VMFA
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ISLAND LIFE®

IN
ANCIENT GREECE
AN AEGEAN ODYSSEY

aboard the Exclusively Chartered,
Newly Launched, Five-Star, Small Ship LE LAPÉROUSE

October 4 to 12, 2018
Dear VMFA Members:

Join us on this comprehensive Aegean Odyssey to the very cradle of Western civilization and the classical world, exploring the iconic jewels and legendary mythical places of Ancient Greece. Cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, state-of-the-art, Five-Star LE LAPÉROUSE, to be launched in 2018. LE LAPÉROUSE introduces the deluxe and exclusive Blue Eye, the world’s first multisensory underwater lounge. Featuring only 92 Suites and Staterooms, this elegant small ship is able to sail into ports inaccessible to larger vessels.

This spectacular voyage calls on Santorini, Delos, Mykonos, Pátmos, Rhodes and the Peloponnese peninsula—ancient destinations steeped in myth and history—and offers opportunities to visit nine magnificent UNESCO World Heritage sites. Visit the extraordinary scenic wonder of Meteora, where 24 Orthodox monasteries, built in the 14th and 15th centuries, are perched high atop soaring natural sandstone cliffs. Walk through the Sanctuary of Asklepios at Epidaurus, where the history of Hellenic and Roman early healing practices is engraved onto exquisitely preserved stelai, or inscribed stone slabs, and the Theater’s exemplary acoustics still reverberate today. Learn more about contemporary Greek island life during the exclusive ISLAND LIFE® Forum, where you will meet and interact with local residents. Enjoy guided tours in these storied destinations and traditional Greek villages, with time at leisure to encounter their mysteries and delights at your own pace during the best time of the year. Aegean historian Eleni Zachariou will accompany us and share her extensive knowledge and expertise of the islands, Classical Art and Architecture and the peoples of her native Greece.

ISLAND LIFE® in ANCIENT GREECE is a popular, comprehensive travel program and an excellent value—all accommodations, meals, exclusive CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS and one excursion each day are included, and you only need to unpack once! Space is limited on this Aegean Odyssey, so book now!

Sincerely,

Adele “Hutch” Livingston
VMFA Coordinator of Member Travel
## Itinerary

| Day | 
|-----|---|
| 1   | Depart the U.S. | **Pre-Cruise Athens Option**
| 2   | Athens, Greece | **Embark Le Lapérouse.**
| 3   | Volos for Meteora | **Visit 14th- to 15th-century monasteries of Meteora, built atop extraordinary towering sandstone cliffs.**
| 4   | Delos/Mykonos | **Walking tour of the archaeological site of Delos.**
|     | **Cultural Enrichments:** | **Afternoon at leisure to explore Mykonos.**
| 5   | Pátmos | **Visits to the Monastery of St. John and the Cave of the Apocalypse.**
|     | **Cultural Enrichments:** | **Island Life® Forum.**
|     | | **Special culinary presentation by the ship’s pastry chef.**
|     | | **Lecture by local historian Eleni Zachariou.**
| 6   | Lindos/Rhodes | **Walking tour of Rhodes Town.**
|     | **Cultural Enrichments:** | **Choice of a morning visit to the Acropolis of Lindos or a morning at leisure in Lindos.**
|     | | **Folklore performance on board.**
| 7   | Santorini for Akrotiri | **Dramatic cruise into Santorini harbor.**
|     | **Cultural Enrichment:** | **Visit to the Museum of Prehistoric Thera in Fira.**
|     | | **Tour of the Bronze Age ruins of Akrotiri.**
| 8   | Nafplion for Mycenae and Epidaurus | **Excursion to the ancient citadel of Mycenae.**
|     | **Cultural Enrichment:** | **Excursion to ancient Epidaurus.**
| 9   | Athens/Disembark ship | **Post-Cruise Olympia Option**
|     | | **Return to the U.S.**

*Available at additional cost.

