# Duke ALUMNI **Rivieras** and **Islands** France • Italy • Spain

Monte Carlo · Portofino · Corsica · Sardinia · Barcelona · Florence Rome · Marseilles · Carcassonne · Cinque Terre · Aix-en-Provence

> Aboard the Exclusively Chartered Deluxe Small Ship M.Y. VARIETY VOYAGER

> > October 5 to 13, 2016

- Deluxe Small Ship
- All Shore Excursions are Included
- All Beverages are Included





Dear Duke Alumni and Friends:

Join us on this exclusive **small ship** voyage between two great cultural capitals and along the splendid coastlines of the French and Italian Rivieras with their well-preserved, ancient villages and idyllic islands. Discover the dynamic history of contending civilizations and their legacy—some of the world's greatest art and architecture. Travel through the timeless cradle of the Renaissance and see firsthand why these stunning landscapes became a favorite retreat for artists, writers, nobility and gourmands.

Cruise from Barcelona to Rome with one port call each day and opportunities to visit five UNESCO World Heritage sites on this one-of-a-kind itinerary featuring wonderful, off-the-beaten-path small ports, along with legendary ones. Visit Carcassonne's French medieval fortifications and the Italian picture-postcard, cliffside villages of the Cinque Terre. Admire the natural beauty of Sardinia's dazzling Costa Smeralda; Nice's mélange of historical cultures, from the Savoys to the Habsburgs to the Romanovs; the principality of Monaco, the epitome of Riviera chic; historic Marseilles and its vibrant sixth-century *Vieux Port*; and Corsica's ancient and alluring port of Bonifacio; and choose to explore the Renaissance treasures of Florence or the historic Tuscan monuments of Lucca and Pisa.

The exclusively chartered M.Y. VARIETY VOYAGER, an authentic **small ship** that carries only 72 guests, features complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages throughout the cruise and includes all shipboard gratuities. Travel in style while enjoying the benefits afforded by small ship cruising—exemplary service and a unique itinerary featuring several ports only accessible by small ship.

As our Duke group grows in size, a Duke host will join the trip to bring a uniquely Duke perspective to the tour. This program is a great travel value and sells out quickly, so I encourage you to book now while space and Early Booking Savings are available.

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Beth Ray-Schroeder '83 Director, Alumni Travel Duke Alumni Association





The sparkling turquoise waters and emerald coasts of the French and Italian Rivieras have long enticed the Greeks, Etruscans, Phoenicians, Romans and Germanic peoples. The beau monde began flocking to these seaside towns as de rigueur of the 19<sup>th</sup>-century "Grand Tour" to rejuvenate in the salubrious climate. The rise of Italian nobility—particularly the Savoys, Italy's ruling family from 1861 to 1946, and the Grimaldis, the lineage of the current Prince of Monaco—further influenced the development of these coastal gems nestled between the Alps and the sea. The Côte d'Azur's radiant quality of light captivated Pablo Picasso, Henri Matisse and Marc Chagall, distinctly influencing each artist's use of brilliant colors, while the glamour of the region attracted great writers like F. Scott Fitzgerald and Ernest Hemingway.

# DISTINCTIVELY **GOHAGAN & COMPANY**

- Exclusively chartered, deluxe small ship.
- Intimate small ship cruising experience.
- Only 72 guests!
- Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages aboard ship.
- All shipboard gratuities are included.
- Specially designed one-of-a-kind itinerary.
- At least one port call each day.
- A shore excursion is included in every port.
- Opportunities to visit five UNESCO World Heritage sites.
- Specially arranged educational lectures.
- Gratuities are included to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- One crew member for every 1.5 guests.
- Early Booking Savings!
- No waiting in long lines!

**Barcelona, Spain** The lively and beautiful neighborhoods of Barcelona are filled with Europe's greatest concentration of Gothic architecture and the artistic treasures of Salvador Dalí, Antoni Gaudí and Pablo Picasso.

#### Carcassonne, France

Settled on the former frontier between France and Spain along ancient trade routes linking the Atlantic with the Mediterranean and Iberian Peninsula and occupied since the sixth century B.C., Carcassonne was fortified by the Romans, conquered by the Visigoths in the fifth century, captured by Persians in the seventh century, later invaded by Franks and overrun by Barbarians. Each of these civilizations left their indelible influence on the extraordinary architectural and artistic heritage of this city over the centuries, and the medieval core of Carcassonne that remains today is an extraordinary UNESCO World Heritage site. Walk the cobblestone streets, admire the drawbridges and watchtowers and appreciate the joyous ringing of bells that evoke its Gothic and medieval past. Travel to the nearby Corbières Mountains to tour the well-preserved, 12th-century Cistercian Abbey of Fontfroide.

#### Cover photo: Brightly painted houses and fishing boats line Portofino's waterfront on the Italian Riviera.

Photo this page: A fairy-tale image of towers and drawbridges, the medieval town of Carcassonne is protected by double walls nine to 15 feet thick.





