Odyssey of
Ancient Civilizations
cruising the Adriatic and Aegean Seas
Venice • Dalmatian Coast • Bay of Kotor • Albania
Corfu • Corinth Canal • Delphi • Athens

Aboard the Exclusively Chartered Small Ship
Five-Star Le Lyrial

June 27 to July 5, 2018
Dear Smith Alumnae and Friends:

The coastlines and islands of the pristine, azure Adriatic and Aegean Seas are dynamic crossroads of the Roman, Byzantine, Venetian and Slavic civilizations and their distinctive, deep-rooted cultures that flourished for more than three thousand years. This exciting, comprehensive and custom-designed itinerary takes us along the pathway of these great civilizations into five countries—Italy, Croatia, Montenegro, Albania and Greece—and through the extraordinary Corinth Canal, an unrivaled experience possible only by a small ship.

Begin your journey in Venice—known for centuries as La Serenissima, “the most serenely beautiful city”—where you will board the exclusively chartered, Five-Star Le Lyrial, an exceptional small ship featuring only 110 all ocean-view Suites and Staterooms. Cruise along the Adriatic coast of the stunning region of Dalmatia. Continue across the Isthmus of Corinth, passing through the narrow canal between soaring, 300-foot limestone walls to the Aegean Sea, concluding in Athens, the birthplace of Western civilization.

Call on splendid walled cities, medieval villages, picture-perfect islands and the dramatic fjord-like Bay of Kotor, and cruise into smaller, seldom-visited ports inaccessible to larger ships. Visit six UNESCO World Heritage sites, including historic Split and the fourth-century Diocletian’s Palace, now home to a thriving 21st-century community; the seventh-century walled city of Dubrovnik, “the city made of stone and light”; picturesque Kotor, Montenegro; the remarkable Greco-Roman site of Butrint, Albania; the Old Town of Corfu, Greece, settled in the eighth century B.C.; and the ancient Greek site of Delphi.

Discover hidden gems along the beautiful Dalmatian coast as daily life unfolds before you and the past and present coalesce. Enjoy our private, specially arranged lectures, exclusive Cultural Enrichments and the insightful Coastal Life® Forum featuring the personal perspectives of local Croatian residents.

This exceptional, carefully planned cruise is an excellent value and has a limited number of Suites and Staterooms. Book now, while Early Booking Savings and space are still available, and join us for an odyssey of ancient civilizations.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Bigwood
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Odyssey of Ancient Civilizations

Experience firsthand the true character and traditions of life along the spectacular coastlines of the Adriatic and Aegean Seas, and discover the lasting influence of ancient civilizations as you enjoy an enriching travel experience aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star small ship Le Lyrial. Interact with local residents, explore the history, culture, architecture and art—and unpack just once! This popular program of the COASTAL LIFE® series offers a comprehensive and intimate cruise and land experience at just the right pace, with a balanced itinerary of guided tours and time on your own to immerse yourself in the heart and soul of this charming, sun-kissed region.

These specially arranged CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS are custom designed for this exclusive itinerary:

♦ Trace the enduring impressions of Greco-Roman, Venetian, Byzantine, Slavic and modern civilizations, exhibited in the captivating ruins of Butrint and the contemporary culture of people living and working in the remains of Roman Emperor Diocletian’s fourth-century palace in the historic Old Town of Split.

♦ Walk in the footsteps of the Oracle of Delphi and visit the attractive Old Town of Corfu, a crossroads of civilization.

♦ Marvel at the amazing Corinth Canal, scarcely 70 feet wide at its narrowest point, a unique passage possible only by small ship.

♦ Hear it from the Experts! Noted study leaders and experienced, English-speaking local guides will accompany you throughout the program to discuss historical, cultural and contemporary Croatia, Montenegro, Greece and Albania.

♦ Interact with local Croats during the COASTAL LIFE® Forum, where they will share their candid perspectives on contemporary life.

♦ Enjoy a private performance of klapa music—traditional Croatian songs sung a cappella with blended voices.

♦ Savor the flavors and aromas of Mediterranean and international cuisine aboard the ship.

