

October 7 – 15, 2024

LGBTQ+  
Greek Isles  
& Ephesus

**EXCLUSIVE GUEST SPEAKER**

**ERIC MARCUS**

*Founder and Host of the  
Making Gay History podcast*

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## PILLARS OF PRIDE

Journey to the cradle of Western civilization and the classical world on this Aegean voyage exploring stories from antiquity. Our seven-night, 5-star cruise to the mythical landscapes of ancient Greece and Turkey brings history to life with a unique itinerary. Join us as the legend of the lost utopian city of Atlantis lives on in Santorini, a crescent-shaped island featuring 1,000-foot-cliffs and a spectacular caldera shaped by a volcanic explosion some 3,600 years ago. Visit the Hellenistic Grand Theater in Ephesus, climb to the acropolis at Lindos, walk the Sacred Way of Delos, and discover ancient Akrotiri—the “Minoan Pompeii.” Featuring special guest speaker Eric Marcus, Executive Director of *Making Gay History* and a founding board member of the new American LGBTQ+ Museum in New York City, this exclusive itinerary is filled with the right balance of cultural enrichment, free time to explore at leisure, and opportunities to customize your adventure.

Front cover: *World-famous windmills in Mykonos, Greece*



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Dear Council Traveler,

Stories of antiquity come to life on our cruise to the cradle of civilization. Featuring guest speaker Eric Marcus, host of the award-winning *Making Gay History* podcast and founding board member of the new American LGBTQ+ Museum in New York City, this journey takes you in some of the classical world's most iconic sites.

Cruise to fabled halcyon islands aboard the exclusively chartered, 5-star LE BOUGAINVILLE. This 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. Our seven-night itinerary calls on Crete, Santorini, Rhodes, and Mykonos—ancient destinations steeped in myth and intrigue. Sail Turkey's sun-drenched coast to visit Ephesus, the most spectacularly preserved Greco-Roman city in the world.

This unique LGBTQ+ travel program is an excellent value where all accommodations, meals, and lectures are included, and you only need to unpack once! Make your reservations while space and early booking savings are still available. Other educational groups share this departure, so make your reservation today. Call (800) 942-5004 x option 2 (email: [travel@wacphila.org](mailto:travel@wacphila.org)).

Warm Regards,

Andrew Haught, Director of Travel

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# Unlock Stories From Antiquity



From the lyrical poetry of Sappho to Greek mythology, stories of same-sex love were not uncommon in the classical world. And yet, much of the LGBTQ+ history from those ancient times and beyond has been suppressed by a culture of intolerance. Our exclusive itinerary, developed in partnership with the American LGBTQ+ Museum in New York City, features tours of historic sites from a more enlightened perspective. Eric Marcus, a founding board member of the museum and the founder and host of the award-winning *Making Gay History* podcast, will also speak on board about the history of the LGBTQ+ civil rights movement in the U.S. Join us as we see this part of the world with a different lens, honoring voices from the past and creating meaningful connections for a brighter future.



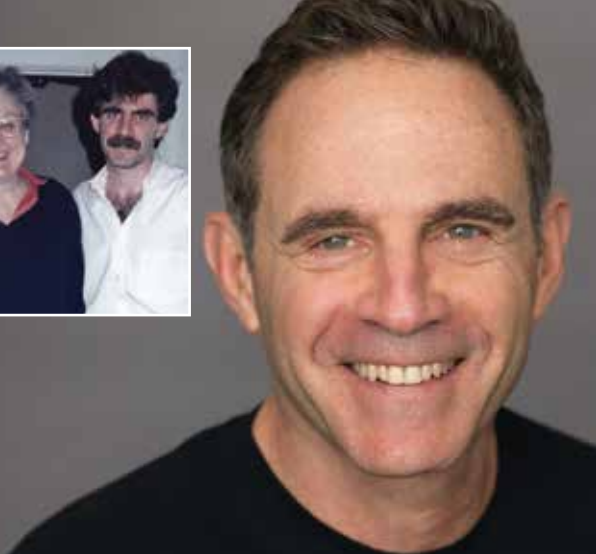
## INCLUDED FEATURES

- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if you purchased air through Gohagan & Company and 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.
- ◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel 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.
- ◆ Hospitality desk aboard the ship.
- ◆ Meals included as noted in the itinerary (B,L,R,D).

