Cruising the Canary Islands and Madeira • Gibraltar • The Algarve

Featuring the deluxe M.S. Le Diamant

and Featuring Columbia Professor James Danoff-Burg

November 7 to 15, 2007

Reserve on or before
March 15, 2007
SAVE $1000 per couple.
Dear Fellow Columbian:

The Canary Islands and Madeira, born of subterranean volcanic activity and sculpted by the elemental forces of wind and water, rise majestically above the azure waters of the North Atlantic. Ancient seafarers regarded these exotic, remote outposts as remnants of the lost continent of Atlantis or the Fortunate Isles, whose inhabitants lived in a state of perpetual bliss.

Join Columbia Professor James Danoff-Burg, fellow alumni, family and friends for a seven-night cruise aboard the deluxe, fully chartered M.S. Le Diamant on a voyage of discovery along sea routes once plied by Phoenician triremes and Roman galleys. Sail from the fortress-like bastion of Gibraltar and the fabled Algarve coast of Portugal to the enchanting isle of Madeira and the sun-washed Canary Islands. Experience the contrast of ancient and modern in Portugal, which proudly preserves its Roman, Visigothic and Moorish heritage; savor the heady wines of Madeira; gaze into a 6,000-foot-deep abyss, its walls and floor richly carpeted with lush subtropical vegetation; see scenes that inspired painters; and visit pristine colonial villages of whitewashed houses.

This unique travel program provides the opportunity to enjoy the incomparable natural beauty of remote Atlantic isles and exclusive guided tours of seldom visited monuments from the early colonial era of Spain and Portugal—the two dynamic societies that launched the Age of Discovery. You can further explore the historic and cultural treasures of Spain on the three-night Seville and Granada Pre-Program Option or the three-night Madrid Post-Program Option.

Come travel with us on this distinctive Atlantic cruise that traces the routes of ancient voyagers and medieval explorers. We are privileged to be joined on this program by alumni from Northwestern University, members from the National Trust for Historic Preservation and like-minded individuals from other institutions. Capacity is limited and this exceptional travel value is certain to sell out quickly, so we urge you to make your reservation before March 15, 2007, while Early Booking Savings are still available. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

With best wishes from Morningside Heights,

Eric J. Furda ’94TC
Vice President for Alumni Relations

Columbia Guest Lecturer

James Danoff-Burg is Associate Research Scientist at the Center for Environmental Research and Conservation and Adjunct Assistant Professor at Columbia University. His research and teaching interests are in the effects of human activities on biodiversity. He has several ongoing research projects, including the impact of road intensity and trail impact on biodiversity in the Black Rock Forest of New York, determining the influence of marine artificial reef substrates on native and exotic species in reef communities in the Dominican Republic, and the influence of design and management of urban habitats on biodiversity in New York City. Dr. Danoff-Burg holds a B.A. in Botany from the University of Michigan, an M.A. and Ph.D. in Biology (Entomology specialization) from the University of Kansas, and was a Samuel Research Fellow at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City before coming to Columbia in 1997. He currently has honorary appointments at the American Museum of Natural History and Barnard College and is on the steering committees for the New York Bioscape Initiative for Wildlife Trust. In addition to helping to determine the best ways to go about conserving species and the ecosystems in which they reside, Dr. Danoff-Burg is passionate about making our rich and important natural world relevant and interesting to all.

Please note that a minimum number of passengers is required to confirm faculty participation.

Cover: Pico del Teide’s snow-crowned summit rises above Tenerife’s subtropical paradise.
U.S.
Wednesday, November 7
Depart for Málaga, Spain.

MALAGA, SPAIN
Thursday, November 8
Arrive in Málaga and set out on a brief orientation tour of this attractive city, the unofficial capital of Spain’s Costa del Sol. Drive past elegant Mediterranean villas shaded by palm trees and lush subtropical vegetation and, if time permits, stroll past the fashionable boutiques lining the Calle de Molina Larios. Late this afternoon, embark the M.S. Le DIAMANT and set sail for Gibraltar.

GIBRALTAR, UNITED KINGDOM
Friday, November 9
Dock early this morning in Gibraltar, one of Britain’s oldest crown colonies. During World War II, this strategic outpost played a crucial role in Operation Torch, the Allied campaign to liberate North Africa.

Enjoy a scenic view from Europa Point and walk past the stalactites and stalagmites of St. Michael’s Cave, a vast natural cavern. Drive to “the Top of the Rock,” the 1,400-foot-high limestone promontory guarding the strait that separates Europe and Africa, for a panoramic view, and observe the amusing antics of Gibraltar’s Barbary Apes, the only colony of wild monkeys in Europe. Conclude your tour with a visit to the Great Siege Tunnels, excavated by British army engineers in the late 18th century to provide for the defense of the colony.

