HISTORIC CITIES OF THE SEA
A VOYAGE FROM VENICE TO SEVILLE

Diocletian’s Palace (3rd century) in Split encompasses the city’s old town

Aboard the All-Suite, 114-Guest Corinthian II
May 3 - 14, 2006
GUEST LECTURERS

American Geographical Society lecturer William A. Koelsch is Emeritus Professor of History and Geography at Clark University, where he taught courses on the historical geography of the Mediterranean world in the Graduate School of Geography and the Program in Ancient Civilization. His research has involved the relation of Geography and the Classics in Great Britain and the U.S. in the last two centuries, and the historical geography of the Roman and Greek worlds. He is currently working on a book tentatively titled Geography and the Classics: Explorations in an Anglo-American Tradition.

Dr. Dorothea French, representing the University of California at Berkeley/BEAR TREKS, has been a faculty member of the history department at Santa Clara University since 1985. Her research interests in both classical and medieval history include such diverse topics as the Roman public spectacles, actors and actresses, public demonstrations, and pilgrimages. She has traveled extensively in the Mediterranean and led previous voyages to the region. During our trip her lectures will focus on the interrelationships of the diverse civilizations that flourished in the area.

John Reich has lived in Italy since 1970, where he directed archaeological excavations at Etruscan sites and served as Director of the Florida State Study Center in Florence, and taught classes at Syracuse University in Florence. Mr. Reich has published several books on Italy and has written articles on archaeology, literature, and opera. He has led many tours in the region, lectured for the Archaeological Institute of America, at the National Gallery in Washington, and for other groups. The second edition of his survey of western history, The Western Tradition, came out in 2004, and the sixth edition of his Culture and Values is due out by late 2005.

Hubert Keller is co-owner and executive chef of San Francisco’s acclaimed Fleur de Lys restaurant, which offers contemporary French cooking with a Mediterranean accent. Both the restaurant and Chef Keller are the recipient of numerous awards and plaudits, including “Second Best Restaurant in the World” by Wine Spectator magazine; one of “10 Best Chefs in America” per Food & Wine magazine; and Best Chef, California, James Beard Award. Chef Keller trained with Lyonnais master Paul Bocuse and has worked at many of France’s most beloved restaurants. He contributed to Dr. Dean Ornish’s book Eat More, Weigh Less and is the author of The Cuisine of Hubert Keller. During our voyage, Chef Keller will offer one cooking demonstration and oversee the design and creation of one meal aboard ship.
Dear Columbian,

History is alive in the lands that border the Mediterranean Sea. From Split to Barcelona, every corner and piazza preserves a memory of the people that made the Sea their home. Next spring, we invite you to join fellow alumni, family, and friends aboard Corinthian II on a stellar voyage to the most historic cities of the Mediterranean Sea.

The extraordinary continuity of culture and civilization is what makes the shoreline of the Mediterranean one of the most fascinating places in the world. During our May sojourn in the Mediterranean, every day brings a new marvel: the polished streets of Renaissance Dubrovnik; the noble, and perfectly preserved, Doric Temple of Hera at Paestum; the dramatic natural scenery of Bonifacio; the wealth of Roman and early Christian artifacts at Arles; the fantastical architecture of Gaudi’s Barcelona; and the fabled Alhambra Palace in Granada.

Explore these cities and towns as they were explored centuries ago by Roman magistrates, Crusader knights, and Venetian merchant princes—by sea. Our ship, the 114-guest, all-suite Corinthian II, is a wonderful vessel from its spacious, graciously appointed public spaces to the exceptionally genial service provided by every member of staff and crew.

Also joining us on this voyage will be William A. Koelsch, representing the American Geographical Society, the oldest national geographical organization in the U.S.; Dorothea French, professor of European history at Santa Clara University; archaeologist John Reich from the Smithsonian; special guest chef Hubert Keller, Chef/Owner of San Francisco’s acclaimed Fleur de Lys restaurant; and travelers from the American Geographical Society, University of California at Berkeley, Smithsonian, Fleur de Lys, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. During our voyage, Chef Keller will offer a cooking demonstration and oversee the design and creation of one of our meals aboard ship.

Spring in the Mediterranean is an idyllic time. Next May, when the days are sunny and warm, the first wildflowers are in bloom on the hillsides, and the crowds of summer tourists have not yet arrived, take an unforgettable journey with us aboard Corinthian II to the Historic Cities of the Sea.

Sincerely,

Eric J. Furda
Vice President for Alumni Relations

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Itinerary

Wednesday, May 3, 2006
USA
Fly from the United States to Venice, Italy.

