CRUISE TO THE CLASSICAL REMAINS OF SOUTHERN ITALY, SICILY & MALTA

With Cornell Professor MICHAEL FONTAINE

Aboard the Deluxe Le Champlain

September 18–27, 2018
Dear CAUers,

What is the spirit of adventure? Where does it come from? An innate desire to explore? A need to know what is out there and where we come from? Does the exploration of our physical world speak to that of our inner world? How better to contemplate both than through an exquisite cruise through the ancient worlds of the Greco-Roman Empire. In the spirit of adventure, Cornell Adult University invites you on a voyage from Rome to Malta that encounters layers upon layers of civilization.

We begin with calls in two of the favorite playgrounds of the aristocracy of Imperial Rome—Sperlonga and Capri—where echoes of emperors Augustus and Tiberius are everywhere to be seen. Then we move to the medieval world of Amalfi and Ravello, and above all, Palermo, where the influence of Byzantium on the Norman Kings of Sicily is on display in the churches and palaces of this vibrant city. Syracuse offers a unique combination of Greek and Roman ruins, while on the Maltese island of Gozo we step into the misty reaches of prehistory at the nearly 5,000-year-old Ggantija Temples.

Accompanying this Mediterranean journey is Michael Fontaine, Cornell Associate Professor of Classics, who will entertain and enlighten guests through his lectures on Magna Graecia, Homer’s Odyssey, the Foundation of Rome, and the Greek Classics in South Italy and Sicily. Another exciting aspect of this autumn cruise is our vessel: Le Champlain is the newest member in PONANT’s fleet of small ships, and 2018 is her inaugural season. Our guests will be among the privileged few to first experience Le Champlain’s state-of-the-art amenities, including 88 elegantly-designed cabins, each with a private balcony; four spacious suites featuring bay windows and private terraces; a movable marina platform that enables passengers to swim and engage in other water-based activities directly from the ship; a counter-current infinity pool; and the “Blue Eye”—the world’s first multi-sensory underwater lounge.

From the perfect comfort of Le Champlain, set sail from north to south on a route that bisects the Mediterranean Sea from east to west, and discovers the treasures of southern Italy, Sicily, and Malta.

Sincerely,

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Catherine Sutton Penner
Director
Cornell’s Adult University

Front cover: Amalfi Coast, Italy
Back cover: Gaeta, Italy
MICHAEL FONTAINE is an associate professor in Cornell’s Department of Classics. His scholarly specialization is Latin and Greek philology and the literature of the late Roman Republic. He regularly offers lively courses on Greek mythology and literature, including CAU seminars on Homer’s Odyssey and Greek tragedy and (in summer 2017) a new seminar, “The Death of the Roman Republic: from Democracy to Authoritarianism.”

Michael earned an undergraduate degree in classics from Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi, and a PhD in classics from Brown University. He is also an alumnus of the American School of Classical Studies in Athens and serves on the advisory board of the Paideia Institute. He frequently returns to Italy as the Paideia Professor in Rome, teaching exceptional college students to converse in Latin amid the monuments and ruins of the eternal city.

Michael has published a book on jokes, wordplay, and textual criticism in the comedies of Plautus, *Funny Words in Plautine Comedy* (Oxford University Press, 2010), and is a coeditor of *The Oxford Handbook of Greek and Roman Comedy* (Oxford University Press, 2012). He lives in Ithaca with his wife, Alyssa, and two children.
Tuesday, September 18, 2018

FLY FROM THE USA

Wednesday, September 19

ROME, ITALY
Arrive in Venice and transfer to our hotel. This evening join fellow Cornell travelers for a reception and introduction. (R)

Thursday, September 20

ROME | CIVITAVECCHIA | EMBARK
Sightseeing in Rome includes the Borghese Gallery, the Pantheon and Piazza Navona, lunch, and then transfer to the pier to embark Le Champlain. (B,L,D)

Friday, September 21

GAETA | SPERLONGA | GAETA
Arrive in Gaeta, on Italy’s Campania coast, built on a promontory facing a spacious bay and topped by an imposing castle. Take an excursion to Sperlonga, a town of narrow streets and whitewashed houses, including the remains of the Villa of Tiberius and the National Archaeological Museum of Sperlonga, housing items excavated at the villa. (B,L,D)

Saturday, September 22

CAPRI
Capri has been known since antiquity as a mecca for self-indulgent pursuits. Our half-day tour showcases the unspoiled charm that still exists in pockets around the island—in Axel Munthe’s Villa San Michele in Anacapri, for example, and in the Emperor Augustus’s gardens. Time at leisure in the afternoon. (B,L,D)