# Marseilles

Nearly three millennia of maritime heritage thrive in Marseilles, the 2013 European Capital of Culture and a natural port where ships have docked since Greek settlers first arrived in 600 B.C. Enjoy a panoramic tour featuring the historical heart of the city, its Old Town, the majestic 19th-century Cathédrale de la Major, the fantastic Notre Dame de la Garde with its neo-Byzantine interior and extraordinary city views from the grounds, and the Vieux Port (Old Port) which some consider to be the birthplace of Marseilles. Drive on the picturesque Corniche Kennedy, a spectacular boulevard overlooking the sea dedicated to the late United States president, and travel along the historic high street, Canèbiere, built by Louis XIV in 1666.

# Aix-en-Provence

Immerse yourself in the beautiful medieval city of Aix-en-Provence, located in the heart of France's sun-drenched Provençal region and which perhaps captures best the quintessential élan of all that is Provence. Visit the Cathedral of Saint Sauveur, considered a national monument by the French, built in the Romanesque, Gothic and neo-Gothic architectural styles on the site of the first-century Roman Forum of Aix. Stroll through the Mazarin district and Old Aix and enjoy the famous Cours Mirabeau, a classic, grand boulevard lined with plane trees and elegant  $17^{th}$ - and  $18^{th}$ -century townhouses.

# Nice

One of the oldest human settlements in the world with archaeological sites dating to the Lower Paleolithic period, Nice remains rich in its traditions and centuries-old culture. This capital of the Côte d'Azur is bursting with colors that inspired Marc Chagall and Henri Matisse. Enjoy a walking tour of *Vieux Nice* (old town) and a stroll through its vibrant outdoor flower market.

# Monte Carlo, Monaco

The principality of Monaco's dazzling historic district, Monte Carlo offers

an intoxicating mixture of princely sights and intrigue and is famous for its Grand Casino. Admire the legendary belle-époque architecture and enjoy a walking tour on the historic Rock of Monaco. See the Prince's Palace, home of Europe's longest-reigning dynasty, and the neo-Romanesque St. Nicholas Cathedral, where Princess Grace is interred.

# Cinque Terre, Italy

From Porto Venere's small harbor, board a private boat cruise and dock in two villages of the famous Cinque Terre. This UNESCO World Heritage site is a series of charming, colorful fishing villages that cling to remote cliffs overlooking the Ligurian Sea. Discover the spectacular nuances of Riomaggiore and Vernazza, linked by walking paths that offer marvelous views of the charming coves, hidden beaches and terraced vineyards that produce the famous dessert wine Sciacchetrà.

# Portofino

Portofino is the perfect village for a leisurely afternoon on the Italian Riviera. You may choose to visit the 17<sup>th</sup>-century San Giorgio Church, home to the relics of this legendary dragon-slaying saint, stroll the pedestrian-only lanes or sip a cappuccino on the terrace of an outdoor café.

# Florence

Enjoy the rolling Tuscan landscape of vineyards and cypress trees en route to Florence, birthplace of the Renaissance. This iconic UNESCO World Heritage site is a treasure trove of unparalleled achievements in art, architecture and literature.

*Picturesque at every angle, Italy's colorful Cinque Terre is a lovely sight from the sea, while each of its five terraced villages offers breathtaking views of the Ligurian coastline from the shore.* 





The distinctive early-14<sup>th</sup>-century tower of the Palazzo Vecchio and Filippo Brunelleschi's magnificent 15<sup>th</sup>-century dome are consummate symbols of Florence and the Renaissance.

# ITINERARY

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- BARCELONA<sup>®</sup> Pre-Cruise Option
- 1 Depart the U.S.
- 2 BARCELONA, SPAIN/ Embark M.Y. VARIETY VOYAGER
- 3 Port-La-Nouvelle, France, for Carcassonne<sup>®</sup>
- 4 MARSEILLES for AIX-EN-PROVENCE
- 5 NICE/MONTE CARLO, MONACO
- 6 PORTO VENERE, ITALY, for CINQUE TERRE®/PORTOFINO
- 7 LIVORNO for FLORENCE<sup>®</sup> or PISA<sup>®</sup> and LUCCA
- 8 Golfo Aranci, Costa Smeralda, Sardinia/Bonifacio, Corsica, France
- 9 CIVITAVECCHIA, ITALY/ Disembark ship/ROME<sup>®</sup>/ Return to the U.S.
- ROME Post-Cruise Option

Admire Michelangelo's *David*, considered one of his greatest masterpieces; Brunelleschi's soaring dome at the Duomo of Florence; and Ghiberti's moving "Doors of Paradise," the magnificent bronze-cast entryway to the Baptistery of San Giovanni, depicting scenes from the Old Testament.

#### Pisa/Lucca

The beautifully preserved medieval cities of Pisa and Lucca are a short, scenic drive from the port city of Livorno. Pisa's famous Piazza dei Miracoli, a UNESCO World Heritage site, showcases the legendary Leaning Tower, the impressive 11<sup>th</sup>-century duomo and the largest baptistery in Italy. Lucca's intact Renaissance city walls are now a promenade for pedestrians, and its elaborate 11<sup>th</sup>-century Cattedrale di San Martino is still an important symbol of the city.

