

# CRUISE FROM CANNES TO VENICE





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# PROGRAM Highlights

- Cruise the storied waters of the Mediterranean, Adriatic and Ionian seas during a 14-night voyage that takes you from France to Italy, Croatia and Greece.
- Discover the rich culture and history along the Dalmatian Coast. A show-case of archaeological gems, magnificent architecture and more, this region is still largely off the beaten path.
- Included excursions in most ports of call.
- Delve deep into ancient history during an informative lecture series presented by scholars and other experts.

 Pursue your own interests during leisure time in several ports.

 Enjoy an informal cruising experience without sacrificing a high level of service, excellent dining choices and a multitude of amenities.



# **MV Aegean Odyssey...**

Classically elegant, yet far from formal, MV Aegean Odyssey is the ideal ship for touring antiquity. This is a premium-class vessel, rebuilt for cruising the coastal waters of the Mediterranean Sea. The ship easily approaches islands, enters remote inlets and explores ancient sites inaccessible to larger vessels, opening up experiences to you that others miss. This is boutique-style cruising.

The ship carries an average of 350 passengers accommodated in comfortable and well-appointed suites, junior suites and staterooms. Enjoy a casual dress code, open-seated dining and many diversions including the outdoor pool, a full-service spa and stimulating talks in the lecture theater.

Two restaurants celebrate the Mediterranean's glorious culinary tradition with the best ingredients in delicious and healthful dishes. Enjoy full waiter service and easy sophistication in the Marco Polo, the ship's more formal dining room, where lunches and dinners feature delectable entrees. At dinner, complimentary house wines are carefully sourced from Italy, Croatia, Sicily and Greece.

The Terrace Café offers indoor and al fresco seating for breakfast, lunch and dinner, and cooking on the open grill. Bistro-style Tapas on the Terrace serves appetizers, paella and authentic Italian pizzas. For a special treat, take afternoon tea — an English tradition made magical when enjoyed at sea. Aegean Odyssey's crowning touch is the fine service of the crew, whose attention to detail and graciousness will complete your unforgettable voyage to antiquity.

# Dear Johns Hopkins Alumni and Friends,

Lovers of all things Mediterranean and connoisseurs of history know that there is no one culture or place that typifies this lovely part of the world. For those who hunger to explore its rich variety, we offer Jewels of Antiquity ~ Cannes to Venice.

Your voyage first takes you to the must-see region of Provence. Then explore Florence and Rome, distinguished by their beauty and legacies of powerful rulers and dynastic families. As you make your way through the Tyrrhenian and Ionian seas, discover more treasures of the classical world. Magnificent bays beckon you to some of the Dalmatian Coast's most significant outposts: Butrint, Dubrovnik and Split. Cap off your voyage in the quintessential mariners' and merchants' capital: Venice.

This Voyages to Antiquity cruise is a journey for those who are ever curious and excited to learn about classical civilizations. One essential feature of every Voyages to Antiquity cruise is a series of lectures presented by esteemed historians and dynamic speakers. Throughout your cruise, enjoy the breathtaking scenery and the delicious food and wine of the Mediterranean.

Space is limited on this boutique-style cruise, so please call today to make your reservation or obtain more information.

Sincerely,

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Marguerite I. Jones, A&S '74, Bus '88 Travel Program Director Office of Alumni Relations The Johns Hopkins University "Venice is like eating an entire box of chocolate liqueurs in one go."

Truman Capote, American author and journalist, 1924-1984

"A land without ruins is a land without memories — a land without memories is a land without history."

Abram Joseph Ryan, American poet and Roman Catholic priest, 1838-1886

"I found Rome a city of bricks and left it a city of marble."

Augustus Caesar, Roman emperor, 63 B.C.-A.D. 14, "Suetonius, Augustis," sec. 28

Ocean, who is the source of all.

Homer, Greek poet, c. 700 B.C, "The Iliad," bk. XIV, l. 246

Those who seek paradise on earth should see Dubrovnik.

