

COASTAL LIFE®

# ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS ADRIATIC AND AEGEAN ODYSSEY

Venice ♦ Split ♦ Dubrovnik ♦ Kotor  
Corfu ♦ Delphi ♦ Olympia ♦ Athens

aboard the Small Ship Five-Star  
**LE JACQUES CARTIER**

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# LET'S GO *Traveling* HOKIES



Dear Alumni and Friends,

The unspoiled coastlines and idyllic islands of the Adriatic, Aegean and Ionian Seas are the crossroads of the Roman, Byzantine and Venetian civilizations that flourished here for more than 3,000 years. Our comprehensive, custom-designed itinerary reveals an extraordinary cultural legacy spanning four countries—Italy, Croatia, Montenegro and Greece.

Begin your journey in Venice—originally known as *La Serenissima*, “the most serenely beautiful city”—where you will board the Five-Star small ship *LE JACQUES CARTIER*, which features just 92 ocean-view Suites and Staterooms, each with a private balcony. Cruise along the Adriatic coast of the stunning region of Dalmatia and conclude in Athens, the cradle of Western civilization.

Call at ancient walled cities, medieval villages, sublime archaeological sites, picture-perfect islands and landscapes, and cruise into smaller, seldom-visited ports inaccessible to larger vessels. Visit six UNESCO World Heritage sites, including historical Split with its fourth-century Palace of Diocletian, the seventh-century walled city of Dubrovnik, the dramatic, fjord-like Bay of Kotor, the elegant island capital of Corfu Town, the historic Delphi and its iconic Doric columns and the archaeological ruins of ancient Olympia, the birthplace of the Olympic Games.

Discover the many hidden gems along the Dalmatian coast as a panorama of daily life unfolds before you. Enjoy our private, specially arranged lectures, exclusive **CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS** and the **COASTAL LIFE® FORUM** featuring personal perspectives from local Montenegrin residents in Kotor. Reserve now while early booking savings are still available.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads 'Jayme Bolding'.

Jayme Bolding  
Special Events Coordinator  
*Traveling Hokies*  
Virginia Tech Alumni Association

*The safety and well-being of our travelers remains our highest priority. All passengers traveling on our programs are required to present confirmation of a full COVID-19 vaccination, and, as well may have to produce evidence of a recent negative COVID test. All our staff are committed to adhering to all health and safety protocols from the start of your trip to the end as directed by the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention, overseas health officials, as well as those protocols mandated by your cruise company (if applicable). All passengers over 65 are required to have a third vaccine (booster) if their second vaccination was administered 6 months ago. Detailed protocol information tailored to your travel program will be mailed to you along with additional pre-departure information.*

Cover photo: *Admire Dubrovnik's Baroque architectural jewels and medieval city walls.*

Back cover photo: *Be on deck to see Corfu's 15<sup>th</sup>-century Old Fortress.*

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## COASTAL LIFE®

Experience firsthand the authentic spirit and rich traditions of Mediterranean life along the sparkling coastlines of the Adriatic, Aegean and Ionian Seas. Discover the lasting influence of ancient civilizations as you travel aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star small ship *LE JACQUES CARTIER*. Engage with local residents, explore the history, culture, architecture and art of the Dalmatian coast—and unpack just once. Engaging study leaders and experienced, English-speaking local guides will accompany you throughout this program to discuss historical, cultural and contemporary Italy, Croatia, Montenegro and Greece. This popular program offers a comprehensive, intimate journey at just the right pace, with a balanced itinerary of **CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS**, guided tours and time on your own to immerse yourself in the heart and soul of this charming, sun-kissed region.

Photo above: Appreciate the Romanesque architecture of St. Tryphon Cathedral.

Photo below: Split's fascinating layers of architectural history unfurl along the Riva seafront promenade.



## ITINERARY

### *Quintessential Venice® Pre-Program Option*

**1** Depart the U.S.

**2 Venice, Italy**

- ◆ Embark *LE JACQUES CARTIER*.

**3 Split,® Croatia**

#### **CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:**

- ◆ Walking tour of the complex of the Palace of Diocletian, including the Cathedral of St. Dujce and Temple of Jupiter.
- ◆ Visit the Ivan Meštrović Gallery.

**4 Dubrovnik®**

#### **CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:**

- ◆ Walking tour of the Old City, with visits to the Rector's Palace and Maritime Museum.
- ◆ *Klapa* folk music performance.

