



Adriatic Adventure

June 15- June 24, 2020



*Note – this trip is not affiliated with Moscow Middle School or the Moscow School District. It is an independent student/parent educational opportunity.

All the information from this meeting
can be found at: globalxpedititions.weebly.com



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Agenda

- ✓ Welcome:
 - ✓ **CELL PHONES OFF** – Everyone pay attention please
- ✓ Safety matters
- ✓ Itinerary Video
- ✓ Meet our Tour guide
- ✓ Price modification (tips)
- ✓ Group travel FYI's
- ✓ Travel groups and Rooming Info
- ✓ Explorica deadlines
- ✓ Passports
- ✓ Luggage and packing tips
- ✓ Travel 101
- ✓ Upcoming events
- ✓ *Questions/Comments/Freaking Outs* 😊



✓ *Tonight's information can be found at www.globalxpeditons.weebly.com Under the travel destination link*



Great job on all
of the team
fundraisers!

There are still ways to
raise more money for
your trip.



Safety matters

- No changes to the Adriatic Adventure at this time!
- Re-evaluate like every trip IF something arises
- Seen it before...Japan and Tsunami; China and North Korea issues, France and train strikes, Turkey and terror threats. We will take care and make things work!



So what have we signed up for again? 😊



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Itinerary Update

- Only 196 Days Away!!!!
 - (Departure date June 15th)
- We will be riding a bus together up to Spokane and are flying out from there ...Time TBA



- Flights – Middle seats and we are spread throughout the plane.

- Transportation to the airport options: Time of flights will determine airport transportation and meeting the night before
- Travel and counting groups finalized

Meet our tour guide

Michael Wighton

Michael was born and raised in Canada. He has spent nearly every year of his life abroad since entering college. Armed with a Yale undergraduate degree and a Master's degree in Acting from the Moscow Art Theatre, he has been lucky enough to become a university professor and soap opera star in Greece, a globetrotting stage actor throughout Europe and Russia, a translator in Switzerland, a vagabond in Japan, and most recently a new father in Copenhagen with his lovely Danish wife. Traveling has always been a passion, and at the moment he has managed to trek through more countries than the number of candles on his birthday cake. Teaching and tourism have also remained a central part of his life, since his very first job as a tour guide on Vancouver Island to his days now sharing the secrets of Europe with curious Explorica travelers. One of his greatest pleasures is the chance to share a trip with new people, introducing them to the sites of each city they'd most hoped to find.



Price Modification: Tips

- ✓ We are going to increase the trip price by \$30 to provide a proper tip for our tour guide Michael and the Bus Driver
- ✓ You will see the increase on your Explorica account in the next few weeks
- ✓ Why the increase?
 - ✓ Our TD and Bus Drivers are the best in the business, and we want to compensate them accordingly



Trip Leaders: Jason Albrecht, Matthew Haley, Stacy Albrecht,
Daniel Haley, and Michael Lynn



Student Applicants – Trip focus
Adult Applicants – Supporting role



Educational Group travel requires of both students and parents:

- Flexibility
- Patience
- Cooperation
- Following the lead of your Tour Leaders

Items for the Group

- We will carry all passports
- Rooming requests are considered and accommodated as much as possible – Be flexible!
- Buy a watch with an alarm
Cell phones may not work



“If you’re not early you’re late”

Dressing to Avoid Attention



- You are a target for unwanted attention when you dress for attention – Dress modestly always
 - Parents have veto power on clothes
 - Go through what it packed
 - This is not a fashion show, it is an educational tour
 - Dress Code for Religious sites

Adriatic Adventure 2020 Counting Groups

Jason and Stacy's Group

1	Albrecht	Jason
2	Albrecht	Stacy
3	Anderson	Jon
4	Anderson	Maia
5	Bailey	Annie
6	Bailey	Paul
7	Bolles	Gwenyth
8	Clark	Trinity
9	Dyer	Alyssa
10	Echave	Amelia
11	Fields	Victoria
12	Fort	Christin
13	Fort	Lena
14	Greig	Alex
15	Greig	Owen
16	Hacker	Bella
17	Kees	Maya
18	Keim	Katalyn
19	Mayes	Jack
20	Nason	Feven
21	Osborne-Rummer	Kaitlyn
22	Radil	Kira
23	Rauch	Makai
24	Rummer	Adam
25	Taylor	Dylan
26	Taylor	Milinda
27	Lynn	Michael

