University of Maryland Alumni Association

Cultural Treasures of the Black Sea

Istanbul • Amasya • Safranbolu • Nessebar • Odessa

A voyage aboard the Exclusively Chartered Small Ship
Five-Star M.V. TERE MOANA

June 19 to 27, 2015

- Luxury Small Ship—only 44 Staterooms!
- 100% Ocean-View Staterooms
- All Shipboard Gratuities Included
- A Shore Excursion Included in Each Port
- All Beverages Included

[Image: Blue Mosque with a view of the sea and a cruise ship in the distance]
Dear Alumni and Friends:

Join us for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to explore 26 centuries of culture and unique, long-standing traditions in the glorious cities and lesser-known gems of the Black Sea, a land of great antiquity and mystery. From beguiling Istanbul, the historic bridge between Orient and Occident, to the seldom-visited trade-route stops in Turkey’s beautiful and mountainous countryside, to the ruins of the sixth-century B.C., Greek-founded town of Nessebar, Bulgaria, a UNESCO World Heritage site, see firsthand how the perpetual cultural exchange between East and West combines with the vibrancy of life in the emerging nations along the shores of the stunning Black Sea.

During this exclusive and intimate, Five-Star, small-ship itinerary, visit the magnificent landmarks of Istanbul and the visually arresting Potemkin Stairs in Odessa, travel along ancient caravan routes to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Safranbolu and the historic Ottoman city of Amasya, explore vibrant markets and centuries-old neighborhoods, and tour important archaeological sites, great fortresses and magnificent churches that hold the majestic traces of old empires.

This unique three-country odyssey features the exclusively chartered, Five-Star M.V. TERE MOANA, a sophisticated and authentic small ship carrying only 88 guests; and complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are served throughout your cruise. All shipboard gratuities are included. The ship was relaunched in 2013 under new ownership following a complete multimillion-dollar refurbishment, which makes it the perfect vessel for cruising in style.

This extraordinary and insightful program follows in the wake of the highly successful 2014 Black Sea itinerary, which received excellent reviews, and brings into focus the historical and cultural dynamics of “East meets West,” and it is a great Five-Star small ship value!

Sincerely,

Angela C. Dimopoulos ’07
Director of Sales and Marketing

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Crossroads of Civilizations

Seated at the crossroads of Europe and Asia and a former channel of trade and cultural exchange, the Black Sea has been witness to migrations of Indo-European tribes and has had settlements on its shores for over 3000 years. The Phoenicians navigated the great salt waters of this inland sea during the Bronze Age, followed later by the Greeks, whose colonies stand today as thriving towns and cities. Successive empires from the West and East—Greek, Roman, Persian, Byzantine, Genoese, Venetian and Ottoman—imprinted their distinctive cultures on the region. Their legacies and traditions are seen in the varied architectural styles that uniquely define each port and are experienced in the authentic cuisine and customary hospitality of the people. Travel this vital link between Eastern Europe and the Mediterranean Sea, and discover its seldom-seen jewels and hidden treasures.

Istanbul, Turkey

Like the Bosphorus Strait, which is the conduit between the Black and Mediterranean Seas, legendary Istanbul has been a crossroads for trade and cultural exchange over centuries and is the continental bridge between the East and the West. Today, historic Istanbul is a UNESCO World Heritage site retaining the mystique of its shared influences as the former capital of three empires—the Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman. Visit its most fabled landmarks, including the spectacular sixth-century Byzantine Hagia Sophia, the majestic Blue Mosque, the incredibly well-preserved A.D. 200 Hippodrome of Constantine and the colorful Spice Bazaar, once the largest trading venue in the medieval world.

Safranbolu

What began as a caravan stop along Turkey’s main East-West trade route grew into a prominent Ottoman city, and today is a UNESCO World Heritage site and a highlight of this cruise. Explore Safranbolu’s Old Bazaar and see the stone and timber konaks (mansions) built by wealthy Ottoman merchants.

Cover photo: The graceful Blue Mosque is a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the most beautiful Ottoman monuments in the world.

Photo this page: The fourth-century Pontic tombs above the Iris River in Amasya were carved into the sheer rock wall.
Experience homemade saffron tea in the exotic trading spice’s native region and savor a traditional northern Turkish lunch at an authentic local caravansary. Walk through the quaint Old Town and admire the distinctive architecture that influenced urban development throughout the Ottoman empire during the height of the caravan trade. These well-preserved houses feature stone floors that follow the curves of the street, and wooden jetties faced to take advantage of the natural sunlight overhang the lower story.

