

• A 2012 SIGNATURE JOURNEY •

# Explore the Sunny Adriatic and Aegean Seas

*Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Montenegro and Greece*



**On board Seabourn's new, all-suite, all-inclusive *Seabourn Quest*  
April 22-May 4, 2012**

HOSTED BY PAUL AND CHRISTINE NISKANEN





Dear Travelers:

European travelers discovered the joys of travel to Croatia long before we did; that's not surprising because of the close proximity. Moreover, Croatia's towns and landscapes are postcard perfect and the travel values are excellent. Finally, as with the rest of the Adriatic, warm sunshine often floods the region when more northerly European countries remain beset with rain and drizzle.



**Christine and Paul Niskanen**

A few years ago, we offered an Adriatic cruise on Seabourn Cruises. Not only did it fill quickly, it received some of the best ratings we've seen. We were not surprised. The sights were superb and the warm hospitality was genuine.

In 2012, in late April, before the Europeans begin their summer holidays and descend on Croatia and Slovenia, we'll embark upon an outstanding 11-day cruise covering some of the best sights in Croatia. We'll also touch on Slovenia, Italy, Montenegro and three charming hideaways in Greece.

We'll cruise aboard one of Seabourn's beautiful all-suite ships, the stunning *Seabourn Quest*, which will be less than one year old when our cruise begins. Imagine the pleasure of a small (just 450 guests), all-suite vessel, where beverages and gratuities are included in your fare and the ship's staff soon remembers your name. The ship is just large enough to offer all the amenities we have come to expect but small enough to offer a superb standard of service. (We haven't even touched on the amazing cuisine served throughout the day in the ship's various open-seating restaurants.)

We encourage you to look carefully at the itinerary and all the inclusions; you'll see what a good value it represents. Even more important, look at all the places we visit on this amazing itinerary. Don't forget your camera and bring lots of memory cards; it's that good.

We hope you will join us on this sublime late-spring cruise in the Adriatic and Aegean.

Christine and Paul Niskanen

# highlights

## A FEW OF THIS SIGNATURE JOURNEY'S MAGICAL EXPERIENCES:

Paul or Christine meet you at the airport when you arrive\* and transfer you to the ship. When it's time to go home, we've arranged for your transfers back to the airport.

When we land in Koper, Slovenia (one of Europe's real success stories), we'll visit the country's handsome capital, Ljubljana (easier to visit than to pronounce). Our local specialist provides us with an insider's view of life in Slovenia along with a delightful lunch.

We've planned a private excursion from Ravenna, Italy to Italy's culinary capital, Bologna. We'll not only see the sights but we'll go behind the scenes at one of the city's culinary centers to see the techniques (and taste the results!).

\* Certain conditions apply.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- ☑ Superb 11-day cruise on all-suite and virtually all-inclusive Seabourn Cruise Line. We'll cruise on their newest ship, the *Seabourn Quest*, where 350 crew members look after just 450 guests. We'll feel very pampered. It's nice to know that most of our drinks (except for certain vintage wines) are included in the fare along with gratuities to our suite and dining staff.
- ☑ You'll soon appreciate that you are traveling with a small circle of compatible travelers and with some of the Adriatic's finest guides. We think you will be very pleased at the special events we've organized to experience more of Europe's people and their culture.
- ☑ The entire trip is personally hosted by Paul and Christine Niskanen, your traveling concierges. With extensive prior experience in this region, Paul and Christine will be your gracious hosts, your "fix-it" people and will add to the pleasure of your journey. Anytime you travel in unfamiliar territory, it's comforting to know you have seasoned travel professionals at hand for assistance or advice.
- ☑ You will be invited to private cocktail parties and other special onboard events exclusively for participants on this *Signature Journey*.
- ☑ We provide extensive pre-departure reading materials to enrich your visit, personalized baggage tags, currency and temperature conversion cards as well as pleasant surprises along the way.

## Signature Journey Objectives

When we plan a Signature Journey we break away from traditional excursions or tours to offer you more, to experience the destination up close. Our journeys are designed to avoid the crowds and long lines. We meet the locals and show you the hidden sights not mentioned in guide books. Our hand-chosen guides provide special insight and access to the destinations we visit.

