

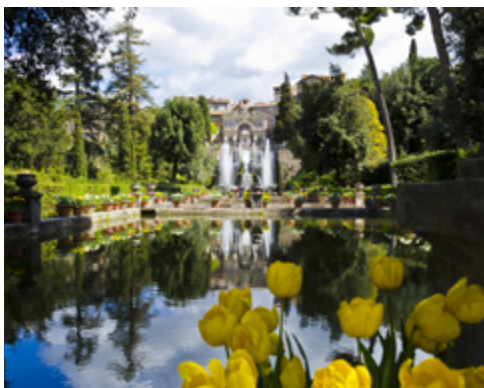


Bell'Italia!

Rome, Sicily, Capri, and the Amalfi Coast aboard *Variety Voyager*

September 16-26, 2014

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THE TYRRHENIAN SEA—BOUNDED BY THE WESTERN COASTLINE OF ITALY AND THE ISLANDS OF SICILY, SARDINIA, AND CORSICA—is astonishingly rich in historical, archaeological, cultural, and natural attractions, from volcanoes active and dormant and islands of unparalleled natural beauty to ancient Greek and Roman ruins and museums filled with artifacts from empires long gone.

Cruise aboard the beautiful yacht *Variety Voyager* for seven nights of fascinating port calls and insightful presentations by Harvard Professor Richard Thomas. Begin in Rome with an exploration of some of the Eternal City's innumerable architectural treasures and Hadrian's extraordinary villa at Tivoli, a World Heritage site. Once aboard ship, cruise past Stromboli for a thrilling nighttime view of the volcano's constant activity, then visit Taormina's Greco-Roman theater, back-dropped by stunning Mt. Etna; the Aeolian Islands of Vulcano and Lipari, part of the volcanic archipelago between Vesuvius and Etna; the medieval aerie of Erice, perched high above the sea in northwestern Sicily; and Segesta's stunning Doric temple.

Sail on to the Amalfi Coast, designated a World Heritage "cultural landscape," for visits to fabled Capri, beautiful Amalfi, and scenic Ravello. Fine wine, delicious regional cuisine, and unhurried excursions make this a memorable adventure in *Bell'Italia!*



HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy the elegant *Variety Voyager*, luxuriously appointed and superbly staffed to provide the ultimate cruise experience.
- Explore **Hadrian's Villa**, a large archaeological complex built by the Roman Emperor Hadrian and now a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Experience the night-time light show put on by the ever-active volcano on **Stromboli**.
- Discover the majestic **Temple of Segesta**, one of the most important surviving Doric temples from antiquity.
- Visit the steaming fumaroles of **Vulcano** and the former pirate haven of **Lipari**, two of the fascinating Aeolian Islands north of Sicily.
- Drop anchor at two of the most charming and picturesque spots along the Italian coast: **Amalfi and Capri**.

DAILY ITINERARY

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 & 17

Home / Rome, Italy

Depart on an overnight flight to Rome. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel, ideally located in central Rome on the piazza next to the Pantheon. Gather for a welcome reception and orientation.

GRAND HOTEL DE LA MINERVE (R)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Rome

Explore the Eternal City on your choice of excursion: (1) Visit the newly reopened Borghese Gallery's fabulous sculptures and paintings and enjoy a stroll along the exciting Via Veneto, home to the Café de Paris and Harry's Bar (immortalized in the film *La Dolce Vita*), the American Embassy, and several of Rome's finest hotels, or (2) explore Rome's Jewish ghetto, the Museo Nazionale Romano's splendid archaeological collections, and the popular Campo dei Fiori, Rome's oldest market. Enjoy time in the afternoon for independent exploration before a festive welcome dinner in a popular trattoria.

GRAND HOTEL DE LA MINERVE (B,D)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Rome / Anzio (Embark)

Depart Rome for the countryside where Emperor Hadrian built his exquisite villa in the 2nd century A.D. as a retreat from the demands of public life in Rome. A UNESCO World Heritage site, the villa was a sprawling complex of thirty buildings, including palaces, temples, baths, and living quarters for court officials, bodyguards, and servants. After lunch, visit the Renaissance gardens of Villa d'Este, famous for its terraced landscapes and magical fountain displays. In the late afternoon, board Variety Voyager in Anzio.

VARIETY VOYAGER (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

At Sea

Enjoy a relaxing day at sea en route to Sicily, enjoying tours of the ship and presentations by your study leaders. Tonight, as Variety Voyager cruises past the volcanic island of Stromboli, find a place on deck to watch the night sky lit up by the volcano's constant activity.

