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Cruising the
Rivieras and Islands
France • Italy • Spain

Barcelona • Carcassonne • Marseille
Aix-en-Provence • Monaco • Nice • Portofino
Cinque Terre • Florence • Corsica • Rome

aboard the
Exclusively Chartered, Small Ship
Five-Star Le Jacques Cartier

October 10 to 18, 2020

SAVE $2000 PER COUPLE!

RESERVE BY MARCH 16, 2020

EARLY BOOKING SAVINGS
Dear Alumni and Friends,

Idealized for centuries in the literary and popular imagination, the sparkling coastlines of the French and Italian Rivieras have served as haven and home, inspiring some of our best-loved tales and romanticized histories, from those of Homer to Princess Grace Kelly. Join us on this exclusive small ship voyage and enjoy exquisite landscapes, visit enchanting villages and cruise idyllic islands—favored retreats for artists, writers, nobility and gourmands. Traverse the timeless cradle of the Renaissance and discover the dynamic biographies of the contending empires that shaped these sun-kissed regions’ profound artistic and architectural legacies.

The exclusively chartered, state-of-the-art, Five-Star LE JACQUES CARTIER, launching in 2020, docks in ports inaccessible to larger vessels. This sophisticated small ship offers only 92 Suites and Staterooms, each with a private balcony. Enjoy the advantages of small ship cruising—elegant ocean-view accommodations, an exclusive itinerary and attentive, personal care.

Cruise from Barcelona to Rome, with one port of call each day and opportunities to visit five treasured UNESCO World Heritage sites. This travel program features intimate off-the-beaten-path destinations and incredible legendary ports. Visit Carcassonne’s French medieval fortifications and the vibrant, unforgettable Italian cliffside villages of Cinque Terre. Experience the renowned art and light of Aix-en-Provence, culturally chic Nice, the legendary Rock of Monaco, Corsica’s ancient port of Bonifacio and choose to admire the Renaissance treasures of Florence or the historic Tuscan monuments of Lucca and Pisa.

This cruise program, offering a comprehensive itinerary and a great travel value, sells out year after year. I encourage you to book now while space is still available!

Sincerely,

Mo Cotton Kelly
Vice President, Alumni Relations and Communications
UConn Foundation
Europe’s Rivieras and Islands
Crossroads of Civilizations

For centuries, the turquoise waters and olive coasts of the French and Italian Rivieras enticed the Greek, Etruscan, Phoenician, Roman and German beau monde. The elite flocked to these seaside towns as de rigueur of the 19th-century “Grand Tour” to rejuvenate in this restorative climate. The rise of Italian nobility—particularly the Savoys, Italy’s ruling family from 1861 to 1946, and the Grimaldis, the lineage of the current Prince of Monaco—influenced the popularity of these now flourishing coastal gems nestled between the Alps and the sea. The Côte d’Azur’s radiant light captivated the genius of Pablo Picasso, Henri Matisse and Marc Chagall, influencing each artist’s distinct style and use of brilliant color, while the glamour of the region attracted eminent writers like F. Scott Fitzgerald and Ernest Hemingway. Experience firsthand the enchanting allure of the Rivieras!

U.S./Barcelona, Spain
Saturday and Sunday, October 10 and 11
Depart the U.S. for Barcelona, showcasing architectural glories spanning two millennia, from the vestiges of a Roman necropolis to a remarkably preserved Gothic quarter and the Modernist flourishes of Salvador Dalí, Gaudí and Picasso. Embark Le JACQUES CARTIER and enjoy the Captain’s Welcome Reception on board Sunday evening.

Sète, France, for Carcassonne
Monday, October 12
The former frontier between France and Spain and occupied since the sixth century B.C., Carcassonne is the largest walled city in Europe. It was fortified by the Romans, conquered by Visigoths, captured by Persians, invaded by Franks and overrun by Barbarians; each culture influenced the city’s architectural and artistic heritage. The medieval core of Carcassonne, La Cité, is a UNESCO World Heritage site characterized by cobblestone streets and the Romanesque Gothic-style Basilica of Saints Nazarius and Celsus, famed for its exquisite stained glass. Enter the citadel through the imposing Porte Narbonnaise and visit the medieval Château Comtal—where well-preserved remnants and fascinating archaeological displays trace the history of Carcassonne. Continue to the nearby Corbières Mountains to tour the hallowed 11th-century Cistercian Abbaye de Fontfroide, a stronghold of Catholic orthodoxy against the Cathars during the Crusades.

Marseille for Aix-en-Provence
Tuesday, October 13
Romantic, medieval Aix-en-Provence captures the élan of France’s sun-drenched Provence. Stroll through the Mazarin district, Old Aix and along the famous Cours Mirabeau, a grand boulevard lined with canopied plane trees and elegant 17th- and 18th-century townhouses. Visit the Cathédrale Saint-Sauveur, a French national monument, featuring Romanesque, Gothic and neo-Gothic architectural styles that range from the fifth to 17th centuries standing adjacent to the site of the first-century Roman Forum of Aix.

