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ROAD SCHOLAR'S PRIVATE GROUP CHARTERS

Discovery. Camaraderie. Adventure.

What do group members, family and friends do on a Road Scholar Private Group Charter? They may experience a book store in Porto, Portugal that is said to have inspired “Harry Potter” author J.K. Rowling. They might retrace the steps of Benjamin Franklin or Betsy Ross in Philadelphia’s Olde City. And at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City, they are sure to delight in van Gogh’s “The Starry Night.”

At Road Scholar, we know that what makes a remarkable educational journey all the more special is the people who share the journey.

And what could be better than doing that with friends, family, group members — people who already have a connection before excitedly banding together on Day 1 of that adventure in Portugal, Philadelphia, the Big Apple — or on many of the other 5,500 extraordinary Road Scholar adventures in all 50 states and 150 countries. Road Scholar’s Private Group Charters let groups reserve most Road Scholar programs just for their members. It’s an ideal way to bring a community together — for reunions, annual gatherings, special occasions ... or just because.

Read more to learn how to get started.

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Road Scholar educational adventures are created by **Elderhostel**, the not-for-profit world leader in educational travel since 1975.

What's Included in Your Road Scholar Private Group Adventure?

Road Scholar is the world's largest not-for-profit educational travel institution dedicated to serving baby boomers and beyond. From our modest beginnings in 1975, we have grown to offer nearly 5,500 programs throughout the United States and in more than 150 countries around the globe.

The core of Road Scholar is the academic integrity of our programs and the unmatched value of our all-inclusive pricing.

All Road Scholar programs include:

- Informative lectures by leaders in their field
- Course-related field trips with special "behind-the-scenes" access
- Enrichment activities such as cultural events and performances
- Accommodations in comfortable hotels, conference centers and inns
- All meals, except where specifically noted. Sometimes we exclude a few meals from the program cost, so you can explore local restaurants on your own.
- Group travel and transfers throughout the program
- A Group Leader to accompany you 24/7 and handle all logistics
- All gratuities, taxes and destination fees
- The Road Scholar Assurance Plan, including 24-hour assistance for medical and other emergencies



When you add up all you get, Road Scholar is not only a university of the world, providing a rich educational curriculum, but is by far the best value for people who want a worry-free travel experience.

We'll waive the cost of the 21st participant!

Plus, share your love of learning by enrolling 20 paying participants, and we'll waive the program cost for your 21st participant. Or, when you enroll 20 paying participants, choose to earn a 5 percent give back for your organization instead.

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Frequently Asked Questions

How do I get started?

We're here to make arranging an educational adventure for your group hassle-free. Either visit our website or browse through our catalogs to find the program that best fits your group's interests. Once you have chosen a program, we'll take care of all the arrangements. Need help picking a program? Just ask.



Are there any incentives for organizing a private group charter?

Yes! Share your love of learning by enrolling 20 paying participants, and we'll waive the program cost for your 21st participant. Or, when you enroll 20 paying participants, choose to earn a 5 percent give back for your organization instead.

How soon should I begin planning?

Please contact us as soon as you have chosen a program to ensure enough lead-time for us to make the arrangements and for your group to make plans. Typically, this means six months ahead of time for programs in the U.S. and nine months ahead of time for international programs.

What types of programs are available for groups?

Many of our educational adventures may be reserved exclusively for your group.

Can I customize a program specifically for my group?

While some customization is possible, we request that you select from our current array of programs.

What happens if I can't get enough people to go or if people must cancel?

We won't finalize the details until you're confident you will have enough people to make your program happen. If, however, you cannot meet the minimum enrollment, we will work with you to try to add participants from outside your group to the departure. In the rare instance when not enough people sign up and you have to cancel, your deposit is non-refundable. Individuals who cancel their enrollment will be subject to a cancellation penalty. However, their investment will be protected if they purchased the optional Road Scholar Trip Protection Plan.

What about insurance for my group?

