Extraordinary Persons of Antiquity

Women & Men Who Have Changed the Course of History

A Voyage to the Classical World
Aboard the All-Suite, 57-Cabin Corinthian II
October 17-29, 2007

With Professor Sarah B. Pomeroy
Columbia Lecturer

Sarah B. Pomeroy is a pioneer in the study of ancient women. Her research interests include not only women and the family in Classical and Hellenistic Greece and in Rome, but also ancient Greek history and prose as well as papyrology. A Distinguished Professor of Classics and History, Emerita, of the City University of New York, she is also a graduate of Barnard College, and received her Ph.D. in Classics from Columbia University. Professor Pomeroy is the author of many books on women and the family in antiquity, and she has lectured widely, from Alexandria to Australia, on topics pertaining to women's history and ancient history. She looks forward to accompanying our group on this unique voyage and illuminating for us the lives and legacies of many extraordinary historical and mythical figures along the way.

Guest Lecturer

Thorsten Fogen received his Ph.D. in classics and general linguistics from the University of Heidelberg and is assistant professor of classics at Berlin’s Humboldt University. He is a past fellow of the Center for Hellenic Studies (Harvard University, Washington, D.C.), and is co-editor of the journal Historiographia Linguistica.
Dear Fellow Columbian,

History, they say, is written by the victors. But school taught us to read between the lines. Next autumn, join us on a lovely voyage to Turkey and the Greek Isles. Our destinations are places of peerless beauty, but our itinerary has been guided, as well, by the footsteps of a few men and women who changed the world: the famous, and those who ought to be.

In Istanbul, we will admire the premier glory of Justinian, the church of Hagia Sophia, one of the greatest works of architecture ever conceived. But we will also consider Justinian’s wife, the Empress Theodora, a courtesan and bawdy dancer who fought for women’s rights and quelled a riot, saving the entire Byzantine Empire. We will stand in the Hippodrome, where that riot took place.

Then we'll embark on the elegant 114-guest, all-suite Corinthian II, and sail for the legendary ruins of Troy, where Helen stood and Hecuba wept and Odysseus schemed a Horse. “These things never happened,” said the medieval writer Sallust, “but are always.” The scorch marks on Troy’s ancient gates still have stories to be told.

In Bodrum, the ancient Halicarnassus (where remnants of the Mausoleum, an ancient Wonder of the World, can still be seen), reflect upon native son Herodotus, the “father of history”—as well as native daughter Artemisia, who was the first woman to command a battleship.

Throughout the cruise, we will reflect upon names lost in the current of history—such as Kallipateira, the only woman ever to attend the ancient Olympics; or Aspasia, consort of Pericles, who influenced Platonic philosophy—as we explore some of the most evocative sites of the Aegean. We’ll explore the staircases of the Palace of Knossos on Crete, admire the ruins of Sparta from the Byzantine town of Mystra, and delve into Nikopolis, the most extensive Roman site in Greece, founded by Octavian to celebrate his victory in the Roman civil wars. We’ll also ascend the Acropolis of Pericles and investigate the ruins of Pella, birthplace of Alexander the Great.

The variety of destinations, the beauty of the landscape, and the monumentally historic nature of our itinerary all make this a fantastic exploration of the ancient world. Being able to explore it all by sea, aboard such an elegant small ship as the Corinthian II, will make it perfect. Joining us on this voyage will be travelers from Barnard College, the Explorers Club, and the Archaeological Institute of America. Please join Columbia alumna and CUNY Professor Sarah B. Pomeroy, fellow alumni, family and friends on this unique journey to Turkey and the Greek Isles.

We look forward to seeing you on board.

Sincerely,

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

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Front Cover: Mosaics of Emperor Justinian and Empress Theodora of Byzantium
Left: The Acropolis, the heart of ancient Athens
ITINERARY

Wednesday, October 17, 2007
USA
Fly from the U.S. to Istanbul, Turkey.

Thursday, October 18
ISTANBUL, TURKEY
Upon arrival in Istanbul, transfer to the Hilton Istanbul. Enjoy a welcome cocktail reception at the hotel this evening.

