The Brown Travelers

ANCIENT Empires

Malta • Sicily • Isle of Capri
Amalfi Coast • Pompeii • Rome

A voyage aboard the Exclusively Chartered Small Ship
m.y. Variety Voyager

October 7 to 15, 2017
Dear Graduates, Parents and Friends of Brown:

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, custom-designed 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.

Enjoy deluxe accommodations aboard the exclusively chartered M.Y. VARIETY VOYAGER, an authentic small ship that carries only 72 passengers and is able to call on ports inaccessible to larger vessels.

Cruise from Valletta 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. Visit 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.

A Brown faculty member will accompany you and provide a unique perspective on these ancient cities and islands, medieval ports and scenic landscapes that were once coveted territories of the world’s most powerful empires.

We will share this departure with alumni and friends from Yale University, the University of Illinois and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and space is limited. I encourage you to book now, while space and Early Booking Savings are still available.

Sincerely,

Beth Goldman Galer ’88
Director of the Alumni Travel Program

Faculty Lecturer

On this program, as on all Brown Travelers programs, a Brown faculty member will present lectures and lead discussions that will enhance your educational experience. As this brochure goes to press, the faculty representative who will accompany the program has not yet been confirmed. But we wanted to mail this brochure in time for you to make plans to participate. All Brown lecturers share a love for both teaching and travel. Their presence ensures that Brown-sponsored journeys are not only pleasant travel experiences but also intellectually rewarding.
The Legacy of Empires

Experience the diverse cultural legacy of Malta, Sicily and Italy that began over 7000 years ago and was shaped by their strategic location between Europe and Africa and the seemingly endless roll call of empires who vied for control of their ancient coasts.

Malta has held a strong connection to Italy and Sicily since A.D. 60, when a shipwrecked St. Paul brought Christianity by happenstance to the tiny archipelago. Perhaps none were more influence than the Crusader-era Knights of St. John, who settled on Malta in 1530 and remained for almost 300 years, while artisans, designers and craftsmen came to Malta from Italy, Sicily and Greece to build castles, cathedrals and the extraordinary capital city of Valletta. On Sicily, traces of the Italians, Greeks, Goths, Moors, Normans, Castilians, Turks, Jesuits, Spanish and French are imprinted on the spectacular landscape and etched into ancient architecture, from Grecian temples and mosaic-adorned Roman villas to Norman palaces and medieval churches. The timeless beauty and mystique of these history-laden lands beckon you today just as they once lured explorers, artists and powerful rulers.

Valletta, Malta

Founded in 1566 by the French Grand Master of the Order of the Knights of St. John, the magnificent “Fortress City” of Valletta, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is one of the world’s earliest planned cities. Today, this 2018 European Capital of Culture showcases incredible architecture from the 16th century onward, including splendid examples of high Baroque, neoclassical and modern styles.

Visit the iconic and lavishly decorated 16th-century St. John’s Co-Cathedral, an artistic display of 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 and a showcase of historical Maltese aristocracy.

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.

Unique and exclusive itinerary.
Exclusively chartered, deluxe small ship.
Only 72 guests!
One port call each day.
An excursion included in every port!
See seven UNESCO World Heritage sites.
Specially arranged educational lectures.
Complimentary wine and beer served with lunch and dinner.
One crew member for every 1.5 guests.
Early Booking Savings!

Cover photo: First built in the third century B.C., the well-preserved ruins of Taormina’s classical Greco-Roman theater lie in the shadow of Mt. Etna.

Photo this page: The iconic drive along the Amalfi Coast, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is famous for its winding corniche road that runs along the spectacular cliffs and hillsides.
Agrigento, Sicily, Italy
The classical Greek world comes alive in Agrigento’s legendary 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. Visit the temples dedicated to Zeus and Heracles and the Sanctuary of the Chthonic Divinities—mythological lords of Earth and the underworld. Visit the Agrigento Archaeological Museum, ranking among Sicily’s finest, and admire the collection of Greek, Etruscan, Phoenician, Carthaginian and Roman artifacts.

Syracuse
Extolled for its beauty and grandeur since classical antiquity, enchanting 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 impressive Archaeological Museum.