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**Island Life®**

The Roman writer Cicero (106–43 B.C.) observed of Athens that “wherever you set your foot, you encounter some memory of the past”; the same can be said for all of Greece. Here, in the cradle of Western civilization, glorious 14th- to 15th-century Orthodox monasteries were built atop the towering sandstone precipices of Meteora, St. John the Apostle is believed to have penned the Book of Revelation on the island of Pátmos and the legend of the lost paradise city of Atlantis lives on in Santorini. Imagine Odysseus seeking redemption in the Underworld or Orpheus retrieving his lost love as you experience the islands of Classical mythology. Envision ancient daily life at evocative archaeological sites, such as the Sacred Way and Akrotiri, and experience exclusive, local Cultural Enrichments, including an Island Life® Forum with Patmians who will share their candid perspectives about life today on the ancient island, a folklore show and an authentic baklava culinary demonstration.

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**Mykonos’ iconic round windmills were once used to mill wheat on the island between the 17th and 19th centuries.**
Athens, Greece
Birthplace of democracy and home to many of history’s greatest philosophers and poets from Socrates to Herodotus, Athens is unmatched in its contributions to early Western civilization.

Meteora
From the attractive port city of Volos, birthplace of legendary Argonaut Jason, travel across the fertile Plain of Thessaly to the seldom-visited natural wonder of Meteora—Greek for “suspended in the air”—an extraordinary enigma of virtually uncharted Orthodox monasteries. This breathtaking UNESCO World Heritage site was constructed in the 14th and 15th centuries a staggering 1300 feet above the valley floor, atop soaring natural sandstone pillars, where the early Christian traditions of these monasteries have continued uninterrupted for hundreds of years. Visit one of the four active monasteries, originally accessed by way of long ladders and baskets suspended on ropes, but today accessible by travel on a modern road overlooking verdant Peneas Valley with impossibly majestic sights.

Delos
The mythical birthplace of Apollo and Artemis, Delos is today a UNESCO World Heritage site. It is considered to be one of the most sacred islands in the Greek world, as central to Grecian spiritual life as Olympia and Delphi.

Mykonos
According to ancient legend, the craggy hills and clefts of Mykonos were formed from the petrified bodies of giants defeated by Hercules. Mykonos’ iconic windmills, bright white, cube-shaped houses and azure bays epitomize the striking beauty of the Greek Isles.

Cultural Enrichment:
Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore Mykonos’ quaint, narrow streets lined with whitewashed houses and boutiques or to sip ouzo harborside in Mykonos’s Little Venice.

Pátmos
The small island of Pátmos and its Greek Orthodox Monastery of St. John, St. John the Apostle is believed to have written the Book of Revelation in the Cave of the Apocalypse on Pátmos.
a UNESCO World Heritage site, looming large in the history of Christianity. Tour the monastery, built in 1088 and still inhabited by monks who continue to preserve it as a pilgrimage site and place of religious study. See the Cave of the Apocalypse, where St. John the Apostle of Ephesus very possibly wrote the Book of Revelation in A.D. 95.

**Cultural Enrichment:**
Meet local residents who will discuss contemporary daily life on these ancient islands during the specially arranged Island Life® Forum.

**Rhodes**
The island of Rhodes has been one of the most prosperous and strategic strongholds in the eastern Mediterranean since the Neolithic Period. Dock at the fortified wall of Rhodes Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and step into this extraordinarily well-preserved medieval city, built over a great Hellenistic metropolis and a major Christian outpost during the Crusades. Visit the splendid 14th-century Palace of the Grand Masters, built by the Knights of St. John and one of the only examples of Gothic architecture in all of Greece.

**Cultural Enrichment:**
Join the excursion to the ancient village of Lindos. See the magnificent frescoes adorning the Byzantine-style Church of Panagia and ascend the stone stairs to the clifftop acropolis for breathtaking views of the medieval Castle of the Knights of St. John. Or, enjoy a morning at leisure in Lindos to further explore its rich history and charming streets.

