COLUMBIA Alumni Association

Red Sea  Nile Valley  The Holy Land

Petra ♦ Luxor ♦ The Pyramids ♦ Jerusalem

aboard the m.y. Harmony V

March 26 to April 7, 2011
Dear Columbian,

The Columbia Alumni Association—the free, no-RSVP-required association of all University alumni—keeps you connected to the intellectual and social network of Columbia University. The Alumni Travel Study Program is an integral part of our mission. Featuring specially-chosen destinations and inquisitive alumni travelers, the ATSP is your ticket to discover 5,000 years of human history, achievement and faith.

Join us on this exquisite itinerary encompassing five major sites—Jerusalem, St. Catherine’s Monastery near Mt. Sinai, Petra, Luxor and the Great Pyramids—featuring a unique cruise on the Red Sea. Journey through antiquity, visiting sites that bring the ages of history to life, and sail along the ancient trade routes of the Red Sea aboard the M.Y. HARMONY V, a sleek, yacht-like vessel with only 25 cabins.

Enter through the city gates into Jerusalem, a cynosure of history for thousands of years and a holy city to three of the world’s great religions. Here, Jews offer prayers of supplication to God, often tucking personal notes into the crevices between the huge ancient stones of the Western Wall (Wailing Wall); Muslims bow their foreheads to the ground in the direction of Mecca at the Dome on the Rock; and Christians worship at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Wind through dramatic wadis to the sixth-century Monastery of St. Catherine at the foot of Mt. Sinai. Enjoy excursions to the venerated sites of the fabled “rose-red” city of Petra and the Nile Valley city of Luxor (Thebes), ancient center of the universe during the time of the Middle Kingdom. And stand in the shadow of the three iconic pyramids at Giza, still dominating the horizon and still guarded by the inscrutable Sphinx. You may also explore the storied religious heritage of Cairo during the special Post-Program Option.

The Red Sea, Nile Valley and the Holy Land travel program offers incomparable opportunities to immerse yourself in the dazzling panorama of human history along with the exceptional comforts and benefits of the small ship M.Y. HARMONY V. Columbia’s intellectual and social connections have never been more relevant than today, so please join us along with participants from our cosponsoring organizations. Early Booking Savings are available now through September 10, 2010.

Sincerely,

Donna H. MacPhee ’89CC
Vice President for Alumni Relations
President, Columbia Alumni Association

Columbia Guest Lecturer
We make it a priority to provide an outstanding Columbia University affiliated guest lecturer who will accompany each program. Education is central to the mission of the Alumni Travel Study Program, and we intend that you will be joined by a guest lecturer. Our lecturers are chosen for the depth of their knowledge as well as their approachability. We trust that their enthusiasm and insight, experienced through formal lectures and informal conversations, will greatly enhance the educational value of the trip. As this brochure goes to press, however, we are unable to guarantee a lecturer. Please feel free to contact our office for an update on the guest lecturer status.

Cover: Flowing nearly 4,200 miles from Lake Victoria and the Ethiopian Highlands, the River Nile has been the lifeblood of Egypt for more than 5,000 years.
U.S.
Day 1
Depart for Tel Aviv, Israel.

Tel Aviv, Israel/Jerusalem
Day 2
Arrive in Tel Aviv and transfer to Jerusalem.
Check into the deluxe INBAL HOTEL.

Jerusalem
Day 3
Spend today in Jerusalem, a holy city for three of the world’s greatest religions: Judaism, Islam and Christianity. Its mystical fascination for millions is eloquently summed up by the author David K. Shipler: “Jerusalem is a festival and a lamentation. Its song is a sigh across the ages, a delicate, robust, mournful sigh at the great juncture of spiritual cultures.” Enter the Old City through the Jaffa Gate and walk to the recently restored Cardo, the Roman road. Follow the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the traditional site of Jesus Christ’s crucifixion.

Napoleon famously told his armies, “From the summit of these monuments, 40 centuries of history look upon you.”

Jerusalem/Dead Sea
Day 4
On a full-day excursion to the settlement of Qumran, visit the site where the Dead Sea scrolls were found. Enjoy an opportunity to float in the Dead Sea, whose buoyancy is a result of salinity that is ten times greater than the oceans’. Then visit the ruins of Herod the Great’s ancient fortress at nearby Masada. Return to Jerusalem for an evening at leisure.