The afternoon is free for independent pursuits. Join your traveling companions this evening for the captain’s welcome reception.

PORTIMÃO, PORTUGAL/ALTE & SILVES
Saturday, November 10
Set out from Portimão to explore the historic province of Algarve on Portugal’s southern coast. Settled in ancient times by the Phoenicians and Romans, it was later ruled by the Moors, and its Moorish heritage survives to the present in its distinctive architecture, its brightly painted azulejos (ceramic tiles) and its savory regional cuisine. During the 15th and 16th centuries, intrepid Portuguese mariners set out from the Algarve on voyages of discovery and founded a seaborne empire that circled the globe.

Drive to the hilltop village of Alte, which commands a panoramic view of the surrounding countryside. Stroll narrow lanes past whitewashed houses with latticed chimneys and see the 16th-century Church of Our Lady of the Assumption and the spring-fed Fonte Santa (Holy Fountain), Red-roofed houses and russet-hued rock reflect the harmony of architecture and nature in Camara de Lobos, Madeira.
beautifully adorned with azulejos. Continue to the nearby town of Silves. Established by the Romans as a fortified outpost, it reached its zenith under the Moors, who named it Xelb and chose it as the capital of the Algarve. Medieval travelers praised its beauty, and the city flourished as a center of art, poetry and learning. Walk along the ramparts of the 12th-century Moorish castle, constructed of locally quarried red sandstone, and visit the cathedral, a unique fusion of Romanesque, Gothic and Baroque architecture.

Cruising the Atlantic
Sunday, November 11
Spend a relaxing day aboard M.S. Le Diamant.

Funchal, Madeira
Monday, November 12
First settled by the Portuguese in 1418, enchanting Madeira's striking scenery, floral variety and year-round equable climate have made it a subtropical Eden. Dock this morning in Funchal, the island's capital, which has the feeling of an open-air museum with its abundance of 15th- through 18th-century architecture. Visit the bustling market, where vendors of fresh produce, flowers and seafood engage in lively banter with their customers. Stop at an embroidery factory to view examples of intricately worked pieces. Drive to the picturesque hillside village of Monte and board a two-seater toboggan for a downslope ride through narrow, winding streets to Funchal. Mounted on wooden runners, the toboggans are steered by brakemen in traditional attire. This afternoon, head west along Madeira's rugged southern coast past Camara de Lobos, a fishing village once portrayed on canvas by Sir Winston Churchill. From Cabo Girão, the world's second-highest sea cliff, and the overlook of Eira do Serrado, pause for sweeping vistas of the island, including a view of Curral das Freiras (Refuge of the Nuns), where sisters from the Convent of Santa Clara sought refuge from pirates in the 16th century. Before reboarding the ship, stop at the Old Blandy Wine Lodge to taste Madeira's legendary namesake wine, prized by connoisseurs around the world.

Santa Cruz de la Palma, La Palma
Tuesday, November 13
Known as La Isla Bonita, “the Pretty Isle,” for its lushly forested mountain slopes set against a backdrop of bright blue skies and the azure waters of the Atlantic Ocean, La Palma holds a wealth of cultural and natural attractions. This afternoon drive through the old quarter of Santa Cruz, once the third-largest port in the Spanish Empire, to the pilgrimage center of Las Nieves to visit the shrine of La Virgen de las Nieves. The essence of the Algarve is captured in the ancient Moorish castle and whitewashed houses of Silves.
(Madonna of the Snow), the island’s patron saint. This mid-17th-century church represents a unique fusion of Baroque and Mudéjar (Spanish-Moorish) architecture; on its gilt altar stands a medieval Flemish statue of the Madonna atop a base of pure silver. From the scenic overlook of Mirador la Concepcion, enjoy sweeping vistas of Santa Cruz. The Mirador la Cumbrecita provides a window on La Palma’s geologic past, with its dramatic views of the Caldera de Taburiente, a wide chasm sheltering a profusion of trees and shrubs, many of them unique to the island. Return to the ship late this afternoon and set sail for Tenerife.

**SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE, TENERIFE**
**Wednesday, November 14**
The ancient Guanche people, the original inhabitants of the Canary Archipelago, gave the name Tenerife—“White Mountain”—to this dramatically scenic island, dominated by the soaring, 12,195-foot-high pinnacle of Pico del Teide. On your orientation tour of Santa Cruz, admire this cosmopolitan seaport’s legacy of Spanish colonial architecture. Continue to the nearby UNESCO World Heritage site of La Laguna, a beautiful university town established in 1496; the houses of the old quarter date from the 16th and 17th centuries and have preserved their wooden balconies and ornate doorways crowned with family crests.

