

MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE *Italy, Turkey, and Greek Isles*

Friends,

For the past 12 years I've led groups of friends on annual, international trips. We've been to Paris, London, Europe, the Mediterranean, Baltic States, Russia, Israel, Peru, and North Africa. We've never had a malfunction or bad experience; just memorable, life-enhancing moments.

Please join me this fall 2022, on a once-in-a-lifetime trip to the cradle of Western civilization. We'll visit *Rome*, the eternal city; *Athens*, the birthplace of democracy; *Istanbul*, where East meets West; *Ephesus*, where we'll visit the famous Celsus Library; three Greek isles (There are 6,000 islands in Greece—we'll visit three of the best: Santorini, Messina, and Mykonos.); and *Naples, Italy*, where we'll visit the ruins of Pompeii and the beautiful Amalfi Coast.

Mary and I have been to these destinations numerous times. We have always felt safe and energized by the incredible history and beauty.

There are so many things to like about this trip:

- We'll visit three countries (Italy, Greece, Turkey).
- We'll sail on one of the finest ships at sea—the 5.5 star [Celebrity Reflection](#) (refurbished in 2018).
- September/October is the best time of year to travel to the Mediterranean; average temperature during the day will be 75 degrees.
- It will be low season for travel in Europe, so crowds will be light.

It's been said that one of the joys of traveling is not only *where* you go but *who you go with* and *who you meet along the way*. This tour will be limited to 40 ladies and gentlemen who travel well—friends who enjoy exploring great places.

Travel takes time and money, but it's worth the investment. You'll be stretched and challenged; you'll learn more about the world in which you live and the life you live in the world.

Join us on this memorable trip to the Mediterranean.

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Image Above: The Library of Celsus in ancient Ephesus, constructed in the 2nd century CE



TRAVEL WITH FRIENDS

15-DAY TRIP ITINERARY

September 23 Fly to Rome

September 24 Check into [Casa di Santa Brigida Monastery](#) (the same place we stayed Oct 2018)

September 25 Tour Rome (the eternal city)

September 26 Board Celebrity's [Reflection](#)

September 27 Tour Messina, Sicily, Italy

September 28 At sea

September 29 [Santorini](#), Greece (the most beautiful island in the Mediterranean)

