College of Saint Benedict

ISLAND LIFE™

IN

ANCIENT GREECE AND TURKEY

Cruising aboard the Deluxe Small Ship M.S. L'Austral

October 4 to 12, 2012
Dear alumnae, alumni, parents and friends:

We are pleased to offer this spectacular nine-day ISLAND LIFE™ in ANCIENT GREECE AND TURKEY cruise and delighted to have, by special arrangement, the exclusive opportunity to hear enriching lectures by historian Eleni Zachariou.

This Small Group, Small Ship offering is one of the most popular of the ISLAND LIFE™ series travel programs. Cruise aboard the deluxe M.S. L'Austral; launched in 2011, this 120-stateroom vessel showcases a new generation of ship design and technology and sets unprecedented standards in excellence and comfort.

This unique itinerary sails into the very cradle of Western civilization and features the classical world of Greece, with visits to three UNESCO World Heritage sites, calling on the islands of Delos, Mykonos, Santorini and Pátmos; in medieval Rhodes Town; and along Turkey's Aegean coast, where you will visit the ancient city of Pergamon and the most spectacularly preserved Greco-Roman city in the world, Ephesus.

Over 3,000 years ago, the Mycenaeans founded one of the earliest great civilizations on the archipelago stretching from Greece to Turkey across Homer's “wine dark” Aegean Sea. Today, its citizens and culture still thrive on the archipelago, where you will have a specially arranged opportunity to learn more about 21st-century island life during the exclusive VILLAGE FORUM™ when you will meet local residents.

An exceptional value, featuring Guest Speaker Eleni Zachariou, a comprehensive itinerary, great CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS, deluxe accommodations, all meals, one excursion in every port, Small Group, Small Ship and Early Bookings Savings make for a superb travel program offering! It’s no surprise that this program sells out every year, so we encourage you to book now.

Peace and blessings,

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Cover Photo: Admire the beauty of Santorini where volcanic cliffs dramatically plunge into the deep turquoise waters of the Aegean Sea.

The bronze stag symbolizes the Colossus of Rhodes, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.
The true character of the Aegean Sea’s maritime culture is best discovered on this exclusive ISLAND LIFE/VILLAGE LIFE™ series odyssey to the windswung paradise of Greece’s ancient islands and <i>choras</i>, and Turkey’s fabled coast. Enjoy an enriching travel experience like no other—of the history, culture, mythology, local people, literature, language, cuisine and the rhythm of daily island life. Unpack just once on this Small Group travel opportunity featuring all accommodations, a specially-designed included excursion in every port, all meals; and it is an Exceptional Value!

CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS are key components of ISLAND LIFE™ IN ANCIENT GREECE AND TURKEY:

♦ **Hear it from the experts!** Prominent guest speakers will exclusively accompany us and address a variety of Greek and Turkish topics throughout our journey.

♦ **Experience** up-close the magical and mystical presence of Greek mythology, and discover first hand how its cultural, historical and literary influences shaped this fabled land and the world.

♦ The **Village Forum™** engages local residents of Pátmos to share their candid perspectives of life today on these ancient islands.

♦ **It’s All Greek to Me!”** is an exclusive, specially arranged introduction to the Greek language.

♦ Sample authentic **Greek and Turkish** cuisine during exclusive CULINARY TRADITIONS™ excursions.

♦ **Time for Individual Pursuits** to stroll Kuşadası’s colorful bazaars; explore the narrow streets of Santorini’s charming Fira; and enjoy the spectacular setting sun sipping ouzo harbor-side in Mykonos’ Little Venice.

**ELENI ZACHARIOU**

Eleni Zachariou has over 25 years of experience as a study leader in Greece and Turkey. Fluent in five languages, she has an M.A. in Classical Art and Archaeology from the University of La Verne and has completed her subsequent graduate work in Byzantine and Biblical studies. She will present lectures on globalization in antiquity, Constantinople and the effects of volcanic eruptions in the ancient world.

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Explore the glories of Delos, where these lions were masterfully crafted 600 years before Christ.

