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Cultural Treasures of the Black Sea and Crimea

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SEVASTOPOL • NESSEBAR • AMASRA

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Five-Star Small Ship M.V. TERE MOANA
June 6 to 14, 2014

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• All Excursions and Gratuities Included
• All Shipboard Gratuities Included
• All Beverages Included

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Dear Bucknellian:

Join us for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to explore the centuries of culture and unique, long-standing traditions surrounding the Black Sea and Crimea, a land of great antiquity and many secrets. Seated at the crossroads of civilizations, this region has been witness to migrations of Indo-European tribes and has had settlements on its shores for over 3000 years. From the beautiful Crimean countryside where elegant summer palaces of czars display how the Russian elite once lived, to the Crimean War sites immortalized in Lord Alfred Tennyson’s poem “The Charge of the Light Brigade” and the ruins of the sixth-century B.C., Greek-founded town of Nessebar, a UNESCO World Heritage site, centuries of cultural exchanges between East and West combine with the vibrancy of life in emerging nations along the shores of this stunning coast.

During this exclusive itinerary, visit the magnificent landmarks of Istanbul, the Potemkin Stairs in Odessa and the historic Crimean Peninsula—the impressive monuments of Sevastopol, the masterful 16th-century Khan’s Palace and Livadia Palace, site of the historic 1945 Yalta Conference, which delineated the borders of postwar Europe. Travel along ancient caravan routes; explore vibrant markets, vivid and lush gardens and the landscape and cultures that still hold the majestic traces of old empires that inspired some of the world’s great art and literature.

This unique three-country odyssey features the exclusively chartered, Five-Star M.V. TERE MOANA, a sophisticated and authentic small ship carrying only 90 guests; and complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are served throughout your cruise. All shipboard gratuities are included. The ship was relaunched in 2013 under new ownership following a complete multimillion-dollar refurbishment, which makes it the perfect vessel for cruising in style.

Experience this extraordinary program and overall great value on a Five-Star small ship! I encourage you to make your plans early and reserve soon while Early Booking Savings and space are still available.

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Katie Malague ’94
President
Bucknell University Alumni Association
Istanbul, Turkey
Like the Bosphorus Strait, which is the conduit between the Black and Mediterranean Seas, the legendary metropolis of Istanbul, a crossroads for trade and cultural exchange over centuries, is the continental bridge between the East and the West. Today, historic Istanbul is a UNESCO World Heritage site retaining the mystique of its shared influences as the former capital of three empires—the Romans, Byzantines and Ottomans. Among its most noted edifices are the spectacular Byzantine Hagia Sophia, the majestic Blue Mosque, the incredibly preserved 200 A.D. Hippodrome and the amazing Grand Bazaar.

Safranbolu
What began as a caravan station along Turkey’s main East-West trade route and grew into a respectable Ottoman city, today is a UNESCO World Heritage site, where you can still explore its Old Bazaar and see the stone and timber konaks (mansions) built by wealthy Ottoman merchants.

Yalta, Ukraine
During the late 19th century, czars, commissars and literary giants such as Leo Tolstoy flocked to the natural beauty of the Crimean Peninsula’s seaside and Riviera, where stunning 5000-foot peaks rise dramatically from the Black Sea and lower slopes are cloaked in a mantle of Mediterranean oak and pistachio trees and juniper. It was in Yalta in the early 1900s that Czar Nicholas II built the Romanov’s opulent summer residence, Livadia Palace, which later became the historic Yalta Conference meeting site of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Winston Churchill and Josef Stalin to determine the post-World War II borders of Germany and Eastern Europe. Visit author Anton Chekhov’s home, which he designed to host luminaries such as Rachmaninov and Maxim Gorky. See the great Swallow’s Nest Castle, an icon of the Black Sea, and tour Crimea’s 19th-century Vorontsovsky Palace and gardens.

Sevastopol
The Crimean port of Sevastopol is built upon scenic terraced hills overlooking a magnificent natural harbor.

Cover photo: Crimea's Gothic-style Swallow’s Nest offers striking views of the Black Sea.

