Vassar Travel Program
Educational Excursions for Alumnae/i, Family and Friends

Antiquities of the Red Sea and Aegean Sea
including a Transit of the Suez Canal

Petra • Luxor • The Pyramids
Alexandria • Santorini • Athens

An epic journey aboard the Exclusively Chartered Le Bougainville
with Vassar host Anne Pike-Tay,
Professor Emerita of Anthropology

October 29 to November 11, 2020
Dear Alumnae/i and Friends:

Please join me on this custom-designed, 14-day journey to the classical world’s cradle of civilization. Visit three continents, navigate the legendary waterways of the Red Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Aegean Sea, transit the seminal Suez Canal and experience eight magnificent UNESCO World Heritage sites. Cruise for eight nights aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star Le Bougainville, which features just 92 elegant Suites and Staterooms, each with a private balcony.

Stand in the shadows of the three iconic pyramids of Giza, an incredible engineering feat that still dominates the horizon. Enjoy excursions to the venerated sites of the Nile Valley city of Thebes, including the magnificent Karnak Temple Complex, Luxor Temple and specially arranged access to Queen Nefertari’s tomb in the Valley of the Queens. Follow in the footsteps of the nomadic Bedouins across Wadi Rum, an orange-hued sea of sand and stone where Lawrence of Arabia established his base. Experience the sublime second coming of Alexandria’s Bibliotheca, and in Cairo, view antiquities spanning 7000 years at the venerable Egyptian Museum.

This exclusive, expertly designed itinerary offers incomparable opportunities to explore antiquity, cruise along ancient trade routes and immerse yourself in the panorama of human history within the exceptional comfort and luxury of a Five-Star small ship. Make your reservations on this popular program now while space and Early Bookings Savings are still available.

Warm regards,

Anne

Anne Pike-Tay
Professor Emerita of Anthropology

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Anne Pike-Tay began teaching in the Anthropology Department at Vassar College in 1990 after earning her Ph.D. [1989], M.Phil. [1986], M.A. [1984] from the Anthropology Department at New York University. She was also a faculty member in Vassar’s interdepartmental programs in American Culture, Asian Studies and Environmental Studies, where she was a founding member of the steering committee.

Anne is a paleoanthropologist specializing in zooarchaeological analyses and seasonality studies of fauna (animal bones) from Middle and Upper Paleolithic (Neanderthal & “Cro-Magnon,” Ice Age) and Neolithic (initial farming stages) sites in Europe and China, as well as Middle Paleolithic-aged sites in Tasmania. She has authored, co-authored and edited four books and numerous articles in American, Australian, British, Chinese, French, German and Spanish archaeological monographs and journals.

Students in Anne’s classes at Vassar studied human evolution and prehistory, archaeozoology, the anthropology of art and the behavior and ecology of non-human primates. Anne’s archaeological research was supported by the National Science Foundation, the Wenner Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research and the Ministerio de Educación y Ciencia of Spain. Vassar student participation in Anne’s research was supported by National Science Foundation REU grants and by Vassar College’s URSI and ERI funds. Results of this work were presented at professional paleoanthropology and archaeology meetings, public lectures and in publications.
Athens, Greece
Birthplace of democracy and home to many of the greatest philosophers and historians—from Socrates to Herodotus—Athens is unparalleled in its contributions to early Western civilization.

Santorini
Widely considered to be the mythical lost city of Atlantis, Santorini overlooks a submerged caldera, the result of one of the most cataclysmic volcanic eruptions in history. Picture-perfect Santorini’s whitewashed villages of sugar-cube houses and blue-domed churches cascade to cerulean waters. The remarkable Bronze Age ruins of Akrotiri, held intact by layers of pumice and ash for over 3500 years, reveal the architectural sophistication and advanced culture of its Minoan inhabitants. Findings from Akrotiri are elegantly exhibited in the Museum of Prehistoric Thera. By cable car, descend from Fira, where stunning white-walled buildings stand in stark contrast against slate-colored volcanic cliffs.