Agrigento’s well-preserved Temple of Concordia, whose façade is featured in UNESCO’s logo, is one of the world’s most notable examples of ancient Greek architecture.
The landmark Piazza Archimede showcases the dazzling, Baroque-style Fountain of Diana, adorned with rearing horses, charging tritons and maternal sea nymphs.

**Taormina**

The charming, medieval town of Taormina commands one of the most impressive settings on the island and is the 2400-year-old center of Sicilian culture and commerce. See the 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, 14th-century Gothic-Catalan-style Corvaia Palace; the medieval Baroque portal of the Cathedral of St. Nicola; and the Roman Odeon, the “small theater” built in 21 B.C. Stroll along Taormina’s famous Corso Umberto, a bustling pedestrian thoroughfare with distinctive Mediterranean flair.

**Stromboli, Aeolian Islands**

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”—home to a volcano that has been mildly active for the past 2000 years.

**Isle of Capri**

Legend has it that along the shores of dramatic Capri, Homer’s Odysseus resisted the alluring call of the sirens. Enjoy time at leisure to explore this captivating island at your own pace.

**Sorrento**

An outpost of the ancient Roman Republic, today Sorrento is one of the most scenic towns in Italy, the gateway to Mt. Vesuvius and the ancient ruins of Pompeii, and the limoncello capital of the world. This quaint seaside town was built into picturesque cliffs high above the Tyrrhenian Sea with brightly hued buildings and abundant lemon and orange groves.

**Amalfi Coast**

Italy’s spectacular 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 that epitomize the allure of the Italian Mediterranean seaside. Enjoy time on your own in the lovely village of Positano—frequented by Picasso, Toscanini and Bernstein, popularized by John Steinbeck and now a favorite resort of international luminaries.

**Pompeii**

Discovered and excavated 17 centuries after the tephra of Mt. Vesuvius engulfed Pompeii in A.D. 79, the incredibly well-preserved ruins of this ancient Roman city are today a UNESCO World Heritage site. The walking tour provides 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.

**Rome**

This UNESCO World Heritage site, former seat of the Roman Empire, today is the historic heart of Italy. From the iconic Colosseum and the Vatican to the Spanish Steps and the Catacombs, the treasures of ancient Rome continue to astonish modern visitors.

*For ages, the island of Stromboli has served as a beacon by day and a lighthouse by night to sailors.*
DELUXE SMALL SHIP
M.Y. VARIETY VOYAGER

The exclusively chartered, deluxe small ship M.Y. VARIETY VOYAGER is fully air conditioned and features only 36 cabins. Launched in 2012, it provides an authentic coastal cruise experience and can dock in smaller ports and inlets inaccessible to larger ships.

The ocean-view, stylishly appointed cabins are designed to accommodate two twin beds or one double bed and feature two windows, private marble-accented bathroom with shower, individual climate control, mini refrigerator, flat-screen satellite television, DVD player, music channels, safe, hair dryer and bathrobes.

Meals featuring Mediterranean and international cuisine are served alfresco or in single, unassigned seatings in the ship’s attractive dining room, where passengers can enjoy unobstructed views of the sweeping scenery and coastline through floor-to-ceiling windows. Early-risers’ coffee, buffet breakfast, buffet lunch and a four-course dinner are served daily. Complimentary wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner.

Inviting public areas include a lounge and bar, library, shaded outdoor lounge and bar, sun deck and a mini-spa and fitness area. Wi-Fi Internet access and laundry service are available on board. There is no doctor aboard the ship.

The English-speaking European crew provides courteous, professional service. The ship is fitted with state-of-the-art twin stabilizers and is meticulously maintained. It complies with the highest safety standards. The ship is equipped with two Zodiacs for shore transport in some small ports.
Included Features