**Amasya**

Disembark in Samsun and transfer to Amasya, where local residents warmly greet visitors to this hidden gem. A quiet jewel of the Black Sea, this stunning provincial capital was, according to legend, founded by an Amazon queen and lies on the mountainous banks of the Iris River. Visit the impressive Torumtay Tomb, decorated with Seljuk carpet-weaving motifs and adjoining the 13th-century Blue Seminary. Nearby, tour the Sultan Beyazid II Complex and its rare, asymmetrical spiral minarets, commissioned by the Ottoman Sultan in 1486. See the ancient tombs of Pontus Kings, dating back to the

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**Cruise Itinerary**

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**CAPPADOCIA® POST-CRUISE OPTION**

For over 120 years, the stunning Odessa Opera House, the first in Ukraine and host to masters including Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninoff, has been lauded for its exceptional acoustics.
fourth century B.C., carved into the cliffs above the traditional mansions overlooking the river. Explore the extensive Amasya Archaeological Museum and its impressive collection of mummies dating from the 14th century. Indulge in the authentic tastes of the Black Sea region with a traditional Turkish lunch.

Odessa, Ukraine
Founded by Catherine the Great in 1789 to guard the southern approaches to her empire, Odessa, “The Pearl of the Black Sea,” is a graceful city of tree-lined avenues and Franco-Italian architecture. See the iconic Potemkin Stairs, extending from the harbor to the city center and immortalized in Sergei Eisenstein’s cinema classic, The Battleship Potemkin. Stroll down tree-lined Deribasovskaya Street, the city’s lively commercial heart; relax in a café in the glass-vaulted Passazh Corridor; and visit the ornate Odessa Opera House and Ballet, rebuilt in 1887 by the same Austrian architects who designed the Vienna State Opera. Beneath the city, throughout its sandstone foundation, is a vast network of catacombs that were unearthed during the 19th century and which served as hiding places and smuggling routes during World War II.

Nessebar, Bulgaria
Explore the peninsula port of Nessebar, a sixth-century B.C. Greek-founded town and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Despite covering only one-tenth of one square mile along the rocky coast, Nessebar is a synthesis of centuries-old civilizations and proudly preserves 11 Byzantine-influenced churches and many fine 19th-century timber houses. In the heart of old Nessebar, visit the well-preserved church of St. Stefan, dating back to the 11th century and known for the 16th- to 18th-century murals throughout its interior, and the 17th-century stone Church of St. Spas, built according to Ottoman rules partially below ground level. Not far from the Byzantine town gate, see the remnants of St. Sofia Church, built in the late fifth and early sixth centuries. Visit the comprehensive Archaeological Museum and tour the 19th-century Ethnographic Museum.

Savor the sights and aromas of Istanbul’s legendary Spice Bazaar, including saffron, curry and anise.
The exclusively chartered Five-Star, 88-passenger M.V. TERE MOANA fits the profile of small ship cruising and was named Top Small Ship Cruise Line from the readers of Travel + Leisure in its 2014 World’s Best Awards. Travel in Five-Star comfort and style while experiencing exemplary service and enjoying the benefits afforded by small ship cruising without the long lines and other inconveniences of larger ships. M.V. TERE MOANA can dock in ports inaccessible to larger vessels. Following a multimillion-dollar renovation under new ownership, the ship re-entered service in 2013.

Eight of the spacious, Five-Star, ocean-view accommodations have private verandas. Each Stateroom features a large picture window, private marble- and teak-appointed bathroom with shower, one queen bed or two twin beds, in-suite complimentary beverages, luxurious European linens and amenities, individual climate control, robes, cotton slippers, satellite television, minibar, safe and hair dryer. Complimentary welcome flowers and fruit are provided in each Stateroom upon arrival.

Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are served throughout the cruise. The elegant L’Etoile dining room and La Veranda restaurant accommodate all guests at a single, unassigned seating, and an attentive staff serves international cuisine featuring fresh local ingredients. Early-risers’ coffee, buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and dinner are served daily. Enjoy indoor or outdoor dining in La Veranda for breakfast and lunch. Dinner is served nightly in the L’Etoile dining room, with a menu featuring two-star Michelin chef-designed signature dishes. Complimentary room service and vegetarian and wellness meal options are available.

The inviting and spacious public areas are tastefully appointed and include a large lounge, two bars, a comfortable library with computers, wireless Internet hotspots, spa, fitness center, boutique and outdoor swimming pool.

