

Explore the World

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO ALUMNI TRAVEL PROGRAM 2017

RIVIERAS AND ISLANDS*

FRANCE/ITALY/SPAIN

THOMAS P. GOHAGAN & COMPANY

Exclusively Chartered Five-Star Small Ship M.S. LE LYRIAL

October 2 to 10, 2017

From approximately \$4725 USD plus air

Cruise with us for seven nights from Rome to Barcelona aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star, small ship M.S. LE LYRIAL, launched in 2015. Enjoy the sun-drenched landscapes and lush, mountainous backdrops of the French and Italian rivieras and islands, a glamorous retreat for artists, writers, nobility and gourmands. This unique, comprehensive itinerary immerses you in the region's dynamic history, inimitable art and culture and stunning scenery, and features up to five UNESCO World Heritage sites, including Carcassonne's medieval fortifications and the postcard cliffside villages of Italy's Cinque Terre. Explore Corsica's fortified town of Bonifacio and Sardinia's dazzling Costa Smeralda. Choose between the Renaissance treasures of Florence or the Tuscan cities of Pisa and Lucca. Along the enchanting Côte d'Azur, enjoy specially arranged excursions in alluring Monaco, the epitome of Riviera chic and home of St. Nicholas Cathedral, where Princess Grace is interred; historic Marseilles, to walk along the vibrant Vieux Port; and charming Nice. Rome Pre-Cruise and Barcelona Post-Cruise Options also available.

ITINERARY*

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

Day Destination

- 1 Depart the U.S. or Canada
- 2 Rome, Italy/Civitavecchia/Embark M.S. LE LYRIAL
- 3 Golfo Aranci, Costa Smeralda, Sardinia/Bonifacio, Corsica, France
- 4 Livorno for Florence or Pisa and Lucca
- 5 Porto Venere for Cinque Terre/Portofino, Italy
- 6 Nice, France/Monte Carlo, Monaco
- 7 Marseilles for Aix-en-Provence
- 8 Port-la-Nouvelle for Carcassonne
- 9 Barcelona, Spain/Disembark ship/Return to the U.S. or Canada

**Cruise itinerary subject to change.*

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Activity Level

Moderately Active

HIGHLIGHTS

- Unique, exclusively chartered, small ship itinerary.
- Five-Star small ship launched in 2015—the newest sister ship to LE BORÉAL, L'AUSTRAL and LE SOLÉAL.
- Small ship calls on ports inaccessible to larger vessels.
- Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are served throughout the cruise; all meals are included aboard ship.
- One specially arranged port of call every day.
- All shore excursions included.
- Early Booking Savings!
- Visit five UNESCO World Heritage sites—Rome, Florence or Pisa, Cinque Terre, Carcassonne and Barcelona.
- Cruise the Tyrrhenian, Ligurian and Mediterranean Seas.
- Unpack once!
- Audio headset provided for each participant to enjoy clear narration from guides on all excursions.
- Rome Pre-Cruise and Barcelona Post-Cruise Options.

Exclusively Chartered Five-Star Small Ship M.S. LE LYRIAL

State-of-the-Art Design

The highly acclaimed M.S. LE LYRIAL (launched in 2015) represents the newest generation of Five-Star small ships, featuring only 110 Suites and Staterooms and distinctive French sophistication.

Elegantly appointed Suites and Staterooms, 95% with Private Balconies

Each air-conditioned deluxe Stateroom and Suite (200 to 484 square feet), features a private bathroom with shower and luxurious Five-Star hotel amenities and minibar with complimentary beverages. Most accommodations have two twin beds that convert to one queen bed, individual climate control, satellite flat-screen television, wireless Internet access, safe, full-length closet, writing desk/dressing table, plush robes and slippers.

Chic and Casual Dining

International and regional cuisine is served in the stylish, spacious Le Céleste dining room in single, unassigned seatings; alfresco in the casual Le Comète restaurant; or from 24-hour room service. Continental and buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea, and a four-course dinner are served daily. Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are served throughout the cruise.