On board the exclusively chartered, deluxe small ship M.Y. VARIETY VOYAGER

◆ Seven-night cruise from Valletta, Malta, to Civitavecchia, Italy, with port calls at Syracuse, Porto Empedocle for Agrigento and Naxos for Taormina, Sicily; Isle of Capri and Sorrento for Amalfi Coast, Positano and Pompeii, Italy.
◆ Intimate cabins each with a private bathroom and individual climate control.
◆ Captain's Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
◆ Early-risers' coffee, full buffet breakfast and lunch and four-course dinner served daily throughout the cruise.
◆ Complimentary wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner.
◆ Walking tour of Valletta, Malta, a UNESCO World Heritage site, featuring a visit to the iconic St. John's Co-Cathedral to see the tombs of the legendary Knights of St. John and masterpieces by Caravaggio.
◆ Private tour of Casa Rocca Piccola and its lovely gardens, hosted by a member of the noble de Piro family.
◆ Excursion to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Sicily's Agrigento and its majestic Valley of the Temples, known for its exceptionally well-preserved classical Doric temples.
◆ Tour of Sicily's Syracuse, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with visits to one of the best-preserved ancient Greek theaters in the world and the historic island of Ortygia, the legendary “Old City” of Syracuse.
◆ Walking tour of Sicily's ancient town of Taormina, featuring the third-century B.C. Greco-Roman theater, with views of imposing Mt. Etna, Europe's highest volcano and a UNESCO World Heritage site.
◆ Cruise past the UNESCO World Heritage-designated island of Stromboli, the “Lighthouse of the Mediterranean.”
◆ Time at leisure to enjoy the spectacular Isle of Capri at your own pace.
◆ Drive along the Amalfi Coast, a UNESCO World Heritage site showcasing Italy's natural beauty, and an afternoon at leisure in the picturesque village of Positano.
◆ Excursion to Pompeii, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and guided tour of the remarkable archaeological preservation.
◆ Time on your own to explore the quaint seaside town of Sorrento.

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 Cabin or Suite during the cruise 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.
Valletta's strategic position on Malta's Grand Harbor made it a coveted territory for countless civilizations.

Timeless Malta
Pre-Cruise Option
The extraordinary island of Malta is referred to as “one of the most concentrated historic areas in the world.” Walk the medieval streets of the beautifully preserved walled town of Mdina, where settlement predates 4000 B.C., and explore its extraordinary Baroque-style architecture. Experience the fabled Blue Grotto, a sea cave illuminated by the brilliant blue reflection of glistening underwater sunlight. Visit the underground Lascaris War Rooms, where General Eisenhower directed the invasion of Sicily during World War II’s American-led “Operation Husky.” Tour the opulent interiors and magnificent gardens of the family-owned, 18th-century Palazzo Parisio, known as a “miniature Versailles.” Accommodations for two nights are in the Five-Star PHOENICIA HOTEL.

Eternal Rome
Post-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.

The Pre- and Post-Cruise Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation. The Renaissance dome of St. Peter’s Basilica has commanded the skyline of Rome since the 17th century.
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Owner's Suite:
- Spacious accommodations with two twin beds or one double bed and four windows. Horizons Deck. (limited availability) | $8895 | $9895 |

Singles are available in category 3 at $12195* and in category 2 at $13595* on or before March 10, 2017. Add $1000 for reservations made after March 10, 2017.

*Taxes are an additional $595 per person and are subject to change.

"M.Y. VARIETY VOYAGER 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.

**ANcient EMPIRES** \ RESERVATION FORM

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

City               State       ZIP Code

Telephone: (Home)       (Mobile)

Email Address (Business)

Preferred Name(s) on Badge(s) | Tour No. 121-10/07/17-009

Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person and $200 per person Timeless Malta Pre-Cruise Option and/or $200 per person Eternal Rome Post-Cruise Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, I/we agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

- Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $__________ as deposit.
- Make checks payable to 2017 Ancient Empires.
- ❑ I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $__________ to: ❑ Visa ❑ MasterCard
- Card Number Exp. Date

Signature as it appears on credit card

All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by July 3, 2017.

*Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.

*Prices are for double occupancy unless otherwise noted.

**Enclosure:**

- Owner's Suite
- Cabin Category
- Early Booking Tariff* through Mar. 10, 2017
- Tariff* after Mar. 10, 2017

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The impossibly picturesque coastal village of Positano forms part of the world-famous Amalfi Coast, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

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REGISTRATION: CST#: 2031886-40, WST#: 601 767 666, or 091996

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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 himself/herself or other participants and accepts the terms contained in this Release of Liability and Waiver of Responsibility form.

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