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September 21 to 29, 2016

Ancient Empires
Malta ♦ Sicily ♦ Isle of Capri
Amalfi Coast ♦ Pompeii ♦ Rome

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Discover the intriguing mélange of cultures that flourished in the wake of ancient empires while cruising to the resplendent shores of Italy, Sicily and Malta. This outstanding, custom-designed itinerary showcases the very best of this historic region at the best time of year and affords you the unique opportunity to travel with a small, intimate group while enjoying deluxe accommodations aboard the exclusively chartered M.Y. VARIETY VOYAGER, an authentic small ship that carries only 72 passengers and is able to call on ports inaccessible to larger vessels.

Cruise from Valletta to Rome along two of Europe’s most ancient and dramatic coastlines and through the fabled Straits of Messina, situated between Sicily and mainland Italy. Marvel at Italy’s stunning Amalfi Coast and the colorful seaside town of Sorrento; explore the fascinating hidden treasures of Sicily; stroll Malta’s Roman avenues and Byzantine lanes; and see eight impressive UNESCO World Heritage sites. Gain insight into Roman life of A.D. 79 in the superbly excavated town of Pompeii. Discover Sicily’s storied town of Taormina in the shadow of Mt. Etna, as well as the island’s seldom-visited interior landscapes, including the often overlooked impressive Bronze Age archaeological site of Morgantina, the exquisite fourth-century Villa Romana del Casale in Piazza Armerina and Agrigento’s majestic Valley of the Temples, one of the most memorable sights of the ancient world. Experience the rich history of Malta, the island nation where St. Paul was shipwrecked and that the Order of the Knights of St. John, Caravaggio, Sir Walter Scott and even Queen Elizabeth II once called home.

An onboard study leader will give insightful lectures to enhance your understanding of these ancient cities and islands, medieval ports and scenic landscapes that were once coveted territories of the world’s most powerful empires.

This once-in-a-lifetime voyage is an excellent value and provides a unique and captivating itinerary of several of the most spectacular historical and cultural places in the world. I encourage you to book now while space and Early Booking Savings are available.

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Melissa Plaisance ’82
President
Bucknell University Alumni Alumni Association
Valletta, Malta
Founded in 1566 by the French Grand Master of the Order of the Knights of St. John, Valletta, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is one of the world’s earliest planned cities and today showcases incredible architecture from the 16th century onward, including splendid examples of Baroque, neoclassical and modern styles.

Visit the iconic, 16th-century, Baroque St. John’s Co-Cathedral, an artistic display of masterpieces including Caravaggio’s The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist. Enjoy a walking tour through the colonnaded Lower Barrakka Gardens, offering stunning vistas of Valletta’s Grand Harbor, and the striking Grand Master’s Palace. Enjoy a private tour led by a member of the noble de Piro family through the 16th-century Casa Rocca Piccola, their ancestral home and a historical showcase of Maltese nobility.

Be on deck this afternoon for an unforgettable cruise from the picturesque bay of the magnificently fortified city of Valletta, past the island shores where St. Paul the Apostle was shipwrecked en route to Rome.
Agrigento, Sicily, Italy
The world of classical antiquity comes alive in Agrigento's legendary Valle dei Tempi (Valley of the Temples), a UNESCO World Heritage site. Here, no fewer than eight Doric Greek shrines dating from the fifth century B.C. dot the landscape, including the Temple of Hera, with its graceful northern colonnade, and the Temple of Concordia, a beautifully preserved Greek monument. See the temples dedicated to Zeus and Heracles and the Sanctuary of the Chthonic Divinities—ancient Greek lords of Earth and the underworld. Visit the Agrigento Archaeological Museum and admire the collection of Greek, Etruscan, Phoenician, Carthaginian and Roman artifacts.

Licata for Syracuse
Tour the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Villa Romana del Casale—a vast fourth-century country estate noted for its intricate Roman mosaics adorning nearly every surface.

Enjoy an exclusively arranged visit to Morgantina, the impressive archaeological site inhabited by prehistoric man as early as the Bronze and Iron Ages. Ten years after World War II, several American universities began an extensive excavation here, revealing the ruins of an impressive Roman theater, a citadel, archaic tombs and an agora (marketplace). Enjoy a visit to the Archaeological Museum of Aidone, housed in a former Capuchin monastery.

Drive through the picturesque Sicilian landscape en route to Syracuse. Extolled for its beauty and grandeur since antiquity, this city reached its zenith of wealth and power under Dionysius the Elder, who established it as a center of philosophy and the arts 350 years after Greek colonists first settled there in 734 B.C. Today, this UNESCO World Heritage site is a virtual open-air museum of well-preserved classical monuments. Tour the historic quarter of Ortygia, the city’s maritime heart, where the sixth-century B.C. Temple of Apollo stands as the finest example of Doric architecture in western Europe.

