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LOST CITIES OF THE ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN
Aboard the All-Suite, 114-Guest Corinthian II
October 8 – 19, 2006

With Columbia Alumnus
R. W. Apple, Jr.
of The New York Times
**Guest Lecturers**

**R. W. Apple, Jr.** is the Associate Editor of *The New York Times* and a journalist whose multifaceted life and career have spanned the globe for over three decades. Mr. Apple received his B.S. from Columbia University in 1961 and won the John A. Krout Award for excellence in history. Since joining *The Times* in 1963, he has written from more than 100 countries and has served as Chief Correspondent as well as Bureau Chief in Washington, Saigon, Lagos, Nairobi, London, Moscow, and Albany. He writes extensively on a wide range of topics, including politics, foreign policy, economic questions, food, wine, travel, culture, and the arts. He has covered the Vietnam War, the Iranian revolution, and a wide variety of other stories on five continents, and has known and interviewed every U.S. President since Lyndon B. Johnson. He is the author of the books *Apple’s Europe* and *Apple’s America* and a contributor to *The Atlantic Monthly, Saveur, Travel and Leisure, Gourmet, Town and Country,* and *Garden Design.* Each year he plays a prominent role in conferences on food at The Culinary Institute of America. Mr. Apple is a director of the American Institute of Wine and Food and a member of the selection committee for the James Beard national restaurant awards. He appears frequently on such programs as NBC’s *Meet the Press* and PBS’s *The Charlie Rose Show* and speaks to a range of audiences in the U.S. and abroad. He is the recipient of several awards, including the Owl Award from Columbia, the George Polk Award for foreign reporting, the Lowell Thomas award for travel writing, and a James Beard food writing award. Mr. Apple lives in Georgetown, on a farm near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and in the Cotswolds.

**Baruch Halpern** is a professor of Ancient History and Religious Studies and the Chaiken Family Chair in Jewish Studies at Penn State. A Philadelphia native, he received an A.B. in Near Eastern Languages and Literatures and Ph.D. in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations from Harvard University. Dr. Halpern considers himself an historian of culture, with added expertise in military history. His specialties include the impact of cultural appropriation around the Mediterranean, particularly in the so-called Axial Age (800-400 BCE). He is co-director of the Megiddo Expedition based at Megiddo, Israel, the Armageddon of the New Testament. Dr. Halpern’s current research focuses on the transmission of scientific thinking from Babylon to Israel and Greece and the birth of philosophy and monotheism.
Dear Columbian,

Once upon a time, a bull with a man’s head devoured men in a maze. Rome rose in North Africa, artists clung to the cliffs of a volcano, Macedonians caroused by torchlight, and Archimedes sat up in a bath.

These are the myths and memories from some of the ancient Mediterranean’s most magnificent cities—their greatness hauntingly preserved in soaring columns, triumphal archways, and cavernous theatres. Each once stood as a focal point of the Classical world. How did they rise and fall? What lessons may the ancients still impart to us?

Please join Columbia alumnus R.W. Apple, Jr. and other alumni and friends this October on a fascinating, enlightening, and supremely scenic voyage to the Lost Cities of the Ancient Mediterranean aboard the five-star, 114-guest, all-suite Corinthian II. Sailing from Piraeus, Athens’ historic port, we first arrive in Syracuse, the ancient Sicilian metropolis once known to Cicero as “the greatest Greek city and the most beautiful of them all.” For more than five centuries, Syracuse outshone Athens as the most important Greek city in the world.

Enjoy a day in Valletta, the majestic, fortified bastion of the Knights of Malta, before turning south to the extraordinary—and, until 2004, rarely seen—archaeological treasures of Libya. Our first destination is the heralded site of Leptis Magna, its lavish structures a testament to the Severan emperors’ ambitions to establish a North African rival to the magnificence of Rome. The Crisis of the Third Century laid the city low, but its ruins, preserved beneath the dry Libyan sands, include some of the most accomplished Roman mosaics in existence. Two days later, we are in the sprawling Greek colony of Cyrene, an extensive site recently featured in Archaeology magazine. Cyrene’s fascinating history—its rise through the trade of the medical herb silphium, and its downfall in religious strife—will be unveiled as we tour the site where, as recently as last year, fabulous new sculptural finds were being unearthed.

