Antiquities of the Red Sea and Aegean Sea
including a Transit of the Suez Canal
Petra • Luxor • The Pyramids
Alexandria • Athens

An epic journey aboard the Exclusively Chartered, Small Ship Five-Star Le Bellot
October 29 to November 11, 2021

BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE!
No land/cruise cancellation fees for new bookings until 96 days prior to trip departure.
Dear Club Members,

Join us on this epic, custom-designed 14-day journey like no other to the classical world’s very cradle of civilization. Visit three continents, navigate the legendary waterways of the Red Sea, Gulf of Aqaba, Mediterranean Sea and Aegean Sea, transit the seminal Suez Canal and see up to seven magnificent UNESCO World Heritage sites. Cruise for eight nights aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star Le BELLOT, which features just 92 elegant Suites and Staterooms, each with a private balcony.

Visit the historic Library of Alexandria. Stand in the shadows of the three iconic pyramids of Giza, an incredible engineering feat that still dominates the horizon and stands guarded by the inscrutable Great Sphinx. Enjoy excursions to the revered sites of the Nile Valley city of Thebes, including the magnificent Karnak Temple Complex, Luxor Temple and specially arranged access to Queen Nefertari’s tomb in the Valley of the Queens. Follow in the footsteps of the nomadic Bedouins across Wadi Rum, an orange-hued sea of sand where Lawrence of Arabia established his base.

On our Pre-Program Option, visit the spectacular remnants of Ancient Greece, including the Acropolis and Delphi. Extend your journey on our Post-Program Option to visit the Holy Land, including archaeological sites and biblical reference points featuring Jerusalem, Masada, the Dead Sea and the Sea of Galilee.

This exclusive, expertly designed itinerary—co-sponsored with several educational organizations, including University of Chicago, Dartmouth and Northwestern—offers incomparable opportunities to explore antiquity, cruise along ancient trade routes and immerse yourself in the dazzling panorama of human history. Make reservations on this unique program while space and Early Booking Savings are still available.

Best regards,

Kristina Nemeth
Travel Director
(415) 597-6720

The safety and well-being of our travelers remains our highest priority. All passengers traveling on our programs are required to present confirmation of a full COVID-19 vaccination, and, as well 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). Detailed protocol information tailored to your travel program will be mailed to you along with additional pre-departure information.
Athens, Greece
The birthplace of democracy and home to many of history’s greatest philosophers and poets, the ancient city of Athens is unmatched in its contributions to early Western civilization.

Santorini
Widely considered to be the site of the mythical lost city of Atlantis, Santorini overlooks a submerged caldera, the result of one of the most cataclysmic volcanic eruptions in history. Its picture-perfect whitewashed villages of sugar-cube houses and blue-domed churches cascade to serene waters.

The remarkable Bronze Age ruins of Akrotiri, held intact by layers of pumice and ash for over 3,500 years, reveal the architectural sophistication and advanced culture of its Minoan inhabitants. Findings from Akrotiri are elegantly exhibited in the Museum of Prehistoric Thera.

By cable car, descend from Fira, where stunning white-walled buildings stand in stark contrast against slate-colored volcanic cliffs.

Alexandria, Egypt
The fulcrum of the ancient Hellenic world, Alexandria is Egypt’s most beguiling city. Tour legendary Alexandria, founded by 25-year-old Alexander the Great in 331 B.C. Impose Qaitbey Fort was built on top of the remains of the Lighthouse of Alexandria—one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World—and has served as a stronghold since 1480. The Library of Alexandria, with its vast archive of over 140,000 manuscripts and papyrus scrolls, formed a magnet for the ancient world’s greatest scientists, from Euclid to Archimedes. The Library’s visionary reincarnation, the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, constructed in 2002, resembles a giant discus adorned with hieroglyphs, symbolizing a second sun rising.

Suez Canal Transit
One of the most momentous voyages between continents transits the 120-mile Suez Canal, Egypt’s glorious, Victorian-era engineering achievement.
The canal was first conceived in the 1830s by French explorer and engineer Linant de Bellefonds and opened in 1869. Connecting the Mediterranean Sea to the Red Sea, the canal reduced the journey between Europe and South Asia by over 4,000 miles, redefining international maritime trade.

**The Great Pyramids of Giza**
The last remaining Wonder of the Ancient World, the pyramids of the Old Kingdom pharaohs Cheops, Chephren and Mycerinus comprise the Great Pyramids of Giza and are enduring symbols of the glory of Egypt that have towered over the Western Desert for nearly 5,000 years.

