Ancient Civilizations
Adriatic and Aegean Odyssey

Athens • Corinth Canal • Delphi • Corfu • Albania
Dubrovnik • Kotor • Split • Venice

aboard the Exclusively Chartered, Small Ship
Five-Star Le Bougainville

with Mimi Gregory, Vice President
Naples Council on World Affairs

September 10 to 18, 2020
Dear Council Traveler,

The unspoiled coastlines and idyllic islands of the azure Adriatic, Aegean and Ionian Seas are dynamic crossroads of the Roman, Byzantine and Venetian civilizations and their distinctive cultures that flourished here for more than 3000 years. This exciting, comprehensive, custom-designed itinerary reveals an extraordinary cultural legacy spanning five countries—Greece, Albania, Croatia, Montenegro and Italy—and transiting the extraordinary Corinth Canal, an unrivaled experience possible only by a small ship.

Begin your journey in Athens—the cradle of Western civilization—where you will board the Five-Star small ship Le Bougainville, which features just 92 ocean-view Suites and Staterooms. Cross the Isthmus of Corinth, passing through the narrow canal between soaring, 300-foot-tall limestone walls; cruise along the Adriatic coast of the stunning region of Dalmatia; and conclude in Venice, originally known as La Serenissima, “the most serenely beautiful city.”

Call on splendid walled cities, medieval villages, sublime archaeological sites, picture-perfect islands and dramatic landscapes, and cruise into smaller, seldom-visited ports inaccessible to larger vessels. Visit six UNESCO World Heritage sites, including sacred Delphi—the center of the classical Greek world—the elegant island capital of Corfu Town, the exquisite Greco-Roman site of Butrint, the seventh-century walled city of Dubrovnik, the dramatic, fjord-like Bay of Kotor and historic Split with its fourth-century Palace of Diocletian.

Discover hidden gems along the beautiful Dalmatian coast as a panorama of daily life unfolds before you and merges with the legacies of ancient cultures. Enjoy our private, specially arranged lectures, exclusive CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS and the insightful COASTAL LIFE® Forum featuring personal perspectives from local Montenegrin residents in Kotor.

Join us on this exceptional, carefully planned cruise—a captivating, enriching experience and an excellent value. I encourage you to book now while Early Booking Savings and space are still available. Other educational groups share this departure, so make your reservation today!

Call (800) 942-5004 x 209 or x 217 (email: travel@wacphila.org).

Warm Regards,

Shoshana Altrichter, Vice President of Travel

Can’t travel at this time? Ask about the Council’s other cruises with Gohagan & Company to the Great Lakes and the Greek Isles.

Mimi Gregory is Vice President and Program Chairman of the Naples, Florida, Council on World Affairs. She is also a member of the National Board of the World Affairs Councils of America. Mimi has traveled extensively in Europe and has participated in Council Leadership Missions to Germany, Lebanon, Kuwait, Israel, Egypt, Taiwan and Iraq. She has also traveled to Afghanistan and Iran. Mimi has also had the pleasure of leading two Council trips to France, three to the Danube and a trip to Iran. She has led a Great Decisions group for 16 years. Having lived in France for several years, where she worked as an Executive Recruiter for the banking industry, Mimi maintains very strong ties with France through her association with the Alliances Françaises and the France Florida Foundation for the Arts. She was honored by former French President Nicolas Sarkozy with the National Order of Merit, Rank of Commander.

Photo this page: Be on deck to see Corfu’s 15th-century Old Fortress, a masterpiece of Venetian military architecture.

Cover photo: Step back in time surrounded by Dubrovnik’s Baroque architectural jewels and medieval city walls.
Experience firsthand the authentic spirit and rich traditions of Mediterranean life along the sparkling coastlines of the Adriatic, Aegean and Ionian Seas. Discover the lasting influence of ancient civilizations as you travel aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star small ship Le Bougainville. Engage with local residents, explore the history, culture, architecture and art of the Dalmatian coast—and unpack just once! Engaging study leaders and experienced, English-speaking local guides will accompany you throughout this program to discuss historical, cultural and contemporary Greece, Albania, Croatia and Montenegro. This popular program—part of our COASTAL LIFE® series—offers a comprehensive, intimate journey at just the right pace, with a balanced itinerary of Cultural Enrichments, guided tours and time on your own to immerse yourself in the heart and soul of this charming, sun-kissed region.

Photo above: Appreciate the Venetian artistry of St. Stephen’s Cathedral in Hvar’s evocative main square.
Photo below: Split’s fascinating layers of architectural history unfurl along the Riva seafront promenade.
Corinth Canal, Greece
The Corinth Canal cuts through the Isthmus of Corinth and narrows to just 70 feet across—only small ships can make the passage.

Delphi
Delphi, considered the center of the Greek world in the sixth century B.C., is now a UNESCO World Heritage site. Ancient Greeks from all walks of life flocked to sacred Mt. Parnassus to consult the high priestess of the Temple of Apollo. 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.

