The Brown Travelers

ODYSSEY OF ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS

CRUISING THE ADRIATIC AND AEGEAN SEAS

VENEICE • DALMATIAN COAST • BAY OF KOTOR • ALBANIA • CORFU • CORINTH CANAL • DELPHI • ATHENS

Aboard the Exclusively Chartered Small Ship

Five-Star M.S. Le Lyrial

September 19 to 27, 2016
Dear Graduates, Parents and Friends of Brown:

Explore dynamic crossroads of the Roman, Byzantine, Venetian and Slavic civilizations and their distinctive deep-rooted cultures that have flourished for more than 3000 years. This comprehensive and exciting custom-designed small ship itinerary takes us along the pathway of these great civilizations to five countries—Italy, Croatia, Montenegro, Albania and Greece—and to six UNESCO World Heritage sites.

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 M.S. Le Lyrial, an exceptional, newly launched state-of-the-art small ship featuring only 110 Suites and Staterooms. Cruise along the eastern coast of the Adriatic Sea through the stunning region of Dalmatia. Transit the extraordinary Corinth Canal, an unrivaled experience possible only by a small ship that can maneuver this narrow passage between soaring, 300-foot limestone walls. Then continue on to Athens, the birthplace of Western civilization.

Call on splendid walled cities, medieval villages and picture-perfect islands while sailing pristine blue waters. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage sites of historic Split and the third-century Roman Emperor Diocletian’s Palace, now home to a thriving 21st-century community; the seventh-century walled city of Dubrovnik; the spectacularly picturesque fjord-like Bay of Kotor, Montenegro; the remarkable Greco-Roman Butrint, Albania; the Old Town of Corfu, Greece, settled in the eighth-century B.C.; and the ancient Greek site of Delphi—cruising into many smaller, seldom-visited ports of call inaccessible to larger ships.

Discover hidden gems along the beautiful Adriatic and Aegean coastlines. Enjoy educational lectures and the exclusive Coastal Life Forum®, featuring local Croatian residents who will provide personal perspectives on contemporary life along the Dalmatian coast.

We will be joined on this voyage by alumni and friends from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Smithsonian and Tufts University. Space is limited, so I encourage you to make your reservation as soon as possible. We look forward to having you join us!

Sincerely,

Beth Goldman Galer ’88
Director of the Alumni Travel Program

Faculty Lecturer
On this program, as on all Brown Travelers programs, a Brown faculty member will present lectures and lead discussions that will enhance your educational experience. As this brochure goes to press, the faculty representative who will accompany the program has not yet been confirmed. But we wanted to mail this brochure in time for you to make plans to participate. All Brown lecturers share a love for both teaching and travel. Their presence ensures that Brown-sponsored journeys are not only pleasant travel experiences but also intellectually rewarding.

Photo Right: Separated from the mainland and secured by a man-made moat, Corfu’s Old Fortress was built by the Venetians on the site of a Byzantine castle in the 15th century.

Cover: Dubrovnik, “the city made of stone and light” and a UNESCO World Heritage site, sits fortified and enchanting on the Dalmatian Coast.
Odyssey of Ancient Civilizations

Experience firsthand the true character and traditions of coastal and island life along the Adriatic and Aegean Seas and discover the influence of Greco-Roman, Byzantine, Venetian and Slavic civilizations in Italy, Croatia, Montenegro, Albania and Greece during this comprehensive small ship cruise featuring six UNESCO World Heritage sites. Cruise from the Adriatic Sea through the dramatic Corinth Canal—gateway to the Peloponnese—and marvel at its nearly vertical 300-foot-tall carved limestone walls. Enjoy an enriching travel experience like no other aboard the exclusively chartered Five-Star small ship M.S. LE LYRIAL, featuring a specially designed included excursion in every port and Five-Star accommodations. Interact with local residents; explore the ancient civilizations, history, culture, architecture and art; and unpack just once! This popular program is one of the COASTAL LIFE® series, a comprehensive and intimate cruise and land experience at just the right pace.

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

♦ Immerse yourself in a carefully planned, balanced itinerary of included guided historical and cultural excursions and time on your own to discover and observe the heart and soul of coastal life from the Adriatic to the Aegean.

♦ Trace the impressions of Greco-Roman, Venetian, Byzantine, Slavic and modern civilizations on local culture along the Adriatic and Aegean coasts, exhibited in the captivating ruins of the UNESCO World Heritage site of Butrint; the ornamented Gothic edifices and marble streets of the lavender-fragrant island of Hvar; and the thriving, contemporary culture that survives in the remains of Roman Emperor Diocletian’s third-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 and UNESCO World Heritage site.

