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Highlights include:

- ◆ Five UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including the ancient Greco-Roman sites in Syracuse and Agrigento; Mt. Etna, Europe's largest and most active volcano, near the base of which we visit Taormina's Greco-Roman ruins; and the Norman Cathedral of Monreale in Sicily; as well as the Phoenician and Roman site of Carthage in Tunisia.
- ◆ Admire centuries-old cities, medieval ports, and landscapes that were once coveted by the world's most powerful empires.
- ◆ Cruise past the active volcanic island of Stromboli, nicknamed the "Lighthouse of the Mediterranean."
- ◆ See the famous Riace bronzes, two splendid, life-size bronzes of Greek warriors.
- ◆ Travel with a fascinating and engaging AIA lecturer/host and other experts.
- ◆ Be pampered aboard a five-star ship with just 92 staterooms and suites.



Ceramics showing Trinacria, the symbol of Sicily

- ◆ The opportunity to extend your trip in Malta, including visits to two more UNESCO World Heritage Sites: its capital city of Valletta, bursting with medieval architecture; and the prehistoric, megalithic temples of Tarxien and Hagar Qim.



Taormina amphitheater

9 DAY ITINERARY

- 1 Depart the U.S.
- 2 Valletta, Malta/
Embark LE BOUGAINVILLE (D)
- 3 Porto Empedocle for
Agrigento, Sicily (B,L,R,D)
- 4 Tunis, Tunisia for Carthage
(B,L,D)
- 5 Trapani, Sicily (B,L,D)
- 6 Palermo (B,L,D)
- 7 Reggio Calabria/
Naxos for Taormina (B,L,D)
- 8 Syracuse (B,L,R,D)
- 9 Valletta, Malta/
Disembark ship/
Return to the U.S. (B)



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Dear Traveler,

Join Archaeological Institute of America lecturer and host Lisa Pieraccini and discover the timeless allure and cultural mélange of the crossroads of the Mediterranean. **Cruise round-trip from Malta to Sicily, Tunisia, and mainland Italy** aboard the exclusively chartered, state of the art, **five star LE BOUGAINVILLE**. Featuring only 92 suites and staterooms, this elegant small ship is able to call at ports inaccessible to larger vessels.

This outstanding southern Mediterranean itinerary cruises along dramatic coastlines, through the fabled Strait of Messina and the Tyrrhenian and Mediterranean Seas. Discover Sicily's storied town of **Taormina** in the shadow of Mount Etna; **Agrigento's** unforgettable Valley of the Temples; Tunisia's fabled Phoenician and Roman site of **Carthage**; the age-old beauty of **Palermo**, including Monreale Cathedral, one of the world's greatest extant examples of Norman architecture; and the majesty of **Syracuse**, an open-air museum of monumental antiquities. Take the **optional, pre-trip extension in Malta** and witness the rich history of this island nation from the remarkable prehistoric, megalithic temples of Tarxien and Hagar Qim to the monuments of the medieval Order of the Knights of St. John.

Your engaging AIA lecturer and host, Lisa Pieraccini, will be part of a **team of onboard lecturers** who will discuss the ancient and medieval sites that you visit. This program offers a fascinating combination of sites and cities that are made easily accessible via our luxurious 92-cabin ship. I encourage you to reserve your preferred suite or stateroom now, while space and early booking savings are still available.

Sincerely,

Lauren Cummings
Education & Program Manager, AIA Tours
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Archaeological Institute of America lecturer and host Lisa C. Pieraccini (Ph.D., University of California, Santa Barbara) works on the art and archaeology of the ancient Mediterranean, with special emphasis on the Etruscans and Romans. She has taught at Stanford University and has been teaching at the University of California at Berkeley since 2008. Professor Pieraccini lived for many years in Italy, where she taught and conducted research in Rome and southern Etruria. Her interests include a wide variety of subjects spanning the ancient Mediterranean, from cultural heritage and digital humanities, to international trade, funerary art, issues of identity, and decolonizing the past. Professor Pieraccini has published a variety of articles and chapters on aspects of funerary ritual, tomb painting, as well as the reception of Italy's ancient past. She is co-editor of a book series dedicated to *Etruscan Cities* published by Texas University Press, and is an elected member of the *Istituto di Studi Etruschi ed Italici* in Florence, Italy. Professor Pieraccini has led many tours throughout her career, including a recent AIA tour of central Italy for which she received excellent traveler reviews.