Photo this page: The splendid and graceful Blue Mosque is one of the most beautiful Ottoman monuments in the world.
The former headquarters of Russia’s mighty Black Sea Naval Fleet under the czars and the Soviets, it remained closed to the outside world until 1990. Today, it is an open-air museum of hundreds of impressive monuments and memorials. Visit the Balaklava Naval Museum, the former Soviet underground submarine base located a half mile inside a hillside accessible by way of an expansive canal system.

Nearby, see the impressive excavations of Chersonesus, a Greek trading settlement established in 421 B.C. Tour Bakhchisarai—“Palace of Gardens”—the opulent seat of the Tatar Khans who ruled Crimea from 1427 to 1783. A harmonious blend of Persian, Turkish and Italian architectural elements, its legendary Fountain of Tears inspired Aleksandr Pushkin’s great poem The Fountain of Bakhchisarai. Then, drive to Sapoune Ridge overlooking the historic Crimean War battle site eulogized in Lord Alfred Tennyson’s poem “The Charge of the Light Brigade” and where the ministrations of young Florence Nightingale were first chronicled and later to become legendary.

**Odessa**

Founded by Catherine the Great in 1789 to guard the southern approaches to her empire, Odessa, “The Pearl of the Black Sea,” is a graceful city of tree-lined avenues and Franco-Italian architecture. See the iconic Potemkin Stairs, extending from the harbor to the city center and immortalized in Sergei Eisenstein’s cinema classic, *The Battleship Potemkin*. Stroll down tree-lined Deribasovskaya Street, the city’s lively commercial heart; relax in a café in the glass-vaulted Passazh Corridor; and visit the ornate Odessa Opera House and Ballet, rebuilt in 1887 by the same Austrian architects who designed the Vienna State Opera.
Beneath the city, through its sandstone foundation, is a vast network of catacombs that were unearthed during the 19th century and served as hiding places and smuggling routes during World War II.

**Nessebar, Bulgaria**

Explore the small port of Nessebar, a sixth-century B.C. Greek-founded town and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Despite covering only one-tenth of one square mile along the rocky coast, Nessebar is a synthesis of centuries-old civilizations and proudly preserves 11 Byzantine-influenced churches and many fine 19th-century timber houses. The 13th- to 14th-century stone and red-brick Pantokrator Church is the town’s loveliest and best preserved. In the center of Old Nessebar, not far from the Byzantine town gate, are the remnants of St. Sophia Church, built in the late fifth and early sixth centuries.

Centuries of cultural traditions and beliefs are on display in Nessebar’s well-preserved churches.

**Istanbul Pre-Cruise Option**

The only city in the world that naturally bridges two continents, Istanbul is a fitting prelude to your Black Sea odyssey. Experience Istanbul’s legendary beauty at sunset during a private cruise on the Bosphorus Strait, and enjoy a guided tour of the UNESCO World Heritage site landmark Topkapi Palace, the seat of the Ottoman government and home to the Sultan’s legendary harem. Visit the Kariye Museum to see the world-renowned collection of fine mosaics and frescoes; and the Istanbul Spice Market, once the largest trading venue in the medieval world. This special two-night option features accommodations in the deluxe GRAND HYATT ISTANBUL.

**Cappadocia Post-Cruise Option**

Inland Turkey holds one of nature’s most captivating treasures, the otherworldly landscape of Cappadocia, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Fly to the heart of Anatolia, the enchanting world of volcanic rock formations and spectacularly colored valleys. Visit 2000-year-old rock-hewn villages and learn about the region’s distinctive culture and attend a performance by the famous whirling dervishes. Accommodations will be for two nights in the deluxe CAPPADOCIA CAVE RESORT, in the National Park of Göreme, and one night in the comfortable RENAISSANCE POLAT ISTANBUL HOTEL.

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

Walk through the surreal volcanic stone forests of unearthly Cappadocia.
The Five-Star M.V. TERE MOANA entered service in 2013 under new ownership following a multimillion-dollar refurbishment. This exclusively chartered, deluxe, 90-passenger vessel fits the profile of small ship cruising perfectly and can cruise into ports inaccessible to larger vessels.

