

ALMA DE LUCE

IN HER
FOOTSTEPS

June 2025 ACIS Trip



"This remarkable collection recounts Europe's descent into war from the vantage-point of Alma De Luce, the adventurous wife of an AP reporter, and a photographer and writer in her own right. Her letters home detail societies being drawn into the maelstrom of conflict from Budapest to Beirut, and many places in between. This latest product of the Park Tudor Legacy Initiative brings to life a fascinating woman's adventures and observations during a critical moment of history." -- Ian Ona Johnson, PhD -- P. J. Moran Family Assistant Professor of Military History, The University of Notre Dame

Alma De Luce: "You may now stop worrying about my being over here in darkest central Europe, with the Russians on one side and the Germans on the other, while I start to worry about you over there on the Pacific Coast facing the Japanese menace." - September 30, 1940



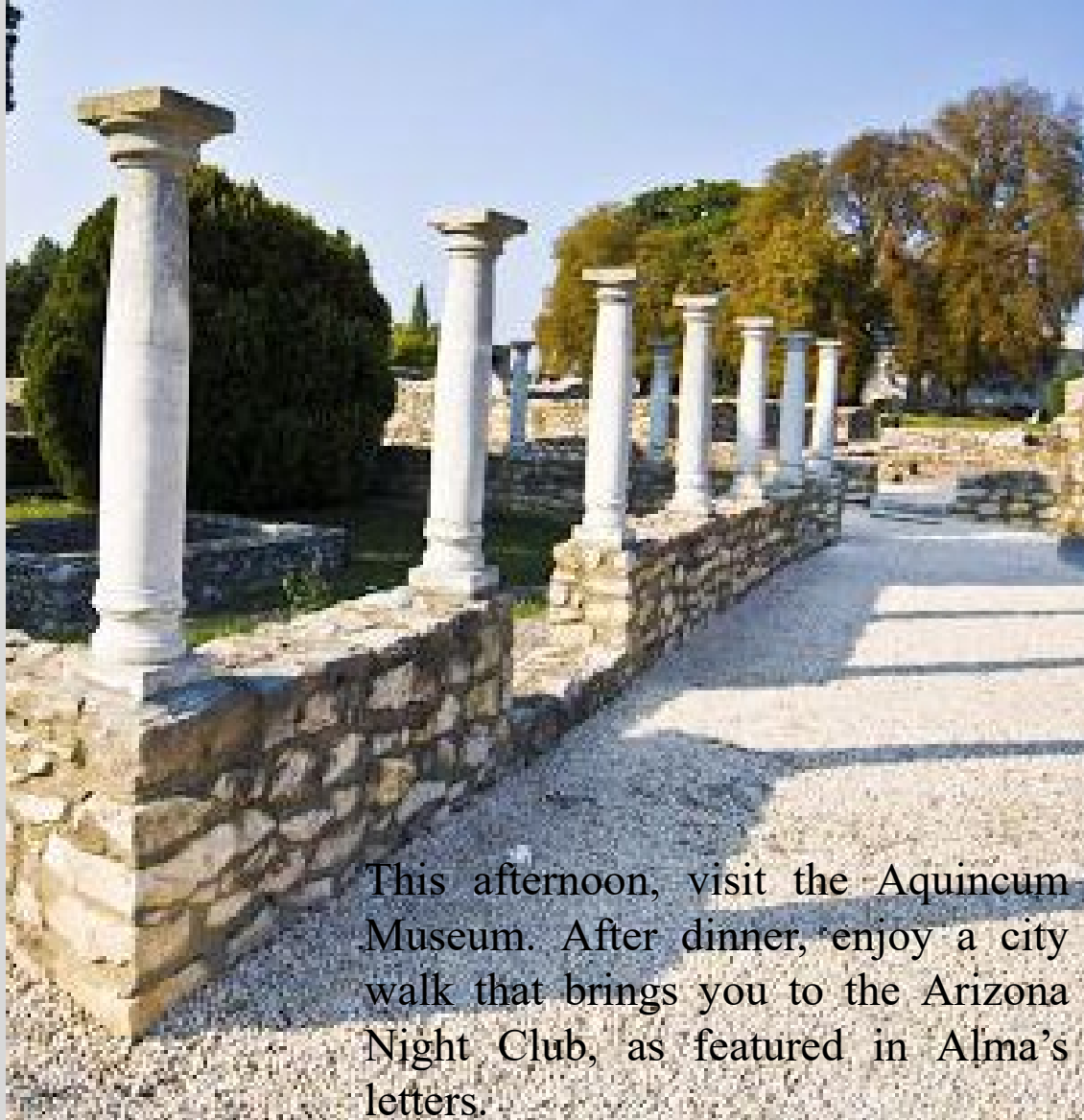
Map: *Headquarters Budapest*, by Robert Parker, AP Chief in Budapest with the De Luce couple in 1939 Outline of tour area in red]



BUDAPEST

JUNE 10 & 11,
2025

We will dive into the thousand-year history of Budapest. We will see Heroes' Square, St. Stephen's Basilica, the spectacular Hungarian Parliament building, and then cross one of the city's beautiful bridges to take in wonderful views from the neo-Roman Fisherman's Bastion and enjoy entrance to Matthias Church. Free time possible Margaret Island and wave pool.



This afternoon, visit the Aquincum Museum. After dinner, enjoy a city walk that brings you to the Arizona Night Club, as featured in Alma's letters.



Ljubljana, Slovenia June 12 & 13:

Old Square before crossing the Dragon Bridge on the way to Market Square. See the town's most recognizable sights, the Triple Bridge, City Hall Square and the Bishop's Palace . . .



