TREASURES OF THE MEDITERRANEAN WORLD
A Family Learning Adventure from Rome to Athens
With KATHLEEN M. LYNCH, Professor of Classics at the University of Cincinnati
Aboard the Deluxe Le Lyrial
July 13–23, 2019
Dear Traveler,

In summer 2019, history comes alive for the whole family in Italy, Greece, and Turkey. Aboard the luxurious Le Lyrial, with only 122 staterooms and suites, I invite you and your loved ones to embark on a voyage of discovery, where ancient cities, idyllic islands, mythology, and history are intertwined. Discover many of the most important sites of the ancient civilizations of Greece and Rome, such as the Colosseum, Pompeii, Olympia, Ephesus, and Athens’ Parthenon, plus the iconic islands of Santorini and Crete.

Grandparents, parents, and children will learn about Greek and Roman history, literature, mythology, and culture aboard ship and while exploring ashore. Experienced youth education counselors will lead groups of similarly-aged children and young adults in the Young Explorers Program™—educational and recreational activities developed to enhance kids’ appreciation of the sites visited, from discovering how archaeologists piece together the past to competing in a mock Olympics on its original grounds.

Accompanying us will be Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) host and popular lecturer Kathleen M. Lynch, Professor of Classics at the University of Cincinnati, who will enrich the program through lectures and informal discussions on the archaeological sites of Italy, Greece, and Turkey, as well as on mythology and life in the ancient world. Professor Lynch will be joined by Jason Weiser, host of the popular “Myths and Legends” podcast.

We hope you will join us next summer on this enriching voyage among the Treasures of the Mediterranean World. This program is co-sponsored with other groups, so I suggest you do not delay making your reservations—please contact us at aia@studytours.org or (800) 748-6262.

Sincerely,

R. Todd Nielsen
Director, AIA Tours
Archaeological Institute of America
KATHLEEN M. LYNCH, Archaeological Institute of America host, is Professor of Classics at the University of Cincinnati and a classical archaeologist with a focus on ancient Greek ceramics. She earned her Ph.D. from the University of Virginia, and has worked on archaeological projects at sites in Greece (Athenian Agora, Olynthos, Corinth, Pylos), Turkey (Gordion, Troy), Italy (Morgantina), and Albania (Apollonia). Kathleen’s research considers what ancient ceramics can tell us about their use and users. Athenian figure decorated pottery from Athens is her specialty, and her book, *The Symposium in Context* (2011 ASCSA Publications), won the AIA’s 2013 James R. Wiseman Award for best publication in archaeology. It explores the kitchen cupboards of an Archaic Athenian house. At Cincinnati, Kathleen teaches mythology, Greek and Roman archaeology, and graduate seminars on topics such as Pausanias, the 2nd century A.D. traveler; Greek iconography; and ancient art and art history. She has been a lecturer on the AIA’s national circuit for many years; is an AIA Academic Trustee and is on the AIA Annual Meeting Program Committee; and serves as the Treasurer for the AIA’s local Cincinnati Society. In her spare time she enjoys knitting. Kathleen has lectured to excellent reviews on five previous AIA-sponsored cruises.

JASON WEISER is the writer and host of “Myths and Legends,” a weekly podcast started in 2015 that adapts world folklore and mythology for the modern audience. From Hercules to Baba Yaga, King Arthur to Mulan, Osiris to Anansi, and more, Jason taps into his training in English literature, narrative theory, and literary analysis from Ohio State University to narrate new retellings as closely to the originals as possible. He has published more than 100 episodes that have been downloaded over 60 million times worldwide. His work has been featured on BuzzFeed, Mental Floss, CBC Radio, multiple conferences, Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and beyond. He is also an Academy of Podcaster award nominee for best arts podcast as well as a 2016 Best of iTunes show creator.

YOUNG EXPLORERS™ PROGRAM

Experienced youth education counselors will lead groups of children and young adults (aged 8-17) in the Young Explorers™ Program, a series of educational and recreational activities designed from a youthful perspective. Young Explorers™ will enjoy guided excursions of the natural world—beach walks, forest hikes, boat rides, and more. And they will participate in carefully crafted explorations of ancient sites—Pompeii, Zeus’s Temple at Olympia, the Palace of Knossos on Crete, the Parthenon—where history and legend will come alive.
Saturday, July 13, 2019
FLY FROM THE USA

Sunday, July 14
ROME, ITALY
Transfer to the hotel Westin Excelsior Rome, located in the Via Veneto district. In the evening, gather with fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception at the hotel, where Professor Kathleen Lynch and our Young Explorers™ Counselors will introduce you to the program ahead. (R)

