Aegean Voyage

ABOARD CRYSTAL ESPRIT

April 15 to 23, 2017

a program of the stanford alumni association
What has become one of the most classic of journeys—the Greek island cruise—traditionally features sites from the classics of Greek and Roman literature. Stanford Travel/Study not only amplifies the “classic” theme on this voyage but also complements it by engaging both classics professor Marsh McCall, and political science professor Roberto D’Alimonte. Throughout our journey, history, mythology and modernity intertwine as Professor McCall reads from the works of Homer and Virgil in situ and Professor D’Alimonte addresses such issues as migration and Greece’s relationship with the EU. Our exploration of the area is even further enhanced by our fabulous ship. I recently spent a week aboard the newly launched Crystal Esprit and found it to be the perfect elegant and intimate vessel aboard which to raise a glass of ouzo as we cruise through the Aegean’s cerulean waters. Opa!

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

Highlights

DISCOVER the striking beauty and rich histories of the less commonly visited Greek isles of Nisyros, Astypalaia, Tinos and Syros.

VISIT the Palace of the Grand Master of the Knights of Rhodes, a Byzantine citadel in the 7th century and a holiday retreat of Benito Mussolini’s in the 1930s!

ENJOY a panoramic view of the Santorini caldera from the quintessentially Greek whitewashed, blue-roofed cliffside village of Oia.

EXPLORE Delos, birthplace of Artemis and Apollo and home to some of the Mediterranean’s most extensive archaeological excavations.
“An A+ educational experience. The combination of sites, local guides and Stanford faculty was excellent.”

SUE COBB, ’59, VOYAGE FROM MALTA TO ATHENS, 2015

Stanford Faculty Leaders

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.”

ROBERTO D’ALIMONTE is dean of the political science department at LUISS Guido Carli, a private university in Rome, after teaching at the University of Florence for 30 years. His connection with Stanford dates back to 1978 when he first taught at Stanford’s Bing Overseas Study Program in Florence. He has served as visiting professor at Stanford’s main campus on numerous occasions and is a frequent lecturer at Stanford Business School’s executive program. Well-known as a political journalist, Professor D’Alimonte covers Italian and European political events for Il Sole 24 Ore, Italy’s major financial newspaper, and is often sought by a number of U.S. and European newspapers and magazines for commentary on current European politics.

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STANFORD TRAVEL/STUDY

ACROPOLIS OF LINDOS, RHODES
SATURDAY & SUNDAY, APRIL 15 & 16
U.S. / LARNACA, CYPRUS / LIMASSOL / EMBARK
Depart the U.S. on overnight flights, arriving in Larnaca on Sunday. Transfer to Limassol for embarkation. CRYSTAL ESPRIT (4/16: D)

MONDAY, APRIL 17
AT SEA
Relax and enjoy our onboard lecture program as our ship cruises to the Dodecanese islands. This evening enjoy a welcome cocktail reception before dinner. CRYSTAL ESPRIT (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, APRIL 18
RHODES, GREECE
Rhodes, the largest of the Dodecanese islands and the islands’ historic capital, was renowned for the Colossus of Rhodes, a 98-foot-tall bronze statue of the Greek god Helios, once a wonder of the ancient world, now lost to history. Explore Rhodes’s medieval Old Town, formerly the headquarters of the crusading Knights of St. John of Jerusalem and now a World Heritage site. Along the Avenue of the Knights, see the inns where the warriors lived according to their country of origin. Visit the Palace of the Grand Master of the Knights of Rhodes and marvel at its storied history as a 7th-century Byzantine citadel, a 14th-century Crusader palace, a 16th-century Ottoman fortress, and a holiday retreat in the 20th century of Italy’s King Victor Emmanuel III and dictator Benito Mussolini. Also stop at the Jewish and Turkish quarters, a blending of Byzantine, Turkish and Latin architecture. Travel south to the whitewashed village of Lindos whose ancient acropolis dominates the skyline. CRYSTAL ESPRIT (B,D)

THURSDAY, APRIL 20
SANTORINI
Santorini’s iconic, much-photographed landscape was forged by ancient volcanic eruptions. Visit the Akrotiri archaeological site, a Minoan Bronze Age settlement that was preserved in volcanic ash until its discovery in the late 19th century. Enjoy a tasting of the island’s white wines,
in particular the sweet and strong Vinsanto, a dessert wine that enjoys global acclaim. End the day in the dramatic cliffside village of Oia to take in postcard-perfect views of whitewashed houses, blue-domed churches and the island’s famous sweeping caldera.  