See the iconic Great Sphinx, carved from a single mass of limestone with the body of a lion and head of a pharaoh. This marvel of human sculpture is speculated to date from Egypt’s fourth dynasty.

**Temple of Luxor and Karnak**
The treasures and architectural legacy of fabled Thebes—the imperial ancient capital of Egypt’s New Kingdom—are revealed at stunning Karnak and Luxor Temples. Karnak’s vast complex of obelisks, shrines and sanctuaries reaches its apogee with the hypostyle hall, comprised of 134 colossal stone columns arranged in rows and etched with hieroglyphs. Luxor Temple’s exquisite bas-reliefs depict seminal events, such as Ramses’ victory at the Battle of Kadesh in 1274 B.C. The dramatic Avenue of the Sphinxes once stretched from Karnak to Luxor, forming the spiritual and economic nexus of the region.

**The Valley of the Kings and Valley of the Queens**
Framed by arid Theban hills, the Nile’s west bank’s hallowed Necropolis is replete with spectacular memorial temples built to perpetuate the cult of the pharaoh. In the Valley of the Kings, 63 illustrious pharaohs of Egypt’s New Kingdom and their worldly wealth were laid to rest in tombs engraved with hieroglyphs.

**Dr. Tarek Sayed Tawfik Ahmed**, internationally acclaimed Egyptologist, will present exclusive lectures about the culture, way of life and iconic creations of ancient Egypt.
Ancient passageways descend to the burial chambers of King Ramses IV—where a rare image of the goddess Nut is emblazoned across a blue ceiling—and the 3,300-year-old tomb of boy king Tutankhamen. In the Valley of the Queens, enjoy a specially arranged visit to Queen Nefertari’s tomb, lauded as the most resplendent Theban burial site. The beauty of Ramses II’s favorite queen is enshrined in the spectacular wall paintings and divine images of her likeness.

Wadi Rum
Shaped and smoothed by millennia of winter floods and desert wind and sand, Wadi Rum was aptly described by British soldier and diplomat T. E. Lawrence, the legendary Lawrence of Arabia, as “vast, echoing and godlike.” Known as the Valley of the Moon, this region has seen human activity for nearly 12,000 years.

Petra
The inspiring, ancient “rose-red city” of Petra is a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. Petra reached its zenith during the first century B.C. as the capital of the nomadic Bedouin Nabataean Empire. Concealed behind towering rocks, the city ignited Western scholarly interest when Swiss explorer Johann Ludwig Burckhardt was led through the Siq—a narrow, serpentine gorge—to Petra’s spellbinding Khazneh (Treasury) by a Bedouin guide in 1812. The site’s majestic ensemble of temples, dwellings and tombs, carved directly into the sandstone cliff face, still holds a wondrous, mythical appeal.

Amman, Jordan
Amman’s wealth of archaeological artifacts and ancient ruins reflect centuries of diverse cultural influences. This biblical Ammonite city was conquered and renamed Philadelphia by Egypt’s King Ptolemy II Philadelphus in the third century B.C. Expanded by the Romans, Philadelphia flourished for nearly four centuries as the heart of Roman Arabia. Today, Amman’s plethora of Roman ruins...
**Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star Le Bellot**

**Luxury Small Ship, Innovative Design**
Le Bellot, launched in 2020, represents a new generation of Five-Star small ships, combining revolutionary design and a new standard of luxury. Dock in smaller ports inaccessible to larger ships.

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

**Chic and Casual Dining**
Dine indoors or alfresco on international and regional cuisine served in the stylish restaurant, at the casual pool deck grill or from 24-hour room service. Meals include full breakfast service, 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 views from the indoor-outdoor lounges and educational lectures, cultural performances or film screenings in the state-of-the-art theater. Relax in the spa, infinity-style swimming pool or the Blue Eye underwater Observation Lounge. The ship has a beauty salon, a fitness room and three elevators. Complimentary Wi-Fi access is available (conditions permitting).

**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.

stand testament to the Roman Empire’s long-reaching and enduring influence. From the Citadel, see the towering columns of the Temple of Hercules looming over the Jordan’s cosmopolitan capital, where the magnificent, 6,000-seat Roman Theater, dating from the second century, forms the city’s centerpiece and still stages performances.

**Jerash**
Historical Jerash, established as a town during the reign of Alexander the Great, was officially ushered into the Roman Empire after Pompey’s conquest in 64 B.C. Often invoked as the “Pompeii of Asia,” Jerash’s ancient, remarkably preserved colonnaded avenues, ceremonial gates and golden-hued temples speak to its stature as one of the Roman Decapolis’s most important cities.

