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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

Tuesday, April 17, to Monday, April 30, 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 will feature wonderful scenery and excellent hotels, fine food and wines, and 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), and 'The Great Class War 1914-1918' (Toronto, 2016), who will lecture on the sometimes tragic but rich and exciting history of this part of Europe.*

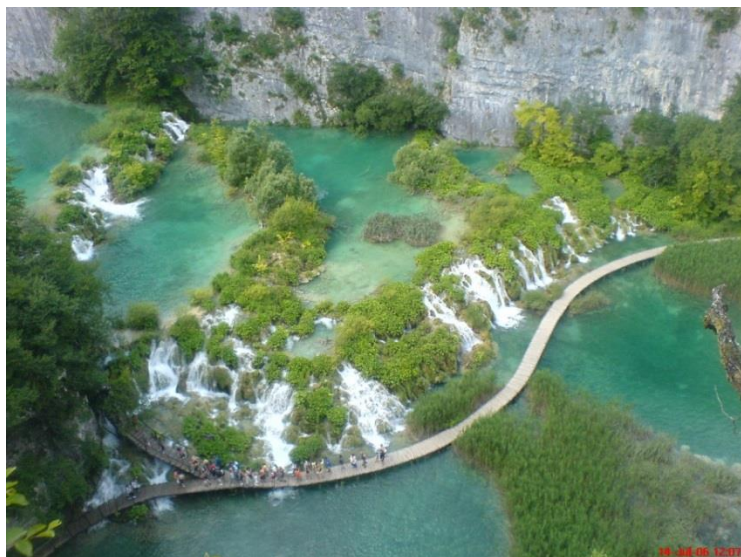
Tour cost: \$4,595 from Toronto (including all taxes and other surcharges)  
“Land only”: \$3,695 – Single room supplement: \$675

### PROPOSED ITINERARY:

Day 1 - Tuesday, April 17: Early evening departure from Toronto to **Munich** with Lufthansa Airlines. Dinner and a light breakfast will be served on board.

Day 2 - Wednesday, April 18: Morning arrival in Munich and connecting flight to **Zagreb**, arriving in late morning. 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>).

Day 3 - Thursday, April 19: 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 - Friday, April 20: 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 Austro-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](http://www.solarishotelsresort.com/wh/hotel-jure-en)).



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

Day 5 - Saturday, April 21: 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 - Sunday, April 22: 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 - Monday, April 23: 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 in the first-class Hotel Urban, featuring very modern interior design in a building dating back to the 18th century, but built on Roman ruins of the 1st century; the hotel is centrally located in the Old Town (*Cittavecchia*) and only a few hundred metres from the waterfront and beautiful Piazza Unità (<http://www.urbanhotel.it/en>). 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. Dinner in the hotel or in a typical ristorante.

Day 8 - Tuesday, April 24: 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 Palaeae 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 - Wednesday, April 25: 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 - Thursday, April 26: 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 - Friday, April 27: Departure from Trieste after breakfast. Today we will cover a distance of about 120km 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 **Ljubljana**, the Slovenian capital. Dinner and overnight in the centrally-located 4-star Hotel Lev (<http://www.union-hotels.eu/en/hotel-lev/about-hotel>).

Day 12 - Saturday, April 28: Morning sightseeing tour of nearby 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. Then we take a sidetrip to nearby **Bled**, an exquisite resort in the Alps, nestled on the shores of a lake surrounded by towering mountain peaks. After our visit and a boat tour on the lake, we return to Ljubljana. 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 - Sunday, April 29: This morning we leave Ljubljana, 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 – Monday, April 30: After breakfast, short transfer to Zagreb Airport and return flight to Toronto with Lufthansa, via Munich. Arrival in Toronto in the early evening.

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*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 our office for rates.



*Archaeological site of Aquileia (photo by  
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## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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### RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS:

Reservations should be made as early as possible to ensure the departure of your choice. 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 of 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. February 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 shall be borne by the passenger. Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. acts only as an agent in securing hotel, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall 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 shall be considered an acceptance by the tour member of those conditions. Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. also reserves the right to decline, to 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), 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 at the time the ticket is issued by the participant requesting the change. Should the group airfare be the lowest available rate, an administrative fee of \$50.00 plus any airline charges will apply.



APPLICATION FORM

Please book \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s) on the "Adriatica Tour" departing April 17 - 30, 2018.  
Enclosed is my/our deposit of \_\_\_\_\_ (\$750 per person, plus insurance premium if taken.)  
Please indicate with an X if you intend to travel on Group flight \_\_\_\_\_ or Land only \_\_\_\_\_.

Deposit and insurance premium, if taken, are due with registration. You will be invoiced for the balance approximately 45 days prior to departure.

WE REQUIRE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (INFORMATION PAGES ONLY) VALID 3 MONTHS AFTER TOUR DATE TO BE SENT WITH YOUR APPLICATION FORM.

Name as on Passport. Indicate the appropriate title before each name (Mr., Mrs., Miss, Dr., Ms.)

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

If applicable, give your commonly used first name as you would like it to appear on your name tag: (e.g. "Liz" for "Mary Elizabeth") \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (Residence) \_\_\_\_\_ (Business) \_\_\_\_\_ (Fax/Email) \_\_\_\_\_

If traveling alone, is a single room required: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_.

If sharing, what is your bed preference: twin \_\_\_\_\_ double \_\_\_\_\_.

SPECIAL REQUESTS: (Dietary, special physical needs, frequent flyer number, etc.) Please list here so we can do our best to assist you. Please be advised that due to airline policies, individual seat selection cannot be guaranteed.

Insurance - Please call the office for premiums then record on application form and add amount to deposit.

I/we would like to purchase (please check and record your rate):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

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All-inclusive Package \_\_\_\_\_ Non-medical Package \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

OR \_\_\_\_\_ Decline Insurance \_\_\_\_\_. (Please sign here if you decline the insurance).

PAYMENT:

Cheque payable to Pauwels Travel  Visa  Mastercard  American Express

Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*I/we agree to the terms and conditions attached to the program, have indicated our insurance choice, indicated any special requests and included payment\*\*.**

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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