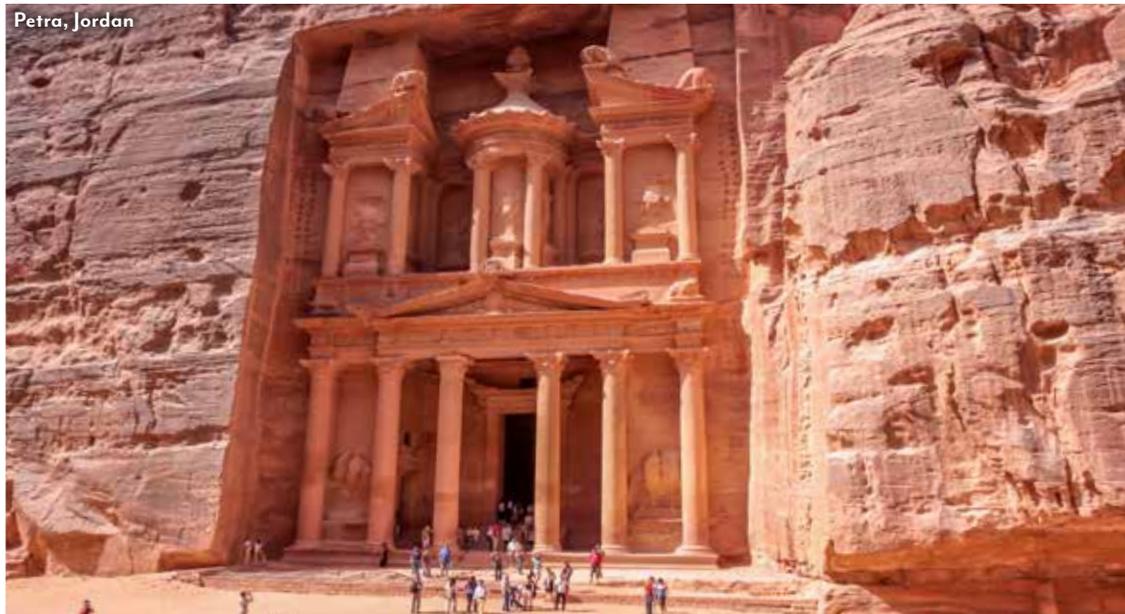




# Antiquities of the Red Sea and Aegean Sea

**14-day/12-night land and cruise journey to the cradle of civilization—featuring  
a transit of the Suez Canal and guest speaker Dr. Tarek Sayed Tawfik Ahmed**

*Departures: October 31 to November 13, 2023*



**V**isit three continents; explore centuries-old landmarks in Jordan, Egypt and Greece; and cruise from the Aegean Sea to the Red Sea via the Suez Canal on this remarkable voyage. Discover the historical sites of Jordan on a journey to Amman, Jerash, Wadi Rum and legendary Petra. Mid-cruise, overnight in Luxor in a Nile-view room and enjoy a specially arranged visit into the tomb of Queen Nefertari. Stand in the shadows of the Great Pyramids of Giza. View the Minoan Palace at Knossos and continue to Heraklion to visit the Archaeological Museum. Enhance your immersion into these ancient civilizations with the Greece Pre-Program and/or Israel Post-Program Options.



