Rarely visited by American travelers, the Dalmatian Coast along the eastern Adriatic offers an unmatched collection of Roman ruins, medieval towns, gorgeous rivieras and idyllic islands. Now it is our pleasure to introduce a brilliant educational tour that combines this historic region with the legendary Italian city of Ravenna while cruising aboard the intimate M.Y. MONET. The journey begins with embarkation on the M.Y. MONET in Venice. Then it’s on to Ravenna, famous for its grand basilicas and some of the finest mosaics in the world, and Diocletian’s legendary palace and mausoleum in Croatia’s second largest city of Split. Next, explore the fascinating medieval quarters of Korcula and the fantastic Romanesque and Gothic quarters of Dubrovnik. Conclude with special tours of the churches of Zadar and an excursion to Pula, an ancient Roman colony renowned as the “Eternal Heart of Istria.” Throughout the program, your understanding and enjoyment of the region’s history and culture will be enhanced with a musical performance as well as special lectures and discussions with local experts and citizens about historic and contemporary issues. This tour is exceptionally priced with all accommodations, excursions and special events included!

**INCLUDED FEATURES**

- Seven-night cruise from Venice aboard the comfortable, intimate yacht M.Y. MONET, with calls at Ravenna, Split, Korcula, Dubrovnik, Zadar and Pula.
- Welcome champagne reception.
- Four meals each day—buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, full-service dinner and late-night snack—featuring special Venetian, Dalmatian and Italian themed dinners with traditional dishes and local seafood. Wine and beer complimentary with lunch and dinner.

**Price Includes:**

- Accommodations aboard the M.Y. MONET;
- All excursions;
- All meals, including wine and beer with lunch and dinner;
- Traditional musical performance.

**Tours and excursions led by experienced local guides:**

- Venice walking tour including the Basilica di San Marco, and the Bridge of Sighs;
- Ravenna’s historic Christian churches and their renowned mosaics;
- Tour of Split, featuring Diocletian’s Palace;
- Korcula walking tour, including the Abbey Treasury;
- Dubrovnik walking tour;
- Zadar walking tour, including 9th-century Church of St. Donatus;
- Pula excursion featuring the town’s legendary Roman arena and the Temple of Augustus.

A full program of educational and cultural enrichment including:

- Exclusive presentation about Venice - its preservation efforts and the effects of a dwindling Venetian population - presented by a UNESCO representative;
- Exclusive visit to the Meštrović Gallery in Split;
- Discussion with a local religious leader in Zadar about the role of religion in local society;
- Lecture by Dubravka Zvrko from the Institute for the Reconstruction of Dubrovnik about local restoration efforts.

**Optional Pre-Cruise program in Venice September 12 to September 14, 2005:**

- Two nights at the Hotel Monaco & Grand Canal;
- Breakfast each morning;
- The services of a travel director;
- Guided tour of the Gallery of the Academy.

A frequent lecturer at Carleton alumni club events around the country, Lauren Soth, art history professor emeritus, has been a faculty member for 40 years and has taught 40 different art history courses during that time. While Vincent Van Gogh has been his special interest, Soth has published articles on artists and architects as varied as Correggio, Frank Lloyd Wright, and Marsden Hartley. During travels on the Dalmatian Coast, he will be accompanied by his wife, Nancy, a retired administrator of Carleton study-abroad programs.

The tour pricing will range from approximately $2595 to $3895 in four separate cabin categories. This is a Land/Cruise only price, and is based on double occupancy. Single prices to be advised. For a more comprehensive and day-by-day itinerary please visit: http://webapps.acs.carleton.edu/alumni/adventures/dalmatian2005/