THE BLACK SEA
INCLUDING THE SEA OF AZOV

Crossroads of Empires from the Ancient Past to the Present

ABOARD THE ALL-SUITE, 114-GUEST CORINTHIAN II

AUGUST 7 - 18, 2010

SPECIAL SAVINGS: • REDUCED RATES • NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

PAYMENTS: A $1,000 deposit per person is required to confirm your reservation. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure & must be by personal check.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS: All cancellations are subject to a $400 per person fee. Cancellations received 61-90 days prior to departure will be assessed a penalty of 50% of the total program cost per person. Cancellations received within 60 days of departure are subject to a 100% penalty.

INSURANCE: We recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance. Details will be sent upon registration.

ITINERARY: The itinerary, accommodations, and arrangements are subject to change. We cannot guarantee the size of the Columbia group. We reserve the right to cancel or substitute lecturers.

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Columbia University Guest Lecturer

KENNETH T. JACKSON is the Jacques Barzun Professor of History at Columbia University, where he has taught since 1968. The author of more than twenty books and a frequent contributor to television news and documentary programs, he has been honored by his peers with four honorary doctorates, two major teaching awards from Columbia, and both the Francis Parkman and the Bancroft Prizes for his scholarship. On this program, through both formal lectures and informal discussion, Professor Jackson will be talking about the military history of the region of the Black Sea, from the Crimean War and the ‘charge of the light brigade’ to the importance of Yalta, Sevastopol, and the nearby Caucuses in the conduct of World War II.

A minimum number of Columbia participants is required to confirm faculty participation.

Additional Onboard Lecturers

MICHAEL AINSLIE served as President and CEO of the National Trust for Historic Preservation from 1980-1984, as President and CEO of Sotheby’s Holdings from 1984-94, and as the Founding Chairman of the Board of the Posse Foundation from 1993-2007. Ainslie attended Vanderbilt University and Harvard Business School. Today he serves as a trustee of Vanderbilt University and a director of the St. Joe Company.

DR. DAVID J. KEELING, lecturer for the American Geographical Society, is Professor and Head of the Department of Geography and Geology at Western Kentucky University. He is an enthusiastic traveler, having circled the globe many times and visited more than 175 countries and regions. Over the past three decades he has had some remarkable travel experiences, including the Trans-Siberian railway across Russia and a circumnavigation of the Seven Seas, including the Black Sea. He looks forward to discussing such topics as the Black Sea “biblical” flood and its link to climate change, Turkey’s role as a crossroads between East and West, and geopolitical differences between Russia and the Ukraine.

ALLEN ROKACH has traveled the globe during his 30 years of photography assignments and workshops. His photographs are in many collections and have appeared in National Geographic, The New York Times, and every major photography magazine. Mr. Rokach will be onboard to help you create memorable photographs of your journey, offering lectures on travel photography and answering questions throughout the voyage.

DR. HECTOR WILLIAMS, lecturer for the Archaeological Institute of America, has been excavating in the Mediterranean since 1968. He is Professor of Classics and Classical Archaeology at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, and has been directing UBC’s two archaeological projects in Greece, at Mytilene (Lesbos) and Symphalos (in ancient Arkadia), for over a quarter century. Professor Williams has also done fieldwork in Italy, Turkey, Malta, North Africa, and the Near East. He has led numerous study tours to excellent reviews, including six voyages in the Mediterranean and a 2005 Black Sea voyage. On this program, he plans to discuss such topics as underwater archaeology in the Mediterranean and Black Seas and the rich variety of cultures north of the Black Sea in antiquity.
Dear Fellow Columbian,

The Columbia Alumni Association—the free, no RSVP-required association of all University alumni—keeps you connected to the intellectual and social network of Columbia University. As a key part of that mission, the CAA Travel Study Program is your ticket to discovering the history and empires of the ancient world with fellow graduates and one of Columbia’s leading academic lights. Join Professor Kenneth T. Jackson this August as we set sail to explore the Black Sea’s shores, historic ports and sites.

Sail from Istanbul’s Golden Horn through the narrow and scenic Bosporus Strait to enter the Black Sea. Navigate along Crimea’s mountainous coast, visiting Feodosiya, Yalta, and Sevastopol before crossing to Odessa. Then cruise along the coasts of Romania and Bulgaria, before returning to Turkey’s storied capital. Our voyage also includes the Sea of Azov, a lake-like extension of the Black Sea that few travelers have experienced. Witness to the rise and fall of many empires, from antiquity to the Soviet Empire, the Black Sea has a historical and cultural significance reflected by the stops on our in-depth itinerary, and the range of expertise of our onboard experts.

