The history of the Adriatic is one that is marked by maritime conflicts, booming trade and periods of peace provided by expansive republics. Fortunately for the modern world, we are able to bear witness and experience what millennia of cultural confluence have created. The physical influences are apparent. The walled cities are uniquely Venetian. The civic planning is Roman in nature. The public theaters belong to the Greeks. The only thing that’s missing from this picture is you. Join us as we cruise along the sparkling sapphire waters of the Adriatic and explore the historical cultural riches of these storied crossroads.

Brett S. Thompson, '83, Director, Stanford Travel/Study

Highlights

POUNDER Corfu's storied past—Athenians, Byzantines, Venetians—as we tour this lovely island off the northwestern coast of Greece.

CRUISE up the island-dotted Dalmatian coast, viewing exquisite scenery from the decks of our sleek contemporary yacht, Le Lyrial.

WALK the ancient streets of Montenegro's Kotor, taking time to explore its perfectly preserved medieval churches and palaces.

NOTE the unmistakable Venetian influences on the architecture and fortifications of the small Croatian island of Hvar, from its loggia to its town walls.
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
Itinerary

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JULY 20 & 21
U.S. / ATHENS, GREECE
Depart from the U.S. on independent flights bound for Athens. On Sunday, upon arrival transfer to our hotel, then gather with fellow travelers that evening for a welcome reception. HOTEL GRAND BRETAGNE

MONDAY, JULY 22
ATHENS / PIRAEUS / EMBARK LE LYRIAL
This morning, explore the ancient ruins of the Acropolis and be awed by the Parthenon, perhaps the most exquisite architectural achievement of the classical world. Explore the Acropolis Museum, which houses artifacts from the Parthenon. Enjoy an independent al fresco lunch in one of the many cafes in the oldest section of Athens, the Plaka, before transferring to the port of Piraeus to embark our ship in late afternoon. LE LYRIAL (B,D)

TUESDAY, JULY 23
ITEA / DELPHI
After transiting the Corinth Canal, drive through spectacular bucolic scenery to Delphi. Famous in antiquity as the home of the oracle of Apollo, Delphi and its ruins allow one’s imagination to picture the awe-struck ancient pilgrims and how they must have felt when the temples and shrines were important destinations. Explore Delphi’s marvelous on-site museum before returning to our ship. LE LYRIAL (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24
CORFU
Call at Corfu, the northernmost of the Ionian Islands. In 432 B.C., a sea battle between the Athenians and the Corinthians at the southern tip of the island precipitated the Peloponnesian War. Later the Venetians took possession of the island from the late 14th century to the late 18th century. During a walking tour, see their influence in the Renaissance-inflected streets and squares and the old fortress. In the afternoon, travel to the village of Paleokastritsa to visit the 12th-century Byzantine Monastery of the Virgin, surrounded by lush olive and cypress trees and overlooking the Mediterranean. LE LYRIAL (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, JULY 25
KOTOR, MONTENEGRO / DUBROVNIK, CROATIA
Sail into the deep, fjord-like Bay of Kotor to reach the eponymous port town, located at the back 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; churches, including the 12th-century St. Tryphon Cathedral; the Lapidarium; and the Maritime Museum. In the afternoon, set sail for Dubrovnik, where our ship remains docked overnight.

LE LYRIAL (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, JULY 26
DUBROVNIK
Today explore the Old City of Dubrovnik, situated on a rocky peninsula jutting into the Adriatic Sea and one of Europe’s best-preserved medieval cities, as well as a designated UNESCO World Heritage site. Stop at such key sites as the Rector’s Palace; the Franciscan Monastery, which houses a 13th-century pharmacy (the oldest in Europe); and the baroque Cathedral, with works by Renaissance painters Titian and Andrea del Sarto. This afternoon, choose to walk atop Dubrovnik’s massive walls and absorb the amazing scenery from a different perspective or continue to explore the city independently.

LE LYRIAL (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, JULY 27
MLJET ISLAND / KORCULA ISLAND
After visiting scenic Mljet Island and Mljet National Park, stop at the Islet of St. Mary with its 12th-century Benedictine Monastery. This afternoon sail to Korcula Island where, steps away from our ship, stands the island’s medieval city with its walls and guard towers still intact. 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 by bus to the quaint old village of Lumbarda where we drop by the Milina-Bire Winery for a tasting of local specialties and wine.

LE LYRIAL (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, JULY 28
HVAR
Discover Hvar, a fertile island of pale stone houses surrounded by stands of rosemary, lavender and laurel. The architecture and fine fortifications are unmistakably Venetian. Our exploration of the island’s principal town includes the 17th-century Municipal Theater, the Franciscan Monastery, the city’s loggia and St. Stephen’s Square.

LE LYRIAL (B,L,D)

MONDAY, JULY 29
VENICE, ITALY / DISEMBARK
Disembark Le Lyrial this morning and transfer to the airport for return flights home. (B)
Le Lyrial

*Le Lyrial* is a modern, sleek yacht with 122 staterooms and suites. All of the staterooms have ocean views and most feature private balconies. Each is equipped with the choice of two twin beds or a king-size bed, en suite bathroom with shower, individual air conditioning, safe, mini-bar, telephone, Wi-Fi access (for an additional fee) and flat-screen TV. Public areas include two restaurants, two lounges, an open-air bar and two sun decks for relaxing. Additional amenities include a pool, spa, fitness room, hairdresser, boutique, library and theater.

**Program Cost***

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

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**Single accommodations may be limited to as few as 2 cabins.
**DATES**
July 20 to 29, 2019 (10 days)

**SIZE**
This program can accommodate approximately 42 participants. We have secured blocked space on *Le Lyrial*, which has a total capacity of 244 passengers. Although there will be other passengers on board, 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
- 7-night cruise aboard *Le Lyrial*
- 8 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners
- Welcome and farewell receptions
- Gratuities to shipboard personnel, porters, guides and drivers
- All tours and shore excursions as described in the itinerary
- Group 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 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 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 several 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 Lyrial*, does have an elevator on board. 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 or older on this program.

**Deposit & Final Payment**
A $1,000-per-person deposit is required to reserve space for this program. Sign up online at alumni.stanford.edu/trip?athens2019 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**
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**Insurance**
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**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 guest paid for by 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.

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