Ohio University Alumni Association

Cruising the
Rivieras and Islands
France • Italy • Spain

Rome • Corsica • Florence • Cinque Terre • Portofino • Nice
Monaco • Aix-en-Provence • Marseille • Carcassonne • Barcelona

Aboard the
Exclusively Chartered, Small Ship
Five-Star Le Bougainville

May 29 to June 6, 2019
Dear Alumni and Friends,

The sparkling coastlines of the French and Italian Rivieras have served as haven and home, inspiring some of our best-loved tales and romanticized histories, from those of Homer to Princess Grace. Join us on this exclusive small ship voyage and enjoy exquisite landscapes, visit enchanting villages and cruise idyllic islands—favored retreats for artists, writers, nobility and gourmands. Traverse the timeless cradle of the Renaissance and discover the dynamic biographies of the contending empires that shaped these sun-kissed regions’ profound artistic and architectural legacies.

The exclusively chartered, Five-Star Le Bougainville, newly launching in 2019, docks in ports inaccessible to larger vessels and features the extraordinary Blue Eye, the world’s first underwater, multisensory observation lounge. This sophisticated small ship offers only 92 Suites and Staterooms, each with a private balcony. Enjoy the advantages of Five-Star small ship cruising—elegant ocean-view accommodations, an exclusive itinerary, and attentive, personal service.

Cruise from Rome to Barcelona with one port of call each day and opportunities to visit five UNESCO World Heritage sites. This travel program features intimate, off-the-beaten-path destinations and incredible legendary ports, all set amid incomparable backdrops. Visit Carcassonne’s French medieval fortifications and the vibrant, unforgettable Italian cliffside villages of the Cinque Terre. Experience culturally chic Nice, explore the legendary Rock of Monaco, 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.

This program offers a comprehensive itinerary and is a great travel value. Book now while space and Early Booking Savings are still available!

Sincerely,

Your Ohio University Alumni Travel Team
Crossroads of Civilizations

U.S./Rome, Italy/Civitavecchia
Wednesday and Thursday, May 29 and 30
Depart the U.S. for Rome, a UNESCO World Heritage site that was once the epicenter of the vast Roman empire. From the iconic Colosseum and the Vatican to the Spanish Steps and the Catacombs, the remains of ancient Rome continue to astonish visitors. Embark Le Bougainville from the port city of Civitavecchia to begin your “Grand Tour” through scenery awash with pastel-hued villas, Mediterranean sunsets and sparkling coastlines.

Bonifacio, Corsica, France
Friday, May 31
Homer’s Odyssey portrays the mythic giants who hurled boulders from the sheer white limestone cliffs of Bonifacio, sinking 11 Greek ships. Today, the island’s delightful French character embraces a strong Italian influence, manifested in the locals’ engaging French-Italian dialect. Transfer by a small train to the medieval citadel and Old Town. Stroll the Rue des Deux-Empeurs, where Charles V and Napoleon once lodged, and see the Gothic Church of St-Dominique overlooking the striking Grain de Sable limestone formation.

Livorno, Italy, for Florence or Lucca and Pisa
Saturday, June 1
Arrive in Livorno, and choose between two quintessentially Italian excursions: En route to Florence, Firenze to locals, savor Tuscany’s cypress-tree-lined landscape and vineyards. The birthplace of the Renaissance, this treasured UNESCO World Heritage site is home to great masters, unparalleled art, architecture and literature. Admire Michelangelo’s David, Brunelleschi’s iconic dome on the Duomo, and Ghiberti’s bronze-cast “Doors of Paradise,” created for the Baptistery of San Giovanni, depicting scenes from the Old Testament. Or, enjoy a scenic drive to the consummate medieval Tuscan university city of Pisa and town of Lucca. See Pisa’s Piazza dei Miracoli, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and the legendary leaning tower where Galileo is said to have conducted some of his first gravity experiments. Visit the 11th-century Duomo and the largest baptistery in Italy, which originated the unique Pisan Romanesque style.

