ANCIENT EMPIRES

Amalfi Coast
Sicily and Malta

Rome • Pompeii • Isle of Capri • Taormina • Syracuse • Agrigento

Odyssey aboard the Exclusively Chartered

Five-Star Le LYRICAL

May 12 to 20, 2022

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What to expect: These trips often travel by motor coach, ship or train. Touring days may include full-day motor coach excursions or extended periods of standing and walking during city tours, museum visits and/or outdoor activities. Travelers should be able to board transportation, walk over sometimes uneven terrain and climb a few flights of stairs, occasionally without handrails or assistance. Elevators are not always available. Outings last 2-4 hours most days.

Suitable for: Travelers who are able to comfortably walk two to four miles, or 4600-6900 steps, each day.

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Tour Highlights:
• Discover the intriguing mélange of cultures that flourished in the wake of Ancient Empires on this exclusively chartered cruise to the shores of Italy, Sicily and Malta.
• Cruise for seven nights from Rome, Italy, to Valletta, Malta, along two of Europe’s most dramatic coastlines, aboard the Five-Star small ship Le Lyrial, with only 92 Suites and Staterooms.
• Our custom-designed itinerary features the quintessential seaside villages and monumental antiquities of this historical region at the ideal time of year, affording a unique opportunity to travel with a small group that visits up to nine UNESCO World Heritage sites.
• Marvel at Italy’s stunning Amalfi Coast, legendary Capri and charming Positano.
• Gain insight into the Roman way life in A.D. 79 in the superbly excavated city of Pompeii.
• Discover Sicily’s storied town of Taormina, the legendary city of Syracuse and the classical perfection of Agrigento’s Valley of the Temples.
• Experience the rich history of Malta, the island nation where Saint Paul was shipwrecked. Rome Pre-Program and Malta Post-Program Options are available.

The safety and well-being of our travelers remains our highest priority. Cruise lines and some other providers of services (as well as, potentially, some countries) require all passengers traveling on our programs to present confirmation of a full COVID-19 vaccination, and, as well, passengers 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 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, overseas health officials as well as those protocols mandated by your cruise company (if applicable) and other suppliers of services. Detailed protocol information tailored to your travel program will be mailed to you along with additional pre-departure information.
The **Legacy of Empires**

The ancient coasts featured on this extraordinary program are among the most alluring shorelines in the world, where centuries-old ruins beckon you into mythical pasts and sparkling turquoise waters ensconce pastel-hued towns and villages. Each destination in Italy, Sicily and Malta reveals an intriguing history and distinct character—luring explorers, artists, architects and powerful rulers for generations. The world’s greatest empires are etched into every incomparable landscape and architectural triumph. It is a rare opportunity to see the diverse cultural legacies of the Italians, Greeks, Goths, Moors, Normans, Castilians, Turks, Jesuits, Spanish and French come to life among timelessly spectacular scenery. Fall under the enchantment of these story-laden lands—from Pompeii to Capri to Syracuse—as they captivate you with their unforgettable tales.

**U.S.**
**Thursday, May 12**
Depart the U.S.

**Rome, Italy/Civitavecchia**
**Friday, May 13**
Arrive in the former seat of the Roman Empire, UNESCO World Heritage-designated Rome, today the historic heart of Italy. From the iconic Colosseum and the Vatican to the Spanish Steps and the Catacombs, Ancient Rome continues to amaze modern visitors. Embark the Five-Star Le Lyrial in Civitavecchia.

**Sorrento for Pompeii**
**Saturday, May 14**
Quaint Sorrento is an outpost of the ancient Roman Republic and the scenic gateway to Mt. Vesuvius and Pompeii. This seaside town of rose-flushed buildings was built into picturesque cliffs high above the Tyrrhenian Seam and, as the world’s limoncello capital, is abundant with fragrant lemon and orange groves.