Alexandria, Egypt
Tour legendary Alexandria, founded by 25-year-old Alexander the Great in 331 B.C. and the fulcrum of the ancient Hellenic world. The Lighthouse of Alexandria—one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World—shone as a beacon of enlightenment, while the Library of Alexandria, with its vast archive of over 140,000 manuscripts and papyrus scrolls, formed a magnet for the ancient world’s greatest scientists, from Euclid to Archimedes. The library’s visionary reincarnation, the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, constructed in 2002, resembles a giant discus adorned with hieroglyphs and symbolizes a second rising of the sun. See imposing Pompey’s Pillar, dedicated to Roman emperor Diocletian in commemoration of one of his great victories. The city’s history can be traced from classical antiquity to modernity at the National Museum, where beautifully curated artifacts are housed in a restored Italianate villa.

UNESCO World Heritage site

Itinerary
Pre-Program Classical Greece Option
1 Depart the U.S.
2 Arrive Athens, Greece/Embark ship
3 Santorini
4 Cruising the Mediterranean Sea
5 Alexandria, Egypt
6 Transit the legendary Suez Canal
7 Ain Sokhna for the Great Pyramids and Great Sphinx at Giza/Cairo and the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities
8 Hurghada for Ancient Thebes/
Luxor and Karnak Temple Complexes
9 Necropolis at Luxor for the Valley of the Kings and Valley of the Queens/
Saqafa
10 Aqaba, Jordan/Disembark ship/Wadi Rum/Petra
11 Amman/Jerash/Amman
12 Amman
13 Amman
14 Depart Amman for The Holy Land
Post-Program Option or return to the U.S.

Cover photo: Stand before the Great Sphinx, among the world’s largest statues, carved from a single piece of limestone.
Photo this page: The mythology surrounding the Nile River has shaped the region’s consciousness for thousands of years.
The cultural and religious heterogeneity that has defined Alexandria since the second century is evident at the Catacombs of Kom El Shoqafa, Egypt’s largest Roman burial structure, lauded for its Egyptian, Greek and Roman sculpture, art and motifs.

**Suez Canal Transit**
One of the most momentous voyages between continents transits the 120-mile Suez Canal, Egypt’s glorious, Victorian-era engineering achievement. The canal was first conceived in the 1830s by French explorer and engineer Linant de Bellefonds and opened in 1869. Connecting the Red Sea to the Mediterranean Sea, the canal reduced the journey between Europe and South Asia by over 4000 miles, redefining international maritime trade.

**The Great Pyramids of Giza**
The last remaining Wonder of the Ancient World, the pyramids of the Old Kingdom pharaohs Cheops, Chephren and Mycerinus, along with the Great Sphinx, are enduring symbols of Egypt’s glory that have towered over the Western Desert for nearly 5000 years. Nearby, Pharaoh Khufu’s reassembled funerary vessel, an incredible feat of ancient engineering, is housed in the Solar Boat Museum.

**Cairo**
Experience the grandeur of the sublime Egyptian Museum, which preserves Old, Middle and New Kingdom artifacts, including the entire repository of treasures unearthed from boy-king Tutankhamen’s tomb.

**Temples of Luxor and Karnak**
The treasures and architectural legacy of fabled Thebes—the imperial capital of Egypt’s New Kingdom (1550 to 1069 B.C.)—are revealed at stunning Karnak and Luxor Temples. Karnak’s vast complex of obelisks, shrines and sanctuaries reaches its apogee with the hypostyle hall, comprised of 134 colossal stone columns arranged in rows and embellished with hieroglyphs. Luxor Temple’s exquisite bas-reliefs depict seminal events, such as Ramses’s victory at the Battle of Kadesh in 1274 B.C.
The dramatic “Avenue of the Sphinxes” once stretched from Karnak to Luxor, forming the spiritual and economic nexus of the region. The Valley of the Kings and Valley of the Queens Framed by arid Theban hills, the Nile’s west bank’s hallowed Necropolis is replete with spectacular memorial temples built to perpetuate the cult of the pharaoh. In the Valley of the Kings, 63 illustrious pharaohs of Egypt’s New Kingdom and their worldly wealth were laid to rest in tombs engraved with hieroglyphs. Passageways descend to the burial chambers of King Ramses IV, where a rare image of the goddess Nut is emblazoned across a blue ceiling. The famous tomb of Tutankhamen contained the largest collection of Egyptian treasures and was discovered in 1922 by British archaeologist Harold Carter, funded by his partner Lord Carnarvon who resided in Highclere Castle of Downton Abbey fame. In the Valley of the Queens, enjoy an exclusively arranged visit to Queen Nefertari’s tomb, lauded as the most resplendent Theban burial site. The beauty of Ramses II’s favorite queen is depicted in the spectacular wall paintings and divine images of her likeness.