Jerusalem/Sea of Galilee/Nazareth/Amman, Jordan
Day 5
Following an early breakfast, drive to the Sea of Galilee and visit the Mount of Beatitudes, revered for more than 1,600 years as the location of Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount. In Tiberias, see the carefully preserved ancient churches and synagogues.

After lunch, continue to Nazareth to visit the Church of the Annunciation and the Church of St. Joseph, which according to legend was built over the carpentry workshop and home of Joseph, Mary and Jesus.

Transfer to the Jordan-Israel border for departure and arrival formalities. Arrive in Amman this evening and check into the deluxe LE ROYAL AMMAN HOTEL.

Amman/Petra/Aqaba
Day 6
Depart Amman early this morning for the legendary city of Petra, a UNESCO World Heritage site carved from the red sandstone cliffs of Wadi Araba by the ancient Nabateans. Make your way mid-morning on foot through the narrow Siq, the winding mountainous passage and only entryway into one of antiquity’s most astounding sights—a magnificent city of temples, dwellings and tombs hewn from solid rock 2,000 years ago.

Admire the masterfully crafted Khazneh (Treasury), the glorious...
Temple of the Winged Lions and the 8,000-seat amphitheater, where citizens once cheered on gladiators battling to the death.

Following a late lunch, transfer to Aqaba and embark the intimate M.Y. HARMONY V. This evening, attend a special welcome reception and enjoy dinner on board the ship.

SHARM EL SHEIKH, EGYPT (SINAI)

Day 7
In the cool early morning, ascend the foothills of the Sinai Peninsula to the mile-high Greek Orthodox Monastery of St. Catherine, a sixth-century fortified complex of gardens, chapels and libraries, built under orders by Emperor Justinian on the site of the Burning Bush. Admire the monastery’s priceless works of art, including one of the most important illuminated manuscripts in the world, and visit the splendid Basilica of the Transfiguration. See the Chapel of the Burning Bush, visit the Gallery of Icons and learn how the monks’ traditions have endured for 1,500 years in this barren mountain environment. Enjoy lunch at the monastery. Retrace your route to the ship as the afternoon sun casts new shadows on the starkly beautiful landscape.

HURGHADA/LUXOR

Day 8
After an early breakfast, disembark and wind through the mountains of the Eastern Desert to the lush Nile Valley and the Upper Egyptian town of Luxor. Here lie the spectacular treasures of fabled Thebes, imperial capital during the New Kingdom (1550-1069 B.C.), when Egypt’s most powerful pharaohs presided over the building of an astonishing architectural legacy that includes Karnak Temple and the exquisite shrines and tombs of the Theban Necropolis.

Arrive in Luxor in time for lunch. After checking into the deluxe STEIGENBERGER NILE PALACE LUXOR HOTEL, visit the Temple of Luxor, Thebes’ second major religious center. Enter by way of the dramatic “Avenue of the Sphinxes,” which once stretched all the way to Karnak. Stand beside the spectacular obelisk, whose twin was placed in Paris’ Place de la Concorde by Napoleon Bonaparte. View the temple’s exquisite bas-reliefs depicting diverse elements of life in ancient Egypt in addition to historical events like Ramses’ great victory at the Battle of Kadesh in 1274 B.C. Then continue to Karnak Temple, one of the largest religious structures ever built. Dedicated to the supreme New Kingdom deity, Amun-Ra, this vast complex covers more than 100 acres and was built and expanded over the course of more than 1,000 years, beginning around 1600 B.C. Admire exquisitely crafted statues of the most legendary pharaohs, including Ramses II, and marvel at Hatshepsut’s 97-foot-tall rose-granite obelisk weighing a staggering 320 tons and carved from a single piece of stone. In the heart of the temple, stroll through the Hypostyle Hall, a forest of 80-foot-tall columns.

LUXOR/HURGHADA

Day 9
This morning, cross the Nile River to the Valley of the Kings, where many of Egypt’s most famous pharaohs were laid to rest amidst Offering an intriguing glimpse into a vanished world, Petra is an outstandingly preserved archaeology site.
vast troves of statues, jewels, amulets and everyday belongings believed to be required for the spiritual journey to the afterlife.