Karnak Temple Great Hypostyle Hall



## 14-Day/12-Night Itinerary

- 1 Depart the U.S. or Canada**
- 2 Athens, Greece/Embark the ship**—Arrive in Athens and embark the ship.
- 3 Heraklion, Crete**—Travel to one of the most legendary sites of all antiquity, the Minoan Palace at Knossos where, in Greek myth, Theseus slew the Minotaur in the Labyrinth built by Daedalus. Dating from the 17<sup>th</sup> century B.C., the palace is a maze of chambers, staircases and courtyards. Continue to Heraklion to visit the Archaeological Museum. This evening, attend the Captain's Welcome Reception.
- 4 Cruising the Mediterranean Sea**—Enjoy stunning views as you spend a day cruising the Mediterranean Sea.
- 5 Alexandria**—Discover Egypt's most enchanting city—founded by Alexander the Great in the fourth century B.C. Visit the National Museum and the Roman Amphitheater.\* This afternoon, enjoy a lecture on board the ship with renowned Egyptologist Dr. Tarek Sayed Tawfik Ahmed.
- 6 Transit the Suez Canal**—Experience one of the most momentous voyages between continents transiting the 120-mile Suez Canal—Egypt's Victorian-era engineering marvel. Enjoy a lecture on board the ship with renowned Egyptologist Dr. Tarek Sayed Tawfik Ahmed.
- 7 Ain Sokhna for Giza Plateau**—See the last remaining Wonder of the Ancient World, the Great Sphinx and the pyramids of the Old Kingdom pharaohs. Next, visit the

marvelous Grand Egyptian Museum, where you'll see the spectacular Grand Staircase, King Tut's amazing treasures and the well-preserved 4,600-year-old Sun Boat of King Khufu.

- 8 Hurghada/Luxor**—Arrive in Luxor and check into a Nile-view room for an overnight at the STEIGENBERGER HOTEL. Explore UNESCO-designated ancient Thebes with a visit to the magnificent Karnak Temple complex. Walk along the avenue of the ram-headed sphinxes into the Great Court and then continue to the Luxor Temple.
- 9 Luxor/Safaga**—Cross the Nile to visit one of the world's most important archaeological sites, the Necropolis at Luxor in the Valley of the Kings. Explore the tomb of Tutankhamen and enjoy an exclusively arranged visit to Queen Nefertari's tomb in the Valley of the Queens. Return to the ship and attend the Captain's Farewell Reception this evening.
- 10 Aqaba/Disembark ship/Wadi Rum/Petra**—Traverse the awe-inspiring wilderness of UNESCO World Heritage-designated Wadi Rum, known as the "Valley of the Moon." Enjoy a Jeep ride through this ethereal landscape of striated canyons, soaring mountains, undulating sand dunes and rocky caverns. Tonight, check into the five-star MOVENPICK HOTEL.
- 11 Petra/Amman**—The ancient "rose-red city" of Petra is a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the New Seven

Wonders of the World. The site's majestic ensemble of temples, dwellings and tombs—carved directly into the sandstone cliff face—still holds a mythical appeal. Tonight, check into the five-star FAIRMONT HOTEL AMMAN.

- 12 Amman**—Enjoy a tour of Amman, starting with the blue-domed King Abdullah Mosque. Visit the Amman Citadel and see the ruins of Hercules temple. Explore the Roman Amphitheater and then continue to the Jordan Museum.
- 13 Amman/Jerash/Amman**—Enjoy a scenic journey to Jerash, Jordan's most captivating Greco-Roman site. See baths; theaters; plazas; fountains and arches, incredibly still as they were 2,000 years ago. Marvel at the three-gated Hadrian's Arch, walk the Sacred Way to the Temple of Artemis and take in the sublime architecture of the Forum. Enjoy lunch in Jerash before heading back to Amman where you'll have an evening at leisure.
- 14 Amman/Return to the U.S. or Canada**



# Highlights

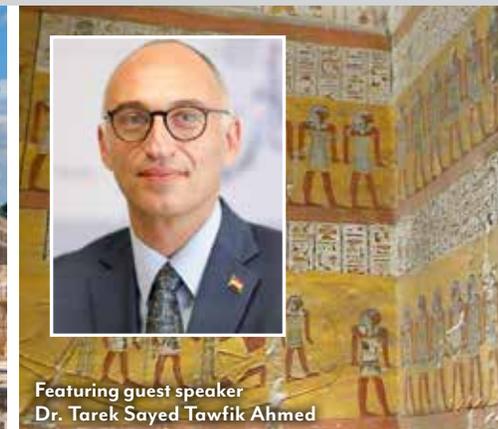
- ◆ Visit centuries-old sites in Jordan, Egypt and Greece, and cruise from the Red Sea to the Aegean Sea via the historic Suez Canal.
- ◆ Overnight in the fabled Nile Valley in Luxor and visit the tombs of King Tutankhamen and King Ramses IV with a specially arranged visit to Queen Nefertari's tomb.
- ◆ Enjoy lectures on board by Dr. Tarek Sayed Tawfik Ahmed, an acclaimed Egyptologist.
- ◆ Excursion into the Wadi Rum Protected Area, a traditional Bedouin site.