Seventeen centuries ago, Roman galleons anchored at Split and began construction of Emperor Diocletian’s Palace.
Adriatic Sea

Aegean Sea

Ionian Sea

Split, Croatia

Split’s nearly 2000-year-old city center, a UNESCO World Heritage site, was built on the foundation of Roman Emperor Diocletian’s retirement palace and remains a thriving community. Visit the Temple of Jupiter, one of the world’s best-preserved Roman temples, and the Cathedral of Saint Domnius (A.D. 305), regarded as the world’s oldest Catholic cathedral still in use in its original structure.

In 1947, Croatia’s most accomplished sculptor became the first living artist to exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. Experience his unique vision in the Ivan Meštrović Gallery.

Hvar

Since the fourth century B.C., Greeks, Romans, Byzantines and Venetians have left their mark on the island of Hvar. The Old Town’s impressive landmarks include the Renaissance Cathedral of St. Stephen and its four-story bell tower. In the Benedictine Convent, the sisters handcraft unique lace from agave thread, a delicate practice recognized by UNESCO as an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

Itinerary

Day

1 Depart the U.S.

Pre-Cruise Venice Option* or

2 Venice, Italy

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3 Split, Croatia

Walking tour of Diocletian’s Palace.

Visits to the Temple of Jupiter and Cathedral of Saint Domnius.

Cultural Enrichments:

Visit to the Ivan Meštrović Gallery.

COASTAL LIFE® Forum.

4 Hvar/Korčula

Walking tour of Hvar’s Old Town.

Visits to Hvar’s Benedictine Convent and St. Stephen’s Cathedral.

Visits to Korčula’s Cathedral of St. Mark and the Abbey Treasury.

Cultural Enrichment:

Klapa folk music performance.

5 Dubrovnik

Walking tour of the Old Town.

Visits to the Rector’s Palace and Maritime Museum.

Cultural Enrichment:

Afternoon free in Dubrovnik.

6 Kotor, Montenegro

Walking tour of the Old Town.

Cultural Enrichment:

Time at leisure in Kotor.

7 Sarandë, Albania, for Butrint/Greece

Excursion to the ruins of Butrint.

Walking tour of the Old City in Corfu.

8 Itea for Delphi/Greece

Tour of Delphi Archaeological Museum.

Cultural Enrichments:

Walking tour of Delphi.

Cruise through the Corinth Canal.

9 Athens/Disembark ship

Post-Cruise Athens Option* or

Return to the U.S.

*Available at additional cost.

The original 13th-century walls and impressive Venetian-built bastions and towers encircle finely preserved Korčula.
Korčula

Inside the original 13th-century walls of this charming island city, you will find the Abbey Treasury, home to a priceless collection of medieval manuscripts and artwork; the house where Marco Polo is said to have been born, widely contested between Croats and Venetians; and masterful works by Tintoretto in the 15th-century, Gothic-Renaissance-style Cathedral of St. Mark. By special arrangement, listen to local singers perform klapa, traditional, a cappella folk music.

Dubrovnik

Affectionately called “the pearl of the Adriatic,” the entire city of Dubrovnik is a UNESCO World Heritage site in recognition of its beautiful, historic treasures. Visit the 15th-century Rector’s Palace and the fascinating Maritime Museum, and see the Romanesque Franciscan Monastery and the well-preserved Old City walls.

Kotor, Montenegro

The incredible Bay of Kotor carves deep into the mountains of Montenegro, one of the newest nations in the world. Charming Kotor is a UNESCO World Heritage site for its Venetian Baroque Old Town and impressive medieval fortifications.

Butrint, Albania

Virgil called Butrint parvam Troiam (little Troy), a stop for Aeneas and his exiled Trojans on their epic journey. Today, Butrint’s UNESCO World Heritage-designated ruins trace three thousand years of ancient civilizations, from the Greek and Roman to the Byzantine and Ottoman Empires. The Greco-Roman amphitheater highlights the ancient city’s rich cultural life during boom times. 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.

A short drive to 16th-century Lekursi Castle provides a stunning panoramic view of the coastal city of Sarandë.

