

# MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW CROATIA 2016



View from  
hostel LINK

## PROGRAM BROCHURE

### ACCOMMODATION

The recently renovated Hostel Link is located in the town of Lovran. The hostel overlooks the Adriatic Sea and the Lungomare, the 13-kilometer seaside walk that connects several historic and beautiful towns along the coast. Originally built in early 20th century as an hotel for the European elite, Hostel Link was renovated three years ago as a top-end hostel. It has a 24-hour reception and a self-service laundry room. Most rooms have balcony and/or sea-view. A first floor terrace lounge area overlooks a seaside formal garden--and is a nice place to sit down and relax in your free time, if you ever get tired of the beach.

The Hostel Link offers 2 and 3-bed rooms with A/C and private facilities. It is like a hotel, except that rooms are shared and offerings somewhat more limited. You can expect a fresh towel every three days and linens will be changed once per week. And, there is no ice on premises or room service. Similarly, although the hostel does provide basic meals, including breakfast, no food is included in the price of the stay.

### THINGS TO REMEMBER:

Buy European adapters for electric outlets, or you won't be able to charge your smartphone .

Most locals speak English well, especially younger people, so communication is seldom an issue.

Croatia is known for its safe environment, low to non-existent crime rate, and welcoming people, but Lovran, like all of coastal Croatia in the summer, is crowded with tourists from all over the world. Use caution and common sense.

Although the hostel does provide basic meals, which are served in the lobby, no food is included in the price of the stay.

### AMENITIES:

Within a 10 minute walk, you will find several ATM's, restaurants, pubs, a post office, bakeries, cafés, a supermarket, and fresh fruit and vegetables at the Lovran open-air market. The Roman Catholic Church in Old City Lovran, minutes by foot from Hostel Link, offers mass. Protestant service is available in Opatija. A mosque in Rijeka is accessible by bus.



Dalmatia  
Cruise

### INTERNATIONAL ASPECT

MSU IP Law Summer Institute partners with the Croatian University of Rijeka and attracts students from throughout Croatia and other countries in the European Union to offer a unique international experience. A professor from the Law Faculty of the University of Rijeka teaches international IP, and the program attracts a dozen law students from established European law schools such as Bologna, Firenze, Ljubljana, Zagreb, and Warsaw. MSU Summer Institute alumni have developed international contacts that have proved valuable both personally and professionally.

University of Rijeka kindly provides a fully equipped lecture hall (Wi-Fi, projector screen, AC) within the Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality Management. The Faculty is a 10 minute walk from Hostel Link along the Lunogmare.

### AIRPORTS AND TRANSPORTATION, LOGISTICS.

Flights are not included in the program arrangements, but we will be happy to assist you.

### IMPORTANT DATES

You are expected in Lovran on 7/11 – that's arrival day, so any part of the day is okay as long as you get there.

Most students choose to arrive at Zagreb international airport (ZAG), and the program will organize direct minibus transport to Lovran for them. This transportation, as long as you arrive between 8 AM and 6 PM is already included in your activities fee.

There are other possible airports, especially if you are interested in coming to Europe ahead of time and travel individually before the program begins. Venice Airport is about 3 hours' drive from Lovran (from the Venice airport, you can take a train to Trieste, bus to Opatija, taxi to Lovran). The Ljubljana (Slovenia) airport is about 2.5 hours away (bus to Rijeka, bus to Lovran). For those interested, more details will be provided upon request.

Due to logistical constraints, the complimentary pick-up service is provided only to students flying into Zagreb airport.



Faculty of  
Tourism,  
Opatija



## Opatija Riviera

### WHAT DATES TO BOOK

In order to land in Zagreb on July 11th, you will need to leave from the United States a day before, on July 10th factoring in the time zone difference.

If you will not be partaking in the Dalmatia Cruise, you are advised to book your outgoing flight on July 30th, the last day of hostel accommodation covered by the program fee.

Those going on the Dalmatia cruise should book flights out of Split airport on August 6th (afternoon or evening) or August 7th (anytime).

