Ancient Greece: An Aegean Odyssey
aboard the Exclusively Chartered, Newly Launched, Five-Star, Small Ship **Le Léapouresse**
featuring Study Leader Brett Gamboa, Assistant Professor of English

October 4 to 12, 2018
Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends of Dartmouth,

Join us, as well as travelers from Columbia, Duke, Smithsonian, and other like-minded institutions, on this comprehensive Aegean Odyssey to the very cradle of Western civilization and the classical world, exploring the iconic jewels and legendary mythical places of Ancient Greece. Cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, state-of-the-art, Five-Star Le Laperouse, to be launched in 2018. Le Laperouse introduces the deluxe and exclusive Blue Eye, the world's first multisensory underwater lounge. Featuring only 92 Suites and Staterooms, this elegant small ship is able to sail into ports inaccessible to larger vessels.

This spectacular voyage calls on Santorini, Delos, Mykonos, Patmos, Rhodes and the Peloponnesian peninsula—ancient destinations steeped in myth and history—and offers opportunities to visit nine magnificent UNESCO World Heritage sites. Visit the extraordinary scenic wonder of Meteora, where 24 Orthodox monasteries, built in the 14th and 15th centuries, are perched high atop soaring sandstone cliffs. Walk through the Sanctuary of Asklepios at Epidaurus, where the history of Hellenic and Roman early healing practices is engraved onto exquisitely preserved stelai, or inscribed stone slabs, and the Theater’s exemplary acoustics still reverberate today. Learn more about contemporary Greek island life during the exclusive Island Life® forum, where you will meet and interact with local residents. Enjoy guided tours in these storied destinations and traditional Greek villages, with time at leisure to encounter their mysteries and delights at your own pace during the best time of the year. Aegean historian Eleni Zachariou will accompany us and share her extensive knowledge and expertise of the islands, Classical Art and Architecture and the peoples of her native Greece.

Island Life® in Ancient Greece is a popular, comprehensive travel program and an excellent value—all accommodations, meals, exclusive Cultural Enrichments and one excursion each day are included, and you only need to unpack once! Space is limited on this Aegean Odyssey, so book now!

Warm regards from Hanover,
Robin K. Albing, Tu’81
Director, Lifelong Learning and Advancement Special Projects

Study Leader
Brett Gamboa joined the Dartmouth faculty in 2010 after completing his Ph.D. at Harvard. His teaching and research focus mainly on Shakespeare and other dramatic literature, though he has taught courses exploring a range of artistic media, from epic poems to classical painting to contemporary television. His essays and reviews on Shakespeare and other dramatists appear in several journals and books, and he recently published performance-oriented introductions and commentaries for the 40 plays collected in The Norton Shakespeare. His first book, Shakespeare’s Double Plays is expected early in 2018 from Cambridge University Press. Brett is also a theater director and dramaturge, having mounted productions professionally and on campus. On this departure, Brett will share ideas about the theatrical and religious culture of ancient Greece, and how the literature and culture of Greece and the Mediterranean inspired and influenced English drama.

Cover photo: Admire the beauty of Santorini’s whitewashed villages overlooking the deep turquoise Aegean waters. The bronze stag symbolizes the Colossus of Rhodes, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.
The Roman writer Cicero (106–43 B.C.) observed of Athens that "wherever you set your foot, you encounter some memory of the past"; the same can be said for all of Greece. Here, in the cradle of Western civilization, glorious 14th- to 15th-century Orthodox monasteries were built atop the towering sandstone precipices of Meteora, St. John the Apostle is believed to have penned the Book of Revelation on the island of Pátmos and the legend of the lost paradise city of Atlantis lives on in Santorini. Imagine Odysseus seeking redemption in the Underworld or Orpheus retrieving his lost love as you experience the islands of Classical mythology. Envision ancient daily life at evocative archaeological sites, such as the Sacred Way and Akrotiri, and experience exclusive, local Cultural Enrichments, including an Island Life® Forum with Patmians who will share their candid perspectives about life today on the ancient island, a folklore show and an authentic baklava culinary demonstration.

Mykonos’ iconic round windmills were once used to mill wheat on the island between the 17th and 19th centuries.
Athens, Greece
Birthplace of democracy and home to many of history’s greatest philosophers and poets from Socrates to Herodotus, Athens is unmatched in its contributions to early Western civilization.

Meteora
From the attractive port city of Volos, birthplace of legendary Argonaut Jason, travel across the fertile Plain of Thessaly to the seldom-visited natural wonder of Meteora—Greek for “suspended in the air”—an extraordinary enigma of virtually uncharted Orthodox monasteries. This breathtaking UNESCO World Heritage site was constructed in the 14th and 15th centuries a staggering 1300 feet above the valley floor, atop soaring natural sandstone pillars, where the early Christian traditions of these monasteries have continued uninterrupted for hundreds of years. Visit one of the four active monasteries, originally accessed by way of long ladders and baskets suspended on ropes, but today accessible by travel on a modern road overlooking verdant Peneas Valley with impossibly majestic sights.