Spacious Public Areas/ World-Class Service and Facilities

In keeping with the low passenger density, the public areas are spacious and inviting and can accommodate all passengers comfortably. Enjoy views from the Panoramic Lounge, nightly

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entertainment in the Main Lounge, and lectures, cultural performances and film screenings in the state-of-the-art theater. There is a library, Internet salon, Sun Deck, swimming pool, beauty salon, spa, Turkish bath-style steam room, full range of fitness equipment and two elevators. The infirmary is staffed with a doctor and nurse. The highly trained and personable, English-speaking, international crew provides attentive service.

Respect for the Environment

The state-of-the-art propulsion system and custom-built stabilizers provide an exceptionally smooth, quiet and comfortable voyage. By design, each ship is energy efficient and environmentally protective of marine ecosystems and has been awarded the prestigious “Clean Ship” rating, an extreme rarity among ocean-cruising vessels. The ship has two tenders.

INCLUDED FEATURES

ON BOARD THE EXCLUSIVELY CHARTERED FIVE-STAR SMALL SHIP M.S. LE LYRIAL

- Seven-night cruise from Civitavecchia, Italy, to Barcelona, Spain, with port calls at Golfo Aranci for Costa Smeralda, Sardinia, Italy; Bonifacio, Corsica, France; Livorno for Florence or Pisa and Lucca, Porto Venere for Cinque Terre, and Portofino, Italy; Monte Carlo, Monaco; Nice, Marseilles for Aix-en-Provence, and Port-la-Nouvelle for Carcassonne, France.
- Elegantly appointed, **Five-Star** Suite or Stateroom, each with a private bathroom.
- Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- All meals—continental breakfast, buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and dinner—throughout the cruise, featuring fine international and regional cuisine, served at single, unassigned seatings.
- Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are served throughout the cruise.
- Panoramic tour of **Costa Smeralda** and a visit to the Bronze-Age **Nuraghe Albucci** defensive structure.
- Walk through **Bonifacio’s** ancient, picturesque Old Town.
- Choice of a full-day excursion to **Florence**, a UNESCO World Heritage site, featuring the octagonal Baptistery and a visit to the Accademia, or a full-day excursion to the Tuscan cities of **Pisa**, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and **Lucca**.
- Excursion along the UNESCO World Heritage-designated **Cinque Terre** to visit the charming cliffside villages of Riomaggiore and Vernazza.
- Evening at leisure in the picturesque Italian Riviera village of **Portofino**.
- Excursion to **Nice** featuring a walking tour of its charming Old Town.
- Walking tour in **Monte Carlo**, the epitome of French Riviera chic, and visit to St. Nicholas Cathedral, where Princess Grace is interred.
- Walking tour of **Aix-en-Provence**, featuring the Mazarin District, old Aix, the Old Town Hall, the famous Cours Mirabeau and St. Sauveur Cathedral.
- Panoramic tour of **Marseilles** featuring the historic Vieux Port (Old Port) and a visit to the opulent Notre Dame de la Garde.
- Excursion to **Carcassonne**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with visits to the Musée des Beaux Arts and Romanesque Abbey of Fontfroide.

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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 aboard ship.
- The services of experienced Gohagan & Company Program Directors throughout the program.
- Complimentary 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.

ROME PRE-CRUISE OPTION

The “Eternal City” of Rome, a UNESCO World Heritage site and capital of the ancient Roman Empire, showcases the magnificent landmarks from its centuries as a center of power, culture and religion and is the ideal prelude to your cruise. See the city’s ancient monuments, including the 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 for two nights are in the deluxe WESTIN EXCELSIOR ROME.

BARCELONA POST-CRUISE OPTION

Experience the heart of Barcelona, the capital city of Catalonia and once an ancient Roman trading port. Enjoy a city tour featuring the original Old Town, the exciting *Barri Gòtic* (Gothic Quarter) with its Roman walls, the Catalan Government Palace and the *Passeig de Gràcia*, Barcelona’s famous main thoroughfare. Visit architect Antoni Gaudí’s extraordinary *Basilica de la Sagrada Família*, a UNESCO World Heritage site. In the Penedés region—home of cava, Spain’s acclaimed sparkling wine—tour Codornú, one of the largest underground wine cellars in the world, and visit the Benedictine monastery and 16th-century basilica on the multi-peaked mountain of Montserrat. Accommodations for two nights are in the deluxe MAJESTIC HOTEL & SPA.

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

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