ECOLOGY OF THE DALMATIAN COAST & THE ROOTS OF THE CROATIAN WINE TRADITION
Dubrovnik, Croatia

SUMMER 2020
May 16 - June 13, 2020
6 credits

**Highlights:**
- Spend four weeks exploring the natural beauty of Croatia, its diverse ecosystems and wine making history, methods and techniques.
- Combine classroom-based study with field learning excursions and guided tours that will take you to coastal areas, national parks and wine regions outside of Dubrovnik.
- Participate in a week-long sailing excursion that will take you to the coastal islands in the Adriatic Sea which are abundant in flora and fauna and have influenced the rich history of Croatian wine culture.
- Pay significantly discounted tuition for 6 credits.

**Course Details:**

**ENVS-150 – Ecology of the Dalmatian Coast**
An introduction to population, community and ecosystem ecology, stressing the dynamic interrelationships of plant and animal communities of the Dalmatian Coast in Croatia. 4 credits

**HSPT 161 – Wines of the World**
An introduction to the global wine history, vineyard methods, production techniques, grape varieties, sensory evaluation, marketing and distribution. 2 credits

No pre-requisites. Open to all undergraduate students.

**Application deadline: February 16, 2020**

**Next Step:**
Make an appointment with a study abroad advisor - global@rit.edu or 585-475-4466

*2 scholarships available for summer global campus or faculty-led programs. Additional scholarship funding also available.*
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Sailing Itinerary*

There are over 1,300 islands in the Adriatic Sea and 1,000 of those islands belong to Croatia. Croatia’s sailing season runs from May to October with June being an optimal time to sail on the Adriatic. Summer sailing is typically calm with stable conditions during the day. Sailing times between stops on the itinerary range from 2-7 hours. Summer air temperatures on the Adriatic range from 77-87 degrees and water temperature averages around 75 degrees. Students will sail on 8 person boats to each location and will stay in hotels overnight at each stop. No sailing experience is necessary. Boats are captained by an experienced crew.

June 6th – Leave Dubrovnik for Sipan Island & Sipanska Luka
Sipan Island is a popular day trip from Dubrovnik (about 10 miles by sea from Dubrovnik). It is the largest of the Elaphiti Islands is full of olive, fig trees, citrus groves and vineyards. Students will stay in Sipanska Luka, an active fishing village on the island.

June 7th - Pomena
Pomena is located on Mljet Island, popular summer tourist destination (only 50 residents live on the island in the off season).

June 8th – Island of Korcula
The sixth largest island in Croatia, Korcula is known for its dense forest, vineyards, olive groves, resort towns and sandy beaches. Arguably the best of all Croatian wines is produced from pošip grapes, which are only grown here.

June 9th – Vela Luka
Vela Luka’s most interesting sight is Vela Spilja or Great Cave. This vast rocky hideout was clearly inhabited in the Neolithic Period.

June 10th – Ubli (Lastovo Island)
Lastovo is an island of an untouched nature with 70% of the island covered in forest. The island is mountainous with opportunities for hiking, walking or cycling.

June 11th - Mljet National Park
Much of Mljet Island is covered in forests, fields, vineyards and small villages. The western tip is home to Mljet national park, with lush vegetation, forests and salt water lakes.

June 12th – Return to Dubrovnik

Please note that class excursions include a good amount of walking, sometimes over uneven terrain, and that students should be prepared for an active program.

*Subject to change