



ABINGDON

From Classics Department: Chris Burnand

28 November 2014

Dear Parent

re: Croatia
Saturday 24 October – Friday 30 October 2015

This trip is a first for the Abingdon Classics Department: to visit the rich remains of the Roman province of Dalmatia and the northern corner of Italia itself. We will largely be spending our time along the beautiful western coastal strip of Croatia with its richly indented coast, dotted with countless islands.

We will begin with a tour of Zagreb, before transferring to Pula to visit its impressive amphitheatre, gates, arches and Augustan temple. From here we will also visit the villas at Medulin and the hilltop site of Nesactium, before crossing to see the villas and other sites on the Brijuni Islands. Then we will move south-east to the pretty town of Zadar and its Roman forum and temple – now a church – and archaeological museum.

In the second half of the trip we will move further south via the imposing walls of ancient Asseria towards first Salona, the ancient Roman provincial capital, with its extensive remains, and finally Split, the site of Diocletian's famous imperial palace, built in AD 305.

We will be staying in four different hotels (in Zagreb, Pula, Zadar and Trogir); the tour price will include half-board, air fares, and all travel in Croatia and entry to the sites (but not the cost of lunches or of getting to Heathrow from Abingdon: I will organise a coach for those who wish to use it).

The cost will be between £650 and £680 (based on a minimum of 40 pupils taking part). The first non-refundable deposit is £100, payable by the end of term; the second (also of £100) will be due at the end of January, and the balance will be due during the Summer Term. The Bursary ask us to note that by completing the consent form, you are committing to the total cost of the trip (providing the trip proceeds). The completed consent form secures your son's place, but thereafter the School will proceed to make bookings and reservations to procure the best possible deals.

If you are interested, please return the slip below to me with a cheque for £100, made payable to Abingdon School, by **Friday 12 December**. However, places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ring me at school, at home (01865 341590), or contact me by email (chris.burnand@abingdon.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

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To: Mr Burnand

I would like to book a place for the 2015 Croatia trip for my son

..... Date of birth

(Please give first name and surname **exactly** as on passport, needed for flight-booking.)

I enclose a cheque for £100 as a non-refundable deposit, and I understand that I am committing to the full cost of the trip.

Signed.....