Rivieras and Islands
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Monte Carlo • Portofino • Corsica • Barcelona • Florence
Rome • Marseille • Carcassonne • Cinque Terre • Aix-en-Provence

Aboard the
Exclusively Chartered Small Ship
Five-Star M.S. Le Lyrial

October 2 to 10, 2017
Dear Williams Alumni and Friends:

Join us on this exclusive small ship voyage along the splendid coastlines of the French and Italian Rivieras. Take in the stunning landscapes, ancient villages and idyllic islands that became a favorite retreat for artists, writers, nobility and gourmands. Experience the dynamic history of contending civilizations and their legacies as you visit some of the world’s most renowned art and architecture and travel through the timeless cradle of the Renaissance. Werner Gundersheimer, Williams research associate and former director of the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C., will lead engaging seminars to complement your understanding and appreciation of the region.

Cruise from Rome to Barcelona with one port of call each day and opportunities to visit five UNESCO World Heritage sites on this unique itinerary featuring small, off-the-beaten-path destinations along with legendary ports. Visit Carcassonne’s French medieval fortifications and the awe-inspiring Italian cliffside villages of the Cinque Terre. Experience the glamour of St. Tropez, explore the legendary principality of chic Monaco, walk through historic Marseille and its vibrant sixth-century Vieux Port, enjoy Corsica’s ancient port of Bonifacio and choose to admire the Renaissance treasures of Florence or the historic Tuscan monuments of Lucca and Pisa.

The exclusively chartered, five-star M.S. LE LYRIAL exemplifies the advantages of small-ship cruising: elegant accommodations, an itinerary carefully crafted with specially arranged excursions, the ability to dock in small ports of call inaccessible to larger vessels, and no long lines for tenders and touring. The state-of-the-art M.S. LE LYRIAL features only 110 suites and staterooms, all with distinctive French sophistication.

This program is a great travel value, as pricing includes all shore excursions and complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages aboard ship. Space is limited, so please do not delay.

Cordially,

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Williams Study Leader

Joining our group as study leader is Werner Gundersheimer, long-time director of the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C., and research associate in the Williams history department. The Folger Shakespeare Library is one of the principal research centers in the world for the study of 16th- and 17th-century Western Civilization. Dr. Gundersheimer’s research focuses mainly on Europe from 1300-1600, with special emphasis on Italian and French intellectual, social and urban history. He holds degrees from Amherst and Harvard and has taught at the University of Wisconsin, University of Pennsylvania, Johns Hopkins University, Swarthmore College and Tel Aviv University. He is the author of several books, articles and reviews, and he has served on the Council of the Renaissance Society of America and on the board of The Medici Foundation.
Rome, Italy
Once the center of a vast empire, today this UNESCO World Heritage site is the historic heart of Italy. From the iconic Colosseum and the Vatican to the Spanish Steps and the Catacombs, the remains of ancient Rome continue to astonish visitors.

Bonifacio, Corsica, France
Dock below the ancient town of Bonifacio, which overlooks the sparkling harbor atop sheer white limestone cliffs at the southern tip of the island of Corsica. Often referenced by historians as a site portrayed in Homer’s Odyssey, this beautiful port’s fundamentally French character bears a strong Italian imprint, manifested in the islanders’ French-Italian dialect.

Transfer by small train for the walking tour through the incredibly picturesque medieval citadel and Old Town. Stroll the Rue des Deux-Empereurs, where Charles V and Napoleon once lodged, and see the Gothic-style Church of St-Dominique and the famous Grain de Sable limestone formation.

Florence, Italy
Enjoy the rolling Tuscan landscape of vineyards and cypress trees en route to Florence, birthplace of the Renaissance.

Cover photo: Brightly painted houses and fishing boats line Portofino’s waterfront on the Italian Riviera.

Photo this page: A fairy-tale image of towers and drawbridges, the medieval town of Carcassonne is protected by double walls nine to 15 feet thick.
This iconic UNESCO World Heritage site is a treasure trove of unparalleled achievements in art, architecture and literature. Admire Michelangelo’s David, considered one of his greatest masterpieces; Brunelleschi’s soaring dome at the Duomo of Florence; and Ghiberti’s moving “Doors of Paradise,” the magnificent bronze-cast entryway to the Baptistry of San Giovanni, depicting scenes from the Old Testament.

