VOYAGE TO THE ANCIENT EMPIRES

Rome • Pompeii • Amalfi Coast
Isle of Capri • Sicily • Malta

aboard the Exclusively Chartered,
Newly Launched, Five-Star LE BOUGAINVILLE

June 20 to 28, 2019
Dear Alumni and Friends:

Immerse yourself in the timeless allure of Italy, Sicily and Malta, where an intriguing mélange of cultures flourished in the wake of powerfully influential ancient empires. On this specially designed itinerary, explore storied villages and resplendent shores—which embody the exquisite charm of the coastal Mediterranean—indelibly transformed by grand civilizations still apparent in these dynamic destinations that await your discovery.

Cruise among historic islands aboard the exclusively chartered, state-of-the-art, Five-Star Le Bougainville, to be launched in 2019. Le Bougainville features 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 call on ports inaccessible to larger vessels.

This outstanding itinerary cruises from Rome, Italy, to Valletta, Malta, along two of Europe’s most dramatic coastlines, through the fabled Strait of Messina and the Tyrrenian and Mediterranean Seas. En route, visit seven impressive UNESCO World Heritage sites, marvel at Italy’s stunning Amalfi Coast and enjoy the quintessential colorful seaside towns of Positano and Sorrento. Gain intimate insight into the Roman way of life in A.D. 79 at the superbly excavated site of Pompeii and visit the legendary Isle of Capri. Discover Sicily’s storied town of Taormina in the shadow of Mount Etna; the legendary city of Syracuse, once the most powerful city of the ancient Greek world and today an open-air museum of monumental antiquities; and Agrigento’s unforgettable Valley of the Temples. Experience the rich history of Malta, the island nation where St. Paul the Apostle was shipwrecked and the Order of the Knights of St. John, Caravaggio, Sir Walter Scott and Queen Elizabeth II once called home.

Onboard lecturers will further illuminate these ancient cities and islands, medieval ports and scenic landscapes—once coveted territories of the world’s most powerful empires.

This cruise itinerary visits several of the most sought after locations in the world—providing a captivating and unforgettable experience for each generation of explorer. Reserve now while space and Early Booking Savings are available!

Sincerely,

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The Legacy of Empires

The ancient coasts on this itinerary are considered by many to be the most alluring shorelines in the world, where centuries-old ruins beckon you into the ancient past and sparkling turquoise waters enshrine pastel-hued villages. Each destination in Italy, Sicily and Malta reveals an intriguing history and distinct character—luring explorers, artists, architects and powerful rulers for generations. A seemingly endless roll call of empires is etched into every incomparable landscape and extraordinary architectural triumph; it is a rare opportunity to see and experience the diverse cultural legacies of the Italians, Greeks, Goths, Moors, Normans, Castilians, Turks, Jesuits, Spanish and French come to life amongst timeless beautiful scenery. Fall under the enchantment of the history-laden lands—from Pompeii to Capri to Syracuse—as they captivate you with their unforgettable stories.

U.S.
Thursday, June 20
Depart the U.S. for Rome.

Rome, Italy/Civitavecchia
Friday, June 21
Arrive in the former seat of the Roman Empire, UNESCO World Heritage-designated Rome, today the historic heart of Italy. From the iconic Colosseum and the Vatican to the Spanish Steps and the Catacombs, ancient Rome continues to amaze modern visitors. Embark the Five-Star Le BOUGAINVILLE in Civitavecchia and enjoy the Captain’s Welcome Reception on board this evening.

Sorrento for Pompeii
Saturday, June 22
Dock in quaint Sorrento, an outpost of the ancient Roman Republic and the scenic gateway to Mt. Vesuvius and Pompeii. This seaside town of rose-flushed buildings was built into picturesque cliffs high above the Tyrrhenian Sea and, as the world’s limoncello capital, is abundant with fragrant lemon and orange groves.

Continue to Pompeii, which was engulfed by the tephra of Mt. Vesuvius in A.D. 79, rendering the city frozen in time. Discovered and excavated 17 centuries after petrification, the incredible UNESCO World Heritage-designated ruins intimately reveal Roman daily rituals during Emperor Titus’s reign. On your walking tour, see the wealthy Vetti family estate and the extraordinary amphitheater and Temple of Jupiter.

Sorrento for Amalfi Coast/Isle of Capri
Sunday, June 23
Admire the natural splendor of the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Amalfi Coast, and experience the allure of the Mediterranean seaside with secluded villages, opulent villas and sun-drenched beaches.

Cover photo: Visit Taormina’s Roman theater, which exemplifies the ancient Greek belief that a city’s key sites should complement its nature.

Photo this page: The famed Amalfi Coast corniche road winds along the cliffs and hillsides, weaving through quaint villages and picturesque landscapes.
Explore winding, cliffside streets on your own in the delightful, coastal village of Positano—frequented by Picasso, Toscanini and Bernstein, and popularized by John Steinbeck.