Road Scholar's private group programs include the Road Scholar Assurance Plan. Purchased by Road Scholar on behalf of every program participant, the plan provides 24-hour assistance in the event of an emergency during the program and insurance for emergency medical evacuation. This plan provides peace of mind by ensuring that participants will be taken care of in the unlikely case of a medical emergency. Road Scholar also maintains a Tour Operator Professional Liability and General Liability insurance policy. The policy is provided by Zurich American Insurance Company, which is rated A+ (superior financial strength) by A.M. Best, and is renewed annually on October 1. Upon request the policy can be endorsed to extend additional insured status to your organization.

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- Special “behind-the-scenes” experiences.
- Excursions to significant local attractions — all included in the program cost.
- Enrichment activities, such as cultural events and performances.
- Accommodations in comfortable, centrally located hotels, conference centers and inns.
- All meals, except where specifically noted. Some programs exclude a small number of meals so that participants can explore local restaurants on their own — these exceptions are clearly noted in our program descriptions.
- Group transfers throughout the program.
- A Group Leader to accompany you through the program to handle all logistics.
- All gratuities, taxes and destinations fees.
- The Road Scholar Assurance Plan, including 24-hour assistance for medical and other emergencies.



Is there an age restriction?

Road Scholar private group programs are not subject to any age requirements, which make them perfect for families with children or groups of mixed ages.

Can you arrange airfare?

Yes! Just ask. We're happy to help.

Road Scholar Policies

Due to space limitations, this is an abbreviated list of program terms and conditions. Please visit www.road scholar.org or call (877) 426-8056 for complete terms and conditions.

Securing Your Group's Program

Once you have selected a program and agreed on a date, please sign and return our standard agreement letter and a deposit.

The deposit is fully refundable provided you meet the agreed-upon minimum enrollment requirement for the program within the allotted sales time frame — generally between 45 to 60 days after the program is available for your group to enroll.

The specific payment terms and cancellation penalties are dependent on the type of program you choose.

Medical and Physical Needs

Road Scholar is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to enable individuals with disabilities to participate in our programs. If anyone in your group has any impairments or medical needs requiring accommodation, we ask that you communicate your needs to Road Scholar's Participant Services team at the time of enrollment. Our Advisors will work with you to accommodate your needs and will provide you specific information on such matters as the suitability and functionality of requested modifications, the physical demands of the program and the availability of dietary options.

Program Cancellation

Road Scholar reserves the right to cancel programs either prior to departure or while in progress and to take action



as needed on an individual or group basis when, in Road Scholar's sole opinion, the health, safety or well-being of participants requires such action. Additionally, due to low enrollment or other unforeseen circumstances, Road Scholar must occasionally cancel or revise the dates of a program. When that occurs we will notify you as far in advance as possible and will assist you in transferring into another program or refunding your full program payment. If you have made transportation arrangements, such as an airline ticket purchase, Road Scholar will give you a voucher to help cover the cost of transferring your travel arrangements for use on a replacement program. The maximum value of the voucher will be \$300 and documentation of your paid fees is required before issuance of the voucher.

Program Pricing

On occasion, costs we can't anticipate and that are beyond our control — fuel surcharges, government tax increases or security fees and visa fees — arise and may be passed along to you. If this occurs, we will let you know as soon as possible.

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About Program Details and Itineraries

We do all we can to finalize all aspects of our programs — including itineraries — well in advance, but logistics occasionally must be altered. Our website reflects the most recent information, and we are committed to providing you with final program details no later than eight weeks before the start of programs outside the U.S. and no later than six weeks before the start of programs within the U.S. If you have questions about your program, please contact us and we will assist you.

Safety & Risks

Certain risks — from natural disasters to accidents, outbreaks of illness, insect-borne and other infectious diseases, terrorism and other unforeseen events — are inherent in travel. While such occurrences are beyond our control, we make substantial efforts to be prepared for such possibilities. Participants are encouraged to review the safety and travel information provided by the U.S. Department of State's travel site at www.travel.state.gov to learn about current security issues, travel alerts and warnings, and other helpful destination-specific information. By enrolling in a program, you agree to assume responsibility for your own health, safety and welfare and acknowledge that Road Scholar cannot guarantee your safety at any time.