**Santorini for Akrotiri**
Be on deck as the ship cruises into the captivating harbor at Santorini, a natural caldera, beneath which is believed by some to be the legendary lost city of Atlantis. A cable car descends to sea level from the elevated town of Fira, where stunning white-walled buildings stand in stark contrast against the dark volcanic cliffs.

**Cultural Enrichment:**
Tour the phenomenal Bronze Age ruins of Akrotiri, recently reopened to visitors. Held intact by layers of pumice and ash for over 3500 years, Akrotiri’s streets reveal the architectural sophistication and advanced culture of its Minoan inhabitants.

**Nafplion for Mycenae and Epidaurus**
Sail to the Peloponnese peninsula, known for its tremendous literary import and treasured antiquities. Tour two UNESCO World Heritage highlights—the ancient citadel of Mycenae, the classical stage of Homer’s *The Iliad*, an epic text foundational to Western thought, and Epidaurus, an equally quintessential Hellenic site.

**Cultural Enrichments:**
Mycenae is bountiful in allusions to the age of Agamemnon, from its secret passages to Cyclopean walls, named because they were so tall they were thought to have been built by giants. In Epidaurus, visit the ancient Sanctuary of Asclepios, where the ruins bear testimony to Greco-Roman healing gods and medicinal knowledge, and the Theater is renowned for its nearly perfect acoustics.

*The Lindos Acropolis rises 380 feet above the modern town overlooking the archipelago.*
Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star mv Le Lapérouse

Blue Eye – The World’s First Luxury Underwater Observatory

Exclusive to the Ponant fleet is the extraordinary Blue Eye, a multisensory underwater observation lounge that incorporates bionic and biomimetic technology to immerse you in the beauty of the ocean’s ecosystem. Observe marine life through the large subaquatic windows and on digital screens projecting undersea activity in real time, while specially designed hydrophones echo the ocean’s ebb and flow and relay the sounds and senses beneath the water’s surface. Wildlife viewing varies by location.

Luxury Small Ship, Innovative Design
Le Lapérouse, launching in 2018, ushers in a new generation of Five-Star small ships, combining revolutionary design and a new standard of luxury for an unparalleled cruising experience. Dock in smaller ports inaccessible to larger ships and where authentic cultural experiences and majestic scenery await you.

Respect for the Environment
The newest addition to the Ponant “Clean Ship” fleet, a rare designation among ocean-cruising vessels, the ship is energy efficient and eco-friendly, protecting fragile marine ecosystems while providing a safe and comfortable voyage.

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.

92 Elegant Suites and Staterooms, 100% with Private Balconies
Each Five-Star Stateroom and Suite (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 and luxurious hotel 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 and sauna or the Sun Deck’s infinity-style swimming pool. There is a beauty salon, fitness room and two elevators. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available throughout the ship.

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

Stateroom with balcony

Panoramic restaurant
Included Features

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

- Seven-night cruise round trip Athens, Greece.
- 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 throughout ship.
- Blue Eye—the world’s first luxury, multisensory, underwater observatory.

Expert-Guided Excursions and Exclusive Cultural Enrichments

- Expert insights from Aegean historian Eleni Zachariou.
- Tour of Santorini—which some consider mythology’s lost city of Atlantis—featuring a visit to the renowned Museum of Prehistoric Thera and a cable car ride.
- Guided tour of the phenomenal Minoan site of Bronze Age Akrotiri.
- Time at leisure on the islands of Rhodes, Pátmos and Mykonos to explore at your own pace.
- Choice of a half-day excursion in Lindos to the Acropolis or a morning at leisure in Lindos.
- Island Life® Forum with local residents who will discuss contemporary life on the islands of the Aegean Sea.
- Traditional Greek music and dance performance.
- Special Greek pastry culinary presentation aboard the ship.

UNESCO World Heritage Highlights

- Excursion to extraordinary Meteora, where 14th- and 15th-century Greek Orthodox monasteries were built atop towering natural sandstones massifs, with lunch in a nearby restaurant.
- Walking tour of medieval Rhodes Town, with a visit to the 14th-century Palace of the Grand Masters of the Knights of St. John.
- Walking tour of Delos’ splendid classical ruins including the Sanctuary of Apollo and the theater quarter.
- Tour of the ancient archaeological site of Mycenae.
- Excursion to Epidaurus, featuring the Sanctuary of Asklepios and its perfectly preserved theater.