Corfu

Cruise to the Ionian island of Corfu, Homer’s “beautiful and rich land,” where cultural influences of past rulers are reflected in the French boulevards, Georgian mansions, Venetian citadel and Greek temple. Enjoy a walking tour of the Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and see the 17th-century Town Hall, once a Venetian theater, and the Edwardian Palace of the king of Greece.

Delphi

Delphi was considered the center of the Greek world in the sixth century B.C. and today is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Ancient Greeks from all walks of life flocked to sacred Mount Parnassus to consult the high priestess of the Temple of Apollo. Walk along the Sacred Way to the iconic sanctuary of Delphi and stand at the marble Altar of the Chians, where the common and the mighty once awaited the oracle’s pronouncements. Tour the magnificent Archaeological Museum, a treasure trove of ancient artifacts including a life-size fifth-century B.C. bronze charioteer.
Five-Star, State-of-the-Art, Small Ship
Join us aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star Le LYRIAL, where distinctive French sophistication meets innovative nautical design. The ship’s efficient electrical propulsion system and custom stabilizers provide an exceptionally smooth, quiet and comfortable voyage.

Respect for the Environment
With advanced eco-friendly features, the ship has been awarded the prestigious “Clean Ship” designation, a rarity among ocean vessels.

With Our Compliments
Indulge in these complimentary onboard amenities—alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise and in your Suite or Stateroom minibar, Wi-Fi access throughout the ship and 24-hour room service.

Chic and Casual Dining
The stylish dining room and casual alfresco restaurant feature international and regional cuisine and serve continental and buffet breakfasts, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and dinner in four courses or buffet. Wine is served at your table with lunch and dinner.

Only 110 Suites and Staterooms
These elegant ocean-view accommodations range from 200 to 592 square feet, and most have a private balcony. Your Five-Star Suite or Stateroom features individual climate control, two twin beds or one queen bed, a private bathroom with shower and luxurious hotel amenities, including flat-screen television, safe, full-length closet, plush robes and slippers.

Life on Board
Whether you seek educational and cultural presentations, panoramic views, nightly entertainment or quiet retreat, the ship’s spacious public areas can accommodate all passengers comfortably. Enjoy two lounges, a theater, library, Sun Deck with open-air bar, swimming pool, beauty salon, spa, Turkish bath-style steam room, fitness room and two elevators.

World-Class Service
The highly trained, English-speaking crew are personable and attentive, and the ship has an infirmary staffed with a doctor and nurse.
Included Features

On Board the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star, Small Ship Le Lyrial
◆ Seven-night cruise from Venice, Italy, to Athens, Greece.
◆ Elegantly appointed, Five-Star Suite or Stateroom.
◆ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
◆ Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are available throughout the cruise.
◆ All meals aboard ship.
◆ Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship.

Expert-Guided Excursions and Exclusive Cultural Enrichments
◆ Visit to Split’s Meštrović Gallery, home and atelier of Croatia’s iconic creative genius Ivan Meštrović.
◆ Specially arranged Coastal Life® Forum, where local residents will discuss daily life along the Adriatic.
◆ Walking tour of Hvar’s Old Town including visits to the Benedictine Convent and St. Stephen’s Cathedral.
◆ Tour the picturesque island of Korčula including a visit to the 17th-century Abbey Treasury.
◆ Traditional Croatian klapa music performance.
◆ Time at leisure to explore Dubrovnik and Kotor.
◆ Rare cruise through the historic Corinth Canal, the storied link between the Peloponnese and Greek mainland.

UNESCO World Heritage Highlights
◆ Tour of Split, with a visit to the thriving community living within Diocletian’s fourth-century palace, including the well-preserved Temple of Jupiter and Cathedral of Saint Domnius.
◆ Viewing of agave fiber lace handmade by the Benedictine nuns in Hvar.
◆ Walking tour of the walled city of Dubrovnik and visits to the Rector’s Palace and the Maritime Museum.
◆ Walking tour of medieval Kotor.
◆ Tour of the Greco-Roman ruins of Butrint.
◆ Walking tour of Corfu’s Old Town, featuring the Town Hall and the Palace of Saints Michael and George.

Enhanced Travel Services
◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your 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.
◆ 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.
Discover Venice’s history and romance while gliding through its legendary canals and under the iconic Rialto Bridge.

