

Stanford **TRAVEL/STUDY**

AEGEAN SEA

September 17 to 26, 2022

Voyage to the Greek islands with Professor Marsh McCall aboard the intimate ship *Callisto* and explore millennia of human history and mythology in the cradle of Western civilization. Delight in the dynamic and vibrant city of Athens where contemporary culture thrives in the shadow of the venerable Acropolis. Travel in comfort and unpack only once as you island-hop in the waters that inspired Homer's *Odyssey*. Discover sights from the photogenic cliffs of Santorini to the archaeological treasures of tiny Delos. Channel the ancient Hellenic tourists as you walk among the fragments of the Temple of Artemis in Ephesus, Turkey, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

FACULTY LEADER

Marsh McCall

Classics professor Marsh McCall decided he would become a teacher when he was in the third grade and went on to fulfill that desire, introducing legions of university students to the study of classics during a decades-long professorship at Stanford. He has enchanted participants on more than 40 Travel/Study programs with his classes and on-site readings of classical literature. A vibrant and interactive lecturer, Marsh's classes illuminate ancient Greek philosophy and poetry by applying their issues and themes to modern dilemmas. After traveling to Greece for 60 years, his heart still beats faster at the thought of his next trip. During the program, Marsh will give classes on arts and literature themes from the theater in ancient Athens to Homer and *Hippolytus* as well as lessons on leading the good life from Greek philosophers Socrates, Plato and Aristotle.

- At Stanford: professor of classics since 1976 (now emeritus); former chair, classics department; associate dean, undergraduate studies; chair, Western culture program committee; and founding dean, Continuing Studies
- Recipient of Stanford's Dinkelspiel Award for outstanding service to undergraduate education, the Lyman Award for faculty volunteer service, the Phi Beta Kappa Teacher of the Year Award, and the School of Humanities and Sciences Lifetime Teaching Award
- PhD, classics, Harvard University

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Saturday, September 17

Athens, Greece

Arrive in Athens, the capital of Greece and Europe's oldest city. Athens gave birth to democracy and witnessed the origins of many of the arts and sciences that constitute the Western tradition. Upon arrival transfer to our hotel, located on Syntagma Square. HOTEL KING GEORGE

Sunday, September 18

Athens

After a morning lecture, tour the Agora, the civic and commercial center of Athens and the living heart of its democracy. See the remains of public buildings and the well-preserved 5th-century BCE Temple of Hephaistos. Spend time at the Agora Museum, housed in the impressively reconstructed Stoa of Attalos,

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originally completed in the 2nd century BCE. In the afternoon take time to rest in our luxurious hotel or explore Athens on your own. Join the group for a welcome dinner in the evening. HOTEL KING GEORGE (B,D)

Monday, September 19

Athens / Zea Marina

In the morning visit Kaisariani Monastery, a striking Byzantine structure built in the 11th century on the slopes of Mount Hymettus. Next journey to the Benaki Museum, whose remarkable collections span Greek history and culture from prehistory to Byzantium and beyond. Have lunch at the terrace restaurant of the museum with views of Athens and the adjacent National Garden. In the afternoon be astounded by the Acropolis and its celebrated monuments. Occupied throughout prehistoric times, the rocky plateau rises dramatically out of the plain and dominates the modern city as it did in the ancient world. The incomparable Parthenon and other temples erected in the 5th century BCE represent the highest achievement of architecture and art of the Classical period. Browse the superb Acropolis Museum, then head to Zea Marina to board *Callisto* and set sail. *CALLISTO* (B,L,D)

Tuesday, September 20

Santorini

Be on deck this morning to admire one of the most memorable sights in the Mediterranean: the white-washed towns of Fira and Oia perched on the edge of the 1,000-foot-high palisade of Santorini's volcanic caldera. During the Bronze Age, the island was a flourishing trading center inhabited by a prosperous and well-organized society. In the late 17th century BCE, a massive volcanic eruption collapsed half of the island and buried its main town, now called Akrotiri, in a thick layer of ash and pumice, thus preserving its houses, streets and squares as they existed 3,700 years ago. After touring Akrotiri drop by the Museum of Prehistoric Thera, which features artifacts from the Akrotiri excavations. Lunch will be served at a restaurant with vistas of the caldera. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to appreciate this uniquely beautiful place. *CALLISTO* (B,L,D)

Wednesday, September 21

Crete

The largest of the Greek islands, Crete was the home of the Minoans, who created Europe's earliest advanced civilization. From the port of Heraklion, drive to Knossos to wander its fabled Minoan Palace. Clustered around a courtyard, the palace contains a maze of rooms, passages and stairways that might have inspired the concept of the labyrinth. Many myths originated here, including that of the Minotaur. Continue to the Heraklion Museum, whose exhibits reveal the brilliance and refinement of the Minoan civilization. For lunch savor many of Crete's culinary specialties. Spend an afternoon at leisure before returning to our ship for dinner. *CALLISTO* (B,L,D)