Agrigento's well-preserved Temple of Concordia, whose façade is featured in UNESCO's logo, is one of the world's most notable examples of ancient Greek architecture.
Visit the magnificent Greek Theater where Aeschylus once spoke to ancient Syracusans. Inside the Baroque cathedral, built on the ruins of a fifth-century B.C. temple to Athena, admire the unique baptismal font, an ancient marble krater (large vase) resting on 13th-century bronze lions.

**Taormina**
The charming, medieval town of Taormina commands one of the most impressive settings on the island and is the 2400-year-old center of Sicilian culture and commerce. See the imposing, snowcapped Mt. Etna, Europe’s highest volcano and a UNESCO World Heritage site, and enjoy stunning panoramic views of Calabria. Visit the remarkably preserved third-century B.C. Greco-Roman theater, still in use today, located in perhaps one of the finest settings of any ancient Roman settlement on Earth. Admire the ornate, 14th-century Gothic-Catalan Corvaia Palace; the medieval Baroque portal of the Cathedral of St. Nicola; and the Roman Odeon, the “small theater” built in 21 B.C. Stroll along Taormina’s famous Corso Umberto, a bustling pedestrian thoroughfare with distinctive Mediterranean flair.

**Stromboli, Aeolian Islands**
Be on deck this evening as the ship cruises in view of the most famous of the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Aeolian Islands—Stromboli, the “Lighthouse of the Mediterranean”—home to a volcano that has been mildly active for the past 2000 years.

**Island of Capri**
Legend has it that along the shores of the dramatic isle of Capri, Homer’s Odysseus resisted the alluring call of the sirens. By small boat, enter the fabled Grotta Azzura, or Blue Grotto, a natural sea cave adorned with classical statues and illuminated by the brilliant blue reflection of underwater sunlight. Sea conditions and weather permitting.

**Sorrento**
An outpost of the ancient Roman Republic, today Sorrento is one of the most scenic towns in Italy and is the gateway to Mt. Vesuvius and the ancient ruins of Pompeii. This quaint seaside town features dramatic cliffs dotted with brightly hued buildings and abundant lemon and orange groves, making it the limoncello capital of the world.

**Amalfi Coast**
Italy’s spectacular UNESCO World Heritage-designated Amalfi Coast is legendary for its natural wonders and dramatic cliffs dotted with secluded villages, opulent villas and sun-dappled beaches that epitomize the allure of the Italian Mediterranean seaside. Delight in a panoramic tour of this stunning coastline and enjoy time on your own in the lovely village of Positano—frequented by Picasso, Toscanini and Bernstein, popularized by John Steinbeck and now a favorite resort of international luminaries.

**Pompeii**
Discovered and excavated 17 centuries after the tephra of Mt. Vesuvius engulfed Pompeii in A.D. 79, the incredibly well-preserved ruins of this ancient Roman city are today a UNESCO World Heritage site providing an intimate look at the daily rituals of Pompeian life under the reign of Roman Emperor Titus. See the impressive amphitheater, the house of the wealthy Vetti family and the extraordinary Temple of Jupiter.

**Rome**
This UNESCO World Heritage site, former seat of the Roman Empire, today is the historic heart of Italy. From the iconic Colosseum and the Vatican to the Spanish Steps and the Catacombs, the remains of ancient Rome continue to astonish modern visitors.

For ages, the island of Stromboli has served as a beacon by day and a lighthouse by night to sailors.
DELUXE SMALL SHIP
M.Y. VARIETY VOYAGER

The exclusively chartered, deluxe small ship M.Y. VARIETY VOYAGER is fully air conditioned and features only 36 cabins. Launched in 2012, it provides an authentic coastal cruise experience and can dock in smaller ports and inlets inaccessible to larger ships.

The ocean-view, stylishly appointed cabins are designed to accommodate two twin beds or one double bed and feature two windows, marble-accented private bathroom with shower, individual climate control, mini refrigerator, flat-screen satellite television, DVD player, music channels, safe, hair dryer and bathrobes.

Meals featuring Mediterranean and international cuisine are served alfresco or in single, unassigned seatings in the ship’s attractive dining room, where passengers can enjoy unobstructed views of the sweeping scenery and coastline through floor-to-ceiling windows. Early-risers’ coffee, buffet breakfast, buffet lunch and a four-course dinner are served daily. Complimentary house wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner; coffee and tea are served with each meal.

Inviting public areas include a lounge and bar, library, shaded outdoor lounge and bar, sun deck and a mini-spa and fitness area. Wi-Fi Internet access and laundry service are available on board. There is no doctor aboard the ship.

