TREASURES OF THE IONIAN & ADRIATIC SEAS
A Voyage from Athens to Venice

With Cornell Professor MICHAEL FONTAINE

Aboard the Deluxe Le Lyrial
August 5–15, 2018
Dear CAUers,

The eastern shores of the Ionian and Adriatic Seas are among the most attractive destinations in the Mediterranean, rich in the culture and art of the ancient, medieval, and Renaissance worlds, and home to some of the most charming towns and villages to be found anywhere. Long coveted by the ancient Greeks, Roman, and Byzantine emperors, Venetian doges, and Ottoman caliphs, this sun-dappled coastline has retained its distinctive appeal, even in this era of mass tourism. On this specially crafted voyage, Le Lyrial will take Cornell Adult University guests to the idyllic islands, the small, well-preserved medieval towns lining the coast, the revered monuments, and the palm-lined promenades that have all retained their authentic character.

Entering the Ionian Sea from the Corinth Canal, we call first at the beautiful island of Ithaca, Odysseus’ home, and then from Parga, we travel to the site of the most ancient oracle in Greece at Dodoni. Moving into the Adriatic, we explore the medieval towns of the Dalmatian Coast—Kotor and Dubrovnik, both designated UNESCO World Heritage sites. Both archaeological ruins and 12th-century buildings still in use speak to us of the cultures of the past and prompt us to consider the legacy we continue to enjoy. We also spend two days enjoying the vineyards and olive groves of Mljet and Korcula and the Venetian architecture of Hvar, before ending our sojourn in Venice.

Accompanying this irresistible journey is Michael Fontaine, Cornell Professor of Classics, who will entertain and enlighten guests through his lectures on, among other topics, on Magna Graecia, Homer’s Odyssey, and the history of Venice. And we will travel aboard the elegant, 244-guest Le Lyrial. With state-of-the-art amenities, elegantly-appointed cabins, a fitness center and spa, and two onboard restaurants serving French-inspired gourmet cuisine, there is simply no more luxurious way to cruise this serene sea.

Sincerely,

Catherine Sutton Penner
Director
Cornell’s Adult University
MICHAEL FONTAINE is a 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, the Death of the Roman Republic: from Democracy to Authoritarianism, and (in Summer 2018) a new seminar—The Trial of Socrates. Also, Cornell recently named Michael Associate Vice Provost of Undergraduate Education.

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, 2014). He lives in Ithaca with his wife, Alyssa, and two children.
Sunday, August 5, 2018
FLY FROM THE USA

Monday, August 6
ATHENS, GREECE
Arrive in Athens and transfer to the luxury Hotel Grande Bretagne. Join fellow travelers this evening for a welcome reception. (R)

Tuesday, August 7
ATHENS | PIRAEUS | EMBARK
Explore the architectural marvel of the Parthenon, built in the 5th-century B.C. as a temple to the goddess Athena. Tour the Acropolis Museum, an award-winning collection of artifacts from excavations of the Acropolis, housed in a state-of-the-art building specially designed for the purpose. In the afternoon, transfer to Piraeus to embark. (B,D)

Wednesday, August 8
HYDRA | CORINTH CANAL
Our excursion focuses first on the architecture of Hydra as we tour the Lazaros Koundouriots Mansion, a superb example of an 18th-century Hydriot house, exploring its opulent interior and heirlooms. Devote time to the Ecclesiastical and Byzantine Museum located next to Hydra’s Cathedral. In the evening, transit the Corinth Canal. (B,L,D)

Thursday, August 9
ITHACA
Ithaca, the legendary home of Odysseus, is a stunning island of pristine beaches and verdant forest. Visit the bay of Dexia, believed to be Homer’s harbor of Phorkys. Admire the Cyclopean Walls, a ruined site known locally as Odysseus’s Castle, and stand atop the Plateau of Marathia, where Odysseus’s loyal servant Eumaeus kept his swine. (B,L,D)