**5 Kotor,® Montenegro**

#### **CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:**

- ◆ Walking tour of the Old Town, including a visit to the 12<sup>th</sup>-century St. Tryphon Cathedral.
- ◆ COASTAL LIFE® FORUM.

**6 Corfu,® Greece**

- ◆ Visit to 19<sup>th</sup>-century Achillion Palace in Gastouri.

#### **CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:**

- ◆ Walking tour of Corfu's Old Town.

**7 Itea for Delphi®**

#### **CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:**

- ◆ Enjoy the Delphi Archeological Museum

**8 Katakolon for Olympia®**

#### **CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:**

- ◆ Excursion to the archaeological site of Olympia.

**9 PIRAEUS FOR ATHENS/U.S.**

- ◆ Disembark ship/Transfer to Athens/Return to the U.S.

### *Wonders of Ancient Athens® Post-Program Option*



Admire the graceful Doric columns of the Tholos

## Split, Croatia

The glory of Split is in the way contemporary life seamlessly surrounds Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site nestled in its nearly 2,000-year-old city center.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:** Visit the Palace of Diocletian, including Diocletian's mausoleum, converted to the Cathedral of St. Domnius (A.D. 305) and regarded as the world's oldest Catholic cathedral, and the Temple of Jupiter, one of the best-preserved Roman temples, which now houses the cathedral's baptistry.

Croatia's most accomplished sculptor, Ivan Meštrović, became the first living artist to exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. Experience his unique vision in the Meštrović Gallery.

## Dubrovnik

Affectionately called "the pearl of the Adriatic," UNESCO-designated Dubrovnik is one of Europe's most beautifully preserved walled cities, with historical treasures and stone houses that seem suspended in time.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:** See Onofrio's Fountains, a beloved city landmark, and

visit the 15<sup>th</sup>-century Rector's Palace, the Maritime Museum and the Romanesque Franciscan Monastery's magnificent cloister and historical pharmacy.

By special arrangement, listen to local singers perform *klapa*, traditional a cappella folk music recognized by UNESCO as an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

## Kotor, Montenegro

The breathtaking, fjord-like Bay of Kotor winds deep into the mountains of Montenegro. Charming Kotor has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage site for its rich cultural history, revealed in mosaic-tiled Roman villas, ornate Catholic churches, Venetian Baroque palaces, flamboyantly frescoed Orthodox monasteries and impressive medieval fortifications.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:** Visit St. Tryphon Cathedral, consecrated in 1166 and a masterpiece of Romanesque architecture with elegant Corinthian columns and remains of Byzantine-style frescoes.

Meet and engage with local residents who will discuss daily life along the Adriatic during the specially arranged COASTAL LIFE® FORUM.

*Discover the treasures of Kotor's Old Town, framed by the winding Bay of Kotor and limestone massifs.*







*of Delphi in the Sanctuary of Athena Pronaia.*



*Explore the ancient ruins of the Philippeion temple in Olympia, where the first Olympic Games were held over 2,500 years ago.*

## Corfu, Greece

Cruise to the Ionian island of Corfu, Homer's "beautiful and rich land," where a profusion of cultural influences is reflected in the Old Town's harmonious ensemble of primarily Neoclassical architecture—including the Greek Orthodox St. Spyridon Church nestled between two Venetian fortresses.

Visit the spectacular 19<sup>th</sup>-century Achillion Palace in the picturesque village of Gastouri. Built for Elizabeth, the former Empress of Austria, the architecture is inspired by her love of Greek history and culture. Savor panoramic views of Corfu and the Ionian Sea from the hilltop palace and gardens.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:** Enjoy a walking tour of the UNESCO-inscribed Old Town. See the 17<sup>th</sup>-century Town Hall—once a Venetian theater—and the Regency-style Palace of St. Michael and St. George.

## Delphi

One of the most spectacular of all ancient Greek sites, UNESCO-inscribed Delphi formed the center of the Greek world in the sixth century B.C. It was the site of the Delphic oracle, the most important oracle in the classical Greek world, and a major site for the worship of the god Apollo. During the tour, you will see the stadium used for the Pythian Games, the Temple of Apollo, and the Altar of Chians.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:** Explore the magnificent Archaeological Museum, a treasure trove of ancient artifacts, including the life-size, fifth-century B.C. bronze statue of the Charioteer of Delphi. Walk the Sacred Way to the Panhellenic sanctuary of Delphi, second only to the Athens Acropolis in importance. Stand at the marble Altar of the Chians, where the common and the mighty alike awaited the oracle's pronouncements.

