Ancient Empires
From Malta to Rome

M.Y. Variety Voyager

Kirk Freudenburg
Professor of Classics

October 7-15, 2017
Dear Yale Traveler

Discover the intriguing mélange of cultures that flourished in the wake of ancient empires while cruising along the resplendent shores of Malta, Sicily, and Italy. This outstanding itinerary showcases the very best of this historic region at the most ideal time of year and affords you the unique opportunity to travel with a small, intimate group while enjoying deluxe accommodations aboard the exclusively chartered M.Y. VARIETY VOYAGER, an authentic small ship able to call on ports inaccessible to larger vessels.

Cruise from Malta to Rome along two of Europe's most ancient and dramatic coastlines, and through the fabled Strait of Messina, situated between Sicily and mainland Italy. Marvel at Italy's stunning Amalfi Coast and the colorful seaside town of Sorrento; explore the fascinating hidden treasures of Sicily; and see seven impressive UNESCO World Heritage sites. Gain insight into the Roman way of life in A.D. 79 at the superbly excavated site of Pompeii. Discover Sicily's storied town of Taormina in the shadow of Mount Etna, as well as the legendary city of Syracuse — once the most powerful city of the ancient Greek world and today an open-air museum of monumental antiquities — and Agrigento's majestic Valley of the Temples, one of the most memorable sights of the ancient world. Experience the rich history of Malta, the island nation where St. Paul the Apostle was shipwrecked and the Order of the Knights of St. John, Caravaggio, Sir Walter Scott, and Queen Elizabeth II once called home.

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Happy travels,

Kathy Edersheim ’87
Senior Director, International Alumni Relations and Travel Association of Yale Alumni

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Highlights

Cruise for seven nights along the unforgettable coasts of Malta, Sicily, and southwestern Italy aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe M.Y. VARIETY VOYAGER.

Tour Italy's iconic Amalfi Coast, famous for its winding corniche road that runs along spectacular cliffs and hillsides.

Walk through the UNESCO World Heritage-designated ruins of ancient Pompeii, the Roman city preserved in time by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius nearly two millennia ago.
Kirk Freudenburg

Kirk Freudenburg is Professor of Classics at Yale. He took his B.A. at Valparaiso University, an M.A. at Washington University in St. Louis and his Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin. Before joining the Yale faculty, Professor Freudenburg taught at Kent State University; Ohio State University, where he served as chair of the Department of Classics. His research has long focused on the connection between Roman writing and Roman life, paying special attention to the ways in which cultural practices and protocols influence the writing of poetry.

Most of his published work has centered on issues of free speech in the Roman world and on “satire” as a literary form and cultural practice. He has written and co-edited several books on the topic of satire, and he has edited an Oxford Readings volume on the hexameter poems of Horace. His current projects include a book on structures of Roman thought and cultural practice in Roman poetry and a commentary on the second book of Horace’s Sermones for the Cambridge Green and Yellows, and he is co-editing the Cambridge Commentary to the Age of Nero. His main publications include: The Walking Muse: Horace on the Theory of Satire (Princeton, 1993), Satires of Rome: Threatening Poses from Lucilius to Juvenal (Cambridge, 2001), and the Cambridge Companion to Roman Satire (Cambridge, 2005).

Upcoming Trips

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10/10/2017 - 10/21/2017
Prof. Paul Hawkshaw, Music

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Costa Rica: A Family Adventure
12/26/2017 - 01/03/2018
Prof. Peter Crane, Forestry and Environmental Studies

Book Corner

Between Salt Water and Holy Water: A History of Southern Italy
by Tommaso Astarita
The Georgetown University professor recounts the often turbulent history of the region once known as the “Kingdom of the Two Sicilies.”

The Kappillan of Malta
by Nicholas Monsarrat
Centuries of Maltese history are woven into this gripping tale of a priest tending to his community during World War II.

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OCTOBER 7-15, 2017

WELCOME PHONE CALL  
Tuesday, September 26  
(Tentative)
Join the group at 4PM EST for a pre-trip welcome call with Professor Kirk Freudenburg to learn more about what to expect and to ask questions.

VALLETTA, MALTA  
Saturday and Sunday, October 7 and 8
Depart the U.S. for the UNESCO World Heritage-designated city of Valletta, founded in 1566 by the French Grand Master of the Order of the Knights of St. John. Today this 2018 European Capital of Culture showcases incredible architecture from the 16th century onward.

Embark the m.y. VARIETY VOYAGER this afternoon. (R/D)

VALLETTA  
Monday, October 9
Visit the 16th-century St. John’s Co-Cathedral for a display of artistic masterpieces, including Caravaggio’s The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist. Enjoy a walking tour through the colonnaded Lower Barrakka Gardens, offering stunning vistas of Valletta’s Grand Harbor, and the striking Grand Master’s Palace. A member of the de Piro family of Maltese nobility leads your private tour through the 430-year-old Casa Rocca Piccola, the family’s ancestral home.

Be on deck for unforgettable views while cruising from the picturesque bay of Valletta past the scenic shores of Selmunett, the small island where St. Paul the Apostle was shipwrecked en route to Rome. (B/L/D)

AGRIGENTO, SICILY, ITALY  
Tuesday, October 10
The classical Greek world comes alive in Agrigento’s Valle dei Templi (Valley of the Temples), a UNESCO World Heritage site. Here, no fewer than eight Doric Greek shrines dating from the fifth century B.C. dot the landscape, including the Temple of Hera, with its graceful northern colonnade, and the Temple of Concordia, said to be one of the most beautifully preserved Greek monuments still standing today. See the temples dedicated to Zeus and Heracles, and the Sanctuary of the Chthonic Divinities. Visit the Agrigento Archaeological Museum, ranking among Sicily’s finest. (B/L/D)

At the crossroads between Europe and Africa, the coasts of Malta, Sicily, and Italy have absorbed a myriad of cultural influences for centuries.