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Luxury Small Ship, Innovative Design
Le Bougainville, launched in 2019, ushers in a new generation of Five-Star small ships, combining revolutionary design and a new standard of luxury. Dock in smaller ports inaccessible to larger ships.

Respect for the Environment
A new addition to the Ponant “Clean Ship” fleet, an important distinction among ocean-cruising vessels, Le Bougainville is energy efficient and eco-friendly, protecting fragile marine ecosystems.

Elegant Suites and Staterooms, 100% with Private Balconies
Each of the 92 Five-Star Staterooms and Suites (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, private bathroom with shower and luxury hotel-style amenities.

Life on Board
Enjoy views from the indoor-outdoor lounges and educational lectures, cultural performances or film screenings in the state-of-the-art theater. Relax in the spa, sauna, infinity-style swimming pool or Blue Eye underwater Observation Lounge. The ship has a beauty salon, a fitness room and three elevators. Complimentary Wi-Fi access is available (conditions permitting).

Chic and Casual Dining
Dine indoors or alfresco on international and regional cuisine in the stylish restaurant, at the casual pool deck grill or from 24-hour room service. Meals include continental and buffet breakfasts, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and four-course dinner.

World-Class Service
The English-speaking crew is personable and attentive, and the ship has a medical center staffed with a doctor and a nurse.

Jerash
Often invoked as the “Pompeii of Asia,” Jerash’s remarkably preserved colonnaded avenues, ceremonial gates and golden-hued temples speak to its stature as one of the Roman Decapolis’s most important cities. Marvel at the prodigious Hadrian’s Arch, the intricately carved Temples of Artemis and Zeus and the immense scale and sublime architecture of the Forum.

Amman
Amman’s wealth of archaeological artifacts stands testament to centuries of cultural influences. This biblical Ammonite city was conquered and renamed Philadelphia by Egypt’s King Ptolemy II Philadelphia in the third century B.C. Expanded by the Romans, Philadelphia flourished as the heart of Roman Arabia. From the Citadel, see the towering columns of the Temple of Hercules looming over the cosmopolitan capital of Amman, where the magnificent, 6000-seat Roman theater, dating from the second century, forms the city’s centerpiece and still stages performances. The lauded Jordan Museum preserves the world’s oldest statues, the remarkable plaster statuettes of ‘Ain Ghazal, adroitly fashioned in 6500 B.C. Everyone is welcome in the beautiful, blue-domed King Abdullah Mosque, built by the late King Hussein in honor of his grandfather.
Included Features

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

◆ Eight-night cruise from Athens, Greece, to Aqaba, Jordan, including a transit of the Suez Canal.
◆ 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 access (conditions permitting).
◆ Blue Eye—the world's first luxury, multisensory, underwater Observation Lounge.
◆ Tour of Santorini, featuring visits to the excavations of Akrotiri and the renowned Museum of Prehistoric Thera and a cable car ride.
◆ Tour of Alexandria, featuring a visit to the brilliant Bibliotheca Alexandrina and a stop at Pompey’s Pillar, a third-century Roman monolith.
◆ Visit to the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities, which houses the treasures of King Tutankhamen.
◆ Overnight visit to Luxor, with Nile-view accommodations in the deluxe STEIGENBERGER NILE PALACE HOTEL, including breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Transfer from Aqaba to Petra, with lunch.

In Petra
◆ One night in the MOVENPICK PETRA, ideally located adjacent to the site's entrance.
◆ One lunch, one dinner and one breakfast.

Transfer from Petra to Amman.

In Amman, Jordan
◆ Three nights in the Five-Star FAIRMONT HOTEL, with full buffet breakfast each morning.
◆ Excursion to the remarkable Greco-Roman ruins of Jerash, with lunch.
◆ City tour of Amman, with visits to the ancient Citadel and Roman Theater.
◆ Farewell Reception.