Amman Amphitheater



Minoan Palace at Knossos



Featuring guest speaker  
Dr. Tarek Sayed Tawfik Ahmed



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Acropolis, Athens

## PRE-PROGRAM OPTION Greece

Extend your time in Athens with a two-night itinerary that includes tours of the Parthenon and the Acropolis Museum, as well as a full-day excursion to the mystical UNESCO World Heritage site of Delphi and its Archaeological Museum. Accommodations are in the deluxe GRAND BRETAGNE ATHENS HOTEL.



Jerusalem

## POST-PROGRAM OPTION Israel

This exclusive, four-night itinerary features visits to cultural sites around Jerusalem, including the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum. Visit Bethlehem, the UNESCO-designated Masada, and enjoy a float in the Dead Sea. Enjoy deluxe accommodations in Jerusalem.

## 2023 DEPARTURE DATES: October 31

Category	LAND/CRUISE RATES <small>excluding taxes</small>	Early Booking Savings (if booked more than six months prior to departure)	Rate after Early Booking Savings
8	Deluxe stateroom with a picture window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. <i>Deck 3, midship.</i> (limited availability)	\$7,995	\$9,195
7	Prestige stateroom with sliding glass door, <b>private balcony.</b> <i>Deck 4, midship.</i>	\$8,695	\$9,995
6	Prestige stateroom with sliding glass door, <b>private balcony.</b> <i>Deck 5, midship and aft.</i>	\$9,495	\$10,895
5	Prestige stateroom with sliding glass door, <b>private balcony.</b> <i>Deck 6, midship and aft.</i>	\$10,295	\$11,835
4	Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, <b>private balcony.</b> <i>Deck 3, midship.</i> (limited availability)	\$11,295	\$12,985
3	Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, <b>private balcony.</b> <i>Deck 4, midship.</i> (limited availability)	\$11,995	\$13,795
2	Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, <b>private balcony.</b> <i>Deck 5, midship.</i>	\$12,895	\$14,825
1	Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, <b>private balcony.</b> <i>Deck 6, midship.</i>	\$13,795	\$15,865
<b>Prestige Suite II</b>	Two-room suite, expansive sliding glass door, <b>larger private balcony,</b> two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. <i>Deck 5, midship.</i> (limited availability)	\$14,795	\$16,995
<b>Prestige Suite I</b>	Two-room suite, expansive sliding glass door, <b>larger private balcony,</b> two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. <i>Deck 6, midship.</i> (limited availability)	\$15,595	\$17,935
<b>Privilege Suite</b>	Large suite with expansive sliding glass door, <b>larger private balcony,</b> sitting area with sofa. <i>Decks 5 and 6, aft.</i> (limited availability)	\$16,495	\$18,965
<b>Grand Deluxe Suite</b>	Extra-large, one-bedroom suite and separate sitting room with sofa, expansive sliding glass door, <b>spacious private terrace,</b> full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath. <i>Deck 6, aft.</i> (limited availability)	\$17,195	\$19,775
<b>Owner's Suite</b>	Extra-large, one-bedroom suite and separate sitting room with sofa, expansive sliding glass door, <b>spacious private terrace</b> with outdoor Jacuzzi, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath. <i>Deck 5, aft.</i> (limited availability)	\$17,895	\$20,595

Single supplements apply across all categories at 160% of the per person double price.

Taxes are an additional \$515 per person.

LE BOUGAINVILLE has been specially contracted for this program and the deck plan is available online or upon request from Gohagan & Company. The Pre-Program and Post-Program Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided during the reservation process.