



Beyond the ordinary

**Join Professor Bart D. Ehrman
On a Journey to Explore**

TREASURES OF THE ADRIATIC & IONIAN SEAS
A Voyage From Venice to Athens Exploring Ancient Sites & Medieval Towns

Aboard the 34-Guest Yacht *Callisto*

May 29 – June 7, 2022



Dear Friends,

Of the many seaborne idylls possible in the Mediterranean, sailing to the old port towns of the Adriatic and Ionian seas and exploring landmark sites and monuments, has to be one of the most interesting and rewarding. The experience is enhanced when the voyage takes place aboard a small private yacht-like ship that accommodates a few travelers. I invite you to join me on what promises to be a lively and rewarding journey.

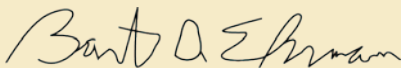
Starting in Venice, unquestionably one of the world's most unique cities, our itinerary includes ports on both the Italian and Croatian shores of the Adriatic Sea. The medieval, Renaissance and ancient Roman and Greek sites we will visit tell the story of the ebb and flow of great civilizations and empires against a backdrop of breathtaking natural beauty. My lectures and discussions will focus on the establishment of Christianity in this region and in the Roman world in the 1st to 3rd centuries, including the reign of the Roman Emperor, Diocletian, believed to have been born at the ancient Roman city of Salona, whose archaeological remains we will visit. We will also tour Diocletian's Palace, the walls of which surround the city of Split. And throughout the trip we will visit a number of important early Byzantine, medieval and Renaissance churches. In addition to my lectures, there will be ample opportunity for informal discussions.

Together we will experience Venice's immense artistic heritage and the grandeur and beauty of the architecture that line its canals; the exquisitely preserved medieval Gubbio and Renaissance Urbino that overlook the glorious Italian countryside; the immense Palace of Diocletian in Croatia's Split, one of the most impressive monuments to have survived from the Roman period; iconic Dubrovnik, with its gleaming stone palaces enclosed within medieval walls; Corfu, one of the prettiest Greek islands; and Delphi, one of the most magnificent ancient sites of Greece that was sacred to Apollo. In addition to Venice, Urbino, Split's Diocletian Palace, Dubrovnik, Corfu town and Delphi are UNESCO World Heritage sites.

With only 17 cabins accommodating 34 guests, and resembling more a private yacht than a commercial cruise ship, *Callisto* is the ideal ship to cruise the fabled shores of the Adriatic and Ionian seas.

I hope you will join me on this memorable voyage.

Kind regards,



Prof. Bart D. Ehrman
James A. Gray Distinguished Professor of Religious Studies,
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Cover: Venice's Grand Canal

EXPERT GUEST LECTURER



Bart D. Ehrman is the James A. Gray Distinguished Professor of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he has taught since 1988. Professor Ehrman has published extensively in the fields of New Testament and Early Christianity, having written or edited thirty-one books, including six New York Times Bestsellers: *Misquoting Jesus*; *God's Problem: How the Bible Fails to Answer our Most Important Question – Why We Suffer*; *Jesus Interrupted*; *Forged: Why the Bible's Authors are Not Who We Think They Are*; *How Jesus Became God*; and *The Triumph of Christianity*.

His Introduction to the New Testament has been the most widely used textbook in colleges and universities for over twenty years. He has recorded eight lecture courses for The Great Courses (The Teaching Company). More than two million copies of his books and courses have been sold, and his books have been translated into twenty-seven languages. Professor Ehrman's work has been featured in the New Yorker, Time, Newsweek, the New York Times, the Washington Post and other print media. He has appeared on NBC's Dateline, CNN, The History Channel, National Geographic, the Discovery Channel, the BBC, Fresh Air, other major NPR shows, The Daily Show with Jon Stewart, the Colbert Report, and other top media outlets. A widely sought after lecturer, and winner of numerous university awards and grants, Professor Ehrman is the recipient of the J. W. Pope "Spirit of Inquiry" Teaching Award, the UNC Undergraduate Student Teaching Award, the Phillip and Ruth Hettleman Prize for Artistic and Scholarly Achievement, and the Bowman and Gordon Gray Award for excellence in teaching.



