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**ISLAND LIFE®**

**IN**

**ANCIENT GREECE**

**AN AEGEAN ODYSSEY**

aboard the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star, Small Ship **LE BOUGAINVILLE**

November 7 to 15, 2019

Explore. Discover. Learn.
Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends:

Join us on our comprehensive Aegean odyssey to the very cradle of Western civilization and the classical world, exploring the historic treasures and legendary mythical places of ancient Greece. Cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, state-of-the-art, Five-Star Le Bougainville, launching in 2019. Le Bougainville introduces the deluxe and exclusive Blue Eye, the world’s first multisensory underwater lounge. Featuring only 92 Suites and Staterooms, this elegant and elite small ship is able to cruise into ports inaccessible to larger vessels.

Our epic voyage calls on Santorini, Delos, Mykonos, Pátmos, 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 dramatic, soaring natural sandstone cliffs. Walk through the Sanctuary of Asklepios at Epidaurus, where the history of early Hellenic and Roman natural healing practices is engraved onto the exquisitely preserved stelai, or inscribed stone slabs, and the theater’s amazing acoustics continue to resonate for audiences today. Learn more about contemporary Greek island life during the exclusive ISLAND LIFE® FORUM, where you will meet and engage with local residents. Enjoy guided tours in these celebrated destinations and through the traditional Greek villages, with time at leisure to experience their traditions and delights at your own pace during the best time of the year.

ISLAND LIFE® 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,

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His research interests are in the areas of contemporary political theory, constitutional law and theory, and race, law and identity. He holds a doctorate in political science from Yale and a law degree from Harvard Law School and previously worked as a litigation associate focusing on First Amendment law at Cahill, Gordon, and Reindel. He routinely teaches courses on constitutional law, civil liberties, legal theory, freedom of speech and theories of justice. Professor Bedi’s lectures will focus on Classical Greek ethics and moral theory.

Cover photo: Admire the splendor of Santorini’s whitewashed villages overlooking the deep turquoise waters of the Aegean Sea.

The bronze stag symbolizes the Colossus of Rhodes, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.
## Itinerary

**Day**

*Pre-Cruise Athens Option* or

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| **2** | Athens, Greece  
   - Embark Le Bougainvillé. |
| **3** | Volos for Meteora  
   - Visit 14th- to 15th-century monasteries of Meteora, built atop massive sandstone pillars. |
| **4** | Delos/Mikonos  
   - Walking tour of the archaeological site of Delos.  
   - Cultural Enrichment: Afternoon at leisure to explore Mykonos. |
| **5** | Pátmos  
   - Visits to the Monastery of St. John and the Cave of the Apocalypse.  
   - Cultural Enrichments:  
     - **Island Life® Forum.**  
     - Special baklava culinary presentation by the ship’s pastry chef. |
| **6** | Rhodes for Lindos  
   - Walking tour of Rhodes Town.  
   - Cultural Enrichments:  
     - Choice of visit to the Acropolis of Lindos or afternoon at leisure in Rhodes Town.  
     - Folklore performance on board. |
| **7** | Santorini for Akrotiri  
   - Dramatic cruise into Santorini.  
   - Visit to the Museum of Prehistoric Thera in Fira.  
   - Cultural Enrichment:  
     - Tour of the Bronze Age ruins of Akrotiri. |
| **8** | Napflio for Mycenae and Epidaurus  
   - Cultural Enrichments:  
     - Excursion to the ancient citadel of Mycenae.  
     - Excursion to ancient Epidaurus. |
| **9** | Athens/Disembark ship  
   - Return to the U.S. or Post-Cruise Olympia Option* |

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*Available at additional cost.

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The Roman writer Cicero (106–43 B.C.) observed of Athens that “wherever you set your foot, you encounter some memory of the past.” Here, in the cradle of Western civilization, glorious 14th- to 15th-century Orthodox monasteries were built atop the towering sandstone cliffs of Meteora; St. John the Apostle is believed to have penned the Book of Revelation on Pátmos; and the legend of the lost paradise city of Atlantis lives on in Santorini. Experience the islands of classical mythology, and imagine Odysseus seeking redemption in the Underworld or Orpheus retrieving his lost love. Visit the evocative archaeological sites, the Sacred Way and Akrotiri. Enjoy exclusive, local Cultural Enrichments, including an Island Life® Forum with Patmians who will share their candid perspectives about life today, a folklore show and an authentic baklava culinary demonstration.
Athens, Greece
Birthplace of democracy, 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 dramatically atop soaring natural sandstone pillars a staggering 1300 feet above the valley floor in the 14th and 15th centuries. The early Christian traditions of these monasteries have continued uninterrupted for hundreds of years.

Admire the breathtaking beauty and dramatic height of Meteora’s remote monasteries, formerly accessible only by rope ladders.

Visit two of the six active monasteries, originally accessed by precarious use of long ladders and baskets suspended on ropes. Today, a modern road to the top offers improbably majestic sights overlooking verdant Peneas Valley.

Delos
The mythical birthplace of Apollo and Artemis, Delos today is a UNESCO World Heritage site. It is considered 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, an incredible, 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 the ancient quadrennial festival honoring Apollo.