We keep your personal travel objectives and your satisfaction foremost in mind. To preserve your individuality, we avoid the trappings of group travel such as large buses, inflexible schedules and banquet room meals. Though you'll be traveling with others, you won't find it necessary to compete with 30-35 other travelers for a guide's attention. We don't like to travel in this manner and will not ask you to do so.

We provide you with detailed information before you depart so you know what to bring and what to expect when you arrive. In this manner, you'll soon develop a sense of personal comfort in your new environment.

Though our travelers could certainly make many of these arrangements on their own, most participants enjoy leaving the travel details to us so they can focus on the enjoyment of their journey. Previous travelers on our Signature Journeys also tell us they enjoy the camaraderie of their pleasant traveling companions.



## ITINERARY

■ **SUNDAY**  
**April 22, 2012**  
*Depart for  
Venice*



This morning you'll embark upon a magnificent journey that may spoil you. After all, you're flying to Venice and boarding one of the world's very best ships for a fascinating cruise. If you have not visited Venice before, we encourage you to contact us to arrange a few days in this spectacular city before your cruise begins. And, if you have not visited Venice recently, talk to us about visiting areas of this magical city you may not have seen before. (When we visited Venice a year or so ago, we stayed well away from the crowds at Piazza San Marco and fell in love with the city all over. We'll help you do the same.)

■ **MONDAY**  
**April 23, 2012**  
*Arrive in Venice,  
Board the Seabourn Quest*

We'll meet you when you arrive in Venice today and transfer you to the pier to board the beautiful *Seabourn Quest*. When we stepped aboard her sister ship in Venice a few years ago, we were immediately impressed with the ship's handsome design. From top to bottom, she differs from any other ship. You'll know at once that you're in for a special experience.

Be sure to be on deck (or on your veranda) when the *Seabourn Quest* sails past the Grand Canal and through the city's neighborhoods en route to the Adriatic – it's one of the most spectacular sail-outs anywhere!

■ TUESDAY

April 24, 2012

*Koper, Slovenia*

COMPLIMENTARY SIGNATURE JOURNEY EXCURSION

Founded by the Venetians, the old port city of Koper remains quite attractive. However we'll bring you inland today to visit the charming capital of Slovenia with the tongue-twisting name, Ljubljana (pictured at right). Built on both sides of a picturesque canal, Ljubljana presents a delightful mix of Austrian and Mediterranean styles. We'll see the best of it and enjoy a pleasant lunch complimented by Slovenia's excellent wines.



Bologna

■ WEDNESDAY

April 25, 2012

*Ravenna, Italy*

COMPLIMENTARY SIGNATURE JOURNEY EXCURSION

Ravenna is a pleasant provincial town, but when Rome fell in 404 AD, Ravenna became the capital of the Roman Empire. Even today magnificent treasures are hidden behind the walls of Ravenna including stunning mosaics inspired by Italy's trade with Byzantium. While Ravenna has some interest on its own merit, our Signature Journey excursion brings us to Bologna, known to Italians as *dotta, grasse e rosa*, learned, indulgent and red. After all Bologna is the site of the oldest university in Europe, is known for its gastronomic talents and, finally, the reddish color of its handsome buildings (as well as its left-leaning politics). We think you'll enjoy the interesting visit as well as our culinary experience in Italy's foodie capital.

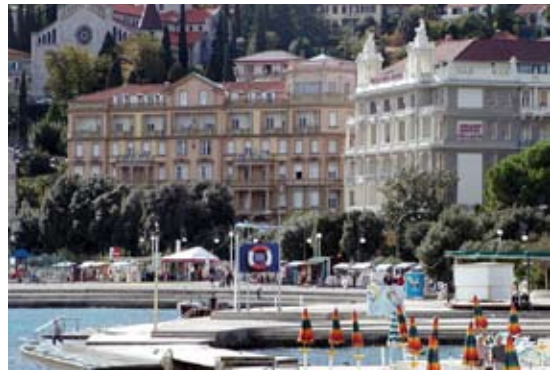


Launched in June 2011, the stunning *Seabourn Quest* continues the Seabourn tradition of all-suite accommodations (most with private teak verandas). New to this exciting class of vessels is a two-deck, 12,000 ft spa, more deck space and swimming pools as well as four restaurants, six lounges and bars and complimentary wine and spirits. We particularly like the new Seabourn Square with its specialty coffee and pastry bar, library lounge and computer center all in one – a great place to meet friends old and new.

