



JUNE 12-20, 2026

with optional  
Athens Pre-Tour

# GREEK ISLES

## BY LUXURY SAILING YACHT

*Aboard the Relais & Châteaux Le Ponant*

Orbridge

Dear University of Michigan Alumni Traveler,

Set sail on an extraordinary nine-day voyage aboard *Le Ponant*, a sleek and elegant three-masted sailing yacht—and the first of its kind to join the prestigious Relais & Châteaux collection. With only sixteen impeccably designed staterooms and suites, this intimate vessel offers the rare privilege of sailing in a truly private and distinctive setting, where personalized service and world-class dining create an experience akin to chartering your own luxury yacht.

Designed for an authentic sailing experience, *Le Ponant*'s thoughtfully appointed staterooms are situated below deck, a hallmark of refined maritime craftsmanship and practicality of a world-class sailing vessel. This design not only ensures stability and comfort but also provides a peaceful retreat after enriching days of discovery. Each stateroom blends sophisticated style with modern amenities, offering a serene sanctuary to rest and rejuvenate between your adventures on land.

The meticulously curated itinerary grants access to some of the Mediterranean's most storied archaeological sites, sun-kissed coastlines and secluded beaches—many unreachable by larger vessels. Immerse yourself in the region's rich history and culture, all while enjoying the freedom and tranquility that only a luxury yacht can provide.

Following each day's unforgettable excursions, return to the indulgent comforts of *Le Ponant*. Savor five-star haute cuisine prepared by your dedicated onboard chef, unwind in the welcoming common spaces and appreciate remarkable sea views from the sun deck while the yacht is under way.

With significant savings of more than \$1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly. To reserve call (866) 639-0079.

Yours for Michigan,

*Rachele Neu*

Rachele Neu, '08, MA '12

Senior Travel Program Manager

NOTE: The Alumni Travel program is a member benefit of the Alumni Association. Travelers, regardless of alumni status, must be a member to participate in our trips.



# Greek Isles by Luxury Sailing Yacht | Itinerary Highlights (subject to change)

Day 1 EN ROUTE FROM U.S.

Day 2 **ARRIVE IN ATHENS, GREECE | LAVRIO – EMBARKATION (R,D)** Upon arriving an Orbridge representative will be waiting to assist with your transfer to the private yacht in Lavrio. Stepping on board *Le Ponant*, you'll notice a welcoming atmosphere of tranquility. Take time to unpack and familiarize yourself with your stateroom and the yacht's public spaces. Whenever conditions allow, the captain will shut down the engines and navigate under wind power. As the crew gradually unfurls the neatly wound sails, the canvas catches the breeze like wings awakening for flight. The remarkable sense of synergy between the vessel and the powerful natural elements is a feeling like no other. This evening, gather for a special welcome reception followed by your first dinner on board.

Day 3 **TINOS (B,L,D)** Our first port of call beckons with spiritual allure. Famed for the miraculous shrine of the Holy Church of Panagia, this island is a haven for those seeking an intimate refuge amidst unspoiled landscapes. Disembark and choose one of two included excursions. Set off on a guided hike along a rocky trail, passing by the ruins of a Venetian fortress and stopping at the quaint village of Volax to admire the traditional art of basket weaving before arriving at Agapi—one of the island's oldest villages—for a delicious lunch. Alternatively, join a village tour by motor coach, first visiting Volax and the basket weavers followed by a museum tour at Pyrgos to gain insight into the island's tradition of marble art.

Day 4 **POLYAIGOS (B,L,D)** *Le Ponant* glides south towards Polyaigos, the uninhabited gem of the Cyclades, for a full day of water activities and blissful leisure time. Swim, snorkel and paddleboard in crystal-clear waters around the yacht. Or join a group to fish just off the bow. Set off on a Zodiac tour to discover the pristine paradise of Polyaigos. Swim and snorkel around the secluded beaches, reveling in the exclusive experiences in this private maritime sanctuary.

