Ancient Empires: Rome to Malta
on Le Bougainville
May 24-June 1, 2020
with Daniel Donoghue, John P. Marquand Professor of English
The ancient coasts on this itinerary are considered by many to be the most alluring shorelines in the world, where centuries-old ruins beckon you into the ancient past and sparkling turquoise waters enshrine pastel-hued towns and villages. Each destination in Italy, Sicily, and Malta reveals an intriguing history and distinct character—luring explorers, artists, architects, and powerful rulers for generations. A seemingly endless roll call of empires is etched into every incomparable landscape and extraordinary architectural triumph. It is a rare opportunity to see and experience the diverse cultural legacies of the Italians, Greeks, Goths, Moors, Normans, Castilians, Turks, Jesuits, Spanish, and French come to life amongst timelessly beautiful scenery. Fall under the enchantment of these history-laden lands—from Pompeii to Capri to Syracuse—as they captivate you with their unforgettable stories.

The famed Amalfi Coast corniche road winds along the cliffs and hillsides, weaving through quaint villages and picturesque landscapes.

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A LITTLE MORE TO IT
Many of the cities and towns being visited were founded centuries ago, and the terrain is rugged. Therefore, a fair amount of walking along narrow cobblestone streets, stone floors or uneven and/or slippery terrain and climbing several flights of stairs (some without railings) is to be expected. Walking excursions often cover distances of at least one mile/1.6 km and are approximately three hours in length. Please be advised that the ship may either dock in port or tender ashore.

Study Leaders
Daniel Donoghue, the John P. Marquand Professor of English, joined Harvard’s faculty in 1986 after receiving a Ph.D. in Medieval Studies from Yale University. He recently was awarded a distinguished teaching prize by Harvard’s chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, and an “Excellence in Teaching Award” by the Harvard Extension school. Most of his published work concerns medieval literature, such as his student’s edition of Seamus Heaney’s translation of Beowulf (Norton Critical Editions 2002) and Old English Literature: A Short Introduction (Blackwell 2004). His intellectual and teaching interests include the literature of Iceland and Ireland, and extend to many cultural topics from the Middle Ages and beyond. For example, his 2003 book Lady Godiva: A Literary History of the Legend traces the genesis and reception of the famous story that has become attached to Godiva’s name. He has recently been named editor of a Harvard University Press series that will publish facing-page translations of many medieval classics.

Daniel enjoys travelling with his wife Ann Cawley Donoghue and (when schedules allow it) with their children Nathaniel (Harvard 2010), Kevin (Harvard 2011), and Hannah (Harvard 2014). He occasionally swings a tennis racket and enjoys outdoor activities like bicycling and backpacking.

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Schedule by Day
(B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner)

SUNDAY, MAY 24
U.S.
Depart the U.S.

MONDAY, MAY 25
Rome, Italy / Civitavecchia
Arrive in the former seat of the Roman Empire, UNESCO World Heritage-designated Rome, today the historic heart of Italy. Ancient Rome amazes modern visitors from the Colosseum and the Vatican to the Spanish Steps and the Catacombs. Embark the five-star Le Bougainville in Civitavecchia. (d)

TUESDAY, MAY 26
Sorrento for Pompeii
Quaint Sorrento is an outpost of the ancient Roman Republic and the scenic gateway to Mt. Vesuvius and Pompeii. This seaside town of rose-flushed buildings was built into cliffs high above the Tyrrhenian Sea and is abundant with fragrant lemon and orange groves.

Continue to Pompeii, which was engulfed by the tephra of Mt. Vesuvius in A.D. 79, rendering the city frozen in time. Excavated 17 centuries after petrification, the UNESCO World Heritage-designated ruins reveal Roman daily rituals during Emperor Titus’s reign. On the walking tour, see the Vetti family estate, amphitheater, and the Temple of Jupiter.

Enjoy the Captain’s Welcome Reception on board the ship this evening. (B,L,R,D)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27
Sorrento for Amalfi Coast / Isle of Capri
Admire the natural splendor of the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Amalfi Coast and the allure of the Mediterranean seaside with secluded villages, opulent villas, and sun-drenched beaches.

Explore winding, cliffside streets on your own in the coastal village of Positano. Enjoy a walking tour of Capri, the island where, legend has it, Homer’s Odysseus resisted the alluring call of the sirens. Visit the Augustus Gardens, a series of flower-filled terraces that afford breathtaking panoramas of the Faraglioni rock formations rising from Mt. Solaro, the highest point on the island. (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, MAY 28
Naxos for Taormina, Sicily
From on deck this morning, view the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Aeolian Island of Stromboli, a volcano mildly active for over two millennia.

Admire the symmetrical cone and primordial beauty of Stromboli, a picture-perfect volcano and a UNESCO World Heritage site.

From Taormina, enjoy panoramas of the Calabria coastline and Mt. Etna, Europe’s highest volcano and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Tour the remarkably preserved third-century B.C. Greco-Roman theater, still in use today.

