



TREASURES OF THE ADRIATIC & IONIAN SEAS

A Voyage From Venice to Athens Exploring Ancient Sites & Medieval Towns

Led by Professors Karen Gross and Ben David

Aboard the 48-Guest Yacht *Elysium*

May 29 – June 7, 2022



Dear Friends,

Of the many seaborne idylls possible in the Mediterranean, sailing to the old port towns of the Adriatic and Ionian seas and exploring landmark sites and monuments, has to be one of the most interesting and rewarding. The experience is enhanced when the voyage takes place aboard a small private yacht-like ship that accommodates a few travelers. Join friends of Lewis & Clark for what promises to be a memorable educational journey.

Starting In Venice, unquestionably one of the world's most unique cities, our itinerary includes ports on both the Italian and Croatian shores of the Adriatic Sea. The medieval, Renaissance and ancient Roman and Greek sites we will visit tell the story of the ebb and flow of great civilizations and empires against a backdrop of breathtaking natural beauty. Experience Venice's immense artistic heritage and the grandeur and beauty of the architecture that line its canals; the superb and luminous Byzantine mosaics in Ravenna; the exquisitely preserved medieval Gubio and Renaissance Urbino that overlook the glorious Italian countryside; the immense Palace of Diocletian in Croatia's Split, one of the most impressive monuments to have survived from the Roman period; iconic Dubrovnik, with its gleaming stone palaces enclosed within medieval walls; Corfu, one of the prettiest Greek islands; and Delphi, one of the most magnificent ancient sites of Greece that was sacred to Apollo. In addition to Venice, Ravenna, Urbino, Split's Diocletian Palace, Dubrovnik, Corfu town and Delphi are UNESCO World Heritage sites.

Leading the journey as study leaders will be Professors Karen Gross and Ben David, whose biographies appear on the facing page. Bringing their expertise to bear, they will bring to life the richly layered history of the civilizations that once dominated this part of the Mediterranean and the art they left behind.

With only 24 cabins accommodating 48 guests, and resembling more a private yacht than a commercial cruise ship, *Elysium* is the ideal ship to cruise the fabled shores of the Adriatic and Ionian seas.

I hope you will join us in this exploration of the history, culture and masterpieces of art and architecture along the ancient sea lanes of our voyage.

Warm regards,



Andrew McPheeters
Associate Vice President
for Alumni, Parent, and Student Engagement

LEWIS & CLARK GUEST LECTURERS

BEN DAVID

Associate Professor of Art History



Professor David specializes in Italian art from 1300-1600, with an emphasis on Early Renaissance painting. His scholarship and teaching engage the historical and theoretical implications of the practice of narrative in Renaissance art and theories of narrative more generally. He is especially interested in the relationship between art and literature. Other research projects and courses explore the complex nature of the Renaissance engagement with classical antiquity and visualizations of Dante's Divine Comedy from the fourteenth century to the present day. He is also interested in how contemporary art creates dialogues with Renaissance and Medieval Art and in the intersections of art history and theories of memory. Professor David is the Group leader for the student semester abroad program in Athens. He led an alumni travel group to Greece in 2019.

KAREN GROSS

Associate Professor of English and
Department Chair



Karen Gross joined the Lewis & Clark English department in 2005. She studies and teaches the European Middle Ages with an emphasis on England and Italy in the thirteenth through fifteenth centuries. She is particularly interested in the reception of classical texts, Dante, medieval literary theory and education, the history of the book, and the relationship between literature and the visual arts. Her research has been supported by grants from the New York Public Library, the Mellon Foundation, the Huntington Library, the Stanford Humanities Center, and the Fulbright program. In 2008 she received the Graves Award, sponsored by the ACLS, for her efforts as a teacher. Currently, she is researching illuminated Apocalypse manuscripts. She led an alumni travel group to Greece in 2019.



Dubrovnik

ITINERARY

Sunday, May 29, 2022

DEPART THE US

Depart the US for Venice, Italy.