Pisa/Lucca
From the port city of Livorno, a scenic drive whisks you to the beautifully preserved medieval university city of Pisa and the historic town of Lucca. Pisa’s famous Piazza dei Miracoli, a UNESCO World Heritage site, showcases the legendary leaning tower where Galileo Galilei is said to have conducted some of his first experiments with gravity; the impressive 11th-century Duomo and the largest baptistery in Italy. Lucca’s intact Renaissance city walls are now a promenade for pedestrians, and its elaborate 11th-century Cattedrale di San Martino is still an important symbol of the city.

Cinque Terre
From Porto Venere’s small harbor, board a private boat cruise and dock in two villages of the famous, picturesque Cinque Terre. This UNESCO World Heritage site is a series of charming, colorful fishing villages that cling to remote cliffs overlooking the Ligurian Sea. Discover the spectacular nuances of Riomaggiore and Vernazza, linked by walking paths that offer marvelous views of the Ligurian coastline from the shore. Each of the terraced villages offers breathtaking views of the Ligurian coastline from the shore. Pictured at every angle, Italy’s colorful Cinque Terre is a lovely sight from the sea.

Portofino
Portofino is the perfect village for a leisurely afternoon on the Italian Riviera. You may choose to visit the 17th-century San Giorgio Church, home to the relics of this legendary dragon-slaying saint; stroll the pedestrian-only lanes; or sip a cappuccino on the terrace of an outdoor café.

Monte Carlo, Monaco
The principality of Monaco’s dazzling historic district, Monte Carlo offers an intoxicating mixture of princely sights and intrigue and is famous for its Grand Casino. Admire the legendary belle-époque architecture and enjoy a walking tour on the historic Rock of Monaco. See the changing of the guards at the Prince’s Palace, home of Europe’s longest-reigning dynasty, and visit the neo-Romanesque St. Nicholas Cathedral, where Princess Grace is interred.

St. Tropez, France
The first town to be liberated on the French Riviera during World War II, St. Tropez became a glamorous resort destination for international jet setters and fashion’s elite, including Coco Chanel, Elsa Schiaparelli and Brigitte Bardot. Winding lanes with brightly colored bougainvillea dotting windowsills, chic streetside cafés and impressive yachts moored in its brilliant blue harbor provide the perfect, picturesque setting to enjoy an evening at leisure.

Marseille
Nearly three millennia of maritime heritage thrive in Marseille, the 2013 European Capital of Culture and a natural port where ships have docked since Greek settlers first arrived in 600 B.C. Enjoy a panoramic tour featuring the historical heart of the city, its Old Town, the majestic 19th-century Cathédrale de la Major, the fantastic Notre Dame de la Garde with
its neo-Byzantine interior and extraordinary city views from the grounds, and the Vieux Port (Old Port), which some consider to be the birthplace of Marseille. Drive on the picturesque Corniche Kennedy, a spectacular boulevard overlooking the sea and dedicated to the late United States president; and travel along the historic high street, Canébierre, built by Louis XIV in 1666.

Aix-en-Provence
Immerse yourself in the beautiful medieval city of Aix-en-Provence, located in the heart of France’s sun-drenched Provencal region and which perhaps captures best the quintessential élan of all that is Provence. Visit the Cathedral of Saint Sauveur, considered a national monument by the French, built in the Romanesque, Gothic and neo-Gothic architectural styles on the site of the first-century Roman Forum of Aix. Stroll through the Mazarin district and Old Aix, and enjoy the famous Cours Mirabeau, a classic, grand boulevard lined with plane trees and elegant 17th- and 18th-century townhouses.

Carcassonne
Settled on the former frontier between France and Spain along ancient trade routes linking the Atlantic Ocean with the Mediterranean Sea and the Iberian Peninsula, and occupied since the sixth century B.C., Carcassonne—the largest walled city in Europe—was fortified by the Romans, conquered by the Visigoths in the fifth century, captured by Persians in the seventh century, later invaded by Franks and overrun by Barbarians. Each of these civilizations left their indelible influence on the extraordinary architectural and artistic heritage of this city over the centuries. The medieval core of Carcassonne that remains today, La Cité, is an extraordinary UNESCO World Heritage site. Walk La Cité’s cobblestone streets and visit the Romanesque-Gothic-style Basilica of Saints Nazarius and Celsus, featuring stained-glass windows from the 13th to 19th centuries; tour the medieval Château Comtal, and its impressive archaeological museum; and explore the captivating collection ranging from 16th- to 20th-century works of fine art in the Musée des Beaux Arts. Travel to the nearby Corbières Mountains to tour the well-preserved, 12th-century Cistercian Abbaye de Fontfroide.

