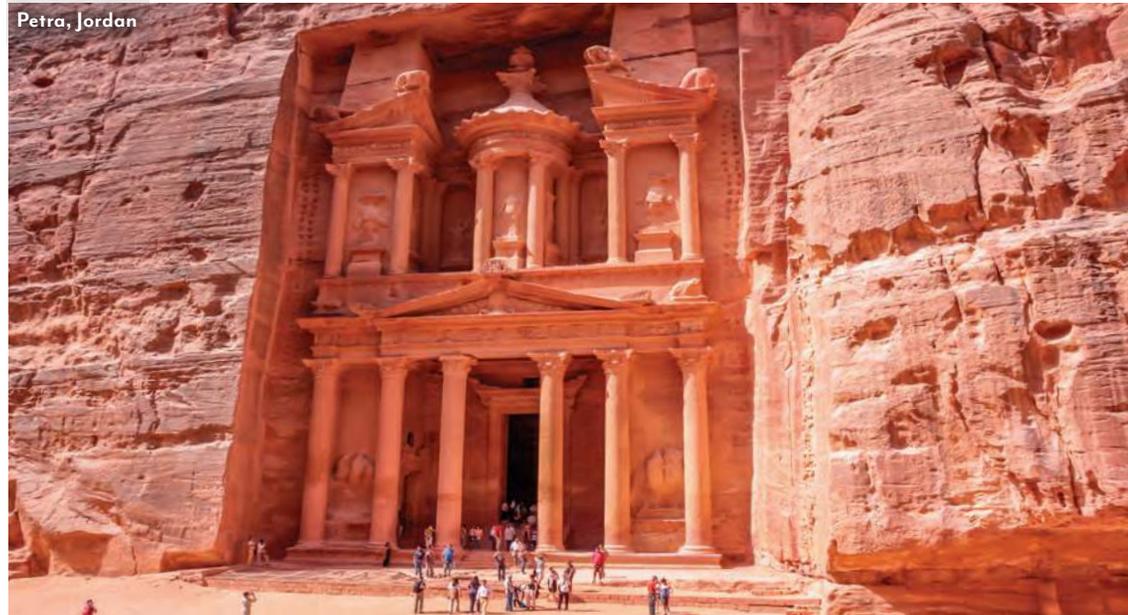




Antiquities of the Red Sea and Aegean Sea

14-day/12-night land and cruise journey to the cradle of civilization—featuring a transit of the Suez Canal and guest speaker Dr. Tarek Sayed Tawfik Ahmed

Departures: April 14 to 27 | October 31 to November 13, 2023



Visit three continents; explore centuries-old landmarks in Jordan, Egypt and Greece; and cruise from the Red Sea to the Aegean Sea via the Suez Canal on this remarkable voyage. Discover the historical sites of Jordan on a journey to Amman, Jerash, Wadi Rum and legendary Petra. Mid-cruise, overnight in Luxor in a Nile-view room and enjoy a specially arranged visit into the tomb of Queen Nefertari. Stand in the shadows of the Great Pyramids of Giza. View the Minoan Palace at Knossos and continue to Heraklion to visit the Archaeological Museum. Enhance your immersion into these ancient civilizations with the Israel Pre-Program and/or Greece Post-Program Options.



Karnak Temple Great Hypostyle Hall



14-Day/12-Night Itinerary

- 1 Depart the U.S. or Canada**
- 2-3 Amman, Jordan**—Arrive in Amman and check in at the five-star FAIRMONT HOTEL AMMAN. Enjoy a tour of Amman, starting with the blue-domed King Abdullah Mosque. Visit the Amman Citadel and see the ruins of Hercules temple. Explore the Roman Amphitheater and then continue to the Jordan Museum.
- 4 Amman/Jerash/Amman**—Enjoy a scenic journey to Jerash, Jordan’s most captivating Greco-Roman site. See baths; theaters; plazas; fountains and arches, incredibly still as they were 2,000 years ago. Marvel at the three-gated Hadrian’s Arch, walk the Sacred Way to the Temple of Artemis and take in the sublime architecture of the Forum. Enjoy lunch in Jerash before heading back to Amman where you’ll have an evening at leisure.
- 5 Amman/Petra**—The ancient “rose-red city” of Petra is a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. The site’s majestic ensemble of temples, dwellings and tombs—carved directly into the sandstone cliff face—still holds a mythical appeal. Tonight, check into the five-star MOVENPICK HOTEL.
- 6 Petra/Wadi Rum/ Embark the ship/Aqaba**
Check out of the hotel and traverse the awe-inspiring wilderness of UNESCO World Heritage-designated Wadi Rum, known as the “Valley of the Moon.” Enjoy a Jeep ride through this ethereal landscape of

striated canyons, soaring mountains, undulating sand dunes and rocky caverns. After lunch, travel to Aqaba to embark the ship for the Captain’s Welcome Reception.