Friday, October 19
ISTANBUL: JUSTINIAN AND THEODORA
Istanbul grew to express the power of the Byzantine Empire through Justinian, whose legal code forged the foundations of modern jurisprudence. His wife, the Empress Theodora, a former courtesan who some considered the real power behind the throne, helped save Justinian’s reign during riots at the Hippodrome. Visit the 6th-century Church of Hagia Sophia, world famous for its intricately detailed mosaics; the Blue Mosque; the Hippodrome; and other sights. Embark on Corinthian II and sail this evening. (B, L, D)

Saturday, October 20
CANAKKALE | TROY: HELEN AND ODYSSEUS
Take an excursion to the ruins at Troy, which consists of nine cities superimposed in rings. Heinrich Schliemann began excavations in 1872, and archaeologists have continued over the last century. In this crucible that inspired The Iliad and The Odyssey, you may be able to discern the spot where Helen, “the face that launched a thousand ships,” named the Greek heroes as they appeared upon the Troad plain. (B, L, D)

Monday, October 22
RHODES | LINDOS, GREECE: KALLIPATEIRA
Rhodes was the home of Kallipateira, who flouted the male-centered culture of Greece to become the only woman ever to attend the ancient Olympics. The daughter, sister, and mother of Olympic victors, she disguised herself as a trainer to watch her son. Embracing her son after his victory, her disguise fell; in honor of her champion family, she was freed from punishment. Ascend Monte Smith, the site of the ancient acropolis, and see the restored 2nd-century B.C. stadium, the theater, and the ruins of temples dedicated to Zeus, Athena, and Pythian Apollo. In Lindos, enjoy lunch, after which you may take a donkey ride up to the acropolis of Lindos. Also visit the Archaeological Museum in Rhodes Town. (B, L, D)
Tuesday, October 23

HERAKLION, CRETE | KNOSOS: THESEUS AND ARIADNE
Crete was home to Europe’s first civilization, the Minoan, and we will explore one of its finest achievements, the Palace of Knossos. In myth, it was here that King Minos’s daughter, Ariadne, gave Theseus the string that helped him escape the Labyrinth after defeating the Minotaur. (B, L, D)

Wednesday, October 24

GYTHEIO | SPARTA | MYSTRA: LEONIDAS
From Gytheio, explore the ruins of Athens’ ideological antithesis—the austere and militaristic Sparta. Visit the ruins of the acropolis and, at the Archaeological Museum, see sculptures of Leonidas, the leader of “The Three Hundred” who saved Greece at Thermopylae. Continue to Mystra, overlooking Sparta, where fine Byzantine churches abound. (B, L, D)

Thursday, October 25

PREVEZA | NIKOPOLIS | KASSOPE: ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA
Corinthian II calls at Preveza, a port town that faces Actium on the Ambracian Gulf. It was here that the love story of Antony and Cleopatra ended in 31 B.C., when Cleopatra and her Egyptian fleet abandoned Antony’s ships, leading to Octavius’s victory and the founding of the Roman Empire. From Preveza, drive to nearby Nikopolis, founded by Octavius after his victory at Actium and the most extensive Roman site in Greece. Continue to the 4th-century B.C. ruins of Kassope in the rugged mountains. (B, L, D)

Friday, October 26

PIRAEUS | ATHENS: PERICLES
From Piraeus, travel to Athens. While visiting the monuments of the Acropolis, commissioned by the great Athenian Golden Age leader Pericles, reflect upon the influence of Aspasia, his mistress. One of the true “women behind great men,” her 5th century B.C. “salons” directly contributed to the sublime rhetoric of Pericles’ Funeral Oration, the Socratic method, and the intellectual methodology of Plato. (B, L, D)

Saturday, October 27

METHYMNA, LESVOS: SAPPHO
Lesvos is the birthplace of Sappho, one of the few female poets of antiquity, raised to the title of Muse by Plato. Tour the lovely town of Methymna, where picturesque tower-houses frame a charming fishing harbor and a fine Genoese castle. (B, L, D)

Sunday, October 28

THESSALONIKI | PELLA | VERGINA: ALEXANDER THE GREAT
Disembark in Thessaloniki and begin an excursion to Pella, Alexander the Great’s birthplace and capital of Macedonia in the 4th century B.C. Then drive to Vergina, where the excavated palace and tombs of Philip II are located. Return to Thessaloniki and the Electra Palace Hotel, our accommodations for the night. (B, L)

Monday, October 29

THESSALONIKI | USA
Transfer to the airport for your return flights. (B)
**SPACIOUS SUITES**

The 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, and feature beds that can be configured as two twin-size beds or one queen-size bed, a sitting area, satellite TV/DVD, mini-refrigerator, safe and a marble-appointed bathroom with fine toiletries. Guests staying in the spacious Penthouse Suites and Veranda Suites (400 and 300 square feet, respectively) will also enjoy a private balcony, private butler service, complimentary bottle of champagne on arrival and other exclusive in-suite amenities.