Matthew and Daniel's Group

1	Haley	Matthew
2	Besst	Kara
3	Besst	McKenna
4	Garrity	Madison
5	Griswold	Trevor
6	Hansen	Ashley
7	Hansen	Jessie
8	Hicke	Ava
9	Hoesman	Hannah
10	Hudelson	Avery
11	Hurn	Camdyn
12	Hurn	Peyton
13	Mathews	Carli
14	McClory	Geneva
15	Poler	Megan
16	Salisbury	Simon
17	Shook	Jennings
18	Shook	Mary
19	Stodick	Kelly
20	Summers	Brandon
21	Summers	Kaden
22	Summers	Wilma
23	Sumner	Eija
24	Sumner	Peyton
25	Weaver	Kellan
26	Haley	Daniel
27	Haley	Cara

Room Request Information

Rooming assignments based on your requests as much as possible. List will be ready by the next meeting in March.

- Each person should be rooming with at least one person that they requested ... we will try to accommodate everyone to the best of our ability.
- Understand that this might change depending on our grouping needs while on the ground.



If a student wants to request a twin room it is \$30 per hotel room/night and for adults to request a single it is \$40 per hotel room/night.

Final Rooming Arrangements

- Please write down three people that you would enjoy rooming with while abroad
- We will do our best to honor these requests but WILL NOT guarantee anything
- While abroad, rooming is a changing thing ... BE FLEXIBLE!
- You may only record three people
- All adults will room with another adult
- Private rooms for adults are available for an additional charge (\$40/night)

I, (Print your first and last name) _____, would like to room with the following three people; they are listed below in order of preference.

(Note: Please do not feel like you need to preference three people or anyone at all. Three is the maximum amount of people you can preference, but there is no minimum. If you do not have a preference, please check the box at the bottom that indicates that and we will automatically place you in a group).

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

I do not have a rooming preference!

Upcoming deadlines



105 days prior to departure: 2/26/20

Last date for ANY name changes(\$200 fee after this date)

Please confirm that all participants' first, middle, and last names (including your own) are spelled correctly and match EXACTLY as they appear on their passports. Also, confirm all birth dates are listed and correct. Make sure to send Explorica your passport information.

Last Day for Individuals to Submit any Special Travel Requests - please have any travelers interested in doing this contact us before this date. (Staying longer, special rooming, food allergies, etc.) flight stay behind changes (for a \$195 fee anytime after enrollment),

Participants NOT on monthly auto-pay

75% of Tour Balance Due on 2/26/2019 for all participants

(The remaining amount 25% IS DUE BY April 11, 2020)

Passports

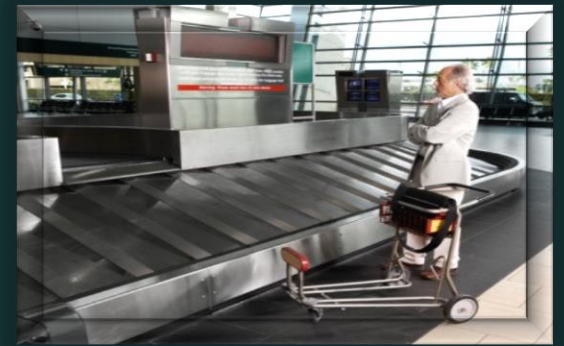
- Valid through December 2020 (6 months after our return date)
- If anybody has not ordered their passport yet, you need to get on that ASAP



- ALSO... Double check that the name on your Explorica account matches your passport EXACTLY

Luggage

- Pack once, then remove 1/3 😊
 - Pack light
- Parents have the final say on what you pack
- Lost luggage – pack your backpack with essentials ... just in case
- One small carry-on plus one personal item
- Pack an extra bag and send gifts home



See sample packing list (on website)




- **Carry-on:** Airlines may vary ... but industry standards
 - The maximum dimensions cannot exceed any of the following measurements:
 - 22" long x 14" wide x 9" tall or 114cm (56 x 35 x 23 cm).
- **Personal Item:**
 - Includes: backpack, purse, briefcase, laptop bag OR a similar item such as a tote that does not exceed 36 inches (length+width+height) and must fit under the seat in front of you.
- **Baggage Weight Limits**
 - **30 pounds Total per traveler**
 - (includes carry-on and in-cabin item)
- **Checked Luggage:** Two checked luggage items with no charge... on the way home



Liquids, Gels, and Meds

- Remember hotels will have shampoo/conditioner/soap
- Pack limited liquids – 1 quart-size clear plastic zip lock
 - Toiletries – shampoo, toothpaste, mouthwash, perfume, shaving foam, aerosols, deodorant, eye care products
- Have all medications in their original packaging and have the prescription on hand.