Thursday, September 22

Karpathos / Lindos

Arrive in the morning at Diafani, a small coastal town on Karpathos, an island that remains outside the tourist circuit, for an excursion to the village of Olymbos, one of the most authentic and traditional villages in Greece. Then sail to the island of Rhodes, known in antiquity for its schools of philosophy, rhetoric and sculpture. *Callisto* will stop at Pefkos Bay for an afternoon swim before traveling to the breathtaking town of Lindos, crowned by an acropolis. Overnight aboard the ship, anchored in Lindos Bay. *CALLISTO* (B,L,D)

Friday, September 23

Rhodes

This morning tour the lovely village of Lindos, either walking or riding a donkey up to the acropolis, set on a cliff 400 feet above the sea with spectacular views of the village and bay below. After lunch at a traditional

taverna, the next stop is Rhodes, one of Europe's largest medieval towns and the site of the former Colossus of Rhodes. Discover the Old Town's winding streets and splendid plazas, which owe their 14th-century charm to the Crusader Knights of Saint John. *CALLISTO* (B,L,D)

Saturday, September 24

Kusadasi, Turkey / Ephesus

After a morning cruising in the Aegean Sea, arrive at Turkey's port of Kusadasi. Enjoy time at leisure to explore the town before our late-afternoon adventure to Ephesus, one of the world's great archaeological sites. Renowned as the center of worship of the mother goddess Cybele, later known as Artemis, it was also the site where Saint Paul preached Christianity (BC 52–54). See the stunning façade of the Library of Celsus, the Temple of Hadrian, the theater and other structures. Recent excavations include the terrace houses, with their sumptuous decorations, which illustrate daily life in Ephesus during Roman times. *CALLISTO* (B,L,D)

Sunday, September 25

Delos, Greece / Tinos

Dedicate the morning to roaming the island of Delos, the birthplace of Apollo and his twin sister, Artemis, a vast archaeological site and open-air museum inhabited only by antiquity guards, archaeologists and conservators. Our final afternoon is on the alluring island of Tinos, where we anchor at the Bay of Aghios Ioannis for swimming, then dock in the main town of Tinos for time at leisure before sailing in the evening. *CALLISTO* (B,L,D)

Monday, September 26

Zea Marina / Athens / Home

Disembark *Callisto* in the morning at Zea Marina and transfer independently to the airport for flights home. (B)

INFORMATION

Covid-19 and Travel

Due to the fluid nature of travel requirements and local Covid-19 conditions, travel protocols for our program will be shared closer to departure. To read more about Travel/Study's general approach to ensuring traveler health and safety, visit <https://alumni.stanford.edu/get/page/covidtravel>.

Size

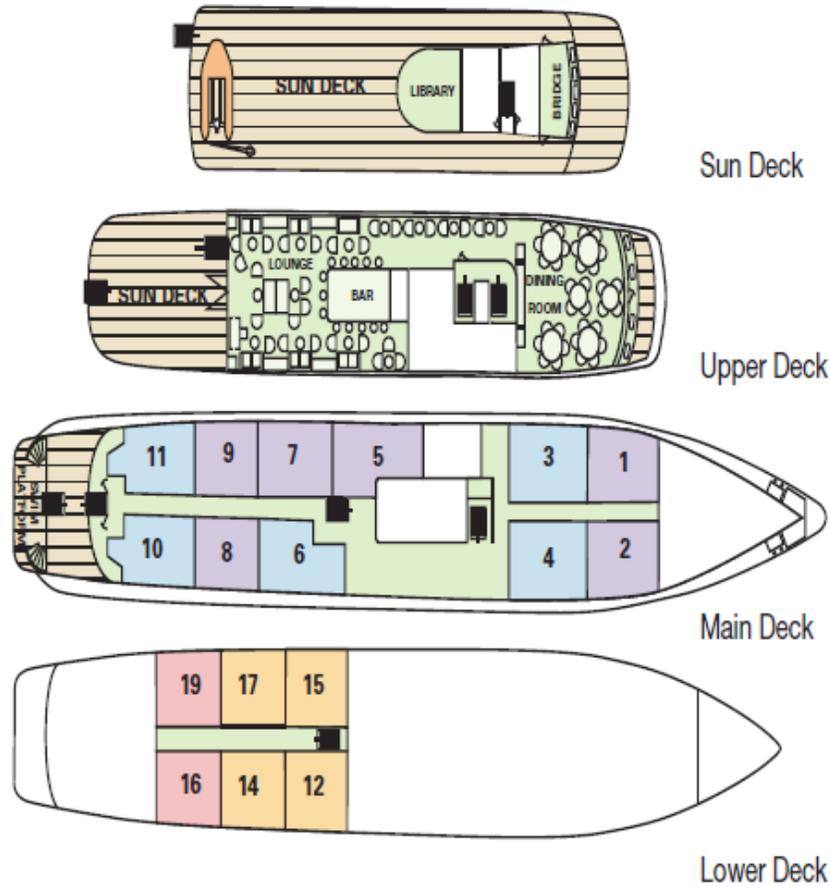
This trip is limited to 34 participants. Single accommodations are limited.

