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Island Life: Greek Islands

October 3 - 11, 2023

with **Diana Sorensen**

James F. Rothenberg Professor of Romance Languages
and Literatures, Professor of Comparative Literature



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Be inspired by spectacular coastal views from the Lindos Acropolis, built 380 feet above the town.

Join us for this unparalleled and comprehensive nine-day Aegean odyssey to the very cradle of Western civilization and the classical world. Cruise round trip Athens, Greece, aboard the exclusively chartered, newest Five-Star small ship LE BOUGAINVILLE. Call on the islands of Delos, Mykonos, Pátmos, Rhodes and Santorini, and the Peloponnese Peninsula. Visit the extraordinary wonder of Meteora, where 14th- and 15th-century monasteries stand high atop soaring natural sandstone pinnacles, and walk through legendary sites of antiquity—including the ancient citadel of Mycenae and historic Epidaurus. Enjoy guided tours in these storied destinations, free time to encounter their mysteries and delights at your own pace during the best time of the year, and opportunities to visit nine magnificent UNESCO World Heritage sites. Meet and engage with local residents during the specially arranged ISLAND LIFE® Forum for a personal perspective on the true character of the Aegean Sea's maritime culture.

The safety and well-being of our travelers remains our highest priority. Cruise lines and some other providers of services (as well as, potentially, some countries) require all passengers traveling on our programs to present confirmation of a full COVID-19 vaccination, and, as well, passengers may have to produce evidence of a recent negative COVID test. All our staff are committed to adhering to all health and safety protocols from the start of your trip to the end as directed by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, overseas health officials as well as those protocols mandated by your cruise company (if applicable) and other suppliers of services. Detailed protocol information tailored to your travel program will be mailed to you along with additional pre-departure information.

Activity Level 3:

Busy pacing may include multiple hotel changes plus internal flights or long drives. May involve exposure to the outdoors, full days of touring, and walking up to two hours.

Study Leaders



Diana Sorensen is James F. Rothenberg Professor of Romance Languages & Literatures, and Professor of Comparative Literature.

Before joining the Harvard faculty in 2001, she worked at Columbia and Wesleyan Universities. She is a specialist in 19th- and 20th-centuries Latin American Literature, with additional expertise in cultural theory and gender theory.



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Schedule by Day

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3 AND
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

Depart Home City/ Athens, Greece

Depart and arrive the next day in Athens, Greece, and embark the five-star LE BOUGAINVILLE. (D)

the most important complexes of Greek Orthodox monasteries, Meteora's monasteries are built on natural sandstone massifs and date to the 14th and 15th centuries.

Attend the Captain's Welcome Reception and Dinner this evening. (B,L,R,D)

Walk along the Sacred Way to the Sanctuary of Apollo, a spectacularly rich archaeological site with remains of three separate temples from the fifth and sixth centuries B.C. See the legendary Terrace of the Lions, dedicated to the god Apollo,



The original Terrace of Lions are in the Delos Archaeological Museum.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

Volos/Meteora

Arrive in Volos and enjoy an excursion to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Meteora. One of

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

Delos/Mykonos

This morning, visit the UNESCO World Heritage site of Delos—the legendary birthplace of Artemis and Apollo.

where hand-carved marble statues guarded the island for nearly 2,600 years. After lunch on board the ship, explore the island of Mykonos, where according to ancient legend,



Enjoy views of the sandy beaches, sugar-cubed houses, and more from the Acropolis of Lindos.

craggy hills and clefts were formed from the petrified bodies of giants defeated by Hercules. (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7
Kusadasi, Turkey for Ephesus

Arrive in Kusadasi and drive to Ephesus,

Ephesus Museum, which contains findings from this ancient city. (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8
Pátmos, Greece

On the island of Pátmos, tour the Greek Orthodox Monastery of St. John, a UNESCO World Heritage site. See the

the islands during the ISLAND LIFE® forum. (B,L,D)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

Rhodes/Lindos

Dock in Rhodes at the wall of Rhodes Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and visit the 14th-century Palace of the Grand Masters. Enjoy an



Walk through the Celsus Library in Ephesus, Turkey.

a vast archaeological site of Greek, Roman and Byzantine ruins including the restored and reconstructed Celsus Library and the Grand Theater. Visit the Terrace Houses and the

Cave of the Apocalypse, where St. John the Apostle most likely wrote the Book of Revelation in A.D. 95.

This afternoon, meet and engage with local residents who will discuss daily life on

optional excursion this afternoon to the ancient village of Lindos. See the Church of Panagia and its clifftop acropolis or indulge in an afternoon at leisure in Rhodes. Enjoy a performance of traditional



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Step 2: Click the Blue “Register Today” button and fill out the online form.

Step 3: Look for an **email confirmation** from Harvard Alumni Travels.

All bookings are conducted online only.

Find complete trip-specific terms and conditions on the trip web page (link above).

Greek music and dance this evening aboard the ship. (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

Santorini

Be on deck as the ship cruises into the port of Santorini, beneath which some believe to be the legendary lost city of Atlantis. Tour the Minoan ruins of Akrotiri,

held intact by layers of pumice and ash for over 3,500 years. Visit the Museum of Prehistoric Thera, which houses finds excavated from Akrotiri.