Eight of the Five-Star, ocean-view, spacious accommodations have private verandas. Each Stateroom features a large picture window, private marble- and teak-appointed bathroom with shower, one queen bed or two twin beds, luxurious European linens and amenities, individual climate control, robes and cotton slippers, satellite television, minibar, safe and hair dryer. Complimentary welcome flowers and fruit are provided in each stateroom upon arrival.

The elegant L'Etoile dining room and La Veranda restaurant accommodate all guests at a single, unassigned seating, and an attentive staff serves international cuisine featuring fresh local ingredients. Early-risers' coffee, buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and dinner are served daily. Enjoy indoor or outdoor dining in La Veranda for breakfast and lunch and a consulting two-star Michelin-rated chef culinary creation is offered nightly in L'Etoile at dinner. Complimentary room service and wellness and vegetarian meal options are available. Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are served throughout the cruise.

The inviting and spacious public areas are tastefully appointed and include a large lounge, where a program of enriching lectures is held, two bars, a comfortable library with computers, wireless Internet hotspots, spa, boutique and outdoor swimming pool.

The M.V. TERE MOANA's English-speaking crew provides courteous, professional service and sails with an onboard physician. There is one crew member for every 1.5 guests. The ship has an elevator.
Included Features
On board the Five-Star Small Ship M.V. TERE MOANA

◆ Seven-night cruise round trip Istanbul, Turkey, with port calls at Amasra for Safranbolu, Turkey; Yalta, Sevastopol and Odessa, Ukraine; and Nessebar, Bulgaria.

◆ Spacious and elegant outside Staterooms with private bathroom and individual climate control.

◆ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.

◆ All meals on board, each served at a single, unassigned seating—early-riser’s coffee, buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and dinner.

◆ Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages served throughout the cruise.

◆ Tour of the UNESCO World Heritage site of Safranbolu.

◆ Tour of historic Livadia Palace, site of the famous Yalta Conference and meeting with the Big Three, and a visit to nearby Vorontsovsky Palace and its 100-acre park.

◆ Tour of Anton Chekhov’s home.

◆ Excursion to the ancient Greek excavations of Chersonesus and the expansive Balaklava Naval Museum.

◆ Scenic drive along the Crimean Peninsula to Bakhchisarai, capital of the Crimean Tatars, and visit to the 16th-century Khan’s Palace, a masterpiece of Crimean Tatar architecture.

◆ City tour of Odessa, featuring the majestic Potemkin Stairs and a tour of the Viennese Baroque-style Opera House.

◆ Visit to the sixth-century B.C., Greek-founded town of Nessebar, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

◆ Visits to Istanbul’s UNESCO World Heritage site landmarks—Hagia Sophia, the Blue Mosque and the Hippodrome—and the Grand Bazaar.

Enhanced Travel Services

◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).

◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced local guides.

◆ Shipboard gratuities are included.

◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.

◆ Hospitality desk aboard ship.

◆ The services of an experienced team of Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the program.

◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.

◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
In the Footsteps of History

A highway of commerce, conquest and ideas since the fifth century B.C., the stunningly beautiful Crimean Peninsula and surrounding Black Sea countries showcase a tapestry of cultural treasures woven together over millennia of ruling Greeks, Goths, Huns, Ottoman Turks, Golden Horde Tatars, Mongols, Venetians and Genovese.

Walk in the footsteps of Greek colonists who founded the city of Chersonesus, the Roman Legions who arrived in the first century A.D. and Catherine the Great, who on her first visit in 1787 to this idyllic setting was greeted by a cavalcade of 12,000 Tatar horsemen in ceremonial uniform and escorted to the Khan’s Palace.

Explore the cultural treasures left by Russian royalty, who flocked to the Crimean Riviera and built lavish summer palaces that still display the opulent social legacy of the czars.

Stroll through the corridors and garden of Livadia Palace, Czar Nicholas II’s favorite summer residence and later the site of the Yalta Conference in February of 1945, where the “Big Three,” U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill and Russian General Secretary Joseph Stalin, met to determine Europe’s postwar reorganization.