Dubrovnik

ITINERARY

Sunday, May 29, 2022

DEPART THE US

Depart the US for Venice, Italy.

Monday, May 30

VENICE, Italy

Arrive in Venice and transfer to the *Hotel Splendido*. Meet your fellow travelers and the Lewis and Clark faculty at a welcome cocktail reception in the hotel.

Tuesday, May 31

VENICE & EMBARKATION

Built on an archipelago of small islands in a lagoon and famed for its canals, architecture and art treasures, Venice rose to power and dominated the affairs of the Eastern Mediterranean for hundreds of years. In the morning, tour Venice, including St. Mark's Basilica, constructed in 1094 and adorned with splendid marble and mosaics, and the Doge's Palace, the sumptuous seat of Venetian power. Alternatively, visit the Basilica Santa Maria Gloriosa de Frari, which contains magnificent paintings by Titian and other masters, and the Scuola Grande di San Rocco, housing paintings by Tintoretto. Spend the afternoon at leisure. Later, board the *Callisto*, and as the ship

navigates Venice's Grand Canal, get superlative views of the city from the ship's decks. Late in the evening, the ship will dock in Ravenna.

Meals: B, D

Wednesday, June 1

GUBBIO & URBINO

From the port of Ancona, where our ship will dock in the morning, explore two jewels of Italy, Gubbio and Urbino. One of the country's most beautiful and best-preserved small medieval towns, Gubbio, perched on the slopes of a mountain overlooking the lovely countryside of Umbria, has narrow streets and alleyways that are lined with old polished grey stone buildings. Continue to Urbino, known as "the ideal city of the Renaissance," now a UNESCO World Heritage site. Visit the famed Palazzo Ducale, a masterpiece of Renaissance architecture, which houses the National Gallery of the Marches; the Church of San Giovanni Battista, with its beautiful frescoes, and the house of native son Raphael, the great Renaissance master artist. Lunch will be served at a restaurant in Urbino.

Meals: B, L, D

Thursday, June 2

SPLIT & HVAR ISLAND, Croatia

Sailing across the Adriatic Sea, we reach Croatia's vibrant port city of Split, which started as a Greco-Illyrian settlement called Aspalathos.

The city is centered around the the formidable Place of Diocletian, built in A.D. 295. An extensive structure, much of which is well preserved, the palace contains within its walls Split's medieval town, making it the only palace that has been continuously inhabited since Roman times. After touring this incredible site, a UNESCO World Heritage site, sail to nearby Hvar, one of Croatia's loveliest islands, where the architecture is unmistakably Venetian. Located within a small area by the seafront are the 17th-century Municipal Theater, the Venetian Loggia, and the Franciscan Monastery. Stroll leisurely the town's narrow lanes.

Meals: B, L, D



The old town of Corfu

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Urbino



Gubbio



Hvar

Friday, June 3
DUBROVNIK

Set on a rocky peninsula facing the sea, glorious Dubrovnik is one of Europe's best-preserved medieval cities. At its pinnacle, Dubrovnik, called then Ragusa, rivaled Venice both culturally and commercially. The ancient walls of this UNESCO World Heritage site enclose narrow cobbled streets and alleyways, palaces, mansions as well as other monuments. Tour the city, including the Franciscan Monastery and its Old Pharmacy, operating since 1317, the Dominican Monastery and the adjacent museum, which contains works by Titian, the Rector's Palace, Sponza Palace, and the baroque Cathedral, with works by the Renaissance painters Andrea del Sarto

and Titian. After the tour, enjoy free time before sailing.
Meals: B, L, D

Saturday, June 4
CORFU, Greece

Identified as the Homeric island of Scheria, where Odysseus was washed ashore, Corfu's recorded history begins in the 8th century BC. From the 14th to the 18th centuries, the island was controlled by Venice, which left its strong mark on the town's architecture, recognized by UNESCO as a World Heritage site. Explore Paleopolis, the site of the ancient settlement. Located within the beautiful wooded Mon Repos estate, it includes the remains of sanctuaries,

temples and an early Christian basilica. In the town of Corfu, we visit the Archaeological Museum, whose notable exhibits include the massive Gorgon pediment from the Temple of Artemis in Paleopolis. Other interesting sites include the 14-century Venetian Old Fortress, and the medieval church of Antivouniotissa, home to a superb collection of Byzantine icons.
Meals: B, L, D