Our voyage continues to two of the most evocative places in the ancient world, the legendary Palace of Knossos on Crete, and the soaring, striated cliffs of romantic Santorini, twin centers of the lost Minoan civilization—where the legends of Theseus and the Minotaur, Daedalus and Icarus, and Atlantis were cultivated. Here, be captivated by frescoes of exquisite artistry more than 3,500 years old. Conclude with a tour of the ancient Macedonian lands which gave rise to the brief empire of Alexander the Great, including Vergina, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

No other cruise itinerary in the world provides this remarkable combination of destinations. We are privileged to be joined by travelers from the Archaeological Institute of America, Penn State, and other groups. Throughout, while cruising in fine comfort in your own private suite, you will enjoy learned commentary on these great cities of the ancient world and their rise and fall upon the world’s stage. But we encourage you to place your reservation soon as suites aboard the Corinthian II are limited.

Sincerely,

Eric J. Furda
Vice President for Alumni Relations

Unique Highlights

- Enjoy a private visit and reception at one of Syracuse’s splendid palazzi
- Explore the early Christian catacombs of San Giovanni (3rd - 6th centuries A.D.) in Syracuse, considered to be among the most important in Italy
- Visit privately the magnificent, recently excavated Villa Silene in Leptis Magna, normally not open to the public
- Enjoy a show of traditional Cretan music and dances in Rethymnon
- In Santorini, privately visit the Nomikos Foundation, a beautiful neoclassical mansion overlooking the island’s caldera
- Visit the tomb of Philip II, the father of Alexander the Great, and view the gold and other treasures found in this and other tombs

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ON THIS VOYAGE YOU WILL EARN 1,743 NAUTICAL MILES
Itinerary

Sunday, October 8, 2006
USA
Fly from the United States to Athens, Greece.

Monday, October 9
ATHENS | PIRAEUS, GREECE | EMBARKATION
Arrive in Athens and transfer to the port of Piraeus to embark on Corinthian II and set sail. (D)

Tuesday, October 10
AT SEA
Enjoy lectures and the amenities of Corinthian II as the ship cruises toward Sicily. (B, L, D)

Wednesday, October 11
SYRACUSE, SICILY, ITALY
Arrive at Syracuse, which once rivaled Athens as the most important city of the ancient world. Visit the spectacular 15,000-seat Greek Theater, among the most impressive to survive from antiquity; the elliptical Roman Amphitheater, one of the largest of its kind; and the Archaeological Museum, which contains an extensive collection of rare Sicilian artifacts. Also enjoy a walking tour of Syracuse’s old town, situated on the island of Ortygia. (B, L, D)

Thursday, October 12
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)

Friday, October 13
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 magnifi-
cent 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)

Saturday, October 14
AT SEA
Spend a relaxing day at sea enjoying lectures and the amenities of Corinthian II as the ship cruises to Derna. (B, L, D)

Sunday, October 15
DERNA | CYRENE | APOLLONIA | DERRNA
This morning, Corinthian II docks in Derna (the ancient Darnis) on Libya’s Cyrenaican coast. Take a full-day excursion to Cyrene, one of North Africa’s great cities of antiquity. Founded by Greek colonists from the island of Thera (Santorini) in the 7th century B.C., Cyrene was built on the side of a hill, facing the plain and the sea. Its substantial ruins and monuments testify to its wealth and power. On the return to the ship, stop at Apollonia, Cyrene’s port, where its Museum displays, among other objects, excellent mosaics from the region’s early Byzantine churches. (B, L, D)

Monday, October 16
RETHYMNON | HERAKLION FOR KNOSOS OR CHANIA | RETHYMNON, CRETE, GREECE
Enjoy the morning at sea. This afternoon, take an excursion to see one of the finest achievements of Minoan civilization—the partially reconstructed Palace at Knossos, which contains underground passageways, where, legend has it, Ariadne saved Theseus from the jaws of the carnivorous Minotaur. Alternatively, visit the Fortress in Rethymnon and take a walking tour of Chania, admiring its wonderfully preserved medieval character and architecture. (B, L, D)

