THE ANCIENT LOST CITIES OF LIBYA AND TUNISIA
Greco-Roman Civilization Between the Desert and the Sea

A Voyage of Discovery Aboard the 114-Guest CORINTHIAN II
March 31 - April 11, 2006
“...My eye caught sections of splendid, huge, white marble columns and monolithic cubes, each big enough to fill a cart. I copied a Latin inscription from a stela, which looked as though it had been carved yesterday. Doubtless the wind had only just uncovered it; we know that the sand is a wonderful preservative of all it buries. On the furrowed cliff my hand scraped on some remarkable mosaic borders. What a harvest there would be here if only excavation were permitted! The kilometer-and-a-half of beach is covered in broken pieces of ashlar, ruined capitals, mosaics, and floors that must have belonged to public places. Luxurious summer houses were dotted along the seashore, where you can still make out the remains of imposing jetties.”

- Henri Méhier de Mathmisieult, *Travels in Tripolitania*, 1903
Dear Columbian,

In ancient times, the palm-studded coast of Libya and Tunisia was home to some of the greatest civilizations that flourished in the Mediterranean. Phoenicians, Greeks, Romans, Byzantines and others settled here and built cities that today reveal the power and prosperity they attained. Travelers to Libya and Tunisia will find the remains of Greek cities that would not be out of place in Greece itself, as well as some of the most splendid Roman sites found anywhere in the Mediterranean.

For the first time in a generation, Libya is open to American travelers. Finally, after more than two decades, it is possible to wander amidst the country’s spectacular ancient sites, and our itinerary will explore most of them. In the eastern part of the country, we will discover Cyrene, a Greek colony founded in the 7th century B.C. Built on the edge of a plateau, sprawling Cyrene, with its sanctuaries and other landmarks, commands a superb position overlooking the valley below and the sea beyond. Also discover nearby Apollonia, set on a broad bay.

The highlight of our visit to Tripolitania, Libya’s western region, will undoubtedly be Leptis Magna. Founded 3,000 years ago by the Carthaginians, the city flourished under the Romans, and reached a degree of splendor that rivaled Rome itself after the city’s native son, Lucius Septimius Severus, became emperor in 193 A.D. That splendor has survived almost intact to this day. For nearly 1,500 years all this glory lay buried beneath the dunes, and there is an unbelievable amount yet to be discovered—the majestic remains excavated thus far represent only five percent of the ancient city. Also visit the awe-inspiring remains of Sabratha, set dramatically by the sea.

In Tunisia, we explore legendary Carthage, founded in the 9th century B.C. by Phoenicians, later becoming the metropolis and powerful commercial center of an empire. You may also opt to visit Kairouan, with its Great Mosque of Sidi Okba, or El Djem, home to a remarkable Roman amphitheater.

A private yacht is the ideal way to explore these ancient sites of Libya and Tunisia—all the sites are near the coast, making them easily accessible. For this exciting moment in travel history, we will cruise aboard the all-suite Corinthian II, which accommodates 114 guests in 57 suites, each affording captivating views of the passing landscape and seascape. Corinthian II’s tastefully designed public areas include a restaurant accommodating all guests at one seating; spacious lounges; a library; gym; and broad decks for sunning and relaxing.

Joining us will be Professor Kenneth T. Jackson, Professor of History at Columbia and a military expert. We are also privileged to also be joined by guest lecturer and Columbia alumnus Professor Sarantis Symeonoglou of Washington University, alumni from Washington University, and Stephen and Hala Buck, experts on Middle Eastern and North African affairs.

This is the perfect time to visit Libya and Northern Africa. With the travel industry’s interest in Libya still in its infancy, we will find the beaches free from crowds and the ancient sites all but deserted. Seize the moment and be among the first to see this incredible part of North Africa. Anticipation for this voyage is extraordinarily high and spaces are extremely limited, so reserve your stateroom today.

Sincerely,

Eric J. Furda
Vice President for Alumni Relations

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E-mail: travelstudy@columbia.edu
Itinerary

Friday, March 31, 2006
USA
Depart from the United States on a flight to Valletta, Malta.

Saturday, April 1
VALLETTA, MALTA | EMBARKATION
Arrive in Valletta and transfer to the port to embark Corinthian II. Set sail for Libya. (D)

Sunday, April 2
AT SEA
Enjoy lectures and the amenities of Corinthian II as the ship cruises toward Derna. (B, L, D)

Monday, April 3
DERNA | CYRENE | APOLLONIA | Derna, Libya
This morning, Corinthian II docks in Derna (the ancient Darnis) on Libya's Cyrenaican coast. Take a full-day excursion to Cyrene, one of North Africa's great cities of antiquity. Founded by Greek colonists from the island of Thera (Santorini) in the 7th century B.C., Cyrene was built on the side of a hill, facing the plain and the sea. Its substantial ruins and monuments testify to its wealth and power. On the return to the ship, stop at Apollonia, Cyrene's port, where its Museum displays, among other objects, excellent mosaics from the region's early Byzantine churches. (B, L, D)

Tuesday, April 4
BENGHAZI | TEUCHEIRA | PTOLEMAIS | BENGAZI
From Benghazi, Libya’s second largest city and a major commercial port, travel to the attractive area known as the Jebel Akhdar (the Green Mountains) to visit the remains of ancient Teucheira and Ptolemais. One of the five cities of the Libyan Pentapolis, Teucheira was founded in the 6th century B.C. by Greek settlers, and remained the last Byzantine stronghold in Cyrenaica. One of the least excavated sites in Cyrenaica, it gives visitors the opportunity to explore an ancient site before major excavations begin. North of Teucheira is Ptolemais, an ancient port that occupies a narrow area between the sea and the lower area of the Jebel Akhdar. Originally a Greek settlement of the 7th century B.C., it was refounded by Ptolemy III in the 3rd century B.C. as Ptolemais. (B, L, D)