Barcelona, Spain
The lively and beautiful neighborhoods of Barcelona are filled with Europe’s greatest concentration of Gothic architecture and the artistic treasures of Salvador Dalí, Antoni Gaudí and Pablo Picasso.

Marseille's hilltop Notre Dame de la Garde stands high above the ancient and historic city, providing incredible views of the Old Town and vibrant Vieux Port.
**FIVE-STAR, SMALL SHIP**
**M.S. LE LYRIAL**

**Small Ship, State-of-the-Art Design**
The exclusively chartered M.S. LE LYRIAL, launched in 2015, represents the newest generation of Five-Star small ships, featuring only 110 Suites and Staterooms and distinctive French sophistication.

**Elegantly Appointed Suites and Staterooms, 95% with Private Balconies**
Each air-conditioned, deluxe Stateroom and Suite (200 to 592 square feet) features a private bathroom with shower, luxurious Five-Star hotel amenities and minibar with complimentary beverages; most have two twin beds that convert into one queen bed. Enjoy accommodation amenities including individual climate control, satellite flat-screen television, wireless Internet access, safe, full-length closet, writing desk/dressing table, plush robes and slippers.

**Chic and Casual Dining**
International and regional cuisine is served in the stylish, spacious Le Céleste dining room in single, unassigned seatings; alfresco in the casual Le Cométe Restaurant; or from 24-hour room service. Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are available throughout the cruise. Continental and buffet breakfasts, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and a four-course dinner are served daily. Wine is served with lunch and dinner.

**Spacious Public Areas/World-Class Service and Facilities**
In keeping with the low passenger density, the public areas are spacious and inviting, and they can accommodate all passengers comfortably. Enjoy views from the Panoramic Lounge; nightly entertainment in the Main Lounge; and lectures, cultural performances or film screenings in the state-of-the-art theater. There is a library, Internet salon, Sun Deck with open-air bar, swimming pool, beauty salon, spa, Turkish bath-style steam room, full range of fitness equipment, two elevators and an infirmary staffed with a doctor and a nurse. The highly trained and personable English-speaking, international crew provides attentive service.

**Respect for the Environment**
The state-of-the-art propulsion system and custom-built stabilizers provide an exceptionally smooth, quiet and comfortable voyage. By design, the ship is energy efficient and environmentally protective of marine ecosystems and has been awarded the prestigious “Clean Ship” designation due to its advanced eco-friendly features, a rarity among ocean-cruising vessels. The ship has two tenders.
Included Features

On board the exclusively chartered, Five-Star, small ship M.S. LE LYRIAL

- Seven-night cruise from Civitavecchia, Italy, to Barcelona, Spain, with port calls at Bonifacio, Corsica, France; Livorno for Florence or Pisa and Lucca, Porto Venere for Rimaggiore and Vernazza in Cinque Terre, and Porto fino, Italy; Monte Carlo, Monaco; St. Tropez, Marseille for Aix-en-Provence, and Sète for Carcassonne, France.
- Elegantly appointed, Five-Star Suite or Stateroom, each with a private bathroom.
- Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are available throughout the cruise.
- All meals—early continental breakfast, buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and four-course dinner—throughout the cruise, featuring fine international and regional cuisine, served at single, unassigned seatings.
- Wine is served with lunch and dinner.
- Walking tour of Corsica’s ancient, picturesque Old Town of Bonifacio.
- Time at leisure to enjoy Bonifacio on your own.
- Choice of a full-day excursion to Florence, a UNESCO World Heritage site, featuring visits to the octagonal Baptistry and Galleria dell’Accademia to see Michelangelo’s David, or a full-day excursion to the Tuscan cities of Pisa, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and Lucca.
- Excursion along the UNESCO World Heritage site of Cinque Terre to visit the charming cliffside villages of Riomaggiore and Vernazza.
- Evening at leisure in picturesque Portofino on the Italian Riviera.
- Walking tour of Monte Carlo on the Rock of Monaco, the epitome of Riviera chic, and visit to St. Nicholas Cathedral, where Princess Grace is interred.
- Evening at leisure in the glamorous town of St. Tropez on the French Riviera.
- Walking tour of Aix-en-Provence, featuring the picturesque Mazarin District, Old Aix, the Old Town Hall, the famous Cours Mirabeau and the 16th-century St. Sauveur Cathedral.
- Panoramic tour of vibrant Marseille featuring its historic Vieux Port (Old Port) and a visit to the magnificent Notre Dame de la Garde.
- Excursion to Carcassonne, a UNESCO World Heritage site, featuring tours of the monumental Basilica of Saints Nazarius and Celsus and the impressive Musée des Beaux Arts.
- Visit to the Romanesque, 12th-century Abbaye de Fontfroide in the Corbières Mountains.