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## GUEST SPEAKER

### ERIC MARCUS

Three-and-a-half decades ago, Eric Marcus left his job at CBS Morning News to pursue a passion project that would change his life and countless others who have been affected by his work. Having been commissioned to bring the history of the LGBTQ+ civil rights movement to life through the voices of the people who lived it in an oral history book, Marcus began interviewing both known and long forgotten people who contributed in some way to the movement. His conversation with activist Barbara Gittings (shown above with Marcus in 1989) became part of the original 1992 edition of *Making Gay History*, which has evolved into a podcast and a nonprofit educational organization of the same name. Today, Marcus serves as Executive Director and uses his podcast platform to ensure these firsthand stories of struggle and triumph are shared with future generations. He is also the author of ten other books, and is a founding board member of the new American LGBTQ+ Museum in New York City.





## 9-DAY/7-NIGHT ITINERARY

### Depart Home City

#### Day 1

Depart your home city.

### Athens, Greece

#### Day 2

Arrive in Athens, Greece, and embark the 5-star LE BOUGAINVILLE. (D)

### Chania, Crete

#### Day 3

Look for Venetian, Ottoman, and Turkish influences in Chania, an ancient city on the western coast of Crete. Here, you will be able to choose from three included tours. Options include a visit to its multicultural Old Town, an excursion to its pristine beaches, or a tour of the impressive Roman cisterns and bath houses of Aptera. Enjoy the Captain's Welcome Reception and Dinner this evening. (B,L,R,D)

### Santorini

#### Day 4

Plan to be on deck as the ship cruises into the port of Santorini, beneath which some believe to be the legendary lost city of Atlantis. Explore the Minoan ruins and newly revealed findings at Akrotiri—a unique archaeological site that has been held intact for over 3,500 years by layers of pumice and ash. Excavations show this amazing city with houses, squares, and workshops was buried during a massive eruption in the 17th century B.C. Our tour concludes in Fira, perched high above sea level. (B,L,D)

### Kusadasi, Turkey for Ephesus

#### Day 5

Arrive in Kusadasi and drive to the UNESCO-inscribed Ephesus,

a vast archaeological site of Greek, Roman, and Byzantine ruins. Enjoy views of rural Turkish villages and a countryside dotted with fig trees on the way to visit these ancient ruins. From there, embark on a walking tour that includes the beautifully reconstructed façade of the Library of Celsus and the finely preserved Great Theatre—built during the Hellenistic Age to hold 24,000 spectators and where Ephesians rioted against the preaching of St. Paul. A traditional barbecue lunch will be served at the Nakkas Weaving Center made with ingredients from the weavers' gardens. Return to Kusadasi for a classical concert at the Ottoman-era Caravanserai building, built in 1618 as a wayside inn for travelers and merchants. (B,L,D)



Cable car in Santorini, Greece







*The ancient city of Ephesus, Turkey*

## Rhodes/Lindos, Greece

### Day 6

Dock at the wall of Rhodes Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and visit the 14th-century Palace of the Grand Masters—a formidable Gothic castle that houses a treasure trove of art, furniture, and icons from that era.

Enjoy lunch on board the ship and embark on an included excursion of your choice. You may opt to climb up to the ancient village of Lindos to see its clifftop acropolis, or visit the Great Hamman, originally constructed in 1558 and one of the few remaining Turkish baths in Rhodes Town. Return to the ship this evening for a lively performance of traditional Greek music and dance as we cruise the Mediterranean. (B,L,D)

## Delos/Mykonos

### Day 7

Explore the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Delos—the legendary birthplace of Artemis and Apollo. Walk along the Sacred Way to the Sanctuary of Apollo, a rich archaeological site with remains of three temples from the 5th and 6th centuries B.C. See the legendary Terrace of the Lions, dedicated to Apollo, where hand-carved marble statues guarded the island for nearly 2,600 years. After lunch on board the ship, explore the island of Mykonos, where according to ancient legend, its craggy hills and clefts were formed from the petrified bodies of giants defeated by Hercules. Get ready for a night out as we dock overnight at Mykonos with time to experience its legendary nightlife. (B,L,D)

