ISLAND LIFE™

ANCIENT GREECE AND TURKEY

Aboard the deluxe m.s. Le Boreal

September 12 to 20, 2010

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Dear Alumni and Friends:

We are delighted to sponsor ISLAND LIFE™ in ANCIENT GREECE AND TURKEY. One of the most popular programs in the innovative VILLAGE LIFE™ series, it is a great voyage of discovery into the very cradle of Western civilization. Our exclusive itinerary is ideal for exploring this fabulous region’s ancient history and appreciating its way of life in our own era.

Over 3,000 years ago, the Mycenaeans founded one of the earliest great civilizations on the archipelago stretching from Greece to Turkey across Homer’s “wine-dark” Aegean Sea. Sail the very same waters Ulysses sailed on this seven-night cruise aboard the deluxe small ship M.S. LE BOREAL. Launching in 2010, this 120-cabin vessel showcases a new generation of ship design and technology and will also set unprecedented standards in elegance and comfort. Ports of call in Greece will include the islands of Delos, Mykonos, Santorini, Rhodes, and Pátmos. Along Turkey’s Aegean coast, you will have the opportunity to visit the site of fabled Troy, as well as Ephesus, the most spectacularly preserved Greco-Roman city in the world.

Among the many EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS you will enjoy on this program is our unique VILLAGE FORUM™, where residents of Pátmos will share with us their insights into modern life on an ancient isle. To make your experience even more personal and meaningful, we will offer an introduction to simple Greek phrases and their pronunciation. Even using a few will make your interaction with the Greeks that much more enjoyable! Exclusive lectures by faculty will provide more insight into relevant topics such as Greek mythology and Turkish history. And, we will taste the authentic flavors of Greece’s cuisine during special cooking demonstrations presented by the ship’s master chef and during our daily meals.

The warm camaraderie of fellow alumni, the exceptional value of included accommodations and meals, and the comfort of unpacking only once on the superb M.S. LE BOREAL—all fused with the thrilling destination of the Aegean—make for a richly enticing program. It will sell out quickly, so make your reservation today!

Sincerely,

Jimmy W. Abraham, ’75, ’77
Associate Vice President,
Development and Alumni and Executive Director,
MSU Alumni Association

Cover: Admire the beauty of Santorini where volcanic cliffs dramatically plunge into the deep turquoise waters of the Aegean Sea.

The bronze stag symbol of the Colossus of Rhodes stands at the entrance of Mandraki Harbor.
A WAY OF LIFE IN ANCIENT GREECE AND TURKEY

The true character of a maritime culture is best found on this exclusive odyssey to the windswept paradise of Greece’s ancient islands and choras, and Turkey’s fabled Aegean coast. An exceptional value, this highly successful and unique program in the Village Life series immerses you for one full week in a peerless, comprehensive and intimate travel experience at just the right pace; reserve by the Early Booking date to receive even further savings! All accommodations, all meals and featured Cultural and Educational Enrichments are included and are only available in this exclusively arranged offering.

The deluxe, 120-cabin, privately chartered M.S. Le Boreal, to be launched in 2010, is the state-of-the-art small ship, which enables us to cruise into the heart of the Aegean’s treasures and bring Greek and Turkish culture to you. Its intimate capacity and spacious public areas and staterooms (most with balconies) are ideal for our “home at sea” and feature fine dining and world-class service and shipboard amenities. And, you will unpack only once!

Cultural and Educational Enrichments are key components of Island Life in Ancient Greece and offer you a travel experience like no other:

♦ Hear it from the Experts! Prominent Faculty will exclusively accompany us and address a variety of Greek and Turkish political, economic, religious and cultural topics throughout our odyssey.

♦ Learn key phrases and words that will enable a more lively and personal interaction with local Greeks during “It’s all Greek to Me!” the specially arranged introduction to the Greek language.

♦ Meet the locals during the exclusive Village Forum, as Patmians, residents of Pátmos, share their candid and fascinating perspectives on today’s life in the Aegean Islands.

♦ Experience up-close the magical and mystical presence of Greek Mythology and discover firsthand how its cultural, historical and literary influences shape this fabled land and the world.

♦ Sample authentic Greek mezedes and Turkish delights during exclusive, specially designed culinary presentations by the ship’s Chef de Cuisine and savor the daily menu selections featuring local specialties.