UNESCO World Heritage Site Highlights

◆ Visit to Giza Plateau to see the Great Pyramids, the Great Sphinx and the Solar Boat (circa 2500 B.C.).
◆ Guided tour of the ancient capital of Thebes’s grand pharaonic temples of Luxor and Karnak.
◆ Visits to the tombs of Kings Tutankhamen and Ramses IV in the Valley of the Kings, a specially arranged tour of Queen Nefertari’s tomb in the Valley of the Queens and a stop at the fabled Colossi of Memnon.
◆ Walking tour of the fabled “rose-red city” of Petra, one of the New Seven Wonders of the World.
◆ Excursion into the WADI RUM PROTECTED AREA, a traditional Bedouin site.

Always Included

◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ Egypt and Jordan entry visas.
◆ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
◆ Complimentary bottled water in your accommodations and on excursions.
◆ Hospitality desk in the hotels and 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.
Experience the spiritual magnetism of Temple Mount in Jerusalem, crowned by the magnificent Dome of the Rock.

The Holy Land
Jerusalem ♦ Masada ♦ Sea of Galilee
Further expand your exploration of great civilizations on this comprehensive Post-Program Option of captivating biblical, historical and cultural sites in and around Jerusalem and Tiberias and on the Sea of Galilee. In fascinating Jerusalem, a holy city for three of the world’s major religions, walk in the footsteps of Jesus, see evocative religious sites and visit the poignant Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum. Tour UNESCO World Heritage-designated Masada, see where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, visit Bethlehem and enjoy an unforgettable float in the Dead Sea. Visit Nazareth, Cana, the Mount of Beatitudes, Capernaum and the Ancient Boat Museum. Enjoy a cruise on the Sea of Galilee (weather permitting), stop beside the Jordan River at the Yardenit Baptismal Site and tour a traditional rural kibbutz, with lunch. Deluxe accommodations are for four nights in Jerusalem and two nights in Tiberias.

Classical Greece
Athens ♦ Delphi
On this fascinating Pre-Program Option, experience Athens, the ancient city unmatched in its contributions to the foundation of the Western world. Tour the monumental Acropolis, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and see its archaeological treasures in the Acropolis Museum. Visit the perfectly proportioned Parthenon, a graceful example of Doric architecture. Explore colorful Plaka, Athens's oldest neighborhood, at leisure. Enjoy a full-day excursion to the mystical UNESCO World Heritage site of Delphi and its Archaeological Museum. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe Athenaeum InterContinental Hotel.

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

Admire Athens's spectacular Acropolis, a distillation of ancient greatness visible from every part of the city.
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**LAND/Cruise Tariff** excluding taxes*

Per person, based on double occupancy

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**Post-Program Option.**

Classical Greece Pre-Program Option and/or $200 per person The Holy Land

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Singles are available in category 5 at $16295* and in category 2 at $19495* on or before March 30, 2020. Add $1000 for reservations made after March 30, 2020.

*Taxes are an additional $795 per person and are subject to change.

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

**Antiquities of the Red Sea and Aegean Sea Reservation Form**

Send to: Gohagan & Company
209 South LaSalle Street, Suite 500
Chicago, Illinois 60604-1446
(312) 609-1140

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City   State   Zip Code
Telephone: (Home) (Mobile)
Email Address (Business)

Preferred Name(s) on Badge(s) Program No. 115-10/29/20-172

Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person and $200 per person, based on double occupancy. Add $1000 for reservations made after March 30, 2020.

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Please make my/our reservation(s) in category:

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

**Economy Class**
**Upgraded Economy**
**Business Class**
**First Class**

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Please make my/our reservation(s) in 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.

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

1/1 We want you to book my/our air, at an additional cost to be advised, from:

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Please make my/our reservation(s):

- Classical Greece Pre-Program Option
  - Double at $995 per person.
  - Single at $1345 per person.
  - I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

- The Holy Land Post-Program Option
  - Double at $2895 per person.
  - Single at $4395 per person.
  - I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

- Upgraded Economy
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