George Bernard Shaw, Irish playwright, 1856-1950

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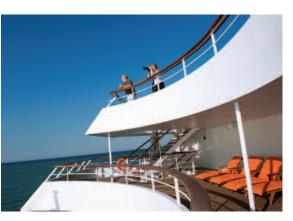








# Cruise in comfort, relax in style.







A casual and relaxed atmosphere
Friendly, attentive service
Elegantly appointed accommodations



# **Top Lecturers and Fascinating Talks**

The lecturers and speakers on a Voyages to Antiquity cruise are leaders in their fields, often affiliated with the world's prestigious universities including Oxford and Cambridge, best-selling authors, and experts from fine museums and organizations such as the Archaeological Institute of America. They are selected for their knowledge of Europe and their ability to bring the history, archaeology, architecture and art of these remarkable civilizations to life.

Assisting the speakers during lectures and on trips ashore will be our team of young classical history graduates whose enthusiasm and specialized knowledge will enhance your explorations.

Above: St. Mark's Basilica, Venice





# DISCOVER THE HISTORY,

The eastern Mediterranean is a fascinating mix of peoples and cultures. Sample the best of its riches aboard MV Aegean Odyssey as you explore the sensuousness of the French Riviera and Provence before delving into priceless ruins of antiquity from Rome and Pompeii to lesserknown, but no less fascinating, sites in Albania and Croatia on the dazzling Dalmatian Coast. Greek, Roman, Byzantine and Renaissance history come alive through the amazing architecture and art left as markers along this amazing maritime route. During the cruise, a roster of expert speakers will bring history to life during a series of engaging lectures. These lectures are interspersed throughout the cruise as the itinerary permits.

#### **DAY ONE**

Depart your gateway city for Nice, France, aboard scheduled jet service.\*

#### **DAY TWO**

NICE, FRANCE | CANNES Upon arrival, transfer to Cannes, where you will board MV Aegean Odyssey.

## **DAY THREE**

B|L|D**CANNES** 

**Independent Exploration:** Enjoy the day at your leisure exploring Cannes. A resort frequented by royalty and high society, Cannes and the region were made famous by writers, performers and artists such as F. Scott Fitzgerald, Cole Porter and Picasso.

**Optional Excursion:** Travel the coastal road to Monte Carlo, with its opulent casino and stately palace overlooking seaside cliffs, before continuing to nearby Provençal hill towns.\*

This evening, celebrate at the captain's Welcome Reception.

## **DAY FOUR**

MARSEILLES | AVIGNON | ARLES

B|L|D

Excursion: Quintessential Provence. Enjoy a guided journey to medieval Avignon, famous for its Palais des Papes. Continue to charming Arles to see its striking Roman arena, Théâtre Antique and Church of St. Trophime.

## **DAY FIVE**

RIVIERA COAST

B|L|D

Savor a full day of cruising the famed French Riviera as you relax aboard ship. Admire St. Tropez, Antibes and other towns and the beautiful scenery along the Côte d'Azur.

#### **DAY SIX**

LIVORNO, ITALY | FLORENCE B|DExcursion: Florence. On this full-day guided tour, see Michelangelo's "David" at the Accademia Gallery, the Duomo, Pallazzo Vecchio and Ponte Vecchio. Visit the Uffizi Gallery to admire the works of Renaissance masters.

#### **DAY SEVEN**

CIVITAVECCHIA | ROME B|D

Excursion: Rome, From Ancient to Modern Times. From 200 B.C. to A.D. 200,

#### **UNESCO**

The UNESCO World Heritage sites featured in this program are **Avignon and the Roman and Romanesque** monuments of Arles, France; the historic centers of Florence, Rome, Pompeii, Herculaneum and Venice, Italy; Butrint, Albania; the Old Town of Corfu, Greece; and the Old City of Dubrovnik and the historic complex of Split, Croatia.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>♣</sup>Provided for Air/Sea Program participants





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Rome was the master of the Mediterranean. Visit the Colosseum, the biggest stadium in the Roman world. Continue to the Forum to see grand temples, triumphal arches and a complex devoted to the vestal virgins. In the afternoon, explore St. Peter's Basilica. Afterward, walk along the Via del Corso and see the Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon and the Piazza Navona.

## **DAY EIGHT**

SORRENTO | POMPEII OR HERCULANEUM B|L|D

**Independent Exploration:** Enjoy a free morning to explore picturesque Sorrento and perhaps stop into a shop specializing in the town's famous limoncello.

After lunch, choose between the following two excursions that showcase two of Italy's most fascinating archaeological sites.