This afternoon, return to Marseille, designated the 2013 European Capital of Culture, where nearly three millennia of maritime heritage has thrived. Enjoy a ride along the Corniche Kennedy, the city’s

Cover photo: Enchanting Portofino’s colorful houses and yacht-ringed harbor are a vision of Italian Riviera charm.

Photo this page: The magnificent ancient-walled city of Carcassonne was settled more than 2000 years ago.
meandering coastal boulevard dedicated to the late U.S. president, and historical La Canebière, the high street built by Louis XIV in 1666. See the city’s Old Town, majestic 19th-century Cathédrale de la Major and the Vieux Port (Old Port), often considered Marseille’s birthplace. Visit the neo-Byzantine Notre Dame de la Garde with extraordinary views overlooking the city and harbor.

Nice/Rock of Monaco
Wednesday, October 14
The “capital of the Côte d’Azur,” Nice is the modern epitome of Riviera chic, a delightful hybrid of French and Italian culture, and captivates visitors with the time-honored traditions, brilliant light and Mediterranean magnetism that inspired Chagall and Matisse. Enjoy a walking tour of Nice’s charming Old Town and exceptional panoramic views from Parc du Mont Boron.

Relish the Riviera’s dramatic coastal views along the famous Corniche Moyenne from Nice to Monaco. Revel in the celebrated belle-époque architecture of Monaco, the former home of beloved Princess Grace. Visit the neo-Romanesque St. Nicholas Cathedral, where the Princess and Prince Ranier III are interred, and the sumptuously decorated State Apartments of the 13th-century Prince’s Palace, featuring masterworks by Pieter Bruegel the Elder and Hans Holbein the Younger.

Porto Venere, Italy, for Cinque Terre/Portofino
Thursday, October 15
Cruise by private boat to two of Cinque Terre’s picturesque villages. This UNESCO World Heritage site is a series of five colorful fishing villages that cling to remote cliffs overlooking the Ligurian Sea—discover the vivid nuances of Italy’s Cinque Terre is a breathtaking mélange of color; each of its five terraced villages offer astonishing views of the Ligurian Sea coastline.
Livorno for Florence or Lucca and Pisa  
Friday, October 16

Arrive in Livorno, and choose between two quintessentially Italian excursions:


Or, enjoy a scenic drive to the medieval Tuscan university city of Pisa and the graceful town of Lucca. See Pisa’s Piazza dei Miracoli, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and the legendary leaning tower where Galileo is said to have conducted some of his first gravity experiments. Visit the 11th-century Duomo and the largest baptistery in Italy, which originated the unique Pisan Romanesque style. Walk along Lucca’s remarkably preserved Renaissance city walls, designed in part by Leonardo da Vinci, and see the 11th-century Cattedrale di San Martino, home to the venerable Volto Santo crucifix believed to have been carved by Nicodemus of Biblical renown.

Bonifacio, Corsica, France  
Saturday, October 17

Homer’s *Odyssey* portrays the mythic giants who hurled boulders from the sheer white limestone cliffs of Bonifacio, sinking 11 Greek ships. Today, the island’s delightful French character embraces a strong Italian influence, manifested in the locals’ engaging French-Italian dialect.

Transfer by a small train to the medieval citadel and Old Town. Stroll the Rue des Deux-Empereurs, where Charles V and Napoleon once lodged, and see the Gothic Église Saint-Dominique de Bonifacio overlooking the striking Grain de Sable limestone formation.

Enjoy the Captain’s Farewell Reception on board the ship this evening.

Civitavecchia, Italy/Rome/U.S.  
Sunday, October 18

Disembark the ship and transfer to Rome, a UNESCO World Heritage site that was once the epicenter of the vast Roman empire, and continue on the Eternal Rome Post-Program Option, or transfer directly to the airport for your return flight to the U.S.
Luxury Small Ship, Innovative Design

Le Jacques Cartier, launching in 2020, ushers in a new generation of Five-Star small ships, combining revolutionary design and a new standard of luxury for unparalleled cruising. Dock in smaller ports inaccessible to larger ships where authentic cultural experiences and majestic scenery await you.

Respect for the Environment

A new addition to the Ponant “Clean Ship” fleet, an important distinction among ocean-cruising vessels, Le Jacques Cartier 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.

Chic and Casual Dining

Dine indoors or alfresco on international and regional cuisine served in the stylish, spacious indoor-outdoor restaurant, at the casual pool deck grill or from 24-hour room service. Daily meals include continental and buffet breakfasts, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and four-course dinner.

Life on Board

Experience the Blue Eye, the world’s first multisensory, underwater Observation Lounge. Enjoy sweeping views from the upper lounges—which open to the outdoors—and lectures, cultural performances or film screenings in the state-of-the-art theater. Relax in the spa, sauna or infinity-style swimming pool. The ship has a beauty salon, a fitness room and three elevators. Complimentary Wi-Fi access is available (conditions permitting).