Feel the spirit of discovery as you descend narrow entrance halls into the ornate burial chambers of Tutankhamun and Ramses IV, where elaborate hieroglyphics and painted carvings depict the pharaohs as righteous kings worthy of resurrection. Visit the Valley of the Nobles and admire the fascinating terraced Temple of Hatshepsut, the “Splendor of Splendors,” built by ancient Egypt's most powerful female ruler. Stand in the shadows of the fabled Colossi of Memnon, two immense statues whose reputed oracular powers attracted pilgrims from across the ancient world. Return to the hotel for lunch. Following lunch, return to the ship in Hurghada in time to freshen up for dinner.

**AT SEA**

**Day 10**

Spend the day at leisure on board while cruising the Red Sea.

**SUEZ/GIZA/CAIRO**

**Day 11**

Arrive in the port of Suez, disembark the ship and transfer to Giza to see the last remaining Wonder of the Ancient World, the pyramids of the Old Kingdom pharaohs Cheops, Chephren and Mycerinus. Guarded by the mysterious Sphinx, these enduring symbols of the glory of Egypt have towered over the horizon of the Western Desert for nearly 5,000 years. Visit the Solar Boat Museum at the foot of the pyramids to see Pharaoh Khufu’s reassembled funerary vessel, an amazing feat of ancient engineering.

Following lunch, continue to Cairo, where the energy and bustle build as you approach the heart of downtown. Check into the deluxe SEMIRAMIS INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL.

**CAIRO**

**Day 12**

Admire the most priceless treasures in Egyptian antiquity during a guided tour of the historic Egyptian Museum. Gaze upon the dazzling riches of Tutankhamun, uncovered by Howard Carter during one of the greatest archaeological discoveries of all time, and view the museum’s unrivaled collection of royal Egyptian mummies.

The afternoon is at leisure.

**CAIRO/U.S.**

**Day 13**

After breakfast, check out of the hotel, transfer to the airport and board your flight to the U.S.

*Stand at the foot of Biblical Mt. Sinai, where St. Catherine's Monastery was built in A.D. 565.*
M.Y. Harmony V

The exclusively chartered, sleek and intimate M.Y. Harmony V is a tastefully appointed, fully air-conditioned, 25-cabin yacht-like vessel. Rebuilt with all new interiors in 2009, it offers an authentic coastal cruise experience featuring the ability to cruise into smaller ports and inlets inaccessible to larger ships.

Each stylish, wood-paneled cabin is outside and features two twin beds or one double bed, a large window, private bathroom with shower, individual climate control, vanity, minibar, hair dryer and safe.

The ship’s inviting dining room accommodates all guests at a single, unassigned seating. Tasteful Mediterranean cuisine is served indoors or al fresco. Early-risers’ coffee, buffet breakfast, buffet lunch and dinner are served daily. House wine and beer are included with dinner.

Public areas include a lounge and bar, shaded outdoor dining and bar, sun deck with chairs and mini-spa. Internet access is also available on board.

The M.Y. Harmony V’s English-speaking European crew provides courteous, professional service. The ship is meticulously maintained and complies with the highest environmental and safety standards.

Cairo Post-Program Option

More than 6,000 years of civilization, culture and history beckon to be explored more deeply in Cairo, truly one of the great cities of the world. Further delve into its mysteries while spending two nights in the centrally located, deluxe Semiramis InterContinental Hotel. Walk the ramparts of Saladin’s Citadel; visit the graceful Mosque of Ibn Tulun; stroll through the labyrinthine 500-year-old Kan El Khalili Bazaar; touch the ancient Roman walls of Babylon; and admire the great treasures of Egyptian Christianity in the renowned Coptic Museum.

Complete details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Explore Cairo, a bustling metropolis built on a site inhabited since the dawn of history.
Between Heaven and Earth: Ancient Civilizations of the Red Sea

They are gone now from the lands bordering the Red Sea, the lands so seminal to the history of the world: Jordan, Egypt and Israel. Gone are the pharaohs in their high head-dresses, encrusted with golden serpents. Gone are the Roman centurions in their red-crested helms; crusaders in their shining chain mail; fabled Saracens wielding bejeweled scimitars. Yet here, in the deserts, oases, deltas, mountains and along the shores arose magnificent civilizations, whose cultures, although varied, defined human achievement, intellect and, above all, faith.