Cultural Enrichment: Enjoy a walking tour of the UNESCO-inscribed Old Town. See the 17th-century Town Hall—once a Venetian theater—and the Regency-style Palace of St. Michael and St. George.

Sarandë, Albania, for Butrint
A short drive to 16th-century Lëkurësi Castle provides stunning panoramas of Sarandë.

Cultural Enrichment: Hailed by UNESCO as “a microcosm of Mediterranean history,” Butrint’s exceptional ruins trace 3000 years of ancient civilizations, from the Greek and Roman to the Byzantine and Ottoman Empires. Public baths, a gymnasium and an aqueduct built by Emperor Caesar Augustus offer glimpses of Butrint as a Roman port, while the intricately tiled baptistery depicts its ties to early Christianity.

Cultural Enrichment:

Dubrovnik, Croatia
Affectionately called “the pearl of the Adriatic,” UNESCO-designated Dubrovnik is one of Europe’s most beautifully preserved walled cities, with historic treasures and stone houses that seem suspended in time.

Discover the authentic treasures of Kotor’s Old Town, framed by the winding Bay of Kotor and limestone massifs.
Cultural Enrichments: See Onofrio's Fountains, a beloved city landmark, and visit the 15th-century Rector's Palace, the fascinating Maritime Museum and the Romanesque Franciscan Monastery's gorgeous cloister and historic pharmacy. By special arrangement, listen to local singers perform klapa, traditional a cappella folk music recognized by UNESCO as an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

Kotor, Montenegro
The breathtaking, fjord-like Bay of Kotor winds deep into the mountains of Montenegro. Charming Kotor is a UNESCO World Heritage site for its rich cultural history, revealed in mosaic-tiled Roman villas, ornate Catholic churches, Venetian Baroque palaces, flamboyantly frescoed Orthodox monasteries and impressive medieval fortifications.

Cultural Enrichments: Visit St. Tryphon Cathedral, consecrated in 1166 and a masterpiece of Romanesque architecture with elegant Corinthian columns and remains of Byzantine-style frescoes.

Meet and engage with local residents who will discuss daily life along the Adriatic during the specially arranged Coastal Life® Forum.

Korčula, Croatia
Within the medieval walls of Korčula, a city defined by eight centuries of Venetian rule, you will find the Abbey Treasury, home to a priceless collection of medieval manuscripts and artwork. See masterful works by Tintoretto in the 15th-century, Gothic-Renaissance-style Cathedral of St. Mark.

Hvar
Since the fourth century B.C., Greeks, Romans, Byzantines and Venetians have left their mark on the island of Hvar, a key center of the Croatian Renaissance. Tour the Old Town's remarkably preserved landmarks within its 13th-century walls, including St. Stephen's Cathedral and its four-story bell tower.

Cultural Enrichment: Visit the museum in the 350-year-old Benedictine Convent, which features exhibits of unique, handcrafted lace fashioned by nuns from agave and aloe thread, a delicate practice recognized by UNESCO as an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

Split

Cultural Enrichments: Visit the Palace of Diocletian, including Diocletian's mausoleum, converted to the Cathedral of St. Domnius (A.D. 305) and regarded as the world's oldest Catholic cathedral, and the Temple of Jupiter, one of the best-preserved Roman temples, which now houses the cathedral's baptistery.

Croatia's most accomplished sculptor, Ivan Meštrović, became the first living artist to exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. Experience his unique vision in the Meštrović Gallery.

Cruise through the Corinth Canal, first proposed in the seventh century B.C. and fully realized in 1893.
Luxury Small Ship, Innovative Design
Le Bougainville, launched in 2019, 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 distinction 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 continental and buffet breakfasts, buffet 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, sauna or infinity-style swimming pool. The ship has a beauty salon, fitness room and three elevators. Complimentary Wi-Fi access is available (conditions permitting).

*Marine life viewing varies by location.
Included Features

On Board the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star Small Ship **Le Bougainville**

◆ Seven-night cruise from Athens, Greece, to Venice, Italy.
◆ Elegantly appointed, Five-Star Suite or Stateroom.
◆ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
◆ Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise.
◆ All meals aboard ship.
◆ Complimentary Wi-Fi access (conditions permitting).
◆ Rare cruise through the historic Corinth Canal, the storied link between the Peloponnese and Greek mainland.

Expert-Guided Excursions and Exclusive CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS

◆ Specially arranged Coastal Life® Forum, where local residents will discuss daily life along the Adriatic.
◆ Tour of the picturesque island of Korčula, including a visit to the 17th-century Abbey Treasury.
◆ Walking tour of Hvar’s ancient Old Town, including visits to the Benedictine Convent and St. Stephen’s Cathedral.
◆ Visit to Split’s Mestrovic Gallery, home and atelier of Croatia’s creative genius, Ivan Mestrovic.

