TREASURES OF THE TYRRHENIAN & ADRIATIC SEAS
A Culinary Voyage from Rome to Venice

With Special Guest Lecturer Dr. David Corsun

Aboard the deluxe Le Lyrial
August 14–22, 2017
Dear Traveler,

Food—it’s cultivation, preparation, and consumption—has always been central to the way of life in Italy and Croatia. Olive groves, orchards, and vineyards; meticulously crafted healthful meals; leisurely and convivial tables—these are the very core of southern European culture. In August 2017, restaurateur and food studies expert David Corsun will lead a voyage along the Tyrrhenian and Adriatic Seas, exploring in detail the region’s richly textured approach to food and dining.

This one-of-a-kind gourmet odyssey is an extraordinary opportunity both to study and experience the various roles food plays in our lives and its relation to physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. In addition to enriching lectures by Professor Corsun, Director of the Fritz Knoebel School of Hospitality Management in the Daniels College of Business at the University of Denver, great chefs will take over the kitchens of Le Lyrial and share their passions and talent at a gala dinner and via onboard cooking demonstrations. Some of the best sommeliers will also be present for tasting sessions and conferences.

Recognized for their extraordinary beauty and fertility since the time of the ancient Greeks and Romans, the Amalfi coast, Sicily, and Dalmatia are the perfect setting for our culinary adventure. The idyllic islands, the small, well-preserved medieval towns lining the sea, the eloquent monuments, the palm-lined promenades—all have retained their authentic character. Sailing through this magnificent corner of the Mediterranean, with ample time to explore the islands and coastal towns, is one of the most delightful travel experiences in the world.

Our home for this voyage will be the elegant new Le Lyrial. At once large enough to offer all the amenities for a comfortable and enjoyable voyage, it is small enough to navigate seaways and enter harbors that are inaccessible to today’s mega-cruise ships. Next summer, please join us and a roster of esteemed guest chefs to discover the Mediterranean way with food on this unforgettable voyage from Rome to Venice.

Sincerely,

Armin Afsahi
Vice Chancellor for Advancement
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DR. DAVID L. CORSUN earned his PhD from the School of Hotel Administration at Cornell University in 1999. His major area was organizational behavior. Dr. Corsun also holds a BS in Hotel Administration from Cornell and MS in Food Service Management from New York University. He has served as Director of the Fritz Knoebel School of Hospitality Management in the Daniels College of Business at the University of Denver since 2007, and has previously taught at UNLV, Washington State University, NYU, and Cornell.

Prior to attending graduate school, Dr. Corsun was a restaurateur in New York City, working in a management and/or consulting role in operations such as Tavern on the Green, The Greene Street Café, Live Bait, El Rio Grande, and Lincoln Center. He was also the chef-owner of Zanzibar & Grill, a jazz restaurant, from 1987-1990, and currently serves on the boards of Visit Denver, the National Society of Minorities in Hospitality, and Tolteca Mexican Grill. Dr. Corsun collects wine and leads Knoebel School student wine trips to Napa and Sonoma each spring.
Monday, August 14, 2017
USA
Fly from the U.S. to Rome, Italy.

Tuesday, August 15
ROME, ITALY | CIVITAVECCHIA | EMBARK
Arrive in Rome and transfer to Civitavecchia to embark Le Lyrial. (D)

Wednesday, August 16
AMALFI | SAILING PAST STROMBOLI
We arrive in Amalfi in the morning for an excursion that takes in the best of this charming town, including visits to the Cathedral of Sant’Andrea and the Cloister of Paradise. Later in the evening, Le Lyrial will sail close to the island of Stromboli, whose still active volcano is likely to put on a show for us as we pass by. (B,L,D)

Thursday, August 17
TAORMINA, SICILY, ITALY
Clinging to the side of Mount Tauro, Taormina looks out to sea and the dramatic cone of Mount Etna. A Greek colony was founded here in 403 B.C. and prospered throughout the Hellenistic and Roman periods. Take an excursion to the Graci winery, which cultivates traditional grape varieties that are indigenous to the region. Enjoy a tasting of these unique wines as well as lunch at Graci. (B,L,D)

Friday, August 18
MONOPOLI
After a morning at sea, arrive at the fishing town of Monopoli, dominated by its 1552 castle. After a lunch of local specialties, exclusively for University of Denver alumni, enjoy a walking tour of the town. (B,L,D)

Saturday, August 19
DUBROVNIK, CROATIA | LOPUD ISLAND
Set on a rocky peninsula jutting into the Adriatic Sea, Dubrovnik is one of Europe’s best-preserved medieval cities and a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site. The city contains within its ramparts the Rector’s Palace; the Franciscan Monastery, which houses a 13th-century pharmacy (the oldest in Europe); and the baroque Cathedral, with works by Renaissance painters Titian and Andrea del Sarto. During lunch, we sail to Lopud Island, where an afternoon walking tour introduces us to the charms of this small gem just off the Dalmatian coast. (B,L,D)