**CRYSTAL ESPRIT (B,D)**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 21**  
**DELOS / MYKONOS**  
Explore the World Heritage-designated, uninhabited island of Delos, spiritual sanctuary and mythical birthplace of Apollo and Artemis. Today it is a trove of marbles and mosaics that ranks among the most extensive archaeological excavations in the Mediterranean region. Continue to the delightful island of Mykonos for an afternoon and evening at leisure to stroll the streets of the “Little Venice” neighborhood with its elegant seaside homes, art galleries, chic boutiques, lively bars and charming restaurants.  

**CRYSTAL ESPRIT (B,L)**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22**  
**TINOS / SYROS**  
Tinos, spiritual center of modern Greece, is known for its landmark Church of Panagia Evangelistria, its many windmills, nearly 1,000 artistic dovecotes and preserved Venetian fortifications. In the village of Pyrgos, admire the marble streets, arches, churches and monuments crafted by local artists, and visit the School of Fine Arts, where students study to become accomplished marble sculptors. Cruise to Syros, capital of the Cyclades, and disembark at the port of Ermoupolis to enjoy music, mezes and ouzo in the town square. Stroll past the ornate churches and neoclassical mansions of the historic center en route to a reception at a private home, followed by a festive farewell dinner back aboard our ship.  

**CRYSTAL ESPRIT (B,L,D)**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23**  
**PIRAEUS / DISEMBARK / ATHENS / U.S.**  
Disembark in Piraeus and transfer to the Athens airport for flights home.  

**CRYSTAL ESPRIT (B)**

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**Modern Greek Ruins**

In addition to visiting ancient archaeological sites and discussing the Trojan War and its aftermath with Professor McCall, throughout our voyage we will address the many exigent crises facing contemporary Greece with Professor D’Alimonte and our local guides. Issues to be examined include EU-imposed fiscal austerity measures, the refugee crisis, the emergence and increasing popularity of far-right political parties, and how a “Grexit” could end up a modern-day Greek tragedy.
**Crystal Esprit**

Launched in 2015, this newly refurbished, 31-stateroom yacht offers an atmosphere of classic elegance mixed with modern comfort. Each suite features a master bedroom with a flat-screen high-definition TV and interactive bedside iPad, lounge area and custom-designed bathroom with high-end finishes and modern technology. Wi-Fi and a private butler is provided for each suite. The ship’s two restaurants feature innovative and locally sourced cuisine from award-winning chefs, and the ship’s recreational facilities include a swimming pool, sauna, gym, spa and a variety of aquatic equipment.

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**Program Cost**

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

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*Association nonmembers add $300 per person.

**Single accommodations may be limited to as few as 4 cabins.

¹Yacht Suite 3, Cabin 307, is located on the Horizon Deck.
**D A T E S**

April 15 to 23, 2017 (9 days)

**S I Z E**

This program can accommodate 48 participants. Single accommodations are extremely limited; please call for availability.

**I N C L U D E D**

- 7-night cruise aboard the Crystal Esprit
- 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 6 dinners
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions
- Complimentary alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages aboard ship
- 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, map and travel information
- Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

**N O T I N C L U D E D**

- 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

**A I R A R R A N G E M E N T S**

International and U.S. domestic airfare is not included in the program cost. Economy-class airfare on Lufthansa from San Francisco to Larnaca, Cyprus, and return from Athens, Greece, is approximately $1,780 as of August 2016 and is subject to change without notice. Information on recommended flight itineraries will be sent to confirmed participants.

**W H A T T O E X P E C T**

We consider this program to be moderately strenuous and at times physically demanding and busy. Daily excursions involve up to two miles of walking, often over rough terrain, with tours lasting as long as three hours. You will be required to walk along ancient city streets, which can be uneven, cobblestoned and slippery; at archaeological sites over uneven, rocky ground; and at castles, where guided tours require climbing up and down several flights of stairs that may not have handrails. In some instances, such as museums, guided tours require standing in one place for 40 to 50 minutes at a time. Many sites and buildings do not have elevators and also do not allow buses to pull up in front, thus requiring a walk of several minutes, sometimes uphill, to reach the entrance. Our ship, Crystal Esprit, does not have an elevator onboard. Our journey requires travel by motorcoach, often over narrow, winding roads. Participants must be physically fit, in good health and able to keep up with an active group of travelers. We welcome travelers 15 years of age and older on this program.

**Deposit & Final Payment**

A $1,000-per-person deposit is required to hold space on this program. Sign up online at alumni.stanford.edu/trip?aegean2017 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 can 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 optional trip-cancellation and baggage insurance. Information offering such insurance will be provided to travelers with their welcome materials. The product offered in this brochure 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. A person traveling as a guest paid for by a current member will not be charged the nonmember fee. 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 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 2016 and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges.

**Contact Information**

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“The trip was beautifully paced—a perfect combination of relaxed and busy, with excellent food, enjoyable fellow travelers and an outstanding educational component.”

JENNIFER MCNULTY, ADRIATIC VOYAGE, 2016

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