IN
ANCIENT GREECE
AN AEGEAN ODYSSEY
aboard the Exclusively Chartered,
Newly Launched, Five-Star, Small Ship LE LAPÉROUSE
October 4 to 12, 2018
Dear Gator Traveler:

This unique University of Florida travel opportunity features a comprehensive Aegean Odyssey to the very cradle of Western civilization and the classical world, exploring the iconic jewels and legendary mythical places of Ancient Greece. Cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, state-of-the-art, **Five-Star LE LAPÉROUSE**, to be launched in 2018. LE LAPÉROUSE introduces the deluxe and exclusive **Blue Eye**, the world’s first multisensory underwater lounge. Featuring only 92 Suites and Staterooms, this elegant small ship is able to sail into ports inaccessible to larger vessels.

The University of Florida offers a spectacular voyage with calls on Santorini, Delos, Mykonos, Pátmos, Rhodes and the Peloponnese peninsula—ancient destinations steeped in myth and history—and offers opportunities to visit nine magnificent UNESCO World Heritage sites. Visit the extraordinary scenic wonder of Meteora, where 24 Orthodox monasteries, built in the 14th and 15th centuries, are perched high atop soaring natural sandstone cliffs. Walk through the Sanctuary of Asklepios at Epidaurus, where the history of Hellenic and Roman early healing practices is engraved onto exquisitely preserved stelai, or inscribed stone slabs, and the Theater’s exemplary acoustics still reverberate today. Learn more about contemporary Greek island life during the exclusive ISLAND LIFE® FORUM, where you will meet and interact with local residents. Enjoy guided tours in these storied destinations and traditional Greek villages, with time at leisure to encounter their mysteries and delights at your own pace during the best time of the year. Aegean historian Eleni Zachariou will accompany us and share her extensive knowledge and expertise of the islands, Classical Art and Architecture and the peoples of her native Greece.

**ISLAND LIFE® in ANCIENT GREECE** is a popular, comprehensive travel program and an excellent value—all accommodations, meals, exclusive CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS and one excursion each day are included, and you only need to unpack once! Space is limited on this Aegean Odyssey, so book now!

Sincerely,

Matthew M. Hodge, Ph.D.
Interim Executive Director for Alumni Relations
University of Florida

Cover photo: Admire the beauty of Santorini’s whitewashed villages overlooking the deep turquoise Aegean waters.

The bronze stag symbolizes the Colossus of Rhodes, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.
The Roman writer Cicero (106–43 B.C.) observed of Athens that “wherever you set your foot, you encounter some memory of the past”; the same can be said for all of Greece. Here, in the cradle of Western civilization, glorious 14th- to 15th-century Orthodox monasteries were built atop extraordinary towering sandstone cliffs. Imagine Odysseus seeking redemption in the Underworld or Orpheus retrieving his lost love as you experience the islands of Classical mythology. Envision ancient daily life at evocative archaeological sites, such as the Sacred Way and Akrotiri, and experience exclusive, local Cultural Enrichments, including an Island Life® Forum with Patmians who will share their candid perspectives about life today on the ancient island, a folklore show and an authentic baklava culinary demonstration.
Athens, Greece
Birthplace of democracy and home to many of history’s greatest philosophers and poets from Socrates to Herodotus, Athens is unmatched in its contributions to early Western civilization.

Meteora
From the attractive port city of Volos, birthplace of legendary Argonaut Jason, travel across the fertile Plain of Thessaly to the seldom-visited natural wonder of Meteora—Greek for “suspended in the air”—an extraordinary enigma of virtually uncharted Orthodox monasteries. This breathtaking UNESCO World Heritage site was constructed in the 14th and 15th centuries a staggering 1300 feet above the valley floor, atop soaring natural sandstone pillars, where the early Christian traditions of these monasteries have continued uninterrupted for hundreds of years. Visit one of the four active monasteries, originally accessed by way of long ladders and baskets suspended on ropes, but today accessible by travel on a modern road overlooking verdant Peneas Valley with impossibly majestic sights.

Delos
The mythical birthplace of Apollo and Artemis, Delos is today a UNESCO World Heritage site. It is considered to be one of the most sacred islands in the Greek world, as central to Grecian spiritual life as Olympia and Delphi.

Almost completely intact, the fourth-century B.C. theater at Epidaurus is world renowned for its near-perfect acoustics.

