ISLANDS OF THE
MEDITERRANEAN

TREASURES OF THE TYRRHENIAN SEA

April 26 to May 5, 2016
The 19th-century British naturalist, Edward Forbes wrote, “All that concerns the Mediterranean is of the deepest interest to civilized man.” While I would have phrased this in a more egalitarian manner, I wholeheartedly agree with Forbes’ sentiment. The history, culture, art, literature and even cuisine of the Mediterranean region have had a profound and direct influence on much of the world and on our own lives. What better way to explore Italy’s diverse Mediterranean islands than in the company of beloved faculty leader and regional expert, Marsh McCall? Join us as we learn about the various civilizations that called these islands home, visiting Greek and Roman archaeological sites, Byzantine churches, medieval towns and 20th-century villas. The scenery isn’t so bad either!

BRETT S. THOMPSON, ’83, DIRECTOR, STANFORD TRAVEL/STUDY

Highlights

**ENJOY** Stanford Travel/Study’s exclusive program as we meander through the Mediterranean on the three-masted sailing ship, *La Ponant.*

**MARVEL** at the Temple at Segesta, located in northern Sicily and one of the world’s best-preserved Greek Doric temples.

**DISCOVER** the seldom-visited island of Ponza, the main island of the Pontine Archipelago located off the central west coast of Italy.

**WATCH** as we approach the dramatic entrance to Bonifacio with the town perched above the high Corsican cliffs.
Marsh McCall decided he would become a teacher when he was in the third grade and went on to fulfill that desire, introducing legions of university students to the study of classics during his decades-long professorship at Stanford. Long one of Travel/Study’s most popular faculty leaders, Professor McCall has enchanted more than a thousand participants on some 40-plus Travel/Study programs with his lectures and on-site readings of classical authors. As Professor McCall says, “What makes the trips so intensely rewarding is being able to stand on-site and read in translation some of the passages from the great works of antiquity that are connected to that location.”

— Stanford professor of classics since 1976; former chair, classics department; associate dean, undergraduate studies; chair, Western culture program committee; and dean, Continuing Studies
— Recipient of Stanford’s Dinkelspiel Award for outstanding service to undergraduate education, the Lyman Award for faculty volunteer service, the Phi Beta Kappa Award, and the 2013 School of Humanities and Sciences Lifetime Teaching Award
— PhD, classics, Harvard University

“With a quality lecturer like Marsh McCall, you have a top-notch tour. We went to every lecture and found him so knowledgeable; it was a thrill and pleasure to travel with him.”

Gilbert, ’62, and Joan Lentz, Istanbul to Athens, 2014

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Saracen Watchtower
TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26 & 27
U.S / NICE, FRANCE
Depart the U.S. on Tuesday, arriving in Nice on Wednesday and transferring to our hotel. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure before attending a welcome reception with fellow travelers. LE NEGRESCO

THURSDAY, APRIL 28
NICE / ST.-PAUL-DE-VENCE / EMBARK
Visit delightful St.-Paul-de-Vence, a medieval village that became a favorite artists’ retreat in the 1920s. Largely rebuilt in 1537 by Francois I, the old fortified town reveals the ramparts that once defended it and affords a spectacular view of the mountains and sea. Visit the Maeght Foundation, whose modern building displays an acclaimed collection of 20th-century works by artists who include Braque, Chagall, Miró and Picasso. After an independent lunch, return to Nice and embark our beautiful sailing ship. LE PONANT (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, APRIL 29
CALVI, CORSICA
The view of Calvi as we enter port is stunning—the imposing Citadelle on a promontory and the red-tiled houses of the basse-ville below. Enjoy an unrivalled view overlooking Calvi from the Chapelle-de-Notre-Dame-de-la-Serra, high on a cliff above the city. Take a scenic drive into the spectacular mountainous interior of the island, visiting several villages including Calenzana with its tree-lined square dominated by the baroque church of St. Blaise, Zilia, Cassano, and Cateri that’s known for its flower-festooned balconies. LE PONANT (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, MAY 1
ARBATAX, SARDINIA, ITALY
Sardinia, the second-largest island in the Mediterranean,
rich with wild natural beauty, including idyllic beaches, dense forests and rocky grottoes. Enjoy a ride through a spectacular landscape of rolling hills and deep valleys en route to the town of Santa Maria Navarrese, where we visit the 11th-century church. Visit the archaeological site of Nuraghe S’Ortai Su Monti on our way back to Arbatax. The site includes a Nuraghe dating from the 16th century B.C.E., surrounded by a trilobed wall and a village with huts, as well as a megalithic gallery grave, with a massive stele.

LE PONANT (B,L,D)

MONDAY, MAY 2  
TRAPANI, SICILY / ERICE / SEGESTA
After docking at the Sicilian port town of Trapani, drive up winding roads to the medieval town of Erice, known for its temple to the fertility goddess, Astarte. Look around the 12th-century Venus Castle and continue to Segesta to view its magnificent Doric temple, built in 420 B.C.E. and among the best-preserved of ancient Greek sites. LE PONANT (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, MAY 3  
PONZA, Pontine Islands
Ponza, the main island of the Pontine Archipelago, is dotted with Roman ruins and fringed with coves and cliffs. The town is archetypally Tyrrhenian, its pretty houses spread out around an amphitheater, vineyards blanketing the hillsides, and fishing boats setting out from the 18th-century harbor. One side of town is dominated by the Torre dei Borboni and the lighthouse at Punta Madonna. The Romans dug several tunnels on Ponza, one leading from the port area to Chiaia di Luna, a crescent of beach tucked away beneath a steep cliff. LE PONANT (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4  
PORTOFERRAIO, ELBA
We call this morning at Portoferraio, the main harbor on the island of Elba, most famous as the place of Napoleon Bonaparte’s exile (1814–1815). While on the island we visit Villa dei Mulini, Napoleon’s home, which preserves artifacts of the emperor and offers splendid views of the sea from the grounds. Enjoy a festive farewell cocktail reception aboard ship this evening. LE PONANT (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, MAY 5  
NICE, FRANCE / DISEMBARK / U.S.
Disembark Le Ponant and transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)
Le Ponant