Istanbul, Turkey
This legendary metropolis straddling the Bosphorus Strait is the only city in the world situated on two continents: Europe and Asia. Its historic areas, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, include the Hagia Sophia, Topkapi Palace and the Blue Mosque.

Pergamon (Dikili)
Built on a hill rising above the surrounding valley, Pergamon, in modern-day Turkey, was an important ancient capital city during the Hellenistic Period. It is home to two of the most celebrated archaeological sites in the Mediterranean, Pergamon’s Acropolis and Asklepion, which date to the time of Eumenes II (197-159 B.C.), including the famed library that rivaled that of Alexandria, the terrace of the spectacular hillside theater, the main palace, the Altar of Zeus, and the Temple of Athena. In the early Christian era, Pergamon’s church was a major center of Christianity and was one of the Seven Churches of Revelation.

Ephesus (Kuşadası)
The Greco-Roman city of Ephesus is one of the world’s most dazzling architectural treasures. The beautifully restored façade of the Library of Celsus is breathtaking, and the Marble Way leads to an impressive 24,000-seat amphitheater where St. Paul addressed his Epistle to the Ephesians. According to legend, St. John the Apostle traveled with Mary, the mother of Jesus, to Ephesus, where he wrote his gospel and later died and was buried. In the sixth century, the Basilica of St. John was constructed above his tomb. Today, the ruins and partial reconstruction of this sacred site indicate its impressive size and former splendor.

Pátmos, Greece
The small island of Pátmos and its Greek Orthodox Monastery of St. John, a UNESCO World Heritage site, loom large in the history of Christianity. Built in 1088, the monastery is still inhabited by monks who preserve it as a...
The splendid and graceful Blue Mosque is one of the most beautiful Ottoman monuments in the world. Stand beneath the great marble columns at the Library of Celsus, Ephesus' iconic monument built in 135 A.D. pilgrimage site and place of religious study. St. John the Apostle of Ephesus was known to have been exiled to Pátmos for 18 months and very possibly wrote the Book of Revelation here in A.D. 95.

**Cultural Enrichment:** Meet residents of Pátmos, who will discuss daily life on an ancient Greek island during the specially arranged Village Forum™.

**Rhodes**

The island of Rhodes has been one of the most prosperous and strategic strongholds in the eastern Mediterranean since the Neolithic Period. A UNESCO World Heritage site, Rhodes Town is an extraordinarily well-preserved medieval city, built over a great Hellenistic metropolis. A major Christian outpost during the Crusades, it is the site where the Knights of St. John erected the splendid 11th-century Palace of the Grand Masters.

**Optional Excursion:** Walk through the ancient village of Lindos and enjoy breathtaking views from its acropolis, perched over 500 feet above the town.*

**Santorini**

Sail to Santorini, one of the most spectacular of the Aegean Islands, and into its great harbor, ringed by black sand beaches. A cable car rises above Santorini to the town of Fira, whose stunning white walls stand in stark contrast against the dark volcanic cliffs. The picturesque cliff-side village of Oia offers spectacular panoramic views of the island’s coastline and the surrounding seas. Far below, in what remains of a caldera, may be legendary Atlantis, possibly lost during a cataclysmic volcanic eruption in the 16th century B.C.

**Optional Excursion:** Enjoy a specially arranged presentation of local foods followed by a sumptuous tasting menu paired with native Santorini wines at a local restaurant in Pyrgos.*

**Delos**

The mythical birthplace of Apollo and Artemis, Delos is considered one of the most sacred islands in the Greek world and is as central to Greek spiritual life as Olympia or Delphi. Today it is a UNESCO World Heritage site. The Sanctuary of Apollo is a spectacularly rich archaeological site with remains of three separate temples from the fifth and sixth centuries B.C. Delos’ awe-inspiring ruins also include an entire district of ancient houses dating from 700 B.C., the ancient Theater built in 300 B.C. and the House of the Dolphins built in the second century B.C.

See the island’s legendary statues from the magnificent Terrace of the Lions, carved from Náxian marble that withstood the blight of wind and sea water for nearly 2,600 years.

