CROSSROADS OF CIVILIZATIONS

October 9 to 18, 2018
On this circumnavigation of Sicily aboard our spanking-new luxury yacht, we'll have the chance to observe the legacy of more than 3,000 years of diverse cultural impact on the island that has included wave after wave of new peoples, new ideas and new artistic techniques over the millennia, leaving in their wake grand temples, great cities, captivating villages and extraordinary works of art. We'll visit ancient Greek temples and theaters at Segesta, Taormina and Syracuse, and view Roman and Byzantine artwork. Traveling with classics professor Marsh McCall, discover Agrigento’s Greek temples, and Monreale and Palermo’s strong Norman influences. Our voyage begins and ends in Malta, yet another cultural crossroad, where we'll view prehistoric temples on the island of Gozo as well as Valletta’s impressive monuments.

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

Highlights

EXPLORE Agrigento’s seven Doric temples, considered among the largest and best-preserved ancient Hellenic structures outside of Greece.

MARVEL at the frescos of Monreale’s cathedral, one of the greatest examples of Norman architecture in the world.

CRUISE aboard the newly built Le Champlain, an intimate, state-of-the-art ship that will surround us in comfort as we sail along the coast of Sicily.

DISCOVER the age-old charm and cultural treasures of the island of Malta and explore the ancient artifacts that abound on the nearby island of Gozo.
Itinerary

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9 & 10
U.S. / VALLETTA, MALTA
Depart the U.S. on overnight flights and upon arrival on Wednesday in Valletta, the capital of Malta, transfer to our hotel for a welcome cocktail reception. HOTEL PHOENICIA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11
VALLETTA / EMBARK
Explore the Palace of the Grand Masters and the Co-Cathedral of St. John during our walking tour of Valletta this morning. Also take note of Valletta’s impressive monuments and statues that number some 320 located in an area of less than one-quarter of a square mile; many are in niches on the sides of buildings. Then drive to the Tarxien Temples, dating from between 3600 and 2500 B.C.E., and the Neolithic temple complex of Hagar Qim, circa 3600–3200 B.C.E. Return to Valletta for embarkation on Le Champlain late this afternoon.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12
PORTO EMPEDOCLE, SICILY, ITALY / AGRIGENTO
Arrive in Sicily’s Porto Empedocle for an excursion to the temples of Agrigento. Set on a ridge facing the sea, Agrigento is the site of a series of superb Doric temples that are among the most captivating Greek ruins in the entire Mediterranean. Visit the Temple of Hercules, constructed in the 6th century B.C.E.; the remarkably well-preserved Temple of Concord; and the Temple of Juno, noted for its graceful proportions. Much of the ancient town still lies intact beneath today’s fields and orchards. Also visit the Archaeological Museum, which sits on the site of an ancient agora and whose extraordinary collection, which is housed in some 18 rooms, is devoted to finds that have been gathered from the surrounding area.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13
TRAPANI / SEGESTA
Our excursion this morning takes us from Trapani up winding roads to Segesta for a visit to its magnificent Doric temple, built in 420 B.C.E. and among the best-preserved ancient Greek sites in Sicily. Sitting on a hill outside the ancient city, the temple avoided being destroyed by the Carthaginians in the late 5th century.

LE CHAMPLAIN (B,L,D)
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14
PALERMO / MONREALE
Today we drop anchor in Palermo, founded by the Phoenicians in 827 B.C.E. and conquered by the Saracens in the 9th century. It had become one of Europe’s greatest cities by the 12th century when the Normans took control. Seek out the Cappella Palatina, the royal chapel built by Roger II between 1132 and 1143. A wonder of Byzantine-Arab-Norman artistry, the chapel features dazzling mosaics, an exquisitely carved wooden ceiling, and magnificent inlaid marble floors and walls. Then drive to Monreale to visit its beautiful Norman cathedral, begun in 1174 and famous for its extraordinary Byzantine glass mosaics.

LE CHAMPLAIN (B,L,D)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15
TAORMINA
Arrive this morning in Taormina, a small town on the east coast of Sicily, dramatically perched on the side on a hill and offering stunning views of two sweeping bays below and of the cone of Mount Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe, a few miles to the southwest. An 8th-century-B.C.E. Greek colony prospered here throughout the Hellenistic and Roman periods. Visit Taormina’s Greco-Roman theater, where we can enjoy dramatic views of Mount Etna and the Sicilian coastline, then take some time to walk along the town’s charming streets, discovering why the town has been such a magnet for expatriate artists, writers and intellectuals.