See the legendary Terrace of the Lions, dedicated to Apollo, where the stately hand-carved marble statues 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. Today, Mykonos’ iconic windmills, bright white, cube-shaped houses and azure bays epitomize the striking beauty of the Greek Isles.

Visit Mykonos’ classic round windmills, once used to mill wheat on the island between the 17th and 19th centuries.
Cultural Enrichment:

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

Pátmos

The small island of Pátmos and its Greek Orthodox Monastery of St. John, a UNESCO World Heritage site, loom large in the history of Christianity. Tour the monastery, built in 1088 and still occupied 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 most likely wrote the Book of Revelation in A.D. 95.

Cultural Enrichments:

Meet and engage with local residents who will discuss contemporary daily life on their ancient islands during the specially arranged Island Life® Forum. Enjoy a delicious culinary demonstration by the ship’s pastry chef.

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 strikingly well-preserved medieval city, built over a great Hellenistic metropolis and a major Christian outpost during the Crusades.

See the Cave of the Apocalypse on Pátmos, where St. John the Apostle is believed to have written the Book of Revelation.

Cultural Enrichments:

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 Enrichments:

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 time at leisure in Rhodes Town to explore further its rich history and charming streets.

Delight in a traditional folklore performance on board the ship.

Santorini for Akrotiri

Be on deck as the ship cruises into the alluring port of Santorini, a natural caldera, beneath which some believe to be the legendary lost city of Atlantis. By cable car, ascend to the elevated town of Fira, where white-walled buildings stand in stark contrast against the dark volcanic cliffs.

Cultural Enrichments:

Tour the phenomenal Bronze Age ruins of Akrotiri. 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. Visit the Museum of Prehistoric Thera, which exhibits findings from Akrotiri.

Nafplion for Mycenae and Epidaurus

Cruise to the Peloponnese peninsula, known for its tremendous literary import and treasured antiquities. Mycenae is bountiful in allusions to the age of Agamemnon, from its secret passages to Cyclopean walls,

Cultural Enrichments:

Tour two UNESCO World Heritage highlights—the ancient citadel of Mycenae, the classical stage of Homer’s The Iliad; and Epidaurus, an equally iconic Hellenic site.

In Epidaurus, visit the ancient Sanctuary of Asklepios, where the ruins bear testimony to Greco-Roman natural healing and medicinal knowledge. The theater is renowned for its nearly perfect acoustics to this day.
Introducing the extraordinary Blue Eye, the world’s first multisensory, underwater Observation Lounge. View the beauty of marine life through the large, subaquatic windows and integrated digital screens providing live images from underwater cameras, and enjoy the sensory experience of listening to the ocean’s unique underwater universe in the comfort of the exclusive Blue Eye Lounge. Marine life viewing varies by location.

Luxury Small Ship, Innovative Design

Le Bougainville, launching in 2019, ushers in a new generation of Five-Star small ships, combining revolutionary design and a new standard of luxury for unparalleled cruising. 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, an important environmental certification among ocean-cruising vessels, Le Bougainville 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, private bathroom with shower, individual climate control and luxurious hotel amenities.

Life on Board

Enjoy sweeping views from the lounges, which open to the outdoors, and educational 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 there are three 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 a medical center staffed with a doctor and nurse.
Included Features

On Board the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star, Small Ship Le BOUGAINVILLE
◆ 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
◆ 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.
◆ Guided tour of the phenomenal Minoan site of Bronze Age Akrotiri.
◆ Time at leisure on the islands of Rhodes, Pátmos and Mykonos to explore at your own pace.
◆ Choice of a half-day excursion in Lindos to the Acropolis, or an afternoon at leisure in Rhodes.
◆ ISLAND LIFE® FORUM 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 Site Highlights
◆ Excursion to extraordinary Meteora, where 14th- and 15th-century Greek Orthodox monasteries were built atop towering natural sandstone massifs, including 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.
◆ Walking tour of Delos’ splendid classical ruins including the Sanctuary of Apollo and the theater quarter.
◆ Tour of the Cave of the Apocalypse and the Monastery of St. John on the island of Pátmos.
◆ Tour of the ancient archaeological site of Mycenae.
◆ Excursion to Epidaurus, featuring the Sanctuary of Asclepios and its perfectly preserved theater.

Always Included
◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
◆ Hospitality desk aboard ship.
◆ Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom and on excursions.
◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Program Directors at your service.
◆ Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
Discover Delphi’s beautiful temple ruins at the Sanctuary of Athena Pronaia, dedicated to the goddess of wisdom.

Classical Athens and the Oracle of Delphi
Pre-Cruise Option
Experience the ancient city unmatched in its contributions to the foundation of the Western world—Athens, the birthplace of democracy. Explore the grandeur in the monumental 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 neighborhood of Plaka, the oldest section of Athens. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe HOTEL GRANDE BRETAGNE.

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. Explore the nearby village of Vytina and the significant Greek cultural heritage of this “traditional settlement.” Enjoy local cuisine and learn more about 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 about one of the world’s greatest mathematicians in Archimedes’ Museum. Board a small excursion boat and cruise through the Corinth Canal, scarcely 70 feet wide at its narrowest point. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe OLYMPIC VILLAGE RESORT AND SPA 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.

Cruise through the Corinth Canal, an engineering marvel.
**LAND/Cruise Tariff** excluding taxes*  
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