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

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

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

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

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

Seventeen centuries ago, Roman galleons anchored in the scenic harbor of Split and began construction of the ancient Roman Emperor Diocletian’s Palace.
Explore the finely preserved, medieval island port of Korčula, encircled by its original 13th-century walls and impressive Venetian-built bastions and towers.
Korčula
The charming island city of Korčula retains its original 13th-century walls, within which 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; and masterful works by Tintoretto, housed in the 15th-century, Gothic-Renaissance Cathedral of St. Mark.

Cultural Enrichment: Enjoy a specially arranged, traditional Croatian klapa performance of harmonized a cappella singing.

Dubrovnik
Affectionately called “the pearl of the Adriatic,” the entire city of Dubrovnik is a UNESCO World Heritage site in recognition of its historic treasures and incomparable beauty. The city’s most famous landmarks include the Franciscan Monastery, the 15th-century Rector’s Palace, the well-preserved old city walls and the fascinating Maritime Museum.

Kotor, Montenegro
Montenegro is one of the newest nations in the world, having gained its independence in 2006. The spectacular Bay of Kotor, deeply carved into the Montenegrin mountains, leads to the charming town of Kotor, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its Venetian Baroque Old Town and impressive medieval fortifications.

Corfu, Greece
Cruise to the Ionian island of Corfu, Greece, Homer’s “beautiful and rich land,” where the varying cultural influences of past rulers are reflected in the French boulevards, Georgian mansions, Venetian citadel and Greek temple. Walk through the city’s picturesque Old Town and tour the Old Fortress, a hilltop Venetian fortification whose twin peaks inspired the name of Corfu, “Coryphe” in Greek, meaning “peaks.”

Cultural Enrichment: Enjoy a walking tour of the Old Town in Corfu, a UNESCO World Heritage site. See the Town Hall, once a Venetian theater, built in 1690, and the Edwardian Palace of the King of Greece.

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

Delphi, Greece
Ancient Greeks of all classes flocked to this sacred ground on Mount Parnassus to consult Pythia, the high priestess of the Temple of Apollo, on matters as routine as farming and as monumental as the declaration of war. Enjoy a walk along the Sacred Way that winds up to the Temple of Apollo and stand at the marble Altar of the Chians, where both the common and the mighty awaited the oracle’s pronouncements. Tour the magnificent Delphi Archaeological Museum, a treasure trove of ancient artifacts including a life-size fifth-century B.C. bronze charioteer.

Cultural Enrichment: Walking tour through the spectacular ruins of the iconic sanctuary of Delphi, considered the center of the Greek world in the sixth century B.C. and today a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Corinth Canal
Enjoy a specially arranged opportunity to cruise through the Corinth Canal, the conduit for the migration of civilizations between the Adriatic and Aegean Seas. First proposed at the end of the seventh century B.C., the canal was not fully realized until completion by a French engineering company in 1893. An impressive waterway that cuts through the Isthmus of Corinth, at only 70 feet wide, it is so narrow that only small ships can make its passage.

Cultural Enrichment: Transit the Corinth Canal aboard your small ship, a rare and thrilling highlight for sea captains and travelers.

Dock in Montenegro’s stunning Bay of Kotor, a fjord-like natural harbor.

Public baths, a gymnasium and an aqueduct built by Emperor Augustus offer glimpses of Butrint as a Roman port, while the intricately tiled Baptistry exhibits its early Christian symbolism. A short drive to 16th-century Lekursi Castle provides a stunning panoramic view of the picturesque coastal city of Sarandë.

Cultural Enrichment: Tour the revelatory remains of Butrint, where ancient history is displayed through its well-preserved archaeological ruins.

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Be on deck to cruise through the fascinating Corinth Canal, a passage so narrow that you can nearly touch its walls from the ship’s decks.
Small Ship, State-of-the-Art Design

The highly acclaimed exclusively chartered M.S. LE LYRIAL, launched in 2015, represents the newest generation of state-of-the-art Five-Star small ships, featuring only 110 Suites and Staterooms and distinctive French sophistication.

Elegantly Appointed Suites and Staterooms, 95% with Private Balconies

Each air-conditioned deluxe Stateroom and Suite (200 to 592 square feet) features a private bathroom with shower and luxurious Five-Star hotel amenities and minibar with complimentary beverages. Most accommodations have two twin beds that convert to one queen bed, individual climate control, satellite flat-screen television, wireless Internet access, safe, full-length closet, writing desk/dressing table, plush robes and slippers.

Chic and Casual Dining

International and regional cuisine is served in the stylish, spacious Le Céleste dining room in single, unassigned seatings; alfresco in the casual Le Comète restaurant; or from 24-hour room service. Continental and buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and a four-course dinner are served daily. Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are served throughout the cruise.