Monday, May 30

VENICE, Italy

Arrive in Venice and transfer to the Hotel Bauer Palazzo (or similar). Meet your fellow travelers and the Lewis and Clark faculty at a welcome cocktail reception in the hotel.

Tuesday, May 31

VENICE & EMBARKATION

Built on an archipelago of small islands in a lagoon and famed for its canals, architecture and art treasures, Venice rose to power and dominated the affairs of the Eastern Mediterranean for hundreds of years. In the morning, tour Venice, including St. Mark's Basilica, constructed in 1094 and adorned with splendid marble and mosaics, and the Doge's Palace, the sumptuous seat of Venetian power. Alternatively, visit the Basilica Santa Maria Gloriosa de Frari, which contains magnificent paintings by Titian and other masters, and the Scuola Grande di San Rocco, housing paintings by Tintoretto. Spend the afternoon at leisure. Later, board the Elysium, and as the ship navigates Venice's Grand Canal, get superlative views of the city from the ship's decks. Late in the evening, the ship will dock in Ravenna. Meals: B, D

Wednesday, June 1

RAVENNA

Spend the day in Ravenna, an ancient city that came to prominence in the 5th century A.D.,

when it became the capital of the Western Roman Empire. Dante, the towering figure of Italian letters, spent the last three years of his life in Ravenna (1319-1321) and finished here the Divine Comedy. Tour the city's famed Byzantine churches, which merited the distinction of being UNESCO World Heritage sites, including the Mausoleum of Galla Placidia, the Basilica of San Apollinare in Classe, Basilica of San Vitale, and Basilica di San Apollinare Nuovo, all decorated with brilliant mosaics and other pieces of art. Also, visit the Baptistery of the Arians and the Arcivescovile Museum.

Meals: B, L, D

Thursday, June 2
GUBIO & URBINO

From the port of Ancona, where our ship will dock in the morning, explore two jewels of Italy, Gubbio and Urbino. One of the country's most beautiful and best-preserved small medieval towns, Gubbio, perched on the slopes of a mountain overlooking the lovely countryside of Umbria, has narrow streets and alleyways that are lined with old polished grey stone buildings. Continue to Urbino, known as "the ideal city of the Renaissance," now a UNESCO World Heritage site. Visit the famed Palazzo Ducale, a masterpiece of Renaissance architecture, which houses the National Gallery of the Marches; the Church of San Giovanni Battista, with its beautiful frescoes, and the house of native son Raphael, the great Renaissance master artist. Lunch will be served at a restaurant in Urbino. Meals: B, L, D

Friday, June 3

SPLIT & HVAR ISLAND, Croatia

Sailing across the Adriatic Sea, we reach

Croatia's vibrant port city of Split, which started as a Greco-Illyrian settlement called Aspalathos. The city is centered around the the formidable Place of Diocletian, built in A.D. 295. An extensive structure, much of which is well preserved, the palace contains within its walls Split's medieval town, making it the only palace that has been continuously inhabited since Roman times. After touring this incredible site, a UNESCO World Heritage site, sail to nearby Hvar, one of Croatia's loveliest islands, where the architecture is unmistakably Venetian. Located within a small area by the seafront are the 17th-century Municipal Theater, the Venetian Loggia, and the Franciscan Monastery. Stroll leisurely the town's narrow lanes. Meals: B, L, D



Detail of Byzantine mosaic, Basilica of San Vitale, Ravenna



The old town of Corfu



Gubbio



Urbino



Hvar

Saturday, June 4 **DUBROVNIK**

Set on a rocky peninsula facing the sea, glorious Dubrovnik is one of Europe's best-preserved medieval cities. At its pinnacle, Dubrovnik, called then Ragusa, rivaled Venice both culturally and commercially. The ancient walls of this UNESCO World Heritage site enclose narrow cobbled streets and alleyways, palaces, mansions as well as other monuments. Tour the city, including the Franciscan Monastery and its Old Pharmacy, operating since 1317, the Dominican Monastery and the adjacent museum, which contains works by Titian, the Rector's Palace, Sponza Palace, and the baroque Cathedral, with works by the Renaissance painters Andrea del Sarto and Titian. After the tour, enjoy free time before sailing.

