

SLOVENIA & CROATIA

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MAY 26 – JUNE 7, 2020

Join host Lori Skelton and friends of Wisconsin Public Radio on a 12-day, custom, small group adventure to Slovenia and Croatia. Your journey begins in Zagreb, Croatia's lively capital, followed by elegant Ljubljana, capital of Slovenia. After these urban highlights, the journey continues to gorgeous Lake Bled, the Dalmatian coast and the ancient Roman city of Split, from where we board the first class MV Black Swan yacht. Privately chartered just for guests of WPR, this is small ship cruising at its best! Sail through the sunny Dalmatian Islands and spend a full day discovering the walled city of Dubrovnik. Open-air markets, ancient seaside towns, Roman ruins, the Julian Alps, Venetian palaces, wine tastings and garden visits await your arrival. Space is limited on this deluxe, small yacht expedition.

YOUR JOURNEY TO SLOVENIA & CROATIA

1 Night Zagreb, Croatia

2 Nights Ljubljana, Slovenia

7 Nights aboard the privately chartered, deluxe MV Black Swan yacht

1 Night Zagreb, Croatia

HIGHLIGHTS

The UNESCO World Heritage site of medieval Dubrovnik ✨ Stunning Lake Bled in Slovenia ✨ The ancient Roman palace of Split ✨ Cruising the islands of Croatia on board the luxurious MV Black Swan ✨ Excursions to wineries and farms ✨ Seaside dining ✨ Plitvice Lakes National Park ✨ Traveling with friends ✨ Pre-cruise nights in lively Zagreb and charming Ljubljana





Lake Bled, Slovenia

IT'S INCLUDED

- * With Wisconsin Public Radio host Lori Skelton
- * Guided by an Earthbound Expeditions program director
- * Pre and post cruise nights in charming Zagreb
- * Two pre-cruise days exploring Slovenia
- * Seven nights cruising on board MV Black Swan – a luxurious yacht, built 2018
- * Transport by private coach
- * All breakfasts plus 12 multi-course traditional meals
- * All shore excursions with knowledgeable local guides
- * All gratuities for your Earthbound Expeditions guide and drivers
- * Alumni discounts applied towards future adventures
- * A donation made to the CarbonFund to help offset our carbon footprint

NOT INCLUDED International Airline tickets, airline luggage fees, any meals not mentioned, room/mini-bar service, gratuities for hotel staff or ship crew, travel insurance, items of a personal nature and anything not listed in the “Included in your Journey” section above.

TRIP FACTS

13 Days / 12 Nights *(when including group flight option)*

Depart the USA by May 26, 2020

Trip begins: May 27, 2020 in Zagreb, Croatia

Trip ends: June 7 in Zagreb, Croatia (after breakfast)

Pricing: See last page for ship layout and pricing details



\$1,395 Lufthansa Airlines Option: Includes all taxes, and airport transfers while in Europe



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Lake Bled, Slovenia

YOUR WPR ADVENTURE TO BEGINS ...

DAY 0: Tuesday, May 26 - Depart the USA for Zagreb, Croatia
Depart the USA for Croatia no later than May 26.

DAY 1: Wednesday, May 27 - Arrive in Zagreb, Croatia
Welcome to Zagreb, Croatia! After arrival you'll have time to freshen up before meeting your host and fellow travelers for a light walking tour of the old town followed by a welcome dinner and orientation. *Sleep in Zagreb (D)*

DAY 2: Thursday, May 28 - West to Ljubljana, Slovenia
This morning we are off to Ljubljana, Slovenia's quaint capital. Soak in the historic sites on a guided walk through the old town before enjoying an included traditional Slovene lunch. Take time to browse the canal lined cobblestone streets or relax in a local café this evening. *Sleep in Ljubljana (B, D)*

Day 3: Friday, May 29 - Villages, Castles and Vintgar Gorge
Breathe the sub-alpine air and luxuriate in the gorgeous surroundings! You're at the foot of the towering Julian Alps where Lake Bled offers up stunning scenery and a perfect location to explore the mountains, lakes and meadows of this magnificent region.