**Excursion:** *Pompeii's Legacy.* Your guide will bring to life Pompeii's spectacular sights buried in Mount Vesuvius' rage in A.D. 79. Marvel at aristocratic mansions, temples, theaters and the forum. At every turn, there are reminders of a moment in time, captured only because of the volcano's epic eruption.

**Excursion:** *Timeless Herculaneum.* Mud from the same eruption preserved many of Herculaneum's buildings. Marvel at their inlaid marble floors, paintings and mosaics. See the Villa of the Papyri and its library, famous for its 1,000 papyrus scrolls.

## **DAY NINE**

TAORMINA, SICILY B|L|D

Enjoy the morning cruising the Lipari Islands and Strait of Messina.

**Excursion:** *Sicilian Pinnacle.* Enjoy a scenic drive to the town of Taormina, where the views reveal Sicily's profound beauty. Walk the town's medieval passages to the theater, built in the third century B.C. by the Greeks and rebuilt by the Romans. Stroll the cobbled Corso Umberto and linger there to shop for ceramics, wines or other treasures.

## **DAY TEN**

BUTRINT, ALBANIA B|L|D

**Excursion:** *Victories and Spoils.* Butrint is one of the most remarkable archaeological sites in the Adriatic Sea region. In the fifth century B.C., the Greek Chaonian tribe settled here. Later, Roman Emperor Augustus









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founded a colony here, and power struggles involving Byzantine, Norman, Angevin and Venetian states left a fascinating site.

## **DAY ELEVEN**

CORFU, GREECE

B|L|D

**Excursion:** *Lush Corfu.* Thanks to Venetian decree that an olive tree be planted for every birth and a cypress for each death, Corfu is a lush green island. Start your day with a visit to the historic old town's fortress. Stroll the esplanade past the colonnaded Liston Café and cricket pitch to the red-domed Agios Spyridon church.

**Independent Exploration:** Spend the afternoon exploring the old town's narrow stepped streets, Georgian mansions and shops in elegant arcades.

## **DAY TWELVE**

DUBROVNIK, CROATIA B|L|D

As you make your way to Dubrovnik, spend the morning cruising the stunning Bay of Kotor. This fjord on the Montenegran coast is a part of a UNESCO World Heritage site.

**Excursion:** *Strength and Light.* In the afternoon, take a guided tour of the walled

city of Dubrovnik. See its magnificent fortifications, the Church of St. Blaise and the cathedral, where Titian's "Assumption" presides over the main altar.

## DAY THIRTEEN

SPLIT

B|L|D

Excursion: *Vibrant Split*. When Roman Emperor Diocletian abdicated in A.D. 305, he retired to his lavish palace in Split, an elaborate complex of temples, massive mausoleum and labyrinthine cellars. Stroll through the cellars and continue your exploration of this lively city. Visit the city museum and Peristyle Square.

**Independent Exploration:** Enjoy free time to discover Split on your own.

**Optional Excursion:** See the island of Trogir, a UNESCO World Heritage site.\*

## **DAY FOURTEEN**

ZADAR

B|L|D

Excursion: *A Coveted Place*. The Romans, Byzantines and Venetians all valued the port of Zadar. The Roman Forum, the Romanesque Cathedral of St. Anastasia and the Byzantine Church of St. Donat tell of their past.









Spend the afternoon cruising the Kornati Islands and the isle of Losinj.

Attend the AHI Farewell Reception tonight.

## **DAY FIFTEEN**

VENICE, ITALY B|L|D

**Excursion:** *Treasures of Venice.* Take a morning walking tour of this dream-like city. Visit St. Mark's Square, famous for its impressive proportions. The Doge's Palace, seat of the Venetian government for nearly 1,000 years, will amaze you with its art-filled rooms before you cross the Bridge of Sighs.

**Independent Exploration:** Take the afternoon to explore the shops, cafés and streets around St. Mark's Square.

**Excursion:** *St. Mark's at Night.* Join an exclusive tour of St. Mark's Basilica, whose façade mosaics and golden dome have been superbly restored to their original grandeur.

## **DAY SIXTEEN**

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Depart for the Venice airport and the return flight to your gateway city.\*

NOTE: Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change. Some included sightseeing itineraries can be strenuous, therefore a reasonable level of fitness is recommended. Some passengers may decide to take a break on certain days and explore the environs around the port.

Included meals indicated each day as  $B \mid L \mid D = Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner$ .

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