**Mykonos**

According to ancient legend, this island’s craggy hills and clefts were formed from the petrified bodies of giants defeated by Hercules. Its iconic windmills, sugar-white cube houses and azure bays epitomize the spectacular beauty of the Greek Isles. Mykonos’ “Little Venice” resembles, in design, Italy’s famed canal city.

**Optional Excursion:** Enjoy a panoramic tour of Mykonos including a private ouzo tasting.*

**Athens**

Birthplace of democracy and home to many of history’s greatest philosophers and poets from Socrates to Herodotus, Athens is unmatched in its contributions to early Western civilization. Today, the city’s ancient greatness is encapsulated in the spectacular Acropolis, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and the gracefully proportioned Parthenon, a perfect example of Doric architecture dedicated to the goddess Athena in 438 B.C.

*Optional Cost **Culinary Traditions™** and cultural excursions are available at additional cost and details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.*
M.S. L’Austral

Small Ship, State-of-the-Art Design
The M.S. L’Austral, launched in 2011, represents the newest generation of deluxe small ships with only 120 Staterooms and features distinctive French sophistication.

Spacious Suites and Staterooms, Most with Balconies
Ninety-five percent of the large, deluxe, air-conditioned, outside Staterooms and Suites (from 200 to 484 square feet) feature private balconies. Most accommodations have two twin beds that convert to one queen-size bed; each has a private bathroom with shower and the luxurious amenities of a fine hotel including: individual climate control, satellite flatscreen television, wireless Internet access, safe, minibar, full-length closet, writing desk/dressing table and plush robes.

Chic and Casual Dining
International and regional cuisine are served in the stylish, spacious Le Coromandel dining room in single, unassigned seatings; alfresco in the casual indoor-outdoor Le Rodrigues restaurant; or from 24-hour room service. Continental and buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea, and a four-course dinner are served daily. Complimentary wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner.

Spacious Public Areas/ World-Class Service and Facilities
Inviting and spacious public areas accommodate all passengers comfortably. Enjoy views from the Panoramic Lounge; nightly entertainment in the Main Lounge and lectures, cultural performances, and film screenings in the state-of-the-art theater. There is a library, Internet salon, Sun Deck, swimming pool, beauty salon, spa, Turkish bath-style steam room, full range of fitness equipment and two elevators. The infirmary is staffed with a doctor and nurse. The highly trained and personable English-speaking international crew provides attentive service.

Respect for the Environment
The state-of-the-art propulsion system and custom-built stabilizers provide an exceptionally smooth, quiet and comfortable voyage by minimizing vibration and engine noise. The ship company is proud of its Clean Ship standing, an extreme rarity among ocean cruising vessels, as its commitment to energy efficiency and environmental protection of marine ecosystems is of paramount importance. The ship has two tenders.
Walk through the surreal volcanic stone forests of otherworldly Cappadocia.

CAPPADOCIA AND ISTANBUL PRE-Cruise Option*
This exclusive four-night prelude is a perfect opportunity to visit inland Turkey and see one of nature’s most captivating treasures, the unearthly landscape of Cappadocia, a UNESCO World Heritage site; and Istanbul, once the most magnificent city in the Western world.

Begin your journey in Istanbul, the former center of the glorious Ottoman Empire. By special arrangement, enjoy an exclusive audience with the Archbishop of Constantinople, His All Holiness, Bartholomew I (Archbishop’s schedule permitting). Enjoy inclusive guided tours of the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Hagia Sophia, Topkapi Palace and the Blue Mosque. Two-night accommodations are in the deluxe Grand Hyatt Istanbul hotel.

Cappadocia is located in the heart of Anatolia, the enchanting world of volcanic rock formation and spectacularly colored valleys, where you will visit 2,000-year-old rock-hewn villages and learn more about the region’s distinctive culture. Local vintners continue to produce wine there, just as their ancestors have for more than 3,000 years. Two-night accommodations are in the deluxe Cappadocia Cave Resort, in the heart of Goreme National Park, nestled amid the rock formations.