Meals: B, L, D

Sunday, June 5 **CORFU, Greece**

Identified as the Homeric island of Scheria,

where Odysseus was washed ashore, Corfu's recorded history begins in the 8th century BC. From the 14th to the 18th centuries, the island was controlled by Venice, which left its strong mark on the town's architecture, recognized by UNESCO as a World Heritage site. Explore Paleopolis, the site of the ancient settlement. Located within the beautiful wooded Mon Repos estate, it includes the remains of sanctuaries, temples and an early Christian basilica. In the town of Corfu, we visit the Archaeological Museum, whose notable exhibits include the massive Gorgon pediment from the Temple of Artemis in Paleopolis. Other interesting sites include the 14-century Venetian Old Fortress, and the medieval church of Antivouniotissa, home to a superb collection of Byzantine icons.

Meals: B, L, D

Monday, June 6 **DELPHI**

The quaint small port town of Itea, where we will arrive in the morning, provides easy access to

Delphi, one of Greece's most magnificent ancient sites. Sited below towering Mount Parnassus, Delphi was sacred to Apollo and was the seat of his famed oracle. Our tour of this awesome site includes the Sacred Way, the Treasure of the Athenians, the Temple of Apollo, the theater, and other structures. The museum, which we will also visit, houses the celebrated statue of the Charioteer, among other treasures. Late in the afternoon, the ship will transit the Corinth Canal, the narrow and scenic waterway that separates the Greek mainland from the Peloponnese.

Meals: B, L, D

Tuesday, June 7 **ATHENS/USA**

Disembark in the morning in the yacht marina of Zea, located near Athens, and transfer to the airport for the return flight home.

Meals: B

THE *ELYSIUM*



Lounge



Boat Deck Stateroom



Library



Al Fresco Dining

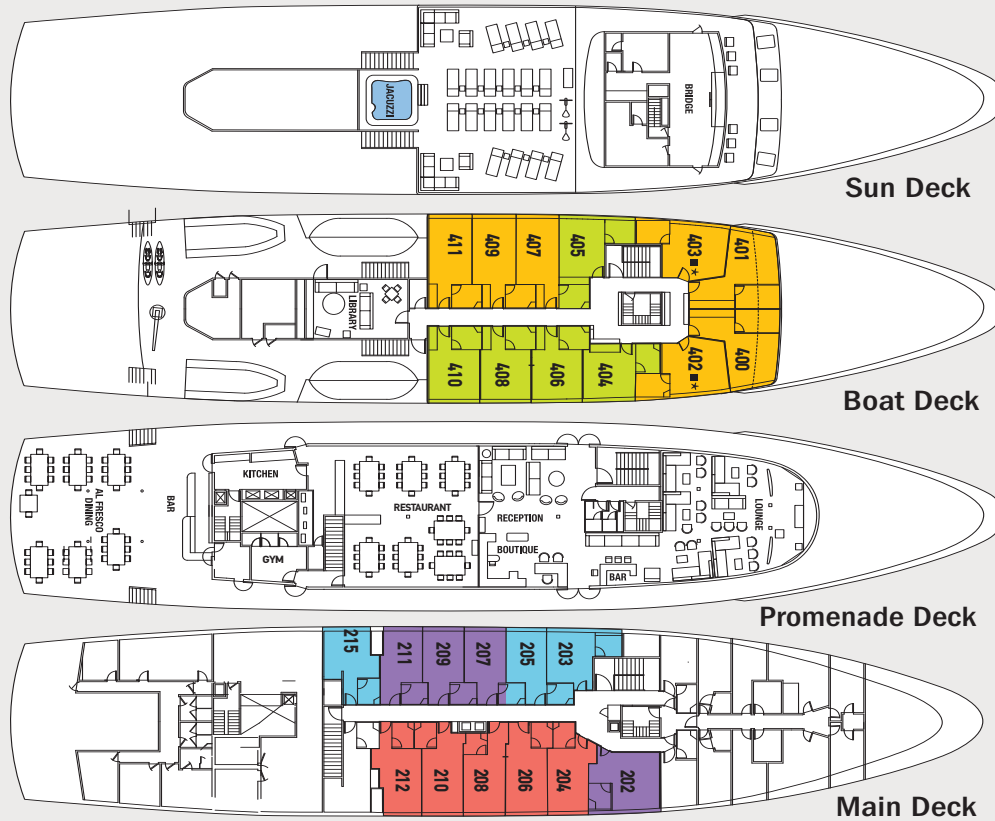
In an era of mega cruise ships that carry thousands of passengers, *Elysium* is a delightful alternative. More like an elegant private yacht than a cruise ship, *Elysium* accommodates only 48 guests in 24 spacious cabins that face outside, about half the number usually found on a ship this size. Large enough to navigate in comfort and safety, small enough to access small ports with agility, *Elysium*