Day 5 **SERIFOS (B,L,D)** The enchanting island of Serifos unfolds like a dream with its postcard-perfect landscapes of whitewashed buildings and cobalt-blue accents set against hills of dry vegetation. Visit the Monastery of Taxiarches and view the well-preserved remains of a white marble tower dating back to the 4th century BC. Next visit Mega Livadi, one of the main loading sites for the island's mining industry, to learn about Serifos' mining history which concluded in 1963. Stop for lunch at a local taverna before returning to the yacht.

Day 6 **MONEMVASIA (PELOPONNESE) (B,L,D)** Next visit the medieval village of Monemvasia known as the "Gibraltar of the East." During a guided walking tour discover notable highlights of the lower and upper town. Afterward gain insight into olive oil production during a tour tasting experience at an olive oil estate in Liotrivi. This afternoon embrace leisure time on the yacht.

Day 7 **KYTHNOS (B,L,D)** After breakfast on board, disembark in Kythnos, an arid and rocky island covered in thick evergreen underbrush. Bask in the tranquility of Loutra, known for its thermal springs, or explore the charming main town of Chora. Be tempted to nap beneath an umbrella on the beach, or swim, paddleboard or kayak before returning to the yacht early evening.

Day 8 **SPETSES (B,L,R,D)** Step onto a pedestrian-only island of aristocratic elegance and maritime history. Board a horse-drawn carriage for a relaxing journey to the historic mansion-turned-museum of Laskarina Bouboulina, a heroine of the Greek War of Independence. The museum offers a glimpse into her extraordinary life and achievements. Bicycles and e-bikes will also be available all day for independent exploration of Spetses.

Day 9 **LAVRIO – DISEMBARKATION | ATHENS | DEPART FOR U.S. (B)** After breakfast on the yacht, disembark to connect with the complimentary transfer to the airport for flights home.

(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner, R = Reception)





# Le Ponant

Ignite your passion for sailing, travel and exploring new horizons. This legendary three-masted yacht is the ideal size to venture into secluded coves, bays and inlets—with navigation under sail the moment conditions allow. Refined gastronomy, spacious common areas, the availability of indulgent spa treatments for purchase, attentive crew, and environmentally friendly equipment encapsulate the grandeur of this exclusive tour.



Aft Deck



Exterior Dining



Dining



SUN DECK



ZÉPHYR DECK



HORIZON DECK



AZURE DECK



Lounge



#### **Azure**

One king or two single beds, one window, private bathroom with shower (approx. 150 sq.ft.).



#### **Azure Junior Suite**

One king or two single beds, two windows, lounge area with sofa bed and armchair, private bathroom with shower (approx. 236 sq.ft.).



#### **Azure Deluxe**

One king or two single beds, one window, private bathroom with shower (approx. 172 sq.ft.).



#### **Azure Grand Suite**

One king or two single beds, two windows, lounge area with sofa bed and armchair, private bathroom with shower (approx. 290 sq.ft.).



#### **Horizon**

One king or two single beds, private bathroom with shower, glazed panoramic swing door, private balcony (approx. 204 sq.ft.).



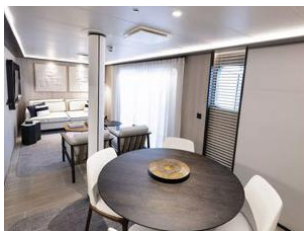
#### **Horizon Signature Suite**

Champagne and fruit basket upon arrival, sweet or savory canapés and fruit basket daily, one king or two single beds, lounge area with sofa bed and two armchairs, private bathroom with two showers, panoramic window and glazed panoramic swing door, private balcony with four armchairs (approx. 322 sq.ft.).



#### **Horizon Deluxe**

One king or two single beds, private bathroom with shower, glazed panoramic swing door, private balcony with two armchairs (approx. 172 sq.ft.).



#### **Admiral's Suite**

Champagne and fruit basket upon arrival, sweet or savory canapés and fruit basket daily, one-hour spa treatment (for two), premium drinks at the bar, room service for main meals, one king or two single beds, dining area for four, lounge area with sofa bed and armchair, private bathroom with two showers, panoramic glazed swing door and three windows, private balcony with two armchairs (approx. 505 sq.ft.).