♦ Set your own pace in each port by choosing from the attractively priced shore excursions.

♦ Enjoy time on your own—weave through colorful bazaars in Kuşadası, explore the narrow streets of Santorini’s charming Fira and don’t miss the sun setting over the Aegean while sipping ouzo at a harbor-side café in Mykonos’ Little Venice.

Experience the timeless traditions and scenery of the Greek Isles in Mykonos.
Inset above: The incomparable Parthenon on Athens’ Acropolis.
ISLAND LIFE™ DAY BY DAY

Day  Destination
1  Depart from the U.S.
2  Athens, Greece (Piraeus)/ Embark M.S. LE BOREAL
3  Delos/Mykonos
4  Santorini
5  Rhodes
6  Pátmos
7  Ephesus, Turkey (Kuşadasi)
8  Troy (Çanakkale)
9  Istanbul/ Disembark M.S. LE BOREAL/ Return to the U.S.

ATHENS, GREECE
Birthplace of the democratic ideal and home to many of history’s greatest philosophers and poets from Socrates to Herodotus, Athens is unmatched in its contributions to early Western civilization. Today, the city’s ancient greatness is encapsulated in the spectacular Acropolis, the political and spiritual center, and the gracefully proportioned Parthenon, a perfectly executed work of Doric architecture dedicated to the goddess Athena in 438 B.C.

DELOS
From the dawn of Greek civilization, Delos held an esteemed position as one of the most sacred islands in the Greek world. The mythical birthplace of Apollo and Artemis, it was as central to Greek spiritual life as Olympia or Delphi. Here, sleek lion statues carved from Náxian marble withstood the blight of wind and sea water for nearly 2,600 years on the magnificent Lion Terrace before they were moved to the Archaeological Museum to prevent further deterioration. The Sanctuary of Apollo is a spectacularly rich archaeological site with remains of three separate temples from the fifth and sixth centuries B.C. Delos’ awe-inspiring ruins also include an entire district of ancient houses dating from 700 B.C., the ancient Theater built in 300 B.C. and the House of the Dolphins built in the second century B.C.

MYKONOS
According to ancient legend, this island’s craggy hills and clefts were formed from the petrified bodies of giants killed by Hercules. With its iconic windmills, sugar-white cube houses, golden beaches and azure bays, Mykonos epitomizes life in the Greek Isles.

SANTORINI (OIA)
Sail to Santorini, one of the most spectacular of the Aegean Islands, and into its great harbor, bordered by black sand beaches. A cable car rises above Santorini to the town of Thira, whose stunning white walls stand in stark contrast against the dark volcanic cliffs. The picturesque cliffside village of Oia offers spectacular panoramic views of the island’s coastline and the surrounding seas. Far below, in what remains of an extinct volcano’s caldera, may be legendary Atlantis, possibly lost during a cataclysmic volcanic eruption in the 16th century B.C.

RHODES
The island of Rhodes has been one of the most prosperous and strategic strongholds in the eastern Mediterranean since the dawn of time. Rhodes Town is an extraordinarily well-preserved medieval city, built over a great Hellenistic metropolis. A major Christian outpost during the Crusades, it is the site where the Knights of St. John erected the splendid 11th-century Palace of the Grand Masters. Ancient Lindos is a lovely village on the island of Rhodes. Its acropolis, perched nearly 500 feet above the town and topped by a fourth-century B.C. temple to Athena, offers breathtaking views of the entire village.

PÁTMOS
The small island of Pátmos looms large in the history of Christianity, as does its fortress-like UNESCO Orthodox Monastery of St. John, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Built in 1088, it is still inhabited by monks who preserve it as a pilgrimage site and place of religious study. St. John the Apostle of Ephesus was known to have been exiled to Pátmos for 18 months and very possibly wrote the Book of Revelation here in A.D. 95.

VILLAGE FORUM™: Meet residents of Pátmos, who will discuss 21st-century life on an ancient Greek island.

EPHESUS, TURKEY (KuşADASI)
The Greco-Roman city of Ephesus is one of the world’s most dazzling architectural treasures. The beautifully restored façade of the Library of Celsus is breathtaking, and the Marble Way leads to an impressive 24,000-seat amphitheater where St. Paul addressed his Epistle to the Ephesians. According to legend, St. John the Apostle traveled with Mary to Ephesus, where he wrote his gospel and later died and was buried. Visitors can see the sixth-century ruins of the Basilica of St. John, constructed above his tomb.

