

GO LETTER 2026 ADRIATIC

Scouting the Venetian Empire Around the Adriatic

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Dear Travelers,

I am delighted to share that our 2026 Adriatic tour is an official GO. It's time to start your planning.

FLIGHTS

Feel free to purchase your flights. We strongly recommend you consider adding flight cancellation insurance to that purchase, and that you also check the details of that coverage. Here are some additional notes:

- The tour starts and ends in different cities.
- You should time your travel to *arrive in VENICE* (VCE) by mid-afternoon on Tuesday, May 5. We will start the tour with a welcome meeting around 6 pm, followed by a group dinner.
- Feel free to *depart CORFU* (CFU) any time on Wednesday, May 20.
- If you would like extra nights at the group hotel either pre- or post-tour, let me know and I will put the request in to our tour operator in mid-August. I will then put another request in at the time of final invoicing, in early January.

You might also find it helpful to look at our <u>Booking Your Flights</u> page for some tips and suggestions.

PREPARE FOR YOUR ADVENTURE

You'll get the most out of study travel if you research what to do during your free time. This allows you to reap the benefits of group travel, while also customizing the tour to your interests and activity level. Read more about <u>How to Be an Independent Group Traveler</u>.

There are a bunch of other general resources, tips, and suggestions on this page.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Finally, start thinking in earnest – if you haven't already – about the activity level required on this tour.

As a reminder, movement between cities will be by ferry and air-conditioned private motor coach. Movement within each city and at cultural/historic sites will be on foot, requiring a lot of walking and standing, often over uneven ground. You should be capable of walking a mile or more at a time and up to five to seven miles per day, often over uneven terrain; of climbing stairs that may not have handrails; of climbing in and out of various types of transportation; of

keeping pace with an active group of travelers on long days of traveling; of dealing with the emotional highs and lows that can occur when experiencing different cultures; and of being a considerate member of the group (prompt, courteous and flexible).

I think <u>this article</u> from AMA Travel out of Alberta, Canada is really helpful. It mentions issues that can affect your stamina that you might not be thinking about (like excess heat) and lays out an easy plan to follow to get ready for being more active than most of us are in our daily routines at home.

As ever, I encourage you to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Best regards,

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