For centuries the turquoise waters and olive coasts of the French and Italian Rivieras enticed the Greek, Etruscan, Phoenician, Roman and German beau monde. The elite flocked to these seaside towns as de rigueur of the 19th-century “Grand Tour” to rejuvenate in their restorative climates. The rise of Italian nobility—particularly the Savoys, Italy’s ruling family from 1861 to 1946, and the Grimaldis, the lineage of the current Prince of Monaco—have influenced the popularity of these now flourishing coastal gems nestled between the Alps and the sea. The Côte d’Azur’s radiant light captivated the genius of Picasso, Matisse and Chagall, influencing each artist’s distinct style and use of brilliant colors, while the glamour of the region attracted eminent writers like Fitzgerald and Hemingway. Experience firsthand the enchanting allure of the Rivieras!
Walk along Lucca’s intact Renaissance city walls, now a pedestrian promenade, and see its 11th-century Cattedrale di San Martino, a symbol of the city.

**Porto Venere for Cinque Terre/Portofino**
**Sunday, June 2**
Cruise by private boat to two of Cinque Terre’s picturesque villages. This UNESCO World Heritage site is a series of five colorful fishing villages that cling to remote cliffs overlooking the Ligurian Sea—discover the vivid nuances of Riomaggiore and Vernazza, linked by footpaths with views of the secluded coves and terraced vineyards renowned for producing the sweet dessert wine, Sciacchetrà.

This evening, dock in Portofino, the perfect village for a leisurely evening on the Italian Riviera. You may choose to visit the 17th-century San Giorgio Church, with the relics of the legendary dragon-slaying saint; stroll the pedestrian-only lanes; or sip a cappuccino on a café terrace.

**Nice, France/Rock of Monaco**
**Monday, June 3**
The modern epitome of Riviera chic, Nice’s origins date back to the Lower Paleolithic period, and the city remains one of the oldest human settlements in the world.

Known as the “capital of the Côte d’Azur,” today Nice reverberates with the colors, traditions and culture that inspired Chagall and Matisse. Enjoy a walking tour of Nice’s Old Town, panoramic views from the hill of Cimiez and a visit to the Musée National Marc Chagall. Admire the historic Rock of Monaco from the Exotic Garden and the celebrated belle-époque architecture of Monaco, the former home of beloved Princess Grace. Visit the neo-Romanesque St. Nicholas Cathedral, where the Princess and Prince Ranier III are interred.

**Marseille, France, for Aix-en-Provence**
**Tuesday, June 4**
Romantic, medieval Aix-en-Provence captures the élan of France’s sun-drenched Provence.
Stroll through the Mazarin district and Old Aix and along the famous Cours Mirabeau, a grand boulevard lined with canopied plane trees and elegant 17th- and 18th-century townhouses. Visit the Cathedral St. Sauveur, a French national monument, where Romanesque, Gothic and neo-Gothic architectural styles ranging from the fifth to 17th centuries stand adjacent on the site of the first-century Roman Forum of Aix.

This afternoon, return to Marseille, designated the 2013 European Capital of Culture, where nearly three millennia of maritime heritage thrive in this natural port. Drive along the Corniche Kennedy, a boulevard dedicated to the late U.S. president, and the historic high street, Canèbiere, built by Louis XIV in 1666. See the city’s Old Town, the majestic 19th-century Cathédrale de la Major and the Vieux Port (Old Port), often considered Marseille’s birthplace, and visit the neo-Byzantine Notre Dame de la Garde with extraordinary city views from its grounds.

**Sète for Carcassonne**

**Wednesday, June 5**

The former frontier between France and Spain, occupied since the sixth century B.C., Carcassonne is the largest walled city in Europe.

It was fortified by the Romans, conquered by Visigoths, captured by Persians, invaded by Franks and overrun by Barbarians, each culture influencing the city’s architectural and artistic heritage. The medieval core of Carcassonne, La Cité, a UNESCO World Heritage site characterized by cobblestone streets and the Romanesque-Gothic-style Basilica of Saints Nazarius and Celsus. Explore the medieval Château Comtal, the archaeological museum and the Musée des Beaux Arts’ collection ranging from the 16th to 20th centuries. Continue to the nearby Corbières Mountains to tour the hallowed 12th-century Cistercian Abbaye de Fontfroide.

Attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception this evening.

