The University of Wisconsin-Madison International Seminar in Rovinj, Croatia is offered by International Academic Programs (IAP) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. This IAP Program Handbook supplements the IAP Study Abroad Handbook and provides you with the most up-to-date information and advice available at the time of printing. Changes may occur before your departure or while you are abroad.

Questions about your program abroad (housing options, facilities abroad, etc.) as well as questions relating to your relationship with your host institution (e.g. course credit and equivalents, registration deadlines, etc.) should be directed to International Academic Programs at UW-Madison.

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Embassy Registration
All program participants who are U.S. citizens must register at the U.S. Embassy before departure as this will help in case of a lost passport or other mishap. You can register on-line at https://travelregistration.state.gov. If you are not a U.S. citizen, register at your home country’s embassy or consulate.

U.S. Embassy in Croatia
2 Thomas Jefferson Street
Zagreb, Croatia HR-10010
Telephone: 385-1-661-2200
Website: http://zagreb.usembassy.gov/

Program Dates

- Students depart United States: Saturday, May 24, 2014
- Students arrive in Rovinj, Croatia: Sunday, May 25, 2014
- Course begins: Monday, May 26, 2014
- Course ends: Friday, June 20, 2014
- Students depart from Rovinj, Croatia: Saturday, June 21, 2014

Preparation Before Leaving
Please be sure to read the IAP Study Abroad Handbook. Refer to the Pre-Destination Checklist in Appendix B of the IAP Study Abroad Handbook for essential information.

Immigration Documents
Passport
A passport is needed to travel to Croatia. Apply immediately for a passport if you do not already have one. Passport information and application forms can be found on the U.S. State Department website (http://travel.state.gov/passport). If you already have your passport, make sure it will be valid for at least 6 months beyond the length of your stay abroad.

Visa
No visa is required for U.S. passport holders for stay up to 3 months. Students from other countries should check with the Croatian Embassy about whether a visa is required.

At the present time, no vaccinations or immunizations are required for entering or leaving Croatia; however, we encourage you to consult with your doctor about any recommended inoculations. Also visit the CDC website at http://www.cdc.gov/travel/easteurp.htm for the most recent information on inoculations and health precautions that should be taken for visitors to Croatia.

**Handling Money Abroad**
The Croatian currency is the kuna. For the latest currency exchange rates see http://www.accu-rate.ca or http://www.oanda.com (this uses European dates: day/month/year).

Banks in Rovinj are generally open Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 3.30p.m. to 7.30p.m. There is a wide number and variety of ATM bank terminals available 24/7.

**Credit Cards**
All major Credit Cards are recognized and accepted in most hotels, shops, and restaurants. Stickers in the front windows will advise you as to which cards are accepted.

**ATM**
ATMs are widely available throughout the country. Check the symbols on the machine to see that they match the symbols on your card before you start. In large cities there are Automatic Foreign Exchange Machines that take all forms of currencies, but they may charge high commissions. When using a bank debit card, you will generally receive better exchange rates and lower fees than if you take cash advances from your credit cards. The ‘Zagrebacka banka’ ATMs accept Eurocard/Mastercard, and ‘Euronet’ ATMs accept Visa, American Express, and Diners Club. Be sure to check with your ATM/debit card provider for any international transaction fees or transaction limits.

**Tipping**
Hotels and restaurants generally include a 10-15% gratuity on the bill. Ushers in the cinema, theatres and taxi drivers also expect a 10% tip. For drinks at cafes, round the bill up to the nearest kuna amount.
Travel and Arrival Information

Arrival Information
You are responsible for making your own travel arrangements, which includes arranging flights that will allow for appropriate arrival time for the course start date. There are three different airports which students can fly into: Trieste (Italy); Zadar, Rijeka, Zagreb, (Croatia); and Ljubljana, (Slovenia). We recommend flying into Trieste, as it is the closest (120 km) to Rovinj, and it seems to offer the most available flights. There will be an organized transfer from Trieste to your residence in Rovinj at the cost of approximately 20-25 euro. However, the choice is ultimately up to you. Although you are welcome to fly to Croatia on your own, we encourage you to arrange flights with other students on the program.

Please arrive before the program start date: Monday, May 26 (students will have to leave the United States on May 24 to arrive in time). Prior to this date you will need to arrange your own accommodations.

You may consider using a local travel agency to help you in finding available airplane tickets.

From the Trieste airport to Rovinj:
This is the option that the Director of the program recommends. The transportation from Trieste to your residence in Villa Vienna in Rovinj will be organized by our primary host, Domagoj Fritz, for a fee of around 20-25 euros per person (1.5 hour bus ride). This price is based on an estimated number of eight passengers. If fewer than eight passengers sign up, this price may be greater. You should let Domagoj know if you are interested in this option (E-mail: dfritz@villetta-phasiana.hr) at least a week before departure. He will let you know the group meeting point at the airport, which is fairly small. If the meeting point is in the city of Trieste, you can take bus #51 from the airport (Ronchi di Leggionari) to the designated place in Trieste. The bus leaves approximately every half hour. Check http://www.aptgorizia.it for the schedule.