Professor Jackson will focus on the region’s military history, exploring the Crimean War to importance of Yalta and the Caucasuses during World War II. He will be accompanied by guest lecturers, including American Geographical Society’s Dr. David Keeling, Michael Ainslie, President of the National Historic Preservation and former CEO of Sotheby’s, and Dr. Hector Williams of the Archaeological Institute of America. National Geographic and New York Times photographer Allen Rokach will accompany us to offer lectures on his craft, enabling you to create your own photographic treasures from this unforgettable journey.

The mythic journeys of the Black Sea reach back into the Bronze Age, and through this CAA Travel Study Program, relive some of the most dramatic moments with a group of fellow alumni, family, friends, and participants from our cosponsoring organizations. With just 57 suites, the Corinthian II offers a voyage of luxury on the seas from a forgotten era. The intellectual and social connections offered by your alma mater have never been more relevant than today, so if you seek a journey into history, one that will enrich your mind and spark your imagination, don’t miss this opportunity to join the CAA and Columbia’s own Kenneth Jackson for an unforgettable trip.

Sincerely,

Donna H. MacPhee ’89CC
Vice President for Alumni Relations
President, Columbia Alumni Association

P.S. For further information on this program, or any other journeys offered by the Columbia Alumni Association, visit our website at http://alumni.Columbia.edu/Travel
Itinerary

Saturday, August 7, 2010 USA
Fly from the U.S. to Istanbul, Turkey.

Sunday, August 8 ISTANBUL, TURKEY EMBARK
Arrive in Istanbul and transfer to Corinthian II. Overnight aboard ship. (D)

Monday, August 9 ISTANBUL
Tour Istanbul’s principal landmarks, including the Hagia Sophia basilica, Topkapi Palace, the Blue Mosque, and the Grand Bazaar, as well as the Archaeological Museum. Enjoy the views as Corinthian II cruises the Bosporus to enter the Black Sea. (B, L, D)

Tuesday, August 10 AT SEA (B, L, D)

Wednesday, August 11 KERCH, CRIMEA, UKRAINE
Sited at the easternmost part of the Crimea and guarding the narrow entrance into the Sea of Azov, Kerch was founded by Greeks from Miletos in the late 7th through early 6th centuries B.C. Tour the area of Mitridat Hill, where most of the city’s ancient remains are found, including the acropolis of Pantikapaion, the Melek-Chesmensky Tomb, the mausoleum of the Bosporan Kings, and the church of St. John the Baptist. (B, L, D)

Thursday, August 12 TAGANROG AND TANAISS, UKRAINE
Navigating the Sea of Azov, a lake-like sea that connects to the Black Sea through the narrow Kerch strait, Corinthian II arrives in the port city of Taganrog. From Taganrog, visit Tanais, founded in the 3rd century B.C. by Greeks. Tanais prospered through trade, becoming the main contact point between the Greco-Roman world and the inhabitants to the north. Explore the city’s ruins and its museum, which houses artifacts from the excavations. (B, L, D)

Friday, August 13 FEODOSIYA | SUDAK | CRIMEA, UKRAINE
From the pleasant port city of Feodosiya, drive to Sudak, an old trading center and a stop on the Silk Road to China. Explore Sudak’s main attraction, the huge Genoese Fortress, built in the 14th and 15th centuries on a large cliff overlooking the sea. Ten of the eighteen towers survive, and its walls extend for more than 1.5 miles. Return to Feodosiya to reboard Corinthian II. (B, L, D)

Saturday, August 14 YALTA
In the mid-19th century, the Russian imperial family chose Yalta for its summer residence, and the town transformed into an elegant and popular resort. Tour the stunning Alupka Palace and Anton Chekhov’s house. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit the Livadia Palace, famed site of the 1945 Yalta Conference, and attend a private concert at its Organ Hall. (B, L, D)
One of Odessa’s onion-domed churches

Sunday, August 15  •  SEVASTOPOL
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Arrive in Sevastopol, a beautiful port city and the former base of the Russian Black Sea Fleet from the days of Catherine II until the fall of the Soviet Union. Drive to nearby Chersonesos, an ancient city founded by Greeks in the 5th century B.C. that became a prosperous trading post. Return to Sevastopol to visit the Panorama Museum, featuring a circular, three-dimensional work of art depicting the defense of the city during the Crimean War. In the afternoon, enjoy time at leisure in Sevastopol or drive to the Crimean interior to explore Bakhchysaray, the seat of the Tatar state from the 16th to the 18th centuries. Visit the imperial Khan’s Palace, built in 1519. (B, L, D)

