LECTURERS and EXPEDITION LEADERS

Columbia Faculty

**Dr. Trevor Williams** is a researcher at Columbia's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory and an internationally renowned geologist. He has worked on a variety of topics, ranging from deep-water coral reefs to the magnetic field of the Earth. Dr. Williams' main fascination, however, is Antarctica, and in particular the history of the ice sheet, tracking its waxing and waning over geological time; why did it start to grow 33 million years ago, how stable was it in the past, and how close to melting is it today? His work with the Ocean Drilling Program has led to several scientific publications addressing these key questions. A graduate of the University of Edinburgh and enthusiastic traveling companion, Dr. Williams looks forward to returning to this beguiling and enchanted continent and sharing his insights with alumni.

Guest Lecturer

**Dr. Jeffrey Edward Post**, a geologist, is Curator of the U.S. National Gem and Mineral Collection at Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History. From 1989-94, he was Chairman of the Department of Mineral Sciences, and since 1991, he has been the lead Curator for Smithsonian's Janet Annenberg Hooker Hall of Geology, Gems and Minerals. His areas of research interest include mineralogy, gemology, geochemistry, crystallography, and electron microscopy. He has published numerous scientific articles in these fields. Jeff’s lectures will primarily focus on the geology of the Antarctic Peninsula region, including his field work on Seymour Island.

An Unforgettable Expedition Led by Distinguished Experts

Our voyage also features a team of experienced expedition staff and lecturers—expert naturalists and scientists who know Antarctica well and who are eager to introduce you to the geology, wildlife, and history of this awe-inspiring land. In the company of these noted experts, cruise magnificent ice-filled channels, explore busy penguin rookeries, and learn about the rhythms of life in the “Deep South.” Among the experts you will travel with is **Expedition Leader John Frick**. An active traveler for the past twenty years, John’s wanderlust continues to lead him to far-flung locations. He has completed over 20 Antarctic voyages, and among the places he has called home are Alaska and the village of Tansen in western Nepal, where he served as a Peace Corps Volunteer. For the past 12 years, John has led voyages to Antarctica, the Mediterranean, the Baltic, Alaska, Central America, Galapagos, trans-Atlantic crossings, Africa, the Persian Gulf, and around India. John currently identifies Manhattan as “base camp” when not on expedition.
Dear Columbian,

In a world digitized and hyperlinked, Antarctica is civilization’s antidote. Here, Nature has its own clock, timed to the hatchings of penguin chicks, the flight of an albatross, the calving of a glacier, and the slow, inexorable art that waves and wind sculpt upon the icebergs.

Join Columbia’s Dr. Trevor Williams, fellow alumni, family, and friends this winter—high summer in the Southern hemisphere—on a voyage you may well regard as the most extraordinary travel experience of your life. The Seventh Continent is definitively not ours. By venturing far, far away from this increasingly globalized culture, we will be true foreigners—a designation that allows us to understand ourselves, and our place in the world, more fully.

We have arranged a superb program to provide that understanding. Our ship, the 114-guest, all-suite Corinthian II, is the most luxurious small ship cruising Antarctic waters, a cocoon of elegance perfect for admiring the icebergs with like-minded traveling companions. Our ship’s complement includes some of the most experienced and knowledgeable experts on Antarctica’s terrain, bird life, sea life, geology, and glaciology, who will enlighten us throughout our voyage via lectures, poetry, presentations, and on-site nature observation.

As we cruise south from Ushuaia, albatrosses will likely be skimming above our bow as we head to the Antarctic Convergence. Then, for five full days, we will explore the Antarctic Peninsula and its surrounding islands, where excursions and landings by sturdy Zodiac landing craft may include visits to 10,000-strong penguin rookeries, old whaling stations, operational research stations, and elephant seal colonies. The humpback and minke whales, Adelie penguins, and whirling Antarctic petrels—among dozens of other species—are astonishingly plentiful. They are not shy, and we will have the incredible opportunity to see them in their natural habitat.

The itinerary on the next couple of pages is just a sketch, and with good reason. While we have designated destinations, local weather, wildlife, and ice conditions mean every departure is a totally unique adventure, all your own. Our captain and naturalists know the best places to anchor, and are always on the lookout for a slow, lingering cruise around a particularly striking iceberg, or a leopard seal and her pups on an ice floe. Also joining us will be travelers from the Smithsonian.

Seize the moment and experience Antarctica, undoubtedly one of the rarest and most astonishing travel destinations the globe has to offer. The summer months on the Antarctic Peninsula are (perhaps) surprisingly warm, with highs in the 30s and 40s. Aboard the Corinthian II, with its roster of scientists and naturalists, this is undoubtedly the way to experience the trip of a lifetime.