TROY (ÇANAKKALE)
Located on a windswept plain near Çanakkale, Troy was immortalized by Homer in The Iliad, a chronicle of the Trojan War of the 13th century B.C., and inspired the tales of ancient Greek mythology at the core of Western literature. Remnants of the Bronze Age citadel and nine cities built over a span of millennia stand on the very site where Troy fell.

ISTANBUL
This legendary metropolis, straddling the Bosphorus Strait, is the only city in the world situated on two continents: Europe and Asia. Its unmatched landmarks include the Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sophia and the Blue Mosque.
INCLUDED FEATURES

ON BOARD THE DELUXE M.S. LE BOREAL
♦ Seven-night cruise from Athens, Greece, to Istanbul, Turkey, with port calls in Delos, Mykonos, Santorini, Rhodes and Patmos, Greece; and in Kuşadası (Ephesus) and Çanakkale (Troy), Turkey.

♦ Spacious and elegant outside accommodations with private bathroom and individual Stateroom climate control.

♦ Captain’s welcome and farewell receptions.

♦ All meals—Continental breakfast, buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea, dinner and late-evening snack—throughout the cruise, featuring fine Continental and regional cuisine, served at a single, unassigned seating.

♦ House wine, beer, soft drinks, mineral water, coffee and tea with lunch and dinner.

EXCLUSIVE EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL ENRICHMENT
♦ Exclusive Village Forum™ with local residents who will discuss life on the islands in the Aegean Sea.

♦ Greek language presentation, introducing basic phrases and correct pronunciation.

♦ Exclusive lectures by faculty on regional culture, history, literature and ancient mythology, providing a comprehensive introduction to Greece and Turkey.

♦ Special cooking demonstrations and tastings featuring Greek cuisine, led by the ship’s master chef.

COMPREHENSIVE TRAVEL SERVICES
♦ All transfers and luggage handling abroad for all participants who have purchased their air tickets through Gohagan & Company and whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).

♦ A program of optional shore excursions led by experienced, English-speaking local guides is available at additional cost.

♦ Gratuities for local guides and drivers on included transfers and optional shore excursions.

♦ Experienced Travel Director to accompany you throughout the travel program.

♦ Hospitality desk aboard the ship.

♦ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.

♦ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.
M.S. Le Boreal

State-of-the-Art Design
Revolutionizing the small ship cruising experience, the deluxe M.S. Le Boreal features a new generation of unprecedented design, technology and standards in comfort and elegance, and caters to the most discerning passengers.

120 Exceptionally Spacious, Deluxe Accommodations
The large Staterooms and Suites range in size from 200 to 398 square feet. Ninety-five percent of the accommodations feature private balconies.

Exclusive Deluxe Suite and Stateroom Amenities
All Suites and most Staterooms feature two twin beds that convert to one queen-size bed, a private bathroom with shower (some with bathtub), international direct dial telephone, satellite flat screen television, DVD/CD, iPod dock with speakers, wireless Internet access, safe, minibar, full-length closets, writing desk/dressing table, hair dryer, duvet and plush terry cloth robes.

Elegant Dining Experience
International and local cuisine is served in the stylish, spacious Dining Room in single, unassigned seatings. Passengers may also enjoy dining alfresco in the casual indoor-outdoor Grill Restaurant or from 24-hour Room Service. Continental and buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea, a three-course dinner and a late-evening snack are served daily. Complimentary wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner. Bar service is available on the Sun Deck.

Exceptional and Spacious Public Areas
Inviting and spacious public areas have been designed to comfortably accommodate all passengers. Enjoy breathtaking views from the Panoramic Lounge and nightly entertainment in Le Club. The state-of-the-art theater is the perfect venue for lectures, cultural performances and film screenings. There is a library, casino, Internet salon offering computer stations and Internet access, beauty salon, elevator and infirmary.

World-Class Recreational Facilities
Recreation and fitness facilities include a Sun Deck, swimming pool, spa, Turkish bath-style steam room and full range of fitness equipment.

Unmatched Services
The highly trained, English-speaking international crew provides refined hospitality and attentive service. There is a doctor and nurse aboard ship. Laundry services are available.

