

# 2023

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### Antiquities of the Red Sea and Aegean Sea

April 14 - 27, 2023

with **Michael McCormick**

Francis Goelet Professor of Medieval History



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Admire the beauty of the Minoan Palace at Knossos where, in Greek mythology, the Minotaur was defeated by Theseus.

**Join this carefully curated 14-day journey to** visit three countries; navigate the legendary waterways of the Red Sea, Mediterranean Sea, and Aegean Sea; transit the seminal Suez Canal; and see up to five magnificent UNESCO World Heritage sites. Cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, five-star LE BOUGAINVILLE, which features just 92 elegant suites and staterooms, each with a private balcony. Enjoy excursions to the Nile Valley city of ancient Thebes, including the Karnak Temple Complex, Luxor Temple, and specially arranged access to Queen Nefertari's tomb in the Valley of the Queens. During a visit to Cairo, stand in the shadows of the three iconic pyramids of Giza and look upon the inscrutable Great Sphinx. Marvel at one of the greatest sites of antiquity, the Minoan Palace at Knossos in Crete.

*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:

Due to the prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), participants should anticipate rules and restrictions to be enforced at airports, on flights, and at country entry points, as well as protocols in place during the program to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Updates will be provided closer to departure. All participants must be in overall good health to participate in a HAA trip. All programs require physical independence and mobility: participants must be able to embark or disembark all conveyances used on the program alone or with minimal assistance from a traveling companion and must be able to climb stairs and step over raised thresholds without assistance. Participants requiring assistance must travel with a companion who will be responsible for handling any required equipment. Any physical or mental health condition that may require special medical attention or physical assistance must be disclosed in writing prior to booking so that HAA and the tour operator may evaluate whether participation is feasible. All participants should consult with their doctor about whether they can meet the physical requirements of their trip and must complete and return any medical forms required by the tour operator.

## Study Leaders



**Michael McCormick.** Born on the banks of the Erie Canal, McCormick received his PhD from the Université Catholique de Louvain in Belgium

and served in academic appointments at Johns Hopkins University and Dumbarton Oaks before coming to Harvard in 1991. He is presently the Francis Goelet Professor of Medieval History and chairs the new University-wide Initiative for the Science of the Human Past at Harvard (SoHP), an interdisciplinary research networks that brings together geneticists, archaeological scientists, climatologists, environmental, computer and information scientists, humanists, and social to explore great questions of human history from our origins in Africa to our migrations across the globe. Author of numerous monographs and articles and recipient of several fellowships, McCormick has also chaired the FAS Standing Committees on Archaeology and on Medieval Studies. Harvard College undergraduates and alumni prize his dedication to lively teaching inspired by pioneering research.

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## Schedule by Day

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

### Depart Home City

Depart home city for Amman, Jordan.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15  
AND SUNDAY, APRIL 16

### Amman, Jordan

Arrive in Amman and check in to the five-star FAIRMONT HOTEL AMMAN. Enjoy a tour of Amman, starting with the blue-domed King Abdullah Mosque. See the ruins of Hercules temple at the Amman Citadel. Explore the Roman Amphitheater and then continue to the Jordan Museum. (B,R)

MONDAY, APRIL 17

### Amman/Jerash

Enjoy a scenic journey to Jerash, Jordan's most captivating Greco-Roman site. See baths, plazas, fountains, theaters, and arches—incredibly still as they were 2,000 years ago. Marvel at

the three-gated Hadrian's Arch, walk the Sacred Way to the Temple of Artemis, and take in the sublime architecture of the Forum. Before heading back to Amman, enjoy lunch at Lebanese Um Khalil Restaurant in Jerash. (B,L)

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

### Amman/Petra

Petra, the ancient "rose-red city" is a UNESCO World

dwelling, and tombs carved directly into the sandstone cliff face—still holds a mythical appeal. Check into the five-star MOVENPICK HOTEL. (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

### Petra/Wadi Rum/ Embark Ship/Aqaba

Check out of the hotel and traverse the wilderness of UNESCO World Heritage-designated



Look for Bedouins traversing Wadi Rum, a dramatic labyrinth of towering granite and sandstone formations.

Heritage site and one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. Its majestic ensemble of temples,

Wadi Rum, known as the "Valley of the Moon." Enjoy a Jeep ride through this ethereal landscape



Beautifully preserved Qaitbey Fort was built to defend Alexandria from the Ottoman Empire.

of canyons, sand dunes, soaring mountains, and rocky caverns. After lunch, travel to Aqaba to embark LE BOUGAINVILLE and enjoy the Captain's Welcome Reception. (B,L,R,D)

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

## Safaga for Luxor, Egypt

Travel into the mountains and across the arid desert to Luxor to see the great temples of ancient Thebes. Arrive in Luxor and check into a Nile-view room for an overnight at the STEIGENBERGER HOTEL. Explore ancient Thebes with a visit to the magnificent Karnak Temple complex. Walk along the avenue of the ram-headed sphinxes into the Great Court and then continue to the Luxor Temple. (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

## Luxor/Hurghada

Cross the Nile to visit one of the world's most

important archaeological sites, the Necropolis at Luxor in the Valley of the Kings. Explore the tomb of Tutankhamen and enjoy



Transit the Suez Canal

an exclusively arranged visit to Queen Nefertari's tomb in the Valley of the Queens. (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

## Ain Sokhna for Giza Plateau

See the remaining Wonder of the Ancient World, the Great Sphinx, and the pyramids of the pharaohs. Visit the

Grand Egyptian Museum (officially opening November 2022), where you'll see the King Tut's wondrous treasures, and the well-preserved 4,600-year-old Sun Boat of King Khufu. (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