About Our Ship

Chartered exclusively for Stanford, the *Callisto* has 17 cabins, all of which face outside. Unlike the formalities found on larger cruise ships, a relaxed and informal atmosphere prevails on board. An English-speaking crew of 18 manages the ship and provides friendly and efficient service. The dining room accommodates all guests at one unassigned seating, and the adjoining lounge is a good place to socialize with fellow travelers and attend lectures. When the weather permits, meals may be served alfresco. A library is located on the spacious sun deck.

The cabins range in size from 130 sq. ft to 145 sq. ft. There are four different categories of cabins arranged on two decks, all of which feature either windows (categories A & B) or portholes (categories C & D); twin, double or queen-size beds; individually controlled air-conditioning; flat-screen TV; mini fridge; wardrobe;

safety deposit box; and telephone (internal use). Each cabin has a private bathroom with a shower, a marble sink countertop, a hair dryer and fine toiletries.



Cost*

Rates are per person, based on double or single occupancy, as specified.

		Double	Single
Category D	Lower Deck cabins, 130 sq. ft.; two twin beds; two or three portholes; near propellers [†]	\$9,595	—
Category C	Lower Deck cabins, 130 sq. ft.; two twin beds; two or three portholes	\$10,295	\$15,445
Category B	Main Deck, 135 sq. ft.; two twin beds or one double bed (cabins 1 & 2); picture window	\$11,295	\$16,945

Category A	Main Deck, 145 sq. ft.; two twin beds or one queen-size bed (cabins 3 & 4); picture window	\$12,595	—
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†Occupants may hear occasional propeller noise.

*Stanford Alumni Association nonmembers add \$300 per person.

Included

- Educational program with lecture series and predeparture materials, including an education resource list and travel information
- Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program
- All tours and excursions as described in the itinerary
- Gratuities to guides, drivers and ship crew for all group activities
- 2 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations
- 7-night cruise aboard the *Callisto*
- Port fees and embarkation taxes
- 9 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 8 dinners
- Welcome and farewell receptions
- Transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days
- On-tour quarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage
- General medical, accident and evacuation insurance

Not Included

- Your personal flights to and from the program
- Passport and visa fees
- Immunization costs
- Meals and beverages other than those specified as included
- Independent and private transfers
- Nonquarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage
- Baggage insurance
- Excess-baggage charges
- Personal items such as internet access, telephone calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

Air Arrangements

You are responsible for booking and purchasing airfare to the start location and from the end location of the program. These air purchases are NOT included in the program cost. To assist you in making these independent arrangements, we will send you details with your confirmation materials on when to arrive and depart.

What to Expect

The Aegean Sea program is moderately strenuous and at times physically demanding. Participants must be physically fit, active and in good health. Daily programs involve walking three to five miles from bus drop-off points through city centers, in museums, at archaeological sites and on tours, as well as extended periods of standing in museums and on tours. Participants will encounter uneven terrain, including hills and some dirt and cobblestone paths. Summer in Greece and Turkey is typically hot and humid; temperatures on this program range from the low 90s F during the day and down to the mid-60s F in the evenings.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Eligibility

We encourage membership in the Stanford Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is \$300 more than the members' price. The nonmember fee is waived for anyone traveling as a paid guest of a current member, as well as for emerita or emeritus faculty and staff. To purchase a membership, call (650) 725-0692 or visit <http://alumni.stanford.edu/goto/membership>.

Deposits, Payments and Cancellations

A \$1,000-per-person deposit is required to reserve space on this program. Final payment is due 120 days prior to program start. Deposits and any payments are refundable, less a \$500-per-person cancellation fee, until 120 days prior to program start. After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and we resell your place(s), in which case a \$1,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply.

Insurance

Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. residents with general medical, accident and evacuation coverage, as well as on-tour quarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage, under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. You may choose to subscribe to optional nonquarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage and/or baggage insurance. Information offering such insurance will be included in your confirmation materials. The product offered includes special benefits if you purchase your insurance within 14 days of receiving your welcome email.

Responsibility

The Stanford Alumni Association, Stanford University and our operators act only as agents for the passenger with respect to transportation and ship arrangements and exercise every care possible in doing so. However, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any automobile, motor coach, launch or any other conveyance used in carrying out this program or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the program. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, force majeure or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger, as tour rates include arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations to this published itinerary as may be deemed necessary. We reserve the right to cancel any program prior to departure, in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. We also reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the program. No refund will be made for an unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. Baggage is carried at the owner's risk entirely. It is understood that the ship's ticket, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and the cruise company. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their plane or conveyance. Neither the Stanford Alumni Association, nor Stanford University, nor our operators accept liability for any carrier's cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in connection with the tour. Program price is based on rates in effect at the time the brochure is published and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign an Assumption of Risk.

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