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**Colonel John E. Chere Jr.** (US Army, retired) is an alumnus of Cal (BA, 82) in Political Science, and Columbia University (MA, 92) in International Affairs/Middle East History. John served over 30 years of active duty in the military and is currently an Assistant Professor at the Defense Security Cooperation University (Ohio) and Adjunct Instructor at the Joint Special Operations University (Florida) instructing in Security Cooperation and Middle East Regional studies. John served over 20 years as an Infantry Officer in the US, Europe and the Middle East, and spent his last ten years of service as a Foreign Area Specialist in the Middle East and North Africa. More specifically, he was posted to our Embassies as the Defense Attaché to Morocco (2002-2005), Defense Attaché to Algiers (2006-2007), Army Attaché in Tel Aviv (2007-2010), Senior Defense Official in Tunis (2010-2013) and returned to Israel (2013-2014) for his last year before retirement. John has previously led Cal Discovery Tours to Southern Spain (2015) Provincial France (2018) and Egypt (2019). He also maintains an active interest in wines and is an educator and tour guide at Benziger Family Winery in Glen Ellen, California.

Cal lecturer’s participation cannot be guaranteed and is contingent on a minimum number of travelers

**Tour Highlights:**
- Eight nights aboard the Five-Star LE BELLOT, including three continents and seven UNESCO World Heritage sites.
- Cruise the Mediterranean and Aegean Seas, including a transit through the Suez Canal.
- Visits to Alexandria, the pyramids of Giza and the Great Sphinx, the Nile Valley city of Thebes, the “rose-red city” of Petra and the Wadi Rum Protected Area.
- Classical Greece Pre-Program Option and The Holy Land Post-Program Option.

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Athens, Greece
The birthplace of democracy and home to many of history’s greatest philosophers and poets, the ancient city of Athens is unmatched in its contributions to early Western civilization.

Santorini
Widely considered to be the site of the mythical lost city of Atlantis, Santorini overlooks a submerged caldera, the result of one of the most cataclysmic volcanic eruptions in history. Its picture-perfect whitewashed villages of sugar-cube houses and blue-domed churches cascade to serene waters.

The remarkable Bronze Age ruins of Akrotiri, held intact by layers of pumice and ash for over 3,500 years, reveal the architectural sophistication and advanced culture of its Minoan inhabitants. Findings from Akrotiri are elegantly exhibited in the Museum of Prehistoric Thera.

By cable car, descend from Fira, where stunning white-walled buildings stand in stark contrast against slate-colored volcanic cliffs.

Alexandria, Egypt
The fulcrum of the ancient Hellenic world, Alexandria is Egypt’s most beguiling city. Tour legendary Alexandria, founded by 25-year-old Alexander the Great in 331 B.C. Impressive Qaitbey Fort was built on top of the remains of the Lighthouse of Alexandria—one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World—and has served as a stronghold since 1480. The Library of Alexandria, with its vast archive of over 140,000 manuscripts and papyrus scrolls, formed a magnet for the ancient world’s greatest scientists, from Euclid to Archimedes. The Library’s visionary reincarnation, the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, constructed in 2002, resembles a giant discus adorned with hieroglyphs, symbolizing a second sun rising.

Suez Canal Transit
One of the most momentous voyages between continents transits the 120-mile Suez Canal, Egypt’s glorious, Victorian-era engineering achievement.

See Queen Nefertari’s likeness on a specially arranged visit to her tomb.

Cover photo: Stand before the Great Sphinx carved from a single piece of limestone.
Photo this page: The mythology surrounding the Nile River has shaped the region’s identity for thousands of years.

Classical Greece Pre-Program Option
1 Depart the U.S.
2 Arrive in **Athens**, Greece/Embark Le Bellot
3 **Santorini**
4 Cruising the **Mediterranean** and **Aegean Seas**
5 **Alexandria**, Egypt
6 Transit the legendary **Suez Canal**
7 **Ain Sokhna** for the Great Pyramids and Sphinx at **Giza**
8 **Hurghada** for **Ancient Thebes**, Egypt/Luxor and Karnak Temple Complexes
9 Necropolis at **Luxor** for the Valley of the Kings and Valley of the Queens/ **Safaga**
10 **Aqaba**, Jordan/Disembark ship/Wadi Rum
11 **Aqaba**/Petra/Amman
12 Amman
13 Amman/Jerash/Amman
14 Amman/Return to the U.S.

**The Holy Land Post-Program Option**

UNESCO World Heritage Site
The canal was first conceived in the 1830s by French explorer and engineer Linant de Bellefonds and opened in 1869. Connecting the Mediterranean Sea to the Red Sea, the canal reduced the journey between Europe and South Asia by over 4,000 miles, redefining international maritime trade.

