CRUISING THE RIVIERAS & ISLANDS OF ITALY, FRANCE & SPAIN

ABOARD THE FIVE-STAR LE LYRIAL

WITH ROBERT DARNTON, CULTURAL HISTORIAN AND ACADEMIC LIBRARIAN

September 26–October 4, 2018
The splendid coastlines of the French and Italian Rivieras have served as haven and home, inspiring some of our best-loved tales and romanticized histories. Join us on this exclusive small ship voyage along their resplendent landscapes, ancient villages, and idyllic islands—favored retreats for artists, writers, nobility, and gourmands.

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Scheduled guest speakers may be altered due to circumstances beyond our control. See General Information section.

THE LURE OF SOUTHERN EUROPE’S ISLANDS AND RIVIERAS

The turquoise waters and olive coasts of the French and Italian Rivieras have long enticed the Greek, Etruscan, Phoenician, Roman, and German beau monde. The elite flocked to these seaside towns as de rigueur of the 19th-century “Grand Tour” to rejuvenate in their restorative climates. The rise of Italian nobility—particularly the Savoys, Italy’s ruling family from 1861 to 1946, and the Grimaldis, the lineage of the current Prince of Monaco—infused the popularity of these now flourishing coastal gems nestled between the Alps and the sea; the Côte d’Azur’s radiant light captivated Picasso, Matisse, and Chagall, distinctly influencing each artist’s use of brilliant colors; and the glamour of the region attracted eminent writers like Fitzgerald and Hemingway. Experience firsthand the astonishing allure of the Rivieras.
PORTOFINO, ITALY

**SCHEDULE BY DAY**
(B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner)

**WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 AND 27**

**U.S./ROME, ITALY/ CIVITAVECCHIA**
Depart the U.S. and arrive on Thursday in Rome, Italy. This UNESCO World Heritage site was once the epicenter of a vast empire; from the Colosseum and the Vatican to the Spanish Steps and the Catacombs, the remains of ancient Rome continue to astonish visitors. Transfer to Civitavecchia and embark *Le Lyrial*. (D)

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

**BONIFACIO, CORSICA, FRANCE**
Southern Corsica’s ancient Bonifacio, perched atop limestone cliffs, is often cited as one setting in Homer’s *Odyssey*. Its French character bears a strong Italian imprint, manifested in the islanders’ French-Italian dialect. Transfer by small train to the medieval citadel and Old Town. Stroll the Rue des Deux-Empeurs, where Charles V and Napoleon once lodged, and see the Gothic Church of St-Dominique and distinct Grain de Sable limestone formation. (B,L,R,D)

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

**LIVORNO, ITALY/ FLORENCE OR PISA/LUCCA**
En route to Florence, birthplace of the Renaissance, enjoy Tuscany’s tree-lined landscape and vineyards. This UNESCO World Heritage site is a treasure trove of unparalleled art, architecture, and literature. Admire Michelangelo’s *David*, Brunelleschi’s dome on the Duomo, and Ghiberti’s bronze-cast “Doors of Paradise,” created for the Baptistry of San Giovanni, depicting scenes from the Old Testament.

Alternatively, a scenic drive takes you to the Tuscan medieval university city of Pisa and town of Lucca. Pisa’s famous Piazza dei Miracoli, a UNESCO World Heritage site, showcases the leaning tower where Galileo is said to have conducted some of his first gravity experiments; the 11th-century Duomo; and the largest baptistery in Italy, which originated the unique Pisan Romanesque style. Lucca’s intact Renaissance city walls are now a pedestrian promenade, and its Cattedrale di San Martino is a symbol of the city. (B,D)

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

**PORTO VENERE FOR CINQUE TERRE/ PORTOFINO**
From Porto Venere’s small harbor, board a private boat to cruise to two villages of picturesque Cinque Terre. This UNESCO World Heritage site is a series of colorful fishing villages that cling to remote cliffs overlooking the Ligurian Sea—discover the nuances of Riomaggiore and Vernazza, linked by footpaths with views of the coves and vineyards renowned for producing the dessert wine Sciacchetrà. Portofino is the perfect village for an evening on the Italian Riviera. You may choose to visit San Giorgio Church, stroll the pedestrian-only lanes, or sip a cappuccino on a café terrace. (B,L,D)

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 1**

**NICE, FRANCE/ MONTE CARLO, MONACO**
One of the oldest human settlements in the world, Nice remains rich in its traditions and culture. This capital of the Côte d’Azur is bursting with colors that inspired Chagall and Matisse. Enjoy a walking tour of the Old Town, panoramic views from the hill of Cimiez, and a visit to the Musée National Marc Chagall.

The principality of Monaco’s historic district, Monte Carlo is an intoxicating mixture of princely sights and intrigue and is famous for its Grand Casino. Admire the architecture and the Rock of Monaco and visit St. Nicholas Cathedral, where Princess Grace is interred. (B,L,D)

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2**

**MARSEILLE/ AIX-EN-PROVENCE**
The romantic medieval city of Aix-en-Provence captures the élan of France’s sun-drenched Provence. Visit the Cathedral St. Sauveur, a French national monument, where Romanesque, Gothic and neo-Gothic architectural styles ranging from the fifth to 17th centuries stand adjacent on the site of the first-century Roman Forum of Aix.

Stroll through the Mazarin district and Old Aix and the famous Cours Mirabeau, a grand boulevard lined with canopying plane trees and elegant townhouses.

**PISA, ITALY**
The medieval core of Carcassonne, La Cité is a UNESCO World Heritage site characterized by cobblestone streets and the Basilica of Saints Nazarius and Celsus. Explore the medieval Château Comtal and its noteworthy archaeological museum, and the Musée des Beaux Arts’ captivating collection of fine art. Travel to the nearby Corbières Mountains to tour the Cistercian Abbaye de Fontfroide. (B,R,D)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4
BARCELONA, SPAIN
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