Sunday, June 5
OLYMPIA

From the port of Katakolon, drive to nearby Olympia, whose beautiful setting in a river valley covered with evergreen and other trees, coupled with its importance throughout antiquity, make

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Olympia

it one of the most significant archaeological sites in Greece. A sacred precinct dedicated to Zeus, it was at Olympia that the Panhellenic games were held every four years from 776 BC to AD 393, giving rise to the modern Olympics. Explore the site seeing its temples, other public buildings, and the stadium where the games were held. Visit also the Archaeological Museum, which exhibits some of the best Classical and Roman sculptures in Greece.

Meals: B, L, D

Monday, June 6 **SPARTA and MISTRA**

The quaint small port of Gytheion provides easy access to Sparta and Mistra. Built on a conical hill that commands superlative views of the plain of ancient and modern Sparta, Mistra was one of the last flourishing centers of the Byzantine Empire. Now a UNESCO World Heritage site,

Mistra is an evocative and well-preserved medieval walled town, with churches that contain luminous frescoes, palaces and houses from that period. After exploring the site and enjoying lunch at a local restaurant, visit Sparta's interesting Museum of the Olive, housed in a restored olive warehouse. The museum's exhibits chronicle how olive oil was made from antiquity to the present. This part of Greece is famed since ancient times for the superb quality of its olive oil.

Meals: B, L, D

Tuesday, June 7 **ATHENS/USA**

Disembark in the morning in the yacht marina of Zea, located near Athens, and transfer to the airport for the return flight home.

Meals: B

ABOUT THALASSA JOURNEYS

Thalassa Journeys is a tour company founded in 2018 by the men and women who, working as Travel Dynamics International, pioneered educational travel in the 1970s in partnership with the leading educational and research institutions in the United States. For more than 45 years our mission was to provide robust, intellectually stimulating experiences to lifelong learners who see travel as an opportunity to expand their understanding of the world and their place in it.

This same mission guides us today, because we believe that the most rewarding travel experiences happen when small groups of like-minded people share an enthusiasm for engaging with the richly varied environments of the world and with the history, culture, ideas and ideals of the people who inhabit them.

OPTIONAL ATHENS EXTENSION

June 7 - 9, 2022

Extend your journey by two days in Athens exploring its classical monuments and vibrant contemporary life. Included are two nights' accommodation at the new Hotel Athens Capital, which is conveniently situated in the center of the city, tours of the ancient Agora and the Acropolis, with the fabled Parthenon and other temples, a farewell dinner at a local restaurant, and transfers from the pier to the hotel and from the hotel to the airport.

Price:

\$1,160 per person, double occupancy.

Supplement for single room occupancy: \$390.

THE 34-GUEST YACHT CALLISTO



Cabin



Lounge

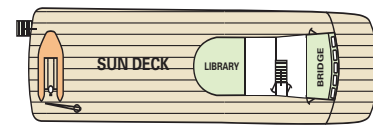


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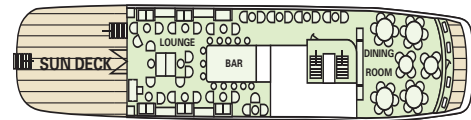