Join us on a magnificent journey that offers you a sweeping panorama of 5,000 years of human history and achievement—an intimate glimpse into an antiquity that has shaped and influenced our own history and perspectives on faith. Step inside the many layers of mankind’s intellect, innovation, creativity and search for eternity—both spiritual and temporal—which have left an imprint of his existence for all time. Let your imagination roam and form a very real link to past human histories, tragedies, misjudgments and supreme achievements, all of which were instrumental in shaping the contemporary world.

Perhaps no other area on earth has evoked such powerful images and emotions. Perhaps no other area on earth has been fought over for so long by so many. Yet for all that, the sites and structures that we will see have endured. The ancient temples, churches, monasteries and mosques along our route are symbols of different cultures and different faiths, but all have many stories to tell.

Jerusalem’s Muslim sanctuary of the Dome on the Rock reaches heavenward while the Jewish site of the Western Wall anchors the city firmly to the earth.

Included Features

In Jerusalem, Israel
♦ Three nights in the deluxe INBAL Hotel, with breakfast each morning.
♦ Tour of Jerusalem, with visits to the sacred sites of the Via Dolorosa, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and the ancient Wailing Wall; with lunch.
♦ Excursion to Qumran to visit the discovery site of the Dead Sea scrolls with an opportunity to float in the Dead Sea, a visit to Masada and lunch.

Transfer from Jerusalem to Amman, with stops at the Mount of Beatitudes, the fishing village of Tiberias located on the Sea of Galilee and the Basilica of the Annunciation and the Church of St. Joseph in Nazareth; including lunch.

In Amman, Jordan
♦ One night in the deluxe LE ROYAL AMMAN HOTEL, with full buffet breakfast.

Transfer from Amman to the port of Aqaba, featuring a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Petra; including lunch en route.

On Board the Exclusively Chartered M/Y. Harmony V
♦ Five-night cruise from Aqaba, Jordan to Suez, Egypt, with calls at Sharm El Sheikh (Monastery of St. Catherine) and Hurghada (Luxor), Egypt.
♦ Comfortable outside, air-conditioned accommodations with private bathroom facilities.
♦ Captain’s welcome and farewell receptions.
♦ Four meals served each day—early-riser’s coffee, buffet breakfast, buffet lunch and dinner.
♦ House wine and beer served with dinner.
♦ Excursion to the Monastery of St. Catherine, a UNESCO World Heritage site, at the foot of Mt. Sinai.

Transfer from the port of Hurghada to Luxor.

In Luxor, Egypt
♦ One night in the deluxe STEIGENBERGER NILE PALACE HOTEL in the UNESCO World Heritage site of Luxor, with breakfast, lunch and dinner.
♦ Guided tour of the grand temples of Luxor and Karnak’s Pharaohs.
♦ Visit to Luxor’s West Bank featuring the Colossi of Memnon, the Valley of the Kings and the Valley of the Nobles, with visits to the tombs of Tutankhamun and Ramses IV.

Transfer from Luxor to the port of Hurghada.

Transfer from the port of Suez to Giza, a UNESCO World Heritage site featuring an excursion to the Pyramids, Sphinx and the Solar Boat Museum, with lunch.

In Cairo, Egypt
♦ Two nights in the deluxe SEMIRAMS INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL, with full buffet breakfast each morning.
♦ Visit to the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities.

Enhanced Travel Services
♦ All transfers and luggage handling abroad for all participants who have purchased their air tickets through Gohagan & Company and whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
♦ All excursions and visits, as outlined in the itinerary, with experienced, English speaking local guides.
♦ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
♦ Experienced Travel Director to accompany you throughout the travel program.
♦ Hospitality desk in the hotels and aboard ship.
♦ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
♦ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.
# Tariff

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* Window sizes may vary within the same category. Cabins are assigned on a first-come-first-served basis.