Learn more about the Crimean War, the first modern war, which inspired Lord Alfred Tennyson’s poem “The Charge of the Light Brigade” and illuminated the efforts of a young British nurse, Florence Nightingale, whose work pioneered advances in the nursing profession and inspired Swiss social activist Henry Dunant to implement the Red Cross Movement shortly thereafter.

These seldom-visited Black Sea ports, the spectacular Crimean scenery, expansive vineyards and endearing people beckon travelers to delve into the region’s rich history.
**LAND/Cruise Tariff** (per person, based on double occupancy)

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◆ Singles are available in category 4 at $9995 and category 2 at $10995 on or before December 9, 2013. Add $1000 for reservations made after December 9, 2013.

◆ Taxes are an additional $350 per person and are subject to change. Visa fees are at additional cost to be advised.

*M.V. TERE MOANA 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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**THE BLACK SEA AND CRIMEA RESERVATION FORM**

Send to: Thomas P. Gohagan & Company
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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):
Istanbul Pre-Cruise Option
- Double at $875 per person.
- Single at $1425 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Cappadocia Post-Cruise Option
- Double at $1745 per person.
- Single at $2280 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

- I/we want you to book my/our air from [fill in departure city] to and from Istanbul, Turkey, at additional cost to be advised.*
- Economy Class
- Business Class
- First Class

*Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

- I/we will make my/our own air arrangements.

Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person and $200 per person Istanbul Pre-Cruise Option and $200 per person Cappadocia Post-Cruise Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, I/we accept and agree to the Terms and Conditions.

- Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $_______ as deposit.
- Make checks payable to Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.

- I/we authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $_______ to:
  - Visa
  - MasterCard

Card Number Exp. Date

Signature as it appears on credit card

All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by February 6, 2014.
For over 120 years, the stunning Odessa Opera House has been lauded for its exceptional acoustics.

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If due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend an additional night(s), you will be responsible for the estimated cost which is to be prepaid by the traveler at their own expense and cost is at the traveler’s own risk. The right is reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a participant on these trips at any time. Specific room/cabin assignments are within the sole discretion of the hotel/cruise line.

Gohagan reserves the right to change the itinerary or trip features at any time and for any reason, with or without notice, and 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 guest lecture series (if applicable), are subject to change or cancellation without prior notice. Gohagan is not responsible therefore and is not required to compensate passengers under these circumstances. Gohagan may cancel a trip (or all or any portion) for any reason, with or without notice, and Gohagan reserves the right to return monies paid by the participant to it. Gohagan is not required to cancel any trip for any reason including without limitation, United States Department of State, World Health Organization or other Warnings or Advisories of any kind. Gohagan is not responsible for penalties assessed by your airline resulting from operational and/or itinerary changes, even if Gohagan makes the flight arrangements or cancels the trip. Gohagan reserves the right to substitute vessels, hotels or attractions of a similar category to those mentioned in the “Included Features” section thereof.

NOT INCLUDED: Taxes; passport, visas and associated fees; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls and Internet access; accident/ sickness, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; gratuities to hotel personnel; optional sightseeing excursions; baggage charges on aircraft; local departure air/port tax(es); airfare and associated local taxes, airport facility and security taxes and federal inspection fees not listed in the “Included Features” section of the brochure; transfers and baggage handling to/from airport/hotel/ship on day(s) of arrival and/or departure if you are arriving earlier or later than or departing earlier or later than the scheduled group transfer(s); any overnight on land due to flight schedule(s); meals, alcoholic or other beverages and all other services not specifically mentioned in the “Included Features” section.

AIRFARE: Airfare is subject to change and availability and, depending on the fare basis, likely is nonrefundable. Your airline ticket is a part of this contract is void or voidable.

LUGGAGE: Luggage allowance policies are set by the airlines and may change without prior notice. Please contact your airline(s) for the most current luggage allowance policy.

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.

DISCOUNTED RESERVATIONS: Discounts apply only to those reservations received in the offices of Gohagan in writing, accompanied by the required deposit, by December 9, 2013. In the event a “discounted” reservation must be canceled, no “replacement” reservation can be substituted at the discounted rate. A “replacement” reservation is a new reservation and can be substituted only at the full-fare tariff. Cancellation penalties may apply.