Sun Deck

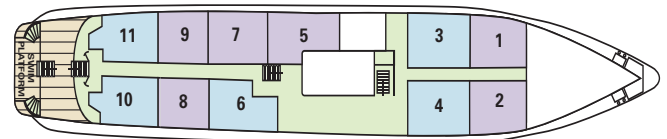
DECK PLAN



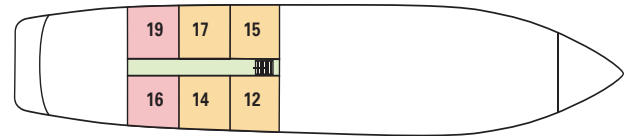
Sun Deck



Upper Deck



Main Deck



Lower Deck

MAIN SPECIFICATIONS

Length: 170 feet | Beam: 27.8 feet | Draft: 10.8 feet | Gross tonnage: 499
Main engines Mannheim 2x840 H.P. | Cruising speed: 10,5 knots

In an era of mega cruise ships that carry thousands of passengers, *Callisto* is a delightful alternative. More like a private yacht than a cruise ship, *Callisto* accommodates a maximum of just 34 guests in 17 cabins that face outside. Unlike the formalities found on larger cruise ships, a relaxed and informal atmosphere prevails aboard. A well-trained English-speaking crew of 18 manages the ship and provides friendly and efficient service. The dining room, surrounded by large windows, accommodates all guests at one unassigned seating, while the adjoining lounge, which is also lined with windows, is a good place to meet and socialize with fellow travelers, and attend lectures. When the weather permits, several meals will be served al fresco. A library faces the spacious Sun Deck.

The 17 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 shower, marble sink countertop, hair dryer, and fine toiletries.

Callisto is equipped with stabilizers that provide smoother sailing.

RATES | PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	RATE
D	Outside cabins on Lower Deck with twin beds and portholes. Cabins 16, 19. 130 sq. feet	\$6,990
C	Outside cabins on Lower Deck with twin beds and portholes. Cabins 12, 14, 15, 17. 130 sq. feet	\$7,790
B	Outside cabins on Main Deck with two lower beds and window. Cabins 1*, 2*, 5, 7, 8, 9. 135 sq. feet *Cabins 1 and 2 have a double bed.	\$8,990
A	Outside cabins on Main Deck with twin beds and window. Cabins 3*, 4*, 6, 10, 11. 135 - 145 sq. feet *Cabins 3 and 4 have a queen-size bed.	\$9,690

SINGLE OCCUPANCY: A few cabins in Categories C and B are available for single occupancy at a supplement of 150% of the per person double occupancy rate.

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PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

- One night at Venice's *Hotel Splendido*.
- Welcome cocktail reception at the hotel.
- Full breakfast at the hotel.
- Cruise aboard the *Callisto*, as described in the itinerary.
- All meals aboard ship, including wine, beer, and soft drinks with lunch and dinner.
- Complete program of tours and excursions and other activities ashore, with professional English-speaking guides.
- Program of lectures and discussions by Professor Bart D. Ehrman.
- Airport/hotel/pier transfers and handling of luggage abroad.
- Open bar aboard ship throughout the voyage.
- Port, embarkation, and all other local taxes.
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- Experienced Thalassa Journeys trip director.
- Comprehensive pre-departure material.

NOT INCLUDED: Airfare; travel insurance; expenses of a personal nature; gratuities to shipboard personnel; any items not mentioned in the Program Inclusions.



San Marco, Venice

REGISTRATION

Enclosed is my check or credit card no. for \$ _____ (\$ 1,000 per person) as a deposit to hold _____ place(s) on *Treasures of the Adriatic and Ionian Seas*, May 29 – June 7, 2022 with Thalassa Journeys. I understand that final payment is due ninety (90) days prior to departure and is payable by check or credit card.

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Each participant must sign below: I/We have read the "General Information" section and agree to its terms.

GENERAL INFORMATION

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve your space on the tour. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Payment can be made by personal check or charged to a credit card.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS: All cancellations are subject to a \$300 per person administrative fee. Cancellations received 61-90 days prior to departure will be assessed a penalty equal to 50% of the total program cost per person. Cancellations received within 60 days of departure are subject to 100% cancellation penalties. Requests for cancellations must be made in writing. No refunds will be made for any part of this program in which you choose not to participate.

INSURANCE: We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident. Baggage insurance is also recommended. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement.

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RATES: Tour costs are based upon current airfares, tariffs, and currency values. While we do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change.

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