Monday, July 15
ROME | CIVITAVECCHIA | EMBARK
Travel to the center of old Rome for a tour of the Colosseum and Forum, where important events in the history of the Republic and the Empire are memorialized. In the afternoon, transfer and embark Le Lyrial. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, July 16
SALERNO | POMPEII & HERCULANEUM
The excursion for adults leads to Pompeii and Herculaneum, Roman cities both destroyed and preserved by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in A.D. 79. No other sites so completely capture the character of life in the early Roman Empire. Children head to a farm in the Sorrentine Hills, where they learn about the cultivation of oranges, lemons, olives, and grapes, as well as the making of mozzarella, before visiting Pompeii in the afternoon. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, July 17
AT SEA (B,L,D)

Thursday, July 18
KATAKOLON, GREECE | OLYMPIA
Olympia is an ancient sanctuary dedicated to Zeus and one of four sites where the Panhellenic games were held. Tour the sacred area. Young Explorers™ will be invited to compete in mock Olympic Games staged for them on the site of the ancient games. (B,L,D)

Friday, July 19
RETHYMNON, CRETE | KNOSSOS
Crete was once home to the Minoans, Europe’s earliest developed civilization. From quaint Rethymnon, travel to Knossos and its fabled, partially-reconstructed Palace—a maze of frescoed corridors and chambers showing life as it may have been four millennia ago—and home to the labyrinth of the legendary Minotaur. Also visit the Heraklion Museum, which houses treasures from Knossos. Young Explorers™ may choose to hike a portion of the Imbros Gorge on a guided walk through narrow passages lined with caves. The walk ends on the coast for a swim. (B,L,D)

Saturday, July 20
SANTORINI
In the second millennium B.C., volcanic eruptions shrouded Santorini (or Phira) in pumice and ash and collapsed the island into a fractured caldera. This explosion led to Santorini’s wild, multihued beauty while sending its Minoan civilization into irreversible decline. Adults will visit the stunning archaeological site of Akrotiri and the Prehistoric Museum, while Young Explorers™ board a sailboat to Nea Kameni, the island in the center of Santorini’s caldera, where they hike to the summit of the volcano to learn about the area’s geology. Families reunite in Phira Town for lunch and free time. (B,L,D)

Sunday, July 21
KUSADASI, TURKEY | EPHESEUS
Renowned as the center of worship of the goddess Cybele, later known as Artemis, Ephesus was also the site where St. Paul addressed the Ephesians. Excavations continue and archaeologists are restoring the Terrace Houses, which offer a glimpse of daily Ephesian life. See the façade of the Library of Celsus, Temple of Hadrian, and the Great Theater. (B,L,D)

Monday, July 22
ATHENS, GREECE | DISEMBARK
Disembark Le Lyrial in Athens to explore the Acropolis, perhaps one of the most important ancient monuments in the Western world, and the stunning Acropolis Museum. After lunch at a taverna, adults visit the ancient Agora, while Young Explorers™ discover the city on an iPad-based interactive game to complete “The Labors of Hercules.” Spend the night at the Divani Caravel hotel. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, July 23
ATHENS | FLY TO THE USA (B)
PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

Included

• One night at our hotel in Rome (pre-cruise) and in Athens (post-cruise) with reception (in Rome) and breakfast
• Pre- and post-cruise sightseeing in Rome and Athens
• Comprehensive 7-night cruise aboard the deluxe *Le Lyrial*
• Complete program of shore excursions led by expert guides
• Young Explorers™ activities
• Enrichment program of lectures and discussions by featured guests Kathleen M. Lynch & Jason Weiser
• All meals aboard ship including early riser’s coffee & pastry, breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, and dinner; meals ashore as indicated in itinerary
• French-inspired gourmet cuisine, with menu creation and chef training by Ducasse Conseil
• Complimentary open bar aboard ship including select wines served with lunch and dinner
• Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions aboard ship
• 24-hour room service aboard ship
• Airport/hotel/pier transfers and handling of luggage
• Gratuities to shipboard personnel, porters, guides, and drivers
• Port taxes and charges
• Pre-departure materials

Not included

Airfare; visa and passport fees (if applicable); luggage, cancellation, and accident insurance; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, internet, spa services and beverages other than those specified above
The deluxe, five-star Le Lyrial is one of the most beautifully conceived and technologically sophisticated small ships afloat. Designed in France and built in Italy, Le Lyrial boasts an elegantly understated aesthetic that one associates with European sensibility and craftsmanship with room for no more than 244 guests. It is one of four sister ships of the PONANT cruise line, selected as Best Luxury Cruise Line by Cruise Critic’s editors in 2014.