Monday, August 16  •  ODESSA
Stroll through Odessa’s elegant leafy streets, lined with stately mansions. Discover its prime landmarks, including the grand, Viennese Baroque-style Opera House; the historic Potemkin Steps, site of the 1905 uprising of workers and sailors from the battleship Potemkin; and the Archaeological Museum. In the afternoon, you will have the chance to meet with local families in their homes or enjoy time at leisure in the city. (B, L, D)

Tuesday, August 17  •  VARNA, BULGARIA
Explore Varna, founded in 580 B.C. as the ancient Greek trading colony Odessos. Visit the domed Cathedral of the Assumption and the Archaeological Museum. Continue to the Church of Sveti Atanas and then to the grounds of Evksinograd Palace, a former royal summer residence, and its botanical gardens. (B, L, D)

Wednesday, August 18  •  ISTANBUL, TURKEY
DISEMBARK I USA
Disembark in Istanbul and transfer to the airport for return flights to the U.S. (B)

Program Inclusions

- 10-night cruise aboard the all-suite, 114-guest Corinthian II
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions aboard ship
- All meals aboard ship, including house wine, beer, and soft drinks with lunch and dinner
- Open bar aboard ship throughout the cruise
- Complete program of tours and excursions
- Educational program of lectures and discussions by Columbia Professor Kenneth T. Jackson and additional onboard lecturers
- Professional Travel Dynamics International tour staff
- Complete pre-departure materials
- Baggage handling and transfers abroad on the designated program departure and arrival dates
- Port and embarkation taxes
- Gratuities to porters, guides, and drivers

NOT INCLUDED: Airfare; visa and passport fees; luggage and trip cancellation insurance (if applicable); meals, soft drinks, and alcoholic beverages other than those specified above; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, faxes, and e-mail service; and gratuities to shipboard personnel
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Now more than ever, a cultural or an expedition voyage can be an antidote to these changing times, but we recognize the need for increased incentives. That is why for this exceptional voyage, our tour operator, Travel Dynamics International, is offering unprecedented incentives, including rates that are substantially lower than our normal prices as well as waiving the single supplement for solo travelers. Lowering the prices, however, does not mean that we have compromised the quality and standards of our operation, or that we have taken away services and arrangements we normally include. The voyage prices still include the excursions and special shore events; transfers from the airport to the ship (and vice versa) are provided; wine is served with meals aboard; and the open-bar policy is continued. And the operating standards of our ships are among the highest in the industry. We urge you to take advantage of the lower prices and other incentives we are presenting. We will deliver to you an experience of a lifetime.

Corinthian II

In an era of mega cruise ships that carry thousands of passengers, the Corinthian II is a delightful alternative. More like a private yacht than a cruise ship, Corinthian II accommodates only 114 guests in 57 suites. Corinthian II’s limited guest capacity, fine facilities, and distinctive style of operation attract like-minded travelers who return again and again to enjoy its custom-crafted itineraries and a style of cruising that is rarely found today. More than just a cruise, each voyage provides a comprehensive experience that reveals the singular aspects of the destinations. Aboard, a sense of community and a spirit of camaraderie prevail.

Cruise and Land Rates | per person, double occupancy

All accommodations aboard Corinthian II are suites. They face outside, affording sea views, and several have balconies with sliding doors. All include two twin-size beds that can convert to a queen-size bed, sitting area, mini-refrigerator, safe, spacious closets, climate control, telephone, TV, DVD/CD player, and bathroom with marble vanity, shower, and other amenities.

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VS & PHS suites are provided with private butler service and other exclusive amenities.

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: A limited number of cabins have been designated for single travelers in Categories D - A at no supplement to the per person, double occupancy rates above. Singles in Categories AA, VS, and PHS are available at double the per person, double occupancy rates.

AIREFARE: Airfare is not included in the Cruise and Land Rates. Please contact your preferred airline, travel agent, or the Travel Dynamics International air desk operated by Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc. (VWTI) for airfare information and to reserve flights. Consultants are available Monday – Friday from 9:00 am – 5:30 pm (EST) toll-free at 877-711-9896. Please have your tour code (10421) handy for reference.
All of Corinthian II's suites face outside, providing views of the sea and landscape. Several have a private balcony. There are expansive open deck areas and other facilities, including a gym, library, beauty salon, two lounges, a sun deck with Jacuzzi, and an outdoor café. A spacious restaurant accommodates all guests in an open, unassigned seating. The cuisine is outstanding, and the overall service is efficient and friendly while unobtrusive. An elevator serves all decks. A resident physician attends a well-equipped infirmary.

Served by 70 seasoned officers and crew, Corinthian II complies with the latest international safety regulations and is outfitted with the most current navigational technology.

REGISTRATION

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*See Inside*

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