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Delegation to Kosovo

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Connect with surgeons and healthcare professionals in Kosovo on the ACS delegation. Led by Dr. Carlos Pellegrini, ACS past president, the program will give you a unique opportunity to learn about the state of health care in this developing country in the Balkans region of Eastern Europe.

Celebrating 10 years of independent governance in 2018, Kosovo has endeavored to develop a solid infrastructure to support its civil society. A culture that has been shaped by conflict and violence now looks to a bright future. Supported by U.S. and international nongovernmental organizations, Kosovo, the poorest nation in Europe, is home to some of the most innovative programs addressing the challenges of access to health care, advancing education, stabilizing the rule of law, and ensuring basic human needs for their entire population.



LEADER BIOGRAPHY

Carlos A. Pellegrini, M.D., is the chief medical officer for University of Washington Medicine and a professor in the Department of Surgery; he is also a past president of the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Pellegrini believes in caring for each patient as a person with a compassionate, family-oriented approach. He recognizes that learning is a lifelong process and endeavors to maintain the highest degree of professional competence. As CMO, Dr. Pellegrini promotes an environment of personal development and professional growth. He values the resources entrusted to him and maintains fiscal responsibility in the delivery of health care. Dr. Pellegrini was born in Argentina and received his M.D. from the University of Rosario Medical School, where he trained in general surgery. He completed his training in surgery at the University of Chicago. His clinical interests include caring for patients with upper gastrointestinal problems, minimally invasive surgery, and surgery of the esophagus and stomach.



Gain new professional insights and a unique perspective.



Experience the challenges and solutions shared with your overseas counterparts.



Access facilities and professionals at the highest level.



Explore future collaborations with new partners.



Enjoy continued connections with your colleagues.

Professional visits will focus on topics such as:

- Public health priorities (prevention of disease, maternal-fetal and infant care)
- The role of the World Health Organization and other NGOs in ensuring access to health care
- Financing of health care
- Development of surgery and the current state of surgical services
- Approach to trauma and crisis response
- Quality and value in the delivery of health care
- Cancer care, Centers of Excellence, and population health

BRIEF ITINERARY

- Day 1** ● **Departures from the U.S. to Prishtina, Kosovo**, by individual arrangements. Delegates arrive throughout the day with a program briefing in the evening.
- Day 2** ● Enjoy a **full day cultural tour of Prishtina** as you shake off the jet lag.
- Day 3** ● Introduction to **Kosovo's health care system**. You may meet with the Kosovo Cabinet Level office of the National Institute for Public Health.
- Day 4** ● Meet with faculty and students at **the University of Prishtina** to discuss current issues in medical education in Kosovo. Visit a secondary care hospital and a family medicine center, and meet with hospital administration.
- Day 5** ● Travel outside of Prishtina to **learn about rural health care**, including visits to a community primary care clinic.
- Day 6** ● **Visit a local market** and the shopping district to observe Kosovo's economy in action.
- Day 7** ● Depart for the U.S., or **continue on an optional extension trip** to Montenegro and Croatia.

The program will be finalized based on the guidance of the delegation leader, the interests and composition of the group, and the scheduling needs of hosting resources in country.

CORE PROGRAM COMPONENTS



Leadership Development



Experiential Learning



Professional Networking



Professional Development



Mutual Respect and Inclusion

ACCOMPANYING GUESTS

Guests are welcome to join the delegation at the same rate as professional participants, and will have opportunities to enjoy cultural enrichment and community service activities in lieu of the professional program. This is a wonderful opportunity for your partner, spouse, or friend to share the experience of traveling in Kosovo with you.

PRICING

Cost of Program: \$4,950 per person (5-star accommodations) | **Single Supplement Cost:** \$600 per person

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Apply Now

Prospective participants must apply and be approved by the delegation leader before proceeding with registration. A \$500 nonrefundable deposit is due upon approval of your application. The balance is due upon receipt of invoice, 90 days before departure.

Program fees are based on double rooms. A single-room supplement is provided as an option. If you have to cancel, you must submit your request in writing, dated upon receipt.

If you cancel...

After payment of the deposit
90–61 days prior to departure
60–31 days prior to departure
30 days prior to departure
Cancellation of program by World Learning

Your penalty is

\$500.00
25% of Program Cost
50% of Program Cost
100% of Program Cost
Full Refund to You

CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

Please be sure to read World Learning's [Conditions of Participation](#) and the U.S. Department of State's [Travel Information on Kosovo](#) before registering. All participants must sign the Conditions in order to embark on the program.

The program must meet a minimum registration of 11 participants in order to proceed. If registration does not meet the minimum, the program will be cancelled and all previously paid registration fees will be refunded. Please see the Conditions of Participation for further details on registration, payment, and refund policies.

OPTIONAL EXCURSION

While in Kosovo, why not extend your travels to see more of the region? World Learning offers an **optional add-on excursion** of 4 days to enable you to maximize your experience overseas. This excursion will introduce you to a wider range of cultural, historical, and culinary sights and experiences.



4-DAY EXCURSION Montenegro and Croatia

\$1,480 per person
(\$105 single supplement)

Delegates must be enrolled in the core program in order to take advantage of this excursion price.

ABOUT WORLD LEARNING

Founded in 1932 on the belief that international exchange programs can provide transformational experiences that cultivate lasting intercultural understanding, tolerance, and respect, World Learning has remained true to this vision. Even as our scope has evolved from student exchanges to include an annual portfolio of \$130 million with international education, development, and exchange programs in more than 60 countries, World Learning has remained committed to equipping future leaders to collectively address critical global challenges. For over 85 years, World Learning has designed international exchange programs for emerging leaders, currently hosting more than 3,500 participants each year on inbound and outbound exchanges.

We have the experience and resources critical to creating successful people-to-people exchanges. Our strong network of partners helps us connect with hard-to-reach areas and traditionally excluded constituencies. Innovative programs such as flexible semesters and virtual platforms allow us reach even more potential participants. We continually assess our programs to ensure their excellence.

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For a more detailed look at what sets us apart, check out our [Theory of Change for People-to-People Exchange programming.](#)

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