Continue to the legendary Pompeii, which was engulfed by the tephra of Mt. Vesuvius in A.D. 79, rendering the city frozen in time. Excavated 17 centuries after petrification, the incredible UNESCO World Heritage-designated ruins intimately reveal Roman daily rituals during Emperor Titus’s reign. On the walking tour, see the wealthy Vetti family estate, the extraordinary amphitheater—the earliest surviving stone amphitheater of the Roman world—and the Temple of Jupiter.

Enjoy the Captain’s Welcome Reception on board the ship this evening.

**Sorrento for Amalfi Coast and Positano/Isle of Capri**
**Sunday, May 15**
Admire the natural splendor of the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Amalfi Coast, and experience the allure of the Mediterranean seaside with secluded villages, opulent villas and sun-drenched beaches. Explore the winding, delightful streets of the cliffside, coastal village of Positano on your own.

Enjoy a walking tour of captivating Capri, the island where, legend has it, Homer’s Odysseus resisted the alluring call of the sirens.
Visit the Augustus Gardens, a series of serene, flower-filled terraces that afford breathtaking panoramas of the Faraglioni rock formations rising from translucent waters and the craggy peak of Mt. Solaro, the highest point on the island.

Cruise past Stromboli/Naxos for Taormina, Sicily
Monday, May 16

Be on deck this morning to view the Aeolian Island of Stromboli, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the "Lighthouse of the Mediterranean"—a volcano mildly active for over two millennia.

From charming Taormina, the medieval center of Sicilian culture and commerce, enjoy stunning panoramas of the Calabria coastline and snowcappedMt. Etna, Europe’s highest volcano and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Tour the remarkably preserved third-century B.C. Greco-Roman theater, the most dramatically sited Greek theater in the world and still in use today.

See the 14th-century Gothic-Catalan-style Corvaia Palace and the Roman Odeon, the “small theater” built in 21 B.C., and see the medieval Baroque portal of the Cathedral of St. Nicola. Stroll along Taormina’s distinctively Mediterranean pedestrian thoroughfare, Corso Umberto.

Syracuse
Tuesday, May 17

Extolled for its grandeur since classical antiquity, enchanting Syracuse reached its zenith of influence as an intellectual milieu.

Admire the symmetrical cone and primordial beauty of Stromboli, a picture-perfect volcano.

under Dionysius the Elder 350 years after Greek colonists first settled here in 734 B.C. Today, this UNESCO World Heritage site is an open-air museum of well-preserved classical monuments. Visit the storied Greek Theater, where Aeschylus once spoke to ancient Siracusans, still in use today; the Roman Amphitheater, where gladiators competed

The three sea stacks of Faraglioni are Capri’s most dramatic sight and can be seen from the Augustus Gardens.
for the crowds; the Altar of Hieron II; the limestone Ear of Dionysius cave; and the Archaeological Museum.

Wander the hallowed island of Ortygia, Syracuse's maritime heart, where the most ancient Doric temple in Sicily, the sixth-century B.C. Temple of Apollo, stands in the remains of Piazza Pancali. The city's Baroque cathedral incorporates the ruins of a fifth-century B.C. temple dedicated to the goddess Athena, where you can admire the unique baptismal font, an ancient Greek marble krater vase dating from the 13th century. The landmark Piazza Archimede showcases the dazzling, Baroque-style Fountain of Diana, adorned with rearing horses, charging tritons and maternal sea nymphs.

Porto Empedocle for Agrigento Wednesday, May 18
The classical Greek world is reanimated in Agrigento's UNESCO World Heritage-designated Valley of the Temples. Here, the landscape features eight Doric shrines dating from the fifth century B.C., including the Temple of Hera, with its graceful northern colonnade, and the Temple of Concordia, which has survived almost entirely intact since its construction in 430 B.C.

See the temples honoring Zeus and Heracles and the Sanctuary of the Chthonic Deities—mythological lords of Earth and the underworld. Visit the Agrigento Archaeological Museum, which preserves Sicily’s finest collection of Greek, Etruscan, Phoenician, Carthaginian and Roman artifacts.