Sunday, September 23

AMALFI | RAVELLO | AMALFI
This morning we arrive in Amalfi, the port that gives its name to the famous coastline between Sorrento and Salerno, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Enjoy a short walking tour of this charming town, including the Cathedral of Sant’Andrea and the Cloister of Paradise, before driving to nearby Ravello. Explore the gardens of the elegant 13th-century Villa Rufolo and the richly-ornamented Duomo. (B,L,D)

Monday, September 24

PALERMO, SICILY
Our morning tour of Palermo includes a visit to the Cathedral at Monreale and to the Cappella Palatina, one of Italy’s finest works of art, featuring dazzling mosaics, carved ceilings and inlaid marble floors and walls. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, September 25

CATANIA | SYRACUSE | CATANIA
Syracuse once rivaled Athens as the most important city of the ancient world. Our morning excursion includes a visit to the Archaeological Museum, Greek Theatre, the Roman Amphitheatre and the Latomia del Paradiso. After lunch at a local restaurant, take a walking tour of Ortygia that includes the Duomo and Aretusa Fountain. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, September 26

GOZO, MALTA | VALLETTA
Steeped in myth, Gozo is thought to be the legendary Calypso’s isle of Homer’s Odyssey. This morning we visit the Ggantija Temples, one of the most important archaeological sites in the world, dating from around 3600 to 3200 B.C. After lunch aboard ship, we arrive in Valletta, where we remain docked overnight. We will explore the Palace of the Grand Masters and the Co-Cathedral of St. John, home to Caravaggio’s remarkable Beheading of St. John the Baptist. (B,L,D)

Thursday, September 27

VALLETTA | DISEMBARK | FLY TO USA (B)
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• One night in Rome at a deluxe hotel with welcome cocktail reception, breakfast, and half-day tour of Rome
• Comprehensive 7-night cruise aboard the deluxe Le Champlain
• Enrichment program of lectures and discussions by accompanying Cornell Professor
• Complete program of shore excursions as described in the itinerary
• All meals aboard ship including early riser’s coffee & pastry, breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, dinner, and special sweets from Ladurée
• French-inspired gourmet cuisine, with menu creation and chef training by Ducasse Conseil
• Open bar aboard ship including select wines served with lunch and dinner
• Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions aboard ship
• 24-hour room service
• Airport/hotel/pier transfers and handling of luggage
• Gratuities to shipboard personnel, porters, guides, and drivers
• Port taxes and charges
• Pre-departure materials

Not Included

Airfare; passport and visa fees and/or immigration reciprocity taxes (if applicable); trip cancellation and baggage insurance; medical and repatriation insurance; meals and beverages other than those specified above; personal expenses (such as telephone, Internet, laundry service, hair salon services, à la carte spa treatments, etc.)
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- **Deluxe Stateroom** $5,790
- **Prestige Stateroom, Deck 4** $6,290
- **Prestige Stateroom, Deck 5** $6,590
- **Prestige Stateroom, Deck 6** $6,790
- **Deluxe Suite** $8,890
- **Prestige Suite, Deck 5** $11,690
- **Prestige Suite, Deck 6** $12,190
- **Privilege Suite** $12,690
- **Grand Deluxe Suite** $13,790
- **Owner’s Suite** $14,390

**Single Occupancy Supplement**: Singles are available in Prestige Staterooms on Deck 4 at a rate of $8,290 per person. Subject to availability.
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S= fuel variation * x daily consumption

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REGISTERATION

Enclosed is my check for $2,000 per person as a deposit to hold place(s) on Classical Remains Southern Italy, Sicily & Malta. I understand that final payment is due on May 5, 2018.

Please make check payable to Cornell University and mail with this registration form to: Cornell’s Adult University, C20 Day Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853.

Phone: 607-255-6260; Fax: 607-255-9697

(Alternatively, you can register and pay your deposit online at www.sce.cornell.edu/cau/registration.php with your Visa, MasterCard, or AmEx account. The deposit is $2,000 per person.)

Please select cabin category in order of preference (1st, 2nd & 3rd choice):

- Deluxe Stateroom
- Prestige Stateroom - Deck 4
- Prestige Stateroom - Deck 5
- Prestige Stateroom - Deck 6
- Deluxe Suite
- Prestige Suite - Deck 5
- Prestige Suite - Deck 6
- Privilege Suite
- Grand Deluxe Suite
- Owner’s Suite

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