Delos
The mythical birthplace of Apollo and Artemis, Delos is today a UNESCO World Heritage site. It is considered to be one of the most sacred islands in the Greek world, as central to Grecian spiritual life as Olympia and Delphi. Walk along the Sacred Way to the Sanctuary of Apollo, a spectacularly rich archaeological site with remains of three separate temples from the fifth and sixth centuries B.C. Delos’ awe-inspiring ruins also showcase an entire district of Hellenistic and Roman-era houses and a 5500-seat theater (300 B.C.), the site of choral competitions during the Delian panegyris, or ancient quadrennial festival honoring Apollo.

See the legendary Terrace of the Lions, dedicated to Apollo, where hand-carved marble statues have guarded the island for nearly 2600 years (the original lions are in the Delos Archaeological Museum).

Mykonos
According to ancient legend, the craggy hills and clefts of Mykonos were formed from the petrified bodies of giants defeated by Hercules. Mykonos’ iconic windmills, bright white, cube-shaped houses and azure bays epitomize the striking beauty of the Greek Isles.

Cultural Enrichment:
Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore Mykonos’ quaint, narrow streets lined with whitewashed houses and boutiques or to sip ouzo harborside in Mykonos’s Little Venice.

Pátmos
The small island of Pátmos and its Greek Orthodox Monastery of St. John, St. John the Apostle is believed to have written the Book of Revelation in the Cave of the Apocalypse on Pátmos.
a UNESCO World Heritage site, looming large in the history of Christianity. Tour the monastery, built in 1088 and still inhabited by monks who continue to preserve it as a pilgrimage site and place of religious study. See the Cave of the Apocalypse, where St. John the Apostle of Ephesus very possibly wrote the Book of Revelation in A.D. 95.

**Cultural Enrichment:**
Meet local residents who will discuss contemporary daily life on these ancient islands during the specially arranged Island Life® Forum.

**Rhodes**
The island of Rhodes has been one of the most prosperous and strategic strongholds in the eastern Mediterranean since the Neolithic Period. Dock at the fortified wall of Rhodes Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and step into this extraordinarily well-preserved medieval city, built over a great Hellenistic metropolis and a major Christian outpost during the Crusades. Visit the splendid 14th-century Palace of the Grand Masters, built by the Knights of St. John and one of the only examples of Gothic architecture in all of Greece.

**Cultural Enrichment:**
Join the excursion to the ancient village of Lindos. See the magnificent frescoes adorning the Byzantine-style Church of Panagia and ascend the stone stairs to the clifftop acropolis for breathtaking views of the medieval Castle of the Knights of St. John. Or, enjoy a morning at leisure in Lindos to further explore its rich history and charming streets.

**Santorini for Akrotiri**
Be on deck as the ship cruises into the captivating harbor at Santorini, a natural caldera, beneath which is believed by some to be the legendary lost city of Atlantis. A cable car descends to sea level from the elevated town of Fira, where stunning white-walled buildings stand in stark contrast against the dark volcanic cliffs.

**Cultural Enrichment:**
Tour the phenomenal Bronze Age ruins of Akrotiri, recently reopened to visitors. Held intact by layers of pumice and ash for over 3500 years, Akrotiri’s streets reveal the architectural sophistication and advanced culture of its Minoan inhabitants.

**Nafplion for Mycenae and Epidaurus**
Sail to the Peloponnese peninsula, known for its tremendous literary import and treasured antiquities. Tour two UNESCO World Heritage highlights—the ancient citadel of Mycenae, the classical stage of Homer’s *The Iliad*, an epic text foundational to Western thought, and Epidaurus, an equally quintessential Hellenic site.

**Cultural Enrichment:**
Mycenae is bountiful in allusions to the age of Agamemnon, from its secret passages to Cyclopean walls, named because they were so tall they were thought to have been built by giants. In Epidaurus, visit the ancient Sanctuary of Asklepios, where the ruins bear testimony to Greco-Roman healing gods and medicinal knowledge, and the Theater is renowned for its nearly perfect acoustics.

The Lindos Acropolis rises 380 feet above the modern town overlooking the archipelago.
Luxury Small Ship, Innovative Design

Le Lapérouse, launching in 2018, ushers in a new generation of Five-Star small ships, combining revolutionary design and a new standard of luxury for an unparalleled cruising experience. Dock in smaller ports inaccessible to larger ships and where authentic cultural experiences and majestic scenery await you.