Sunday, August 20
HVAR | PAKLENI ISLANDS
This morning discover Hvar, a fertile island of pale stone houses surrounded by rosemary, lavender, and laurel. Visit the town’s 17th-century Municipal Theater; the Franciscan Monastery and its small gallery; the Venetian Loggia; and the Benedictine Cloister and Arsenal. In the afternoon, enjoy time at leisure on the Pakleni Islands. (B,L,D)

Monday, August 21
RAB
Our morning excursion is a walking tour of this charming medieval town, including the cathedral, bell tower, and other landmarks. In the afternoon, we enjoy a scenic drive to the Vilma bakery, where we see the production of the famous “Cake of Rab,” a delicacy whose recipe has been handed down from Benedictine nuns who preserved the original Venetian recipe. After sampling this almond-flavored treat, we continue to Natura Rab, a family run farm specializing in the production of honey. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, August 22
VENICE, ITALY | DISEMBARK | USA
Disembark and transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)
ALL-INCLUSIVE FARES & UNIQUE FEATURES

Our fares are truly all-inclusive. Coupled with the high-quality lecture and educational program, we provide a most attractive value.

Included
- Comprehensive 7-night cruise aboard the deluxe Le Lyrial. All accommodations are outside staterooms and suites, 95% of which feature a private balcony.
- Complete program of shore excursions and activities
- Airport/pier transfers and handling of luggage
- All meals aboard ship including early riser’s coffee & pastry, breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, and dinner
- Complimentary open bar aboard ship
- Gratuities to shipboard personnel, porters, guides, and drivers
- Port taxes and charges
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions aboard ship
- Enrichment program of lectures and discussions led by David Corsun
- Special culinary programming through our partnership with Cuisine et vins de France magazine
- 24-hour room service
- Comprehensive pre-departure materials

Not Included
Airfare; passport and visa fees and/or immigration reciprocity taxes (if applicable); trip cancellation and baggage insurance; medical and repatriation insurance; meals and beverages other than those specified above; personal expenses (such as telephone, Internet, laundry service, hair salon services, à la carte spa treatments, etc.)

LE LYRIAL
You will travel aboard the deluxe, five-star Le Lyrial, one of the most beautifully conceived and technologically sophisticated small ships afloat. Designed in France and built in Italy, Le Lyrial boasts an elegantly understated aesthetic that one associates with European sensibility and craftsmanship. It is one of four sister ships of the PONANT cruise line, selected as Best Luxury Cruise Line by Cruise Critic’s editors in 2014.
All accommodations aboard *Le Lyrial* face outside affording sea views, and, other than the eight superior staterooms, all feature a private balcony. All staterooms include a bedroom with either two twin-size beds or a king-size bed, sitting area (separate living room for the Prestige Suites), mini-bar, safe, spacious closets, climate control, telephone, WiFi access, TV with movies on demand, iPod player, and bathroom with marble vanity, shower, and fine amenities.

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- **SUPERIOR STATEROOMS** $6,590
- **DELUXE STATEROOMS** $7,090
- **PRESTIGE STATEROOMS, DECK 4** $7,490
- **PRESTIGE STATEROOMS, DECK 5** $7,790
- **PRESTIGE STATEROOM, DECK 6** $7,990
- **DELUXE SUITES** $10,890
- **PRESTIGE SUITES, DECK 5** $14,890
- **PRIVILEGE SUITES** $15,290
- **GRAND DELUXE SUITE** $19,550
- **GRAND PRIVILEGE SUITE** $22,690
- **OWNER’S SUITE** $23,090

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Sw fuel variation * x daily consumption **

Ship capacity ***

| (*): MGO FOB Rotterdam 0,1% in US$ |
| (**): L’Austral, Le Boreal, Le Lyrial, Le Soleal: 20t |
| (***): L’Austral, Le Boreal, Le Lyrial, Le Soleal: 244 passengers |

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Enclosed is my check or credit card no. for __________ ($__, 25% of tour fare) as a deposit to hold ______ place(s) on Treasures of the Tyrrhenian & Adriatic Seas: A Culinary Voyage from Rome to Venice. I understand that final payment is due ninety (90) days prior to departure. Please make check payable to and mail with this registration form to:

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Please select cabin category in order of preference (1st, 2nd & 3rd choice):

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- Prestige Stateroom - Deck 4  
- Prestige Stateroom - Deck 5  
- Prestige Stateroom - Deck 6  
- Deluxe Suite  
- Prestige Suite - Deck 5  
- Privilege Suite  
- Grand Deluxe Suite  
- Grand Privilege Suite  
- Owner’s Suite

**Each participant must sign below:**

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