## Day at Sea

### Day 8

Indulge in one of the many luxury amenities offered on board on this blissful day at sea. Whether you choose a spa treatment or opt to unwind with your favorite book in the sunshine, this day is for recharging and reflecting on your adventures so far as we cruise the Aegean Sea. Enjoy the Captain's Farewell Reception this evening. (B,L,R,D)

## Athens/Return to Home City

### Day 9

Disembark and transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B)



*The ancient Lindos village and its acropolis*



**LE BOUGAINVILLE** Join us aboard this exclusively chartered, 5-star small ship, where distinctive French sophistication meets innovative nautical design. Each of the 92 staterooms and suites (up to 484 square feet) features an ocean view and most have a private balcony. All accommodations feature individual climate control, two twin beds or one queen bed, a private bathroom with shower, and luxury hotel-style amenities. Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages and internet access are available throughout the cruise. All meals aboard ship are included.



**2024 DEPARTURE DATE: October 7 to 15** (Embarkation: October 8 at 3:00 pm)

Category	LAND/CRUISE RATES <i>per person, based on double occupancy, including taxes</i>	Early Booking Rate through July 10, 2024	Rates after July 10, 2024
8	Deluxe stateroom with a picture window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. <i>Deck 3, midship.</i> (limited availability)	<b>\$5,665</b>	\$6,245
7	Prestige stateroom with sliding glass door, <b>private balcony.</b> <i>Deck 4, midship.</i>	<b>\$6,385</b>	\$7,045
6	Prestige stateroom with sliding glass door, <b>private balcony.</b> <i>Deck 5, midship and aft.</i>	<b>\$7,105</b>	\$7,845
5	Prestige stateroom with sliding glass door, <b>private balcony.</b> <i>Deck 6, midship and aft.</i>	<b>\$7,825</b>	\$8,645
4	Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, <b>private balcony.</b> <i>Deck 3, midship.</i> (limited availability)	<b>\$8,725</b>	\$9,645
3	Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, <b>private balcony.</b> <i>Deck 4, midship.</i> (limited availability)	<b>\$9,445</b>	\$10,445
2	Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, <b>private balcony.</b> <i>Deck 5, midship.</i>	<b>\$10,345</b>	\$11,445
1	Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, <b>private balcony.</b> <i>Deck 6, midship.</i>	<b>\$11,065</b>	\$12,245
Prestige Suite II	Two-room Suite, expansive sliding glass door, <b>larger private balcony,</b> two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. <i>Deck 5, midship.</i> (limited availability)	<b>\$11,965</b>	\$13,245
Prestige Suite I	Two-room Suite, expansive sliding glass door, <b>larger private balcony,</b> two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. <i>Deck 6, midship.</i> (limited availability)	<b>\$12,685</b>	\$14,045
Privilege Suite	Large Suite with expansive sliding glass door, <b>larger private balcony,</b> sitting area with sofa. <i>Decks 5 and 6, aft.</i> (limited availability)	<b>\$13,405</b>	\$14,845
Grand Deluxe Suite	Extra-large, one-bedroom Suite and separate sitting room with sofa, expansive sliding glass door, <b>spacious private terrace,</b> full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath. <i>Deck 6, aft.</i> (limited availability)	<b>\$14,125</b>	\$15,645
Owner's Suite	Extra-large, one-bedroom Suite and separate sitting room with sofa, expansive sliding glass door, <b>spacious private terrace</b> with outdoor Jacuzzi, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath. <i>Deck 5, aft.</i> (limited availability)	<b>\$15,025</b>	\$16,645

Single supplements apply to categories 6, 7, & 8 at 125% (reduced from 160%) of the per person double price and subject to availability. All other categories are at 200%.

**BONUS SAVINGS!** Pay in full at time of booking for \$1,000 additional savings per couple. Bookings made inside 121 days prior to departure are not eligible for this discount. Please call for details.