All accommodations aboard Le Lyrial face outside affording sea views, and, other than the eight superior staterooms, all feature a private balcony. All staterooms include a bedroom with either two twin-size beds or a king-size bed, sitting area (separate living room for the Prestige Suites), mini-bar, safe, spacious closets, climate control, telephone, WiFi access, TV with movies on demand, iPod player, and bathroom with marble vanity, shower, and fine amenities.

**FARES  PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**

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**ADULT** | **CHILD**
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SUPERIOR STATEROOM | $5,490 | $4,190
DELUXE STATEROOM | $5,790 | $4,340
PRESTIGE STATEROOM - DECK 4 | $6,290 | $4,590
PRESTIGE STATEROOM - DECK 5 | $6,590 | $4,740
PRESTIGE STATEROOM - DECK 6 | $6,790 | $4,840
DELUXE SUITE | $8,890 | $5,890
PRESTIGE SUITE - DECK 5 | $11,590 | $7,240
PRIVILEGE SUITE - DECK 6 | $12,090 | $7,490
GRAND DELUXE SUITE - DECK 6 | $13,590 | $8,240
GRAND PRIVILEGE SUITE - DECK 6 | $16,890 | $9,890
OWNER’S SUITE | $17,190 | $10,040

Additional children sharing a room receive discounted child rates. Please inquire for more information.
CANCELLATION, MODIFICATION PENALTIES & REFUNDS: Ports, guest lecturers, and excursions are subject to change. All cancellations or modifications must be received in writing by AIA Tours. Any and all guarantees must be cancelled or prevented from reporting for departure or waiving for any reason whatsoever the benefit of services included in the program cannot claim any refund. PONANT GROUP and SPONSOR shall not be required to refund any monies to any guests who must leave the cruise prematurely for any reason, nor shall PONANT GROUP and Sponsor be held responsible for any costs, fees, damages or causes of action which result from the transportation expenses incurred by guest’s early departure.

For any deposited or fully paid booking, cancellation penalties will be assessed as noted below. These cancellation penalties are applicable on all services booked with PONANT GROUP and SPONSOR.:

- From confirmation of booking date up to 91 days prior departure: 90% of full fare
- 90-61 days prior departure: 50% of full fare
- Within 60 days prior to departure: 100% of full fare

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Passengers shall be responsible for subscribing to cancellation/luggage assistance/repatriation/medical insurance(s).

ITINERARY: PONANT GROUP reserves the right to withdraw and/or cancel a sailing or to make changes in the itinerary whenever, in its sole judgment, or in the judgment of the vessel owner or operator, conditions warrant it.

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS/LIMIT OF LIABILITY: Passenger agrees that PONANT GROUP and SPONSOR act as agent and/or trustee for any person, ground and maritime agents and subcontractors, who provide any service forming in connection with, or in its sole judgment, or in the judgment of the vessel owner or operator, conditions warrant it.

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In order to secure a booking, the guest is required to pay 25% of total cruise price upon confirmation. The final 75% is due no later than 90 days prior to departure.

REGISTRATION
AIA Y150719
Enclosed is my check or credit card no. for $______ (25% of total cruise price) as a deposit to hold _place(s) on Treasures of the Mediterranean World. I understand that final payment is due ninety (90) days prior to departure.

Please send your deposit and this form to: Archaeological Institute of America Tours P.O. Box 938, 47 Main Street, Suite One, Walpole, NH 03608-0938 Fax 603-756-2922

Please make check payable to: EOS Passenger Account - AIA MedTreasures7/19

[ ] AmEx [ ] Discover [ ] Visa [ ] MasterCard

No._
Exp._
3- or 4-Digit Security Code_

Please select cabin category in order of preference (1st, 2nd & 3rd choice):

- Superior Stateroom
- Deluxe Stateroom
- Prestige Stateroom - Deck 4
- Prestige Stateroom - Deck 5
- Prestige Stateroom - Deck 6
- Deluxe Suite
- Prestige Suite - Deck 5
- Privilege Suite - Deck 6
- Grand Deluxe Suite - Deck 6
- Grand Privilege Suite - Deck 6

Each participant must sign below:
I/We have read the “Terms & Conditions” section and agree to its terms.

SIGNATURE DATE

PHONE (DAY) (EVENING)

EMAIL

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