



BASTIONS OF *Intrigue*

Sail the romantic islands of Croatia - experience the walled cities and imposing castles of the Adriatic - take in the treasures of Venice and the wonders and fine fare of Slovenia. As a prelude to this unique tour we visit New York, Newport RI and England to trace the origins of the America's Cup with entry to the inner sanctums of the world's most exclusive New York Yacht Club and the Royal Yacht Squadron.

Tour duration 28 days

Departing Auckland 27 August 2017 | May-June 2018 | Aug-Sept 2018



Your tour directors Larry & Debbie Keating

A member of the exclusive New York Yacht Club (NYYC) and the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron (RNZYS) Larry and Debbie have the keys to the inner sanctums of some of the world's most prestigious yacht clubs and years of sailing the Mediterranean in their yacht CHINANO.

Given approval from the NYYC, the Royal Yacht Squadron (RYS) in Cowes, and the Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC) in the UK, these bastions of privacy have opened their doors on this rare occasion to a special interest group led by Larry and his wife Debbie. They are proud to share the privilege of experiencing the unique hospitality of these institutions and learn of their historical significance to the world of yachting. An experienced broadcaster and America's Cup historian, Larry will facilitate this trip through Croatia and Slovenia while tracing the origins of the America's Cup with an entertaining and informative journey of discovery.

As a photo-journalist, radio reporter and producer of historic sports films, Larry has brought play by play commentary to every America's Cup regatta since 1987. Larry (a qualified RYA Commercial Offshore Yacht-master) and Debbie, have travelled the world in their professional capacities for years.



28 days of discovery & adventure. Join us for the experience of a lifetime.



Itinerary

Day 1: Depart Auckland bound for New York, arriving early evening of the same day. A private luxury coach transfers you to Sofitel Hotel Midtown Manhattan right next door to the New York Yacht Club.

Day 2: A leisure day to recover from the long flight or explore Manhattan's mid town theatre district, Broadway and Times Square.

Day 3: The day begins with a tour of the architecturally striking New York Yacht Club. You will be met by Club historian John Rousmanier who will paint a picture of the club's history and their 132 year guardianship of the America's Cup. You will see one of the world's largest collections of model yachts and the original Deed of Gift. An afternoon visit to the New York Supreme Court and a sunset cruise of the Hudson River ends a fascinating day.

Day 4: Check out is at 8.30am for a three hour coach trip north to the Mystic Seaport Museum for lunch and a two hour tour of the old seaport. The trip north to Newport RI takes in the quaint harbour town of Stonington, dating back to the 1600's. On arrival at the Newport Marina Hotel at around 5.00pm, you will take an evening walking tour to the centre of Cup festivities between 1930 and 1983, America's Cup Avenue and Bowen's and Bannister's Wharves.

Day 5: Local tour of Newport and Jamestown to learn of the origins of the early settlers of America. Free evening.

Day 6: A gilded age experience with visits to the opulent Vanderbilt mansions, Breakers and the Marble House with NYYC's historian John Rousmanier. At around 1.00pm the NYYC's Harbour Court offers a light lunch and tour with John of the Renaissance Norman style mansion. After a freshen up back at the hotel, the Club welcomes you back at 5.00pm for drinks and dinner in the Bolero Restaurant.

Day 7: Hotel check out is at 10.00am for a visit to the world renowned International Yacht Restoration School (IYRS.) You will see the restoration progress of the 131ft schooner Coronet which held the transatlantic record in 1887, and meet young people from all over the world learning the crafts to build and restore classic boats. En route to Boston you visit the Herreshoff Museum and the America's Cup Hall of Fame. It's an evening departure for London ex Boston for an overnight flight.

Day 8: The ETA in London is 9.00am. You are transferred to the London Paddington Hilton. The rest of the day is at your leisure.



Day 9: First up is a visit to the House of Garrard, jewellers to the Royals, where in 1848 the America's Cup was designed and crafted. You will see the original blue print of the now priceless silver wine ewer made for 100 Guineas. The remainder of the day is free to enjoy more of London before the next day's trip south to the Isle of Wight.

Day 10: 8.30am and it's off to the Isle of Wight, a two hour 45 minute trip to Southampton to board a Red Funnel Ferry bound for Cowes where you check in to the prestigious Royal Ocean Racing Club for a two night stay. Author and America's Cup aficionado Bob Fisher joins us to guide you through the origins of the Royal Yacht Squadron and America's victorious race around the island in 1851.

Day 11: A late morning visit to Queen Victoria's 1800's summer residence, Osborne House, near to where the Queen boarded 'America' to congratulate the crew after their 1851 victory. En route to lunch the world renowned Beken of Cowes nautical photography studio beckons. In the afternoon you'll take a coach tour of the island's historic towns. The evening is free to enjoy the pubs and local fare of the old Georgian town.

Day 12: It's farewell to the staff of the RORC and a ferry back across the Solent to our waiting coach in Southampton to travel to Emsworth cemetery to pay respects to

Sir Peter Blake at his grave site. Bob Fisher will read a verse of the Ancient Mariner, part of which is inscribed on Sir Peter's headstone. Bob then leaves for his home and the group heads for the Gatwick Hilton to overnight before flying to Croatia.

Day 13: It's an early transfer to Gatwick airport for the two hour 20 minute flight to Croatia. On arrival a private coach transfers you to the hotel. A free afternoon is planned for you to explore Trogir's 3rd Century BC walled town and/or a short ride to historical Split 20kms south.