If it would be more economical to fly back out of Zagreb (that you flew into), make sure to book your flight on August 7th as Zagreb is a six-hour train or bus ride away from Split.

Those wishing to stay an extra couple of days, should notify us as soon as possible to ensure hostel availability (at additional charge).

In all cases, please make sure you understand that arranging transport from and to the airport is your responsibility (with the exception for those flying into Zagreb on July 11th), and we are happy to advise you in the process.

### CURRENCY, ATMs, CREDIT CARD TIPS, PRICES AND TIPPING

Even though Croatia is a member state of the European Union, the currency has not changed to Euro yet. That means you should get acquainted to the Croatian Kuna (HRK). The current exchange rate is around 7 Kuna per 1 USD. We recommend you use your credit card for ATM cash withdrawal and most bigger payments (shopping, restaurants, etc) – just make sure you know what your bank charges for exchange/withdrawal to avoid unpleasant surprises upon return. Also, notifying your bank you will be traveling to Europe might be a good idea, because some banks will block a credit card if it's suddenly used half way around the globe – and that is a nuisance that is best avoided. European ATM's require PIN for cash withdrawal – again, if your credit card doesn't have one, talk to your bank and sort it out before arriving.

To give you an idea about prices in Croatia – an average meal in a good restaurant is about 10-15 USD per person, movie ticket is 5 USD, cup of coffee is 1.5 USD and a beer in a bar will cost you anywhere between 2 and 5 USD. Tipping is not mandatory, but if you are pleased with the service you are welcome to tip. 10-20 Kuna is what locals usually tip, so you can use it as a reference.



Rovinj,  
western Istria

### THE OPATIJA RIVIERA

Opatija is Croatia's first tourist center, dating back to the mid-19th century, when Austrian aristocracy began spending winters at the shores of the Adriatic. Today, you can still see hotels from that era, as well as other notable sights – like botanic gardens, open-air theatre, museums and galleries. Opatija is surrounded by several beautiful seaside towns (Volosko, Icici, Ika, Lovran), lined up along the shore and connected by the romantic, sea side pathway – the famous Lungomare.

### EXCURSIONS, ACTIVITIES, CRUISE

The program includes two major excursions – one to the Istrian peninsula, and another to the oldest National Park in Croatia – Plitvice Lakes.

The Istria trip will feature a visit to Rovinj, a city designed by Venetian architects in the 15th century, and winner of the “Best tourist destination in Croatia” award for two years running. After Rovinj, one of best Croatian family-run wineries will host us for a tour and tasting as well as a homemade lunch featuring world-famous Istrian specialties. Both the tasting and the lunch are included in the activities fee.

Plitvice Lakes National Park is one of the busiest sights in Croatia, with over million visitors per year. This natural wonder is made of 16 cascading lakes that create breath-taking waterfalls nested in an untouched forest, reflecting itself on the emerald surface of the water. In addition to Dubrovnik, which



Plitvice Lakes  
NP



is included in the optional Dalmatia Cruise, Plitvice Lakes NP stands out as Croatia's top destination and a definite must see.

On top of the two full-day trips that are covered by the activity fee, several optional activities are also available. They can be a great way to take a break from studying, as well as immerse yourself in local culture and lifestyle. Sea kayaking along the famed Istrian coast, hiking on the historic trails of Mt. Ucka, or experiencing Croatian sports enthusiasm at a soccer game.

### **DALMATIAN CRUISE**

If a week long cruise around South Dalmatian archipelago on a private, vintage wooden cruise ship sounds like a perfect way to relax after your finals and round up your Croatian summer - you are in luck

because this is exactly what we have in store for the first week of August 2016!

The ship is equipped with deck cabins (two bunk beds and private facilities) and three sun decks. It comes with an experienced crew for your absolute comfort and peace of mind. Board in Split and have the captain navigate through the world famous Dalmatian islands while making stops to explore Brač, Hvar, Korčula, Mljet and the coastal towns of Makarska and Dubrovnik. You will experience a unique contrast of old, cobblestone towns dating back to Ancient Greek and Roman times with modern Croatian culture and nightlife.