Quintessential Venice  
Pre-Cruise Option
An extraordinary architectural masterpiece, from the marble Bridge of Sighs to the Byzantine opulence of St. Mark’s Basilica, Venice is one of Italy’s premier cities for art and architecture. Tour the heart of this UNESCO World Heritage site, including the Gothic-style Doge’s Palace, and visit the lace-making island of Burano. Accommodations for two nights are in the Five-Star Westin Europa & Regina, ideally located just steps from Piazza San Marco and within view of the picturesque Grand Canal.

Wonders of Ancient Athens  
Post-Cruise Option
Enjoy two nights in the birthplace of democracy, an ancient city unmatched in its contributions to the foundations of the Western world. Admire the beauty of Athens and explore the glories of ancient Greece, including the magnificent Acropolis, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Accommodations for two nights are in the deluxe Royal Olympic hotel.

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

Athens’ legendary Parthenon is widely regarded as the finest example of Greek architecture.
**MS Le Lyrial**

**STATEMENT OF AMENDMENT**

- Add $1000 for reservations made after December 15, 2017.
- Singles are available in category 6 at $11395* and in category 3 at $13095* on or before December 15, 2017.
- All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by March 23, 2018.

**CABIN CLASSIFICATIONS**

- Deck 6, Lyra.
- Deck 5, Altaïr.
- Deck 4, Véga.
- Deck 3, Polaris.

**DECK PLANS**

- Deck 6, Lyra:
  - One large window. Deck 3, Polaris, forward. (limited availability)

- Deck 5, Altaïr:
  - Two rooms, expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. Deck 6, Lyra. (limited availability)

- Deck 4, Véga:
  - Two rooms, expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, bathtub and separate shower, large dressing and sitting areas, sofa. Deck 6, Lyra. (limited availability)

- Deck 3, Polaris:
  - Two rooms, expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony. Jacuzzi tub and separate shower, large dressing and sitting areas, sofa. Deck 6, Lyra. (limited availability)

**PRICING**

- Early Booking Tariff* through Dec. 15, 2017:
  - $4395
  - $5595
  - $6195
  - $6595

- Tariff* after Dec. 15, 2017:
  - $5395
  - $6595
  - $7195
  - $7595

**ODYSSEY OF ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS RESERVATION FORM**

**Send to:** Smith Travel
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**Title**  
**Full Name (exactly as it appears on your passport)**  
**Class Year**

**Street Mailing Address (no P.O. Box number please)**

**City**  
**State**  
**ZIP Code**

**Telephone:** (Home)  
**Mobile**

**Email Address**  
**Business**

**Preferred Name(s) on Badge(s)**

**Tour No.** 058-06/27/18-886

Program reservations require a deposit of $600 per person and $200 per person Quintessential Venice Pre-Cruise Option and/or $200 per person Wonders of Ancient Athens Post-Cruise 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(s) for $__________ as deposit. Make checks payable to Thomas P. 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

All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by March 23, 2018.

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

**Wonders of Ancient Athens Post-Cruise Option**

- Double at $640 per person.
- Single at $940 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

**I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.**
Delphi's sanctuary of Athena Pronaia features a fourth-century tholos and graceful Doric columns.

If a traveler requires assistance, they must travel with a companion who will be responsible for assisting with activities of daily living, major acts of maiming, major acts of war, or civil unrest, inscription or revolt, bites or attacks by animals, insects or pests, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities, loss or destruction of luggage, sickness or threatened sickness, the lack of availability of or access to medical attention or the quality thereof, overbooking or downsizing of accommodations, mechanical or other failure of airplanes, vehicles, or other means of transportation, or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely or safely.

If due to weather, flight schedules, or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend an additional night(s), the traveler will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers, and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner's risk. The right is reserved to decline to act as a trip participant, or remove from a trip, without refund, any person Gohagan judges to be incapable of meeting the rigors of the tour, or who is a serious or substantial burden to other trip participants, leaders or third parties, or who Gohagan determines to be a threat to the health and safety of the group. Any physical or mental condition that would create a hazard for the participant and Gohagan is a new reservation and can be substituted only at the full-fare tariff.

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