<p>3</p> <p>3 ounce or smaller containers of liquid or gel</p> <p>More than 3 ounces permitted in checked baggage</p> <p>Container size is a security measure</p> 	<p>1</p> <p>1 quart-size, clear plastic, zip-top bag holding 3 ounce or smaller containers</p> <p>Bag limits total volume per person</p> 	<p>1</p> <p>1 bag per traveler placed in the security bin</p> <p>Isolating liquids speeds screening</p> 
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Things to know before you go



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Plitvice National Park

- ✓ The 16 lakes are separated into an upper and lower clusters
- ✓ The lakes are renowned for their distinctive colors, ranging from azure to green, grey or blue. The colors change constantly depending on the quantity of minerals or organisms in the water and the angle of sunlight.





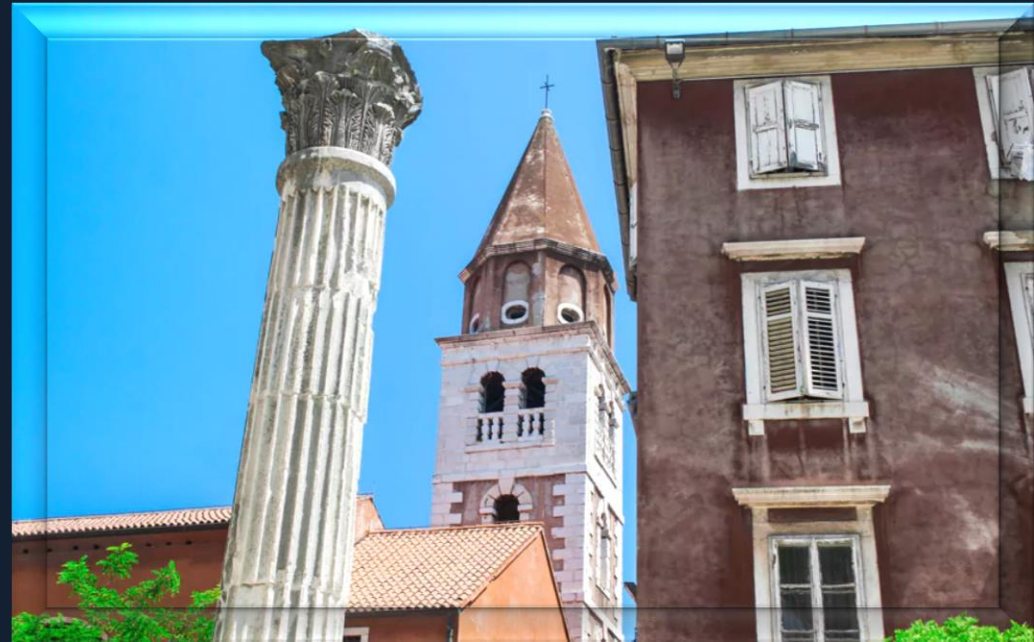
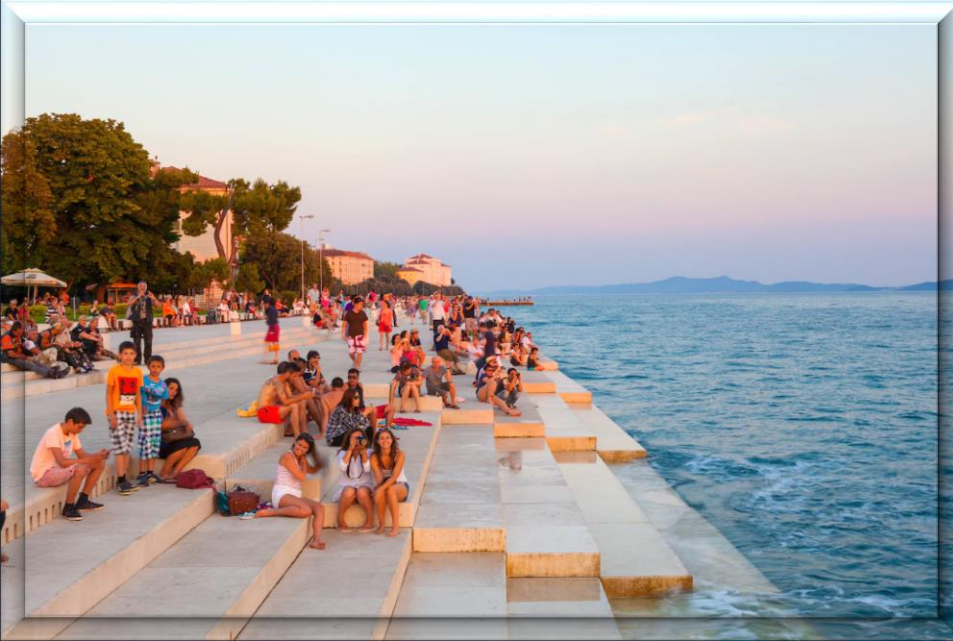
Lipizzaner Stallions

Many centuries ago, a story of love, pride, and beauty began at the green Lipica estate. This new show of the Lipica Classical Riding School narrates the story of the exceptional stud farm heritage, the white Lipizzan horse, and its connection to the rider.