SYRACUSE  
Wednesday, October 11
Extolled for its beauty and grandeur since classical antiquity, Syracuse reached its zenith of wealth and power under Dionysius the Elder, who established it as a center of philosophy and the arts 350 years after Greek colonists first settled there in 734 B.C. Today, this UNESCO World Heritage site is an open-air museum of well-preserved classical monuments.

Visit the magnificent Greek Theater, where Aeschylus once spoke to ancient Siracusans; the Roman Amphitheater, where gladiators competed for the crowds; the Altar of Hieron II, the limestone cave known as Ear of Dionysius; and the Archaeological Museum.

Enjoy walking the legendary small island of Ortygia, Syracuse’s maritime heart, where, in the remains of Piazza Pancali, the sixth-century B.C. Temple of Apollo stands as the most ancient Doric temple in Sicily. Inside the Baroque cathedral, built on and incorporating the ruins of a fifth-century B.C. temple dedicated to the goddess Athena, admire the unique baptismal font, an ancient Greek marble krater (large vase) dating from the 13th century. The landmark Piazza Archimede showcases the Baroque-style Fountain of Diana, adorned with rearing horses, charging tritons, and maternal sea nymphs depicting the mythological tale of the goddess. (B/L/D)

TAORMINA  
Thursday, October 12
The charming, medieval town of Taormina commands one of the most impressive settings on the island and is the 2,400-year-old center of Sicilian culture and commerce. See imposing, snowcapped Mt. Etna, Europe’s highest volcano and a UNESCO World Heritage site, and enjoy stunning panoramic views of Calabria across the Strait of Messina.
Visit the remarkably preserved third-century B.C. Greco-Roman theater, still in use today. Admire the ornate, Gothic-Catalan-style Corvaia Palace; the Baroque portal of the Cathedral of St. Nicola; and the Roman Odeon, built in 21 B.C. Stroll along Taormina’s Corso Umberto, a bustling pedestrian thoroughfare with distinctive Mediterranean flair.

Be on deck this evening as the ship cruises in view of the most famous of the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Aeolian Islands — Stromboli, the “Lighthouse of the Mediterranean” — where a volcano has been active for 2,000 years.

(B/L/D)

ISLAND OF CAPRI/AMALFI COAST
Friday, October 13
Legend has it that along the shores of the dramatic isle of Capri, Homer’s Odysseus resisted the alluring call of the sirens. Enjoy time at leisure to explore this captivating island.

Italy’s UNESCO World Heritage-designated Amalfi Coast is legendary for its natural wonders and dramatic cliffs dotted with secluded villages, opulent villas, and sun-kissed beaches. Delight in a panoramic tour of this stunning coastline and enjoy time on your own in the lovely village of Positano.

(B/L/D)

POMPEII/SORRENTO
Saturday, October 14
The tephra of Mt. Vesuvius engulfed Pompeii in A.D. 79. Today the incredibly well-preserved ruins of this ancient Roman city are a UNESCO World Heritage site, providing an intimate look into the daily rituals of Roman life during the reign of Emperor Titus. See the impressive amphitheater, the house of the wealthy Vetti family and the extraordinary Temple of Jupiter.

(B/L/R/D)

ROME/U.S.
Sunday, October 15
Disembark in Civitavecchia and transfer to Rome, the historic heart of Italy, for your return flight to the U.S.

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What is Included:
- Program of lectures and discussions with Professor Kirk Freudenburg and local experts.
- Accommodation on twin sharing basis as per the itinerary.
- All entrance fees as per the itinerary.
- All meals aboard the ship as per the itinerary, including beer and wine with lunch and dinner.
- Services of a Travel Director during the tour as per the itinerary.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
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- Taxes.
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- Any insurance other than specified above.
- Any meals or beverages that are not specified in the above inclusions.
- International airfares.
- Expenses caused by factors beyond our control like rail and air plane delays, roadblocks, vehicle malfunctions, political disturbances, taxes, lost luggage, etc.
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Includes meals indicated each day as B/L/R/D = Breakfast/Lunch/Reception/Dinner.

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Pre-Cruise Option
October 5–9
$795 per person, double occupancy
$1,195 per person, single occupancy
The island of Malta is referred to as “one of the most concentrated historic areas in the world.” Walk the medieval streets of the walled town of Mdina and explore its extraordinary architecture. Experience the fabled Blue Grotto sea cave, visit the underground Lascaris War Rooms, and tour the opulent interiors of the 18th-century Palazzo Parisio. Accommodations for two nights are in the Five-Star PHOENICIA HOTEL.

ETERNAL ROME
Post-Cruise Option
October 15–17
$1,130 per person, double occupancy
$1,630 per person, single occupancy
UNESCO World Heritage-designated Rome showcases its spectacular landmarks from centuries as a nucleus of power, culture, and religion. Visit the Colosseum, the Forum, and the Church of St. Peter in Chains, which houses Michelangelo’s sculpture of Moses. Tour St. Peter’s Basilica and explore the Vatican Museums, including the Sistine Chapel, featuring Michelangelo’s awe-inspiring frescoes. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe WESTIN EXCELSIOR ROME. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

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CATEGORY 1 $9,095
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Encounter the diverse legacies of Malta, Sicily, and Italy—begun over 7,000 years ago and shaped by an endless roll call of empires who vied for control of their ancient coasts.

The timeless beauty and mystique of these history-laden lands beckon you today just as they once lured explorers, artists, and powerful rulers.