**FINES DİNING**

Superb Continental cuisine is created by *Corinthian II*’s European chefs and served either in the stately restaurant or *al fresco* on the wide sun deck, which is specially equipped for outdoor dining service. Select regional wines are complimentary with lunch and dinner. Fresh ingredients are chosen locally at many ports of call. 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 AND NIGHT**

Returning from excursions, enjoy complimentary refreshments, afternoon tea and all-day coffee in The Club, a comfortable 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 75 European officers and crew ensure an atmosphere akin to a private club for the length of your voyage.

**PROGRAM INCLUSIONS**

- One night in Istanbul at the *Hilton Istanbul*, with breakfast
- 9-night cruise aboard the all-suite, 114-guest *Corinthian II*
- One night in Thessaloniki at the *Electra Palace Hotel*, with breakfast
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions aboard ship
- All meals aboard ship, including house wine, beer, and soft drinks with lunch and dinner
- Complete program of tours and excursions as described
- Educational program of lectures and discussions by Columbia Alumna Sarah Pomeroy and accompanying guest lecturer
- Professional Travel Dynamics International tour staff
- Complete pre-departure materials
- Baggage handling and transfers abroad on the designated program departure and arrival dates
- Port dues and embarkation taxes
- Gratuities to porters, guides, and drivers

NOT INCLUDED: Airfare; visa and passport fees; luggage and trip cancellation insurance; 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
THE IDEAL COMBINATION OF CRUISE SHIP GRANDEUR AND SMALL-SHIP INTIMACY

Category B Suite

DECK PLAN

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

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: A limited number of cabins have been designated for single travelers in Categories D - A at a supplement of $2,695 to the per person, double occupancy rates. Singles in Categories AA - PHS are available at double the per person, double occupancy rates.

AIRFARE: Airfare is not included in the Cruise and Land Rates. Please call Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., the agency handling air arrangements for this program, for airfare to Istanbul, Turkey, returning from Thessaloniki, Greece. 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 (7430) handy for reference.

CRUISE AND LAND RATES

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 beds that can be configured as two twin-size beds or one queen-size bed, sitting area, ample closet space, mini-refrigerator, TV/DVD, marble-appointed bathroom with shower and other amenities.

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

- Professor Sarah B. Pomeroy, a pioneer in the study of ancient women, will share her insight into the lives and legacies of the historical women whose paths we will cross.

- Visit several UNESCO World Heritage sites including the excavations at Troy, the ruins of Mystra, the Acropolis of Athens and the archaeological site of Vergina.

- In Bodrum, see the jewels and ornaments excavated from the sarcophagus of Princess Ada, sister of Artemisia.

- Explore the remains of the rarely visited 4th-century B.C. city of Kassope, built in a most lovely setting.

- Visit the tomb of Philip II, father of Alexander the Great, and view the gold and other treasures found in his royal tomb.

- Lunch at Mavrikos Restaurant in Lindos, one of the best in Greece.
Enclosed is my check or credit card no. for $________ ($1,000 per person) as a deposit to hold _______ place(s) on Extraordinary Persons of Antiquity. I understand that final payment is due ninety (90) days prior to departure.

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Please select cabin category in order of preference:
PHS__ VS__ AA__ A__ B__ C__ D__ E__
☐ Single Occupancy  ☐ Double Bed
☐ AmEx  ☐ Discover  ☐ Visa  ☐ MasterCard

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☐ Twin Beds  ☐ Single Occupancy  ☐ Share

(Cannot be guaranteed, but I will pay the single supplement if need be.)

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E-MAIL

Each participant must sign below: I/We have read the “General Information” section and agree to its terms.

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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. Further information will be sent upon registration.

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

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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 or liability to the passenger beyond the foregoing. We reserve the right to make alterations to the tour's itinerary and to substitute hotels, ships, or 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 thereto. 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.

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