Zadar and the Sea Organ

- ✓ Ancient Zadar is a collection of Roman, Byzantine, Venetian, French, and Italian cultures and ruins.
- ✓ Less crowded and a bit cheaper for souvenirs

The Sea Organ is an architectural sound art object. It is an experimental musical instrument, which plays music by way of sea waves and tubes located underneath a set of large marble steps.



Trevi Fountain

- ✓ Legend has it that one coin thrown with the right hand over the left shoulder will guarantee you a safe return to Rome in the future, while a second coin will have your return met with romance. The third coin? A Roman Wedding!
- ✓ Roughly €3,000 a day is tossed into the fountain and used it for food and social programs worldwide.



The Sistine Chapel

- ✓ Contrary to myth, Michelangelo did not paint on his back
- ✓ The main nine panels at the center of Michelangelo's ceiling depict stories from the Book of Genesis from the Creation to the story of Noah.
- ✓ It is the site of the conclave that chooses the next Pope.



Croatian/Italian Foods



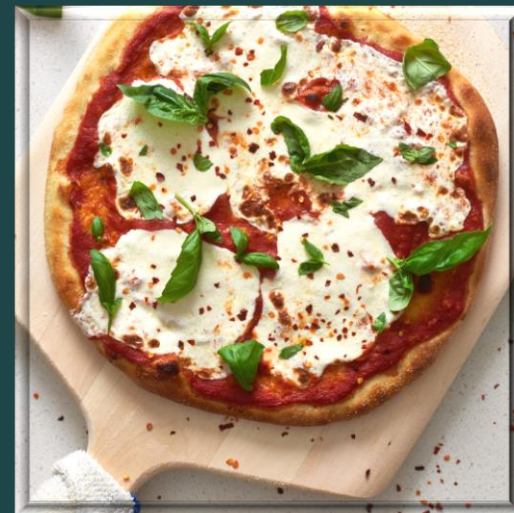
Croatian Peka dishes



Pašticada



Gelato



Pizza Margherita

Weather

Dubrovnik June: Low: 68° / High: 81

Ljubljana June: Low: 56° & High: 76°

Rome: Low: 63° & High: 83



Money



1 Dollar equals
6.75 Croatian Kuna



1 Dollar equals
.91 Euros



Visiting religious sites

➤ Behave calmly and respectfully.

- Show your respect: short prayer in front of the sacred object or by throwing a coin into the offering box, followed by a short prayer.

➤ Clothing:

- Access is permitted only to visitors dressed appropriately (no sleeveless blouses, no miniskirts, no shorts, no hats allowed).

➤ Photography

- Usually permitted but there will be exceptions. It is forbidden in the Sistine Chapel for instance. Watch for signs.



A few more travel tips

Do try to speak the language. Everyone appreciates the effort, but may respond in English as they love to practice what they've learned (*will practice next meeting*)



Do dress appropriately when visiting churches. When entering any church in Italy, be sure that your shoulders, knees and midriff are covered.

Do expect to walk a lot – wear comfortable shoes



Don't eat and **do** turn off cell phones when visiting museums and churches. Do keep your voice down also.

Don't be surprised to find businesses and shows closed for an hour or two between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. (Italian riposo).



Do eat sweets every day. It's that good



Adriatic Tour 2020 – Schedule of meetings/events

- **Dec. 2nd, 2019** Culture Night & final rooming preferences, roles/expectations, etc. @ 7pm in the MPR
- **March 9th, 2020** History and travel logistics @ 7pm in the MPR
- **May 11th, 2020** Pre-travel information @ 7pm in the MPR
- **May 30th, 2020** Ropes course #2 (pre-trip) @ Paradise Ridge 9am-3pm
- **June 14th 2020** Night before departure meeting.

All meetings and times are subject to change and you will be notified of any changes in advance. Please remember that all travel participants, including traveling adults, are required to attend at least 85% of all team meetings.



Questions, Comments, and/or Freaking Outs



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www.globalxpeditons.weebly.com
Under the trip destinations link



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