Today's agenda includes an easy two mile walk to Vintgar Gorge. There you'll walk on a flat trail and suspension bridges above a rushing river and powerful cascading waterfalls. Then, we are off to the little island on Lake Bled. The small church on the island dates back to the 10th century, but the present building was built in the 17th century. According to local tradition, a husband who can carry his newly married bride the 99 steps up from the dock into the church will be ensured a happy marriage, and ringing the bell in the church will make your dreams come true. The way to reach the island is by a special boat called a *pletna*. *Sleep in Ljubljana (B, L)*



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DAY 4: Saturday, May 30 - The UNESCO Roman city of Split

Our expedition continues south to Split. As a UNESCO World Heritage site, Split has an abundance of Roman architecture including the magnificent Diocletian Palace, once inhabited by the Roman emperor. Enjoy a guided tour of the city. After the tour of Split, we board our private yacht, the MV Black Swan for a welcome cocktail followed by dinner. *Sleep on board near Split (B, D)*

DAY 5: Sunday, May 31 - Split to Korcula, Home of Marco Polo

This morning we depart Split and continue our cruise towards the Island of Korcula, best known as the birthplace of Marco Polo. We'll stop for lunch in one of the secluded bays en route to Korcula. Upon arrival we'll have a guided walking tour of this enchanting town with fortified walls and unique herringbone patterned streets. Korcula also has an abundance of restaurants where you can opt for a gourmet or casual dinner experience. There are many bars and clubs for those looking for evening entertainment.

Sleep on board near Korcula (B, L)

DAY 6: Monday, June 1 - Korcula to Mljet to Dubrovnik

Today we cruise farther south to the island of Mljet. We'll visit the salt lakes in Mljet National Park, take a boat ride to St Mary Isle, and visit an ancient Benedictine monastery and a church dating from the 12th century. Here you can also rent kayaks, bicycles, scooters or convertible cars to roam around the national park on your own. Following lunch aboard, we'll depart for Dubrovnik. A buffet dinner is served on deck as the captain takes us for an evening cruise alongside the old city walls before docking in Dubrovnik. Enjoy an evening stroll or a pint at a local pub in this beautiful city. *Sleep on board near Dubrovnik (B, L, D)*

Dubrovnik



DAY 7: Tuesday, June 2 - Dubrovnik

This morning we'll have a guided walk of the old town of Dubrovnik including a cable car ride to Srđ Mountain for scenic views of the walls and Elaphiti Islands. Don't forget to bring your camera! The afternoon is at your leisure. Your guide can recommend idyllic spots for lunch and dinner and for those of you with more enthusiasm, we highly recommend walking the famous walls. This 1.2 mile long walk is actually on top of the surrounding city walls and provides a unique perspective to the city. Also, the "Stradun" is Dubrovnik's famous pedestrian street and a great place to find charming stores and convivial pubs. *Sleep on board near Dubrovnik (B)*

DAY 8: Wednesday, June 3 - Dubrovnik to Peljesac Peninsula

Our early morning departure is for the Peljesac Peninsula, well known for its excellent wine. Today we head inland to explore the rural areas and have a visit to a local farm followed by an all-inclusive dinner with traditional Croatian dishes made from local produce. *Sleep on board near the Peljesac peninsula (B, L, D)*

DAY 9: Thursday, June 4 - Peljesac Peninsula to Hvar

On our way to Hvar we'll have a lunch stop on the small island of Scedro followed by a swim stop at the Pakleni Islands. Hvar is the longest island in the Adriatic and known for its sunny weather, lavish lavender fields and breathtaking beauty. One can find many historical landmarks in Hvar including the Renaissance cathedral with its original tower, and the oldest community theatre in Europe which was founded in 1612. For those wanting to stretch their legs, you can hike up to the town fort overlooking the harbor to get some lovely scenic views of the ship and the Pakleni Islands. In the evening Hvar offers an abundance of entertainment - many restaurants, bars and cafés are open long into the night. *Sleep on board near Hvar (B, L)*

