Dear Columbian,

The very word “Antarctica” evokes awe, mystery, and adventure. A remote wilderness at the bottom of the Earth, this frozen continent has attracted the most accomplished adventurers and scientists the world has ever known. French explorer Jean-Baptiste Charcot described its allure as “powerful and tenacious,” and the few travelers who are fortunate enough to visit return home changed by an experience so elemental that it touches their very core. Even in this worldly age, Antarctica is a land apart. There are no city maps, no marked trails, no local tour guides among the ice cliffs. To truly experience all that Antarctica has to offer, it’s important to travel with those who know the environment best.

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that we invite you to join Columbia Professor and New York Times-best-selling author Brian Greene aboard Corinthian II in Antarctica this coming winter. Our voyage takes place during the austral summer, when the days are long and relatively mild, when seabirds are courting, and massive icebergs thaw into beautiful sculptures of brilliant form and color. Each day presents a new discovery, whether we are cruising through ice-filled channels, walking among crowded penguin rookeries, or witnessing minkes, humpbacks, and orcas cavorting in the sparkling waters.

Corinthian II’s ideal size and maneuverability allow for in-depth discovery while its fleet of Zodiac landing craft provides up-close viewing of the spectacular scenery. This lovely ship provides guests with a perfect balance to their invigorating outdoor adventures, with 57 gracefully appointed exterior suites; gourmet cuisine served in a spacious restaurant; two comfortable lounges; a gym; and a sun deck with Jacuzzi. We are also pleased to be joined by Georgetown Professor Christopher Joyner, a leading expert on Antarctic maritime law, and travelers from Georgetown.

Few people ever experience the otherworldly grandeur of what is known as the “White Continent”, but even fewer will have the great fortune to explore Antarctica with such distinguished scholars. This program is certain to sell out, so I encourage you to act quickly to reserve the suite of your choice.

Sincerely,

Eric J. Furda
Vice President for Alumni Relations

Brian Greene is one of the world’s leading theoretical physicists and a brilliant communicator of cutting-edge scientific concepts. He is a riveting public speaker, best-selling author, and known for a number of groundbreaking discoveries. A graduate of Harvard and a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford, Greene is a professor in both Physics and Mathematics at Columbia University. He is co-director of Columbia’s Institute for Strings, Cosmology, and Astroparticle Physics (ISCAP). In his national bestseller, The Elegant Universe—a Pulitzer Prize finalist which has sold over a million copies worldwide—Greene recounts how the theories of general relativity and quantum mechanics transformed our understanding of the universe, and he introduces us to string theory, a concept that might be the key to a unified theory of the universe. His latest book, The Fabric of the Cosmos: Space, Time and the Texture of Reality, has spent 22 weeks on The New York Times bestsellers list and inspired The Washington Post to describe him as “the single best explainer of abstruse concepts in the world today.” Greene succeeds in making the most sophisticated concepts in physics and cosmology accessible and entertaining to a general audience. “We’re talking about the biggest questions of all time,” says Greene. “Why is there a universe? What is space? What is time? How is it all put together? You don’t have to be a physicist to find this stuff fascinating.” In 2003 Greene hosted the Emmy Award-winning NOVA special, “The Elegant Universe,” on PBS. The program received a 2004 Peabody Award for broadcast excellence. Greene’s “elegant universe” and study of string theory have also been widely profiled by the media, including ABC’s Nightline, The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer, CNN, Charlie Rose, Scientific American, The New York Times, Conan O’Brien, and The Late Show with David Letterman.
“The Antarctica trip was magical! I’ve traveled over 6 continents, stayed in the world’s most prestigious hotels and had wonderful adventures but the Antarctica trip is top of the list. The solitary grandeur and beauty of the land, the charm of its wildlife…the great lectures and perhaps, most of all, the kindness, helpfulness, and genuine enthusiasm of the crew made this my favorite trip ever! Many, many thanks!”

— Vera Van Atta,
Branchport, NY

ITINERARY

Sunday, January 1, 2006
USA | DEPARTURE
Depart from the United States on a flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Monday, January 2
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.

Tuesday, January 3
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 Corinthian II navigates the Beagle Channel, enjoy a spectacular vista of glaciers and green-misted mountains.

Wednesday, January 4 & Thursday, January 5
AT SEA
Attend lectures 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 accompany the ship on its passage.
Friday, January 6 - Tuesday, January 10
ANTARCTIC PENINSULA
Enjoy five days exploring the pristine wilderness of the Antarctic Peninsula and 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 Zodiacs, 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; Paradise Bay, the habitat of Gentoo Penguins and leopard and Weddell seals; and Deception Island, known for its volcanically heated hot springs. Voyages through the magnificent Lemaire, Neumeyer, Errera, and other protected channels are also scheduled.

Wednesday, January 11 & Thursday, January 12
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.

Friday, January 13
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.

Saturday, January 14
USA
Arrive in the United States.

“This was the best trip we have ever taken. The whole experience was magical . . . I especially appreciated the pains the lecturers and naturalists took in explaining why the Antarctic is so important and why we should keep it pristine and safe from exploitation . . .”

— Joyce Schwartz, Weston, MA
Program Inclusions

- Ten-night cruise aboard the all-suite, 114-guest Corinthian II
- One night in Buenos Aires at the Marriott Plaza Hotel
- 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 with accompanying Columbia faculty Brian Greene, other guest lecturers, and onboard naturalist guides
- Expedition parka, complete pre-departure materials, and detailed cruise log
- Travel Dynamics International expedition leader and tour staff
- 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

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 a 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 International.

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Membership is as easy as a phone call. Details will be sent to you upon registration.

On This Voyage You Will Earn

2,200 Nautical Miles

The distinguished 114-guest Corinthian II is the newest member of Travel Dynamics International’s fleet, offering a classic yacht-like atmosphere and fine accommodations. Originally built in 1992 and refurbished and redecorated in 2004 and early 2005, Corinthian II accommodates all guests in 57 outside suites, each affording sea views and elegantly appointed with a sitting area, TV, mini-refrigerator, safe, and other amenities as well as a marble-appointed bathroom. Several suites include private balconies accessed via sliding glass doors. Spacious and finely decorated public areas include a library stocked with books related to the itinerary and other volumes, and four computer terminals for e-mail access; an elegant lounge; and The Club, a space for convivial relaxation, with picture windows for panoramic views. The restaurant, serving fine cuisine prepared by European chefs, accommodates all guests at a single unassigned seating. The ship also includes a gym, beauty salon, an elevator serving all passenger decks, a sun deck with Jacuzzi, and an outdoor bar and café, where meals may be served al fresco. Corinthian II is served by 70 experienced European officers and crew. Corinthian II is ice-strengthened for voyages into Antarctic waters and is equipped with a fleet of Zodiac inflatable craft for forays ashore.
Deck Plan

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 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 US$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.

THIRD PERSON SHARING: The rate for a third person sharing a suite with two full-fare guests is US$2,495.
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. 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 purveyor 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 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.

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 causes 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 or liability to the passenger beyond the foregoing. We reserve the right to make alterations to the tour’s itinerary and to substitute hotels or ships 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 substitute study leaders. 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

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Registration

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E-mail: travelstudy@columbia.edu

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.

☐ AmEx  ☐ Discover  ☐ Visa  ☐ MasterCard

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PLEASE SELECT CABIN CATEGORY

IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE:

☐ Twin Beds  ☐ Double Bed

☐ Single Occupancy  ☐ Share

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☐ Yes, please send my pre-departure materials via e-mail.

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

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