UNESCO World Heritage Highlights

◆ Excursion to Mount Parnassus to see the glorious Oracle of Delphi and its iconic Temple of Apollo and to tour the Delphi Archaeological Museum.
◆ Walking tour of Corfu’s Old Town, featuring the Venetian Town Hall and the Palace of St. Michael and St. George.
◆ Tour of the sublime Greco-Roman ruins of Butrint.
◆ Walking tour inside the walled city of Dubrovnik and visits to the Franciscan Monastery, Rector’s Palace and Maritime Museum.
◆ Traditional Croatian klapa music performance.
◆ Walking tour of medieval Kotor, including a visit to the 12th-century St. Tryphon Cathedral.
◆ Viewing of agave and aloe fiber lace handmade in Hvar by Benedictine nuns.
◆ Tour of Split, with a visit to the thriving community living within the fourth-century Palace of Diocletian, including the Cathedral of St. Domnus and the well-preserved Temple of Jupiter (baptistery).

Always Included

◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
◆ Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom and on excursions.
◆ Hospitality desk aboard ship.
◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Program Directors at your service.
◆ Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.

See the Charioteer of Delphi, one of the most recognized and best preserved ancient Greek bronze statues.
Wonders of Ancient Athens
Pre-Program Option*
Explore the birthplace of democracy, an ancient city unmatched in its contributions to the foundation of the Western world. Admire the beauty of Athens’s architecture and enjoy the glories of ancient Greece, including the spectacular Temple of Poseidon, the magnificent Acropolis—a UNESCO World Heritage site—and the acclaimed Acropolis Museum. Accommodations are for two nights in the centrally located, Five-Star Hotel Grande Bretagne.

Quintessential Venice
Post-Program Option*
Beloved worldwide for its extraordinary beauty, Venice is one of Italy’s premier cities for art and architecture. Tour the very heart of this UNESCO World Heritage site, including visits to the Doge’s Palace and Basilica di San Marco, a flamboyant example of Byzantine architecture. Enjoy a traditional gondola ride, cruise the Grand Canal and visit the charming archipelago of Burano, known for its skilled fishermen, polychrome houses and intricate lace-making. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe Hotel Monaco & Grand Canal, located steps from the famous Piazza San Marco.

*The Pre- and Post-Program Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
**MV Le Bougainville**

**LAND/Cruise Tariff excluding taxes***

For person, based on double occupancy

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*Deluxe Suite

**Suite**

- Suite with expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, sitting area with sofa, Decks 3, 4, 5 and 6. (limited availability)

- Deluxe Suite

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- Suite with expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, sitting area with sofa, Decks 3, 4, 5 and 6. (limited availability)

**Prestige Suite**

- Two-room Suite, expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa, Deck 5. (limited availability)

**Privilege Suite**

- Extra-large, two-room Suite, expansive sliding glass door, spacious private terrace, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath, sitting area with sofa. Deck 6. (limited availability)

**Grand Deluxe Suite**

- Extra-large, two-room Suite, expansive sliding glass door, spacious private terrace with outdoor Jacuzzi, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath, sitting area with sofa, Decks 5 and 6. (limited availability)

**Owner’s Suite**

- Extra-large, two-room Suite, expansive sliding glass door, spacious private terrace with outdoor Jacuzzi, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath, sitting area with sofa, Decks 5 and 6, (limited availability)

Singles are available in category 5 at $11895* and in category 2 at $14395* on or before February 20, 2020. Add $1000 for reservations made after February 20, 2020.

*Tariffs are an additional $440 per person and are subject to change.

† Le Bougainville 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.

**COASTAL LIFE! ADRIATIC AND AEgeAN ODYSsey RESERVATION FORM**

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Philadelphia, PA 19107

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Program reservations require a deposit of $600 per person and $200 per person. Wonders of Ancient Athens Pre-Program Option and/or $200 per person Quintessential Venice Post-Program Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, I/we agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

- Enclosed is my/our check for $ to deposit.
- Make checks payable to 2020 Adriatic and Aegean Odyssey.
- I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $ to:
  - Visa
  - MasterCard

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All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by June 5, 2020.

Please make my/our reservation(s) in category:

1st choice  2nd choice
- Double occupancy (two twin beds)
- Double occupancy (one queen bed)
- Single accommodations
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please make my/our reservation(s):

- Wonders of Ancient Athens Pre-Program Option
  - Double at $1195 per person.
  - Single at $1795 per person.
  - I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

- Quintessential Venice Post-Program Option
  - Double at $1395 per person.
  - Single at $2145 per person.
  - I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

- I/We want you to book my/our air, at an additional cost to be advised, from:
  - Economy Class
  - Upgraded Economy
  - Business Class
  - First Class

Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

1/2 We will make my/our own air arrangements.

(fill in departure city)
Tholos of Delphi in the Sanctuary of Athena Pronaia.

Admire the graceful Doric columns of the iconic...