This afternoon, explore Tenerife’s scenic treasures. Drive through the cool, verdant forests of La Esperanza to Parque Nacional del Teide, a starkly beautiful wilderness of mineral-tinted rock, ancient lava flows and distinctive vegetation found nowhere else. Gaze across the sand and lava rock floor of the vast caldera of Las Cañadas to the snowy summit of Pico del Teide, Spain’s loftiest mountain, and enjoy a panoramic view of the Roques de Garcia, 500-foot-high rocks shaped by the erosive forces of wind and water.

Join your traveling companions this evening for the captain’s farewell reception.

**LAS PALMAS, GRAN CANARIA/ U.S.**
**Thursday, November 15**
Disembark in Las Palmas and board your return flight to the U.S.
M.S. LE DIAMANT

The M.S. LE DIAMANT is a rare find—an oceangoing vessel providing deluxe accommodations and an intimate, casual ambiance. Previously known as the M.S. SONG OF FLOWER, the rechristened M.S LE DIAMANT was attractively refurbished in 2004 and features the deluxe amenities and superior standards offered aboard a larger ship with the charm and enhanced navigability provided by a yacht.

All 113 spacious, outside staterooms or suites (ranging in size from 183 sq. ft. to 398 sq. ft.) are tastefully appointed and feature two lower twin beds that convert to one queen-size bed upon request, a private bathroom with shower (some staterooms have bathtubs and showers), telephone, television/DVD, minibar, double full-length closets, two nightstands, desk, hairdryer, duvets and plush terrycloth robes. Room service is available.

Continental breakfast, buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and dinner are served daily in a single unassigned seating. The Restaurant Iles de France offers innovative Continental fare in a relaxed, inviting setting. Guests may reserve a table at L’Escapade restaurant for more intimate evening dining. Complimentary house wine, beer, soft drinks, mineral water, coffee and tea are served at lunch and dinner.

The ship has three lounges. Nightly entertainment includes a cabaret and live music. Also on board the ship are a hair salon, boutique, library, masseuse and fitness center. A certified physician is on board. Two elevators serve all passenger decks. The M.S. LE DIAMANT is outfitted for cruising oceans and seas, and complies with the highest international environmental and safety standards.
SEVILLE/GRANADA PRE-PROGRAM OPTION
Prior to embarkation in Málaga, extend your program with a two-night stay in first-class accommodations in the Meliá Colón Hotel in Seville and one night in the Meliá Granada Hotel in Granada, where Spain’s medieval Moorish legacy survives to the present day. See the proud monuments of Seville’s past—the Cathedral, the Alcázar and the Giralda Tower; visit Córdoba’s incomparable Mezquita, a mosque converted into a cathedral; and walk through Granada’s magnificent Generalife Gardens and admire the grace and beauty of the Alhambra. Complete details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

INCLUDED FEATURES
- Seven-night cruise from Málaga, Spain to Las Palmas, Gran Canaria, Canary Islands, Spain, with port calls in the British Crown Colony of Gibraltar; Portimão, Portugal; Funchal, Madeira; and Santa Cruz de la Palma and Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Canary Islands.
- Spacious and elegant deluxe outside stateroom with private bathroom and air conditioning.
- Captain’s welcome and farewell receptions.
- All meals—Continental buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and dinner—throughout the cruise, featuring savory continental cuisine served at single, unassigned seatings.
- Complimentary house wine, beer, soft drinks, mineral water, coffee and tea included with lunch and dinner.
- Tour of the beautifully preserved towns of Alte and Silves in the Portuguese province of Algarve.
- Excursion in Funchal, highlighted by a toboggan ride and visits to a Madeira wine lodge and an authentic embroidery factory.
- Tour of Madeira Island, focusing on the fishing village of Camara del Lobos, a favorite retreat of Sir Winston Churchill, and the stunning cliffs of Cabo Girão.
- Half-day excursion on La Palma, including a visit to the shrine of the Madonna of the Snow and panoramic vistas from the Mirador la Conception and the Mirador la Cumbrecita.
- Morning excursion on Tenerife, featuring an orientation tour of the island’s capital of Santa Cruz and a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage site of La Laguna.
- Afternoon tour of Tenerife to the scenic wilderness of the Parque Nacional del Teide, known for its distinctive landforms and vegetation.