The Great Pyramids of Giza
The last remaining Wonder of the Ancient World, the pyramids of the Old Kingdom pharaohs Cheops, Chephren and Mycerinus comprise the Great Pyramids of Giza and are enduring symbols of the glory of Egypt that have towered over the Western Desert for nearly 5,000 years.

See the iconic Great Sphinx, carved from a single mass of limestone with the body of a lion and head of a pharaoh. This marvel of human sculpture is speculated to date from Egypt's fourth dynasty.

Temples of Luxor and Karnak
The treasures and architectural legacy of fabled Thebes—the imperial ancient capital of Egypt’s New Kingdom—are revealed at stunning Karnak and Luxor Temples. Karnak’s vast complex of obelisks, shrines and sanctuaries reaches its apogee with the hypostyle hall, comprised of 134 colossal stone columns arranged in rows and etched with hieroglyphs. Luxor Temple’s exquisite bas-reliefs depict seminal events, such as Ramses’ victory at the Battle of Kadesh in 1274 B.C.

The dramatic Avenue of the Sphinxes once stretched from Karnak to Luxor, forming the spiritual and economic nexus of the region.

The Valley of the Kings and Valley of the Queens
Framed by arid Theban hills, the Nile’s west bank’s hallowed Necropolis is replete with spectacular memorial temples built to perpetuate the cult of the pharaoh. In the Valley of the Kings, 63 illustrious pharaohs of Egypt’s New Kingdom and their worldly wealth were laid to rest in tombs engraved with hieroglyphs.

Dr. Tarek Sayed Tawfik Ahmed, internationally acclaimed Egyptologist, will present exclusive lectures about the culture, way of life and iconic creations of ancient Egypt.
Ancient passageways descend to the burial chambers of King Ramses IV—where a rare image of the goddess Nut is emblazoned across a blue ceiling—and the 3,300-year-old tomb of boy king Tutankhamen. In the Valley of the Queens, enjoy a specially arranged visit to Queen Nefertari’s tomb, lauded as the most resplendent Theban burial site. The beauty of Ramses II’s favorite queen is enshrined in the spectacular wall paintings and divine images of her likeness.

**Wadi Rum**
Shaped and smoothed by millennia of winter floods and desert wind and sand, Wadi Rum was aptly described by British soldier and diplomat T. E. Lawrence, the legendary Lawrence of Arabia, as “vast, echoing and godlike.” Known as the Valley of the Moon, this region has seen human activity for nearly 12,000 years.

**Petra**
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Beautifully preserved Qaitbey Fort was built to defend Alexandria from the Ottoman Empire.

This ethereal landscape of grooved canyons, soaring mountains, undulating sand dunes and rocky caverns is best experienced from a four-passenger open-air vehicle.

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Luxury Small Ship, Innovative Design
Le Bellot, launched in 2020, represents a new generation of Five-Star small ships, combining revolutionary design and a new standard of luxury. Dock in smaller ports inaccessible to larger ships.

Respect for the Environment
A new addition to the Ponant “Clean Ship” fleet, an important certification among ocean-cruising vessels, Le Bellot is energy efficient and eco-friendly, protecting fragile marine ecosystems.

Chic and Casual Dining
Dine indoors or alfresco on international and regional cuisine served in the stylish restaurant, at the casual pool deck grill or from 24-hour room service. Meals include full breakfast service, lunch, afternoon tea and four-course dinner.

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 bay window and spacious private terrace. Accommodations offer two twin beds or one queen bed, individual climate control, private bathroom with a shower and luxury hotel-style amenities.

Life on Board
Enjoy views from the indoor-outdoor lounges and educational lectures, cultural performances or film screenings in the state-of-the-art theater. Relax in the spa, infinity-style swimming pool or the Blue Eye underwater Observation Lounge. The ship has a beauty salon, a fitness room and three elevators. Complimentary Wi-Fi access is available (conditions permitting).

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.

Today, Amman’s plethora of Roman ruins stand testament to the Roman Empire’s long-reaching and enduring influence. From the Citadel, see the towering columns of the Temple of Hercules looming over the Jordan’s cosmopolitan capital, where the magnificent, 6,000-seat Roman Theater, dating from the second century, forms the city’s centerpiece and still stages performances.

Jerash
Historical Jerash, established as a town during the reign of Alexander the Great, was officially ushered into the Roman Empire after Pompey’s conquest in 64 B.C. Often invoked as the “Pompeii of Asia,” Jerash’s ancient, remarkably preserved colonnaded avenues, ceremonial gates and golden-hued temples speak to its stature as one of the Roman Decapolis’s most important cities.

Marvel at prodigious Hadrian’s Arch at the city’s entrance and dating to 129 A.D., the intricately carved Temples of Artemis and Zeus and the immense scale and sublime architecture of the historic Forum.
Included Features

♦ Featuring Dr. Tarek Sayed Tawfik Ahmed, who will present exclusive lectures.

