in
ancient greece
an aegean odyssey

aboard the Exclusively Chartered,
Five-Star, Small Ship Le BOUGAINVILLE

november 7 to 15, 2019
Dear Alumni 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, Patmos, Rhodes and the Peloponnese 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!

Sincerely,

Carol Brown ’99
Director of Alumni Programs

Lecturers

Professor Brenda Haack Fineberg received her Ph.D. in Classics from the University of Chicago and has been teaching at Knox since 1987. Her teaching interests include Latin and Greek languages and literatures, and gender and class relations in ancient Mediterranean societies. Currently she is looking at Rome’s foundation myth as it gets retold in the literature and visual art of the late first century BCE. Brenda serves as advisor for the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome. She served as co-director of the ACM Florence Program in 1995-96 with Stephen Fineberg.

Professor Stephen Fineberg received his Ph.D. in Classics from the University of Texas and taught at Knox from 1976 until he retired in 2016. He has taught broadly across the classics curriculum at Knox, and has been deeply committed to the first year preceptorial, including several stints as director of that program. Within classics his teaching has focused on courses in Greek language and literature, and on Greek art and architecture. He is currently working on a book about the god Dionysos in Greek literature and art. As a faculty member, Steve served as an advisor to off-campus programs (College Year in Athens, Newberry Library, and London-Florence) and was past director of the Newberry Library and ACM Florence programs.

The Finebergs have led study trips for Knox students and alumni to Greece in 2007 and 2013, and to Italy in 2010.

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

1. Depart the U.S.
2. Athens, Greece
   - Embark Le Bougainville.
3. Volos for Meteora
   - Visit 14th- to 15th-century monasteries of Meteora, built atop massive sandstone pillars.
4. Delos/Mykonos
   - Walking tour of the archaeological site of Delos.
   - Cultural Enrichment: Afternoon at leisure to explore Mykonos.
5. Patmos
   - Visits to the Monastery of St. John and the Cave of the Apocalypse.
   - 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. Nauplion 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*

*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 Patmos; 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. 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 impossibly 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 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. Today, Mykonos’ iconic windmills, bright white, visit Mykonos’ classic round windmills, once used to mill wheat on the island between the 17th and 19th centuries.
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 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

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.

**Be inspired by spectacular coastal views from the Lindos Acropolis, built 380 feet above the town.**

Enjoy the near-perfect natural acoustics of the theater at Epidaurus, built from 330-20 B.C. and still in use today.

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 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 stunning white-walled houses stand in stark contrast against the dark volcanic cliffs.

**Cultural Enrichments:**
Tour the remarkable 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.

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Blue Eye – World’s first multisensory, underwater Observation Lounge

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.

Enjoy the near-perfect natural acoustics of the theater at Epidaurus, built from 330-20 B.C. and still in use today.
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 remarkable 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.
♦ Tour of the Cave of the Apocalypse and the Monastery of St. John on the island of Pátmos.
♦ Walking tour of Delos’ splendid classical ruins, including the Sanctuary of Apollo and the theater quarter.
♦ Tour of the ancient archaeological site of Mycenae.
♦ Excursion to Epidaurus, featuring the Sanctuary of Asklepios 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.
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1. Taxes are an additional $465 per person and are subject to change.

2. Le Bougainville has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

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Please make my/our reservation(s) in Stateroom Category:

1st choice ______ 2nd choice ______

☐ Double occupancy (two twin beds).
☐ Double occupancy (one queen bed).
☐ Single accommodations.
☐ I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please make my/our reservation(s):

- Classical Athens and the Oracle of Delphi Pre-Cruise Option
  - Double at $995 per person.
  - Single at $1595 per person.
  - I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

- Olympian Origins and the Corinth Canal Post-Cruise Option
  - Double at $995 per person.
  - Single at $1295 per person.
  - I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

☐ 1/We want you to book my/our air, at an additional cost to be advised, from:

☐ Economy Class  ☑ Upgraded Economy Class  ☑ Business Class  ☑ First Class

Note: Airfare is subject to change and unavailability and is nonrefundable.

☐ 1/We will make my/our own air arrangements.

Signature as it appears on credit card

All final payments are required to be made by check or wire transfer by August 2, 2019.
See Delos’ UNESCO World Heritage site, the famed Terrace of the Lions, dedicated to Apollo before 600 B.C.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND BINDING ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

By forwarding of deposit, the participant accepts the terms contained in this Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement.

RESPONSIBILITY:

Gohagan & Company will not be responsible for any inconvenience, discomfort, loss or damage resulting from a delay, act of God or force majeure, acts of government, acts of war, civil unrest, criminal or terrorist activities, strikes or other labor activities, military operations, preexisting medical conditions, insects or pests, or any event which is beyond Gohagan & Company’s control. The right is reserved to decline to accept as a trip participant, or remove from the trip, any traveler who Gohagan & Company determines, in its discretion, is not physically or mentally fit to participate in the trip or who Gohagan & Company determines is not responsible for any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely or safely.

CANCELLATIONS:

Cancellations for all or any part of the trip including Pre/Post Program(s) reservation(s) will not be effective until received in writing in the offices of Gohagan. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply: reservation cancellation(s) are subject to a $200 ($50/Pre/Post Program(s)) per person administrative fee from the time of booking through 120 days prior to departure; from 95 through 119 days prior to departure, $400 ($200/Pre/Post Program(s)) per person; from 60 through 94 days prior to departure, 50% of the published full regular tariff; cancellations 59 days or less prior to departure, a no-show, or early return from the trip will result in forfeiture of 100% of the published full regular tariffs. In addition, any applicable airline cancellation fees and administrative fees may apply.

TRIP INSURANCE:

We strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. Trip cancellation insurance is available through Gohagan and others for comprehensive coverage of such expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident, and damaged or lost luggage. We will send you an application upon receipt of your reservation.

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