TREASURES OF BRAZIL
HISTORIC CITIES AND PRISTINE WILDERNESS

ABOARD THE ALL-SUITE, 114-GUEST CORINTHIAN II
February 28 - March 13, 2006

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
Dear Columbian,

There is a flavor to the northeastern coast of Brazil. Travelogues spend thousands of words trying to capture it; the Brazilians do it with just two. Mistura fina, they call it, laughing—the “exquisite mixture.” You can taste it: in the thunderous, sensuous drum-beats of the town squares; in the leaping pirouettes of capoeira dancers; in the magnificent old Catholic churches; and in the graceful, windswept palms of the gorgeous beaches—mistura fina holds sway: the bold, bright, complex, and colorful fusion of Portuguese, African, and Native American cultures in this most historic part of Brazil.

In early March of 2006, North America will, once again, slowly begin to rouse itself from winter. You, however, are invited to join us aboard the 114-guest, all-suite Corinthian II for a tropical cruise to discover the heart and soul of historic Brazil—encountering no fewer than three UNESCO World Heritage Sites, and two magnificent nature preserves en route.

We begin with two nights in Salvador da Bahia, the first capital of Brazil and one of the most colorful, lively, and fascinating cities to be found in the world. In 1501, Amerigo Vespucci discovered the peninsula where the city now stands. We will enjoy an extensive tour of Salvador’s glorious historic district, filled with gold-tinted Portuguese Baroque churches, and delight in the endless street life that bursts from every square and corner.

Then embark the luxurious, yacht-like Corinthian II, a wonderful vessel from its spacious, graciously appointed suites to the supremely genial service provided by every member of staff and crew. Enjoying the fantastic weather that has made Brazil’s beaches the envy of the world, cruise first to Recife and visit Olinda, one of the best-preserved colonial cities in Brazil. Amid majestic 17th-century streets, explore the city’s vibrant artistic culture and streets filled with music. Admire magnificent views of Natal from the great Fortress of the Reis Magos, and delight in the charming 17th-century Dutch-influenced city of Fortaleza.

Spend a day each in Caju Island and Lencois Maranhenses National Park, two pristine natural environments filled with bird life, then close out this adventure with visits to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Sao Luis and the important port city of Belem. Throughout the voyage, examine the fascinating colonial history of Brazil and gain an unrivaled look at the festive and multicultural character of South America’s largest and most varied country.

In addition, you can conclude this exploration of Brazilian culture with one of two extraordinary post-cruise options—a three-night stay in the Amazon Ecopark Lodge for an intimate look at the world’s greatest rain forest, or two nights at the Hotel Caesar Park in Rio de Janeiro, the Cidade Maravilhosa (“Marvelous City”), situated on world-famous Ipanema Beach.

Please join us and travelers from Harvard, The American Geographical Society, the University of Pennsylvania, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and other groups aboard the unrivaled Corinthian II for this unique discovery of Brazil’s mistura fina.

Sincerely,

Eric J. Furda
Vice President for Alumni Relations

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Cover: Olinda; Left: Salvador da Bahia

GUEST LECTURERS

CALVIN TRILLIN is acclaimed in fields of writing that are remarkably diverse. As someone who has published solidly reported pieces in The New Yorker for 40 years, he has been called “perhaps the finest reporter in America.” His wry commentary on the American scene and his books chronicling his adventures as a “happy eater” have earned him renown as “a classic American humorist.” His best-selling Remembering Denny (1993) was hailed as “an elegiac, disturbing and altogether brilliant memoir.” Trillin has published 23 books, including three comic novels (most recently the national best-seller Tepper Isn’t Going Out) and an account of the desegregation of the University of Georgia. From 1967 to 1982, he did a series for The New Yorker called “U.S. Journal”, a 3,000-word article from somewhere in the United States every three weeks. Since 1984, he has done a series of longer narrative pieces called “American Chronicles.” Trillin lectures widely and has appeared often as a guest on television. He has written and presented two one-man shows at the American Place Theater in New York, both of them critically acclaimed and both sell-outs.