World-Class Service

The highly trained, English-speaking crew is personable and attentive, and the ship has a medical center staffed with a doctor and a nurse.
Included Features

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

Le Jacques Cartier

◆ Seven-night cruise from Barcelona, Spain, to Rome, Italy.
◆ 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).
◆ The extraordinary Blue Eye—the world’s first multisensory, underwater Observational Lounge.
◆ Excursion to the Romanesque, 12th-century Abbaye de Fontfroide in the Corbières Mountains.
◆ Walking tour of Aix-en-Provence, featuring the Mazarin district, the Old Town Hall and the famous Cours Mirabeau; visit the unique Cathedral St. Sauveur.
◆ Panoramic tour of vibrant Marseille featuring its historical Vieux Port (Old Port), the Corniche Kennedy, and a visit to the hilltop Notre Dame de la Garde.
◆ Walking Tour of Nice, featuring the famous Promenade des Anglais, the atmospheric Old Town and a visit to Parc du Mont Boron.
◆ Excursion to see the Rock of Monaco, with visits to St. Nicholas Cathedral, where Princess Grace and Prince Ranier III are interred, and the Prince’s Palace.
◆ Evening at leisure in Portofino on the Italian Riviera.
◆ Walking tour of Corsica’s picturesque Old Town of Bonifacio.

UNESCO World Heritage Site Highlights

◆ Excursion to Carcassonne and a tour of the monumental Basilica of Saints Nazarius and Celsus.
◆ Cruise by private boat along the coast of the Cinque Terre to visit the charming cliffside villages of Riomaggiore and Vernazza.
◆ Choice of a full-day excursion to Florence, featuring visits to the octagonal Baptistery and Galleria dell’Accademia to see Michelangelo’s David, or a full-day excursion to the Tuscan cities of Pisa and Lucca.

Always Included

◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
◆ Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom and on excursions.
◆ Hospitality desk 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.
Barcelona and Beyond
Pre-Program Option*
Experience the lively capital city of Catalonia, Barcelona, once an ancient Roman trading port. See the Barri Gòtic (Gothic Quarter), the city’s old-world center with Roman walls and labyrinthine streets. Tour architect Antoni Gaudí’s extraordinary UNESCO World Heritage site, Basílica de la Sagrada Familia. On a full-day excursion, discover Gaudí’s rarely visited Crypt of Colonia Güell, and explore spectacular Montserrat and its Benedictine monastery, founded in 1025. Spend two nights in the Five-Star Majestic Hotel & Spa.

Eternal Rome
Post-Program Option*
Capital of the Roman Empire and a UNESCO World Heritage site, the “Eternal City” of Rome showcases its spectacular landmarks from centuries as a nucleus of culture, religion and political power. Tour magnificent St. Peter’s Basilica and the opulent Vatican Museums, including the Sistine Chapel, featuring Michelangelo’s famous ceiling frescoes. Visit the historic Roman Forum, the iconic Colosseum and the fifth-century Church of St. Peter in Chains, which houses Michelangelo’s famed sculpture of Moses. Enjoy two nights in the deluxe Westin Excelsior Rome, ideally located within walking distance of the grand Via Veneto.

*The Pre- and Post-Program Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
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CRUISING THE RIVIERAS AND ISLANDS RESERVATION FORM

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.
- Single accommodations. I will allow you to select my roommate
(share cannot be guaranteed).

Please make my/our reservation(s):
Barcelona and Beyond
Pre-Program Option
- Double at $1295 per person.
- Single at $1495 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer
to share accommodations.

Eternal Rome Post-Program Option
- Double at $1245 per person.
- Single at $1495 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer
to share accommodations.

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

(fill in departure city)

- Economy Class
- Upgraded Economy
- Business Class
- First Class

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

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

CARD NUMBER                    EXPIRY DATE

SIGNATURE AS IT APPEARS ON CREDIT CARD

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.

LAND/Cruise TARIFF excluding taxes*

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Early Booking Tariff* through March 16, 2020
Tariff* after March 16, 2020

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Singles are available in category 5 at $12295* and in category 2 at $14495* on or before March 16, 2020.
Add $1000 for reservations made after March 16, 2020.

*Taxes are an additional $465 per person and are subject to change.

†Le Jacques Cartier 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.

Preferred Name(s) or Badge(s)                                          Program No. 129-10/10/20-144

Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person and
$200 per person Barcelona and Beyond Pre-Program Option and/or
$200 per person Eternal Rome Post-Program Option. Reservations are subject to
availability on a first-come, first-served basis.

- Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $__________ as deposit.
- Make checks payable to Gohagan & Company.
- I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $__________ to:
  - Visa
  - MasterCard

Card Number                    Exp. Date

Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $__________ as deposit.

Signature as it appears on credit card

All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or

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of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed
on the outside back cover of this brochure.