Spacious Public Areas/World-Class Service and Facilities

In keeping with the low passenger density, the public areas are spacious and inviting and can accommodate all passengers comfortably. Enjoy views from the Panoramic Lounge, nightly entertainment in the Main Lounge, and lectures, cultural performances and film screenings in the state-of-the-art theater. There is a library, Internet salon, Sun Deck with open-air bar, swimming pool, beauty salon, spa, Turkish bath-style steam room, full range of fitness equipment and two elevators. The infirmary is staffed with a doctor and nurse. The highly trained, English-speaking, international crew provides personable and attentive service.

Respect for the Environment

The state-of-the-art propulsion system and custom-built stabilizers provide an exceptionally smooth, quiet and comfortable voyage. By design, the ship is energy efficient and environmentally protective of marine ecosystems and has been awarded the prestigious “Clean Ship” rating, an extreme rarity among ocean cruising vessels. The ship has two tenders.
Included Features

On board the exclusively chartered, Five-Star small ship M.S. Le Lyrial

- Seven-night cruise from Venice, Italy, to Athens, Greece, with port calls in Split, Hvar, the island of Korcula and Dubrovnik, Croatia; Kotor, Montenegro; Corfu and Itea for Delphi, Greece; and Sarandë for Butrint, Albania.

- Elegantly appointed, Five-Star Suite or Stateroom accommodations, each with a private bathroom.

- Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.

- All meals—continental breakfast, buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and dinner—throughout the cruise, featuring fine international and regional cuisine, served at single, unassigned seatings.

- Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are served throughout the cruise.

Expert-Guided Excursions

- Tour of Split, featuring a visit to the thriving community living within Diocletian’s third-century palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

- Tour the picturesque island of Korcula including a visit to the 17th-century Abbey Treasury.

- Walking tour of the walled city of Dubrovnik, a UNESCO World Heritage site, including visits to the Rector’s Palace and the Maritime Museum.

- Walking tour of medieval Kotor, Montenegro, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

- Visit to the Old Fortress on the historic island of Corfu.

- Tour of the Delphi Archaeological Museum.

Exclusive Cultural Enrichments

- Rare cruise of the narrow Corinth Canal, the historic link of the Peloponnese and Greek mainland.

- Specially arranged COASTAL LIFE FORUM® with local residents of Dalmatia.

- Walking tour of Corfu’s UNESCO World Heritage-designated Old Town.

- Tour of the Greco-Roman ruins of Butrint, Albania, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

- Excursion to Mount Parnassus to see the UNESCO World Heritage site of the glorious Oracle of Delphi and the iconic Temple of Apollo.

- Visit to Split’s Meštrović Gallery, home and atelier of Croatia’s creative genius Ivan Meštrović.

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

- Time at leisure to explore the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Dubrovnik and Kotor.

- Specially arranged, private, traditional Croatian a cappella klapa performance.

Enhanced Travel Services

- Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose 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.

- Hospitality desk aboard ship.

- The services of experienced Gohagan & Company Program Directors throughout the program.

- Complimentary use of a state-of-the-art audio headset for each participant during guided excursions.

- Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.

- Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
Legendary Grandeur aboard the Venice Simplon-Orient Express
Pre-Cruise Option
Experience the golden age of rail travel on this extraordinary journey aboard the iconic Venice Simplon-Orient Express from London to Venice. Spend one night in London and then, enveloped in the elegance of its original Art Deco carriages, traverse the spectacular scenery of England, France, Switzerland, Austria and Italy. Revel in the luxury of this remarkable opportunity including accommodations for one night aboard the unforgettable Venice Simplon-Orient Express and one night each in London and Venice in Five-Star hotels.

Venice Pre-Cruise Option
An extraordinary 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 Doge’s Palace and the world-renowned Gallerie dell’Accademia. accommodations for two nights are in the Five-Star Westin Europa & Regina, ideally located just steps away from Piazza San Marco and within view of the legendary Grand Canal.

Athens Post-Cruise Option
Conclude your cruise with 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 Athenaeum InterContinental Athens hotel.

Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Discover Venice’s history and romance while gliding through its legendary canals and under the iconic Rialto Bridge.
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Send to: Thomas P. Gohagan & Company
209 South LaSalle Street, Suite 500
Chicago, Illinois 60604-1446
(800) 922-3088 Fax: (312) 609-1141

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- Double at $3995 per person.
- Single at $6695 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate.

Venice Post-Cruise Option
- Double at $1055 per person.
- Single at $1555 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

Athens Pre-Cruise Option
- Double at $6490 per person.
- Single at $940 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

Venice Simplon-Orient Express Pre-Cruise Option
- Double at $3995 per person.
- Single at $6695 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

Please make my/our reservation(s):

- I want you to book my/our air from Venice, Italy, with return from Athens, Greece, at additional cost to be advised.
- I/we will make my/our own air arrangements.

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- Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.
- I/we will make my/our own air arrangements.
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