ENHANCED TRAVEL SERVICES
- All transfers and luggage handling abroad for all participants who have purchased their air tickets through Gohagan & Company and whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- All excursions and visits, as outlined in the itinerary, with experienced local guides.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers.
- Hospitality desk aboard the m.s. Le Diamant.
- A Travel Director to accompany you throughout the travel program.
- Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
- Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.
CRUISING THE CANARY ISLANDS RESERVATION FORM

I/we want to make reservations in cabin category:

1st Choice: ________________________________
2nd Choice: ________________________________

Description - All cabins have two twin beds that can convert to make one bed, television, DVD, hairdryers and a minibar (charge for beverages).

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* Singles are available in category 6 at $6695 and in category 5 at $7095 on or before March 15, 2007. Add $500 for reservations made after March 15, 2007.

** Port taxes are an additional $295 per person and are subject to change.

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Email Address Fax

Preferred name(s) on badge(s) Tour No. 067-110707-021

Enclosed is a check for $______, as deposit ($600 per person, plus $200 per person Seville/Granada Pre-Program Option and/or $200 per person Madrid Post-Program Option). Make check payable to 2007 Cruising the Canary Islands.

Deposits can also be made by credit card; however, all FINAL payments are required to be made in cash, by check or wire transfer by August 3, 2007.

I/we authorize you to charge my/our deposit to: ❑ Visa ❑ MasterCard
Card No. ________________________ Exp. Date ________________________

Signature as it appears on credit card.

By forwarding the deposit for this travel program, I/we acknowledge that I/we have read and accept the Terms & Conditions in this brochure.

*Note: Airfare is approximate, subject to change and availability and non-refundable. Thomas F. Gohagan & Company endeavors to obtain the lowest airfares available at the time air is purchased.
CONTRACT: TERMS & CONDITIONS

NOT INCLUDED: Port taxes; passport fees; visas and fees for obtaining visas; personal expenses such as laundry and telephone calls; accident/sickness, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; gratuities to ship personnel; optional sightseeing excursions; excess baggage charges on aircraft; local departure area taxes; airfare and associated local taxes, airport facility taxes and federal inspection fees not listed in the “Included Features” section; and all other services not specifically mentioned in the “Included Features” section.

AIRFARE: Approximate airfare is based on rates as of November 2006, and is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable. Your airline ticket constitutes a contract between you and the airline (not Thomas P. Gohagan & Company), even if purchased through Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.

LUGGAGE: Luggage allowance policies are set by the airlines and may change without prior notice. Please contact your airline(s) for the most current luggage allowance policy.

HEALTH: Any physical or mental condition that may require special medical attention (for example, the need for a wheelchair) must be reported in writing when you make your reservation.

DISCOUNTED RESERVATIONS: Discounts apply only to those reservations received in the offices of the Columbia Alumni Travel Study Program in writing, accompanied by the required deposit, by March 15, 2007. In the event a “discounted” reservation must be cancelled, no “replacement” reservation can be substituted at the discounted rate. A “replacement” reservation is, in effect, a new reservation and can be substituted only at the full-fare tariff. Change and/or cancellation fees apply as outlined in this “Contract: Terms and Conditions” for the “replacement” reservation and the cancelled reservation.

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS: Cancellations for all or any part of the trip will not be effective unless received in writing in the offices of the Columbia Alumni Travel Study Program. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply: reservation cancellations are subject to a $200 per person administrative fee from the time of booking through 120 days prior to departure; from 95 through 119 days prior to departure, $600 per person; from 60 through 94 days prior to departure, $1,200 per person; from 59 days or less prior to departure, plus all non-refundable costs. Early return from the trip will result in forfeiture of 100% of the published full regular tariff. In addition, any applicable airline cancellation fees and administrative fees will be assessed.

PRE-PROGRAM AND POST-PROGRAM CANCELLATIONS: Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply: reservation cancellations are subject to a $50 per person administrative fee from the time of booking through 120 days prior to departure; from 95 through 119 days prior to departure, $200 per person; from 60 through 94 days prior to departure, $1,200 per person; from 59 days or less prior to departure, plus all non-refundable costs. Early return from the trip will result in forfeiture of 100% of the published full regular tariff. In addition, any applicable airline cancellation fees and administrative fees will be assessed.

We strongly recommend for your protection that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. Further information on insurance options will be sent upon receipt of your reservation.

RATES: Prices quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of printing and are subject to change prior to departure.

REGISTRATION: CST#: 2031865-80, WST#: 601 767 666, OST#: TA 09556.

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT: By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for himself or other participants and accepts the terms and conditions of this contract.