LE CHAMPLAIN (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16
SYRACUSE
Spend a full day in Syracuse, colonized by the Greeks in the 8th century B.C.E., becoming one of the most powerful cities of the ancient world and today a UNESCO World Heritage site. Tour its 15,000-seat Greek theater, among the most impressive to survive from antiquity; the Roman amphitheater; and the Archaeological Museum. During our walking tour of Syracuse’s Città Vecchia (or Old City) that’s located on the small island of Ortigia, we’ll visit the remains of the Temple of Apollo, the Fountain of Arethusa and the Cathedral with its Temple of Athena.

LE CHAMPLAIN (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17
GOZO, MALTA / VALLETTA
This morning, stop at the island of Gozo, considered by tradition to be the island of Ogygia upon which the legendary Calypso lived as recounted in Homer’s Odyssey. Here we visit the Ggantija Temples, one of the most important archaeological sites in the world, dating from around 3600 to 3200 B.C.E. Sail on to Valletta and visit the National Museum of Archaeology there, whose impressive array of artifacts dates from Malta’s Neolithic Period (5000 B.C.E.) to the Phoenician Period (400 B.C.E.). Gather with fellow travelers aboard ship this evening for a festive farewell reception before dinner.

LE CHAMPLAIN (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18
VALLETTA / DISEMBARK / U.S.
After breakfast onboard, disembark our ship and transfer to the airport for our return flights back to the U.S. (B)
**Le Champlain**

*Le Champlain*, scheduled to launch in the summer of 2018, features innovative and environmentally friendly equipment, elegantly designed cabins, spacious suites with large windows and lounge areas that open onto the outside. This new limited-capacity yacht that has just 92 ocean-view staterooms with private balconies offers us a truly unique cruising experience. It’s equipped with a panoramic restaurant that can accommodate all passengers in a single seating. *Le Champlain* boasts state-of-the-art stabilizers, a modular marina platform from which passengers can swim or engage in water activities directly from the ship, a fleet of Zodiacs, an infinity pool and numerous water-based activities—the perfect vessel for cruising around Sicily. *Le Champlain* also features the world’s first multi-sensory underwater lounge, the Blue Eye.

### Program Cost*

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

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*Stanford Alumni Association nonmembers add $300 per person.  **Single accommodations may be limited to as few as 3 cabins.
Information

DATES
October 9 to 18, 2018 (10 days)

SIZE
This program can accommodate approximately 45 participants. We have secured blocked space on Le Champlain, which has a total capacity of 182 passengers. Although there will be other passengers onboard, Stanford will have exclusive shore excursions, lectures and special events. Single accommodations are extremely limited; please call for availability.

INCLUDED
1 night of deluxe hotel accommodations in Valletta ▪ 7-night cruise aboard Le Champlain ▪ 8 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners ▪ Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions ▪ 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

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
You are responsible for booking and purchasing airfare to the start location of the program and from the end location of the program. These air purchases are NOT included in the program cost. To assist you in making these independent arrangements, we will send you information with your confirmation materials on when to arrive and depart.

WHAT TO EXPECT
We consider this to be a moderately strenuous program that is at times physically demanding and busy. Participants must be physically fit, active and in good health. Daily excursions involve up to one mile of walking at a time, often on uneven terrain. In many instances such as in historic temples and houses, elevators are not available, stairs may not have handrails and paths may be rocky or uneven. Participants should feel comfortable walking on a rocking ship; there are elevators on the ship. 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 for this program. Sign up online at alumni.stanford.edu/trip?sicily2018 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 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 Stanford Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is $300 more than the members’ price. A person traveling as a paid guest of a current member will not be charged the nonmember fee. 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, motor coach, 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 Stanford 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 2017 and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges.

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“Marsh's sense of humor and accessibility enriched the trip so much for me.”

JANE FOWLER, ISLANDS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN, 2016

Stanford Faculty Leader

Classics professor 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 a decades-long professorship at Stanford. Long one of Travel/Study's most popular faculty leaders, Professor McCall has enchanted several thousand participants on more than 40 Travel/Study programs with his lectures and on-site readings of classical literature. 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.” He guarantees that the wonders of Sicily will provide a large number of such on-site readings.

— Stanford professor of classics since 1976; former chair, classics department; associate dean, undergraduate studies; chair, Western culture program committee; and founding 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 School of Humanities and Sciences Lifetime Teaching Award
— PhD, classics, Harvard University

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