The M.V. TERE MOANA’s English-speaking crew provides courteous, professional service and sails with an onboard physician. There is one crew member for every 1.5 guests. The ship has an elevator.
Included Features
On board the exclusively chartered, Five-Star Small Ship M.V. TERE MOANA
◆ Seven-night cruise including one full day in the port of Istanbul, Turkey, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
◆ Port calls at Bartin for Safranbolu and Samsun for Amasya, Turkey; Odessa, Ukraine; and Nessebar, Bulgaria.
◆ Spacious and elegant, Five-Star, ocean-view Staterooms, each with a private bathroom and individual climate control.
◆ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
◆ All meals on board are each served at a single, unassigned seating—buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and dinner. Early-riser’s coffee is available.
◆ Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are served throughout the cruise.
◆ Visits to Istanbul’s UNESCO World Heritage site landmarks—the Byzantine Hagia Sophia, the 17th-century Blue Mosque, the Hippodrome of Constantine—and the Spice Bazaar.
◆ Visit to the city of Safranbolu, a former trading hub of the Ottoman Empire and a UNESCO World Heritage site.
◆ An authentic northern Turkish lunch in a caravansary in Safranbolu.
◆ Excursion to Amasya, said to have been founded by an Amazon queen, featuring the spectacular Sultan Beyazid II Complex, the impressive Archaeological Museum and an overview of the old city, including lunch.
◆ City tour of Odessa, Ukraine, featuring the majestic Potemkin Stairs and a tour of the Viennese Baroque-style Opera House.
◆ Visit to the sixth-century B.C., Greek-founded town of Nessebar, Bulgaria, a UNESCO World Heritage site, including tours of the Archaeological and Ethnographic museums.

Enhanced Travel Services
◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced local guides.
◆ Shipboard gratuities are included.
◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
◆ Hospitality desk aboard ship.
◆ The services of experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the program.
◆ Complimentary state-of-the-art audio headset for each participant during guided excursions.
◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
On the Bosphorus Strait cruise, see the lovely 19th-century Dolmabahçe Palace, the largest Ottoman palace in Turkey.

Istanbul®
Pre-Cruise Option
The only city in the world that naturally bridges two continents, Istanbul is a fitting prelude to your Black Sea odyssey. Experience Istanbul’s legendary beauty at sunset during a private cruise on the Bosphorus Strait, and enjoy a guided tour of the UNESCO World Heritage site landmark Topkapi Palace, the seat of the Ottoman government and home to the sultan’s legendary harem. Visit the Kariye Museum to see the world-renowned collection of fine mosaics and frescoes and the Grand Bazaar, one of the world’s largest and oldest covered markets. This special two-night option features accommodations in the Five-Star INTERCONTINENTAL ISTANBUL, located in the city center of modern Istanbul.

Cappadocia®
Post-Cruise Option
Inland Turkey holds one of nature’s most captivating treasures—the otherworldly landscape of Cappadocia, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Fly to the heart of Anatolia, the enchanting world of volcanic rock formations and vibrant valleys. Visit 2000-year-old rock-hewn villages and learn about the region’s distinctive culture. Attend a performance by the famous Whirling Dervishes. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe CAPPADOCIA CAVE RESORT, in the National Park of Göreme, and one night in the comfortable, ideally located RENAISSANCE POLAT ISTANBUL HOTEL.

The Pre- and Post-Cruise Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Tour the fabled fairy chimneys of unearthly Cappadocia, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
**LAND/Cruise Tariff** (per person, based on double occupancy)

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<th>Stateroom Category*</th>
<th>Description - Staterooms range from 161 sq. ft. to 205 sq. ft. with two twin beds that convert to one queen bed and have a marble-appointed bathroom with shower, individual climate control, satellite television, telephone, desk, minibar stocked and replenished, safe, closet, hair dryer and bathrobes.</th>
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◆ Singles are available in category 4 at $10395 and category 2 at $11395 on or before January 30, 2015. Add $1000 for reservations made after January 30, 2015.

◆ Taxes are an additional $365 per person and are subject to change. Visa fees are at additional cost to be advised.

* M.V. TERE MOANA has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

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**The Black Sea Reservation Form**

Send to: University of Maryland Alumni Association
Samuel Riggs IV Alumni Center
College Park, MD 20742-1521

Attn: Angela Dimopoulos (301) 405-7938 (800) 336-8627
Fax: (301) 314-6807

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**Title**

**Full Name (exactly as it appears on your passport)**

**Class Year**

**Graduate of:**

**University Campus**

**Street Mailing Address (no P.O. Box number please)**

**City**

**State**

**ZIP Code**

**Telephone: (Home)**

**Mobile**

**Email Address**

**Business**

**Preferred Name(s) on Badge(s)**

**Tour No.** 114-06/19/15-060

Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person and $200 per person Istanbul Pre-Cruise Option and/or $200 per person Cappadocia Post-Cruise Option. 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.

I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $__________ to:

1. Visa 2. MasterCard

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**Card Number**

**Exp. Date**

Signature as it appears on credit card

All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by February 19, 2015.

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