Dubrovnik to Rome

ABOARD THE SEADREAM I

July 20 to 31, 2017
When I think of the Mediterranean Sea, I envision ancient vessels—Phoenician, Egyptian, Greek, Roman, Byzantine—sailing across vast stretches of cerulean waters seeking new lands or countries to conquer. Though the galleys, triremes and warships are long gone, we can still glimpse remnants of this long, rich maritime history as we travel aboard the intimate luxury yacht, SeaDream I, beginning at a walled fortress-city on the Adriatic that was a major maritime power from the 13th century on (Dubrovnik) and disembarking at a Roman harbor built by the Emperor Trajan in the 2nd century (Civitavecchia) before wrapping it all up in Rome. Join us and Dean Richard Saller on this epic sea voyage!

BRETT S. THOMPSON, ’83, DIRECTOR, STANFORD TRAVEL/STUDY

COVER: DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

Highlights

**REVEL** in the beauty of the Italian coast, and explore the glamorous towns of Amalfi and Ravello, perched on steep seaside cliffs.

**GAZE** upon the historic paintings and sculptures housed in Rome’s famous museums and cathedrals.

**SAIL** into Montenegro’s stunning Bay of Kotor on our small, sleek ship, the elegant SeaDream I.

**TROMP** up the side of Mount Etna, Europe’s largest active volcano, on Sicily, famously the ancient “Crossroads of the Mediterranean.”
**Itinerary**

**THURSDAY, JULY 20**
**DEPART U.S.**
Depart the U.S. on an overnight flight to Dubrovnik, Croatia.

**FRIDAY, JULY 21**
**DUBROVNIK, CROATIA**
Upon arrival, head to our hotel and gather with fellow travelers for a welcome reception. Hilton Dubrovnik

**SATURDAY, JULY 22**
**DUBROVNIK / EMBARKATION**
After a morning orientation and lecture, begin exploring Dubrovnik, the “Pearl of the Adriatic.” Visit the cathedral, housing one of the finest collections of gold and silver in Europe. See the impressive collection of Renaissance paintings within the walls of the Dominican monastery and church. The highlight of this collection is a work by the 16th-century Venetian painter, Titian, depicting St. Blaise, Dubrovnik’s patron saint. Later this afternoon, board the SeaDream I and set sail for Kotor. SEADREAM I (B,D)

**SUNDAY, JULY 23**
**KOTOR, MONTENEGRO**
Explore the picturesque medieval town of Kotor; visit the magnificent Cathedral of St. Triphun, one of the region’s oldest and most beautiful examples of Roman architecture. Consecrated in 1166, the cathedral houses remnants of remarkable frescos and Venetian artwork from the 14th century. Proceed to the 17th-century Grgurina Palace, which today houses the Naval Museum, a testament to the long maritime history of the town. Enjoy strolling through the narrow streets lined with medieval houses, palaces and churches. SEADREAM I (B,L,D)

**TUESDAY, JULY 25**
**AT SEA**
Enjoy a full day at leisure sailing on our luxury yacht and attending lectures. SEADREAM I (B,L,D)

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 26**
**TAORMINA, SICILY**
Disembark in Taormina, a famous town on Sicily’s eastern coast that offers stunning views of the cone of Mount Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe. Taormina is home to great restaurants, world-class artisans and shops, a nearby beach and an impressive Greek theater offering dramatic views of the Sicilian coastline. SEADREAM I (B,L,D)

**THURSDAY, JULY 27**
**AMALFI / RAVELLO**
Disembark in the town of Amalfi, a vestige of one of Italy’s four former great maritime republics, Pisa, Genoa, Venice and Amalfi. Today Amalfi is a fraction of its original size, but still home to spectacular historical and cultural structures, including its Romanesque cathedral and its famous Cloister of Paradise, built in the 13th century and filled with mosaics, paintings and 120 columns carved in the Arabic style. Return to our ship for lunch or enjoy lunch independently in town. This afternoon, visit Ravello, with its 12th-century Romanesque Duomo. Stroll through the Villa Rufolo, a spectacular Arabic-Moorish-influenced complex built in the second half of the 13th century. Return to our ship in the late afternoon. SEADREAM I (B,L,D)

**FRIDAY, JULY 28**
**CAPRI**
Relax onboard as we sail along the Amalfi coast, a landscape of towering cliffs, terraced hillside villages and expansive vistas overlooking the Mediterranean. Sail away from the mainland, arriving
on the nearby Island of Capri
for a day of exploring and
taking in stunning scenery.
Visit Anacapri with its historic
center and the Church of San
Michele, then take a chairlift
to the summit of Monte
Solaro, 1,700 feet above
sea level. From its peak, we
enjoy sweeping views of the
Faraglion rock formations,
the town of Capri and the
entire Gulf of Naples. Sail for
Rome in the late afternoon.

**SEADREAM I**
*B,l,D*

**SATURDAY, JULY 29**
**CIVITAVECCHIA /
DESEMBARKATION /
ROME**
Disembark and transfer to
Rome, just 90 minutes away.
Later this morning, enjoy
an overview of Rome on a
walking tour of the historic
center, which includes Piazza
Navona, the Pantheon and
the Trevi Fountain. After an
independent lunch, check
into our nearby hotel. This
afternoon, head to Vatican
City to visit St. Peter’s
Basilica. Within its walls
are the priceless works of
Renaissance and baroque
masters, including Raphael,
Michelangelo and Bernini.
Continue to the Vatican
Museums for a private, after-
hours tour that culminates in
a visit to the breathtaking
Sistine Chapel (pending
confirmation in January 2017).