Unchanged on the new ships are the warm smiles from crew members who soon know your name, your personal preferences and hate to say ‘no’ to any request. (There’s almost one crew member for every guest!) Celebrity chef Charlie Palmer still creates many of the ship’s menus and the suites still offer some of the best indulgence at sea. Finally, thanks to the somewhat larger size of this class of vessels, you can expect more showroom entertainment, restaurant choices, public lounges and other onboard activities.

■ **THURSDAY**  
April 26, 2012  
*Opatija, Croatia*

When it was an important part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, Opatija became the resort city of choice for aristocrats. The location is stunning. Situated at the foot of snow-capped Mt. Ucka, the city’s fabled promenade along the Adriatic stretches nearly seven miles. Bring your walking shoes and your camera – this is a real gem.



■ **FRIDAY**  
April 27, 2012  
*Sibenik, Croatia*

While most of the places we’ve visited so far remind us of their Italian or Austrian influence, Sibenik is the first real Croatian city in our itinerary. It was badly damaged during the 1991 conflict, however Sibenik is now returning to its former glory. Built on a hillside, take a few moments to climb the steps on the side streets for stunning views over the town, the offshore islands and the blue Adriatic.

■ SATURDAY  
April 28, 2012  
*Dubrovnik, Croatia*

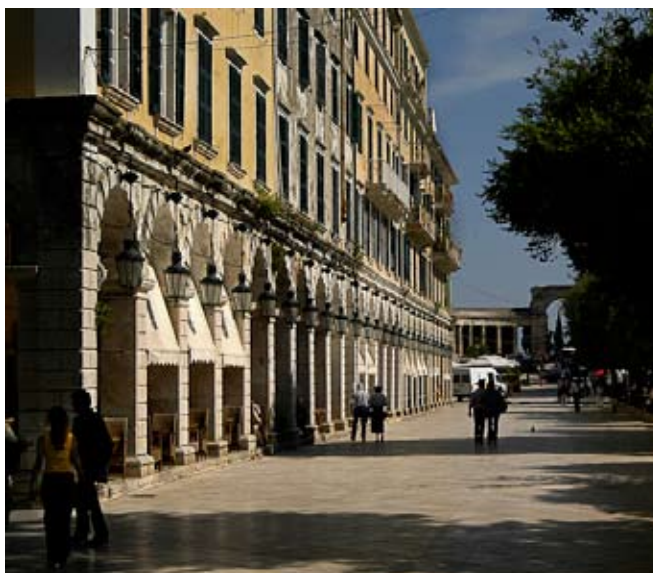
It's fitting that our final stop in Croatia is the fabled walled city of Dubrovnik. It's always an exciting moment to step through the old city gates to enter the heart of Dubrovnik with its picturesque limestone streets (mostly traffic free), narrow alleys and bustling markets.

We suggest a walk along the top of the city walls for excellent overviews of the city as well as the old harbor and the Adriatic.



■ **SUNDAY**  
**April 29, 2012**  
*Kotor, Montenegro*

One of the most picturesque moments of European cruising takes place when the *Seabourn Quest* enters the narrow inlet to the Bay of Kotor. Surrounded by hills and scenic communities, our ship sails to the far end of the bay (better described as a fjord) to the charming walled city of Kotor. Located just a few steps from our ship's berth, old Kotor is easily explored on foot. We suggest you take the path behind the city's walls to walk to a little chapel situated above the city for stunning views of Kotor and the deep blue bay.



■ **MONDAY**  
**April 30, 2012**  
*Corfu, Greece*

When we think of Greek islands we often imagine cubic whitewashed houses situated on dry hills above the sea. Corfu is much different; after all the Venetians built its handsome city on a luxuriant island covered with thick green foliage. Don't miss exploring picturesque Corfu Town or a drive out to a stunning beach resort known as Paleokastritsa.