## Olympia

Olympia is one of the most important sanctuaries of Ancient Greece and the birthplace of the Olympic Games, first held in 776 B.C. See the site of the ancient stadium, the largest of its kind which could seat up to 20,000 people and held foot races and contests of discus, javelin, wrestling, horse and chariot racing, long jump and a form of boxing called pancratium. Its writing, poetry and history reading events became a center for business transactions and political treaties and the games became the ideal place for honing the mind and body for personal glory as well as for the city-state and the god Zeus.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:** See the celebrated, fifth-century Temple of Zeus. Visit the Archaeological Museum of Olympia to view the fourth-century statue of Hermes by Praxiteles and the Nike by Paionios.

*The magnificent Achillion Palace and gardens reflect Empress Elizabeth's admiration for ancient Greek culture.*





**Stateroom with Balcony**



**Panoramic Restaurant**

## FIVE-STAR LE JACQUES CARTIER

### Luxury Small Ship, Innovative Design

LE JACQUES CARTIER represents a new generation of Five-Star small ships, combining revolutionary design and a new standard of luxury for unparalleled cruising. Dock in smaller ports inaccessible to larger ships, where authentic cultural experiences and majestic scenery await you.

### Respect for the Environment

A new addition to the Ponant “Clean Ship” fleet, an important certification among ocean-cruising vessels, LE JACQUES CARTIER is energy efficient and eco-friendly, protecting fragile marine ecosystems.

### Elegant Suites and Staterooms, 100% with Private Balconies

Each of the 92 Five-Star Staterooms and Suites (up to 484 square feet) features a private balcony. Grand Deluxe Suites have a floor-to-ceiling panoramic window and spacious private terrace. Accommodations offer two twin beds or one queen bed, individual climate control, a private bathroom with shower and luxury hotel-style amenities.

### Chic and Casual Dining

Dine indoors or al fresco on international and regional cuisine served in the stylish, spacious indoor-outdoor restaurant, at the casual pool deck grill or from 24-hour room service. Daily meals include breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and four-course dinner. Complementary beer and wine is served with lunch and dinner.

### Life on Board

Enjoy sweeping views from the lounges—which open to the outdoors—and lectures, cultural performances or film screenings in the state-of-the-art theater. Relax in the spa or infinity-style swimming pool. The ship has a beauty salon, a fitness room and three elevators. Complimentary Wi-Fi access is available.

### World-Class Service

The highly trained, English-speaking crew is personable and attentive, and the ship has a medical center staffed with a doctor and nurse.

**Observation Lounge**



**Sun Deck**



# Included Features

## On Board the Five-Star Small Ship

### LE JACQUES CARTIER

- ◆ Seven-night cruise from Venice, Italy, to Athens, Greece.
- ◆ Elegantly appointed, Five-Star Suite or Stateroom.
- ◆ Captain's Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- ◆ **Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise.**
- ◆ All meals aboard ship.
- ◆ **Complimentary Wi-Fi access**

## Expert-Guided Excursions and

### Exclusive CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS

- ◆ Visit to Split's **Meštrović Gallery**, home and atelier of Croatia's creative genius, **Ivan Meštrović**.
- ◆ Specially arranged **COASTAL LIFE® FORUM**, where local residents will discuss daily life along the Adriatic.
- ◆ Visit to Achillion Palace, built in 1890 for the former Empress of Austria.
- ◆ Wander the Archaeological Museums of both Delphi and Olympia, each with a treasure trove of ancient artifacts.

## UNESCO World Heritage Highlights

- ◆ Tour of Split, with a visit to the thriving community living within the fourth-century **Palace of Diocletian**, including the Cathedral of St. Domnius and the well-preserved Temple of Jupiter (baptistery).
- ◆ Walking tour inside the **walled city of Dubrovnik** and visits to the Franciscan Monastery, Rector's Palace and Maritime Museum.
- ◆ Traditional Croatian **klapa** music performance.
- ◆ Walking tour of medieval **Kotor**, including a visit to the 12<sup>th</sup>-century St. Tryphon Cathedral.
- ◆ Walking tour of **Corfu's Old Town**, featuring the Venetian Town Hall and the Palace of St. Michael and St. George.
- ◆ Explore **Delphi**, the site of one of the most important oracles in the classical Greek world.
- ◆ Excursion to the archaeological site of **Olympia**, featuring the Temple of Zeus and the Archaeological Museum of Olympia.