Island of Korcula





Island of Hvar

DAY 10: Friday, June 5 - Hvar to Bol

Our final stop will be the island of Brac and picturesque town of Bol. Walk along the promenade or swim at one of the most famous beaches in Dalmatia - *Zlatni Rat*. Translated to "the Golden Horn", this beach is known for its distinct gravel promontory and stunningly clear water. Bol is a typical fishermen's town turned into a popular tourist destination. After lunch on board, there is free time until a wine tasting in the facilities of the oldest Dalmatia wine cooperative, dating from 1903, followed by the Captain's farewell dinner on board. *Sleep on board near Bol (B, L, D)*

DAY 11: Saturday, June 6 - North to Zagreb via Plitvice National Park

We disembark the MV Black Swan after breakfast today. Our drive across Croatia will take us to the world renowned waterfall park of Plitvice. Explore the park by foot before joining fellow travelers for a farewell feast. *Sleep in Zagreb (B, D)*

DAY 12: Sunday, June 7 - Journey Concludes

Your Wisconsin Public Radio adventure concludes after breakfast today. An airport transfer will be offered in connection with the group flight. Return home with a lifetime of memories!



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"If I have to rate this trip from 1 to 10, ten being the best I would rate it 15!!!!"
Sirpa H. - 2018 Guest on Board the MY Black Swan (photo above)

THE FIRST CLASS MV BLACK SWAN *Built in 2018*

Ship Description: Launched in April 2018, the Black Swan is a luxury vessel 159 feet long and 28 foot beam. The ship has 18 modernly decorated cabins accommodating up to 38 passengers.

Guests can choose between five cabins on upper deck with panoramic windows, five cabins on main deck with panoramic windows and eight spacious cabins in lower deck.

Air conditioned cabins are air condition, with TV, ventilation, safety deposit box, SOS alarm, smoke detectors, emergency lights and audio system for announcements and light music.

Nine cabins have twin/double bed possibility, four cabins are with double beds, three cabins with twin beds and two cabins can be made into triples. A VIP cabin is located at the front of the main deck area.