Respect for the Environment

The newest addition to the Ponant “Clean Ship” fleet, a rare designation among ocean-cruising vessels, the ship is energy efficient and eco-friendly, protecting fragile marine ecosystems while providing a safe and comfortable voyage.

Chic and Casual Dining

Dine indoors or alfresco on international and regional cuisine served in the stylish, spacious indoor-outdoor restaurant, at the casual pool deck grill or from 24-hour room service. Daily meals include continental and buffet breakfasts, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and four-course dinner.

92 Elegant Suites and Staterooms, 100% with Private Balconies

Each Five-Star Stateroom and Suite (up to 484 square feet) features a private balcony. Grand Deluxe Suites have a bay window and spacious private terrace. Accommodations offer two twin beds or one queen bed, individual climate control and luxurious hotel amenities.

Life on Board

Enjoy sweeping views from the lounges, which open to the outdoors, and lectures, cultural performances or film screenings in the state-of-the-art theater. Relax in the spa and sauna or the Sun Deck’s infinity-style swimming pool. There is a beauty salon, fitness room and two elevators. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available throughout the ship.

World-Class Service

The highly trained, English-speaking crew are personable and attentive, and the ship has an infirmary staffed with a doctor and a nurse.
Included Features
On Board the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star, Small Ship Le LAPIERRE
◆ Seven-night cruise round trip Athens, Greece.
◆ Elegantly appointed, Five-Star Suite or Stateroom.
◆ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
◆ Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise.
◆ All meals aboard ship.
◆ Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout ship.
◆ Blue Eye—the world’s first luxury, multisensory, underwater observatory.

Expert-Guided Excursions and Exclusive Cultural Enrichments
◆ Expert insights from Aegean historian Eleni Zachariou.
◆ Tour of Santorini—which some consider mythology’s lost city of Atlantis—featuring a visit to the renowned Museum of Prehistoric Thera and a cable car ride.
◆ Choice of a half-day excursion in Lindos to the Acropolis or a morning at leisure in Lindos.
◆ GUIDED TOUR with local residents who will discuss contemporary life on the islands of the Aegean Sea.
◆ Traditional Greek music and dance performance.
◆ Special Greek pastry culinary presentation aboard the ship.

UNESCO World Heritage Highlights
◆ Excursion to extraordinary Meteora, where 14th- and 15th-century Greek Orthodox monasteries were built atop towering natural sandstone massifs, with lunch in a nearby restaurant.
◆ Walking tour of medieval Rhodes Town, with a visit to the 14th-century Palace of the Grand Masters of the Knights of St. John.
◆ Tour of the Cave of the Apocalypse and the Monastery of St. John on the island of Patmos.

Always Included
◆ Transfers and luggage handling aboard if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
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◆ Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom and on excursions.
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◆ Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.
Delphi’s sanctuary of Athena Pronaia was named for the goddess of wisdom, sworn to protect her half-brother Apollo.

Classical Athens and the Oracle of Delphi
Pre-Cruise Option
Experience the ancient city unmatched in its contributions to the foundations of the Western world—Athens, the birthplace of democracy. Explore the enduring grandeur encapsulated in the spectacular Acropolis, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and the perfectly proportioned Parthenon, a graceful example of Doric architecture. See the archaeological treasures of the Acropolis Museum, tour the mystical UNESCO World Heritage site of Delphi, and explore the colorful, village-like Plaka neighborhood, the oldest district of Athens. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe ATHENAEUM INTERCONTINENTAL ATHENS HOTEL.

Olympian Origins and the Corinth Canal
Post-Cruise Option
Journey to UNESCO World Heritage-designated Olympia, ancient center of worship and the Temple of Zeus. Nearby Vytina, nestled among chestnut trees and old pines, is a significant Greek cultural heritage "traditional settlement." Enjoy distinctive local cuisine and explore regional traditions in the Folklore Museum. Visit the original sixth-century B.C. stadium and Bouleuterion, where competitors swore their oath to uphold Olympic game standards. Learn more about one of the world’s greatest mathematicians in Archimedes’ Museum. Board a small excursion boat and cruise through the fabled Corinth Canal, an engineering marvel and scarcely 70 feet wide at its narrowest point. Accommodations are for two nights in the charming AMALIA OLYMPIA and one night in the SOFITEL ATHENS AIRPORT HOTEL.

Pre- and Post-Cruise Options are at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
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## Ancillary Costs
- Taxes are an additional $465 per person and are subject to change.

## Additional Information
- Single in Category 5 at $11995*
- Deluxe in Category 2 at $14295*
- Early Booking Tariff through Feb. 28, 2018

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- State
- Zip Code

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#### Preferred Name(s) on Badge(s)
- Tour No. 063-10/04/18-026

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- Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $________
- Make checks payable to 2018 Island Life in Ancient Greece.
- I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $________ to:
  - Visa
  - MasterCard

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Signature as it appears on credit card

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