Friday, August 10
PARGA | DODONI | PARGA
Arrive this morning in Parga, our gateway to the ancient town of Dodoni. This remarkable site features a beautifully preserved theater and a sanctuary, once home to the oldest—and most sacred—Greek oracle known to us. Alternatively, you may relax and enjoy one of the region’s famous beaches. (B,L,D)

Saturday, August 11
KOTOR, MONTENEGRO
Sail the deep, fjord-like Bay of Kotor to reach the port town of the same name, located at the head of the bay beneath towering mountains. One of the most striking and best-preserved towns along the Adriatic coast, Kotor is a designated UNESCO World Heritage site. A tour of this delightful town reveals its magnificent walls, palaces, and churches, including the 12th-century St. Tryphon Cathedral and Lapidarium. (B,L,D)

Sunday, August 12
DUBROVNIK, CROATIA
Set on a rocky peninsula jutting into the Adriatic Sea, Dubrovnik is one of Europe’s best-preserved medieval cities and a designated UNESCO World Heritage site. The city contains within its ramparts the Rector’s Palace and the baroque Cathedral, with works by Renaissance painters Titian and Andrea del Sarto. Le Lyrial remains in port until midnight, so there will be ample time at leisure. (B,L,D)

Monday, August 13
MLJET ISLAND | KORCULA ISLAND
Local legend identifies Mljet Island with Calypso and Odysseus’s seven-year dalliance. Explore Mljet National Park and visit the Islet of St. Mary with its Benedictine Monastery from the 12th century. Over lunch sail to Korcula Island where, steps away from our ship, stands the medieval city. Visit St. Mark’s Cathedral and its Treasury, the Bishop’s Palace, the Church of All Saints, the Icon Museum, and Marco Polo’s home. Continue to the village of Lumbarda to visit the Milina-Bire Winery for a tasting of local specialties and wine. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, August 14
HVAR
Discover Hvar, a fertile island surrounded by rosemary, lavender, and laurel. The architecture is unmistakably Venetian. Our exploration of the principal town includes the 17th-century Municipal Theater, the Franciscan Monastery and its small gallery, the city’s Loggia, and St. Stephen’s Square. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, August 15
VENICE, ITALY | DISEMBARK | FLY TO THE USA (B)
ALL-INCLUSIVE FARES & UNIQUE FEATURES

Our fares are truly all-inclusive. Coupled with the high-quality lecture and educational program, we provide a most attractive value.

Included

• One night in Athens at the Hotel Grande Bretagne with welcome cocktail reception, breakfast, and half-day tour
• Comprehensive 8-night cruise aboard the deluxe Le Lyrial
• 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.)
You will travel aboard the deluxe, five-star Le Lyrial, one of the most beautifully conceived and technologically sophisticated small ships afloat. Designed in France and built in Italy, Le Lyrial boasts an elegantly understated aesthetic that one associates with European sensibility and craftsmanship. It is the youngest of the four sister ships of the PONANT cruise line.

FARES PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

All accommodations aboard Le Lyrial face outside affording sea views, and, other than the eight superior staterooms, all feature a private balcony. All staterooms include a bedroom with either two twin-size beds or a king-size bed, sitting area (separate living room for the Prestige Suites), mini-bar, safe, spacious closets, climate control, telephone, WiFi access, TV with movies on demand, iPod player, and bathroom with marble vanity, shower, and fine amenities.

DELUXE STATEROOM

PRESTIGE STATEROOM - DECK 4

PRESTIGE STATEROOM - DECK 5

$6,590

PRESTIGE STATEROOM - DECK 6

DELUXE SUITE

PRIVILEGE SUITE - DECK 5

PRIVILEGE SUITE - DECK 6

GRAND DELUXE SUITE - DECK 6

OWNER’S SUITE
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S+ fuel variation* x daily consumption**

Ship capacity ***

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I understand that final payment is due on May 10, 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.)

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

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Each participant must sign below:
I/Wo have read the “Terms & Conditions” section and agree to its terms.

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