Day 14: Transport will deliver you to the nearby marina to start the seven day charter. Our Croatia and Slovenia Guide Andreja joins you here. She is an experienced sailor and speaks many languages. (The schedule of daily destinations may change depending on the wind and weather)

Day 15: Hvar

Day 16: Pakleni Islands

Day 17: Korcula

Day 18: Lastovo

Day 19: Brac

Day 20: Solta



Day 21: It's farewell to the charter team then a 15 minute trip to Split airport for a flight to Zagreb. Met by a private coach you will cross the Croatia/Slovenia border to Ljubljana and check in to Hotel Slon for a free evening.

Day 22: A four hour walking food tour is a feature of the day. Taste your way through Slovenia's savoury capital and sample traditional daily fare. Between stops you'll learn about Ljubljana's fascinating architectural and cultural history.

Day 23: After breakfast you travel 60kms to Lake Bled. En route you'll visit the Elan boat building factory at Begunje for a tour of the design office and production line. It's then off to the famous medieval Bled Castle for lunch. Mid to late afternoon you return to Ljubljana for a free evening.

Day 24: Check out after breakfast to travel approximately one hour to the spectacle of the Postojna cave. Followed by lunch, wine tasting and a walk through the stunning Karst village. Once your taste buds are satisfied it's a short drive to the coastal resort town of Portoroz for two nights at Hotel Apollo.

Day 25: After breakfast it's a short hop to the enchanting Piran, a picturesque port village with history dating back to BC. A get-together is booked at the famous Rizibizi restaurant

renowned for its elegant dining, service, atmosphere and a menu famous for its truffles, Istrian olive oil and fine wines.

Day 26: Check out is at 10.00am to leave for Venice, the home of the 1992 America's Cup challenger Il Moro di Venezia, and the romantic Aman Palazzo on the Grand Canal. The expected arrival time is 1.00pm. The afternoon is yours to explore the mesmerising maze of waterways, piazze and sights of St Marks Square. Early evening the famous Harry's Bar awaits you for drinks and nibbles as we prepare to leave Europe for the UK the next day.

Day 27: Water taxis transfer you to Venice airport for the flight to London Gatwick. On arrival you are transferred by coach for two nights at the Royal Ocean Racing Club near St James and Buckingham Palaces. The afternoon and evening are at your leisure.

Day 28: Another leisure day in London before a private dinner for a convivial farewell gathering in the RORC's charming dining room.

Day 29: RORC check out in time to transfer to LHR for the flight to Auckland.



	Twin/Double	Single
<i>Tour cost</i>	\$24,995	Price on application
<i>Business Class Upgrade</i>	Price on application	Price on application

<p><i>Flights</i></p> <p>Return Air New Zealand Premium Economy flights to Europe ex Auckland upgradable to Business</p>	<p><i>Meals included</i></p> <p>Welcome dinner (New York) Daily breakfast Meals on selected days Farewell dinner (London)</p>
<p><i>Accommodation</i></p> <p>20 days in luxury accommodation in five countries Seven day private cruise in Croatia</p>	<p><i>Transport</i></p> <p>Private transfers for all arrivals and departures</p>

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*Terms & Conditions apply. Confirmation on booking must be secured by a NZ\$1000pp non-refundable deposit. Further payment will be required to cover airfares within 7 days, Balance will be due by 30 June 2017. All payments are to be made by Cash, Cheque, EFTPOS or Direct Internet Banking or credit card. Credit Card payment will incur a 2% surcharge for Visa or Mastercard and 5% for Amex. A FULL & COMPREHENSIVE Travel Insurance policy must be purchased at the time of paying your deposit. All pricing is in NZ Dollars. Tariff and exchange rates used are based in effect as at 22 May 2017. As changes in exchange rates may occur, we reserve the right to adjust prices accordingly.

It is our policy to try to present true costs of our holiday inclusive of all airlines and cruise line taxes, levies and surcharges. Please accept however that these taxes and levies are not within our control, therefore if a new tax, levy or surcharge is to be introduced or increased, we reserve the right to pass on any increase in cost. Events beyond our control, such as currency fluctuations, changes in the price of aviation, coach and ship fuel, or changes to the cost of services and facilities may result in prices charged to you being different. If unforeseen circumstances beyond our control require us to make necessary changes to your holiday, we reserve the right to cancel or reschedule departures and itineraries. When it is necessary to change a hotel, the company reserves the right to substitute accommodation of at least a similar standard. Travel dates and transit points are based on airline schedules available at the time of printing. These may change at any stage, which will alter the itinerary and may require amending flights and/or cities. Upgrades: Upgrading your flights from Premium Economy or Business Class (on the Air New Zealand long-haul flights only) is subject to availability at time of booking. Upgrades will also be required to be paid for separately as per the fare rules at the time of booking. The tour will be escorted by Larry & Deb Keating, subject to a minimum of 12 passengers booking and paying in full by Friday the 30 June 2017. Cancellations and Amendments – should you change or cancel your booking there will be charges associated with the extra work and time required, in addition substantial fees may be charged by the Service providers, they will vary from one to another as well as depending upon the time at which you cancel. The amount of each suppliers cancellation of amendment fee is beyond our control and payment is solely your responsibility.



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BASTIONS OF INTRIGUE TOUR

BOOKING FORM

DATE:

NAME:	PHONE:
ADDRESS:	FAX:
DX#	EMAIL:

FULL NAMES OF PEOPLE TRAVELLING

TITLE Mr, Mrs, Ms, Mstr, Miss	FIRST NAME:	SURNAME	DOB: Required
NATIONALITY	PASSPORT NUMBER	OCCUPATION	ADDRESS

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I have enclosed a deposit of \$1000 per person and have read and accepted the terms and booking conditions. I am duly authorised by my party to make this agreement. I am over 18 years of age.

For your convenience below are our Bank Account details if you wish to pay by Direct Credit.

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03 0389 0123884 00 Orewa Travel Ltd.
Reference: (Your name)**

Reference: Larry Keating

Client Signature	Date
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