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.
- Hospitality desk aboard ship.
- Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom and on excursions.
- 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 Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.
Delphi's sanctuary of Athena Pronaia was named for the goddess of wisdom, sworn to protect her half-brother Apollo.

Classical Athens and the Oracle of Delphi
Pre-Cruise Option
Experience the ancient city unmatched in its contributions to the foundations of the Western world—Athens, the birthplace of democracy. Explore the enduring grandeur encapsulated in the spectacular Acropolis, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and the perfectly proportioned Parthenon, a graceful example of Doric architecture. See the archaeological treasures of the Acropolis Museum, tour the mystical UNESCO World Heritage site of Delphi, and explore the colorful, village-like Plaka neighborhood, the oldest district of Athens. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe Athenaeum InterContinental Athens Hotel.

Olympian Origins and the Corinth Canal
Post-Cruise Option
Journey to UNESCO World Heritage-designated Olympia, ancient center of worship and the Temple of Zeus. Nearby Vytina, nestled among chestnut trees and old pines, is a significant Greek cultural heritage “traditional settlement.” Enjoy distinctive local cuisine and explore regional traditions in the Folklore Museum. Visit the original sixth-century B.C. stadium and Bouleuterion, where competitors swore their oath to uphold Olympic game standards. Learn more about one of the world’s greatest mathematicians in Archimedes’ Museum. Board a small excursion boat and cruise through the fabled Corinth Canal, an engineering marvel and scarcely 70 feet wide at its narrowest point. Accommodations are for two nights in the charming AMALIA OLYMPIA and one night in the SOFITEL ATHENS AIRPORT Hotel.

Pre- and Post-Cruise Options are at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
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Deluxe Suite

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

- $10295 * $11295

Prestige Suite

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

- $11295 * $12295

Privilege Suite

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

- $11595 * $12595

Grand Deluxe Suite

Large two-room Suite, expansive sliding glass door, spacious private terrace, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional private powder room, sitting area with sofa. Decks 5 and 6. (limited availability)

- $12695 * $13695

Owner's Suite

Large two-room Suite, expansive sliding glass door, spacious private terrace with outdoor Jacuzzi, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional private powder room, sitting area with sofa. Deck 6. (limited availability)

- $12995 * $13995

Singles are available in category 5 at $11995* and in category 2 at $14295* on or before February 28, 2018. Add $1000 for reservations made after February 28, 2018.

* Taxes are an additional $465 per person and are subject to change.

\* MV Le Laperouse has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

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**IN ANCIENT GREECE RESERVATION FORM**

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209 South LaSalle Street, Suite 500
Chicago, Illinois 60604-1446

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Title Full Name (exactly as it appears on your passport)

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

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City State Zip Code

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Telephone: (Home) (Mobile)

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Email Address (Business)

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Preferred Name(s) on Badge(s) Tour No. 063-10/04/18-346

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Program reservations require a deposit of $600 per person and $200 per person Classical Athens Pre-Cruise Option and/or $200 per person Olympian Origins 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 back cover of this brochure.

- Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $ as deposit.
- Please make my/our reservation(s) in Stateroom 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).

- Classical Athens and the Oracle of Delphi Pre-Cruise Option
  - Double at $795 per person.
  - Single at $1095 per person.
  - I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

- Olympian Origins and the Corinth Canal Post-Cruise Option
  - Double at $1195 per person.
  - Single at $1795 per person.
  - I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

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I/We want you to book my/our air, at additional cost to be advised, from:

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Signature as it appears on credit card

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All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by June 29, 2018.

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT: By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any medical, physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants and accepts the terms contained in this Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement.

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Delos’ UNESCO World Heritage site ruins feature the famed Terrace of the Lions, masterfully crafted in 600 B.C.