ANCIENT GREECE
AN AEGEAN ODYSSEY

aboard the Exclusively Chartered,
Five-Star Le Bougainville

October 22 to 30, 2021

BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE!
No land/cruise cancellation fees for new bookings until 51 days prior to trip departure.
Dear Club Members,

Journey to the cradle of Western civilization and the classical world on this comprehensive Aegean Odyssey. Explore the exquisitely preserved treasures and mythical landscapes of ancient Greece, uncovering layers of architectural history. Cruise to fabled halcyon islands 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. This elegant and elite small ship has only 92 Suites and Staterooms, each with a private balcony, and is able to moor in small ports of call inaccessible to larger vessels.

This epic voyage calls on Delos, Mykonos, Pátmos, Rhodes, the Peloponnesian Peninsula—ancient destinations steeped in myth and history—and Santorini. Enjoy opportunities to visit six magnificent UNESCO World Heritage sites. Tour the extraordinary scenic wonder of Meteora, where 24 Orthodox monasteries, built in the 14th and 15th centuries, crown dramatic, 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 for audiences 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!

Best regards,

Kristina Nemeth
Travel Director
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Cover photo: Admire Santorini’s dazzling 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.

Enjoy the near-perfect natural acoustics of the theater at Epidaurus, built in the fourth century B.C.

Visit the splendid 14th-century Palace of the Grand Masters, built by the Knights of St. John and a rare example of Gothic architecture in Greece.

Cultural Enrichments:
Join the excursion to ancient Lindos, one of Greece’s most picturesque villages. In its center, see the magnificent 15th-century frescoes adorning the Byzantine-style Church of Panagia. Ascend stone stairs to the clifftop Acropolis where the elaborate porticoes and lofty stoa of the Doric Temple of Athena Lindia command a breathtaking sweep of the Aegean Sea. Delight in a traditional folklore performance on board the ship.

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 Europe’s most impressive continuously inhabited medieval walled city—built over a great Hellenistic metropolis and a major Christian outpost during the Crusades. 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

- Exclusive lectures and presentations by study leaders
- Eight nights aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star Le Bougainville
- Cruise round trip Athens, Greece, featuring port calls at Volos for Meteora, Delos, Mykonos, Patmos, Rhodes, Lindos, Santorini for Akrotiri and Fira, and Nafplion for Mycenae and Epidaurus
- Meals as specified in the itinerary
- Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise
- Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions
- All entrance fees and tours as described in the itinerary
- Complimentary Wi-Fi on board ship (conditions permitting)
- Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s)
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers
- Hospitality desk aboard ship
- Complimentary bottled water in your accommodations and on excursions
- Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions
- Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the program
- Pre-departure materials, including a reading list
- Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company

Not Included

- International airfare
- Taxes of $465 per person (subject to change)
- Gratuities to ship personnel ($15 per participant per day)
- Hotel staff gratuities ($1-$2 per participant per day) and gratuities for activities on your own
- Passport and visa fees
- Meals and alcoholic beverages not listed as included
- Transfers and baggage handling to/from airport/hotel on day(s) of arrival and/or departure if you are arriving earlier or later than and/or departing earlier or later than the scheduled group transfer(s)
- Any overnight on land due to flight schedule(s)
- Personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls and Internet access unless otherwise specified
- Accident/sickness, trip cancellation and baggage insurance
- Baggage charges on aircraft; airfare and associated local taxes not listed as included
- Airport facility taxes and federal inspection fees not listed as included
- All other services not specifically mentioned in the “Included” section
Delphi and Thebes
Post-Program Option
October 30 to November 1, 2021

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.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: $745
Price per person, based on single occupancy: $995

Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Athens and Cape Sounion
Pre-Program Option
October 20 to 23, 2021

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.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: $995
Price per person, based on single occupancy: $1595

Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
**LAND/Cruise Tariff excluding taxes**

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

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**ANtIcH GREECE AN AEGEAN ODYSSEY RESERVATION FORM**

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San Francisco, CA 94119-9801  
Fax to: (415) 597-6729  
or call: (415) 597-6720  
083-102221-252

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**Category:**

- **1st Choice**
- **2nd Choice**

- Double occupancy (two twin beds).
- Double occupancy (one queen bed).
- Single accommodations.
- Single but prefer to share and will allow you to select your roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

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**Pre-Program Option**

- Athens and Cape Sounion
- Double at $995 per person.
- Single at $1595 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

**Post-Program Option**

- Delphi and Thebes
- Double at $745 per person.
- Single at $995 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

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**Final Payment**

- Due September 2, 2021; no land/cruise cancellation fees for new bookings until 51 days prior to trip departure.
with a companion who will be responsible for handling equipment.

- Make your reservation. Participants must be able to embark or disembark motorcoaches. Any physical or mental condition that may require special medical attention or physical fitness may be nonrefundable. Your airline ticket constitutes a contract between you and the airline, even if purchased through Gohagan.

- All other services not specifically mentioned as included in the travel program. Gohagan reserves the right to substitute vessels, hotels or attractions of a similar kind. Special room/cabin assignments are within the sole discretion of the hotel or cruise line. Specific room/cabin assignments are within the sole discretion of the hotel or cruise line.

- If due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend an additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner's risk. 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, explosion or revolt, bites 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 or access to medical attention 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 arrive at departure times or fail to arrive.

- Gohagan from its own negligence and assume all risk thereof. Please understand that by agreeing to these terms and conditions, the participant and his/her immediate family members who traveled with signatory, such as a spouse or child. Gohagan are waiving the right to a trial by jury. Any arbitration commenced against Gohagan and Company shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable. This agreement and any issues regarding the program will be governed by substantive Illinois law. Such proceedings will be governed by substantive (but not procedural) Illinois law and the American Arbitration Association (AAA) or pursuant to the Comprehensive Arbitration Rules & Procedures of the Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc. (JAMS). Such proceedings will be governed by substantive (but not procedural) Illinois law and the American Arbitration Association (AAA) or pursuant to the Comprehensive Arbitration Rules & Procedures of the Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc. (JAMS).