Friday, May 5
SPLIT, Croatia

Arrive in Split, one of Dalmatia’s leading Byzantine cities. It is famed for its stunning fortress-like palace, built in 295 A.D. by the Roman Emperor Diocletian and today one of the world’s most impressive Roman ruins. Explore the palace and old fortified town, including the Rotunda; the Mausoleum of Diocletian, now the Church of St. Domnus; and the preserved Temple of Jupiter, which became the Baptistery. After touring the palace, enjoy time to independently explore Split’s old town. (B, L, D)

Saturday, May 6
DUBROVNIK

Set on a rocky peninsula overlooking the Adriatic, Dubrovnik once rivaled Venice both culturally and commercially until it actually came under Venetian rule. Within the walls of this incredibly well preserved medieval city is a splen-

did repository of Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque art. A city tour includes the cathedral, the Rector’s Palace, and the cloister and garden of the Franciscan Monastery. Also see the Dominican Monastery, Gothic cloister, and the Baroque cathedral, which contains works by Renaissance painters Titian and Andrea del Sarto. (B, L, D)

Sunday, May 7
AT SEA

Enjoy a relaxing day at sea en route to Sorrento attending lectures by your guest lecturers. (B, L, D)

Monday, May 8
SORRENTO | AMALFI | PAESTUM | AGROPOLI, Italy

Arrive today in Sorrento and travel via the celebrated Amalfi Drive, famous for its unforgettable views of coastal villages and the sea, to Amalfi. Nestled in the slopes of a rugged ravine, Amalfi was once a prosperous maritime city in the 11th century. Here, visit the 9th-century Cathedral of Sant’Andrea, with its splendid frescoes and mosaics, and the adjoining Cloisters of Paradise. Afterward, journey to Paestum, founded by the Greeks in the 6th century B.C. as Poseidonia, dedicated to Poseidon, God of the Sea. Set amidst groves of cypress and oleander that overlook the sea, Paestum is one of Italy’s most important archaeological sites. See the Temple of Hera; the majestic 5th-century B.C. Temple of Neptune; and the Temple of Ceres, dedicated to Athena. Also visit the museum, housing many artifacts culled from the site. Reboard the ship in Agropoli. (B, L, D)
Tuesday, May 9

BONIFACIO, Corsica, France

Corinthian II navigates the scenic, fjord-like waterway leading to Bonifacio on Corsica, an island of high cliffs and spectacular scenery. Stroll through Bonifacio’s medieval streets lined with fine examples of Gothic architecture and visit the famed Pertusato Lighthouse. (B, L, D)

Wednesday, May 10

MARSEILLE | ARLES OR AIX-EN-PROVENCE | MARSEILLE

Call at Marseille, founded by the Phoenicians around 600 B.C. and later a prominent Greek trading port. Drive to Arles, once a Roman provincial capital and one of the premier centers of Gallo-Roman art in France. Visit the theater, built in the first century B.C.; the imposing amphitheater; and the Romanesque Church of St. Trophime, renowned for its glorious carvings. Alternatively, travel to Aix-en-Provence, the first Roman settlement in Gaul, immortalized by the works of Cézanne. Sights in Aix include its main street, Cours Mirabeau, one of Europe’s prettiest, lined with plane trees; Cézanne’s Studio, remaining much as the great painter left it in 1906; the Cathedral St. Sauveur; and the Quartier Mazarin. (B, L, D)

Thursday, May 11

BARCELONA, Spain

The exuberant capital of Catalonia, Barcelona is rich in extraordinary works of art and architecture. Tour the narrow alleyways of the Barrio Gotico, the original site of the Carthaginian city founded in 230 B.C., and the extraordinary Templo de la Sagrada Familia, begun in the 19th century by the architect Antoni Gaudi and still unfinished. Also visit the beautiful Cathedral, a triumph of Catalan Gothic design. In the afternoon, tour the Picasso Museum, which exhibits the artist’s early work in three adjoining medieval palaces. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure. (B, L, D)

Friday, May 12

AT SEA

Spend a relaxing day at sea sailing along the stunning Costa del Sol and Costa Almeria, en route to Malaga. (B, L, D)

Saturday, May 13

MALAGA | GRANADA | MALAGA

From Malaga, journey to Granada, the fabled last stronghold of the Moors in Spain. Founded in the 8th century, Granada exemplifies the best of Moorish culture, art, and architecture. Nowhere is this more evident than in the enchanting Alhambra, a striking 13th-century palace begun by the caliphs of the Nasrid dynasty, the last to rule over the Moorish kingdom in Spain. See the Patio de los Leones, whose intricate arcades are supported by 124 marble columns; the Sala de los Dos Hermanos, thought by many to be the pinnacle of Spanish-Islamic architecture; and the splendid Generalife Gardens, adjacent to the Alhambra. (B, L, D)

Sunday, May 14

SEVILLE | DESEMBARKATION | USA

Upon arrival in Seville, disembark and transfer to the airport for return flights to the United States. (B)

OPTIONAL TWO-NIGHT POST-CRUISE EXTENSION IN SEVILLE & CORDOBA

May 14 - 16, 2006

A two-night optional post-cruise extension in Seville will be offered in conjunction with this program and will include a tour of this historic city, coveted by Romans, Moors, and the Christian kings of Spain, as well as an excursion to Cordoba, a city of incredible wealth, luxury, and culture, with remnants of its Moorish Golden Age still intact. Accommodations will be at the deluxe Hotel Alfonso XIII in Seville.

Rates: $995 per person, double occupancy
$595 single supplement
Program Inclusions

- 10-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
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Corinthian II — The ideal combination of cruise ship grandeur and small-ship intimacy

Spacious Suites

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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 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.
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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.

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