Dubrovnik,  
Dalmatia

### EVERY DAY OF THIS ROUND TRIP WILL OFFER SOMETHING DIFFERENT:

- wine tasting in Korčula - since the Greeks started flocking here in the sixth century BC, the island of Korčula has been a top Dalmatian attraction. Over the years, this picturesque spot midway between Split and Dubrovnik has played host to rampaging hordes of Romans, Goths, Slavs, Venetians and Austro-Hungarians, being an important outpost on naval trade routes. Nowadays, Korčula has its share of souvenir shops and fancy restaurants, yet its vibrant character remains intact and you can still wander the slender streets of the beautiful old town and imagine yourself in medieval times.

- Mljet National Park - Mljet is one of the most seductive of all the Adriatic islands. Much of the island is covered by forests and the rest is dotted with fields, vineyards and small villages. The northwestern half contains Mljet National Park, where the lush vegetation, pine forests and spectacular saltwater lakes create an exceptionally scenic environment. It's an unspoiled oasis of tranquility that, according to legend, captivated Odysseus for seven years.

- Hvar - one of the most beautiful of numerous Croatian islands, a stunning gem of the Adriatic, whose pine-ridged shore is dotted with pretty towns. The biggest of these - also called Hvar - has Venetian architecture, and its pedestrian-only streets are lined with charming cafes and bars. In recent years, this former fishing village has gained huge international buzz, attracting young people throughout Europe, such as England's Prince Harry, as a good place to relax after hard work.

Dubrovnik stands out as Croatia's top tourist destination, and not without a reason! Walk the city walls of this 12th-century fortress overlooking the Adriatic on the one side and the thousands of red-clay roofs on the other. Then take a saunter down the famous Stradun street or take a Game of Thrones tour. Dubrovnik is where King's Landing is filmed. The real attraction here is the Old Town and the best way to check out is the still-stout medieval wall that surrounds this city of about 40,000, offering an unforgettably scenic mile-long stroll above town. While constructed over many centuries, today's impressive fortifications date from the 1400s, when they were beefed up to defend against the Ottoman Turks.

Climb down and stroll through Stradun, the 300-yard-long promenade that runs through the heart of Dubrovnik's Old Town. In the Middle Ages, merchants lined this drag; before that, it was a canal. Today this is the main artery of the city: an Old World shopping mall by day and sprawling cocktail party after dark. So don't forget to come back after spending some time on the beach.

- Swimming at arguably the most beautiful Croatian beach, Zlatni rat on Brač - A silvery tongue of shingle extending into a turquoise sea, Zlatni Rat ("Golden Cape") is very much the poster boy of Dalmatian beaches, pictured in countless brochures and guidebooks. The pebbly peninsula remains a compelling destination despite the crowds - its clear shallow seas and gripping maritime views make it a difficult place to leave.

To ensure comfort and safety, this cruise is limited to first 16 students that apply and pay the deposit, so please keep that in mind and secure your place on time.



Zlatni rat beach,  
Brač island

## PROGRAM

Building on MSU Law's nationally recognized Intellectual Property, Information & Communications Law (IPIC) Program, the Institute provides a valuable introduction to copyright, patent, trademark, and internet law from an international perspective. These are topics that all lawyer must know to thrive in our modern, integrated information-based economy.

American, Croatian, and students from other EU countries explore copyright, patent, and cyberlaw from an international perspective in Opatija, a seaside resort suburb of Rijeka. Classes will be held at the University of Rijeka's School of Tourism and Hospitality, a 19th century villa on the beach. Opatija is within day trips of Venice, Italy, Ljubljana, Slovenia, and of course the world class beaches of the Northern Adriatic.

[www.law.msu.edu/croatia](http://www.law.msu.edu/croatia)

[www.facebook.com/MSUCroatiaSummerIP](https://www.facebook.com/MSUCroatiaSummerIP)

## CURRICULUM

Although the schedule can change, we are tentatively offering Cyberlaw from an International Perspective (1 credit), Introduction to International IP (1 credit), Comparative Copyright (1 credit), and European Private Law and IP (1 credit).

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