September 30 [Mykonos](#), Greece

October 1 [Istanbul](#), Turkey

October 2 Istanbul, Turkey

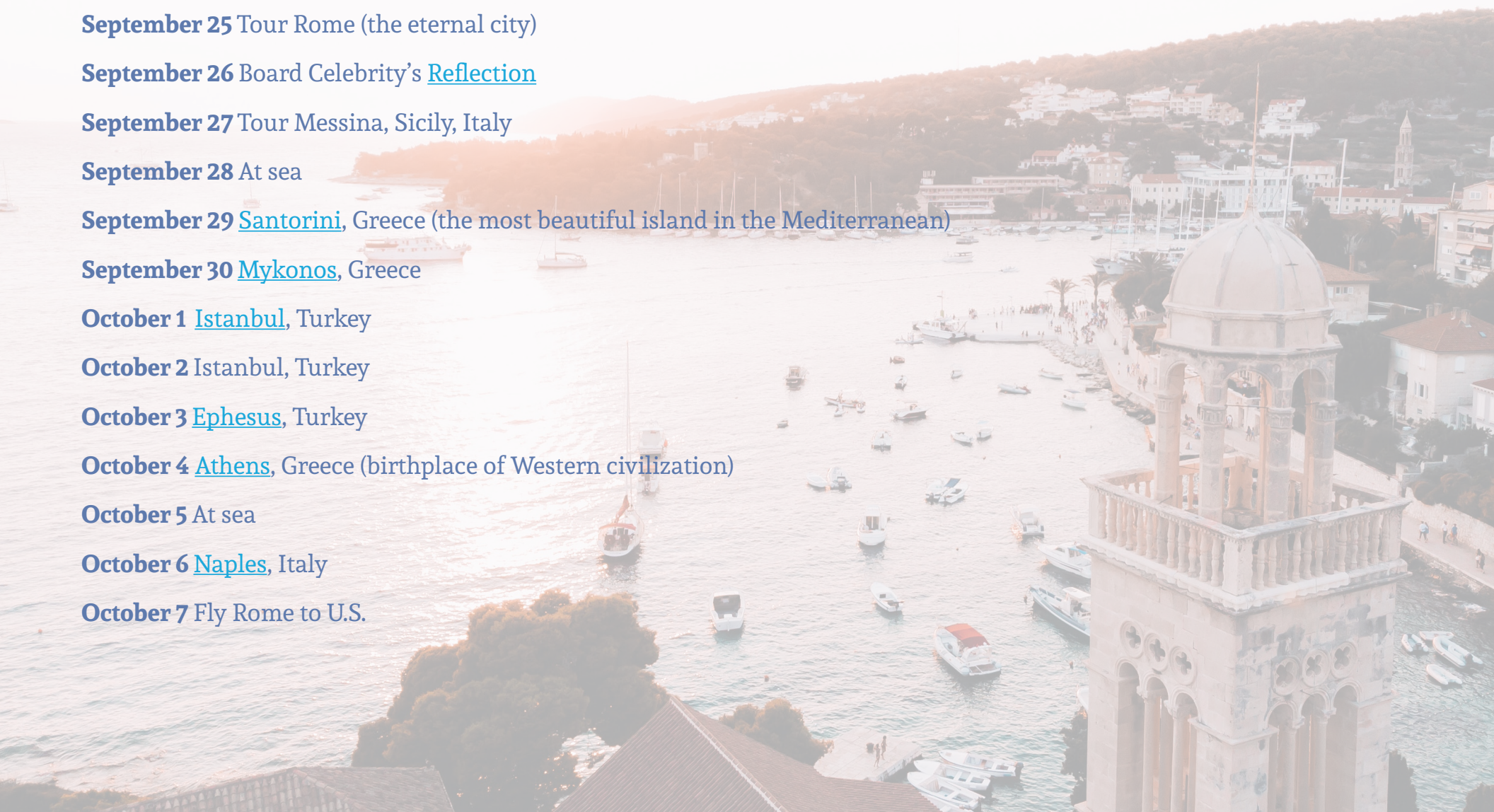
October 3 [Ephesus](#), Turkey

October 4 [Athens](#), Greece (birthplace of Western civilization)

October 5 At sea

October 6 [Naples](#), Italy

October 7 Fly Rome to U.S.



COST & DETAILS

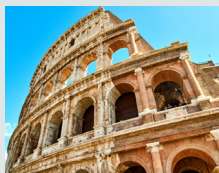
Trip Cost: \$6,800 per person, double occupancy

Includes:

- Roundtrip airfare from DFW (If you provide your own airfare, subtract \$1,300 from the price listed above.)
- Two nights in Santa Brigida Monastery in Rome
- Eleven-night cruise
 - Unobstructed balcony cabin, prepaid gratuities, unlimited wi-fi, classic drink package that includes wine and special drinks, taxes and fees included
- Private coach and tour guides in Rome, Messina, Istanbul, Athens, and Ephesus
- Entry fee to major sights
- Transportation to and from airports, cities, and ship

Does Not Include:

- One dinner in Rome and lunches on most shore excursions.
- Shore excursion in Naples; you can book this through Celebrity
- Extra charges on the ship
- Trip insurance. If you think an insurance policy would be beneficial, pursue this on your own. Consider two types of insurance:
 - Cruise insurance - \$280 for balcony. This only covers the cost of the cruise.
 - Trip insurance - Numerous companies offer trip insurance to cover cancelled trips, medical emergencies, and other issues. These policies would cover your entire trip (airfare and cruise). Options include Generali Global Assistance ([generalitravelinsurance.com](https://www.generalitravelinsurance.com)), Travel Guard ([travelguard.com](https://www.travelguard.com)), and Travelex ([travelex.com](https://www.travelex.com)).



Note: Cruise lines will not confirm the price of a cruise until a deposit is made and names given. This price (\$6,800) includes a promotion Celebrity is running until the end of February. Then, they will have another promotion which may not be as good as the one they currently offer so the price of the trip may go up slightly. As the ship continues to fill, the price will increase. (Many cruises are sailing at only 70-80% capacity so ships will likely fill up faster.)

Note for single travelers: Ideally, you can find a friend who will be your roommate, or, on most of my trips I've been able to find a roommate for single travelers. But if not, you'll need to pay a single supplement for the cruise part of the trip.

COST & DETAILS (CONTINUED)

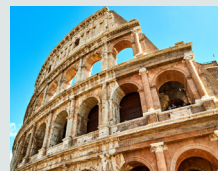
Covid Protocol

In December 2021, my family and I traveled on the Queen Mary 2 from London to NYC. We felt safe and protected from Covid. In April 2022 we are sailing from Florida to Europe. So we are not hesitant to travel and think that the protocols adopted by the cruise industry are good and adequate. I think by fall 2022 Covid will be even less of a threat.

Currently, all cruise lines and most countries require passengers to be vaccinated and many require the booster.

If Celebrity cancels a trip due to Covid your money will be refunded or you may opt for 125% future cruise credit (FCC). Currently, airlines are quite liberal about allowing ticketed passengers to cancel airfare and get credit for future flights. But, both of these policies (cruise and airfare) may change.

Covid policies change regularly. Hopefully, by October restrictions will have been eased.



Payment Schedule/Cancellations/Refunds

- Deposit - \$600 per person (nonrefundable). The trip is limited to the first 40 people who make a deposit.
- First payment of \$1,600 due March 1, 2022 (\$400 of this payment is nonrefundable for a total of \$1,000 nonrefundable.)
- Second payment of \$2,600 due May 1, 2022 (\$800 of this payment is nonrefundable for a total of \$1,800 nonrefundable.)
- Final payment of \$2,000 due June 15, 2022

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TRIP REGISTRATION

TRAVEL WITH FRIENDS

TRAVELER INFORMATION

1. Your name exactly as it appears on your passport

2. Your passport number _____

3. Date of birth _____

4. Place of birth _____

5. Date passport issued _____

6. Date passport expires _____ (must be valid through May 2023)

7. Best email address _____

8. Cell number _____

9. Your roommate _____

10. Preferred name for name badges _____

11. Mailing address

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Please double-check the accuracy of your information. Inaccuracy may create problems with reservations and tickets.

Airfare (Please check one.)

☐ I will make my own international airfare reservation (roundtrip from your city of departure to Rome, Italy.) If your arrival doesn't correspond to the group's arrival time, you will be responsible for transportation to and from the Rome airport to our hotel.

☐ I will fly with the group on its flight from DFW to Rome.

Pre-Trip Opportunities

1. I'll schedule several group meetings before we leave so we can get to know one another and learn more about the places we'll visit.

2. Your trip will be enhanced by learning more about our destinations, so I'll recommend books to read and videos to watch.