VARIETY VOYAGER (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Taormina

With its beautifully situated 2nd-century A.D. Greco-Roman theater overlooking the sea, and steaming Mt. Etna in the background, Taormina has long attracted visitors. Enjoy free time to stroll in the village before driving to the flanks of the volcano for a private al fresco lunch in a family-owned vineyard.

VARIETY VOYAGER (B,L,D)



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Vulcano / Lipari

The Aeolian Islands are a volcanic archipelago north of Sicily. At Vulcano see the steaming fumaroles and, if you wish, immerse yourself in the warm, therapeutic mud baths. Lipari, largest of the Aeolians, was once a major naval port in the Punic Wars and, until the late 19th century, was infested with pirates. Visit the archaeology museum, with its exhibits dating from the Neolithic to the Classical period and one of the most complete collections of miniature Greek theatrical masks in the world.

VARIETY VOYAGER (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Erice / Segesta

From the ramparts of the medieval village of Erice, atop 2,500-foot-high Mt. Erice, enjoy a sweeping panorama of western Sicily and the Tyrrhenian Sea. Wend your way down a maze of cobbled streets to the town's two castles and a collection of more than sixty churches. Then continue to the remarkably well preserved 5th-century B.C. Doric Greek temple at Segesta, which overlooks the beautiful Golfo di Castellammare.

VARIETY VOYAGER (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Amalfi / Ravello

Cruise to the picturesque Amalfi Coast, located south of Sorrento, and anchor in Amalfi Bay. Today's options include an exploration of Ravello, a UNESCO World Heritage site, or an excursion to Naples and Herculaneum. In Ravello, visit the Rufolo Villa, built by a wealthy Ravello patrician, mentioned in Boccaccio's *Decameron*, and believed to have inspired Richard Wagner's stage design of his opera *Parsifal*. Also admire the famous "Terrace of Infinity" gardens of Villa Cimbrone and enjoy an afternoon at leisure. Alternatively, spend the day in Naples, whose historic city center is a UNESCO World Heritage site, and at the Roman ruins of Herculaneum, which was buried, like Pompeii, during the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in A.D. 79.

VARIETY VOYAGER (B,D)



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Capri

Cruise along Capri's dramatic cliffs for a view of the iconic Faraglioni rock formations, three craggy pillars rising from the sea, before arriving at Marina Grande. Take the funicular up to cosmopolitan Capri town for a guided tour of the ruins of Emperor Tiberius's Villa Jovis, the largest of the twelve Tiberian villas on Capri and a remarkable example of 1st-century A.D. Roman architecture. Enjoy free time to have lunch on your own, sample the chic boutiques on the piazza, and perhaps visit the gardens of Villa San Michele, created by Swedish physician Axel Munth. This evening enjoy a festive farewell dinner aboard ship.

VARIETY VOYAGER (B,D)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Anzio (Disembark)/ Home

This morning, disembark in Anzio and transfer to Rome's Fiumicino Airport for flights home. (B)

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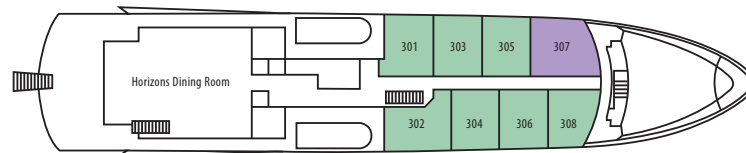
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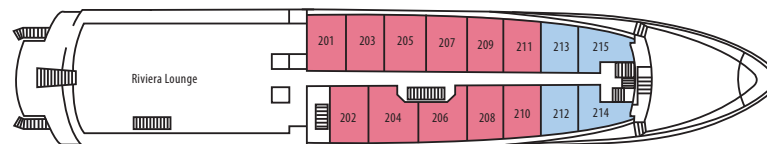


VARIETY VOYAGER

The *Variety Voyager* is a state-of-the-art yacht that accommodates just 72 passengers in 36 cabins. Guests will enjoy her sleek lines and ample deck space, designed to the high standards of the finest privately owned yachts. Cabins and public areas are finished with warm fabrics, rich marbles, and luxurious wood paneling. Cabins have oversized portholes or double windows, en suite facilities with marble floors, individually controlled air-conditioning, TV/DVD, and access to 24-hour WiFi. Throughout the ship, guests have unobstructed views of the ocean and of the ports visited, as well as the services of a friendly and professional crew. There are opportunities to dine both inside the yacht and on the deck, and to enjoy the shaded sun deck lounge bar, the internet corner and library, and the mini-spa with massage room, sauna, hair salon, and fitness equipment.