Enjoy the afternoon at leisure in captivating Capri, the island where, legend has it, Homer’s Odysseus resisted the alluring call of the sirens, or cruise around the island by small boat, savoring views of translucent waters, luminous grottos and the craggy coastline.

**Naxos for Taormina, Sicily**

**Monday, June 24**

Be on deck this morning to view the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Aeolian Island of Stromboli, the “Lighthouse of the Mediterranean”—a volcano mildly active for more than two millennia.

From charming Taormina, the medieval center of Sicilian culture and commerce, enjoy stunning panoramas of the Calabria coastline and snowcapped Mt. Etna, Europe’s highest volcano and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Tour the remarkably preserved third-century B.C. Greco-Roman theater, still in use today. See the 14th-century Gothic-Catalan-style Corvai Palace and the Roman Odeon, the “small theater” built in 21 B.C., and visit the medieval Baroque portal of the Cathedral of St. Nicola. Stroll along Taormina’s distinctively Mediterranean pedestrian thoroughfare, Corso Umberto.

**Stromboli, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, has been mildly erupting continuously for over 2,000 years.**

**Syracuse**

**Tuesday, June 25**

Extolled for its grandeur since classical antiquity, enchanting Syracuse reached its zenith of influence as an intellectual milieu under Dionysius the Elder 350 years after Greek colonists first settled there in 734 B.C.

See St. John’s Co-Cathedral, a masterwork of Baroque artistry, inlaid with the crests of the Knights of St. John.
Today, this UNESCO World Heritage Site is an open-air museum of well-preserved classical monuments. Visit the storied Greek Theater, where Aeschylus once spoke to ancient Siracusans, still in use today; the Roman Amphitheater, where gladiators competed for the crowds; the Altar of Hieron II; the limestone Ear of Dionysius cave; and the impressive Archaeological Museum.

Wander the hallowed small island of Ortygia, Syracuse’s maritime heart, where the most ancient Doric temple in Sicily, the sixth-century B.C. Temple of Apollo, stands in the remains of Piazza Pancali. The city’s Baroque cathedral incorporates the ruins of a fifth-century B.C. temple dedicated to the goddess Athena, where you can admire the unique baptismal font, an ancient Greek marble krater (large vase) dating from the 13th century. The landmark Piazza Archimede showcases the dazzling, Baroque-style Fountain of Diana, adorned with rearing horses, charging tritons and maternal sea nymphs.

*Agrigento*

**Wednesday, June 26**

The classical Greek world is reanimated in Agrigento’s UNESCO World Heritage-designated Valle dei Templi (Valley of the Temples). Here, the landscape features eight Doric shrines dating from the fifth century B.C., including the Temple of Hera, with its graceful northern colonnade; and the Temple of Concordia, said to be one of the most beautifully preserved Greek monuments still standing. See the temples honoring Zeus and Heracles and the Sanctuary of the Chthonic Divinities—mythological lords of Earth and the underworld. Visit the Agrigento Archaeological Museum, arguably Sicily’s finest collection of Greek, Etruscan, Phoenician, Carthaginian and Roman artifacts.

*Valletta, Malta*

**Thursday, June 27**

Cruise to the picturesque bay of Valletta, the “Fortress City.” Founded in 1566 by the Knights of St. John, this UNESCO World Heritage site is one of the world’s earliest planned cities. Malta has held a strong connection to Italy and Sicily since A.D. 60, when a shipwrecked St. Paul brought Christianity by happenstance to the tiny archipelago. Today, this 2018 European Capital of Culture showcases incredible high Baroque, neoclassical and modern architecture, from the 16th century onward.

Visit the ornate 16th-century St. John’s Co-Cathedral, featuring masterpieces such as Caravaggio’s *The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist* and Flemish tapestries designed by Sir Peter Paul Rubens. Tour the colonnaded Lower Barrakka Gardens, and enjoy unforgettable vistas of Valletta’s Grand Harbor and the Grand Master’s Palace. A member of the de Piro family of Maltese nobility leads your private tour through the 430-year-old Casa Rocca Piccola, the family’s ancestral home and a display of historical Maltese aristocracy. Attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception this evening.

*Valletta/U.S*

**Friday, June 28**

Disembark and continue on the Timeless Malta Post-Cruise Option or transfer to the airport for your flight home.

*The Faraglioni is one of Capri’s most dramatic sights, the three sea stacks of which can be seen from a small boat cruise around the island.*
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Blue Eye – The World’s First Luxury Underwater Observatory!
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 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 distinction 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, 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 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 from Civitavecchia, Italy, to Valletta, Malta.
◆ 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, including wine served at your table with lunch and dinner.
◆ Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship.
◆ Blue Eye—the world’s first luxury, multisensory, underwater observatory.
◆ Time on your own to explore the quaint seaside town of Sorrento, the spectacular Isle of Capri and the picturesque Amalfi Coast village of Positano.
◆ Walking tour of Sicily’s ancient town of Taormina, featuring the third-century B.C. Greco-Roman theater.
◆ Private tour of Casa Rocca Piccola and its lovely gardens, hosted by a member of the noble de Piro family.