Port taxes in the amount of \$450 per person are included in the above prices. Customers will be notified of any fuel surcharge fee prior to final payment. This fee will then be charged and collected by the vessel operating company while on board. Deck plans available upon request.

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## PRE-PROGRAM OPTION

### Athens

**October 5 to 8, 2024** (Tour Begins: October 6)

Begin your journey with an immersive experience in the ancient city of Athens. Explore the monumental Acropolis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and its 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 five-star HOTEL GRANDE BRETAGNE.

*Price per person, based on double occupancy:*     **\$1,195**

*Price per person, based on single occupancy:*     **\$1,480**



## POST-PROGRAM OPTION

### Delphi

**October 15 to 17, 2024** (Tour Ends: October 17)

Extend your journey with a two-night itinerary exploring Delphi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and Thiva, or Thebes—featuring a visit to the Archaeological Museum of Thebes, where exhibits span from the Neolithic era to the end of the Ottoman rule. Tour Delphi and visit the Delphi Archaeological Museum. Walk on the Sacred Way to see the Treasury of Athens, the Temple of Apollo, the theater, and the impressive stadium. Spend one night in the DOMOTEL ANEMOLIA HOTEL and one night in the SOFITEL ATHENS AIRPORT HOTEL.

*Price per person, based on double occupancy:*     **\$820**

*Price per person, based on single occupancy:*     **\$1,040**

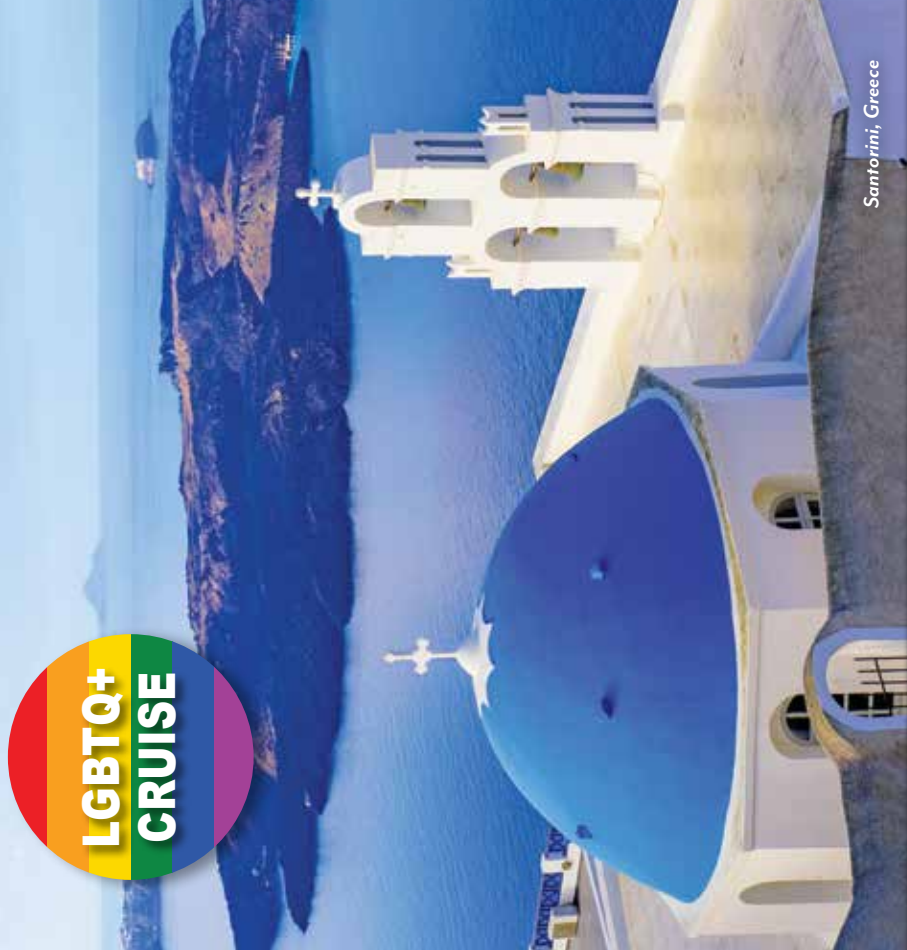
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