Sincerely,

Eric J. Furda
Vice President for Alumni Relations

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Front Cover: A parade of Gentoo Penguins greets Corinthian II in Kinnes Cove on Joinville Island
Left: Corinthian II enters spectacular Paradise Bay
Back Cover: Whale-watching from Corinthian II’s Zodiac boats
Itinerary

Tuesday, January 9, 2007
USA
Fly to Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Wednesday, January 10
BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA
Arrive in Buenos Aires and transfer to the Marriott Plaza Hotel for the night. The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax after the flight or to explore Buenos Aires on your own. Enjoy a welcome cocktail reception this evening.

Thursday, January 11
BUENOS AIRES | USHUAIA | EMBARKATION
Fly from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia, a small Patagonian city set on the Beagle Channel and surrounded by the Darwin Cordillera, glaciers, and forests of southern beech. Upon arrival, transfer to Corinthian II. As the ship navigates the Beagle Channel, enjoy a spectacular vista of glaciers and green, misted mountains. (B, L, D)

Friday & Saturday, January 12 & 13
AT SEA
Attend lectures by naturalists and lecturers as Corinthian II sails through the Drake Passage and crosses the Antarctic Convergence, where the cold waters of the Southern Ocean override the warmer waters to the north. Albatross and Cape Petrels are among the birds that may accompany the ship on its passage. (B, L, D)

Sunday - Thursday, January 14 - 18
ANTARCTIC PENINSULA
Enjoy five days exploring the pristine wilderness of the Antarctic Peninsula and its surrounding islands. The Peninsula is a narrow finger of land that separates the ice-choked waters of the Weddell and Bellingshausen Seas. As Corinthian II sails through scenic waterways, witness a breathtaking panorama of icebergs, blue glaciers, and jagged, snowcapped mountains. Aboard the ship’s fleet of Zodiac boats, cruise among ice floes, land at penguin rookeries, and visit with scientists at research stations. Although the itinerary varies according to local ice and wind conditions, we plan to land at such places as Petermann Island, where humpback and minke whales are often sighted offshore; Cuverville Island, with its 10,000-strong penguin population; and Deception Island, known for its volcanically heated hot springs. Voyages through the magnificent Lemaire, Neumeyer, Errera, and other protected channels are also scheduled. (B, L, D)

Friday & Saturday, January 19 & 20
AT SEA
Watch for whales and seabirds and enjoy onboard lectures and the amenities of the ship as Corinthian II makes the 600-mile return trip to Ushuaia. (B, L, D)

Sunday, January 21
USHUAIA, ARGENTINA | DISEMBARKATION | BUENOS AIRES
Disembark in Ushuaia and transfer to the airport for the flight to Buenos Aires. Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, connect with flights to the United States. (B)

Monday, January 22
USA
Arrive in the United States.
A Zodiac cruises past dramatic ice formations

“*My wife and I were on the cruise from Ushuaia to Antarctica aboard Corinthian II. The ship was magnificent. The trip was everything we hoped for and more. Every event from start to finish was conducted on time, with no needless waiting. Expedition leader John Frick did a masterful job in planning the programs, shore trips, and daily briefings. His team of naturalists provided a wealth of information about penguins and other animals and birds in Antarctica....Thanks for a wonderful and unique experience.*”

-Bob and Jean Johnson, Honolulu, HI

**TWO-NIGHT OPTIONAL PRE-CRUISE PROGRAM IN BUENOS AIRES**

*January 7 - 10, 2007*  
*(Please note: Jan. 7 is the date you fly from the U.S.)*

For two days, explore Buenos Aires, Argentina’s cosmopolitan capital. Built on the basin of the River Plata, Buenos Aires is a city of elegant architecture, wide boulevards, spacious parks and plazas, museums, as well as smart cafes and shops.

This optional pre-cruise program includes airport/hotel transfer upon arrival; accommodations at the *Marriott Plaza Hotel* for two nights, with breakfast; two sightseeing tours of the city; and a special dinner and Argentinean tango show. (*Airfare is not included.*)

**Rates:** $795 per person, double occupancy; $255 single supplement
Corinthian II — The ideal combination of cruise ship grandeur and small-ship intimacy

Spacious Suites
The five-star deluxe Corinthian II is an all-suite mega-yacht accommodating no more than 114 guests. Originally built in Italy in 1992, Corinthian II was refurbished and redecorated in 2005 specifically to create an atmosphere of effortless elegance and easy conviviality. All 57 outside-facing suites are a minimum of 225 square feet, appointed in rich wood tones with two twin-size or one queen-size bed, sitting area, TV, mini-refrigerator, safe, and a marble-appointed bathroom with fine toiletries. Several suites include private balconies accessible via sliding-glass doors. Fresh flowers and a bowl of fruit provide a bright and comforting touch in each guest’s suite.

