

YOU FOUND IT!!

Over the almost 25 years that In Quest of the Classics has created custom travel arrangements from the USA into Europe, many travel agents have asked: “*What makes us different from all those other tour companies out there?*” (i.e. “*Why should we book IQOTC and not...?*”) I hope the following answers at least part of those questions...

Did you know that Ireland still has a King? Yes, really! It’s a position recognized by the President of Ireland, and one that has been in documented evidence since the Formorions ruled Ireland in 5,000 BC. IQOTC is proud to say that Patsai Dan Macruaidhri will meet and greet our guests and conduct a private tour of his island, Tory, just off the coast of Co. Donegal. It’s a remarkable experience to step back in time – and with a personal welcome by a King!!



Did you know that Enya’s family owns the pub that’s “the local” of our Irish Managing Director? Yes, really! And it means that any IQOTC guest visiting the Northwest of Ireland will hopefully have the exciting chance to not only visit this amazing pub, but also meet family and... who knows? (We were there not too long ago and Bono was serving up drinks behind the bar!)



Did you know that IQOTC can arrange a day with Don Alfonso, one of Italy’s top 5 chefs? Yes, really! Clients will visit his farm and discover the beauty of Punta Campanella (between Sorrento and Positano) And the lunch with him will be truly amazing!

Did you know that IQOTC can arrange a meeting with Charles, 9th Earl Spencer, and Princess Diana’s brother? Yes, really! He will be on hand to welcome IQOTC guests to Althorp Hall, and give a guided tour of his home and the grounds, including the island where Diana is buried (from the bank only).



Did you know that IQOTC can arrange a private visit to Blenheim Palace and a meeting with Lord Charles Spencer Churchill and/or Lady Henrietta, daughter of His Grace, the Duke of Marlborough. Yes, really!

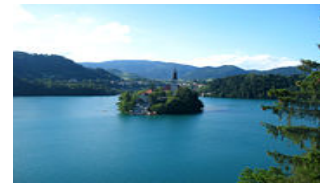


Did you know that in 1998 Ivana Grzetić was crowned Miss Croatia, and then went on to become Miss Universe Croatia and (in 1999) Miss Triumph Bikini in the Miss Tourism of the World competition? And that IQOTC can arrange clients (male and female!) meet her in Dubrovnik? Yes, really! (She's still stunning!)



Did you know that IQOTC can arrange a private tour (Saturdays only) of the Presidential Palace of Lithuania? The history of this amazing building dates back to 1387! Yes, really!

Did you know that Iztok Ćop and Luka Špiik are the first Slovenian Olympic gold medal winners and current world champions in the men's double sculls? And that for clients visiting Bled, IQOTC can arrange a meeting with these heroes of Slovenian sport? (And maybe even a chance to row with them on Lake Bled!) Yes, really!



Did you know that Toni Kukoć, former basketball star with the Chicago Bulls, is from Split, Croatia? And that (July and August only) guests of IQOTC travelling to Split have an opportunity to meet him? Yes, really! (All those fans of the Bulls, start planning next summer's vacation!)



Did you know that IQOTC can make a visit to the beautiful Gardens of Eyrignac in Dordogne very special by finishing with an aperitif with the host, Marquis Patrick Sermadiras de Lile in his 15th century “Manoir” (small groups only)? Yes, really!



Did you know that you could experience French History and Culture and live the life of the French aristocracy as private guests of Comte and Comtesse de Vanssay, in their elegant family château in the Loire Valley, dating back to the 14th century? Yes really!

And as if this wasn't exciting enough, you could also try “life in the fast lane” by driving a Lamborghini around the famous nearby Le Mans race track! Please see our suggested itinerary for a complete program under our “itineraries” tab.



More “Did you know that...” to be added shortly!!!!!!!!!!

OK, obviously when anyone includes a private meeting with a specific person, or a private visit to a specific sight, these are always “subject to...” as the person may well have a last-minute situation that is unavoidable (e.g. Ireland's last-recognized King being crushed by a runaway Guinness beer truck...) and will prevent him/her from being available; and the sight may well have to suddenly close for a reason nobody can predict ahead of time (a freak weather condition, power failure...) These situations are (thankfully) very rare; and if they happen, rest assured a suitable alternative will be arranged, or (if not possible) a full refund given for that particular event.

And the ***biggest “IQOTC WOW! FACTOR”*** is that these magical travel experiences ***DO NOT COST A FORTUNE!*** Unlike other U.S. tour companies (who also include special events, but usually at a very special price added in!), because our amazing friends and contacts throughout Europe, we can include them (“subject to...”) in any custom travel program (minimum of 7 hotel room nights + at least 2 other ground services) that goes into the region these people/sights are located – in some cases ***WITHOUT ANY CHARGE!!***

Surely that qualifies you and your valued clients for the IQOTC WOW! FACTOR?
And also sets our services apart from all others...?