*Arhatax, Sardinia*

Le Ponant is a sleek, 290-foot-long, three-masted sailing vessel. Built in 1991 in France and refurbished in 2012, Le Ponant’s 32 well-appointed cabins are positioned mid-ship and have outside views, queen or twin beds, mini-bar, hi-fi system, individual air conditioning, telephone, bathrobes, and private shower and toilet. The four-deck vessel has ample deck space and is well-served by two restaurants. Breakfast and lunch are enjoyed buffet-style under a canopied deck, while dinner is taken in the attractive dining room. Other facilities include a main lounge, terrace lounge and bar, small library and boutique.

**Program Cost**

Rates are per person, based on double or single occupancy, as specified.

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*Association nonmembers add $300 per person.

**Please call the Travel/Study office for specific room sizes and bed choices.
Information

DATES
April 26 to May 5, 2016 (10 days)

SIZE
This program can accommodate 60 participants. Single accommodations are limited; please call for availability.

INCLUDED
1 night at a deluxe hotel in Nice  ■  7-night cruise aboard the three-masted sailing vessel, Le Ponant  ■  8 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners  ■  Welcome and farewell receptions  ■  Open bar aboard ship, including select wines with lunch and dinner  ■  Gratuities to guides, drivers and ship crew for all group activities  ■  All tours and shore excursions as described in the itinerary  ■  Transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days  ■  Port fees and embarkation taxes  ■  Minimal medical, accident and evacuation insurance  ■  Educational program with lecture series and pre-departure materials, including recommended reading list, a selected book and travel information  ■  Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

NOT INCLUDED
International and U.S. domestic airfare  ■  Passport and visa fees  ■  Immunization costs  ■  Meals and beverages other than those specified as included  ■  Independent and private transfers  ■  Trip-cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance  ■  Excess-baggage charges  ■  Personal items such as internet access, telephone and fax calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

AIR ARRANGEMENTS
International and U.S. domestic airfare is not included in the program cost. Round-trip, economy-class airfare on Turkish Airlines between San Francisco and Nice, France, is approximately $1,300 as of August 2015 and is subject to change without notice. Information on recommended flight itineraries will be sent by our designated agent.

FUEL COSTS
In the uncertain, often volatile oil market of late, it is difficult to predict fuel costs over the long term and, more specifically, at the time of operation of this voyage. Our prices are based upon the prevailing fuel rates at the time of brochure printing. While we will do everything possible to maintain our prices, if the fuel rates increase significantly, it may be necessary to institute a fuel surcharge.

WHAT TO EXPECT
We consider this program to be moderately active. Most of our touring is done on foot. Daily excursions involve one to three miles of walking on city streets, which are, in some cases, uneven or cobblestoned. In some instances, such as museums, archaeological sites or castles, guided tours require climbing up and down several flights of stairs and standing in one place for 20 to 30 minutes at a time. Stairs may not have handrails, and buildings may not have elevators. Our ship, Le Ponant, does not have an elevator onboard. Participants will have ample opportunity to take in the beautiful coastal scenery from the comfort of our ship. Participants must be physically fit, active and in good health. We welcome travelers 15 years of age and older on this program.

Terms & Conditions

Deposit & Final Payment
A $1,000-per-person deposit is required to hold your space. Sign up online at alumni.stanford.edu/trip/med2016 or call the Travel/Study office at (650) 725-1093. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign a Release of Liability.

Cancellations & Refunds
Deposits and any payments are refundable, less a $500-per-person cancellation fee, until 120 days prior to departure. After that date, refunds may be made only if the program is sold out and your place(s) can be resold, in which case a $1,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply.

Insurance
Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian citizens with minimal medical, accident and evacuation coverage under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. You may choose to subscribe to our optional trip-cancellation and baggage insurance. Information offering such insurance will be provided to travelers with their welcome materials. The product offered includes special benefits if you purchase your policy within 14 days of written confirmation of your participation on the trip.

Eligibility
We encourage membership in the Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is $300 more than the members’ price. Families and travel companions may travel on one membership. For more information or to purchase a membership, visit alumni.stanford.edu/goto/membership or call (650) 725-0692.

Responsibility
The Stanford Alumni Association, Stanford University and our operators act only as agents for the passenger with respect to transportation and ship arrangements and exercise every care possible in doing so. However, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any automobile, motorcoach, launch or any other conveyance used in carrying out this program or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the program. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, force majeure or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger as tour rates provide arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations to this published itinerary as may be deemed necessary. The right is reserved to cancel any program prior to departure in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the program. No refund will be made for an unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. Baggage is carried at the owner’s risk entirely. It is understood that the ship’s ticket, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and the cruise company. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time that passengers are not onboard their plane or conveyance. Neither the Alumni Association, Stanford University nor our operators accept liability for any carrier’s cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in connection with the tour. Program price is based on rates in effect in August 2015 and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges.

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PAM RIDEOUT ’60, STANFORD TRAVELER, 2014

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