the Roman Theatre, the Lighthouse of Victory, Miramare Castle, San Giusto Cathedral and Castle, and the Mercato Coperto Market Hall. The afternoon is free to explore the city on your own, shop, visit museums, etc. No group dinner this evening.

UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES VISITED ON THIS TOUR:

Croatia: Religious monuments in Porec (<http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/809>) - Plitvice Lakes (<http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/98>) - Cathedral of St James in Šibenik (<http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/963>) - Old Town of Trogir (<http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/810>) – Old town and Diocletian's Palae in Split (<http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/97>) - **Slovenia:** Škocjan Caves (<http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/390>)
Italy: Archaeological Area and the Patriarchal Basilica of Aquileia (<http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/825>)

Day 9 - Friday, April 13: Full-day tour of the nearby scenic **Pula Peninsula**, jutting out into the Adriatic Sea and belonging mostly to Croatia, featuring a magnificent coast and highlights such as **Poreč**, home to yet another UNESCO site, the 6th-century Euphrasian Basilica complex with its Byzantine mosaics (<http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/809>), and the ancient Greco-Roman town of **Pula**. Today, group lunch OR dinner.

Day 10 - Saturday, April 14: Sidetrip to the archaeological area and the Patriarchal Basilica of **Aquileia**, terminus of Antiquity's Amber Road, linking the Adriatic, and the Mediterranean Sea in general, to the Baltic Sea, one of the largest and wealthiest cities of the Roman Empire, destroyed by Attila in the 5th century, another UNESCO site (<http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/825>). We also visit **Udine**, the charming capital of Italy's Friuli Province, before returning to Trieste in late afternoon via an area where many battles were fought between Italian and Austrian troops in WW I. No group dinner this evening.



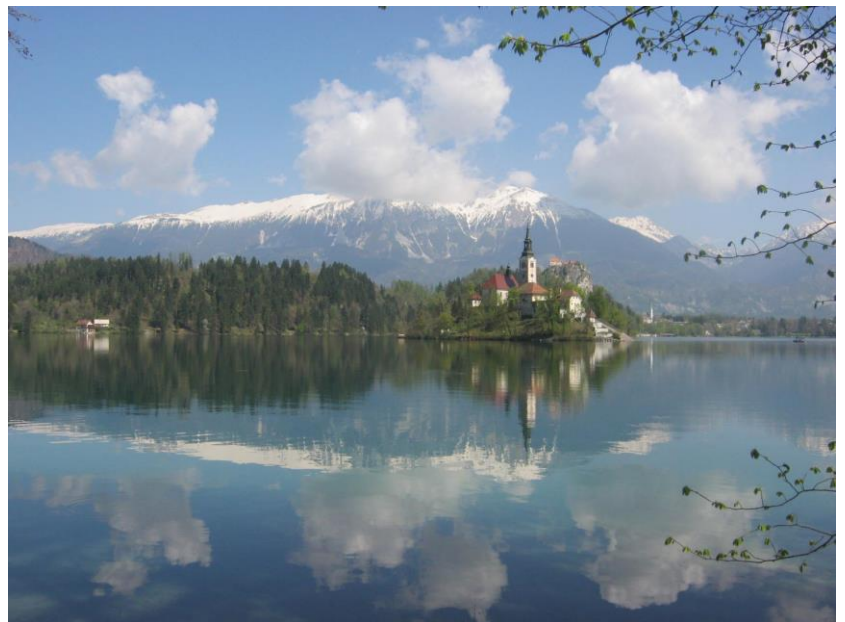
Trieste's glorious waterfront (photo By Twice25 & Rinina25 & Marku1988 c/o Wikimedia Commons)

Day 11 - Sunday, April 15: Departure from Trieste after breakfast. Today we will cover a distance of about 150km as we cross into Slovenia and ascend the limestone plateau known as the Karst (Carso in Italian). Visit to the **Škocjan Caves**, one of Slovenia's UNESCO sites, (<http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/390>). Then we continue to **Bled**, an exquisite resort in the Alps, nestled on the shores of a lake surrounded by towering mountain peaks. After a boat tour on the lake, we check into a first-class hotel, the Best Western Premier Hotel Lovec or similar (<http://www.lovechotel.com>). Dinner in the hotel.

Day 12 - Monday, April 16: Morning sightseeing tour of nearby **Ljubljana**, the Slovenian capital, with focus on the attractive old town; highlights will include the major squares with their fountains, statues, and imposing buildings such as city hall and the Slovenian Parliament, Triple Bridge and Dragon Bridge, the Open Market, and Ljubljana Castle, high on a hill with superb views of the city. Also some free time to shop and/or explore on your own, followed by return to Bled. Today, group lunch OR dinner featuring Slovenian specialties in a typical restaurant.

*Fabulous Lake Bled, surrounded by Alpine peaks
(photo by magicfluffdragon c/o Wikimedia Commons) >*

Day 13 - Tuesday, April 17: This morning we leave Bled, cross back into Croatia, and motor to **Zagreb** (200km), where we check into the first-class Hotel Dubrovnik, located on the main square (<https://hotel-dubrovnik.hr/?gclid=CMTW1qPpsNQCFYoQ0wodWnYAqw>). Afternoon sightseeing tour of the upper and lower towns of Croatia's capital, with sights such as the imposing Cathedral, St. Mark's Church, the Old Town Gate (now a shrine to the Virgin Mary), and Tito Square, followed by free time. Final group dinner in the fine restaurant of our hotel.



Day 14 – Wednesday, April 18: After breakfast, short transfer to Zagreb Airport and return flight to Toronto with Lufthansa, via Munich; departure from Zagreb around 1PM, and arrival in Toronto around 6PM.

