

SLOVENIA & CROATIA

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MAY 18 – 29, 2022

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 Ljubljana, Slovenia's lively capital. After exploring the urban highlights, the journey continues to gorgeous Lake Bled, the Dalmatian coast and the ancient Roman city of Split, from where we board our first-class yacht, the MV Black Swan! With our small group, we will 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

2 Nights Lake Bled, Slovenia

1 Night, Opatija, Croatia

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 ✨ Four pre and post tour nights in charming Ljubljana, elegant Opatija and lively Zagreb.





Lake Bled, Slovenia

IT'S INCLUDED

- ✧ Hosted by Wisconsin Public Radio's Lori Skelton
- ✧ Guided by an Earthbound Expeditions program director
- ✧ Two pre-cruise days exploring Slovenia and Opatija, Croatia
- ✧ Post-cruise night in charming Zagreb
- ✧ Seven nights cruising on board the luxurious MV Black Swan yacht
- ✧ Transport by private coach
- ✧ All breakfasts plus 13 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 17, 2022

Trip begins: May 18, 2022 on Lake Bled, Slovenia

Trip ends: May 29, 2022 in Zagreb, Croatia

Pricing: See last page for ship layout and pricing details



Group Air Option: Airport transfers while in Europe included; details and pricing TBA by June of 2021.



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Spend a Day Exploring Lake Bled, Slovenia

YOUR WPR ADVENTURE BEGINS ...

Day 0: Tuesday, May 17 - Depart home city for quaint Slovenia!

Remember, you will need to depart the US for Slovenia no later than today. An optional group flight will be offered.

Day 1: Wednesday, May 18 - Arrive in Ljubljana, Slovenia

Welcome to the quaint and mountainous country of Slovenia! Plan to meet your host, guide and fellow travelers this evening for a light orientation walk of Ljubljana, followed by a welcome feast. *Sleep near Lake Bled (D)*

Day 2: Thursday, May 19 - Villages, Castles and Stunning Mountain Vistas

Breathe the sub-Alpine air and luxuriate in the gorgeous surroundings! You're at the foot of the towering Julian Alps. Lake Bled offers us stunning scenery and a perfect location to explore the mountains, lakes and meadows of this magnificent region. After a morning orientation, it's time to explore! Options today include a lake cruise, a mountain hike, a stroll along the shores of Lake Bled, or an excursion to the well-preserved ruins of the 11th century castle of Bled. Some of you may wish to relax and visit the nearby thermal springs. *Sleep near Lake Bled (B, L)*

Day 3: Friday, May 20 - South to Opatija via the Caves of Postojna

Welcome to Postojna, the most captivating cave system in the world and largest show cave in Europe! While touring the 17-mile long cave system, you'll feel the magic of the underground world and experience a one-of-a-kind ride on an underground train. Afterwards, we continue south to the elegant seaside town of Opatija. Before World War I, this was Austria-Hungary's most fashionable seaside resort and the place to "see and be seen" for the czars of Russia and luminaries such as Isadora Duncan and Gustav Mahler. The grand residences of the wealthy and noble are now elegant hotels that offer the grandeur and sophistication of a bygone age. The regal waterfront promenade stretches nearly nine miles. *Sleep in Opatija (B, D)*



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“Those who seek paradise on earth, should come and see Dubrovnik.”

George Bernard Shaw

Day 4: Saturday, May 21 - South to the 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. Afterwards, we board our private yacht, the MV Black Swan, for a welcome drink followed by dinner.

Sleep on board near Split (B, D)

Day 5: Sunday, May 22 - 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, May 23 - 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 12th century church. 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)*



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Day 7: Tuesday, May 24 - The Walled City of 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. The "Stradun" is Dubrovnik's most famous pedestrian street and a great place to find charming stores and convivial pubs.

Sleep on board near Dubrovnik (B)

Day 8: Wednesday, May 25 - Dubrovnik to Peljesac Peninsula

Our destination today is the Peljesac Peninsula, best known for its excellent wine. We'll go inland to explore the rural areas, visit a local farm, and enjoy 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, May 26 - Peljesac Peninsula to Hvar

Today, we'll enjoy lunch on the small island of Scedro and a swim in the Pakleni Islands as we sail up to Hvar. The longest island in the Adriatic, Hvar is renowned for its sunny weather, lavish lavender fields and breathtaking beauty. The island is also home to many historical landmarks, including a Renaissance cathedral with its original tower and the oldest community theatre in Europe, founded in 1612. Those wanting to stretch their legs can hike up to the town fort overlooking the harbor for 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)*

Spend a day exploring Korcula, birthplace of Marco Polo!