**Barcelona, Spain**

**Thursday, June 6**

Disembark the ship in lively Barcelona, with Europe’s greatest concentration of Gothic architecture and the works of Dalí, Gaudí and Picasso. Continue on the Barcelona Post-Cruise Option or transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S.
**Blue Eye – The World’s First Luxury Underwater Observatory!**

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. 

*Marine life viewing varies by location.*

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**Luxury Small Ship, Innovative Design**

**Le Bougainville**, launching in 2019, 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 distinction among ocean-cruising vessels, **Le Bougainville** 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 educational 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 three 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 a medical center staffed with a doctor and nurse.
Included Features

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

◆ Seven-night cruise from Civitavecchia, Italy, to Barcelona, Spain.
◆ 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 the ship.
◆ The extraordinary Blue Eye—the world’s first multisensory observational lounge.
◆ Walking tour of Corsica’s ancient, picturesque Old Town of Bonifacio.
◆ Time at leisure to enjoy Bonifacio on your own.
◆ Evening at leisure in Portofino on the Italian Riviera.
◆ Excursion to Nice, featuring a walking tour of the Old Town and a guided tour of the Musée National Marc Chagall.
◆ Excursion to see the Rock of Monaco, and walk through the historic streets, with a visit to St. Nicholas Cathedral, where Princess Grace and Prince Ranier III are interred.
◆ Walking tour of Aix-en-Provence, featuring the Mazarin district, the Old Town Hall, the famous Cours Mirabeau and the unique architectural style of Cathedral St. Sauveur.
◆ Panoramic tour of vibrant Marseille featuring its historic Vieux Port (Old Port), the Corniche Kennedy, and a visit to the hilltop Notre Dame de la Garde.
◆ Visit to the Romanesque, 12th-century Abbaye de Fontfroide in the Corbières Mountains.

UNESCO World Heritage Site Highlights

◆ Choice of a full-day excursion to Florence, featuring visits to the octagonal Baptistery and Galleria dell’Accademia to see Michelangelo’s David, or a full-day excursion to the Tuscan cities of Pisa and Lucca.
◆ Excursion by private boat cruising the coast of Cinque Terre to visit the charming cliffside villages of Riomaggiore and Vernazza.
◆ Excursion to Carcassonne, featuring tours of the monumental Basilica of Saints Nazarius and Celsus and the impressive Musée des Beaux Arts.

Always Included

◆ Transfers and luggage handling aboard if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ Experienced, local English-speaking 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.
◆ Hospitality desk aboard ship.
◆ 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.
Pre-Cruise Option

Capital of the Roman Empire and a UNESCO World Heritage site, the “Eternal City” of Rome showcases its spectacular landmarks from centuries as a nucleus of culture, religion and political power. Tour the magnificent St. Peter’s Basilica and the opulent Vatican Museums, including the Sistine Chapel, featuring Michelangelo’s famous ceiling frescoes. Visit the historic Roman Forum, the iconic Colosseum and the fifth-century Church of St. Peter in Chains, which houses Michelangelo’s famed sculpture of Moses. Enjoy two nights in the deluxe Westin Excelsior Rome, ideally located within walking distance of the grand Via Veneto.

Post-Cruise Option

Experience the lively capital city of Catalonia, Barcelona, once an ancient Roman trading port. See the Barri Gòtic (Gothic Quarter), the city’s old-world center, with its Roman walls and labyrinthine streets. Tour architect Antoni Gaudí’s extraordinary UNESCO World Heritage-designated site, Basílica de la Sagrada Familia. On a full-day excursion, discover Gaudí’s rarely visited Crypt of Colonia Güell, and explore spectacular Montserrat and its Benedictine monastery, founded in 1025. Spend two nights in the Five-Star Majestic Hotel & Spa.

The Pre- and Post-Cruise Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

A UNESCO World Heritage site, Gaudí’s Basílica de la Sagrada Familia, Barcelona, has been under construction for over a century.
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Title  Full Name (exact as it appears on your passport)

Street Mailing Address (no P.O. Box number please)

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 Telephone: (Home)  (Mobile)  
 Email Address  (Business)

Preferred Name(s) or Badge(s)  

Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person and $200 per person Early Booking Tariff* through Nov. 1, 2018. 