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CATEGORY B	\$7,795	\$8,795	\$13,195
CATEGORY A	\$8,595	\$9,595	
CATEGORY P	\$9,595	\$10,595	
OWNER'S SUITE	\$10,695	\$11,695	

U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program cost. Round-trip, economy-class airfare from major U.S. gateways to Rome is approximately \$1,250 as of November 2013 and is subject to change without notice. In order to give you as much flexibility as possible with the variety of air travel options available, you are free to make your own air arrangements for this program.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Program Rates Include

Comprehensive educational program by study leaders, on-site experts, and local guides • All accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary • All excursions as specified in the itinerary • Full program of briefings, lectures and presentations • Group transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure days • Baggage handling at hotels and ship • Gratuities to porters, waitstaff, guides and drivers • Gratuities to shipboard personnel • Port charges • Entrance fees • Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions • Wine, beer, and soft drinks at all group meals • Bottled water on excursions • Complete packet of pre-departure information • Criterion tour manager throughout

Program Rates Do Not Include

U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport/visa expenses • Medical expenses and immunizations • Airport transfers for those not arriving or departing on designated dates • Travel insurance • Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour • Excess baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals • Laundry or dry cleaning • Telephone, email and fax charges • Room service • Other items of a personal nature

What to Expect

This is a moderately active trip for travelers who are flexible, comfortable traveling with a group, and can handle the vagaries of travel with good humor. Navigating uneven terrain at archaeological sites, walking on cobblestone pavement in small towns, and standing for up to two hours in museums or other sites are the most strenuous activities. Many locations will have stairs without handrails. In addition, travelers must be able to board the ship via a metal gangplank with rope handrails and get into/out of bobbing tenders for all shore excursions. Daytime temperatures during the trip will range from the high 70s to the low 80s F, with a chance of rain. Early mornings and evenings will be cooler, with temperatures in the low 60s.

Group Size

This program is limited to 63 participants, including travelers from Harvard University, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Archaeological Institute of America, and Smithsonian Journeys.

Insurance

Travel insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, medical problems, baggage loss and delay, etc., is highly recommended, and we hope that you will obtain it for this expedition. Trip cancellation policies that apply to this expedition are included in this brochure. Please be sure to carry the

details of your travel insurance coverage with you on the program. Travelers are free to purchase the travel insurance of their choice. It is recommended that travelers clearly understand the difference between "primary" and "secondary" travel insurance.

Reservations and Deposits

To reserve space, please complete the reservation form and mail it with your check or credit card information to the address at the top of the form. You may also fax the form to (650) 560-6400 and your reservation will be held for five working days pending receipt of your check or credit card information. If you have questions, please call (888) 328-2089 or email res@criteriontravel.com. Final payment deadline is May 19, 2014, 120 days prior to departure.

Cancellations and Refunds

Upon payment of a \$1,000 deposit per person, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be effective until they are received in writing and confirmed by the Criterion Travel. Deposits are refundable (less a \$250 per person administration fee) if written notice of cancellation is received within 30 days of reservation; after that, deposits are 100% nonrefundable. Final payment is due May 19, 2014 (120 days prior to departure). Cancellations within 120 days of departure are 100% nonrefundable. For this reason we strongly urge participants to purchase trip cancellation insurance. If the program is cancelled by the Criterion Travel, you will receive a full refund, without further obligation on our part. No refunds will be made for any part of this program on which you choose not to participate. Note: Criterion Travel does not accept liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in conjunction with this tour.

Itinerary Changes

The itinerary presented for this tour is subject to modification and change by Criterion Travel. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require the itinerary to be altered, Criterion Travel reserves the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant.

Reservation Contact

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RESERVATION FORM

To reserve a place on **Bell'Italia** please complete and return this form with your deposit of \$1,000 per person, payable to Criterion Travel. Mail to: 145 Forest Ave. Palo Alto, CA 94301. For more information or to reserve by phone, please call (888) 328-2089 or (650) 328-2089, or email res@criteriontravel.com

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NAME #2 (as on passport)

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WORK PHONE

FAX

E-MAIL(s)

PAYMENT

☐ Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (\$1,000 per person), to reserve _____ place(s) on **Bell'Italia**

OR ☐ Charge the deposit to my credit card (circle one):

VISA

MC

AMEX

Diners Club

Discover

NAME ON CREDIT CARD

CARD #

EXP. DATE

SECURITY CODE

SIGNATURE AS IT APPEARS ON CREDIT CARD

DATE

CATEGORY PREFERENCE

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Bed Preference (not guaranteed): ☐ One bed ☐ Two beds

SINGLE TRAVELERS

☐ I prefer to have single accommodations.

OR ☐ I plan to share accommodations with: _____

OR ☐ I'd like to know about roommates. I am a ☐ Non-smoker ☐ Smoker.

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of May 19, 2014, I will pay the single rate.

☐ I/We have read the Terms & Conditions section of this brochure and understand and agree with them as stated herein.

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