Wednesday, April 5
AT SEA
Spend a relaxing day at sea cruising to Khoms and the spectacular site of Leptis Magna. (B, L, D)

Thursday, April 6
KHOMS | LEPTIS MAGNA | KHOMS
This morning, call at Khoms on Libya’s Tripolitanian coast. Nearby are the ruins of Leptis Magna, one of the Mediterranean’s most compelling ancient sites. Leptis Magna achieved its prominence in the 3rd century A.D. under the Severan emperors, who launched an unprecedented, lavish building scheme, embellishing the city with extraordinary public buildings. Excellently preserved to the present day because of its burial under shifting sands, this glorious coastal city is a unique example of ancient town planning. Spend the day exploring the city’s magnificent buildings, monuments, temples, and streets. Also visit Villa Sileen, a recently restored Roman residence with vivid mosaics depicting
Saturday, April 8
ZUWARA | SABRATHA | ZUWARA
From Zuwara, travel to nearby Sabratha, the ancient city that began as a Carthaginian trading post, became a permanent settlement in the 4th century B.C., and flourished in the Roman period. Located by the sea, Sabratha’s ruins include temples, public baths, fountains, and a museum noted for its collection of mosaics. (B, L, D)

Sunday, April 9
SOUSSE | KAIROUAN OR EL DJEM | SOUSSE, TUNISIA
Land in the morning in Sousse in central Tunisia. There will be a choice of two excursions. One will visit Kairouan and the Great Mosque of Sidi Okba and the Sidi Sahab Mausoleum. Alternatively, drive to El Djem to explore its great Roman amphitheater, and the Museum, with its collection of mosaics. (B, L, D)

Monday, April 10
TUNIS | CARTHAGE | TUNIS
Arrive in Tunis and tour storied Carthage, founded by Phoenicians in the 9th century B.C. The site contains Phoenician remains including Tophet, the sanctuary of the gods Tanit and Baal, and imposing monuments from the Roman period. Also tour the Bardo Museum, renowned for its spectacular collection of Roman mosaics, and visit the Medina and its souks. (B, L, D)

Tuesday, April 11
PALERMO, SICILY, ITALY | DISEMBARKATION | USA
Disembark Corinthian II in Palermo in the morning, and transfer to the airport for return flights to the USA. (B)

Optional Pre-Cruise Extension to Valletta, Malta
March 29 – April 1, 2006:
Valletta is renowned for its architectural beauty, medieval relics, and ancient monuments. On this two-day optional extension, visit the Co-Cathedral of St. John, a lavish repository for Malta’s finest art treasures; the Palace of the Grand Masters; and the National Museum of Archaeology. Explore Hal Saflieni Hypogeum, an enormous subterranean sanctuary dating from prehistoric times; the Neolithic temple structures at Tarxien; and the M’dina, the “Silent City” once inhabited by Phoenicians, Carthaginians, and the Romans.

Rate: $765 per person, double occupancy
Single Supplement: $195
Included: Two nights at the Le Meridien Phoenicia, with breakfast daily; tours of Malta, as described; group transfers from airport to hotel and from hotel to ship

Optional Post-Cruise Extension to Palermo, Sicily
April 11 – 13, 2006:
Enjoy tours of Palermo, the capital of Sicily and one of Europe’s most visually stunning and energetic cities, as well as an excursion to the small medieval town of Monreale, famed for its Cathedral and elegant Cloister. In Palermo, visit La Martorana, a church adorned with beautiful mosaics; the glorious Cappella Palatina; and the Archaeological Museum.

Rate: $865 per person, double occupancy
Single Supplement: $295
Included: Two nights at the Grand Hotel Villa Igiea, with breakfast daily; tours of Palermo and Monreale, as described; group transfers from ship to hotel and from hotel to airport
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 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 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 wrap-around sun deck with jacuzzi. The 70 European officers and crew ensure an atmosphere akin to a private club for the length of your voyage.

Odysseus Circle—Your Passport to Savings
People who voyage with Columbia University and Travel Dynamics International share the same passion for discovery as the mythological adventurer Odysseus. We believe you are more than our guest—you are also our partner in our quest for discovery and learning. To thank you for choosing to travel with us, we invite you to share in the benefits of our rewards club, Odysseus Circle: an innovative, straightforward program that is exactly what you would want it to be—rewarding—with no membership fees or cumbersome restrictions. Earn Nautical Miles per distance sailed on each voyage, and redeem them for phenomenal savings on future journeys with Travel Dynamics:

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On this voyage you will earn 1,430 NAUTICAL MILES
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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 twin or queen-size beds, 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 $2,695 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 cost of the program. Please contact Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., the agency handling the air arrangements for this program, for competitive airfares to Valletta, Malta, returning from Palermo, Sicily, in your selected class of service. To reach VWTI, kindly call toll-free 877-711-9896 or 212-592-1340 for air reservations and ticketing information, and please have your program tour code handy for reference: 6408.
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 reservation, charges may apply.

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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.

Registration

Enclosed is my check or credit card no. for $ ______ ($1,000 per person) as a deposit to hold ___ place(s) on The Ancient Lost Cities of Libya and Tunisia.

Please make check payable to: Travel Dynamics International and mail to: Columbia University, Alumni Travel Study Program, P.O. Box 169 New York, NY 10028.
Or, fax to 212-517-7770.
Phone: 866-3-ALUMNI (866-325-8664) or 212-472-4365 in New York City.
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I understand that final payment is due ninety (90) days prior to departure.

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