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Professor Darren Zook
Darren Zook teaches in Global Studies and Political Science and has been a member of the faculty at the University of California, Berkeley, since 2000. He taught previously at the University of California, Davis, and at the Claremont Colleges in southern California. In 2012, he was a Fulbright Research Scholar in Singapore working on a project that focused on cybersecurity in the Asia-Pacific region. He has received numerous teaching awards for his creativity in the classroom, and most recently was named as one of the “Top Ten Most Inspiring Professors at UC Berkeley” by the popular online journal College Magazine. He has lectured all around the world, and has traveled extensively in the course of his professional work. Zook’s interest in the Mediterranean region draws from his research on the European migrant crisis, as well as his research on islands and small states and their unique behavior in international law and politics. He has also followed with keen interest the emerging political and cultural battles over food and drink in Europe, in which the Mediterranean region has been a key and crucial player. Zook has published six books, including most recently The Cedars of Lebanon, his first novel.

Tour Highlights:
• Cruise for seven nights from Rome, Italy, to Valletta, Malta, aboard the Five-Star expedition ship Le BOUGAINVILLE, launching in 2019 with only 92 Suites and Staterooms, each with a private balcony.
• Our outstanding, custom-designed itinerary features the very best of this historic region at the most ideal time of year, and affords the unique opportunity to travel with a small, intimate group and visit seven UNESCO World Heritage sites.
• Marvel at Italy’s stunning Amalfi Coast and see the colorful seaside town of Sorrento.
• Gain insight into Roman life of A.D. 79 in the superbly excavated town of Pompeii.
• Discover Sicily’s storied town of Taormina, the legendary city of Syracuse and Agrigento’s majestic Valley of the Temples.
• Experience the rich history of Malta, the island nation where Saint Paul was shipwrecked.
• Eternal Rome Pre-Cruise and Timeless Malta Post-Cruise Options are available.
The Legacy of Empires

The ancient coasts on this itinerary are considered by many to be the most alluring shorelines in the world, where centuries-old ruins beckon you into the ancient past and sparkling turquoise waters enconce 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. A seemingly endless roll call of empires is etched into every incomparable landscape and extraordinary architectural triumph. It is a rare opportunity to see and experience the diverse cultural legacies of the Italians, Greeks, Goths, Moors, Normans, Castilians, Turks, Jesuits, Spanish and French come to life amongst timelessly beautiful scenery. Fall under the enchantment of these history-laden lands—from Pompeii to Capri to Syracuse—as they captivate you with their unforgettable stories.

U.S.
Sunday, Day 1
Depart the U.S.

Rome, Italy/Civitavecchia
Monday, Day 2
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 Bougainville in Civitavecchia.

Sorrento for Pompeii
Tuesday, Day 3
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 Sea and, as the world’s limoncello capital, is abundant with fragrant lemon and orange groves.

Continue to 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 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 and the extraordinary amphitheater—the earliest surviving stone amphitheater of the Roman world—and Temple of Jupiter.

Sorrento for Amalfi Coast/Isle of Capri
Wednesday, Day 4
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.

Cover photo: Visit Taormina’s Greco-Roman theater, which exemplifies the ancient Greek belief that a city’s key sites should complement its nature.

Photo this page: The famed Amalfi Coast corniche road weaves through quaint villages and picturesque landscapes.
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.

Naxos for Taormina, Sicily
Thursday, Day 5
Be on deck this morning to view the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Aeolian Island of Stromboli, 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 snowcapped Mt. 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.

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

Syracuse
Friday, Day 6
Extolled for its grandeur since classical antiquity, enchanting Syracuse reached its zenith of influence as an intellectual milieu 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

Valletta’s strategic position on Malta’s Grand Harbor made it a coveted territory for countless civilizations.
spoke to ancient Siracusans, still in use today; the Roman Amphitheater, where gladiators competed for the crowds; the Altar of Hieron II; the limestone Ear of Dionysius cave; and the Archaeological Museum.

Stroll the hallowed small 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 (large 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 Saturday, Day 7
The classical Greek world is reanimated in Agrigento’s UNESCO World Heritage-designated Valle dei Templi (Valley of the Temples). 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, one of the most beautifully preserved Greek monuments, having 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 Sunday, Day 8
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.

See St. John’s Co-Cathedral, built between 1573 and 1578, 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. Visit the underground Lascaris War Rooms, Britain's top-secret command in Malta during WWII. 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. Monday, Day 9
Disembark and continue on the Timeless Malta Post-Cruise Option or transfer to the airport for your return flight home.
Luxury Small Ship, Innovative Design
Le Bougainville, launched in 2019, ushers in 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 and where authentic cultural experiences and majestic scenery await you.

Blue Eye – World’s First Multisensory, Underwater Observation Lounge
Introducing the extraordinary Blue Eye, the world’s first multisensory, underwater Observation Lounge. View the beauty of marine life through the large, subaquatic windows and integrated digital screens providing live images from underwater cameras, and enjoy the sensory experience of listening to the ocean’s unique underwater universe in the comfort of the exclusive Blue Eye lounge.*

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 and sauna or the infinity-style swimming pool. There is a beauty salon, fitness room and there are three elevators. Complimentary Wi-Fi access is available (conditions permitting).

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, private bathroom with shower, individual climate control and luxury hotel-style amenities.

Chic and Casual Dining
Dine indoors or alfresco 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 continental and buffet breakfasts, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and four-course dinner.

Respect for the Environment
Le Bougainville joins the Ponant “Clean Ship” fleet, an important distinction among ocean-cruising vessels. Le Bougainville is energy efficient and eco-friendly, protecting marine ecosystems.

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

*Marine life viewing varies by location.
Included Features

On Board the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star, Small Ship LE BOUGAINVILLE

◆ Seven-night cruise from Civitavecchia, Italy, to Valletta, Malta.
◆ 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).
◆ Blue Eye—the world’s first luxury, multisensory, underwater Observation Lounge.
◆ Time at leisure 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.
◆ 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 see the ornate St. John’s Co-Cathedral and visit the Barrakka Gardens, Grandmaster’s Palace, Casa Rocca Piccola and the underground Lascaris War Rooms.

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.
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◆ 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.
Tour the Colosseum, a symbol of Ancient Rome constructed between A.D. 70 and 80, during the reign of Emperor Vespasian.

**Eternal Rome**
Pre-Cruise Option
Capital of the ancient Roman Empire and a UNESCO World Heritage site, the “Eternal City” of Rome showcases centuries as a nucleus of culture, religion and political power through its ancient 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 famous Sistine Chapel, featuring Michelangelo’s awe-inspiring 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 all of Rome.

**Timeless Malta**
Post-Cruise 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 (weather permitting), 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.” Discover the lavishly ornamented interior of St. John’s Co-Cathedral and see Caravaggio’s only signed work, the dramatic **Beheading of John the Baptist**. Accommodations are for two nights in a local hotel.

*The Pre- and Post-Cruise Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.*
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Please make my reservation(s):

Eternal Rome Pre-Cruise Option

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Single at $2695 per person.

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Single at $1145 per person.

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