■ **TUESDAY**

**May 1, 2012**

*Argostoli, Cephalonia,  
Greece*

The largest of Greece's Ionian Islands, Cephalonia is overlooked on many traveler's wish lists, leaving us to enjoy its charm and its little capital, Argostoli. Think of barren mountains dotted with clusters of olive groves and cypress. Over time Cephalonia has been ruled by many empires including the Normans, Italians, Turks, and the Brits.



**Cephallonia countryside**



**Argostoli**

■ **WEDNESDAY**

**May 2, 2012**

*Pylos, Greece*

Our first stop on Greece's Peloponnesian Peninsula is the little village of Pylos. Situated on a magnificent bay, Pylos offers us a great base for exploring the Peninsula to see sights such as Olympus and Sparta. Of course we also enjoy the option to simply relax in the pretty little town, perhaps with good conversation and a glass of ouzo at a local taverna.



■ THURSDAY  
May 3, 2012  
*Santorini, Greece*

Certainly one of the most spectacular sights in the Aegean is the island of Santorini. As you sail into the giant caldera of an ancient volcano, the little white specks that looked like snow on the dry mountainside turn out to be Greece's iconic whitewashed homes perched on the edge of the crater. This is where photographers come to take their photos for postcards and posters – it's one of the world's most scenic islands. While here, don't miss a visit to the nearby village of "Ia". If possible, it might be even more scenic. What a great ending to a magnificent cruise.



■ FRIDAY  
May 4, 2012  
*Athens, Greece*

What a cruise! Venice, Croatia, Slovenia, Italy and now Greece. In eleven days we've seen and experienced so much. If you have not seen Athens before, we're happy to make arrangements for you to spend a day or two here. You'll want to see the Parthenon (said by some to be the world's most beautiful structure) perched high on the Acropolis, the old Olympic Stadium and Athen's picturesque old shopping and restaurant district, the Plaka. We'll help you make all the arrangements. Otherwise we'll bring you to Athen's new international airport and bid you farewell as you head home. Your heart will be filled with pleasure and your camera overloaded with pictures. You'll be glad you came!

## TRAVEL DETAILS

- ☑ 11-day cruise on Seabourn's newest all-suite vessel, the *Seabourn Quest*.
- ☑ Round-trip airport to ship transfers\* in Venice and Athens.
- ☑ Two days of exclusive, carefully-planned shore excursions: Bologna, Italy and Ljubljana, Slovenia
- ☑ Paul and Christine Niskanen personally host this Signature (subject to a minimum of 14 travelers). In the event of any travel difficulties, it is comforting to know that seasoned travel professionals are nearby.
- ☑ Special events on board the *Seabourn Quest* including cocktail parties and a private dinner in the ship's highly-regarded Restaurant 2.
- ☑ Extensive pre-trip information and the many little extras Cruise Masters/Concierge Travel Advisors adds to each of its Signature Journeys.

\* *Certain conditions apply*

PRICES			
CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	DOUBLE	SINGLE
A	Seabourn Suite with large picture window	\$5,295	\$8,495
A1	Seabourn Suite with large picture window	\$5,495	\$8,895
V1	Veranda Suite	\$5,775	\$9,350
V2	Veranda Suite	\$5,925	\$9,650
V3	Veranda Suite	\$6,075	\$9,875
V4	Veranda Suite	\$6,225	\$10,095

**Ask us for pricing for the Penthouse, Owner's, Signature and Wintergarden suites.**

### Government taxes and fees

At the time of printing, government fees and taxes were \$94.72 per person. (Subject to increase but locked in at the time of booking.)

### Prices include:

The cruise, private shore excursions as listed in the itinerary, Cruise Masters/Concierge Travel Advisors hosts, airport-to-ship transfers in Venice and Athens\* and other items as specifically listed in the itinerary.

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### Prices do not include:

Airfare, port or air taxes and government fees, shore excursions and other optional expenses on board the *Seabourn Quest*, telephone charges, laundry, dry cleaning and all other items of a personal nature.

### Triple and Quad Occupancy

Contact Cruise Masters/Concierge Travel Advisors for a quotation.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Deposit

A deposit of 25% of the total fare is due at the time of reservation. Final payment is due January 19, 2012. Visa, MasterCard and American Express credit cards are accepted.

### Credit for not using Cruise Masters/Concierge Travel Advisors land arrangements

Refunds will not be provided for the non-use of any of the hotel and/or land arrangements included on this journey.