ABOUT AIA TOURS

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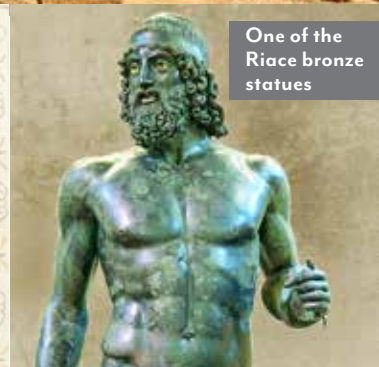
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Temple of Juno

Ancient Empires

Join our engaging AIA lecturer for this luxurious, small-ship voyage circumnavigating Sicily that includes Tunisia, beginning and ending in Malta. Sicily offers a unique cultural experience in which Greek, Roman, Arab, Norman, Christian, Jewish, Byzantine, and Muslim influences intermingle—a true crossroads of civilizations. Amidst spring wildflowers and citrus groves discover splendid ancient Greek temples and medieval sites. See five UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including Sicily's Monreale, Mt. Etna, Syracuse, and Agrigento, plus Carthage in Tunisia. Join the pre-trip extension on Malta to explore the UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Valletta and Malta's prehistoric megalithic temples.



One of the Riace bronze statues



Carthage ruins



Souk market in Tunis



Fountain of Diana
in Piazza Archimede

DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

**Depart the U.S./
Valletta, Malta/
Embark ship
Wednesday, May 10
and Thursday, May 11**

Depart the U.S. and arrive the next day in Valletta, Malta.

**Porto Empedocle
for Agrigento, Sicily
Friday, May 12**

Visit Agrigento's UNESCO World Heritage-designated Valley of the Temples. Here, see eight Doric Greek temples dating from the fifth century B.C. including the Temple of Juno, the Temple of Concordia, and the Sanctuary of the Chthonic Deities. This evening, enjoy the Captain's Welcome Reception.

**Tunis, Tunisia
for Carthage
Saturday, May 13**

Arrive in Tunis and transfer to the UNESCO World Heritage Roman site of Carthage to visit the Baths of Antonino, the ancient theater, and the Punic ports where Carthaginian fleets once took shelter. Discover the magnificent Moorish village of Side Bou Said and enjoy a lunch in a local restaurant. Return to Tunis for a tour of its Old Town—a labyrinth of narrow alleyways, small shops,

majestic mosques, palaces, and colorful markets.

**Trapani, Sicily
Sunday, May 14**

Drive to Segesta and see the splendid Doric Greek Temple. Visit the medieval town of Erice, set atop a hill and accessible via

the remarkable Cathedral of Monreale, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

**Reggio Calabria/
Naxos for Taormina
Tuesday, May 16**

Cruise through the Strait of Messina before arriving in Reggio Calabria to visit the



Cathedral
of Monreale

cable car. Enjoy panoramic views and marvel at the Norman Venus Castle.

**Palermo
Monday, May 15**

Visit Palermo's traditional Sicilian Old Quarter, Quattro Canti (a Baroque square) and 12th-century Duomo. At the Capo market, see and taste famous Palermo street food and admire colorful stalls displaying an abundance of produce, seafood, and meats. This afternoon, drive up the hillside and visit

National Archaeological Museum, which houses the Riace Bronzes, a pair of ancient, life-size Greek statues. After lunch, arrive in Giardini Naxos and then visit Taormina, an ancient village on the top of a cliff above the Ionian Sea. Visit the Greco-Roman Theater, the Corvaia Palace, Odeon, and the Corso Umberto.

**Syracuse
Wednesday, May 17**

In Syracuse, visit the Altar of Hieron II, a monument dedicated to Zeus;



Piazza IX Aprile is located in the center of Corso Umberto

Dionysius' Ear; the Roman Amphitheater; and the Greek Theater. Transfer to the island of Ortygia, Syracuse's maritime heart, where the Temple of Apollo stands in the remains of Piazza Pancali.

See the city's Baroque

cathedral incorporating the ruins of a fifth-century B.C. temple dedicated to the goddess Athena.

At the Piazza Archimede, view the Baroque-style Fountain of Diana.

Enjoy the afternoon at leisure. Tonight, attend a

folklore show on deck, and then the Captain's Farewell Reception and dinner.

**Valletta, Malta/
Disembark ship/
Return to the U.S.
Thursday, May 18**

Transfer to the airport for your return flight home.



Pepoli Castle and Venus Castle

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PRE-PROGRAM OPTION

Malta

May 8 to 11, 2023

Enhance your Mediterranean cruise experience with a two-night immersion on the island of Malta, considered one of the most concentrated historic areas in the world. Walk the medieval streets of the beautifully preserved, UNESCO-inscribed town of Valletta, built by the Knights of the Order of St. John in the late 16th century. Visit St. John's Co-Cathedral, a Baroque masterpiece built from local marble; the Lower Barrakka Gardens, for a breathtaking panorama of the Grand Harbor; and the Grandmaster's Palace. Enjoy a private visit, led by one of the family members, of the stunning 16th-century Casa Rocca Piccola, home of the Marquis de Piro family. Highlights of the island's prehistoric archaeology are visits to the intriguing megalithic temples (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) at Tarxien, dating from 3600-2500 B.C. and renowned for their detailed carvings; and at Hagar Qim, one of Malta's best preserved megalithic sites, scenically perched atop a sea cliff. Accommodations are in the five-star GRAND HOTEL EXCELSIOR MALTA.

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*Temple of Concordia
and bronze Icarus statue*



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