Continue to the town of Fira, then take a cable car to the pier and reboard the ship for lunch. Enjoy time at leisure in Santorini. (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

Athens/ Disembark Ship/ Home City

Disembark and continue on the Thebes and Delphi Post-Program Option or transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

Santorini, where stunning white-walled houses stand in stark contrast against the dark volcanic cliffs.



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ATHENS AND CAPE SOUNION PRE-PROGRAM OPTION

Begin your journey with an immersive experience in the ancient city of Athens. Explore the monumental Acropolis—a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the perfectly proportioned Parthenon, a graceful example of Doric architecture. Tour the archaeological treasures of the Acropolis Museum and enjoy the colorful neighborhood of Plaka, the oldest section of Athens. Discover the idyllic coves and sparkling Aegean waters of Cape Sounion and follow the ancient route of Pericles to the Temple of Poseidon—where 15 of the original 34 Doric columns are remarkably still standing. Accommodations are for two nights in the luxurious HOTEL GRANDE BRETAGNE.

Double Pricing: \$995

Single Pricing: \$1,345

THEBES AND DELPHI POST-PROGRAM OPTION

Extend your journey with a two-night itinerary exploring Delphi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and Thiva, or Thebes—featuring a visit to the Archaeological Museum of Thebes, where exhibits span from the Neolithic era to the end of the Ottoman rule. Tour Delphi, visiting the Delphi Archeological Museum, and walk on the Sacred Way to see the Treasury of Athens, the Temple of Apollo, the theater, and the impressive stadium. Spend one night in the DOMOTEL ANEMOLIA HOTEL and one night in the SOFITEL ATHENS AIRPORT HOTEL.

Double Pricing: \$745

Single Pricing: \$945



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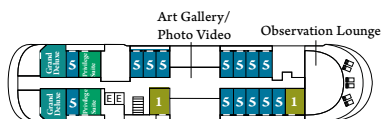
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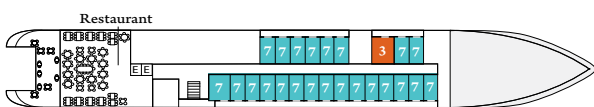
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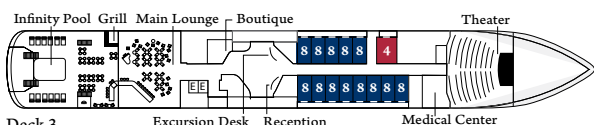
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Deck 4



Deck 3

Luxury Small Ship, Innovative Design: LE BOUGAINVILLE ushers in a new generation of five-star small ships, combining revolutionary design and a new standard of luxury for unparalleled cruising. Dock in smaller ports inaccessible to larger ships and where authentic cultural experiences and majestic scenery await you.

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 or infinity-style swimming pool. The ship has a beauty salon, fitness room, and three elevators. Complimentary Wi-Fi access is available (conditions permitting).

Elegant Suites and Staterooms, 100% with Private Balconies: Each of the 92 staterooms and suites (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, private bathrooms with a shower, and luxury hotel-style amenities.

Respect for the Environment: A new addition to the Ponant “Clean Ship” fleet, an important certification among ocean-cruising vessels, LE BOUGAINVILLE is 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 breakfast, 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.

Rates Per Person

BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
CATEGORY/DECK

CATEGORY 8 \$5,550

Deluxe stateroom with a picture window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. *Deck 3, midship.* (limited availability)

CATEGORY 7 \$6,250

Prestige stateroom with sliding glass door, **private balcony.** *Deck 4, midship.*

CATEGORY 6 \$6,950

Prestige stateroom with sliding glass door, **private balcony.** *Deck 5, midship and aft.*

CATEGORY 5 \$7,550

Prestige stateroom with sliding glass door, **private balcony.** *Deck 6, midship and aft.*

CATEGORY 4 \$8,550

Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, **private balcony.** *Deck 3, midship.* (limited availability)

CATEGORY 3 \$9,250

Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, **private balcony.** *Deck 4, midship.* (limited availability)

CATEGORY 2 \$9,950

Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, **private balcony.** *Deck 5, midship*

CATEGORY 1 \$10,550

Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, **private balcony.** *Deck 6, midship*

PRESTIGE SUITE II \$11,550

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

PRESTIGE SUITE I \$12,250

Two-room suite, expansive sliding glass door, **larger private balcony**, two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. *Deck 6, midship.* (limited availability)

PRIVILEGE SUITE \$13,050

Large suite with expansive sliding glass door, **larger private balcony**, sitting area with sofa. *Decks 5 and 6, aft.* (limited availability)

GRAND DELUXE SUITE \$13,950

Extra-large, one-bedroom suite and separate sitting room with sofa, expansive sliding glass door, **spacious private terrace**, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath. *Deck 6, aft.* (limited availability)

OWNER'S SUITE \$14,550

Extra-large, one-bedroom suite and separate sitting room with sofa, expansive sliding glass door, **spacious private terrace** with outdoor Jacuzzi, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath. *Deck 6, aft.* (limited availability)

Taxes and gratuities to ship personnel are included.