Passenger- and Eco-Friendly
The state-of-the-art electric propulsion system enables the ship to cruise with little vibration and significantly less engine noise to provide an exceptionally smooth, quiet and comfortable voyage. The ship meets the latest “Cleanship” standards and is designed to prevent contact with environmentally sensitive seabeds.
InterContinental includes flights to and from Cappadocia, two formations of Ushisar in the heart of the National more than 3,000 years. Visit 2,000-year-old Christian converts sought shelter from and one of nature's most captivating treasures. Cappadocia, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

This special two-night option in Istanbul, Turkey, features accommodations in the deluxe, centrally located accommodations in the InterContinental Athenaeum, a guided tour of the Parthenon and an excursion to Delphi.

Istanbul Post-Cruise Option
This special two-night option in Istanbul, Turkey, features accommodations in the deluxe Ceylan InterContinental and included guided tours of the city's magnificent landmarks from Hagia Sophia and the Blue Mosque to Topkapi Palace.

Cappadocia and Istanbul Post-Cruise Option
Complement your Aegean Sea experience with this four-night extension in Turkey highlighting the mesmerizing fairy chimney landscapes of Cappadocia, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of nature's most captivating treasures. Travel to the heart of Anatolia, the enchanting world of volcanic rock formations where early Christian converts sought shelter from Roman legions. Here, local vintners continue to produce wine just as their ancestors have for more than 3,000 years. Visit 2,000-year-old rock-hewn villages and learn about the region's distinctive culture, which traces its roots to Biblical times. Accommodations for two nights will be in the deluxe Cappadocia Cave Resort, an intimate property nestled amid the rock formations of Ushisar in the heart of the National Park of Göreme. This Post-Program Option also includes flights to and from Cappadocia, two nights in Istanbul's deluxe Ceylan InterContinental and inclusive guided tours of the city's magnificent landmarks from Hagia Sophia and the Blue Mosque to Topkapi Palace.

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ISTANBUL POST - C RUISE O PTION

Parthenon and an excursion to Delphi.*

deluxe, centrally located accommodations in the center of democracy and philosophy. Enjoy

An Owner’s Suite is available upon request at a cost to be advised, on a first-come first-served basis.

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CONTRACT: TERMS & CONDITIONS

NOT INCLUDED: Taxes, passport fees, visas and fees for obtaining visas; personal expenses such as laundry and telephone calls; accident/sickness, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; gratuities to ship personnel; optional sightseeing excursions; excess baggage charges on aircraft; local departure air taxes; airfare and associated local taxes, airport facility taxes and federal inspection fees not listed in the “Included Features” section; transfers and baggage handling to/from airport/ship on day(s) of arrival and/or departure 1) if you have not purchased your air arrangements through Thomas P. Gohagan & Company, or 2) if you are arriving earlier or later than or departing earlier or later than the scheduled group transfer(s); meals and alcoholic beverages not listed in the “Included Features” section; and all other services not specifically mentioned in the “Included Features” section.

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CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS: Cancellations for all or any part of the trip will not be effective until received in writing in the offices of Thomas P. Gohagan & Company. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply: reservation cancellations are subject to a $200 per person administrative fee from the time of booking through 120 days prior to departure; from 95 through 119 days prior to departure, $600 per person; from 60 through 94 days prior to departure, 50% of the published full regular tariff; cancellations 59 days or less prior to departure, a no-show, or early return from the trip will result in forfeiture of 100% of the published full regular tariff. In addition, any applicable airline cancellation fees and administrative fees will be assessed.

POST-PIF/CANCELLATION CANCELLATIONS: Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply: reservation cancellations are subject to a $50 per person administrative fee from the time of booking through 120 days prior to departure; from 95 through 119 days prior to departure, $200 per person; from 60 through 94 days prior to departure, 50% of the published full regular tariff; cancellations 59 days or less prior to departure, a no-show, or early return from the trip will result in forfeiture of 100% of the published full regular tariff. In addition, any applicable airline cancellation fees and administrative fees will be assessed.

Because these cancellation policies are strictly enforced, we strongly recommend for your protection that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. Trip cancellation insurance is available through Thomas P. Gohagan & Company for comprehensive coverage of such expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident, as well as damaged or lost luggage. We will send you an application after you make your reservation.

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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 him/herself or other participants and accepts the terms and conditions of this contract.

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