Responsibility

These Terms govern the relationship between you and Elderhostel, Inc., d/b/a Road Scholar. By enrolling in a program with us, you agree to be bound by these Terms; please be sure to read them carefully and make sure you understand them. Road Scholar's responsibility is limited. Road Scholar organizes, promotes, and sells educational programs consisting of certain travel services, including land, air, and water transportation, excursions, and cruise/barge/hotel accommodations that Road Scholar purchases or reserves from various suppliers (collectively, "Suppliers"). Road Scholar neither owns nor operates any of these Suppliers; they are independent contractors and are not Road Scholar's agents. Therefore, Road Scholar is not responsible for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any Supplier or any other third

party. You agree that you will look to such Suppliers, and not to Road Scholar or its agents, for any accident, injury, property damage, or personal loss you may suffer. Without limitation, Road Scholar is not responsible for any injury, loss, or damage to person or property, death, delay, or inconvenience in connection with the provision of, or failure to provide, any goods or services occasioned by or resulting from — but not limited to — acts of God or force majeure, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, mechanical or other failure of airplanes or other means of transportation, or the failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart on time, or for any other cause beyond the direct control of Road Scholar.

Admission & Participation Policy

Granting or denial of admission to a program is within the sole discretion of Road Scholar. Road Scholar may revoke admission or limit or terminate participation at any time if, in the opinion of Road Scholar, a participant's condition, behavior or actions are problematic, inappropriate or disruptive. Road Scholar reserves the right to take action as needed on an individual or group basis when, in Road Scholar's sole opinion, the health, safety or well-being of participants requires such action.

Photography

Road Scholar reserves the right to take photographs or videos during any program and to use them, whether taken by representatives of Road Scholar or by participants, for promotional purposes. By enrolling in a Road Scholar program, participants agree to allow their images to be used in such photography; participants who prefer that their images not be used are asked to identify themselves to program staff and the photographer at the start of their program.

Seller of Travel Information

Road Scholar's Washington Seller of Travel Reg. No. 60224,658. CST #20684,27-40. Florida Seller of Travel Reg. No. ST35594.

Road Scholar Cancellation Terms and Travel Protection

What happens when an individual in your group cancels their enrollment?

We understand that things don't always go as planned. Sometimes people sign up for a Road Scholar program, but have to cancel their enrollment because of unforeseen circumstances. As a not-for-profit organization, we try to keep our cancellation fees as low as possible. And to protect their investment, we encourage Road Scholar participants to consider purchasing the *Road Scholar Trip Protection Plan*. Learn more below and at www.road scholar.org/about/protection-plan/

Protect Your Investment with the Road Scholar Trip Protection Plan with “Cancel for Any Reason” Coverage

The optional Road Scholar Trip Protection Plan helps protect your investment if you must cancel or interrupt your program for specified, covered reasons, such as illness or injury to you, your traveling companion or an immediate family member of you or your traveling companion. Plus, if you need to cancel your program for any reason not covered by insurance, you will receive a credit good for future travel with Road Scholar for the full amount of the Road Scholar cancellation fee. The plan also provides benefits if you are delayed getting to or returning home from your program and protects your investment should you have an emergency during your program that causes you to miss program days or return home earlier than expected. Your airfare, whether purchased through Road Scholar or independently, is covered — an exceptional benefit and value offered exclusively to Road Scholar participants.