Walk along the Sacred Way to the Sanctuary of Apollo, a spectacularly rich archaeological site with remains of three separate temples from the fifth and sixth centuries B.C. Delos’ awe-inspiring ruins also showcase an entire district of Hellenistic and Roman-era houses and a 5500-seat theater (300 B.C.), the site of choral competitions during the Delian panegyris, or ancient quadrennial festival honoring Apollo.

See the legendary Terrace of the Lions, dedicated to Apollo, where hand-carved marble statues have guarded the island for nearly 2600 years (the original lions are in the Delos Archaeological Museum).

Mykonos
According to ancient legend, the craggy hills and clefts of Mykonos were formed from the petrified bodies of giants defeated by Hercules. Mykonos’ iconic windmills, bright white, cube-shaped houses and azure bays epitomize the striking beauty of the Greek Isles.

Cultural Enrichment: Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore Mykonos’ quaint, narrow streets lined with whitewashed houses and boutiques or to sip ouzo harborside in Mykonos’s Little Venice.

Pátmos
The small island of Pátmos and its Greek Orthodox Monastery of St. John, St. John the Apostle is believed to have written the Book of Revelation in the Cave of the Apocalypse on Pátmos.
a UNESCO World Heritage site, loom large in the history of Christianity. Tour the monastery, built in 1088 and still inhabited by monks who continue to preserve it as a pilgrimage site and place of religious study. See the Cave of the Apocalypse, where St. John the Apostle of Ephesus very possibly wrote the Book of Revelation in A.D. 95.

Cultural Enrichment:
Meet local residents who will discuss contemporary daily life on these ancient islands during the specially arranged Island Life® Forum.

Rhodes
The island of Rhodes has been one of the most prosperous and strategic strongholds in the eastern Mediterranean since the Neolithic Period. Dock at the fortified wall of Rhodes Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and step into this extraordinarily well-preserved medieval city, built over a great Hellenistic metropolis and a major Christian outpost during the Crusades. Visit the splendid 14th-century Palace of the Grand Masters, built by the Knights of St. John and one of the only examples of Gothic architecture in all of Greece.

Cultural Enrichment:
Join the excursion to the ancient village of Lindos. See the magnificent frescoes adorning the Byzantine-style Church of Panagia and ascend the stone stairs to the chifftop acropolis for breathtaking views of the medieval Castle of the Knights of St. John. Or, enjoy a morning at leisure in Lindos to further explore its rich history and charming streets.

Santorini for Akrotiri
Be on deck as the ship cruises into the captivating harbor at Santorini, a natural caldera, beneath which is believed by some to be the legendary lost city of Atlantis. A cable car descends to sea level from the elevated town of Fira, where stunning white-walled buildings stand in stark contrast against the dark volcanic cliffs.
Luxury Small Ship, Innovative Design

Le Laperouse, launching in 2018, ushers in a new generation of Five-Star small ships, combining revolutionary design and a new standard of luxury for an unparalleled cruising experience. Dock in smaller ports inaccessible to larger ships and where authentic cultural experiences and majestic scenery await you.

Respect for the Environment

The newest addition to the Ponant “Clean Ship” fleet, a rare designation among ocean-cruising vessels, the ship is energy efficient and eco-friendly, protecting fragile marine ecosystems while providing a safe and comfortable voyage.

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.

92 Elegant Suites and Staterooms, 100% with Private Balconies

Each Five-Star Stateroom and Suite (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 and luxurious hotel amenities.

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 Sun Deck’s infinity-style swimming pool. There is a beauty salon, fitness room and two elevators. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available throughout the ship.

World-Class Service

The highly trained, English-speaking crew are personable and attentive, and the ship has an infirmary staffed with a doctor and a nurse.

Exclusive to the Ponant fleet is the extraordinary Blue Eye, a multisensory underwater observation lounge that incorporates bionic and biomimetic technology to immerse you in the beauty of the ocean’s ecosystem. Observe marine life through the large subaquatic windows and on digital screens projecting undersea activity in real time, while specially designed hydrophones echo the ocean’s ebb and flow and relay the sounds and senses beneath the water’s surface. Wildlife viewing varies by location.
Included Features

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

- Seven-night cruise round trip 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 throughout ship.
- Blue Eye—the world’s first luxury, multisensory, underwater observatory.