### Passports and Visas

US citizens are required to carry a valid passport to take part in this journey. U.S. citizens do not receive visas.

### Airfare and Land Arrangements

Air transportation is not included in the prices listed above. Cruise Masters/Concierge Travel Advisors is happy to provide quotations for coach and business class flights from all major gateway cities. All land arrangements in this Signature Journey have been made by Cruise Masters/Concierge Travel Advisors using recognized local "on-site" receptive companies that will be fully disclosed in your travel documentation.

### Flight Mileage Upgrades

If you would like to use your flight mileage awards for free coach or business class travel, we encourage you to contact your particular airline immediately. (Travelers who often use mileage awards tell us that they often call a number of times until they find a reservations agent who can find acceptable arrangements.)

If you would like Cruise Masters/Concierge Travel Advisors to investigate these flight opportunities in your behalf, in view of the considerable time it takes to research mileage award flight arrangements, Cruise Masters/Concierge Travel Advisors assesses a service fee of \$100 per person (or per couple traveling together). This fee applies regardless whether we find suitable arrangements for you or not.

Since the airlines allocate relatively few seats on most flights for "no cost mileage tickets", it is often easier to purchase a "regular or full fare" coach ticket and upgrade your service to business class.

### Overseas Airport-to-Ship Transfers

Cruise Masters/Concierge Travel Advisors includes airport-to-ship transfers in Venice and in Athens for those travelers arriving or departing on the days our Signature Journey begins and concludes. If you elect to arrive or depart on another day, you are responsible for your own transfer arrangements in those two cities. Of course, Cruise Masters/Concierge Travel Advisors will be pleased to arrange private transfers for you (at extra cost).

### Cancellations

- If you cancel your booking prior to January 19, 2012, an administrative fee of \$350 per person will be deducted from your deposit.
- If you cancel your participation on or after January 19, 2012 but prior to March 5, 2012, your cancellation penalty is the amount of your deposit.
- If you cancel your participation on or after March 5, 2012 but prior to March 19, 2012, your cancellation penalty is 50% of the amount of the full fare.
- If you cancel your participation on or after March 19, 2012 no refunds will be provided..

Note that these conditions differ from those of Seabourn and take precedence over Seabourn's cancellation policy.

Insurance for cancellations and certain other travel mishaps will be offered and is strongly recommended.

### Private Shore Excursions

Working with our local on-site partners, Cruise Masters/Concierge Travel Advisors is pleased to arrange private shore excursions for individuals or small groups at most of our ports of call. These arrangements allow you more flexibility and more personal service. When two

or more couples are involved, the charges are often similar to group excursions purchased on board the ship.

Contact Cruise Masters/Concierge Travel Advisors for more information.

### Ages

Though there are no specific age limitations, for the comfort of all of our guests, we suggest a lower age limit of 17 years or older. Though there is no upper age limit, our excursions require a moderate level of walking. If you require special assistance, you must provide such assistance. Cruise Masters/Concierge Travel Advisors hosts cannot assume this responsibility.

### Changes

Cruise Masters/Concierge Travel Advisors reserves the right to charge \$50 per person (in addition to cruise and airline charges) for changes in passenger names, departure cities and departure times which are made after the time of booking.

### Other Information

Approximately 21 days prior to departure, Cruise Masters/Concierge Travel Advisors will provide extensive informative information on the Signature Journey and the destinations.

### Responsibility

Cruise Masters/Concierge Travel Advisors constantly strives to improve each itinerary to your advantage and enjoyment. If improvements can be made or unforeseen conditions make changes necessary, we reserve the right to vary itineraries and substitute cruise ships and/or hotels. In addition, day-by-day itineraries are subject to change without notice.

No refund will be issued for any included item not utilized.

Minimum participation: Prior to the final payment deadline, Cruise Masters/Concierge Travel Advisors retains the right not to host this trip in the event less than 16 participants take part in the cruise and tour program.

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Any litigation concerning this tour must be brought in the state of Oregon. Changes in the RESPONSIBILITY clause can be made only in writing signed by an officer of Cruise Masters/Concierge Travel Advisors. Deposits paid by tour participants indicate acceptance of the above terms and conditions.

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