Road Scholar Individual Cancellation Fees

North America Programs	
Deposit per person: \$100 required at time of registration. Final Payment Due 59 Days Prior to Program Start Date.	
Cancel Schedule	Fee Amount Per Person
Cancelling Up to 120 days prior to program start date	\$50
Cancelling from 119 days to 56 days prior to program start date	\$100
Cancelling from 55-14 days prior to program start date	\$200
Cancelling less than 14 days prior to program start date	50% of order total

International & Specialty North America Programs	
Deposit per person: \$250 required at time of registration. Final Payment Due 77 Days Prior to Program Start Date.	
Cancel Schedule	Fee Amount Per Person
Cancelling Up to 120 days prior to program start date	\$250
Cancelling up to 67 days prior to program start date	\$250
Cancelling from 66 to 30 days prior to program start date	50% of order total
Cancelling less than 30 days prior to program start date	100% of order total

Adventures Afloat & Specialty International Programs	
Deposit per person: \$500 required at time of registration. Final Payment Due 100 Days Prior to Program Start Date.	
Cancel Schedule	Fee Amount Per Person
Cancelling Up to 120 days prior to program start date	\$250
Cancelling from 119 days to 100 days prior to program start date	\$500
Cancelling from 99 to 30 days prior to program start date	50% of order total
Cancelling less than 30 days prior to program start date	100% of order total

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The Benefits of Road Scholar's Assurance Plan

Our commitment to our participants and their well-being is exemplified in our Road Scholar Assurance Plan. We purchase this plan on behalf of all our participants on programs in the United States and abroad.

Designed exclusively for Road Scholar participants, the Road Scholar Assurance Plan provides 24-hour assistance in the event of an emergency during programs and insurance for emergency medical evacuation. On Call International, our emergency-assistance provider, provides Road Scholar participants with unparalleled service when the unexpected occurs.



Value

Road Scholar's mission is to offer exciting educational adventures of high-quality and exceptional value. We decided long ago that our programs would be all-inclusive, with no hidden costs, which is why every participant receives coverage under our Assurance Plan as a part of the program cost.

Peace of Mind Throughout

From the moment you begin your program, Road Scholar will handle all of the details. The Road Scholar Assurance Plan provides participants peace of mind by ensuring that they will be taken care of in the unlikely case of a medical emergency.

Outlined below are highlights of the services and benefits included in the plan. To learn more about the Road Scholar Assurance Plan and to view the description of coverage that includes the plan benefits, terms, conditions and exclusions, please visit: www.road scholar.org/about/included-insurance/

North America Programs

- Emergency medical evacuation with medical escort, if necessary
- Delayed, lost, stolen or damaged baggage assistance and insurance
- Help with travel document replacement
- Motor vehicle return

International Programs

- Emergency medical evacuation with medical escort, if necessary
- Medical coverage for accidental injury or sickness
- Delayed, lost, stolen or damaged baggage assistance and insurance
- Help with travel document replacement

The Lewis Family Follows the Darwins to the Galapagos Islands

Athenian Erika Lewis and her extended family had wanted for a long time to honor the memory of her late husband, Ward — an avid traveler and adventure enthusiast — with a travel experience that they could share together. Recently that wish was fulfilled when Erika traveled with daughters Kirsten, Kaija and Heidi, their spouses, and eight grandchildren on a Road Scholar adventure to the Galapagos Islands. “We all say how Ward would have been the first person to get on board with this trip,” Erika says.

Erika’s history with the Galapagos began years ago when she had been there on her own with a close friend, Ana Sosa, from Quito, Ecuador. Ana and her husband were strong believers in preserving the environment and ecology, and their enthusiasm for both preservation and the Galapagos was contagious. Erika’s fond memories from that trip were triggered when she heard about the Road Scholar opportunity to go to the Galapagos on a small boat to accommodate 16 — perfect for her family of 15.

The Lewis family spent 10 days on an adventure that began in Quito and included several days aboard the *Yolita II* exploring the Galapagos: Baltra and North Seymour Island, San Cristobal, Leon Dormido, Isla Lobos and Espanola Island, Santa Fe Island, Plaza Sur, and Santa Cruz Island, home to the Charles Darwin Research Station. Accompanied by naturalist Juan Carlos Sosa, the group got an insider’s exploration of each of the small islands. It was by sheer coincidence that Erika found out that Juan Carlos Sosa and Ana Sosa were cousins!