American Geographical Society lecturer DONALD PFISTER is the Asa Gray Professor of Systematic Botany at Harvard University and is curator of the Farlow Reference Library and Herbarium. His research involves the study of fungi and in the course of research he has visited many areas from high boreal latitudes to tropical areas. He teaches courses on the biology of trees and forests, fungal biology and plants and human affairs. He and his wife Cathy served as Co-Masters of Kirkland House for many years. They have also led several trips for Harvard.
**ITINERARY**

Tuesday, February 28, 2006
USA
Fly from the U.S. to Salvador, Brazil.

Wednesday, March 1
SALVADOR, BRAZIL
Arrive in Salvador and transfer to the Hotel Pestana Bahia, beautifully situated on a hilltop overlooking the city. In the evening, enjoy a cocktail reception followed by dinner. (D)

Thursday, March 2
SALVADOR
Founded by the Portuguese in 1549 on the magnificent Bahia de Todos os Santos—and Brazil’s capital for over 200 years—Salvador remains one of the country’s highlights. The city’s historic district, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, contains some of the most important colonial architecture in the Americas. Spend the morning wandering through Salvador’s maze of streets and elegant squares, lined with pastel mansions, imposing churches, artists’ workshops, and antique shops. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to savor the city’s magnificent colors and sounds or to visit the local handicraft market. (B, D)

Friday, March 3
SALVADOR | EMBARKATION
Transfer to the pier this afternoon to embark Corinthian II and set sail. (B, D)

Saturday, March 4
AT SEA
Spend the day at sea, cruising along the northeast coast of Brazil. (B, L, D)

Sunday, March 5
RECIFE | OLINDA | RECIFE
Call at the port of Recife, founded by the Dutch in 1637. Tour the town’s principal monuments, including the City Museum, housed in the former Dutch Fort of Five Points. Continue to Olinda, the old capital of Pernambuco, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After touring Olinda’s historic landmarks, return to Recife to reboard Corinthian II. (B, L, D)

Monday, March 6
NATAL
Arrive in vibrant Natal, capital of the state of Rio Grande do Norte and noted for its beautiful stretch of beaches. A tour includes the Cathedral of Natal and the Camara Cascudo Museum, which details the state’s natural history and anthropology. Continue to Reis Magos Fortress to take in a panoramic view of the city. Alternatively, take a dune buggy excursion to survey the port’s myriad beaches, including the Moving Dunes of Genipabu. (B, L, D)

Tuesday, March 7
FORTALEZA
Call at Fortaleza to tour the city’s historic district, dating to the 17th century. See the Fortaleza (Fort), built by the Dutch in 1649; the Jose de Alencar Theater, a magnificent neoclassical iron structure; the 18th-century Nossa Senhora do Rosario Church; the Central Market; and the Dragao do Mar Cultural Center. (B, L, D)

Wednesday, March 8
CAJU ISLAND
Call at privately-owned Caju Island, located at the delta of the Parnaiba River. Caju is an Environmental Protection Area, whose 25,000 acres comprise various ecosystems populated by a variety of wildlife. Over 135 species of birds have been recorded. Explore this pristine environment and enjoy the crystal-clear beaches. (B, L, D)
Thursday, March 9
LENCOIS MARANHENSES NATIONAL PARK
Discover stunning Lencois Maranhenses National Park, which occupies a 90-mile stretch of Brazil’s north Atlantic coast. Protected since 1981, this pristine place consists of vast desert sand dunes as well as pure lagoons and rivers. The park includes a rich assortment of wildlife, including migratory birds and giant turtles. (B, L, D)

