IN THE WAKE OF
Odysseus and Aeneas
A Voyage to the Lands of Great Heroes

Aboard the All-Suite, 114-Guest Corinthian II
September 11 - 24, 2007
Archaeological Institute of America lecturer **Albert Leonard, Jr.** is an archaeologist who specializes in the Bronze Age cultures of the Mediterranean, and his major research concerns the social impact of interregional trade among these ancient cultures. Recently retired, he is Professor Emeritus in the Departments of Classical Archaeology and Near Eastern Studies at the University of Arizona. For more than three decades, Al has directed excavations at a variety of sites around the Mediterranean in Italy, Greece, Egypt, Cyprus, Israel, Jordan, and Portugal. Throughout his career, Al has been active in educational outreach, lecturing on art and archaeology to elementary and high school classes as well as to university Adult Education groups and on a 2004 *Journey of Odysseus* voyage.

Smithsonian study leader **Z. Philip Ambrose** is Lyman-Roberts Professor Emeritus of Classical Languages and Literature at the University of Vermont. He received his Ph.D and MA from Princeton University. In 2006, he retired after a 44-year career as Professor and Chair of the Department of Classics at UVM where he taught Greek and Latin language and literature. Professor Ambrose’s particular interests are in drama, epic, mythology and the classical tradition in music. He is the author of books, articles and chapters on classical and musical subjects, and the winner of UVM’s Outstanding Faculty Award in 2006.
Dear Fellow Columbian,

Two wanderers were cast out from the toppled towers and smoking ruins of Troy. Homer’s Odysseus, the conqueror, driven forward and back by Aeolian winds and other calamities, strove to reclaim his Ithacan throne; while the survivor, Virgil’s Aeneas, drove against vengeful Juno to fulfill his destiny, the founding of Rome. What makes a hero? These two epics, and our voyage, hint at the answers.

This September, join us aboard the 114-guest, all-suite Corinthian II on a legendary Mediterranean journey retracing the mythical wanderings of Odysseus and Aeneas. Two-and-a-half millennia have gone into the makings of this itinerary, and hundreds of years of scholarship have located these heroes’ ports of call on real maps. While the Cyclops’s skull has not yet been unearthed, the places, and the truths of the human character, unveiled in the epics of Homer and Virgil are solidly grounded in history.

We’ll begin with a night in Athens where you will have the opportunity to visit the Sanctuary of Artemis at Brauron, intimately connected with the myth of Iphegeneia.

After a night traversing the route of the Achaeans’ thousand ships, we arrive at Troy. Then, like the heroes of myth, we set out to the sacred isle of Delos, where Aeneas beseeched Apollo for a new homeland.

From Mycenae, the seat of Agamemnon’s power, we’ll sail to the Ithaca of Odysseus’s homecoming, to the ruins of ancient Syracuse, lying near the Cyclops’ lair, and on to the Aeolian Islands. We’ll also delve into the sprawling ruins of Pompeii or gaze upon the splendid temples of Paestum. The next day, we’ll enjoy the serene sight of Segesta’s Doric temple, accessed via Trapani on Sicily’s west coast, home of the man-eating Laestrygonians. Finally, we’ll stand in Carthage, where Aeneas wooed Queen Dido, and disembark in Malta, the Isle of Calypso.

Throughout we will contemplate these two wanderers, and the intersections of Fortune, Fate, personality, and personal choice that make a heroic leader. A wealth of recent discoveries has made the ancient Mediterranean into quite a new place. In just the past two months, new analyses of Homer’s works, and a celebrated translation of The Aeneid by Robert Fagles have just been published. There is simply no better time to take this voyage.

We are pleased to be joined on this program by travelers from the Smithsonian, the Explorers Club, the Archaeological Institute of America, and Harvard University. Albert Leonard of the AIA and Philip Ambrose of Smithsonian will add insight to our trip through lectures and informal discussion. We look forward to seeing you on board.

Sincerely,

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ITINERARY

Tuesday, September 11, 2007
USA
Fly from the U.S. to Athens, Greece.

Wednesday, September 12
ATHENS, GREECE
Arrive in Athens and transfer to the Hotel King George for a one-night stay.

Thursday, September 13
ATHENS OR BRAURON | PIRAEUS | EMBARK
This morning, enjoy an extensive tour of the Acropolis, or travel to Brauron, whose Sanctuary of Artemis is one of the most graceful temples in Greece. Iphegeneia, daughter of Agamemnon, stole the image of Artemis from Tauris (commemorated in Euripides' drama) and installed it here, inaugurating the Artemis cult in Greece. In the afternoon, visit the National Archaeological Museum, or tour ancient Athens’ Agora. Sail in the late afternoon. (B, L, D)

Friday, September 14
AT SEA | CANAKKALE | TROY
Cruise this morning. In the afternoon, explore 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. Here, the city of King Priam finally fell to Odysseus' clever ruse of the Trojan Horse. (B, L, D)

Saturday, September 15
DELOS, GREECE
Discover the remains of the sanctuaries of Apollo and Artemis and the Terrace of the Lions, where a series of ancient sculptures look out to sea. Sail towards Corinth, transiting the Corinth Canal late this evening. (B, L, D)