“The experience was just as interesting for the adults as the children,” Lewis says. “Everyone loved learning about the local environment and snorkeling to see the marvelous underwater world.” On an excursion to Post Office Bay, they discovered a tunnel formed by lava flows. “It was amazing to walk through this formation,” Erika says.



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The family was in awe of the islands’ natural diversity — iguanas, tortoises, sea birds, rays, sea lions and more. “We were planning on a dry landing one day — meaning we would dock on the shore and not have to get off through the water — but the sea lions who called that area their home decided otherwise and wouldn’t move,” Lewis says with a laugh. “That was their home and we had to coordinate our landing around their wishes.”

Youngest daughter Kaija remarked on how well the entire group got along while living on a small boat during the adventure. “Our entire family is active in many sports and outdoor activities and the high level of activity and engagement with the intimacy of a small boat was the perfect combination,” Kaija says.

“There’s something about getting in the water and swimming that makes everyone happy,” Lewis says. “And blending that with learning about the sea life around you in one of the most beautiful places in the world made this a memorable experience for our family.”

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Best Foot Forward: San Francisco Hiking Group Trusts Road Scholar for Its Upcoming Adventures

Every Wednesday since 2004, Wilma Austern has joined an enthusiastic group of hikers for 7-10 mile hikes along the East Bay of San Francisco. As the group coordinator, Wilma makes sure that hike leaders are prepared with interesting routes, and always has her eye out for new and exciting hiking opportunities.

A few years ago, Wilma's hiking group decided that they'd like to explore some regions outside of the Bay Area — places that they'd always dreamed of hiking and learning about. They planned and enjoyed a few trips on their own, but found that the logistics were an even bigger challenge than the hikes themselves. It was difficult to find lodgings that were affordable for such a large group, while also finding trails that were appropriate for their members' interests and ability levels. Most of all, they really wanted to learn about the places they were hiking.



“We’re able to get to places that I think we’d be reluctant to go to because we don’t know the trails or accommodations,” said Wilma. “Road Scholar is definitely the way to go!”

A past Road Scholar participant, Wilma suggested they consider Road Scholar for their next adventure. “We did a few trips on our own, but found that it was hard to plan the out-of-town trips because we were planning for hikes in places we really didn’t know,” explained Wilma. “That’s when I got the idea of a private group charter with Road Scholar.”

Since then, the group has chartered five hiking adventures with Road Scholar. They have hiked and learned about the Appalachian Mountains, Sedona, Ariz., Glacier National

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Park, Joshua Tree National Park and Yellowstone National Park. They are now planning their sixth Road Scholar hiking adventure along the Oregon Coast.

“One of the things that works well is that Road Scholar will set me up with the local coordinator, so I can describe our group’s needs and get an idea what the hikes will be like,” said Wilma. “If a hike looks a little short for our folks, we can lengthen it and customize it. That has been a great experience. We have program leaders who have adjusted their program so we could be out during the day and have other activities in the evening. That was certainly a highlight for us.”

Though Wilma and her hiking friends have looked at other organizations to host their adventures, they keep

coming back to Road Scholar. “There was at least one occasion when we’ve looked at other companies, and they were much more expensive. For example, our Yellowstone program would not have been affordable with someone else,” said Wilma. “We find the price reasonable for what we get with Road Scholar. It really is a great value, plus you can’t beat the educational experiences Road Scholar provides.”

Planning new hiking adventures with Road Scholar has allowed the group an unexpected benefit they have enjoyed immensely — to explore even further than they had originally anticipated. “We’re able to get to places that I think we’d be reluctant to go to because we don’t know the trails or accommodations,” said Wilma. “Road Scholar is definitely the way to go!”