UNESCO World Heritage Site Highlights
◆ Guided tour of the remarkable archaeological preservation of Pompeii.
◆ Scenic drive along the famous Amalfi Coast showcasing Italy’s natural beauty.
◆ Views of imposing Sicily’s Mt. Etna, Europe’s highest volcano.
◆ Cruise past the island of Stromboli, the “Lighthouse of the Mediterranean.”
◆ Tour of Sicily’s Syracuse, with visits to one of the best-preserved ancient Greek theaters in the world and the historic island of Ortygia, the legendary “Old City” of Syracuse.
◆ Excursion to Sicily’s Agrigento and its majestic Valley of the Temples, known for its exceptionally well-preserved classical Doric temples.
◆ Walking tour of Valletta, Malta, featuring a visit to the iconic St. John’s Co-Cathedral to see the tombs of the legendary Knights of St. John and masterpieces by Caravaggio.

Always Included
◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ Experienced local guides for included excursions.
◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
◆ Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom and on excursions.
◆ Hospitality desk aboard ship.
◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel 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.
Eternal Rome  
**Pre-Cruise Option**  
Capital of the ancient Roman Empire and a UNESCO World Heritage site, the “Eternal City” of Rome showcases centuries as a nucleus of culture, religion and political power through its spectacular ancient landmarks. Visit the ancient Colosseum, the historic Roman Forum and the fifth-century Church of St. Peter in Chains, which houses Michelangelo’s famed sculpture of Moses. Enjoy a tour of incredible St. Peter’s Basilica and walk through the opulent Vatican Museums, including the famous Sistine Chapel, featuring Michelangelo’s awe-inspiring ceiling frescoes. Accommodations are for three nights in the deluxe [Westin Excelsior Rome](https://www.westin.com), ideally located within walking distance of the grand Via Veneto, one of the most elegant streets in all of Rome.

Timeless Malta  
**Post-Cruise Option**  
The extraordinary island of Malta is referred to as “one of the most concentrated historic areas in the world.” Walk the medieval streets of the beautifully preserved walled town of Mdina, where settlement pre-dates 4000 B.C., and explore its extraordinary Baroque-style architecture. Experience Malta’s fabled Blue Grotto (weather permitting), a sea cave illuminated by the brilliant blue reflection of glistening underwater sunlight. Visit the underground [Lascaris War Rooms](https://www.lascariswarrooms.com), where General Eisenhower directed the invasion of Sicily during World War II’s American-led “Operation Husky.” Tour the opulent interiors and magnificent gardens of the family-owned, 18th-century Palazzo Parisio, known as a “miniature Versailles.” Accommodations for two nights are in the [Five-Star Grand Hotel Excelsior Malta](https://www.excelsiormalta.com).

The Pre- and Post-Cruise Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Stay in Valletta, whose strategic position on Malta’s Grand Harbor made it a coveted territory for countless civilization.
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LAND/Cruise Tariff excluding taxes*
Per person, based on double occupancy

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**Ancient Empires Reservation Form**

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Preferred Name(s) or Badge(s) Tour No. 121-10/20/19-003
Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person and $200 per person Eternal Rome Pre-Cruise Option and/or $200 per person Timeless Malta Post-Cruise Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, I/we agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.
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I/We accept the conditions as stated in this brochure and submit my/our reservation(s) as indicated.

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Once described by John Steinbeck as ‘a dream place,’ the beguiling coastal village of Positano forms part of the Amalfi Coast, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND BINDING ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

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In addition and without limitation, Gohagan is not responsible for any injury, loss, death, inconvenience, delay, or damage to person or property in connection with, arising out of, or related to the services of any of the above mentioned persons or entities, or of any other third parties, or who Gohagan determines to detract from the enjoyment of the trip by others. Specific room/cabin assignments are within the sole discretion of the hotel or cruise line.

Gohagan reserves the right to change the itinerary or trip features at any time, for any reason and at its sole discretion, and without notice. Gohagan shall not be responsible for any loss of any kind as a result of any such changes. Ship schedules, port calls, hours of arrival and departure, sightseeing events, special programs and goods or services (if applicable), are subject to change or cancellation without notice.

If due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend an additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner’s risk. The right is reserved to decline to accept as a trip participant, or remove from a trip, without refund, any person Gohagan judges to be incapable of meeting the rigors and requirements of participating in the activities, or who is abusive to other trip participants, leaders or third parties, or who Gohagan determines to detract from the enjoyment of the trip by others. Specific room/cabin assignments are within the sole discretion of the hotel or cruise line.

LUGGAGE: Luggage allowance policies are set by the airlines and may change without notice.

PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY: All programs require physical independence and mobility. Any physical or mental condition that may require special medical attention or physical assistance (for example, the need for a wheelchair) must be reported in writing when you make your reservation. Travelers must be able to embark or disembark motorcoaches alone or with minimal assistance from your traveling companion and climb stairs and step over raised thresholds without assistance. Travelers requiring assistance must travel with a companion who will be responsible for handling equipment.

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