ANCIENT GREECE
AN AEGEAN ODYSSEY

aboard the Exclusively Chartered,
Five-Star LE BOUGAINVILLE

October 8 to 16, 2021

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Dear Duke Travelers:

Journey to the cradle of Western civilization and the classical world on this comprehensive Aegean Odyssey. Duke Travels is pleased to have engaged Gohagan & Company to offer this beautiful voyage.

Cruise to halcyon islands, fabled from antiquity, aboard the exclusively chartered, state-of-the-art, Five-Star Le BOUGAINVILLE, featuring the exclusive Blue Eye, the world’s first multisensory, underwater Observation Lounge. Unlike larger vessels, this elegant small ship has only 92 Suites and Staterooms, each with a private balcony, and is able to moor in small ports of call.

Visit Delos, Mykonos, Pátmos, Rhodes, the Peloponnese Peninsula—ancient destinations steeped in myth and history—and Santorini. Enjoy opportunities to visit six magnificent UNESCO World Heritage sites. Tour the dramatic scenic wonder of Meteora, where 24 Orthodox monasteries built in the 14th and 15th centuries crown 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 ancient stelae and the theater’s original fourth-century B.C. acoustics continue to resonate today.

Learn more about contemporary life on the Greek Isles during the exclusive ISLAND LIFE® FORUM, where you will meet and engage with local residents. Enjoy guided tours in these legendary destinations and experience the time-honored traditions and delights of authentic Greek villages during the best time of the year.

ISLAND LIFE® Ancient Greece is a popular and outstanding travel program and an excellent value. All accommodations, meals, exclusive CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS and an excursion every day are included, and you only need to unpack once! As the Duke group grows in size, a Duke representative will be engaged to join the voyage and share a uniquely Duke perspective.

Forever Duke,

Beth Ray-Schroeder ’83
Director, Duke Travels
Duke Alumni
Engagement and Development

The safety and well-being of our travelers remains our highest priority. Cruise lines and some other providers of services (as well as, potentially, some countries) require all passengers traveling on our programs to present confirmation of a full COVID-19 vaccination, and, as well, passengers may have to produce evidence of a recent negative COVID test. All our staff are committed to adhering to all health and safety protocols from the start of your trip to the end as directed by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, overseas health officials as well as those protocols mandated by your cruise company (if applicable) and other suppliers of services. Detailed protocol information tailored to your travel program will be mailed to you along with additional pre-departure information.

Cover photo: Admire Santorini’s dazzling whitewashed architecture in crisp hues of white and blue.

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

The Roman writer Cicero (106 to 43 B.C.) observed of Athens that “wherever you set your foot, you encounter some memory of the past.” In Greece, the cradle of Western civilization, the stories of antiquity come to life. St. John the Apostle is believed to have penned the Book of Revelation on Pátmos; the legend of the lost utopian city of Atlantis lives on in Santorini; and it is on these mythological islands that Odysseus sought redemption in the Underworld and where Orpheus retrieved his first love. Visit evocative archaeological sites, walk the Sacred Way of Delos and discover ancient Akrotiri, the “Minoan Pompeii.” Enjoy exclusive Cultural Enrichments, including a folklore performance, a culinary demonstration and the Island Life® Forum with residents of Pátmos who will share their candid perspectives about life today.
Athens, Greece
The birthplace of democracy and home to many of the greatest philosophers and historians 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, cross the fertile Plain of Thessaly to the 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 1,300 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 the verdant Peneas Valley.

Delos
The mythical birthplace of Apollo and Artemis, today Delos 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, a 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 5,500-seat theater (300 B.C.), the site of choral competitions during the Delian panegyris and 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 2,600 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 16th-century windmills, bright-white cubist Cycladic architecture, picturesque harbor and azure bays epitomize the striking beauty of the Greek Isles.

**Pátmos**
The Greek Orthodox Monastery of St. John, a UNESCO World Heritage site on the Sacred Island of Pátmos, is one of Christianity’s oldest pilgrimage sites. Tour the fortified 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 is believed to have written the Book of Revelation in A.D. 95.

**Cultural Enrichments:**
Meet and engage with local residents who will discuss contemporary daily life during the specially arranged Island Life® Forum. Enjoy a culinary demonstration by the ship’s pastry chef.

**Rhodes/Lindos**
The island of Rhodes, the largest of the Dodecanese islands, 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 arguably Europe’s most impressive continuously inhabited medieval walled city—built over a great Hellenistic metropolis and a major Christian outpost during the Crusades.

See the Cave of the Apocalypse, the home of St. John the Apostle during his exile.

**Santorini for Akrotiri and Fira**
Be on deck as the ship cruises into the alluring main harbor of Santorini, a natural caldera, beneath which some believe to be the legendary lost city of Atlantis. Later, by cable car, descend from 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 3,500 years, Akrotiri’s streets reveal the architectural sophistication and advanced culture of its Minoan inhabitants.

In Fira, 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 importance and treasured antiquities. Mycenae is bountiful in allusions to the age of Agamemnon, from its secret passages to its Cyclopean walls.

**Cultural Enrichments:**
Tour two UNESCO World Heritage highlights—the ancient citadel of Mycenae, the classical stage of Homer’s *The Iliad*; and the Sanctuary of Asklepios in Epidaurus, an equally iconic Hellenic site. Both of these ruins bear testimony to Greco-Roman natural healing and medicinal knowledge.
Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star Le Bougainville

Luxury Small Ship, Innovative Design
Le Bougainville 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, where authentic cultural experiences and majestic scenery await you.