Friday, March 10
SAO LUIS
In the morning, arrive in Sao Luis, one of Brazil’s most charming colonial cities. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Sao Luis is the only settlement in South America founded by the French. Beautifully situated on an island between two rivers, Sao Luis is notable for its well-preserved colonial architecture. Explore the city’s historic center, where elegant mansions with azulejos (tiles) line the narrow streets. See the Cathedral da Se, built in 1629; the Leoes Palace, originally a 17th-century fortress; the magnificent Artur Azevedo Theater; and the Desterro Chapel, notable for its facade. (B, L, D)

Saturday, March 11
AT SEA
Spend the day aboard ship as Corinthian II cruises toward the Amazon. (B, L, D)

Sunday, March 12
BELEM | DISEMBARKATION
Disembark in Belem in the morning and tour the city, which benefited greatly from the booming 19th-century rubber trade. Visit the splendid Teatro de Paz; the Basilica of Our Lady of Nazareth, with its stained-glass windows and mosaics; the Ver-o-Peso market, which occupies several blocks along the riverfront; and the Castelo, a fort built by the Portuguese in 1616. After lunch at a local restaurant, drive to the airport for return flights to the U.S. (B, L)

Monday, March 13
USA
Arrive in the U.S.

OPTIONAL POST-CRUISE EXTENSIONS

**RIO DE JANEIRO**
March 12 – 15, 2006
Cidade Maravilhosa (“Marvelous City”)—there’s no other way to describe this exotic metropolis, which luxuriously stretches between its beaches and the verdant heights of the Corcovado and Sugarloaf peaks, both of which we will visit. The deluxe Hotel Caesar Park, renowned for its impeccable service, is directly across the Avenue Vieira Souto to world-famous Ipanema Beach.

**Included:** Two nights at the deluxe Hotel Caesar Park, with breakfast daily; transfers between airport and hotel on the extension arrival and departure dates; lunch at a churrascaria restaurant; sightseeing of Rio, including visits to Corcovado and Sugarloaf

**Per person, double occupancy rate:** $695
**Single supplement:** $325

**AMAZON ECOPARK LODGE**
March 12 – 16, 2006
Located in the middle of the Amazon rain forest on the Rio Taruma—a tributary of Rio Negro—the Amazon Ecopark Lodge offers an unparalleled expeditionary and educational experience. Take an evening canoe tour for alligator watching; enjoy nature hikes through the dense rain forest; fish for piranha; visit with the local cabloco people; cruise to the “Meeting of the Waters”; and travel to the nearby Monkey Jungle, a rehabilitation project created by the Living Rainforest Foundation.

**Included:** Three nights at the Amazon Ecopark Lodge, with breakfast daily; designated flight from Belem to Manaus; transfers between airport and hotel on the extension arrival and departure dates; all meals; sightseeing and excursions as described above

**Per person, double occupancy rate:** $975
**Single supplement:** $125

Rio de Janeiro
PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

- Two nights in Salvador at the Hotel Pestana Bahia
- Nine-night cruise aboard the all-suite, 114-guest Corinthian II
- Welcome and farewell receptions aboard ship, hosted by the captain
- All meals aboard ship including breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, and dinner
- Complimentary house wine, beer, and soft drinks with lunch and dinner aboard ship
- Complete program of tours and excursions as described in the itinerary
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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 1,570 NAUTICAL MILES
The Club

**Main Specifications**

Overall Length: 297 feet | Beam: 50 feet | Draft: 12 feet

Gross Tonnage: 4,200 | Flag: Malta

**Deck Plan**

The Club Category B Suite

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.

**Cruise and Land Rates**

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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 Salvador, Brazil, returning from Belem, Brazil, 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 (6406) handy for reference.
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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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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Enclosed is my check or credit card no. for $______ ($1,000 per person) as a deposit to hold ____ place(s) on Treasures of Brazil. 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:

☐ Twin Beds  ☐ Double Bed
☐ Single Occupancy  ☐ Share

Yes, please book me/us on the Optional Post-Cruise Extension to:

☐ Rio de Janeiro  ☐ Amazon Ecopark Lodge

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

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