Tuesday, October 17
SANTORINI
Corinthian II cruises into the flooded volcanic crater that forms the great circular bay of Santorini. In the second millennium B.C., volcanic eruptions shrouded the island in a blanket of pumice and ash, preserving many of the buildings in the town of Akrotiri, which centuries ago was inhabited by a sophisticated Bronze Age society. Visit the Nomikos Exhibition (where excellent reproductions of the frescoes at Akrotiri are on display) and the new archaeological museum, the Prehistoric History Museum of Thera. Enjoy time at leisure to explore the charming town of Phira. (B, L, D)

Wednesday, October 18
LITOCHORO | DION | VERGINA | THESSALONIKI
Call in Litochoro for an excursion to Dion, the sacred Macedonian city with sanctuaries erected in honor of both Greek and foreign gods, such as Zeus and Aphrodite and Isis and Serapis. Continue to the archaeological site at Vergina, the ancient Macedonian capital of Aigai, to view the ruins of the palace and the tumuli (chamber tombs) of Macedonian royalty, including the tomb of Philip II, father of Alexander the Great. Masterly frescoes depicting ancient Greek myths adorn many of the tombs and spurred UNESCO to add the site to its famed World Heritage List. Also visit the nearby Museum, which contains a number of treasures culled from the tombs. Reboard the ship in Thessaloniki. (B, L, D)

Thursday, October 19
THESSALONIKI | DISEMBARKATION | USA
Disembark in Thessaloniki and transfer to the airport for return flights to the United States. (B)

OPTIONAL POST-CRUISE EXTENSION IN THESSALONIKI, GREECE
October 19 - 21, 2006
Enjoy two nights in the ancient Macedonian capital of Thessaloniki. Tour several of the city’s ancient churches, including the 5th-century Church of Hagia Sophia and St. Dimitrios, Greece’s largest church, which preserves the tomb of the martyred patron saint of Thessaloniki. Continue to the Archaeological Museum, which exhibits artifacts from the royal tombs of Philip II. Travel to the Royal City of Pella and visit the excavations and museum.

Rates (per person, double occupancy): $595
Single supplement: $195

Included: Two nights at the Electra Palace Hotel, with breakfast daily, tours as described; transfer from the hotel to the airport on the designated program date.
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 beds 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.
### MAIN SPECIFICATIONS

- **Overall Length:** 297 feet
- **Beam:** 50 feet
- **Draft:** 12 feet
- **Gross Tonnage:** 4,200
- **Flag:** Malta
- **Suites:** 57

### Deck Plan

#### Explorer Deck
- 601, 602, 603
- Sun Deck

#### Erickson Deck
- 501, 511, 512
- Gym
- Beauty Salon
- Library

#### Columbus Deck
- 301, 311
- Gym
- Reception
- Hospital

#### Marco Polo Deck
- 401, 411, 421
- Bridge
- Outdoor Café
- Jacuzzi

#### Magellan Deck
- 201, 211
- The Club
- Deluxe suites on Magellan Deck with portholes and sitting area. 225 sq. ft. Suites 250 - 252
- Deluxe suites on Magellan Deck with forward and side windows and sitting area. 265 sq. ft. Suites 414 - 415
- Deluxe suites on Marco Polo Deck with window and sitting area. 235 sq. ft. Suites 333 - 334
- Deluxe suites on Columbus Deck with window and sitting area. 225 sq. ft. Suites 391 - 392

### Cruise and Land Rates

All accommodations aboard Corinthian II are suites. They face outside, offering sea views, and several have balconies with sliding doors. All suites include a bedroom with two twin-size beds or one queen-size bed, 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.

**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 Athens, Greece, returning from Thessaloniki, Greece. To reach VWTI, kindly call toll-free 877-711-9896 or 212-592-1340 for air reservations and ticketing information, and please have your tour code (6428) handy for reference.
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 3% 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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