Enhanced Travel Services

- Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced local guides.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom and on excursions.
- Hospitality desk aboard ship.
- The services of experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the program.
- Complimentary use of a state-of-the-art audio headset for each participant during guided excursions.
- Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
- Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
Eternal Rome
Pre-Cruise Option
Capital of the Roman Empire and a UNESCO World Heritage site, the “Eternal City” of Rome showcases its spectacular ancient landmarks from centuries as a nucleus of power, culture and religion. Visit the iconic 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 incredible 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 two 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.

Coastal Catalonia
Barcelona and Beyond
Post-Cruise Option
Experience the heart of Barcelona, the lively capital city of Catalonia and once an ancient Roman trading port. Tour architect Antoni Gaudí’s extraordinary UNESCO World Heritage-designated Basílica de la Sagrada Familia. See the original Old Town; the exciting Barri Gòtic (Gothic Quarter) with its Roman walls; the Passeig de Gràcia, Barcelona’s famous main thoroughfare; and Montjuïc (Jewish Mountain), host of the 1929 International Exhibition and the 1992 Olympic Games. Visit spectacular Montserrat and its historic Benedictine monastery, founded in 1025. En route, stop in the Penedès wine region and visit the largest wine cellars in the world. Accommodations for two nights are in the Five-Star MAJESTIC HOTEL & SPA.

The Renaissance dome of St. Peter’s Basilica has commanded the skyline of Rome since the 17th century.

Antoni Gaudí’s Basílica de la Sagrada Familia, a UNESCO World Heritage site, began construction in 1882 and continues to this day.
Singles are available in category 6 at $11195* and in category 3 at $13195* on or before March 17, 2017. All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by June 29, 2017.

Grand Deluxe Suite: Two-room, ocean-view, expansive floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door onto large private balcony, bathtub and separate shower, large dressing and sitting areas, sofa, writing desk and dressing table. Deck 6, Lyra. (limited availability) $12195

Larger two-room, ocean-view, expansive floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door onto large private balcony, Jacuzzi tub and separate shower, large dressing and sitting areas, sofa, writing desk and dressing table. Deck 6, Lyra. (limited availability) $12195

Extra large two-room, ocean-view, expansive floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door onto larger private balcony, Jacuzzi tub and separate shower, sitting room with sofa, armchair, table and four chairs and writing desk. Deck 6, Lyra. (limited availability) $12695 $13695

Taxes are an additional $465 per person and are subject to change.

M.S. Le Lyrial has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

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If you have any questions regarding tour logistics, please call Gohagan & Company at (800) 922-3088 and ask for the travel coordinator handling this tour.

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).

Please make my/our reservation(s):
- Eternal Rome Pre-Cruise Option
  - Double at $1095 per person.
  - Single at $1595 per person.
  - I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.
- Coastal Catalonia Post-Cruise Option
  - Double at $995 per person.
  - Single at $1495 per person.
  - I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.
- If I'd like to book my/our air from _________ (fill in departure city)
  - to Rome, Italy, with return from Barcelona, Spain, at additional cost to be advised.★
  - I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $__________ to:
  - Make checks payable to 2017 Rivieras and Islands.
  - Visa
  - MasterCard

All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by June 29, 2017.

Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.
★ We will make my/our own air arrangements.
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