features expansive open deck areas that include a Jacuzzi, a promenade that wraps around the deck, an elegant restaurant that accommodates all guests in an open, unassigned seating, an outdoor dining area, a lounge that is surrounded with windows, a library and a gym. A fleet of kayaks provide opportunities for kayaking in the protected blue waters of the Mediterranean.

The ship is served by 24 seasoned officers and crew. *Elysium* provides a style of cruising that is rarely found today. More than a cruise, each voyage is custom-crafted to provide a comprehensive experience that reveals the singular aspects of the destinations.

Welcome aboard the yacht *Elysium*.

Deck Plan



Mani characteristics: Gross tonnage: 1610; Length: 210 ft; Beam: 41 ft;
Draft: 11 ft; Main engines: Deutz 2 x 1275 H.P.



RATES

All cabins aboard *Elysium* face outside offering ocean-view windows or portholes, and feature a lower queen-size bed that can be arranged as two twins, private facilities, temperature control, telephone, flat screen TV, ample closet space, and 110 & 220 volt electrical outlets.

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY*
	Outside cabins on Main Deck with portholes. Cabins 203, 205, 215	\$ 6,990
	Outside cabins on Main Deck with portholes. Cabins 202, 207, 209, 211	\$ 7,790
	Outside cabins on Main Deck with portholes. Cabins 204 - 212	\$ 8,390
	Outside cabins on Boat Deck with window. Cabins 404 - 410	\$ 9,990
	Outside cabins on Boat Deck with window. - 411	\$ 10,890

* Single occupancy: 170% of the per person double occupancy rate.

PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

- One night at Venice's *Hotel Bauer Palazzo* (or similar).
- Welcome cocktail reception at the hotel.
- Full breakfast at the hotel.
- Cruise aboard the *Elysium*, as described in the itinerary.
- All meals aboard ship, including wine, beer, and soft drinks with lunch and dinner.
- Complete program of tours and excursions and other activities ashore, with professional English-speaking guides.
- Program of lectures and discussions by the accompanying Lewis & Clark faculty.
- Airport/hotel/pier transfers and handling of luggage abroad.
- Open bar aboard ship throughout the voyage.
- Port, embarkation, and all other local taxes.
- Gratuities to guides, drivers and porters.
- Experienced Thalassa Journeys trip director.
- Comprehensive pre-departure material.

NOT INCLUDED: Airfare; travel insurance; expenses of a personal nature; gratuities to shipboard personnel; any items not mentioned in the Program Inclusions.



San Marco, Venice



Delphi

GENERAL INFORMATION

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve your space on the tour. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Payment can be made by personal check or charged to a credit card.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS: All cancellations are subject to a \$300 per person administrative fee. Cancellations received 61-90 days prior to departure will be assessed a penalty equal to 50% of the total program cost per person. Cancellations received within 60 days of departure are subject to 100% cancellation penalties. Requests for cancellations must be made in writing. No refunds will be made for any part of this program in which you choose not to participate.

INSURANCE: We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident. Baggage insurance is also recommended. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement.

ITINERARY: The itinerary, accommodations and arrangements are subject to change at the discretion of Thalassa Journeys.

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RATES: Tour costs are based upon current airfares, tariffs, and currency values. While we do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change.

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