The English-speaking European crew provides courteous, professional service. The ship is fitted with state-of-the-art twin stabilizers and is meticulously maintained. It complies with the highest safety standards. The ship is equipped with two Zodiacs for shore transport in some small ports.
Included Features

On board the exclusively chartered, deluxe small ship M.Y. VARIETY VOYAGER
◆ Seven-night cruise from Valletta, Malta, to Civitavecchia, Italy, with port calls at Porto Empedocle for Agrigento, Licata for Morgantina and Villa Romana del Casale, Syracuse, and Naxos for Taormina, Sicily; Island of Capri, and Sorrento for Amalfi Coast, Postiano and Pompeii, Italy.
◆ Intimate cabins each with private bathroom and individual climate control.
◆ Captain's Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
◆ Early-risers’ coffee, full buffet breakfast and lunch and four-course dinner served daily throughout the cruise.
◆ Complimentary house wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner; coffee and tea are served with each meal.
◆ Walking tour of Valletta, Malta, a UNESCO World Heritage site, 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.
◆ Private tour of Casa Rocca Piccola and gardens, hosted by a member of the noble de Piro family.
◆ Excursion to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Sicily’s Agrigento and its majestic Valley of the Temples, known for its exceptionally well-preserved Doric temples.
◆ Visit to Sicily’s striking interior landscapes featuring the magnificent fourth-century Villa Romana del Casale, a UNESCO World Heritage site with the world’s best preserved Roman floor mosaics.
◆ Visit to Sicily’s ancient Greek ruins of Morgantina and the Archaeological Museum of Aidone.
◆ Tour of Sicily’s Syracuse, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with visits to one of the best-preserved ancient Greek theaters in the world.
◆ Walking tour of Sicily’s ancient town of Taormina, featuring the third-century B.C. Greco-Roman theater and views of imposing Mt. Etna, Europe’s highest volcano and a UNESCO World Heritage site.
◆ Cruise past the UNESCO World Heritage-designated island of Stromboli, the “Lighthouse of the Mediterranean.”
◆ Small boat excursion into the spectacular natural Blue Grotto on the Island of Capri (weather permitting).
◆ Drive along the Amalfi Coast, a UNESCO World Heritage site showcasing Italy’s natural beauty.
◆ Explore the Amalfi Coast village of Positano at leisure.
◆ Excursion to Pompeii, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and guided tour of the remarkable archaeological preservation.
◆ Explore the quaint seaside town of Sorrento at leisure.

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.
◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
◆ Hospitality desk in the hotels and aboard ship.
◆ The services of experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the program.
◆ Complimentary use of a state-of-the-art audio headset for each participant during guided excursions.
◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
The Renaissance dome of St. Peter’s Basilica in the heart of Vatican City has commanded the skyline of Rome since the 17th century.

Valletta's strategic position on Malta's Grand Harbor made it a coveted territory for countless civilizations.

**Historic Malta Pre-Cruise Option**

The extraordinary city of Valletta is referred to by UNESCO as “one of the most concentrated historic areas in the world,” where Phoenicians, Carthaginians, Romans, Byzantines, French and British have contributed to this captivating city’s historically rich and diverse past. During World War II, the island of Malta was the only Allied base between Gibraltar on the Iberian Peninsula and Alexandria, Egypt. Visit the underground Lascaris War Rooms, where General Eisenhower directed the invasion of Sicily in 1943 during World War II’s American-led “Operation Husky.” Tour the opulent interior of the 18th-century Palazzo Parisio and magnificent gardens, known as a “miniature Versailles.” Visit the medieval walled town of Mdina, where settlement pre-dates 4000 B.C., and tour its impressive Baroque-style cathedral.

Accommodations for one night are in the Five-Star PHOENICIA HOTEL, offering convenient access to Valletta’s highlights.

**Eternal Rome Post-Cruise Option**

Capital of the ancient Roman Empire and a UNESCO World Heritage site, the “Eternal City” of Rome showcases its spectacular landmarks from centuries as a center of power, culture and religion. Visit its ancient Colosseum, the Roman Forum and the Church of St. Peter in Chains, which houses Michelangelo’s incredible sculpture of Moses. Enjoy a tour of St. Peter’s Basilica and the Vatican Museums, including the Sistine Chapel.

Accommodations are for two nights in the Five-Star HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL DE LA VILLE, ideally located near the top of Rome’s world-famous Spanish Steps.

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

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**LAND/Cruise Tariff**

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**Ancient Empires Reservation Form**

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

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

- Double occupancy (two twin beds).
- Double occupancy (one double 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):

- Historic Malta Pre-Cruise Option
  - Double at $435 per person.
  - Single at $595 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).

- Eternal Rome Post-Cruise Option
  - Double at $995 per person.
  - Single at $1495 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 Valletta, Malta, with return from Rome, Italy, at an additional cost to be advised.‡

- I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $__________ to:
  - Visa
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Card Number Exp. Date

Signature as it appears on credit card

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

I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.

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Riviera Deck
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- All cabins are outside and have private bathroom facilities, air conditioning, telephone, television, DVD, hair dryer, in-room safe and mini refrigerator.
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The impossibly picturesque coastal village of Positano forms part of the world-famous Amalfi Coast, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

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