Sunday, September 16
CORINTH | MYCENAE | TIRYNS | CORINTH
Journey to Mycenae, the city of myth founded by Perseus, ruled by Agamemnon, and discovered by Schliemann. Tour the archaeological site and visit the museum, which offers a comprehensive exhibit on the history of the Mycenaeans. Continue to the charming port town of Naflion for lunch and time at leisure. Return to Corinth in the afternoon, stopping at Homer's “wall-girt” city of Tiryons, situated on a rocky summit, where imposing, massive walls of red and gray limestone still stand 3,400 years after construction. (B, L, D)

Monday, September 17
ITHACA
Call this morning at Ithaca, the legendary home of Odysseus. See the bay of Dexia, Homer’s harbor of Phorkys, where the Phaeacians left the sleeping Odysseus on the beach. Then view the Cyclopean Walls (Alalkomenai), a ruined site known locally as Odysseus' Castle. (B, L, D)

Tuesday, September 18
AT SEA | SYRACUSE, SICILY, ITALY
Enjoy a day at sea, with an early evening arrival in Syracuse, which once rivaled Athens as the most important city of the ancient world. (B, L, D)
Wednesday, September 19
SYRACUSE
In Syracuse, visit the spectacular 15,000-seat Greek theater; the elliptical Roman amphitheater; and the Archaeological Museum, which contains an extensive collection of rare Sicilian artifacts. Also enjoy a walking tour of Syracuse’s old town, situated on the island of Ortygia. (B, L, D)

Thursday, September 20
LIPARI ISLAND
The Lipari Islands are also known as the Aeolian Islands, home to the kingdom of Aeolus, Keeper of the Four Winds in The Odyssey. Take a drive on lovely Lipari—the largest of these islands and home to beautiful harbors and an impressive 16th-century fortress. Then visit the Museo Eoliano, which exhibits Greek and Roman pottery unearthed on the island. (B, L, D)

Friday, September 21
SALERNO | POMPEII OR PAESTUM | SALERNO, ITALY
From Salerno, an excursion leads to Pompeii. Alternatively, visit Paestum, one of Italy’s most important archaeological sites. Tour the ruins, which include the temples of Hera, Neptune, and Ceres, and visit the museum. (B, L, D)

Saturday, September 22
TRAPANI | SEGESTA | ERICE | TRAPANI, SICILY
Dock at Trapani, home to the man-eating Laestrygonians, for an excursion to the Doric temple of Segesta. A splendid temple, a theater cut of rock, and a little sanctuary dating from around A.D. 700 survive in an isolated location amid rolling hills. Also visit Erice, magnificently located on a plateau high above the sea. Leisurably explore the shops and streets of this beautifully preserved medieval town, noting the 12th-century Castle of Venus. (B, L, D)

Sunday, September 23
Hammamet | Carthage | Tunis | Hammamet, Tunisia
Explore the ancient city of Carthage, founded in the 9th century B.C., including such Phoenician sites as Tophet, the sanctuary of the gods Tanit and Baal, and some of the city’s many Roman sites, such as the Antonine Baths. In Tunis, tour the Bardo Museum, world-renowned for its spectacular collection of Roman mosaics. (B, L, D)

Monday, September 24
Valletta, Malta | Disembark | USA
Corinthian II sails into the dramatic Grand Harbor of Valletta on Malta, the beguiling Calypso’s island. Disembark and transfer to the airport for return flights to the U.S. (B)

For two days, explore Malta, the 3-island republic, located in the center of the Mediterranean and Europe’s last outpost before North Africa. The country is staunchly Catholic, yet also shows strong Arab and Muslim influences, a mixture that reflects its position as a crossroads of culture and political ambition. Its long history is evident in the prehistoric monuments, medieval relics, and architectural beauty of its cities and archaeological sites.

This optional post-cruise program includes accommodations at Le Meridien Phoenicia in Valletta for two nights, including breakfast; sightseeing tours, including the Archaeological Museum, Co-Cathedral of St. John, Palace of the Grand Masters, Hagar Qim, Tarxien Temples, and Mdina; a lunch of typical Maltese cuisine; and a transfer from the hotel to the airport on the last day of the program.

Rates: $695 per person, double occupancy; $195 single supplement
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.

**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 70 European officers and crew ensure an atmosphere akin to a private club for the length of your voyage.

**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.

**FINE DINING**

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.

**PROGRAM INCLUSIONS**

- 1-night stay in Athens at the *Hotel King George*, with breakfast
- 11-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
- Complete program of tours and excursions throughout the voyage
- Educational program of lectures by accompanying guest lecturers
- Professional Travel Dynamics International tour staff
- Baggage handling and transfers abroad on the designated program departure and arrival dates
- Complete pre-departure materials
- 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
**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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**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 contact Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., the agency handling air arrangements for this program, for airfares to Athens, Greece, returning from Valletta, Malta in your selected class of service. To reach VWTI, kindly call toll-free 877-711-9896 or 212-592-1340, and please have your tour code (7426) handy for reference.
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The defeated, to a new home.
This trip is their story.
Enclosed is my check or credit card no. for $________ ($1,000 per person) as a deposit to hold ______ place(s) on In the Wake of Odysseys and Aeneas. I understand that final payment is due ninety (90) days prior to departure.

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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.

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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 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.

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