Valletta, Malta Thursday, May 19
Cruise to the picturesque capital city of Valletta. Founded in 1566 by the Knights of St. John, this UNESCO World Heritage site is one of the world’s earliest planned cities. Malta has held a strong connection to Italy and Sicily since A.D. 60, when a shipwrecked St. Paul brought Christianity to the tiny archipelago. Today, this 2018 European Capital of Culture showcases incredible high Baroque, Neoclassical and modern architecture.

Visit St. John’s Co-Cathedral, exemplifying Baroque architecture with two large bell towers looming over the cathedral. Tour the 16th-century Barrakka Gardens and enjoy vistas of Valletta's Grand Harbor. Tour the interiors of the Grandmaster’s Palace, the former residence of the Order of the Knights of St. John and the seat of Malta’s parliament until 2015. A member of the de Piro family of Maltese nobility leads your private tour through the 430-year-old Casa Rocca Piccola, the family’s ancestral home and a display of historical Maltese aristocracy.

Attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception on board the ship this evening.

Valletta/U.S. Friday, May 20
Disembark and continue on the Malta Post-Program Option or transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S.

Visit St. John’s Co-Cathedral, a masterwork of Baroque artistry, inlaid with the crests of the Knights of St. John.
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Join us aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star LE LYRIAL, where distinctive French sophistication meets innovative nautical design. The ship's efficient electrical propulsion system and custom stabilizers provide an exceptionally smooth, quiet and comfortable voyage.

Respect for the Environment
With advanced technology and the most environmentally responsible features built into its design and operations, the ship has earned the important “Clean Ship” distinction.

With Our Compliments
Indulge in these complimentary onboard amenities—alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise and in your Suite or Stateroom minibar, Wi-Fi access and 24-hour room service.

Chic and Casual Dining
The stylish dining room and casual al fresco restaurant feature international and regional cuisine and serve continental and full breakfasts, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner as four courses. Wine is served at your table with lunch and dinner.

Elegant Suites and Staterooms—95% Include Private Balconies
Each of the 122 Five-Star Staterooms and Suites (up to 592 square feet), features an ocean view, and all have a balcony. All accommodations feature individual climate control, two twin beds or one queen bed, a private bathroom with shower and luxury hotel-style hotel amenities, including a flat-screen television, a safe, a full-length closet, plush robes and slippers.

Life on Board
In addition to educational and cultural presentations, panoramic views, evening entertainment or peaceful retreat, the ship's spacious public areas comfortably accommodate all passengers. Enjoy the theater, two lounges, the Sun Deck with open-air bar, the library, the beauty salon, the spa, the Turkish bath-style steam room and the fitness room. The ship has three elevators.

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 a nurse.
Included Features
On Board the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star, Small Ship Le Lyrial

- Seven-night cruise from Civitavecchia, Italy, to Valletta, Malta.
- Elegantly appointed, Five-Star Suite or Stateroom, each with a private balcony.
- Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise.
- All meals aboard ship.
- Complimentary Wi-Fi access.
- Time on your own to explore the quaint seaside town of Sorrento and the picturesque Amalfi Coast village of Positano.
- Walking tour of Sicily’s ancient town of Taormina, featuring the third-century B.C. Greco-Roman theater.
- Private tour of Casa Rocca Piccola and its lovely gardens, hosted by a member of the noble de Piro family.

UNESCO World Heritage Site Highlights

- Guided tour of the remarkable archaeological preservation of Pompeii.
- Scenic drive along the famous Amalfi Coast showcasing Italy’s natural beauty.
- Views of Sicily’s imposing Mt. Etna, Europe’s highest volcano.
- Cruise past the island of Stromboli, the “Lighthouse of the Mediterranean.”
- Tour of Sicily’s Syracuse, with visits to one of the best-preserved ancient Greek theaters in the world and the historical island of Ortygia, the legendary “Old City” of Syracuse.
- Excursion to Sicily’s Agrigento and its majestic Valley of the Temples, known for its exceptionally well-preserved classical Doric temples.
- Walking tour of Valletta, Malta, to visit the iconic St. John’s Co-Cathedral, the Barrakka Gardens, Grandmaster’s Palace and Casa Rocca Piccola.