Blue Eye – 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.*

Respect for the Environment
A new addition to the Ponant “Clean Ship” fleet, an important certification among ocean-cruising vessels, Le Bougainville is energy efficient and eco-friendly, protecting fragile marine ecosystems.

World-Class Service
The highly trained, English-speaking crew is personable and attentive, and the ship has a medical center staffed with a doctor and a nurse.

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 breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and four-course dinner.

Elegant Suites and Staterooms, 100% with Private Balconies
Each of the 92 Five-Star Staterooms and Suites (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, private bathroom with a shower and luxury hotel-style amenities.

Life on Board
Enjoy sweeping views from the lounges—which open to the outdoors—and lectures, cultural performances or film screenings in the state-of-the-art theater. Relax in the spa, or infinity-style swimming pool. The ship has a beauty salon, a fitness room and three elevators. Complimentary Wi-Fi access is available (conditions permitting).

*Marine life viewing varies by location.
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 access (conditions permitting).
♦ Blue Eye—the world’s first luxury, multisensory, underwater Observation Lounge.

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.
♦ Half-day excursion in Lindos to the Acropolis.
♦ ISLAND LIFE® FORUM with local residents who will discuss contemporary life on the Greek Isles.
♦ Traditional Greek music and dance performance.
♦ Special Greek 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 Patmos.
♦ 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 aboard 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.
**Classical Athens and Mythical Cape Sounion Pre-Program Option**

Experience the ancient city of Athens, unmatched in its contributions to the foundation of the Western world. Explore the monumental Acropolis—a UNESCO World Heritage site and the perfectly proportioned Parthenon, a graceful example of Doric architecture. Tour the archaeological treasures of the Acropolis Museum and enjoy the colorful neighborhood of Plaka, the oldest section of Athens. Discover the idyllic coves and sparkling Aegean waters of Cape Sounion and follow the ancient route of Pericles to the Temple of Poseidon—where 15 of the original 34 Doric columns are remarkably still standing. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe Hotel Grande Bretagne.

**Oracle of Delphi and Antiquities of Thebes Post-Program Option**

One of the most spectacular of all ancient Greek sites, UNESCO-inscribed Delphi formed the center of the Greek world in the sixth century B.C. Tour the magnificent Archaeological Museum, a treasure trove of ancient artifacts, including the life-size, fifth-century B.C. bronze statue of the Charioteer of Delphi. Walk the Sacred Way to the Panhellenic sanctuary of Delphi, second only to the Athens Acropolis in importance. Stand at the marble Altar of the Chians, where the common and the mighty alike awaited the oracle's pronouncements. Discover the importance of ancient Thebes to Greek civilization, from the Bronze Age and Mycenaean eras until its destruction by Alexander the Great in 335 B.C., at the splendid Archaeological Museum of Thebes. Accommodations are for one night in the Hotel Amalia Delphi and one night in the Sofitel Athens Airport Hotel.

**Pre- and Post-Program Options are at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.**
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Title
Surname (exactly as it appears on your passport)
Given Names (exactly as it appears on your passport)
Date of Birth
City
State
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Cell Phone
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Business Telephone

I/W e prefer to share accommodations.
I /w e prefer to share and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Singles are available in category 5 at $11995* and in category 2 at $14595*.

*Taxes are an additional $465 per person and are subject to change.

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

LAND/Cruise TARIFF excluding taxes*

Category*  
Welcome Back Savings!*  
Full Tariff*
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8  Picture window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony.  
Deck 3, forward. (limited availability)  
$4895  $5095
7  Picture window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. Deck 3, midship.  
$5695  $6695
6  Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 4, forward.  
$6595  $7595
5  Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 4, midship.  
$7295  $8295
4  Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony. Decks 5 and 6, aft. (limited availability)  
$7795  $8795
3  Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 5, forward. (limited availability)  
$8295  $9295
2  Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 5, midship.  
$8795  $9795
1  Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 6, midship.  
$9295  $10295

Deluxe Suite
Prestige Suite
Privilege Suite
Grand Deluxe Suite
Owner’s Suite

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Category:  
1st Choice  2nd Choice
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I/W e authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $__________ to:
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First participant’s signature  Today’s date
Second participant’s signature  Today’s date

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$200 per person Delphi and Thebes Post-Program Option
$200 per person Athens and Cape Sounion Pre-Program Option

Please make my/our reservation(s):  

Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $__________ as deposit. Make check(s) payable to Gohagan & Company.

I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $__________ to:

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(All in departure city)

Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person
$200 per person Athens and Cape Sounion Pre-Program Option
$200 per person Delphi and Thebes Post-Program Option

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

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

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In addition and without limitation, Gohagan is not responsible for any injury, financial or other loss, death, inconvenience, delay, or damage to person or property in connection with the provision of any goods or services whether resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God or force majeure, acts or orders of government, denial or delay of entry into any country, acts of war or civil unrest, expropriation or revolt, riots from or attacks by animals, insects or pests, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind or the threat thereof, sickness, illness, epidemics or the threat thereof, the lack of availability of or access to medical treatment or the quality thereof, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, mechanical or other failure of airplanes, vessels or other means of transportation, or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to depart on time or safely. Further, I release Gohagan from its own negligence and assume all risk thereof.

If you are suffering from a heart condition, please contact your doctor before vacation. If you have any questions about your health, please contact your doctor before you travel. If you are planning to travel to countries or areas where the local health conditions may be different from those in the United States, please contact your doctor or travel advisor before you travel. If you are planning to travel to countries or areas where the local health conditions may be different from those in the United States, please contact your doctor or travel advisor before you travel. If you are planning to travel to countries or areas where the local health conditions may be different from those in the United States, please contact your doctor or travel advisor before you travel.