### Always Included

- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
- ◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- ◆ Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom and on excursions.
- ◆ Hospitality desk aboard ship.
- ◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Program Directors at your service.
- ◆ Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
- ◆ Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.





## **Quintessential Venice**

### **Pre-Program Option**

Beloved worldwide for its extraordinary beauty, Venice is one of Italy's premier cities for art and architecture. Tour the heart of this UNESCO World Heritage site, including visits to the Doge's Palace and Basilica di San Marco, a flamboyant example of Byzantine architecture. Enjoy a traditional gondola ride, cruise the Grand Canal and visit the charming archipelago of Burano, known for its skilled fishermen, polychrome houses and intricate lace-making. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe HOTEL BAUER, located steps from the famous Piazza San Marco.

## **Wonders of Ancient Athens**

### **Post-Program Option**

Experience an ancient city unmatched in its contributions to the foundations of the Western world—Athens, the birthplace of democracy. Explore the enduring grandeur of the Acropolis, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and the gracefully proportioned Parthenon—dedicated to the goddess Athena in 438 B.C. See the archaeological treasures of the Acropolis Museum. Accommodations are for two nights in the centrally located, Five-Star HOTEL GRANDE BRETAGNE.

*Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.*





LE JACQUES CARTIER



Deck 6  
Deck 5  
Deck 4  
Deck 3

Category	LAND/CRUISE TARIFF <i>excluding taxes</i> <i>Per person, based on double occupancy</i>	Early Booking Tariff through Apr. 14, 2022	Full Tariff after Apr. 14, 2022
8	Picture window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. <i>Deck 3, forward. (limited availability)</i>	\$4495	\$5170
7	Picture window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. <i>Deck 3, midship.</i>	\$4995	\$5745
6	Expansive sliding glass door, <b>private balcony</b> . <i>Deck 4, forward.</i>	\$5595	\$6435
5	Expansive sliding glass door, <b>private balcony</b> . <i>Deck 4, midship.</i>	\$5995	\$6895
4	Expansive sliding glass door, <b>private balcony</b> . <i>Decks 5 and 6, aft. (limited availability)</i>	\$6595	\$7585
3	Expansive sliding glass door, <b>private balcony</b> . <i>Deck 5, forward. (limited availability)</i>	\$6995	\$7995
2	Expansive sliding glass door, <b>private balcony</b> . <i>Deck 5, midship.</i>	\$7595	\$8735
1	Expansive sliding glass door, <b>private balcony</b> . <i>Deck 6, midship.</i>	\$8495	\$9770
Deluxe Suite	Suite with expansive sliding glass door, <b>large private balcony</b> , sitting area with sofa. <i>Decks 3, 4, 5 and 6. (limited availability)</i>	\$9995	\$11495
Prestige Suite	Two-room Suite, expansive sliding glass door, <b>larger private balcony</b> , two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. <i>Deck 5. (limited availability)</i>	\$11295	\$12990
Privilege Suite	Large Suite with expansive sliding glass door, <b>larger private balcony</b> , sitting area with sofa. <i>Decks 5 and 6. (limited availability)</i>	\$11595	\$13335
Grand Deluxe Suite	Extra-large, one-bedroom Suite and separate sitting room with sofa, expansive sliding glass door, <b>spacious private terrace</b> , full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath. <i>Deck 6, aft. (limited availability)</i>	\$12995	\$14945
Owner's Suite	Extra-large, one-bedroom Suite and separate sitting room with sofa, expansive sliding glass door, <b>spacious private terrace</b> with outdoor Jacuzzi, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath. <i>Deck 5, aft. (limited availability)</i>	\$13595	\$15595

Singles supplements apply across all categories at 160% of the per person double price

Taxes are an additional \$445 per person.

LE JACQUES CARTIER has been specially contracted for this program and the deck plan is available online or at request from Gohagan & Company.



ADRIATIC AND AEGEAN ODYSSEY REGISTRATION FORM

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Program reservations require a deposit of \$800 per person.

☐ Enclosed is my/our check(s) for \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
Make check(s) payable to **Gohagan & Company**.