The Venetian Island of Hvar!

Day 10: Friday, May 27 - Hvar to Bol

Our final stop is the island of Brač and the 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 Dalmatian 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, May 28 - 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, May 29 - Your 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. – Earthbound Expeditions alumni traveler and guest aboard the MV Black Swan

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Guests can choose between five cabins on upper deck with panoramic windows (including two VIP cabins with extra-large panoramic windows located at the front of the upper deck), five cabins on main deck with panoramic windows and eight spacious cabins in lower deck.

Cabins are air conditioned, 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, the largest on board, is located at the front of the main deck area.



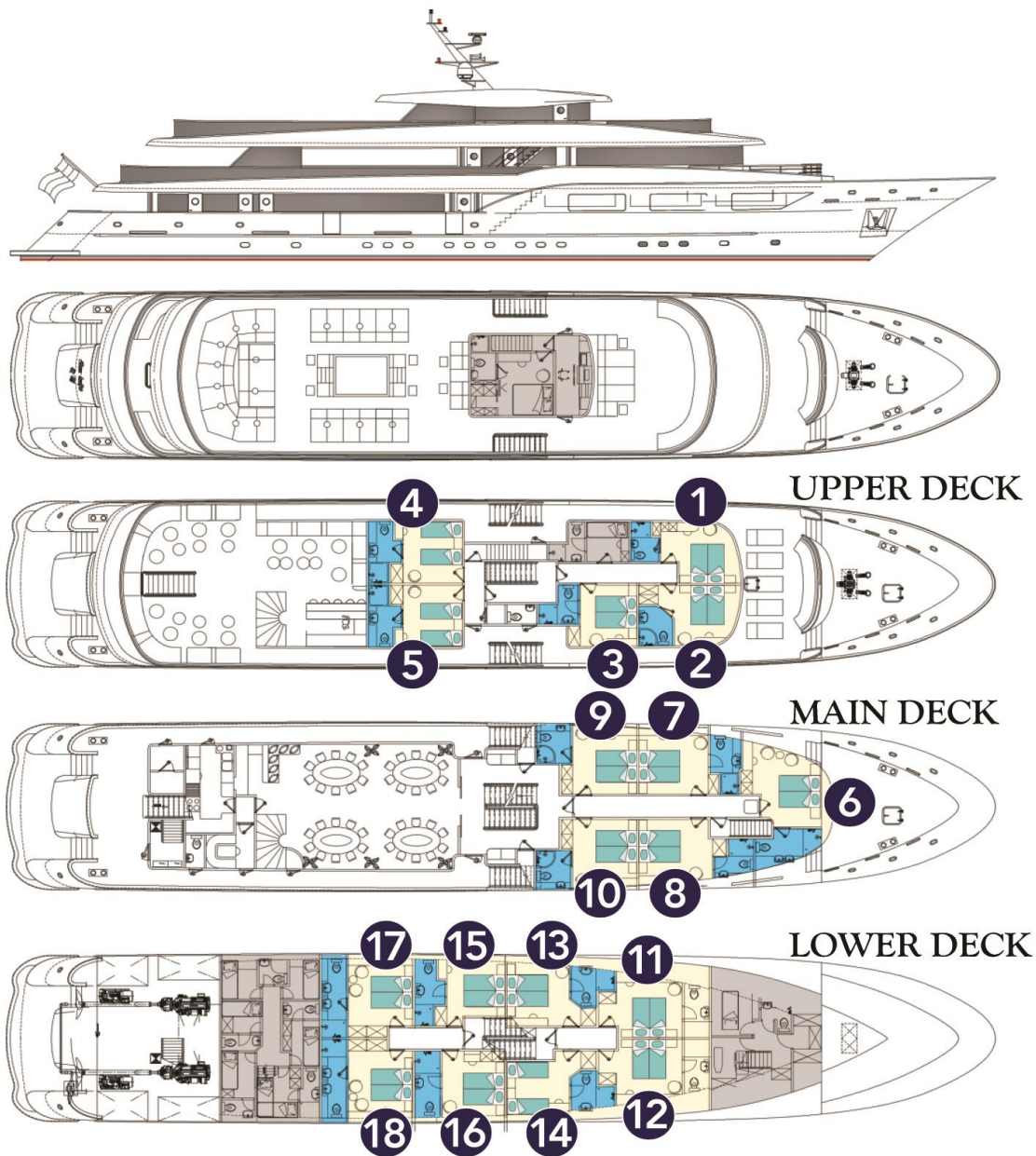
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YOUR WPR HOST

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."

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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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