Fine Dining
Superb Continental cuisine is created by Corinthian II’s European chefs and served in the stately restaurant. Select wines are complimentary with lunch and dinner. All meals are served at one, unassigned seating; varied seating arrangements assure comfort for all. Corinthian II’s widely praised service equals that of the finest restaurants.

Effortless Elegance Each Day & Night
Corinthian II is ice-strengthened for voyages into Antarctic waters and is equipped with a fleet of Zodiac inflatable craft for forays ashore. Returning from excursions, enjoy complimentary refreshments, afternoon tea, and all-day coffee in The Club, a civilized space for relaxation with panoramic windows. Before or after dinner, savor a cocktail while the ship’s pianist plays arrangements ranging from jazz to classical to contemporary. Corinthian II also features a library, Internet center, beauty salon, gym, elevator serving all decks, and a wraparound sun deck with jacuzzi. The 70 European officers and crew ensure an atmosphere akin to a private club for the length of your voyage.

Program Inclusions
- Ten-night cruise aboard the all-suite, 114-guest Corinthian II
- One night in Buenos Aires at the Marriott Plaza Hotel, with breakfast
- Welcome cocktail reception in Buenos Aires
- Round-trip group flight from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia
- Full program of excursions as described in the accompanying itinerary
- Welcome and farewell receptions aboard ship, hosted by the captain
- All meals aboard ship with house wine, beer, and soft drinks served with lunch and dinner
- Physician aboard ship (Corinthian II’s sophisticated communications system allows for easy link-up with a medical assistance service in the U.S.)
- Educational program of lectures and discussions by Columbia’s Dr. Trevor Williams and other accompanying lecturers and naturalist guides
- Expedition parka, complete pre-departure materials, and detailed cruise log
- Travel Dynamics International expedition leader, cruise staff, and trip directors
- Baggage handling and transfers aboard on the designated program departure and arrival dates
- Embarkation taxes and port dues
- Gratuities to porters, guides, and drivers

NOT INCLUDED: Airfare (other than the designated group flights between Buenos Aires and Ushuaia); visas; passports; luggage, cancellation, and accident insurance; meals, soft drinks, and alcoholic beverages other than those specified above; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, faxes, and e-mail/Internet service; and gratuities to shipboard personnel
**Main Specifications**

Overall Length: 297 feet  
Beam: 50 feet  
Draft: 12 feet  
Gross Tonnage: 4,200  
Flag: Malta  
Suites: 57

**Corinthian II** offers all-suite accommodations, a luxurious comfort after a day’s activities.

- **Explorer Deck**
- **Erickson Deck**
- **Columbus Deck**
- **Marco Polo Deck**
- **Magellan Deck**

**Deck Plan**

**Cruise and Land Rates** | Per person, double occupancy
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All accommodations aboard *Corinthian II* are suites. They face outside, affording sea views, and several have balconies with sliding doors. All suites include a bedroom with two twin-size beds or one queen-size bed, sitting area, ample closet space, mini-refrigerator, TV, marble-appointed bathroom with shower, and other amenities.

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**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT**: A limited number of cabins have been designated for single travelers in Categories D - A at a supplement of $2,795 to the per person, double occupancy rates indicated above. Singles in Categories AA - PHS are available at double the per person, double occupancy rates.

**Airfare**: Airfare from the U.S. to Buenos Aires is not included in the Cruise and Land Rates. (However, the airfare from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia and back to Buenos Aires is included in the rates.) Please contact Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., the agency handling the air arrangements for this program, for competitive airfares to/from Buenos Aires. To reach VWTI, kindly call toll-free 877-711-9896 or 212-592-1340 for air reservations and ticketing information, and please have your tour code (7402) handy for reference.
Explore Antarctica, the World’s Last Frontier

For further information about this travel program, please contact the Columbia University Alumni Travel Study Program. You may reach us toll-free at 866-3-ALUMNI (866-325-8664). New York City area residents may reach us at 212-472-4365. fax 212-517-7770 • e-mail: travelstudy@columbia.edu
Registration

Enclosed is my check or credit card no. for $_________ ($1,000 per person) as a deposit to hold _______ place(s) on Antarctica. I understand that final payment is due ninety (90) days prior to departure.

