THE LOST CITIES OF LIBYA, TUNISIA, AND ALGERIA
North Africa’s Greco-Roman Treasures

Aboard the 114-Guest, All-Suite Corinthian II
November 9 - 21, 2006

Columbia University
In the City of New York
Guest Lecturers

Jared Diamond, professor of Geography and Physiology at the University of California, Los Angeles, has won considerable acclaim for his book *Guns, Germs, and Steel*, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for general non-fiction and Britain's Science Book Prize. Translated into 25 languages, the book interprets differing societal histories in terms of the differing biogeographic inheritances of peoples on different continents. He writes frequent articles for the News and Views section of *Nature*, covering a wide range of subjects, from conservation biology, animal behavior, and molecular evolution to linguistics, archaeology, and anthropology. His other books include *The Third Chimpanzee: The Evolution and Future of the Human Animal* and *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed*. Diamond’s formal training was in physiology and membrane biophysics, and his physiological studies have been recognized by election to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Nancy Wilkie, Archaeological Institute of America lecturer, is a distinguished archaeologist and professor who has led numerous study tours throughout the Mediterranean, including previous visits to Libya and Tunisia. Nancy is a Professor of Classics and Anthropology at Carleton College, and has authored more than 30 articles and co-edited three books on archaeology. She is also Immediate Past President of the Archaeological Institute of America, a member of The Explorers Club, and serves on the Managing Committee of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens.
Dear Columbian,

We warmly invite you to experience the great ancient cities of Libya, Tunisia, and Algeria with Jared Diamond, author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning bestseller, *Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies*, which proposed several provocative theories on the advancement of civilization.

We could not wish for a better scholar to accompany this voyage. The Mediterranean coast of Africa, initially colonized by Phoenicians and Greeks, was eventually conquered by Rome, which turned the entire coast into its breadbasket. A million tons of grain each year, cultivated in Africa, were shipped to Rome’s hungry armies; exotic African animals found their way to Rome’s Colosseum; and, at the behest of the Severan emperors, powerful cities rose, to rival Rome itself in scope, scale, and lavishness.

The desert air has its advantages. Ruins do not decay. Modern cities are slow to encroach upon the ancient. Leptis Magna, the monumental capital of Roman North Africa, is probably the most coherent ancient city anywhere in the world. The scale is almost unfathomable, the sculptural details are exquisite, and from the Arch of Septimus Severus to the Severan Forum and the Hadrianic Baths, a sense of the rich, chaotic life that once existed here 1,800 years ago is immediately palpable. Just last year, tremendous 1st-century mosaics were excavated here rivaling those of Pompeii.

Our itinerary presents a complete portrait of this lost world poised between the desert and the sea. We visit the recently restored, early Byzantine Villa Sileen with its incredible floor mosaics; Sabratha, its Mausoleum of Bes still soaring in the sky; Hippo Regius, where St. Augustine served as bishop; and the ruins of Carthage. We will not neglect the post-Roman Empire, either, as we will also explore historic mosques and medinas of Tripoli, exotic Tunis, and cosmopolitan Algiers.

This is the ideal season to tour the southern Mediterranean coast, with temperatures around 70° F, and cruising to these ancient sites—all easily accessible from the shore—is a most rare and pleasurable opportunity. Our ship, the all-suite *Corinthian II*, 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 Columbia will be alumni from UCLA and Macalester College, along with travelers from the Archaeological Institute of America, the Explorers Club, and the American Geographical Society.

Libya, the richest trove of ancient sites in the region, has only been open to American travelers since 2004. The tourist industry there is in its infancy, making this the ideal time to visit. With Jared Diamond, one of the most creative thinkers in academia today, as our study leader, this is the very definition of a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I strongly encourage you to place your reservation today to avoid disappointment.

Sincerely,

Eric J. Furda
Vice President for Alumni Relations

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Itinerary

Thursday, November 9, 2006
USA
Fly from the United States to Palermo, Sicily.

Friday, November 10
PALERMO, SICILY, ITALY | EMBARKATION
Arrive in Palermo and transfer to the port to embark Corinthian II. (D)

Saturday, November 11
VALLETTA, MALTA
Corinthian II sails into the dramatic Grand Harbor of Malta's Valletta, renowned for its architectural beauty, medieval relics, and ancient monuments. The Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, later the Knights of Malta, established a military base here in the 16th century under the auspices of Charles V, and Valletta owes much of its charm and character to this military religious order. Explore St. John's Co-Cathedral, an opulent repository for Malta’s finest art treasures; the Palace of the Grand Masters; and the National Museum of Archaeology. (B, L, D)

Sunday, November 12
KHOMS | LEPTIS MAGNA | KHOMS, LIBYA
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 chariot races and gladiatorial combat scenes. (B, L, D)

Monday, November 13
TRIPOLI
With its spacious natural harbor, Tripoli’s site attracted Phoenician and Greek settlers, followed by the Romans, who erected the impressive triumphal arch honoring Marcus Aurelius. Later, Tripoli grew wealthy from the Saharan caravan trade. Spend the day exploring Libya’s capital, focusing on the Medina, the medieval walled town built on the site of the Roman settlement. Also tour the Jamahiriya Museum, housed in the massive Citadel, which dates from the medieval period. The museum’s collection encompasses Libya’s Phoenician, Greek, Roman, Byzantine, and Islamic periods. There will be time to explore the city’s colorful souks. (B, L, D)

Tuesday, November 14
TRIPOLI | SABRATHA | TRIPOLI
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)

Wednesday, November 15
SOUSSE | KAIROUAN OR EL D杰M | 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.
The Temple of Liber Pater, Sabratha

The Theater, Sabratha

Optional Two-Night Pre-Cruise Extension in Palermo

November 7 – 10, 2006

Spend two nights exploring Sicily’s dynamic capital, with accommodations at the Grand Hotel Villa Igiea. Built around a spacious bay against Mount Pellegrino, Palermo has inherited a tremendous artistic legacy, from the Phoenicians who established the city in the 9th century B.C. to the Normans who left their mark with the spectacular Cathedral in Monreale. Enjoy a tour of the city’s principal landmarks, including the Archaeological Museum; La Martorana church, noted for its beautiful mosaics; and the glorious Cappella Palatina, one of Italy’s finest works of art. Also, take an excursion to the medieval town of Monreale to visit its famed Norman Cathedral and elegant Cloister. The excursion continues to Cefalu, tucked beneath the formidable crag of La Rocca, which features a spectacular mosaic-adorned Cathedral dating from the 12th-century reign of Roger II.

Rates: $695 (per person, double occupancy)
Single supplement: $240
Included: Two nights at the Grand Hotel Villa Igiea, with breakfast daily; tours of Palermo, as described; group transfers from airport to hotel and from hotel to ship.
Program Inclusions

- Eleven-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
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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 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.

Sun Deck with Jacuzzi
**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 $2,695 to the per person, double occupancy rates. Singles in Categories AA - PHS are available at double the per person, double occupancy rates.

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**MAIN SPECIFICATIONS**

Overall Length: 297 feet  |  Beam: 50 feet  |  Draft: 12 feet  |  Gross Tonnage: 4,200  |  Flag: Malta  |  Suites: 57
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 participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. Further information will be sent upon registration.

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