On Board the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star, Small Ship Le Bellot

♦ Eight-night cruise from Athens, Greece, to Aqaba, Jordan, featuring a transit of the Suez Canal.
♦ 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 (conditions permitting).
♦ Tour of Santorini featuring visits to the excavations of Akrotiri and the renowned Museum of Prehistoric Thera and a cable car ride.
♦ Tour of historic Alexandria.
♦ Overnight visit to Luxor, with accommodations in a Nile-view room in the deluxe STEIGENBERGER NILE PALACE HOTEL, with breakfast, lunch and dinner.

In Aqaba, Jordan

♦ One night in the Five-Star Kempinksi Hotel Aqaba, with breakfast and dinner.

Transfer from Aqaba to Amman.

In Amman

♦ Three nights in the Five-Star Fairmont Hotel, with full breakfast each morning.
♦ City tour of Amman, with visits to the ancient Citadel and Roman Theater.
♦ Excursion to Jerash’s Greco-Roman ruins, with lunch.
♦ Farewell Reception in the hotel.

UNESCO World Heritage Site Highlights

♦ Visit to Giza Plateau to see the Great Pyramids, the Great Sphinx.
♦ Guided tour of the ancient capital of Thebes’s grand pharaonic temples of Luxor and Karnak.
♦ Visits to the fabled Colossi of Memnon, the tombs of Kings Tutankhamen and Ramses IV in the Valley of the Kings and a specially arranged tour of Queen Nefertari’s tomb in the Valley of the Queens.
♦ Excursion into the Wadi Rum Protected Area, a traditional Bedouin site, with lunch.
♦ Walking tour of the “rose-red city” of Petra, one of the New Seven Wonders of the World, with lunch.

Always Included

♦ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
♦ Egypt and Jordan entry visas.
♦ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
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♦ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
The Holy Land
Jerusalem ♦ Masada ♦ Sea of Galilee
Post-Program Option**

Further expand your exploration of the great civilizations to include captivating biblical, historical and cultural sites in and around Jerusalem and Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee. In historic Jerusalem, a holy city for three of the world’s major religions, walk in the footsteps of Jesus, see evocative religious sites and visit the poignant Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum. Tour UNESCO World Heritage-designated Masada, see where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, visit Bethlehem and enjoy an unforgettable float in the Dead Sea. Visit Nazareth, Cana, the Mount of Beatitudes, Capernaum and the Ancient Boat Museum. Enjoy a cruise on the Sea of Galilee (weather permitting), a stop beside the Jordan River at the Yardenit Baptismal site and a tour of a traditional rural kibbutz with lunch. Deluxe accommodations are for four nights in Jerusalem and two nights in Tiberias.

Classical Greece
Athens ♦ Delphi
Pre-Program Option**

Experience an ancient city unmatched in its contributions to the Western world—Athens, the birthplace of democracy. Tour the monumental Acropolis, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and the perfectly proportioned Parthenon, a graceful example of Doric architecture; see its archaeological treasures in the Acropolis Museum. Explore Plaka, Athens’ oldest neighborhood, at leisure. Enjoy a full-day excursion to the mystical UNESCO World Heritage site of Delphi and its Archaeological Museum. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe Grand Bretagne Athens Hotel.

**Pre- and Post-Program Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
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**Deluxe Suite**

- Suite with expansive sliding glass door, **large private balcony**, sitting area with sofa. Decks 3, 4, 5 and 6 (limited availability).
  - $13695

**Prestige Suite**

- Two-room Suite, expansive sliding glass door, **larger private balcony**, two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. Deck 5 (limited availability).
  - $14695

**Privilege Suite**

- Large Suite with expansive sliding glass door, **larger private balcony**, sitting area with sofa. Decks 5 and 6 (limited availability).
  - $14995

**Grand Deluxe Suite**

- Extra-large, one-bedroom Suite, expansive sliding glass door, **spacious private terrace**, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath, sitting room with sofa. Deck 6, aft. (limited availability).
  - $16695

**Owner’s Suite**

- Extra-large, one-bedroom Suite, expansive sliding glass door, **spacious private terrace** with outdoor Jacuzzi, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath, sitting room with sofa. Deck 5, aft. (limited availability).
  - $17195

*Singles are available in category 5 at $16295* and in category 2 at $19495* on or before July 19, 2021. Add $1000 for reservations made after July 19, 2021.

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- Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $__________ as deposit.
- Make check(s) payable to 2021 Red Sea and Aegean Sea. I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $__________ to:
  - Visa
  - MasterCard

Card Number Exp. Date

Signature as it appears on credit card

Please make my/our reservation(s):

Category: 1st Choice 2nd 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).

**Classical Greece Pre-Program Option**

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

**The Holy Land Post-Program Option**

- Double at $2895 per person.
- Single at $4395 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

- I/We want you to book my/our air, at an additional cost to be advised, from: (fill in departure city)

- I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.

**Final Payment**

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