This morning drive to Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia and a multicultural city noted for its many fine museums and medieval architecture. Stop en route at Balaton Lake before arriving in time for dinner. (B,D)



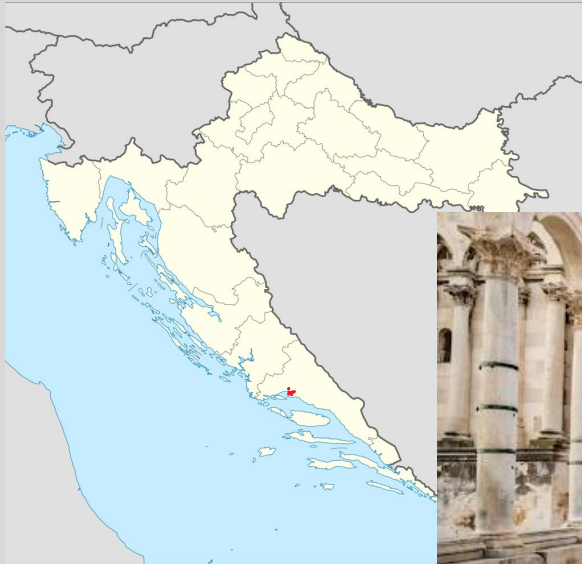
ZAGREB, Croatia June 14, 2025

- Drive to Zagreb this morning. Upon arrival enjoy a sightseeing tour with a local guide, including highlights of both Gornji grad, & Upper Town; and Donji grad; Lower Town. Marvel at coat of arms tiled onto the colorful roof of St. Mark's Church, gaze sky-high at the twin neo-Gothic spires of Zagreb Cathedral, feel the lively buzz of Dolac
- Market and see the statue of Ban Jelacic in his namesake square. (B,D)



SPLIT JUNE 16: UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

See the relics of Diocletian's Palace, a palace and fort built by the retired Roman emperor in the 4th century around which the city itself has grown. The afternoon is yours to explore more at your own pace. Perhaps visit Bacvice beach to watch locals play the unique game of picigin, invented here, or hike Marjan Hill for beautiful birds-eye views of the old town and harbor. (B,D)



DUBROVNIK JUNE 17 & 18

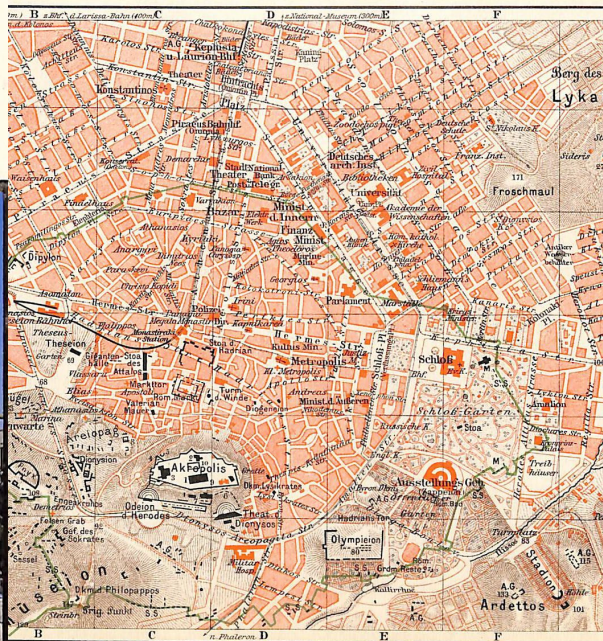
Today follow in the footsteps of the De Luce couple with a morning tour of the Sponza Palace. This afternoon explore the Island of Lokrum with its coves and caves. After dinner enjoy free time in the city maybe exploring the Kafana for traditional music. (B,D)





HOTEL
GRANDE BRETAGNE

Athens



Athens: June 19 & 20

- Say farewell to Croatia & enjoy a free afternoon in Athens where you will begin to explore this enchanting, ancient city. June 19 & 20
- Greet the day with a guided sightseeing tour that reveals the glories of ancient Greece. Ascend to the top of the Acropolis and visit the iconic Parthenon. Then view the Agora, followed by a stroll through the Acropolis Museum, a modern architectural jewel. This afternoon stroll through history by visiting the Temple of Jupiter, Stadium Street, and Roosevelt Street near Hotel Grande Bretagne where the De Luce couple stayed briefly. (B,D)



Nauplia, Greece June 21

- **Journey to the great Theater of Epidaurus and visualize 14,000 ancient spectators who sat here all day long, held spellbound by tragedies of Sophocles or comedies of Aristophanes.**
- **Dine on a traditional, countryside Greek BBQ lunch; included instead of dinner, then drive to Mycenae to see mainland Europe's oldest city, including the Lion Gate, Royal Tombs and Acropolis. B/L**



Sponge boat captain & Alma heading to Turkey

April 1941

This morning take the early ferry out to the Island of Andros. Enjoy a free day on the island

before returning to Athens for a Greek cultural evening in a traditional village setting. Taste freshly pressed olive oil, dine on authentic taverna cuisine and feast your eyes and ears on professional dancers moving to the traditional music. An expert also teaches you the steps of traditional Greek dances so that you can join in the fun! (B,D)

Depart Athens on June 23 for the US



Andros & Athens

June 22

Take a ferry out to the Island of Andros. Enjoy a free day on the island before returning to Athens for a Greek cultural evening in a traditional village setting. Taste freshly pressed olive oil, dine on authentic taverna cuisine and feast your eyes and ears on professional dancers moving to the traditional music. An expert also teaches you the steps of traditional Greek dances so that you can join in the fun! (B, D)