Tour cost: \$4,595 from Toronto (including all taxes and other surcharges)
“Land only”: \$3,655 – Single room supplement: \$675

Included in the price are:

- Return flight from Toronto to Zagreb, with Lufthansa, *including* all applicable airport taxes/security fees/fuel surcharges;
- Overland transportation via private coach;
- Accommodation based on double occupancy in first-class/4-star hotels - the single room supplement is \$675;
- Daily breakfast, mostly buffet-style, and all but two dinners (or full lunches);
- All visits and sightseeing, including admission to museums and monuments, as shown in the itinerary;
- Gratuities for the coach driver and local guides.

Not included:

- Meals other than those shown above, and wine/beer/coffee etc. with dinners;
- All expenses of a personal nature;
- Travel Insurance is available, please call Pauwels Travel for rates.



The Adriatic Sea (map c/o Wikimedia Commons)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS:

Reservations should be made as early as possible. A deposit of \$750.00 is required at the time of registration. **Your reservation is confirmed upon receipt of your deposit and application form. No reservations will be accepted without a signed application form.**

REFUND OF UNUSED ARRANGEMENTS:

Because the rates of Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. are based on group participation, no refund can be made for any tour accommodation or tour service or tour feature not taken. If cancellation occurs while the tour is in progress, no refund can be made for the tour portion not taken. We strongly suggest that, to allow for any unexpected contingencies, you purchase the all-inclusive insurance.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Refund of deposit is made in full if cancellation is received in writing by Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. more than 90 days prior to the departure date of the tour less a \$500.00 non-refundable administrative fee per person. For cancellation received in writing 90 days prior or less the following cancellation charges apply:

90 days to 46 days before departure:	25% of tour cost
45 to 31 days before departure:	50% of tour cost
Within 30 days prior to departure:	100% of tour cost

RESPONSIBILITY:

Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. reserves the right, without notice, to withdraw any part or all of the tour. Factors such as airline schedule changes, hotel overbookings, inclement weather, etc. may necessitate changes in the itinerary as outlined. There may also be other circumstances in which changes become necessary or advisable. Any savings realized by these changes will be passed on to the passengers; any resultant expenses will be borne by the passengers. Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. acts only as an agent in securing hotel, transportation and other travel services, and in no event will be held responsible for the failure by any person or company to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. All hotel, transportation and other travel services are provided to tour members subject to all the terms and conditions under which they are offered to the public generally. The acceptance of the initial service to be provided under the tour will be considered an acceptance by the tour member of those conditions. Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. also reserves the right to decline, accept or retain any person as a member of the tour, in which case equitable refund will be made at the discretion of the tour operators.

AIR TRANSPORTATION:

Transatlantic economy flight by scheduled IATA carrier(s) is based on an economy class group fare. All fares are subject to specific rules and regulations, to changes and to government approval. Deviations from the group flights are possible but subject to higher rates. Pauwels Travel will research any request for date or routing changes at the time they are requested. Should any individual rate be less than the group fare plus airline and administrative fees, the lower rate will be offered to the tour participant. Individual airfares are subject to immediate ticketing, and the fare plus taxes must be paid (by the participant requesting the change) at the time the ticket is issued. Should the group airfare be the lowest available rate, an administrative fee of \$50.00 plus any airline charges will apply.

RESERVATION FORM for "Adriatica" Guelph Arts Council Tour April 5 to 18, 2018

Please complete and return this form + deposit + copy of passport* to: Guelph Arts Council Tour
c/o Pauwels Travel, 95 Dalhousie St., Brantford, ON N3T 2J1 tours@pauwelstravel.com

***A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT** (Information pages only – valid for 3 months from return date) **IS REQUIRED TO BE SENT ATTACHED TO YOUR RESERVATION FORM AT TIME OF REGISTRATION**

Passenger One: NAME as on Passport (Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ PROVINCE/STATE _____ POSTAL / ZIP CODE _____

TELEPHONE: Home: (_____) _____ Business: (_____) _____ Cell: (_____) _____

DATE OF BIRTH (Day, Month, Year) _____ NAME FOR YOUR NAMETAG _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Passenger Two: NAME as on Passport (Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ PROVINCE/STATE _____ POSTAL/ ZIP CODE _____

TELEPHONE: Home: (_____) _____ Business: (_____) _____ Cell: (_____) _____

DATE OF BIRTH (Day, Month, Year) _____ NAME FOR YOUR NAMETAG _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

SPECIAL REQUESTS: (Dietary, wheelchair assistance, twin beds, etc.) Please list here so we can attempt to assist you.
Please be advised that, because of Airline policies, individual seat selection is not always available on group fares.

PLEASE NOTE: If travelling alone, please indicate willingness to share accommodations: We will try to find a room-mate for those interested, but cannot guarantee success in doing so. YES NO SINGLE ROOM requested

I/We agree to the "terms and conditions" included in this mailing

I/We accept insurance as follows (for individual rates, call Pauwels Travel office at 1-800-380-3974):

All-inclusive Package _____ Non-Medical Package _____ Decline insurance _____

Signature(s) _____

PAYMENT

Deposit and insurance premium, if taken, are due with registration. You will be invoiced for an interim payment of \$1,000 followed later by an invoice for the balance due 45 days prior to departure.

Enclosed is my/our deposit of _____ (\$750 per person, PLUS insurance premium if taken).

Cheque (payable to *Pauwels Travel*) VISA MC AMEX Card # _____

Name on Card _____ Expiry Date _____ Security Code _____

Signature of Card Holder for authorization _____

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