Flocking Together: A Member of the Wimberley Birding Society Explains Why His Group Chooses Road Scholar

The Wimberley Birding Society is a small, 150-member bird club in Wimberley, Texas, a charming little village between Austin and San Antonio in the Texas Hill Country. Founded in 1986, the club has annual dues of five dollars a year. We pride ourselves on being the best bargain in birding.

Similarly, we count Road Scholar as offering the best bargains in birding trips and have been pleased with both regular and group birding programs. Our group trips have been especially rewarding since they were tailored to our particular needs and desires.

Our first group trip was “Spring Field Birding in Maine” in May 2002. I saw my first Atlantic Puffin and had some terrific lobster dinners in Rockland. Our two guides, Tom Arter and Tom Leckey, were extremely capable and also quite personable.

Over the years, we have done about a dozen group trips with our birding society, visiting locales ranging from Sanibel and the Florida Everglades to Orcas Island, Washington. Out-of-country programs included Bermuda and Uruguay.

In addition to birds, we have enjoyed some spectacular scenery, including Mono Lake and redwoods in California, seashells and beaches in Florida, and the Grand Canyon in Arizona. Memorable birds include Sage Thrasher, Motmot, Puffin, California Condor, Purple Swamp Hen and the Bermuda Petrel.

Frania Monarski with Road Scholar has been my contact in setting up many of our group programs, and she has been invaluable in working out problems and helping me



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execute successful programs. I have nothing but good things to say about all the Road Scholar folks involved in both the group and regular programs — they have been courteous, knowledgeable and very helpful.

Our first program in Maine in 2002 involved spotting an Atlantic Puffin. On our last program, Grand Manan Island in May 2013, we again saw the Puffin. Our next outing will be a Road Scholar program in Cape May, New Jersey. We don’t expect a Puffin, but you can bet we will have a fine time.

We always do.

— Jerry Hall, *The Wimberley Birding Society*

Lifelong Learners Take a Bite Out of the Big Apple

In May 2011, 44 members of Saginaw Valley State University's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (SVSUOLLI) left Michigan for a Road Scholar adventure in New York City, "Signature City New York: The Big Apple Experience."

Established in September 2001, the SVSU-OLLI program boasts more than 1,400 members who have participated in hundreds of classes on diverse topics ranging from stem cell research to fly fishing with instructors who are SVSU-OLLI members or local college faculty.

Jo Brownlie, director of SVSU-OLLI, contacted Road Scholar about arranging an educational adventure for her members and selected New York City because, while many members had visited the city over the years, the Road Scholar program offered them unique, behind-the-scenes access to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Rockefeller Center, Radio City Music Hall, Ellis Island and much more, all led by experts in their fields.

Among the OLLI members were Lynn Hull and Pat Hughes. Describing her favorite memory from the program, Lynn says, "Visiting Ellis Island, the facility that both my grandmothers came through from France and my grandfather from Italy, and walking on the same worn slate stairs that they would have walked on was incredibly moving."

Pat was particularly impressed with her program coordinators. "The hardworking staff and local experts taught us so many interesting facts while showing us the diversity of the city and how it operates," she says.



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From SVSU-OLLI director Jo Brownlie, "Our six-day Road Scholar charter program to New York City was so well-received, we are already planning two more Road Scholar adventures to New Orleans and the Grand Canyon. Road Scholar staff and leaders are friendly and professional. Thanks for making us look good!"

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A Monumental Adventure for the Civic-Minded: Lifelong Learners Go Behind the Scenes in Washington, D.C.

Jane McBride, a member of the OLLI at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, was ecstatic after her group returned from the Road Scholar program “Signature City Washington, D.C.” Their experience was arranged as a Road Scholar Private Group Charter.

“We chose this trip as an adjunct for the studies we had taken at our OLLI, focused on American history and government,” Jane said. “Well, Road Scholar’s presentation surpassed the description. We were inspired from the get-go with the lecturer on Masonic contributions and meaning for the institutions of our government. We felt as though we were transported to the mindset of the founders and their European sympathizers. We were invigorated by diverse discussions on history and government.