Please make check payable to:
Travel Dynamics International
and mail with this registration form to:
Columbia University, Alumni Travel Study Program,
P.O. Box 169, New York, NY 10028.
(Or, fax to 212-517-7770.)
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Please select cabin category

☐ Twin Beds
☐ Double Bed
☐ Single Occupancy
☐ Share

(cannot be guaranteed)

☐ Yes, please book me/us on the Optional Pre-Cruise Extension in Buenos Aires.

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General Information

Payment Schedule: A deposit of $1,000 per person is required to reserve your space on the tour. For your convenience, you may charge your deposit to your American Express, Visa, Discover, or MasterCard. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Credit cards are not accepted for final payment. However, personal checks are accepted for both deposits and final payment.

Cancellations & Refunds: All cancellations of confirmed reservations are subject to a $300 per person administrative fee. Additionally, passengers are subject to any cancellation fees assessed by the purveyors of services, including airlines or hotels used in the itinerary. 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. Service fees may apply to deviations and are non-refundable.

Insurance: We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance through a company of your choice. 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.

Itinerary: The itinerary, accommodations, and arrangements are subject to change at the discretion of Travel Dynamics International.

Responsibility: Please read carefully the following terms and conditions, which constitute the sole, legally enforceable agreements between the passenger and Columbia University, its agent, TSS LLC, and operator, Travel Dynamics International. The passenger is also advised to review his/her separate ticket passage contract with the vessel's owner/operator, which will constitute the sole, legally enforceable terms of carriage for this tour and is available on request from Travel Dynamics International. Columbia University, its agent, TSS LLC, and operator, Travel Dynamics International act solely as agents for the passenger with respect to all transportation, hotel and other tour arrangements. In that capacity, we exercise all reasonable care possible to ensure the passenger's safety and satisfaction, but, we neither assume nor bear any responsibility or liability for any injury, death, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity arising in connection with the services of any ship, airplane, train, automobile, motor coach, carriage or other conveyance, or the actions of any third-party, involved in carrying the passenger or in affecting these tours. We, Columbia University, our agent, TSS LLC, and operator, Travel Dynamics International are not responsible for damages, additional expenses, or any other losses due to cancellation, delay or other changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, civil disturbances, acts or threats of terrorism, travel warnings or bans, termination or suspension of war risks or other carrier insurance, quarantine, acts of God or other causation beyond our control. All such losses must be borne by the passenger, and tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. In the event of cancellation, delay or rescheduling mandated by any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the passenger shall have the option of accepting in lieu of the original tour such rescheduled tour or other substituted tour(s) as may be offered by us, or else, receiving a refund of as much of such advance tour expenditures as we are able to recover on the passenger’s behalf from carriers, third-party tour vendors, etc., but, we shall not have any obligation on liability to the passenger beyond the foregoing. We reserve the right to make alterations to the tour's itinerary and to substitute, ships, lecturers, if this is required. We reserve the right to cancel, delay, or reschedule any tour prior to departure, and, so long as this is not due to any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the passenger shall be entitled to a full refund of all monies paid to that point if he/she so desires. No refund shall be made for any unused portion of any tour. By forwarding their deposit(s), the passenger certifies that he/she and/or their dependents, minors or others covered thereby do not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that could create a hazard for them or other passengers. We reserve the right to decline to accept or to decline to retain any person as a member of any tour should such person’s health, condition or actions adversely affect or threaten the welfare or safety of other passengers or impede the tour. Baggage or valuables brought on the tour shall be transported, handled or stored at the passenger’s risk entirely, and, we shall bear no liability or responsibility for any damage or other loss therefrom. Resolution of any disputes arising hereunder shall be affected exclusively in the state or federal courts presiding in the City of New York, pursuant to applicable New York law. We cannot guarantee the size of the Columbia Alumni Travel Study group. We reserve the right to cancel or substitute lecturers.

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. Due to fluctuations in fuel costs, a fuel surcharge may be levied.

Ship’s Registry Malta

An Honest Discussion About Fuel Costs

In the uncertain, often volatile oil market of late, it is difficult—if not impossible—to predict fuel costs over the long term, and, more specifically, at the time of operation of this voyage. Our prices are based upon the prevailing fuel rates at the time of brochure printing (usually nine months before departure). While we will do everything possible to maintain our prices, if the fuel rates increase significantly, it may be necessary to institute a fuel surcharge. If one is necessary, the total surcharge for your voyage will not exceed $180 per person. Thank you for your understanding.