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 Travel 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.
Eternal Rome  
Pre-Program Option*  
Capital of the ancient Roman Empire and a UNESCO World Heritage site, the "Eternal City" of Rome showcases centuries of culture, religion and political power through its earliest landmarks. Visit the ancient Colosseum, the historic Roman Forum and the fifth-century Church of St. Peter in Chains, which houses Michelangelo’s famed sculpture of Moses. Enjoy a tour of St. Peter’s Basilica and walk through the opulent Vatican Museums, including the renowned Sistine Chapel, featuring Michelangelo’s iconic ceiling frescoes. Accommodations are for three nights in the deluxe Westin Excelsior Rome, ideally located within walking distance of the grand Via Veneto, one of the most elegant streets in Rome.

Timeless Malta  
Post-Program Option*  
The extraordinary island of Malta is referred to as “one of the most concentrated historic areas in the world.” Walk the medieval streets of the beautifully preserved walled town of Mdina, where settlement pre-dates 4000 B.C., and visit the Mosta Church. Experience Malta’s fabled Blue Grotto, a sea cave illuminated by the brilliant blue reflection of glistening sunlight. Tour the opulent interiors and magnificent gardens of the family-owned, 18th-century Palazzo Parisio, known as a “miniature Versailles” and visit the underground Lascaris War Rooms, Britain’s top secret World War II command in Malta. Accommodations are for two nights in the Five-Star Grand Hotel Excelsior Malta.

*The Pre- and Post-Program Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
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**MS Le Lyrial**

One traveler per room, whether an alumni or friend, must be a current Cal Alumni Association member at the time of departure to participate in Cal Discoveries.

**PAYMENT OPTIONS**
- You can also enroll online at alumni.berkeley.edu/join.
- One membership. Please make dues payable to CAA by separate check, or, if you prefer, provide a Visa, MasterCard or American Express number with expiration date for payment. You can also enroll online at alumni.berkeley.edu/join.

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**LAND/Cruise Tariff** excluding taxes*  
Per person, based on double occupancy

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**Deluxe Suite**  
Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 5, Altair, forward.  
$7395  

**Prestige Suite**  
Large Suite, expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony. Deck 6, Lyra, mid.  
$8695  

**Privilege Suite**  
Two-room Suite, expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony. Deck 7, Virgo, forward.  
$10095  

**Grand Suite**  
Two-room larger Suite, expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony. Deck 6, Lyra, mid.  
$11095  

**Owner’s Suite**  
Two-room, extra-large Suite, expansive sliding glass door, larger private balcony.  
$11395  

Single supplements apply across all categories at 160% of the per person double price.*

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**Taxes are an additional $435 per person and are subject to change.**

**Le Lyrial** has been specially contracted for this program, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

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**Reservations form**

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Please make my/our reservation(s):  
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- 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).

**Eternal Rome Pre-Program Option**  
- Double at $1595 per person.  
- Single at $2195 per person.  
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

**Timeless Malta Post-Program Option**  
- Double at $845 per person.  
- Single at $445 per person.  
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

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By reserving and depositing on this program, I agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

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First participant’s signature:  
Today’s date:  
Second participant’s signature:  
Today’s date:  

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CANCELLATION FEES:

PRIOR TO DEPARTURE

6 days or more prior
95-61 days prior*
96 days or more prior*

100% of program price (with no pre-existing medical condition)
90% of program price
80% of program price

FEE

Full refund
50% of program price
75% of program price
100% of program price

*All cancellations must be submitted in writing to Cal Discoveries Travel. In the event of a cancellation between 45 and 95 days prior to departure, the refund will be by credit, usable on a future Cal Discoveries & Company trip which commences on or before December 31, 2023. In addition, for all bookings, any applicable airline cancellation fees; optional excursion cancellation fees and administrative fees may apply.

PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY:
All programs require physical independence and mobility. Any physical or mental condition that may require special medical attention or physical assistance (for example, the need for a wheelchair) must be reported in writing when you make your reservation. Participants must be able to embark or disembark motorcoaches

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