Marvel at prodigious Hadrian’s Arch at the city’s entrance and dating to 129 A.D., the intricately carved Temples of Artemis and Zeus and the immense scale and sublime architecture of the historic Forum.
Included

♦ Exclusive lectures and presentations by Dr. Tarek Sayed Tawfik Ahmed, an internationally renowned Egyptologist, and study leaders

♦ Eight nights aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star Le Bellot

♦ Cruise from Athens, Greece, to Aqaba, Jordan, featuring port calls at Santorini, Greece; Alexandria, Egypt; Ain Sokhna for Giza; and Hurghada for Luxor

♦ One night in the Steigenberger Nile Palace Hotel in Luxor; one night in the Kempinski Hotel Aqaba; and three nights in the Fairmont Hotel in Amman

♦ 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)

♦ Egypt and Jordan entry visas

♦ 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 in the hotel and 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 $795 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 (excluding Egypt and Jordan entry visas)

♦ 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
The Holy Land
Jerusalem ♦ Masada ♦ Sea of Galilee
Post-Program Option
November 11 to 17, 2021

In historic Jerusalem, a holy city for three of the world’s major religions, walk in the footsteps of Jesus, see evocative religious sites and visit the poignant Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum. Tour UNESCO World Heritage-designated Masada, see where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, visit Bethlehem and enjoy an unforgettable float in the Dead Sea. Visit Nazareth, Cana, the Mount of Beatitudes, Capernaum and the Ancient Boat Museum. Enjoy a cruise on the Sea of Galilee (weather permitting), a stop beside the Jordan River at the Yardenit Baptismal site and a tour of a traditional rural kibbutz with lunch. Deluxe accommodations are for four nights in Jerusalem and two nights in Tiberias.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: $2895
Price per person, based on single occupancy: $4395

Classical Greece
Athens ♦ Delphi
Pre-Program Option
October 27 to 30, 2021

Experience an ancient city unmatched in its contributions to the Western world—Athens, the birthplace of democracy. Tour the monumental Acropolis, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and the perfectly proportioned Parthenon, a graceful example of Doric architecture; see its archaeological treasures in the Acropolis Museum. Explore Plaka, Athens’ oldest neighborhood, at leisure. Enjoy a full-day excursion to the mystical UNESCO World Heritage site of Delphi and its Archaeological Museum. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe Grand Bretagne Athens Hotel.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: $995
Price per person, based on single occupancy: $1345
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LAND/Cruise Tariff excluding taxes* 
Per person, based on double occupancy 
Early Booking Tariff* through 
July 19, 2021 
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July 19, 2021

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Singles are available in category 5 at $16295* and in category 2 at $19495* on or before July 19, 2021. Add $1000 for reservations made after July 19, 2021.

*Taxes are an additional $795 per person and are subject to change.

Le Bellot 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.

ANTQVITIES OF THE RED SEA AND AEGEAN SEA REGISTRATION FORM

Send to: Commonwealth Club Travel
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San Francisco, CA 94105
Fax to: (415) 597-6729
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Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person $200 per person Classical Greece Pre-Program Option $200 per person The Holy Land Post-Program Option

Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $__ to __________ as deposit.

Make check(s) payable to Gohagan & Company.

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

Visa □ MasterCard □

Card Number 
Exp. Date 
Signature as it appears on credit card 

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

(fill in departure city)

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

No land/cruise cancellation fees for new bookings until 96 days prior to October 29, 2021!
In the event of a cancellation between 76 and 95 days prior to departure, the refund will be by the time of booking through 96 days prior to departure for main program and pre-and/or pre-/post-program(s) reservation(s) will not be effective until received in writing in the offices of The Commonwealth Club in writing, accompanied by the required deposit, by July 19, 2021. In the event a “discounted” reservation must be cancelled, in the offices of Gohagan must be on behalf of only the signatory to this Agreement and his or her immediate family members who traveled with signatory, such as a spouse or child. Gohagan must be on behalf of only the signatory to this Agreement and his or her immediate family members who traveled with signatory, such as a spouse or child. All other persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, Gohagan is not liable for any negligent or willful act, act to fail, financial or other defaults of any such person, entity, supplier or any other third party.

Cancellation penalties may apply.

Specific room/cabin assignments are within the sole discretion of the hotel or cruise line. Gohagan reserves the right to substitute motorcoach transportation using hotels, inns or lodges for cruise accommodations if necessary due to weather, water conditions or levels, other events of force majeure, mechanical or other conditions beyond the control of Gohagan. Gohagan is not responsible therefor and is not required to compensate passengers under these circumstances. 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