ODYSSEY OF ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS*

CRUISING THE ADRIATIC AND AEGEAN SEAS

THOMAS P. GOHAGAN & COMPANY

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

May 8 to 16, 2017

From approximately \$4835 USD plus

Cruise from Athens through the Corinth Canal and along the stunning Dalmatian coast to the picture-perfect canals of Venice. Enjoy a custom-designed, seven-night itinerary aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star, small ship M.Y. LE LYRIAL, launched in 2015 and featuring balconies in most of its ocean-view Suites and Staterooms. Visit five countries and up to eight UNESCO World Heritage sites, exploring the influence of the Roman, Greek, Byzantine, Venetian and Slavic civilizations on this comprehensive program featuring ports inaccessible to larger vessels, including Korčula and the Bay of Kotor. Tour the ancient Greek site of Delphi; Corfu's Old Town, rooted in the eighth century B.C.; the remarkable archaeological site of Butrint, Albania; Kotor's medieval fortifications and architecture in Montenegro; Dubrovnik's beautifully restored, 15th-century walled city; and Split's Roman Diocletian's Palace. To further enhance your cruise, enjoy an exclusive Coastal Life Forum® with local residents and a folk music performance. Athens Pre-Cruise Option and Venice Post-Cruise Option are offered.

ITINERARY*

Athens, Corinth Canal, Delphi, Corfu, Albania, Bay of Kotor, Dalmatian Coast, Venice

Day Destination

- 1 Depart the U.S. or Canada
- 2 Athens, Greece/Embark M.S. LE LYRIAL
- 3 Cruise Corinth Canal/Itea for Delphi
- 4 Corfu/Sarandë, Albania, for Butrint
- 5 Kotor, Montenegro
- 6 Dubrovnik, Croatia
- 7 Korčula/Split
- 8 Split
- 9 Venice, Italy/Disembark ship/Return to the U.S. or Canada

Activity Level

Moderately Active

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Unique, exclusively chartered, seven-night cruise aboard the Five-Star small ship M.S. LE LYRIAL launched in 2015, with 100% ocean-view accommodations, most with private balconies.
- Small ship enters ports, bays and inlets inaccessible to larger vessels: Korčula, Kotor and the Corinth Canal.
- Exclusive Coastal Life Forum[®] for interaction with local residents.
- Included excursion in each port.
- Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages throughout the cruise; all meals are included aboard ship.
- Visit five countries and up to eight UNESCO World Heritage sites.
- Audio headset provided for each participant to enjoy clear narration from guides on all excursions.
- Unpack just once!
- Athens Pre-Cruise and Venice Post-Cruise Options.
- Excellent value for a Five-Star small ship.

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 with 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, 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 Cométe 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 relative to the ship's size, the public areas are spacious and inviting and can accommodate all passengers comfortably. Enjoy views from the Panoramic Lounge, nightly 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

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fitness equipment and two elevators. The infirmary is staffed with a doctor and nurse. The highly trained, English-speaking, international crew provides personable and 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. Each ship has two tenders.

INCLUDED FEATURES

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

- Seven-night cruise from Athens, Greece, to Venice, Italy, with port calls in Itea for Delphi and the island of Corfu, Greece; Sarandë for Butrint, Albania; Kotor, Montenegro; and Dubrovnik, the island of Korčula, and Split, Croatia.
- 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 served throughout the cruise.

EXPERT-GUIDED EXCURSIONS

- Tour of the **Delphi Archaeological Museum**.
- Visit to the Old Fortress on the historic island of **Corfu**.
- Walking tour of medieval **Kotor**, **Montenegro**, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Walking tour of the walled city of **Dubrovnik**, a UNESCO World Heritage site, including visits to the Rector's Palace and the Maritime Museum.
- Tour of the picturesque island of **Korčula** including a visit to the 17th-century Abbey Treasury.
- Tour of **Split**, featuring a visit to the thriving community living within **Diocletian's third-century palace**, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

EXCLUSIVE CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS

- Rare cruise of the **Corinth Canal**, the historic link between the Peloponnese and Greek mainland and a unique opportunity possible only by small ship.
- Specially arranged COASTAL LIFE FORUM® with local residents of Dalmatia.
- Excursion to Mount Parnassus to see the UNESCO World Heritage site of the glorious **Oracle of Delphi** and the iconic Temple of Apollo.
- Walking tour of Corfu's UNESCO World Heritage-designated Old City.
- Tour of the Greco-Roman ruins of **Butrint**, **Albania**, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Time at leisure to explore the stunning UNESCO World Heritage sites of **Dubrovnik** and **Kotor**.

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- Visit to Split's **Meštrović Gallery**, home and atelier of Croatia's creative genius Ivan Meštrović.
- Specially arranged, private, traditional Croatian a cappella **klapa performance**, recognized on UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity list.

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 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.

ATHENS PRE-CRUISE OPTION

Begin your cruise with two nights in an ancient city unmatched in its contributions to the foundations of the Western world—Athens, Greece, the birthplace of democracy and home to many of history's greatest philosophers and poets. Admire the stunning beauty of this celebrated seat of cultural inception with guided tours of the magnificent Parthenon atop the Acropolis, a UNESCO World Heritage site; and explore the glory of ancient Greece in the new Acropolis Museum. Visit the Temple of Poseidon, constructed in reverence to the ancient Greek god of the seas. Accommodations for two nights are in the deluxe ATHENAEUM INTERCONTINENTAL ATHENS hotel.

VENICE POST-CRUISE OPTION

An extraordinary masterpiece, from the marble Bridge of Sighs to the Byzantine opulence of St. Mark's Basilica, the entire city of Venice is constructed upon an amazingly unique archipelago. A UNESCO World Heritage site, this historical center of prosperity and culture is today one of Italy's premier cities for art and architecture. Tour the Gothic Doge's Palace, the lavish heart of the Venetian Empire; admire one of the finest collections of Renaissance art in the world in the Gallerie dell'Accademia; and cruise the legendary Grand Canal past the stately villas of Venice's first families and alongside colorfully decorated gondolas. Accommodations for two nights are in the Five-Star WESTIN EUROPA & REGINA, ideally located just steps away from Piazza San Marco and within view of the picturesque Grand Canal.

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

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