FRIDAY, MAY 29
Syracuse
Syracuse reached its zenith of influence as an intellectual milieu under Dionysius the Elder 350 years after Greek colonists first settled here in 734 B.C. Today, this UNESCO World Heritage site is an open-air museum of well-preserved classical monuments. Visit the Greek Theater, where Aeschylus spoke to ancient
What is Included:

- Expert insights from Harvard study leader Daniel Donoghue
- Seven-night cruise aboard Le Bougainvillle
- Elegantly appointed, five-star suite or stateroom
- Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise
- Complimentary Wi-Fi access (conditions permitting)
- All activities, excursions, entrance fees, and meals per detailed itinerary
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- Complimentary bottled water in your suite or stateroom and during excursions
- Services of a tour manager throughout the program
- Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s)
- $200,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance

Siracusans, still in use today; the Roman Amphitheater, where gladiators competed for the crowds; the Altar of Hieron II; the limestone Ear of Dionysius cave; and the Archaeological Museum. Stroll the small island of Ortygia, where the most ancient Doric temple in Sicily, the sixth-century B.C. Temple of Apollo, stands in the remains of Piazza Pancali. The city’s Baroque cathedral incorporates the ruins of a fifth-century B.C. temple dedicated to the goddess Athena. The landmark Piazza Archimede showcases the Baroque-style Fountain of Diana, adorned with horses, tritons, and sea nymphs. (b,l,d)

SATURDAY, MAY 30
Porto Empedocle for Agrigento
The classical Greek world is reanimated in Agrigento’s UNESCO World Heritage-designated Valle dei Templi (Valley of the Temples).

The landscape features eight Doric shrines dating from the fifth century B.C., including the Temple of Hera and the Temple of Concordia. See the temples honoring Zeus and Heracles and the Sanctuary of the Chthonic Deities. Visit the Agrigento Archaeological Museum, which preserves Sicily’s finest collection of Greek, Etruscan, Phoenician, Carthaginian, and Roman artifacts. (b,l,d)

SUNDAY, MAY 31
Valletta, Malta
Cruise to the capital city of Valletta. Founded in 1566 by the Knights of St. John, this UNESCO World Heritage site is one of the world’s earliest planned cities. Malta has held a strong connection to Italy and Sicily since A.D. 60, when a shipwrecked St. Paul brought Christianity to the tiny archipelago. This 2018 European Capital of Culture showcases high Baroque, neoclassical, and modern architecture.

See Agrigento’s Temple of Concordia, built between 440 and 430 B.C., which maintains the proportions and harmony found in Classic Doric style.

See St. John’s Co-Cathedral, exemplifying Baroque architecture with two large bell towers looming over the cathedral. Tour the 16th-century Barrakka Gardens, and enjoy vistas of Valletta’s Grand Harbor. Visit the underground Lascaris War Rooms, Britain’s top-secret command in Malta during WWII. Tour the interiors of the Grandmaster’s Palace, the former residence of the Order of the Knights of St. John. A member of the de Piro family of Maltese nobility leads your private tour through the Casa Rocca Piccola, the family’s ancestral home. Attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception on board the ship this evening. (b,l,r,d)

MONDAY, JUNE 1
Valletta/U.S.
Disembark and continue on the Timeless Malta Post-Cruise Option or transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (b)
Eternal Rome
PRE-CRUISE OPTION
$1,695 per person, double occupancy
$2,695 per person, single occupancy
Capital of the ancient Roman Empire and a UNESCO World Heritage site, the “Eternal City” of Rome showcases centuries as a nucleus of culture, religion and political power through its ancient landmarks. Visit the Colosseum, the historic Roman Forum and the fifth-century Church of St. Peter in Chains, which houses Michelangelo’s famed sculpture of Moses. Enjoy a tour of incredible St. Peter’s Basilica and walk through the opulent Vatican Museums, featuring Michelangelo’s awe-inspiring ceiling frescoes. Accommodations are for three nights in the deluxe Westin Excelsior Rome, ideally located within walking distance of the grand Via Veneto, one of the most elegant streets in all of Rome.

Timeless Malta
POST-CRUISE OPTION
$845 per person, double occupancy
$1,145 per person, single occupancy
The island of Malta is referred to as “one of the most concentrated historic areas in the world.” Walk the medieval streets of the beautifully preserved walled town of Mdina, and visit the Mosta Church. Experience Malta’s Blue Grotto (weather permitting), a sea cave illuminated by the brilliant blue reflection of glistening sunlight. Tour the opulent interiors and magnificent gardens of the family-owned, 18th-century Palazzo Parisio, known as a “miniature Versailles.” Discover the lavishly ornamented interior of St. John’s Co-Cathedral and see Caravaggio’s only signed work, the dramatic Beheading of John the Baptist. Accommodations are for two nights in a local hotel.

Family Adventures
Greece Family Odyssey: The Peloponnese on Running on Waves
JUN 18–27, 2020
James Simpson
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JUN 27–JUL 8, 2020
Ted Gilman

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SEP 12–19, 2020

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OCT 3–11, 2020
Allen Callahan

Island Life: Greek Islands on Le Bougainville
OCT 8–16, 2020
James Salzman

Danube River: Vienna to The Black Sea on AmaDeus Silver II
OCT 4–16, 2020
Thomas Forrest Kelly

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Journey in Greece for Students & Alumni
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Keith Stone
Moroccan Discovery
MAY 8–20, 2020
Kay Shelemay
Village Life in Dordogne
MAY 14–22, 2020
Susan Rubin Suleiman

River & Lakes
 Expedition to Antarctica on Le Boréal
JAN 15–28, 2020
James Salzman
Scottish Isles & Norway’s Fjords on Le Champlain
MAY 30–JUN 7, 2020
Elizabeth Cohen & Herrick Chapman

Southern Africa Adventure on Zambezi Queen
MAR 12–28, 2020
Leanne Alonso & Alfonso Alonso

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APR 27–MAY 6, 2020
John Stewart
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Respect for the Environment: A new addition to the Ponant “Clean Ship” fleet, an important distinction among ocean-cruising vessels, is \textit{Le Bougainville}, energy efficient and eco-friendly, protecting fragile marine ecosystems.

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.

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

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### Deluxe Suite

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

### Prestige Suite*

- Two-room suite, expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa
- Deck 5 (limited availability)

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