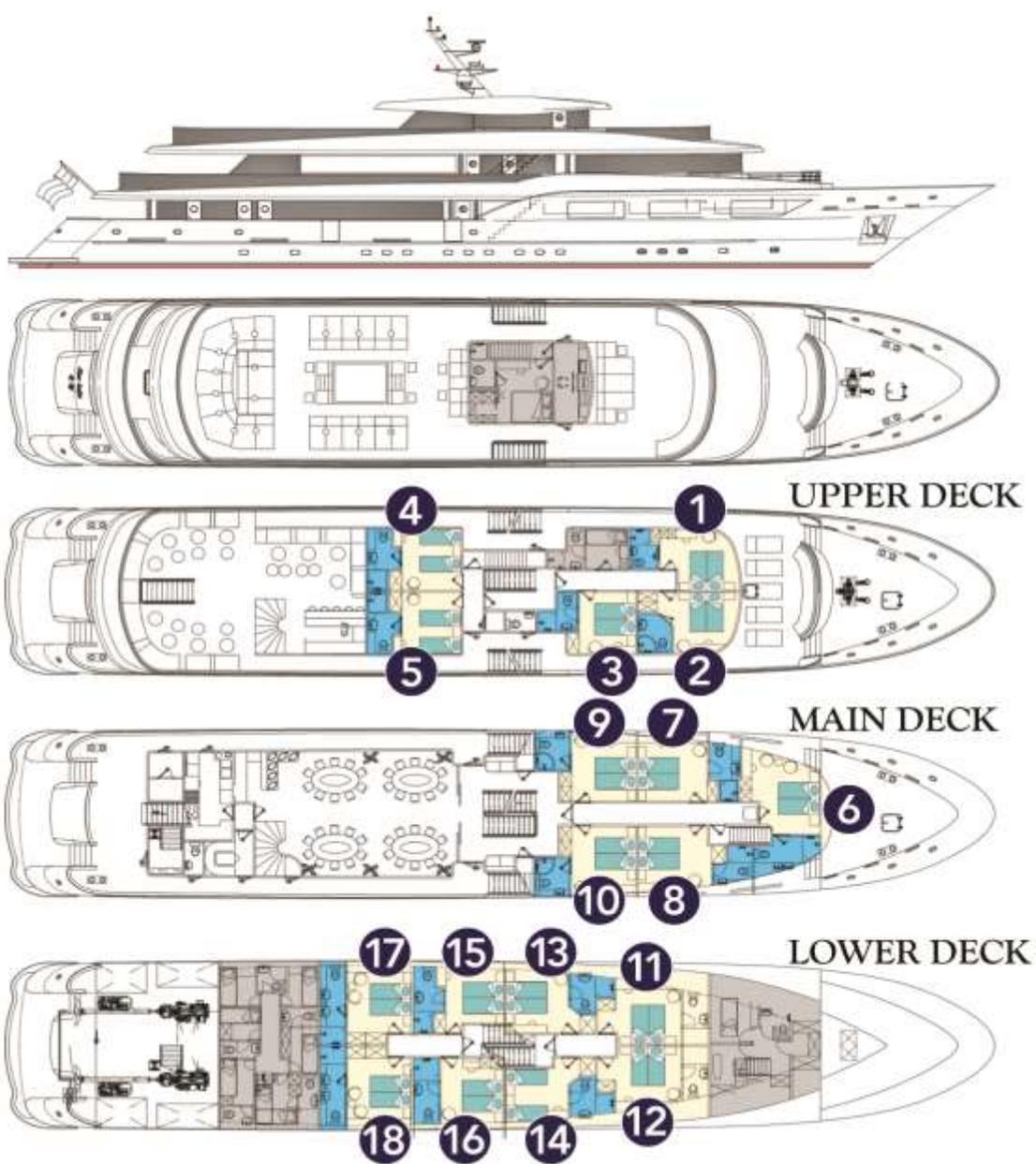
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YOUR WPR HOST

Lori Skelton - Classical Music Host, Foodie



Classical announcer **Lori Skelton** began working at Wisconsin Public Radio in 1993 and is the host of "Afternoon Classics" each weekday, and the producer and host of "Wisconsin Classical." Skelton attended Beloit College, where she covered various airshifts at WBCR Radio, the campus radio station.

After graduation, Skelton planned to get her masters in conducting at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, but by chance discovered the studios of WUWM and chose radio instead. Two years later, she began working at WFMR. In addition to her work at WPR, Skelton sings in the Milwaukee Symphony Chorus, enjoys learning about prairie restoration, biking, gardening and wine tasting. She is also a regular contributor to "Food Friday" segments on "Central Time."

RESERVATIONS & QUESTIONS

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Health Matters: It is the responsibility of each guest to be aware of their physical abilities or limitations, and to be in sufficient good health to undertake the trip. To make the most of your journey and participate in the various planned group activities, you should be able to be on your feet and walk unassisted for two to three hours (often over uneven cobblestones or pathways) with frequent standing. If you have questions about the physical requirements for your journey, please email or call our travel office. Any preexisting physical, mental, or emotional disability that may require attention must be reported in writing prior to the beginning the journey. Although it is not mandatory to participate in every planned and included group activity, not doing so isn't cause for a refund. For those desiring additional exercise, our trips allow free time to explore at your own pace. On boats, planes, ships and ferries, guests will need to be able to maneuver unassisted up and down gangways, stairs and in between decks. Smokers may smoke outside and downwind of the group.

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