The transportation from Rijeka would be an intercity bus (2.5-3 hour ride). You would need to find your way to the Rijeka Bus Station and purchase a ticket to Rovinj. The ticket cost is approximately $25.

The transportation from Ljubljana would be similar, but the bus ride may take longer, depending on the type of bus. In most cases, it will take 3-4 hours. Again, you will need to find your way from the airport to the Ljubljana Bus Station. The ticket cost is approximately $35.
Packing
All manner of clothing is possible in Croatia, within the limits of decency and good taste.

You are expected to dress in a respectable manner when visiting churches and monasteries. In order to enter a church, women are expected to wear skirts that fall below their knees and shirts that, at a minimum, cover their shoulders. Men should likewise wear pants and sleeved shirts. Do not enter a church barefoot. You may see tourists entering churches with far less clothing than is required, but this is considered extremely offensive.

Suggested items to pack:
- darker clothes that do not get as dirty as quickly
- *comfortable* walking shoes
- slacks and jeans
- shirts and blouses
- underwear, socks, T-shirts
- clothes with pockets
- dress clothes (if you wish to go out in the evening)
- sweaters or jackets for cool evenings/mornings
- an umbrella; a collapsible one is easier to handle
- light rain gear
- insect repellent
- Band-aids
- Kleenex
- wash cloths
- travel alarm
- mouthwash/toothpaste
- shampoo
- feminine hygiene items
- necessary prescription medications
- inexpensive portable radio and/or a walkman
- inexpensive hair dryer
- contact lens solutions
- suntan lotion/sun blocks
- swimming suit

Electronics
Electrical current is 220 volts AC, 50 Hz. Most plugs have two round pins. We recommend that you pack an adapter together with your electrical appliance, so
that you do not have to spend valuable time looking for adapters and transformers during your stay.

The Academic Program
The Class meets 11-2 MWF on the ground floor of the Institute for Historical Research in downtown Rovinj, Piazza Matteotti 13.

Conflict and Culture: The Case of Istria
This four-week University of Wisconsin-Madison faculty-led program titled Conflict and Culture explores the relationship between violence and the formation of national identities in the unique cultural setting of Istria. Starting with the origins of European "vampire plagues" which emerged in the areas of intense cultural contact between different civilizations during the 17th and 18th centuries, the seminar provides insight into the lesser-known areas of cultural history of Europe and its relationship to the formation of national identity. Focusing on the historical traumas caused by the war and ethnic strife, the seminar examines specific ways for resolving the conflict and developing tolerant notion of shared culture. The course is conducted in Istria, one of the "border zones" which is presently located in the Republic of Croatia, a meeting place of Slavic, Italian and Germanic cultural traditions. Students will be based in Rovinj, a beautiful museum-city on the shores of the Adriatic sea, taking classes in the Italian cultural center located in a 17th century villa.

Rovinj was an island until the 17th century when the narrow channel separating the city from the mainland was filled to accommodate the growing population of the area as a naval and mercantile outpost of the Venetian Republic. The area has a rich historical legacy due to the constant exchange between Slavic, Latin, and Germanic cultures. The residents of Rovinj are multilingual and of mixed ethnic makeup. Croatian and Italian are used interchangeably and due to tourism and its border location, many of its residents also speak German and English. Istria is an excellent setting for UW-Madison students keen on studying a variety of topics, from literature to politics and anthropology.

The seminar format will emphasize an interactive and interdisciplinary approach, with a minimum of lecturing from the seminar leader and local anthropologists, sociologists and cultural activists and a maximum of discussion and immersion into the culturally diverse context of the Istrian peninsula. The activities will include field trips to the archeological sites from Roman times, as well as to the more recent monuments from Venetian and Austro-Hungarian periods. The
struggle for memory between the "official story" and the alternative ones will also be presented in class. Special attention will be paid to the emergence of dialogue between different cultures in the region. Students will be required to keep a dialogue journal of their experience in and out of class. This journal will be the basis for the grade for the course, along with presentations on class readings, participation and in-class discussions.

**Credits**
You will earn four (4) credits for this international seminar. Undergraduate students will receive Slavic 245-Topics in Slavic Literature or International Studies 320 and graduate students will receive Slavic 755: Topics in Slavic Literature.

**Pass/Fail/Drop/Audit**
Participants are not allowed to take this course for pass/fail credit.

**Grades and Grade Conversions**
The course will be graded on the UW-Madison grading scale.

**Living Abroad**

**Climate**
The interior of northern Croatia has a continental climate, while the coast enjoys a Mediterranean one. Central, semi-mountainous and mountainous regions, as well as the entire Adriatic coast, have a mild and sunny climate. Spring and autumn are mild along the coast, while winter can be cold and snowy in central and northern regions. It is very likely that the weather will be summer-like, with occasional showers and long sunny spells during this program.