“The momentum built during the week with expert-led field trips, lectures in our halls of government and close-up encounters with our most revealing monuments. Washington, D.C., is a captivating, world-stage city.



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“As a group,” Jane added, “we came away with new respect for the commitments our founders made, as well as reverence for the leadership that steered this nation during incredible trials. Equally, we came away with lively discussion and ideas for more courses that apply historical insight to current political dynamics. We are convinced that civics and American history must be mandatory curricula for every U.S. public school.

“All in all, this educational experience was extraordinary.”

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Croatia by Yacht — An Amazing Experience

JANE KELLY, OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

I have just returned, along with 24 of my fellow OLLI members at the University of Georgia, from the Road Scholar program “The Best of Croatia: A Coastal Voyage by Yacht.” This adventure was the perfect fusion of travel, vacation and educational experience — there’s no way I could have duplicated it on my own.

We basked in the sun atop our yacht, inhaled exhilarating sea breezes and watched the world go by. We enjoyed world-class cuisine, onboard entertainment and expert lectures. We sailed the Dalmatian Coast and around islands that stretch from Sibenik to the ancient city walls of Dubrovnik and on to the Bay of Kotor with its islands, towns and palaces in the small country of Montenegro.



Like the phoenix, Croatia has risen again after the Yugoslav war-time destruction. It has so much to offer. In the crystal-clear waters of the Adriatic Sea, you can see schools of fish swimming — and you can swim in the waters yourself! As our yacht sailed along the coast and around islands, we viewed endless mountain chains — a lush, dark-green backdrop to the vibrant life below.



Each island stop has its unique appeal, its own history of wars and religions dating from ancient Greek and Roman settlements through Venetian and Napoleonic dominance — all of which have influenced the contemporary life, language and culture of the Croatian people. At each port, we stepped into a new world as we explored charming town squares built of the ubiquitous white limestone, centuries-old monasteries, celebrations of patron saints, delightful shops and cobblestone worn smooth from centuries of foot traffic. As we walked pathways of twists, turns and hidden surprises, local experts told us stories that brought history to life.

Our Road Scholar adventure included free time for discoveries on our own — treasures along side streets, authentic local specialties, hand-crafted coral jewelry, lavender sachets, to-die-for pastries, ice cream scoops with flavors as varied as forest-berry, fig, or plum, and the world’s favorite crusty pizzas and draft brews. The thrill of learning in Croatia is palpable, inspiring and endless. No matter where you have been in the past, you have not seen it all until you have explored Croatia.

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How to Plan a Road Scholar Learning Adventure for Your Group

1 Select Your Program

Many of our educational adventures may be reserved exclusively for your group. Need help finding the perfect one? Just ask!

2 Pick a Date

We recommend you plan a program in the United States at least six months in advance and nine months in advance for International programs.

3 Finalize the Details

The dates, price, schedule — we'll finalize all the details.

4 Need Airfare?

We can help with that, too! Just ask.

5 Get Your Group on Board

If you need them, we can provide promotional materials to advertise the program to your group.

6 Your Special Toll-Free Number for Enrolling

Members of your group sign up directly with us using a toll-free number, (800) 322-5315.

7 We Take Care of the Payments

You don't have to worry about collecting payments from members of your group. We'll handle that.

8 Program Information Packets

Once your members enroll in your program, we'll send them information packets that include all the things they'll need to know: travel instructions, a packing list, a detailed schedule and much more.

9 Have a Great Time!

When your program begins, our experienced Group Leaders will take care of everything and your group will have the learning adventure of a lifetime.

10 Take a Bow

Typically, when a program ends, participants thank you for organizing such an enriching and bonding experience, and ask when they can do another!



Hello! I'm Frania, Road Scholar's Private Group Charter Expert. I'm here to make planning your group's program a hassle-free experience. You can reach me toll free at (877) 209-4634, or by email at groups@roadscholar.org. Just follow these simple steps and your group will have the learning adventure of a lifetime.