## What's Included

- 7 nights aboard private sailing yacht, *Le Ponant*
- All onboard hand-crafted meals: 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners (served with wine, beer or non-alcoholic beverages) plus special welcome and farewell receptions
- Unlimited select complimentary beverages available 24/7 on board the yacht, including in the comfort of your stateroom
- All private tours and special small-group excursions as noted in the 9-day itinerary
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director and expert local guides
- Private motor coach transportation
- Luggage portage
- Gratuities to ship crew, Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers, porters and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

**Activity Level:** Guests should be able to enjoy two hours or more of walking, be sure-footed on cobbled surfaces, and walk up and down stairs without assistance.



**Orbridge**

## Orbridge Standard of Excellence

Orbridge understands travel today can be complicated. From cabin or room selection to airport transfers, dietary requests, or pre- or post-tour details—we are dedicated to making your journey seamless and special from the moment you leave home.

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# Optional Pre-Tour Athens

Enjoy additional time in the ancient city of Athens, where history and modernity entwine. The city's warm hospitality welcomes you to explore its charming streets filled with quaint cafés, traditional tavernas and lively markets.

Day +1 EN ROUTE FROM U.S.

Day +2 **ARRIVE IN ATHENS, GREECE** Upon arrival transfer to the hotel. The evening is at leisure to explore independently.

Day +3 **ATHENS (B)** This morning join your guide for a combination bus and walking tour featuring a blend of exploration and immersion into Athens' vibrant tapestry. Visit a variety of local shops and cafés to sample an array of traditional coffees, pastries and finger foods. Continuing the journey, meet a dance instructor for a special lesson in Greek dance and interpretation.

Day +4 **ATHENS (B)** Join your local guide for a tour of the Acropolis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with a history dating back to the Mycenaean period and has been continuously inhabited and developed over the centuries. Peruse artifacts and interactive exhibits at the Acropolis Museum, which is an archaeological excavation site itself. Ascending through the museum's three levels, each step unveils a new chapter in Greece's illustrious past, from the Archaic period to the Roman era. Layers of history unfold through the exhibits: Gallery of the Slopes of the Acropolis, Archaic Gallery and Parthenon Gallery. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Day +5 **ATHENS | CAPE SOUNION | MAIN PROGRAM BEGINS (B,L)** Sojourn to Cape Sounion at the southernmost tip of the Attica Peninsula for a guided tour of the Temple of Poseidon. After lunch at a local taverna, transfer to Lavrio to join guests arriving for the main program and embarkation.

## What's Included

- 3 nights at Athens Capital Hotel (or similar)
- 3 breakfasts and 1 lunch
- Guided culinary and cultural city tour
- Guided panoramic city tour
- Guided tours of the Acropolis and Temple of Poseidon
- Admission to the Acropolis Museum
- Transportation for included tours
- Luggage portage
- Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guide, driver, porters, hotel staff and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving during the suggested times







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Stateroom Category	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Azure	\$13,499	\$12,995
Azure Deluxe	\$15,399	\$14,895
Azure Junior Suite	\$19,499	\$18,995
Azure Grand Suite	\$20,499	\$19,995
Horizon	\$23,099	\$22,595
Horizon Deluxe	\$23,999	\$23,495
Horizon Signature Suite	\$27,899	\$27,395
Admiral's Suite	\$30,499	\$29,995

Athens Pre-Tour	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Double	\$2,199	\$1,995
Single	\$2,999	\$2,795

**DEPOSIT AMOUNT PER PERSON**

**\$500 pre-tour • \$850 main tour**

\*Special group rates; limited offer. All rates are per person in U.S. dollars based on double occupancy except where noted as Single. Single availability limited. Unless noted otherwise, airfare is not included. \*\*An exclusive Early Booking Bonus, Expedition Libraries are curated collections of useful resources and background reading tailored to this program. Place your deposit on or before the specified date, and one Expedition Library per room will be sent after receipt of final payment. Libraries may be purchased; call for details. Full Terms & Conditions at [terms.orbridge.com](https://terms.orbridge.com). Any payment to Orbridge, LLC constitutes your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out therein, including but not limited to the cancellation and refund terms.

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