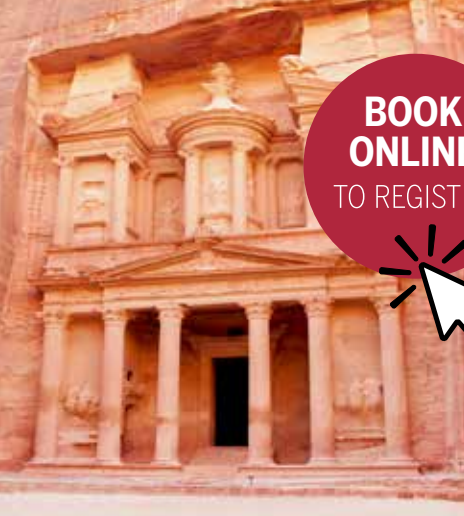
## Transit the Suez Canal

Experience one of the most momentous voyages between continents transiting the 120-mile Suez Canal—Egypt's Victorian-era engineering marvel. Enjoy a lecture on board the ship with renowned Egyptologist Dr. Tarek Sayed Tawfik Ahmed. (B,L,D)

MONDAY, APRIL 24

## Alexandria

Discover Egypt's most enchanting city—founded by Alexander the Great in the fourth century B.C. Visit the Alexandria Library, the Roman Amphitheater, Catacombs, and tour Qaitbey Fort. (B,L,D)



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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).

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

## **Cruising the Mediterranean Sea**

Enjoy the five-star accommodations and stunning views as you spend a day cruising the Mediterranean Sea. (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

## **Heraklion, Crete**

Travel to a legendary site of antiquity, the Minoan

Palace at Knossos where, in Greek myth, Theseus defeated the Minotaur in the Labyrinth built by Daedalus. Dating from the 17th century B.C., the palace is a maze of chambers, staircases, and courtyards. Continue to Heraklion to visit the Archaeological Museum which exhibits a wealth of exquisite artifacts from the Knossos palace. This evening, attend the

Captain’s Farewell Reception. (B,L,R,D)

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

## **Athens, Greece/ Disembark Ship/ Home City**

Disembark the ship to continue on to the Ancient Greece Post-Program option or transfer to the airport for your flights home. (B)

*The Luxor Temple was built by Amenhotep III and Ramses II to serve as the ritual center of the most important festival in Thebes*



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## ISRAEL: THE HOLY LAND PRE-PROGRAM OPTION

Expand your exploration of the great civilizations to include captivating biblical, historical, and cultural sites in and around Jerusalem. Tour UNESCO World Heritage-designated Masada, see where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, visit Bethlehem, and enjoy an unforgettable float in the Dead Sea. In historic Jerusalem, a holy city for three of the world's major religions, walk in the footsteps of Jesus, see evocative religious sites, and visit the poignant Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum. Enjoy four nights in the deluxe WALDORF ASTORIA JERUSALEM.

Double Pricing: \$2,295     Single Pricing: \$3,595

## ANCIENT GREECE POST-PROGRAM OPTION

Enhance your Athens experience with an immersion into this ancient city. Enjoy a full-day excursion to the mystical UNESCO World Heritage site of Delphi and its Archaeological Museum. Explore Plaka, Athens' oldest neighborhood, at leisure. At the UNESCO World Heritage site, Acropolis, see the archaeological treasures in the Acropolis Museum and tour the perfectly proportioned Parthenon, a graceful example of Doric architecture. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe GRAND BRETAGNE ATHENS HOTEL.

Double Pricing: \$995     Single Pricing: \$1,395



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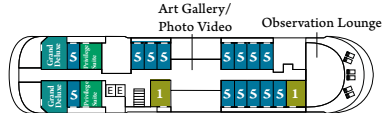
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# LE BOUGAINVILLE



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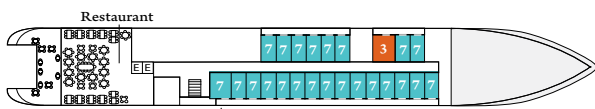


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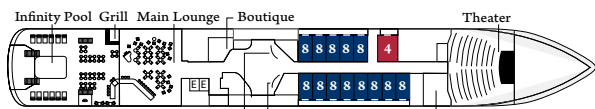
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- Modified accessible suites: Feature a queen-size bed (no twin option)
- Prestige Suites, Decks 5 and 6 capacities to be advised



Deck 5\*



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 \$8,630**  
Deluxe stateroom with a picture window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. *Deck 3, midship.* (limited availability)

**CATEGORY 7 \$9,330**  
Prestige stateroom with sliding glass door, **private balcony.** *Deck 4, midship.*

**CATEGORY 6 \$10,130**  
Prestige stateroom with sliding glass door, **private balcony.** *Deck 5, midship and aft.*

**CATEGORY 5 \$10,930**  
Prestige stateroom with sliding glass door, **private balcony.** *Deck 6, midship and aft.*

**CATEGORY 4 \$11,930**  
Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, **private balcony.** *Deck 3, midship.* (limited availability)

**CATEGORY 3 \$12,630**  
Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, **private balcony.** *Deck 4, midship.* (limited availability)

**CATEGORY 2 \$13,530**  
Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, **private balcony.** *Deck 5, midship*

**CATEGORY 1 \$14,430**  
Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, **private balcony.** *Deck 6, midship*

**PRESTIGE SUITE II \$15,430**  
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 \$16,230**  
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 \$17,130**  
Large suite with expansive sliding glass door, **larger private balcony,** sitting area with sofa. *Decks 5 and 6, aft.* (limited availability)

**GRAND DELUXE SUITE \$17,830**  
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 \$18,530**  
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.