☐ I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to:  
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☐ I/We request that you contact me/us via telephone or email for  
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Signature as it appears on credit card

First participant's signature

Date

Second participant's signature

Date

Please make my/our reservation(s) :

Category: 1<sup>st</sup> Choice 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice

- ☐ Double occupancy (two twin beds).  
☐ Double occupancy (one queen bed).  
☐ Single accommodations.  
☐ Single but prefer to share and will  
allow you to select my roommate  
(shares cannot be guaranteed).

Quintessential Venice  
Pre-Program Option

- ☐ Double at \$1295 per person.  
☐ Single at \$1695 per person.  
☐ I am reserving as a single but  
prefer to share accommodations.

Wonders of Ancient Athens  
Post-Program Option

- ☐ Double at \$995 per person.  
☐ Single at \$1345 per person.  
☐ I am reserving as a single but  
prefer to share accommodations.

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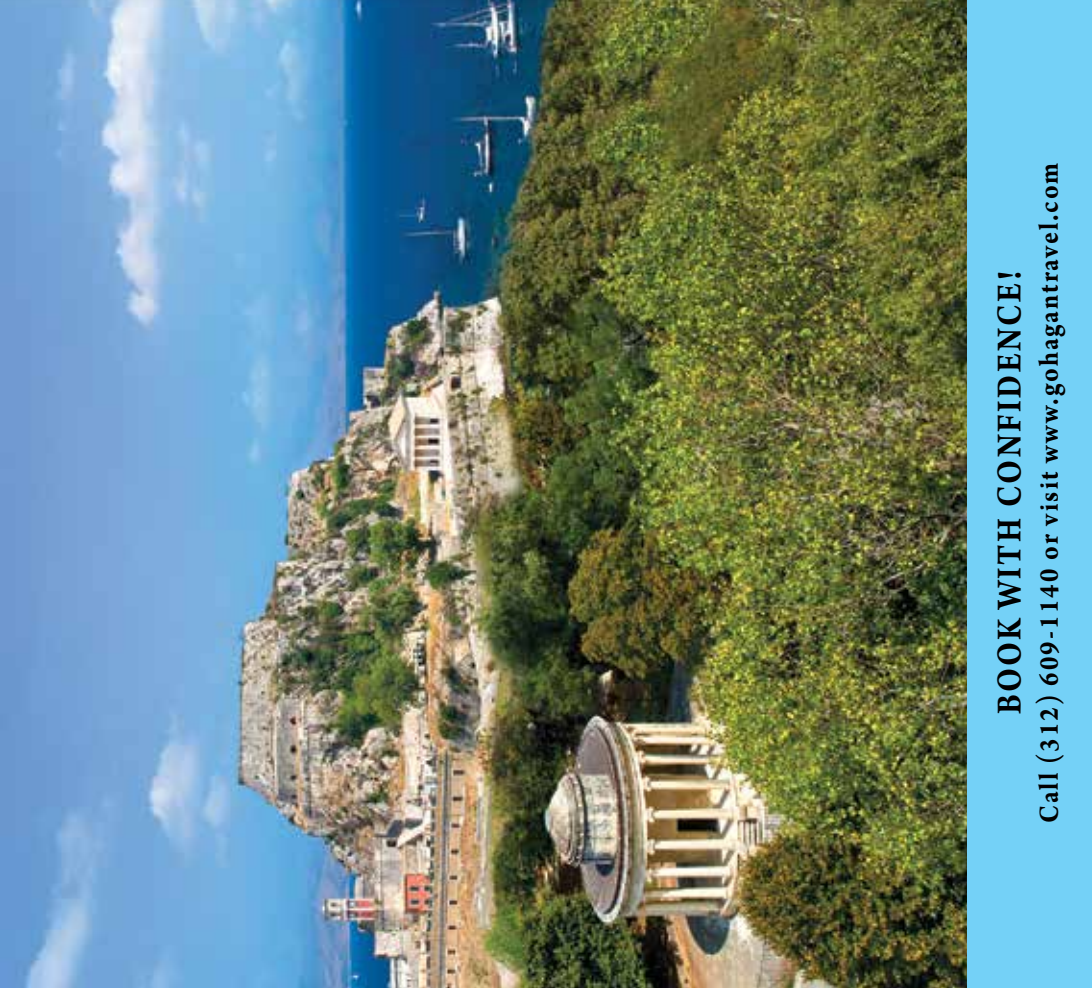
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