#### Costa Smeralda, Sardinia

Sardinia's Costa Smeralda (Emerald Coast) features remote seaside villages, elegant villas, a rugged landscape rising from exquisite white sand beaches, and azure waters plied by sleek luxury yachts. Anchor at Golfo Aranci near Porto Cervo, a haven for celebrities. A panoramic tour features the well-preserved granite Nuraghe Albucciu, one of the Bronze-Age defensive fortresses unique to the island of Sardinia.

#### Bonifacio, Corsica, France

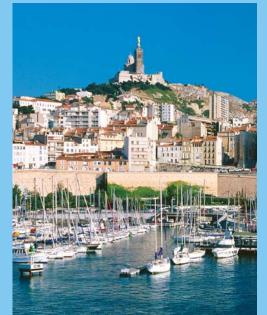
Dock below the ancient town of Bonifacio, overlooking the sparkling harbor from sheer white limestone cliffs at the southern tip of the island of Corsica. Often referenced by historians as a site portrayed in Homer's *Odyssey*, this beautiful port's fundamentally French character bears a strong Italian imprint, manifested in the islanders' French-Italian dialect.

Transfer by small train for the walk through the incredibly picturesque medieval citadel and Old Town. Stroll the Rue des Deux-Empereurs, where Charles V and Napoleon once lodged, and see the Gothic Church of St-Dominique and the famous Grain de Sable limestone formation.

#### Rome, Italy

Once the center of a vast empire, today this UNESCO World Heritage site 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 visitors.

An ancient and historic city along the Mediterranean coast, vibrant Marseilles was named the 2013 European Capital of Culture.





# 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 **small ship** 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, private marble-accented 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 alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are served throughout the cruise.

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.



Category 1 Cabin



Dining Room



Lounge



Alfresco dining on the Sun Deck

#### Included Features On board the exclusively chartered, deluxe small ship M.Y. VARIETY VOYAGER

- Seven-night cruise from Barcelona, Spain, to Civitavecchia, Italy, with port calls at Port-la-Nouvelle for Carcassonne, Marseilles for Aix-en-Provence, and Nice, France; Monte Carlo, Monaco; Portofino, Porto Venere for Riomaggiore and Vernazza in the Cinque Terre, and Livorno for Florence or Pisa and Lucca, Italy; Bonifacio, Corsica, France; and Golfo Aranci for Costa Smeralda, Sardinia, Italy.
- Inviting 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 alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are served throughout the cruise.
- Excursion to Carcassonne, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with a visit to the Romanesque Abbey of Fontfroide.
- Walking tour of Aix-en-Provence, featuring the picturesque Mazarin District, old Aix, the Old Town Hall, the famous Cours Mirabeau and the 16<sup>th</sup>-century St. Sauveur Cathedral.
- Panoramic tour of vibrant Marseilles featuring its historic Vieux Port (Old Port) and a visit to the magnificent Notre Dame de la Garde.
- Excursion to colorful Nice, featuring a walking tour of the charming Old Town.
- Walking tour of Monte Carlo, the epitome of Riviera chic, and visit to St. Nicholas Cathedral, where Princess Grace is interred.
- Excursion along the UNESCO World Heritage site of the Cinque Terre to visit the charming cliffside villages of Riomaggiore and Vernazza.
- Evening at leisure in picturesque **Portofino** on the Italian Riviera.
- <u>Choice</u> of a full-day excursion to Florence, a UNESCO World Heritage site, featuring visits to the octagonal Baptistery and Galleria dell'Accademia to see Michaelangelo's *David*, <u>or</u> a full-day excursion to the Tuscan cities of Pisa, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and Lucca.
- Panoramic tour of Sardinia's famous Costa Smeralda and a visit to Nuraghe Albucci defensive structure.
- Walk through Corsica's ancient, picturesque Old Town of Bonifacio.



#### **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.
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- included excursions and transfers.
- Hospitality desk 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.



Antoni Gaudí's Basílica de la Sagrada Família, a UNESCO World Heritage site, began construction in 1882 and continues to this day.

### Barcelona • Rome

**Barcelona** Pre-Cruise Option

Experience the heart of Barcelona, the lively capital city of Catalonia and once an ancient Roman trading port. Enjoy a city tour and see the original Old Town, the exciting *Barri Gòtic* (Gothic Quarter) with its Roman walls; the *Passeig de Gràcia*, Barcelona's famous main thoroughfare; and Montjuic (Jewish Mountain), host of the 1929 International Exhibition and the 1992 Olympic Games. Visit architect Antoni Gaudí's extraordinary Basílica de la Sagrada Família, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Accommodations for one night are in the Five-Star MANDARIN ORIENTAL HOTEL.

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. See 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 exceptional Vatican Museums, including a visit to the awe-inspiring 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.

> Dating to A.D. 80, the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Colosseum hosted acrobats, exotic animals and gladiators for almost 400 years.

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See Bonifacio's well-preserved medieval houses atop Corsica's stunning sun-bleached limestone cliffs.

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