- 7 Safaga for Luxor, Egypt**—Travel into the mountains and across the arid desert to Luxor to see the great temples of ancient Thebes. Arrive in Luxor and check into a Nile-view room for an overnight at the STEIGENBERGER HOTEL. Explore UNESCO-designated ancient Thebes with a visit to the magnificent Karnak Temple complex. Walk along the avenue of the ram-headed sphinxes into the Great Court and then continue to the Luxor Temple.
- 8 Luxor/Hurghada**—Cross the Nile to visit one of the world’s most important archaeological sites, the Necropolis at Luxor in the Valley of the Kings. Explore the tomb of Tutankhamen and enjoy an exclusively arranged visit to Queen Nefertari’s tomb in the Valley of the Queens.
- 9 Ain Sokhna for Giza Plateau**—See the last remaining Wonder of the Ancient World, the Great Sphinx and the pyramids of the Old Kingdom pharaohs. Next, visit the marvelous Grand Egyptian Museum, where you’ll see the spectacular Grand Staircase, King Tut’s amazing treasures and the well-preserved 4,600-year-old Sun Boat of King Khufu.
- 10 Transit the Suez Canal**—Experience one of the most momentous voyages between continents transiting the 120-mile Suez Canal—Egypt’s Victorian-era engineering

marvel. Enjoy a lecture on board the ship with renowned Egyptologist Dr. Tarek Sayed Tawfik Ahmed.

- 11 Alexandria**—Discover Egypt’s most enchanting city—founded by Alexander the Great in the fourth century B.C. Visit the National Museum and the Roman Amphitheater.* This afternoon, tour Qaitbey Fort.
- 12 Cruising the Mediterranean Sea**—Enjoy stunning views as you spend a day cruising the Mediterranean Sea.
- 13 Heraklion, Crete**—Travel to one of the most legendary sites of all antiquity, the Minoan Palace at Knossos where, in Greek myth, Theseus slew the Minotaur in the Labyrinth built by Daedalus. Dating from the 17th century B.C., the palace is a maze of chambers, staircases and courtyards. Continue to Heraklion to visit the Archaeological Museum. This evening, attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception.
- 14 Athens/Disembark ship/Return to the U.S. or Canada**
*Spring departure only. This program runs in reverse order on the fall departure.



Highlights

- ◆ Visit centuries-old sites in Jordan, Egypt and Greece, and cruise from the Red Sea to the Aegean Sea via the historic Suez Canal.
- ◆ Overnight in the fabled Nile Valley in Luxor and visit the tombs of King Tutankhamen and King Ramses IV with a specially arranged visit to Queen Nefertari's tomb.
- ◆ Enjoy lectures on board by Dr. Tarek Sayed Tawfik Ahmed, an acclaimed Egyptologist.
- ◆ Excursion into the Wadi Rum Protected Area, a traditional Bedouin site.



EXCLUSIVELY CHARTERED FIVE-STAR, SMALL SHIP LE BOUGAINVILLE

- ◆ Only 92 suites and staterooms, each with a private balcony.
- ◆ All meals included on board the ship, as well as alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages throughout the cruise.
- ◆ State-of-the-art theater ideal for enriching educational lectures



PRE-PROGRAM OPTION Israel

This exclusive, four-night itinerary features visits to cultural sites around Jerusalem, including the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum. Visit Bethlehem, the UNESCO-designated Masada, and enjoy a float in the Dead Sea. Enjoy deluxe accommodations in Jerusalem.



POST-PROGRAM OPTION Greece

Extend your time in Athens with a two-night itinerary that includes tours of the Parthenon and the Acropolis Museum, as well as a full-day excursion to the mystical UNESCO World Heritage site of Delphi and its Archaeological Museum. Accommodations are in the deluxe GRAND BRETAGNE ATHENS HOTEL.

2023 DEPARTURE DATES: April 14 | October 31

Category	LAND/CRUISE RATES <small>excluding taxes</small>	Early Booking Savings (if booked more than six months prior to departure)	Rate after Early Booking Savings
8	Deluxe stateroom with a picture window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. <i>Deck 3, midship.</i> (limited availability)	\$7,995	\$9,195
7	Prestige stateroom with sliding glass door, private balcony. <i>Deck 4, midship.</i>	\$8,695	\$9,995
6	Prestige stateroom with sliding glass door, private balcony. <i>Deck 5, midship and aft.</i>	\$9,495	\$10,895
5	Prestige stateroom with sliding glass door, private balcony. <i>Deck 6, midship and aft.</i>	\$10,295	\$11,835
4	Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, private balcony. <i>Deck 3, midship.</i> (limited availability)	\$11,295	\$12,985
3	Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, private balcony. <i>Deck 4, midship.</i> (limited availability)	\$11,995	\$13,795
2	Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, private balcony. <i>Deck 5, midship.</i>	\$12,895	\$14,825
1	Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, private balcony. <i>Deck 6, midship.</i>	\$13,795	\$15,865
Prestige Suite II	Two-room suite, expansive sliding glass door, larger private balcony, two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. <i>Deck 5, midship.</i> (limited availability)	\$14,795	\$16,995
Prestige Suite I	Two-room suite, expansive sliding glass door, larger private balcony, two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. <i>Deck 6, midship.</i> (limited availability)	\$15,595	\$17,935
Privilege Suite	Large suite with expansive sliding glass door, larger private balcony, sitting area with sofa. <i>Decks 5 and 6, aft.</i> (limited availability)	\$16,495	\$18,965
Grand Deluxe Suite	Extra-large, one-bedroom suite and separate sitting room with sofa, expansive sliding glass door, spacious private terrace, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath. <i>Deck 6, aft.</i> (limited availability)	\$17,195	\$19,775
Owner's Suite	Extra-large, one-bedroom suite and separate sitting room with sofa, expansive sliding glass door, spacious private terrace with outdoor Jacuzzi, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath. <i>Deck 5, aft.</i> (limited availability)	\$17,895	\$20,595

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

Taxes are an additional \$515 per person.

LE BOUGAINVILLE has been specially contracted for this program and the deck plan is available online or upon request from Gohagan & Company. The Pre-Program and Post-Program Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided during the reservation process.

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