Expert-Guided Excursions and Exclusive Cultural Enrichments

- Expert insights from Aegean historian Eleni Zachariou.
- Tour of Santorini—which some consider mythology’s lost city of Atlantis—featuring a visit to the renowned Museum of Prehistoric Thera and a cable car ride.
- Guided tour of the phenomenal Minoan site of Bronze Age Akrotiri.
- Time at leisure on the islands of Rhodes, Patmos and Mykonos to explore at your own pace.
- Choice of a half-day excursion in Lindos to the Acropolis or a morning at leisure in Lindos.
- Island Life Forum with local residents who will discuss contemporary life on the islands of the Aegean Sea.
- Traditional Greek music and dance performance.
- Special Greek pastry culinary presentation aboard the ship.

UNESCO World Heritage Highlights

- Excursion to extraordinary Meteora, where 14th- and 15th-century Greek Orthodox monasteries were built atop towering natural sandstones massifs, with lunch in a nearby restaurant.
- Walking tour of medieval Rhodes Town, with a visit to the 14th-century Palace of the Grand Masters of the Knights of St. John.
- Tour of the Cave of the Apocalypse and the Monastery of St. John on the island of Patmos.
- Walking tour of Delos’ splendid classical ruins including the Sanctuary of Apollo and the theater quarter.
- Tour of the ancient archaeological site of Mycenae.
- Excursion to Epidaurus, featuring the Sanctuary of Asklepios and its perfectly preserved theater.

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.
- Hospitality desk aboard ship.
- Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom and on excursions.
- 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 Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.
Delphi’s sanctuary of Athena Pronaia was named for the goddess of wisdom, sworn to protect her half-brother Apollo.

Classical Athens and the Oracle of Delphi

Pre-Cruise Option
Experience the ancient city unmatched in its contributions to the foundations of the Western world—Athens, the birthplace of democracy. Explore the enduring grandeur encapsulated in the spectacular Acropolis, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and the perfectly proportioned Parthenon, a graceful example of Doric architecture. See the archaeological treasures of the Acropolis Museum, tour the mystical UNESCO World Heritage site of Delphi, and explore the colorful, village-like Plaka neighborhood, the oldest district of Athens. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe Athenaeum InterContinental Athens Hotel.

Olympian Origins and the Corinth Canal

Post-Cruise Option
Journey to UNESCO World Heritage-designated Olympia, ancient center of worship and the Temple of Zeus. Nearby Vytina, nestled among chestnut trees and old pines, is a significant Greek cultural heritage “traditional settlement.” Enjoy distinctive local cuisine and explore regional traditions in the Folklore Museum. Visit the original sixth-century B.C. stadium and Bouleuterion, where competitors swore their oath to uphold Olympic game standards. Learn more about one of the world’s greatest mathematicians in Archimedes’ Museum. Board a small excursion boat and cruise through the fabled Corinth Canal, an engineering marvel and scarcely 70 feet wide at its narrowest point. Accommodations are for two nights in the charming Amalia Olympia and one night in the Sofitel Athens Airport Hotel.

Pre- and Post-Cruise Options are at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
IN ANCIENT GREECE RESERVATION FORM

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Preferred Name(s) on Badge(s)_________ Tour No. 063-10/04/18-034

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☐ Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $_________ as deposit.

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☒ Visa ☐ MasterCard

Card Number_________ Exp. Date_________

Signature as it appears on credit card

Please make my/our reservation(s) in Stateroom Category:

1st Choice_________ 2nd Choice_________

☐ Double occupancy (two twin beds)

☐ Double occupancy (one queen bed)

☐ Single accommodations.

☐ I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

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Olympian Origins and the Corinth Canal Post-Cruise Option

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☐ Single at $1795 per person.

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☐ (fill in departure city)

☐ Economy Class

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☐ First Class

Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

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

ALL FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by June 29, 2018.

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RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND BINDING ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

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TRAVEL: You are advised to purchase travel insurance to cover you against loss of money, cancellation, all or part of the trip, medical expenses, evacuation, etc. Cancellation penalties may apply.

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TRIP INSURANCE: We strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. Trip cancellation insurance is available for comprehensive coverage of such expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident, and damaged or lost luggage. We will send you an application upon receipt of your reservation.

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