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

- 1st choice  
- 2nd choice  

- Double occupancy  
- 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).  

- $11895* and in category 2 at $14295* on or before November 1, 2018.  

Singles are available in category 5 at $11895* and in category 2 at $14295* on or before November 1, 2018.  

Le BOUGAINVILLE 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.

Please make my/our reservation(s):  

- Eternal Rome Pre-Cruise Option  
- Barcelona's Catalan Culture Post-Cruise Option  

- First Class  
- Upgraded Economy  
- Business Class  

- Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.  
- 1/We want you to book my/our air, at an additional cost to be advised, from:  

- 1/We will make my/our own air arrangements.
RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND BINDING ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

RESPONSIBILITY: Gohagan & Company, the sponsoring associations/organizations, and its and their employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors or trustees, successors, and assigns (collectively “Gohagan”), do not or ever operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip including, for example, lodging facilities, airline, vessel, or other transportation companies, guides or guide services, local ground operators, providers or Rogers of optional excursions, food service or entertainment providers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, Gohagan is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such persons or entities.

In addition and without limitation, Gohagan is not responsible for any injury, death, illness or disease, or for any act or omission of any airlines or agents or for any act or omission of any airlines or agents including any act of God or force majeure, acts of government, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, bites from or attacks by animals, insects or pests, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind or the threat thereof, sickness, illness, epidemics or the threat thereof, the lack of availability or access to medical attention or the threat thereof, overwhelming or downhill of accommodating, mechanical or other failure of airplanes, vessels, other means of transportation, or for any failure of any transportation means or equipment to arrive or depart on time or at all.

If due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend an additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel/airline provision and costs. Baggage is entirely at owner’s risk. The right is reserved to decline to accept as a trip participant, or remove from a trip, without refund, any person Gohagan judges to be incapable of meeting the rigors and requirements of participating in the activities, or who is abusive to other trip participants, leaders or third parties, or who Gohagan determines to detract from the trip in any way. Additionally, Gohagan reserves the right to substitute motorcoach transportation using hotels, inns or lodges for cruises or vessels for land based travel under these circumstances to refund the cost of any purchased travel insurance. Gohagan is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such persons or entities.

Gohagan reserves the right to change the itinerary or trip features at any time for any reason without notice or refund, and Gohagan shall not be liable for any loss or injury of any kind as a result of any such change. Ship schedules, port calls, sightseeing events, special programs and guest lecture series (if applicable), are subject to change or cancellation. Gohagan reserves the right to substitute vessels, hotels or attractions of a similar nature at any time for any reason, with or without notice, and Gohagan shall not be liable for any loss of any kind as a result of any such changes. Ship schedules, port calls, arrival and departure, sightseeing events, special programs and guest lecture series (if applicable), are subject to change or cancellation. Gohagan reserves the right to substitute hotels, inns or lodges for cruises or vessels for land based travel under these circumstances to refund the cost of any purchased travel insurance. Gohagan is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such persons or entities.

In the event a “discounted” reservation must be cancelled or changed, any increase in cost due to changes in supplier costs, currency fluctuations or fuel or energy surcharges and all such increases are to be paid to Gohagan upon notice of reimbursement. Trip cancellation insurance is available for comprehensive coverage of such expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident or damaged or lost luggage.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations for all or any part of the trip including Pre/Post Program(s) reservation(s) will not be effective until received in writing in the offices of Gohagan. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply: reservation cancellation(s) are subject to a $200 ($50 Pre/Post Program(s)) per person administrative fee from the time of booking through 120 days prior to departure; from 95 through 119 days prior to departure, $500 ($100 Pre/Post Program(s)) per person; from 60 through 94 days prior to departure, 50% of the published full regular tariffs; cancellations 59 days or less prior to departure, a no-show, or early return from the trip will result in forfeiture of 100% of the published full regular tariffs. In addition, any applicable airline cancellation fees, optional excursion cancellation fees and administrative fees may apply.

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 or damaged or lost luggage.

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This Agreement is binding upon you and Gohagan as a proper substitute for and waives the right to a trial by jury.

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT: By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants and accepts the terms contained in this Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement.

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