**GRAND HOTEL DE LA MINERVE (B)**

**SUNDAY, JULY 30**
**ROME**
Our morning walking tour
focuses on the ancient city.
Walk to the Campidoglio,
once the site of Roman
temples and now a
beautiful piazza designed
by Michelangelo. Continue
to the Forum, the center of
Roman life for centuries.
Finally, visit the Colosseum,
emperor Vespasian’s grand
gift to the Roman people and
the ancient world’s largest
amphitheater with a capacity
of 50,000. Savor a bit of free
time this afternoon in the
Eternal City before our farewell
reception and dinner. **GRAND
HOTEL DE LA MINERVE (B,D)**

**MONDAY, JULY 31**
**ROME / U.S.**
Transfer to the airport for
return flights to the U.S. (B)
SeaDream I

One of the top small cruise ships in the world, the deluxe SeaDream I offers accommodations in 56 suites, each elegantly furnished and affording sea views. Staterooms feature a refrigerator, entertainment center, marble-appointed bathroom(s), robes and slippers, safe and individually controlled AC. Teak decks and luxury amenities reflect a passion for style, quality and casual perfection. Spacious public areas include a dining salon, topside restaurant, library, elegant lounge, fitness center, beauty salon, swimming pool, hot tub and retractable water sports platform for launching kayaks.

Program Cost*

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*Association nonmembers add $300 per person.
**Single accommodations may be limited.
***Based on first-come, first-served.
**Information**

**Dates**
July 20 to 31, 2017 (12 days)

**Size**
This program is limited to 31 participants. Single accommodations are extremely limited; please call for availability.

**Included**
- 3 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations (1 in Dubrovnik, 2 in Rome)
- 7-night cruise aboard the SeaDream I
- 10 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 8 dinners
- Welcome and farewell receptions
- Gratuities to guides, drivers and ship crew for all group activities
- All tours and shore excursions as described in the itinerary
- Transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days
- Port fees and embarkation taxes
- Minimal medical, accident and evacuation insurance
- Educational program with lecture series, pre-departure materials, including recommended reading list, a selected book, map and travel information
- Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

**Not Included**
- International and U.S. domestic airfare
- Passport and visa fees
- Immunization costs
- Meals and beverages other than those specified as included
- Independent and private transfers
- Trip-cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance
- Excess-baggage charges
- Personal items such as internet access, telephone and fax calls, laundry and gratuities for non-group services

**Air Arrangements**
International and U.S. domestic airfare is not included in the program cost. Round-trip, economy-class airfare on United Airlines from San Francisco to Dubrovnik, Croatia, and return from Rome, Italy, is approximately $1,900 as of September 2016 and is subject to change without notice.

**What to Expect**
We consider this to be a moderately strenuous program that is at times physically demanding and busy. Daily excursions involve one to three miles of walking, often on uneven terrain. Participants must be physically fit, active and in good health. We welcome travelers 15 years of age and older on this program.

**Deposit & Final Payment**
A $1,000-per-person deposit is required to hold space on this program. Sign up online at alumni.stanford.edu/trip?dubrovnik2017 or call the Travel/Study office at (650) 725-1093. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign a Release of Liability.

**Cancellations & Refunds**
Deposits and any payments are refundable, less a $500-per-person cancellation fee, until 120 days prior to departure. After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and your place(s) can be resold in which case a $1,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply.

**Insurance**
Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian citizens with minimal medical, accident and evacuation coverage under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. You may choose to subscribe to optional trip-cancellation and baggage insurance. Information offering such insurance will be provided to travelers with their welcome materials. The product offered in this brochure includes special benefits if you purchase your policy within 14 days of written confirmation of your participation on the trip.

**Eligibility**
We encourage membership in the Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is $300 more than the members’ price. A person traveling as a guest paid for by a current member will not be charged the nonmember fee. For more information or to purchase a membership, visit alumni.stanford.edu/goto/membership or call (650) 725-0692.

**Responsibility**
The Stanford Alumni Association, Stanford University and our operators act only as agents for the passenger with respect to transportation and ship arrangements and exercise every care possible in doing so. However, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any automobile, motorcoach, launch or any other conveyance used in carrying out this program or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the program. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, force majeure or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger as tour rates provide arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations to this published itinerary as may be deemed necessary. The right is reserved to cancel any program prior to departure in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the program. No refund will be made for an unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. Baggage is carried at the owner’s risk entirely. It is understood that the ship’s ticket, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and the cruise company. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time that passengers are not on board their plane or conveyance. Neither the Alumni Association, Stanford University nor our operators accept liability for any carrier’s cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in connection with the tour. Program price is based on rates in effect in September 2016 and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges.
Richard Saller has written numerous books and articles about Roman social, economic and cultural history. His research has focused on patronage relations, the family and the imperial economy. Whether conducting research or teaching in the classroom, Dean Saller strives to draw connections, asking himself, his students and fellow scholars to ponder how the past can illuminate the world today and into the future. When thinking about our trip across the Adriatic and Mediterranean, he says, “Our voyage will travel through the core of the Roman Empire, ending in the great capital city itself. As an undergraduate, I was seduced from an engineering major to Roman history by narratives of imperial conquest and decline and colorful stories of corrupt emperors. My recent research interest centers on human capital in the Roman world—that is, how the Romans educated and trained their children and slaves.”

— Vernon R. & Lysbeth Warren Anderson Dean of the School of Humanities and Sciences, since 2007, and Kleinheinz Family Professor of European Studies, since 2009; Stanford University
— Whitney J. Oates Fellow, Princeton University, 1993
— Professor, UC-Berkeley, 1984–2006
— Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, since 2005
— BA, Greek, and BA, history, 1974, University of Illinois
— PhD, classics, 1978, University of Cambridge

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A fantastic combination of intriguing history, stunning scenery, enriching lectures, shipboard comforts and congenial traveling companions made this the perfect vacation.

Karen Dee, ’83, Dalmatian Coast, 2013