ISTANBUL PRE-Cruise Option*
The only city in the world that bridges two continents, Istanbul is an ideal beginning to your Greece and Turkey odyssey. Enjoy an exclusive audience with the Archbishop of Constantinople, His All Holiness, Bartholomew I (Archbishop’s schedule permitting) and guided tours of the city’s UNESCO World Heritage site landmarks—Hagia Sophia, Topkapi Palace and the Blue Mosque. This special two-night option features accommodations in the deluxe Grand Hyatt Istanbul hotel.

ATHENS POST-Cruise Option*
Extend your odyssey in Western civilization’s first great center of democracy and philosophy, Athens, Greece. Guided tours to the Parthenon, the new Acropolis Museum and mystical Delphi are included. Deluxe accommodations for two nights are in the centrally located Athenaeum InterContinental Athens hotel.

*Pre- and Post-Cruise Options are at additional cost and details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

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Special Guest Speaker
Historian Eleni Zachariou will present three dynamic lectures on ancient Greece and Turkey.

Included Features

On board the Deluxe M.S. L’Austral
- Seven-night cruise from Istanbul, Turkey, to Athens, Greece, with port calls in Dikili for Pergamon and Kuşadası for Ephesus, Turkey; and Pátmos, Rhodes, Santorini, Delos and Mykonos, Greece.
- Spacious, deluxe outside accommodations.
- Captain’s welcome and farewell receptions.
- All meals—continental breakfast, buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and dinner—throughout the cruise, featuring fine international and regional cuisine, served at single, unassigned seatings.
- Complimentary wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner.

Local Expert Guided Excursions
- Visit to the fishing village of Dikili and Acropolis of Pergamon.
- Excursion from Kuşadası to the magnificent ruins of Ephesus, including a visit to the sixth-century Basilica of St. John.
- Tour of the Cave of the Apocalypse and the Monastery of St. John on the island of Pátmos.
- Walking tour of medieval Rhodes Town with a visit to the Palace of the Grand Masters.
- Tour of Santorini, featuring a visit to the village of Oia and a cable car ride from Fira.
- Walking tour of Delos’ splendid classical ruins including the Sanctuary of Apollo and the Theatre quarter.

Exclusive Cultural Enrichments
- Specially arranged Village Forum™ with local residents who will discuss life on the islands of the Aegean Sea.
- Greek language presentation, introducing basic phrases and correct pronunciation.
- Study Leaders provide exclusive lectures.
- Special cooking demonstration and tasting featuring Greek cuisine, led by the ship’s master chef.
- Insight from local, English-speaking, expert guides on excursions throughout the program.

Enhanced Travel Services
- All transfers and baggage handling abroad for all participants who have purchased their air tickets through GoHagan & Company and whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- Hospitality desk aboard the M.S. L’Austral.
- Experienced Program Director to accompany you throughout the travel program.
- Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
- A program of optional cultural and C’est Bon! Culinary Traditions™ excursions, as outlined in the itinerary, are available at additional cost.
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Tour No. 063-10/04/12-269

Program reservations require a deposit of $600 per person and $200 per person Istanbul Pre-Cruise Option or Cappadocia/Istanbul Pre-Cruise Option and $200 per person Athens Post-Cruise Option. By forwarding of deposit, I/we accept and agree to the Terms and Conditions.

Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $ ___________ as deposit.
Make checks payable to Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.
I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $ ___________ to:
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Signature as it appears on credit card ___________

All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by June 29, 2012.

Please make my/our reservation(s) in category:
1st Choice ___________ 2nd Choice ___________

Double occupancy (two twin beds)
Double occupancy (one queen bed)
Single accommodations
I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please make my/our reservation(s):
Cappadocia/Istanbul Pre-Cruise Option
Double at $1830 per person.
Single at $2730 per person.
I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

Istanbul Pre-Cruise Option
Double at $780 per person.
Single at $1180 per person.
I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

Athens Post-Cruise Option
Double at $695 per person.
Single at $995 per person.
I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

I/We want you to book my/our air from ___________

(fill in departure city)
to Istanbul, Turkey, with return from Athens, Greece, at an additional cost to be advised.†

Economy Class
Business Class
First Class

† Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.
The spectacular Bosphorus Bridge in Istanbul spans between the two continents of Europe and Asia.

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