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**The Red Sea, Nile Valley and the Holy Land Reservation Form**

**Send to:**
Columbia Alumni Travel Study Program
245 Mill Street, 2nd Floor
Greenwich, CT 06830

**For more information:**
Phone: (866) 325-8664 (toll free)
email: travelstudy@columbia.edu
www.Alumni.Columbia.edu/Travel

**Enclosed is a check for $____ as deposit ($800 per person, plus $200 per person Cairo Post-Program Option). Make check payable to 2011 The Red Sea, Nile Valley and the Holy Land.**

**Deposits can also be made by credit card; however, all FINAL payments are required to be made by check or wire transfer by December 21, 2010.**

**I/we authorize you to charge my/our deposit to:**

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**Preferred name(s) on badge(s) Tour No. 108-03/26/11-021**

**Note:** Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

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** Cairo Post-Program Reservations**

- Double at $545 per person.
- Single at $845 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

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**By forwarding the deposit for this travel program, I/we acknowledge that I/we have read and accept the Terms & Conditions in this brochure.**
CONTRACT: TERMS & CONDITIONS

NOT INCLUDED: Taxes; passport fees; visas and fees for obtaining visas; personal expenses such as laundry and telephone calls; accident, sickness, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; gratuities to ship personnel and hotel personnel; optional sightseeing excursions; excess baggage charges on aircraft; local departure area taxes; airfare and associated local taxes, airport facility taxes and federal inspection fees not listed in the "Included Features" section; transfers and baggage handling to/from airport/hotel on days of arrival and/or departure; 1) if you have not purchased your air arrangements through Thomas P. Gohagan & Company, or 2) if you are arriving earlier or later than and/or departing earlier or later than the scheduled group transfer(s); meals and alcoholic beverages not listed in the "Included Features" section; and all other services not specifically mentioned in the "Included Features" section.

DISCOUNTED RESERVATIONS: 2) if you are arriving earlier or later than the scheduled group transfer(s); meals and alcoholic beverages not listed in the "Included Features" section; and all other services not specifically mentioned in the "Included Features" section.

LUGGAGE: Luggage allowance policies are set by the airlines and may change without prior notice. Please contact your airline(s) for the most current luggage allowance policy.

HEALTH: Any physical or mental condition that may require special medical attention (for example, the need for a wheelchair) must be reported in writing when you make your reservation.

DISCOUNTED RESERVATIONS: Discounts apply only to those reservations received in the offices of Columbia Alumni Travel Study Program in writing, accompanied by the required deposit, by September 10, 2010. In the event a "discounted" reservation must be cancelled, no "replacement" reservation may be substituted at the discounted rate. A "replacement" reservation is, in effect, a new reservation and can be substituted only at the full-fare tariff. Change and/or cancellation fees apply as outlined in this "Contract: Terms and Conditions" for the "replacement" reservation and the cancelled reservation.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS: Cancellations for all or any part of the trip will not be effective until received in writing in the offices of Columbia Alumni Travel Study Program. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply: reservation cancellations are subject to a $200 per person administrative fee from the time of booking through 120 days prior to departure; from 91 through 119 days prior to departure, $400 per person; from 60 through 94 days prior to departure, 60% of the published full regular tariff; cancellations 59 days or less prior to departure, no-show, or early return from the trip will result in forfeiture of 100% of the published full regular tariff. In addition, any applicable airline cancellation fees and administrative fees will be assessed.

AIRFARE: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable. Your airline ticket constitutes a contract between you and the airline (not Thomas P. Gohagan & Company), even if purchased through Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.

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POST-PROGRAM CANCELLATIONS: You should have to cancel, the following terms will apply: reservation cancellations are subject to a $200 per person administrative fee from the time of booking through 120 days prior to departure; from 91 through 119 days prior to departure, $400 per person; from 60 through 94 days prior to departure, 60% of the published full regular tariff; 59 days or less prior to departure, a no-show or early return from the trip will result in forfeiture of 100% of the published full regular tariff. In addition, any applicable airline cancellation fees and administrative fees will be assessed.

Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating in any way to these Terms and Conditions, to the Responsibility Clause, to the brochure, or any other information relating in any way to the trip, or to the trip itself, shall be settled solely and exclusively by binding arbitration in Chicago, Illinois, in accordance with the commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association then existing.

RATES: Prices quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of printing and are subject to change prior to departure.

REGISTRATION: CST#: 2031868-40, WST#: 601 767 666, OS#: TA 9893

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT: By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for himself/herself or other participants and accepts the terms and conditions of this contract.

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