**Housing at Villa Vienna**
Students will stay in double rooms at the Villa Vienna. Each room is equipped with showers and bathrooms and satellite TV. If there is an excess of students, they will be housed on the same block, with same living standards. Breakfast and dinner will be provided in the nearby restaurant Maslina. Most locations are within 15 minutes walking, including the Italian Cultural Center (ICC) where the seminar is located.

Villa Vienna
Prve istarske brigade 13, Rovinj, Croatia HR-52210
Phone: (385)-52-815-055

**Restaurants and Food**
There is an abundance of good restaurants in all price ranges. The food is influenced by Mediterranean cooking (seafood, pasta, pizza), as well as by Balkan cooking (grilled meats, salads, breads). There is an abundance of bread and pastry shops, which offer burek, a Balkan filo dough specialty. Local fast food is similar to American fast food, yet of tastier variety.

_Maslina_ restaurant will provide breakfast (9.30-10.30 a.m.) and dinner (6 p.m. -8 p.m.), which are included in the cost of the program.

**Shopping**
There are plenty of tourist-type local souvenir shops, as well as more global shops. Prices are bargains in comparison to neighboring Italy, which prompts many Italians to shop in Croatia during the weekends.

**Transportation**
One of the advantages of the city is that it is easy to get around on foot. Cars are not allowed in the old part of the city, which makes it a pedestrian paradise. You can take taxis, and most of the fares to outlying locations are around $5-$10.

**Safety**
Keeping all your money in one place is not advised - guard against possible loss by leaving a small stash of money in your hotel room or buried in your backpack, with a record of the travelers check serial numbers and your passport numbers.

**Health Issues in Rovinj**
Students should not forget to bring their sunscreen lotions along with their swimsuits, since sunburn can occur rapidly without protection. Also, a wide-brimmed sun hat is a good idea, as well as light raingear.

**Communication**
When making calls, keep in mind time zone differences ([www.timeanddate.com/worldclock](http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock)). To make an international call to the United States, dial the access code for the country from which you are calling plus the United States country code (always “1”) followed by the appropriate U.S. area code and local number. To call internationally from the United States, dial “011”, the country code, city access code (if necessary) and the phone number. Country and city codes can be found online ([www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/dialing.html](http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/dialing.html)). Some of above steps can vary if you are using a calling card.

**Croatia Study Abroad Guide (Rules and Advice)**
House Rules:
1. No outside visitors allowed on premises (especially not overnight)
2. No noise after midnight (if you are coming late, be careful not to wake up everyone else)
3. Lock doors behind you, especially during the night. If you lose your keys you will charged $50.
4. Laundry is done once a week by our hosts for a charge. If you need this service, put your dirty laundry in the provided bags and leave them in front of your door.
5. Bedding will be changed once a week. If for any reason you need a new one before, let me or our hosts know.
6. Please keep your room as tidy as you are reasonably able to.
7. Restaurant “Maslina” (Olive) where you eat is close to the housing, make sure to be there at the appointed breakfast and dinner time (you will have a two hour window for both breakfast and dinner).

Note on Everyday Culture:
You will be surprised how much young people in Croatia are similar to the young people in the US. The influence of American popular culture will be more than apparent to you. Despite that, there are some cultural differences.

Language – Most of the locals can communicate some basic facts in English. Otherwise, apart from Croatian, many of them are bilingual in Italian, and speak German as a dominant language of tourism in the region.

Body language – The locals tend to speak with their hands as much as with their mouths. Also, there is more physical contact between people, which does not have to imply anything sexual.

Previous generations noted that men in Croatia court girls in a more open manner, and sometimes a bit more assertive way. Express clearly if that bothers you.

Several useful phrases:
Bok/Ćao – Hi (informal)
Dobro jutro – good morning (formal), dobar dan - good afternoon (formal), dobra večer (good evening), laku noć (good night)
Kako si (informal)? / Kako ste (formal)? – How are you?
Hvala! – thank you!
Ja sam Maria. – I am Maria.
Kako se zoveš? - What is your name?
Oprostite. - Pardon me. Excuse me.
Gdje je Prve Istarske Brigade 13? - Where is Prve Istarske Brigade 13 (the address of your housing)? Gdje je restoran Maslina? – Where is restaurant Maslina (our restaurant)?
Lijevo – left; Desno – right; pravo – straight
Koliko košta…? – How much is it…?
Jedan – 1, dva – 2, tri – 3, četiri – 4, pet – 5, šest – 6, sedam – 7, osam – 8, devet – 9
Deset – 10, pedeset – 50, sto – 100, tisuća – 1000
Hoću/želim… – I want…
Neću / ne želim – I don’t want…

Useful phone numbers in Croatia (+385 is regional code for Croatia that you need to add to any local number if calling from your American phones):
Toma Longinovic +385 91 721 0691 – if there are any problems, please call me anytime.
Emergency: (+385) 194
Police department: (+385) 192
Fire department: (+385) 193
Help at sea: (+385) 195