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VOYAGE OF ANCIENT EMPIRES

AMALFI COAST ♦ POMPEII ♦ SICILY ♦ MALTA

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VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

Featuring Guest Speaker **Dr. Peter Justin Moon Schertz**, Jack and Mary Ann Frable Curator of Ancient Art

Discover the fascinating mix of cultures left in the wake of ancient empires by traveling with Dr. Peter Justin Moon Schertz across the historic Mediterranean and Tyrrhenian seas to the resplendent southern coast of Italy and the islands of Capri, Sicily and Malta during the best time of year. Dr. Schertz has served as the museum's curator of Ancient Art since 2006 and the Jack and Mary Ann Frable Curator of Ancient Art since 2007. He earned his Ph.D. in classical art and archaeology from the University of Southern California, and his specialty is Roman art with a focus on the intersection of art and culture.



The sun-kissed shores of Italy's Amalfi Coast have drawn travelers since the dawn of history.

Cruise for seven nights aboard the exclusively chartered, 60-passenger M.Y. VARIETY VOYAGER on this once-in-a-lifetime voyage featuring nine UNESCO World Heritage sites, including the Megalithic temples of Malta, the superbly excavated town of Pompeii, the ancient Greek and Roman treasures of Sicily and the gorgeous Amalfi Coast. In ancient Mediterranean port towns bearing influences of a seemingly endless roll call of empires, walk in the way of the Phoenicians, along the shores where St. Paul was shipwrecked, and down Roman avenues and Byzantine lanes. Walk through the storied town of Taormina in the shadow of Mt. Etna; see one of the world's best-preserved ancient Greek theaters in Siracusa; and explore the majestic Valley of Temples in Agrigento, Sicily. Rome Pre-Cruise and Valletta Post-Cruise Options.

SEPTEMBER 14 TO 22, 2016 ITINERARY*

Day Destination

- 1 Depart from the U.S.
- 2 Rome, Italy/Civitavecchia/
Embark the M.Y. VARIETY VOYAGER
- 3 Naples for Pompeii
- 4 Island of Capri/Amalfi for Positano/Sorrento
- 5 Naxos, Sicily for Taormina
- 6 Siracusa for Villa Romana del Casale and Morgantina/Licata
- 7 Porto Empedocle for Agrigento
- 8 Valletta, Malta
- 9 Valletta/Disembark ship/Return to the U.S.

*Cruise itinerary subject to change.

EXCLUSIVELY CHARTERED SMALL SHIP M.Y. VARIETY VOYAGER





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INCLUDED FEATURES

ON BOARD THE EXCLUSIVELY CHARTERED SMALL SHIP M.Y. VARIETY VOYAGER

- ◆ Seven-night cruise from Civitavecchia, Italy, to Valletta, Malta, with port calls at Naples for Pompeii, Amalfi for Positano, and Sorrento, Italy; the island of Capri; Naxos for Taormina, Siracusa for Villa Romana del Casale and Morgantina, Licata, and Porto Empedocle for Agrigento, Sicily.
- ◆ Comfortable ocean-view cabins with individual climate control and private bathroom.
- ◆ Captain's Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- ◆ Early-risers' coffee, full buffet breakfast and lunch and four-course dinner served daily throughout the cruise.
- ◆ Complimentary house wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner; coffee and tea are served with each meal.
- ◆ Walking tour in the historic center of **Naples**, a UNESCO World Heritage site, including a visit to the National Archaeological Museum.
- ◆ Excursion to **Pompeii**, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and guided tour of the remarkable archaeological preservation.
- ◆ Visit the spectacular Blue Grotto on the island of **Capri**.
- ◆ Drive along the **Amalfi Coast**, a UNESCO World Heritage site of exceptional natural beauty.
- ◆ Time at leisure in the lovely village of **Positano**.
- ◆ Walking tour of the ancient town of **Taormina**, featuring the Greek Theater built in the third century B.C. and views of imposing Mount Etna, Europe's highest volcano and a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- ◆ Excursion to **Siracusa**, a UNESCO World Heritage site, to visit one of the best-preserved ancient Greek theaters in the world and the Archaeological Museum.



Valletta's medieval bastions.



Enjoy stunning views of the Bay of Naxos and Sicily's spectacular coast from the ancient ruins of Taormina, built on a coastal hilltop.

DELUXE SMALL SHIP M.Y. VARIETY VOYAGER

- ◆ Exclusively chartered
- ◆ Small ship—only 36 cabins
- ◆ Truly intimate luxury vessel
- ◆ Launched in 2012
- ◆ All accommodations feature ocean views
- ◆ Program of enriching lectures
- ◆ Access to ports only small ships can visit
- ◆ Unique, custom-designed itinerary
- ◆ European crew



Twin Cabin



Dining Room

- ◆ Excursion into central Sicily's striking landscapes to visit the magnificent fourth-century **Villa Romana del Casale**, a UNESCO World Heritage site where ongoing restoration has revealed the world's finest Roman floor mosaics, and the ancient Greek ruins of Morgantina.
- ◆ Excursion to the UNESCO World Heritage site of **Agrigento** and its majestic **Valle dei Templi** (Valley of the Temples), known for its exceptionally well-preserved Doric temples.
- ◆ City tour of **Valletta, Malta**, a UNESCO World Heritage site, featuring a visit to St. John's Co-Cathedral to see the magnificently decorated tombs of the legendary Knights of St. John and original paintings by Caravaggio.
- ◆ Tour of Malta's Megalithic temples, a UNESCO World Heritage site composed of **Hagar Qim** and the **Tarxien Temples** built in 3000 B.C.

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.
- ◆ Hospitality desk in the hotel and aboard ship.
- ◆ The services of experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the program.
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POST-PROGRAM OPTION

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From \$5195 per person, double occupancy (approximate land/cruise only)

Dates: September 14 to 22, 2016 Tour No. 121-09/14/16-346

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