Turning Points of History
Crossroads of Civilization in the Mediterranean
Aboard the All-Suite, 114-Guest Corinthian II

October 19 - 31, 2005
Dear Columbian,

The stories have come down to us from Homer and Herodotus, from Thucydides and Plutarch. They describe places and events known now by single names, indelibly associated with the history of Western civilization—Troy, Marathon, Salamis, Carthage, Philippi. In the thousands of years between them and us, history has become legend, legend myth, myth fiction—a play perhaps, a few soldiers on a Shakespearean stage, with Brutus gibbering about Caesar's ghost on Philippi.

Today it is my great privilege and pleasure to invite you on one of the most extraordinary Mediterranean cruises ever created. October 19 - 31, 2005, join us in discovering the Turning Points of History, and experience the most exciting, monumental events in classical history in their most real and immediate sense, in a way you would never imagine from a library or lecture hall. We will stand on the once-salted earth of Carthage. We will see Philippi, where Brutus and Cassius breathed their last, defeated by Octavian and Mark Antony. We will stand at the excavated gates of Troy VII, which still bear burn marks from Greek fires.

Throughout this cruise, from Naples, Italy, to Piraeus, Greece, we will check our observations against the poetry of Homer, the histories of Thucydides and Herodotus, and the biographical sketches of Plutarch. In addition, we will enjoy incisive lectures and commentaries by seasoned scholars.

Our accommodations for this voyage will be the all-suite Corinthian II, a private yacht that offers the best in small-ship cruising. This elegant vessel accommodates 114 guests in 57 suites, each affording captivating views of the passing landscape. Corinthian II's tastefully designed public areas include a restaurant accommodating all guests at a single seating; spacious lounges; and broad decks for sunning and relaxing. We will be joined by study leader Victor Davis Hanson as well as alumni from Stanford University, Johns Hopkins University, and travelers from the Archaeological Institute of America.

Combined with excursions to the ancient and medieval relics of Sicily and Malta, this cruise is one of the most extensive on-site investigations of Classical history available anywhere. Previous passengers who have enjoyed this itinerary have described their experience as "the best trip we have ever taken in our life." Demand will be extremely high, so we strongly encourage you to book your reservation as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Eric J. Furda  
Vice President for Alumni Relations

Call: 866-3-ALUMNI (866-325-8664)  
E-mail: travelstudy@columbia.edu

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Study Leaders

Victor Davis Hanson is the Martin and Illie Anderson Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University. He was a full-time farmer before joining California State University, Fresno in 1984 to initiate a Classics program. Dr. Hanson is the author of some 170 articles, book reviews, and newspaper editorials on Greek, agrarian, and military history, and he has written or edited 13 books, including Warfare and Agriculture in Classical Greece, The Western Way of War, Hoplites: The Ancient Greek Battle Experience, The Wars of the Ancient Greeks, and Ripples of Battle. Dr. Hanson was awarded an American Philological Association Excellence in Teaching Award, an annual award for the country's top undergraduate teachers of Greek and Latin. Among other honors, he was a Visiting Professor of Classics at Stanford University, an Alexander Onassis Fellow, and Visiting Shifrin Chair of Military History at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD. Dr. Hanson was educated at the UC Santa Cruz (B.A.) and the American School of Classical Studies, and received his Ph.D. in Classics from Stanford.

Jodi Magness holds a senior endowed chair in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She received her B.A. in Archaeology and History from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and her Ph.D. in Classical Archaeology from the University of Pennsylvania. Professor Magness has delivered a number of lectures on the archaeology of the Classical world for The Smithsonian Associates in Washington, D.C. and served as Study Leader for the Smithsonian Institution.
ITINERARY

Wednesday, October 19
USA
Depart the United States for Naples, Italy.

Thursday, October 20
NAPLES, ITALY | EMBARKATION
Transfer to the pier to board Corinthian II.

Friday, October 21
AT SEA | TUNIS, TUNISIA
Enjoy the day at sea while Corinthian II cruises towards Tunisia, arriving in Tunis this evening.

Saturday, October 22
TUNIS | CARTHAGE
In Tunis, visit the Bardo Museum, housing one of the world's finest collections of Punic, Roman, and early Christian art, including magnificent mosaics from throughout Tunisia. Later, an excursion leads to Carthage. Visit the ruined Baths of Antoninus, the Amphitheater where many Christians were martyred, and the cemetery where thousands of Carthaginian children were sacrificed to the goddess Tanit. There will also be time to explore the markets and shops of Tunis’ souks.

Sunday, October 23
PORTO EMPEDOCLE | AGRIGENTO | PORTO
EMPEDOCLE, Sicily, Italy | VELLETTA, Malta
Call at Porto Empedocle this morning for an excursion to nearby Agrigento. Set on a ridge facing the sea, Agrigento's series of superb Doric temples are perhaps the most captivating of Sicily's Greek remains. View the Temple of Hercules, constructed in the sixth century B.C.; the remarkably preserved Temple of Concord; and the Temple of Juno, noted for its graceful proportions. Also visit the Archaeological Museum, whose extraordinary collection is devoted to finds from the surrounding area. Return to Porto Empedocle to reboard Corinthian II and set sail. Later this evening, Corinthian II sails into the dramatic Grand Harbor of Valletta on the isle of Malta.

Monday, October 24
VALLETTA
At the heart of Valletta is the Co-Cathedral of St. John, the main church of the Knights. Completed in 1578, the church is filled with ornate chapels and magnificent monuments to the Knights' Grand Masters. Caravaggio’s masterpiece, The Beheading of St. John the Baptist, hangs in an oratory. Also visit the Palace of the Grand Masters, begun in 1571 and now the residence of the President of Malta and seat of the House of Representatives; the Armory; and the massive defensive walls surrounding the city. See the oldest stone buildings in existence, the sacred megaliths at Hagar Qim and the Neolithic temple structures at Tarxien. Explore Mdina, the “Silent City” once inhabited by Phoenicians, Carthaginians, and the Romans.

Tuesday, October 25
SYRACUSE, SICILY, ITALY
Byzantines, Arabs, and Normans all fought for control of the vital Mediterranean port of Syracuse, which once rivaled Athens as the most important city of the ancient world. Toward the end of the Peloponnesian War (431-404 B.C.) Athens invaded Sicily, where Sparta counted many allies. Syracuse rallied against the invasion, destroying the Athenian army. 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. Continue to the archaeological park, located at the western edge of Syracuse, to see the impressive remains of the Greek Theater, and visit Latomia, site of the ancient quarries from which stones were gathered to erect the great monuments of Syracuse.
The lovely port of Kavalla

Friday, October 28
STILIDA | THERMOPYLAE | DELPHI
From the port of Stilida, drive to Thermopylae, the famous narrow pass defended under the leadership of Leonidas during the Persian invasion of 480 B.C. Using Herodotus’ Histories as a guide, follow the vivid and dramatic depiction of the battle as recorded in his account of the Persian Wars and tour the grounds of this historic struggle. Continue to Delphi, where the legendary Oracle once decided the fate of nations and individuals. The Sanctuary of Apollo at Delphi—erected on the slope of Mount Parnassus and surrounded by towering misted mountains—is one of the most impressive sites in all of Greece. Visit the Sanctuary and see the Castalian Spring. Then continue up the Sacred Way, passing the Treasure of the Athenians, the ruins of the Temple of Apollo, the Theater, and the ancient Stadium. Also tour the museum, which contains the famous bronze statue of the Charioteer, among other sculptures and artifacts.

Saturday, October 29
STAVROS | AMPHIPOLIS | PHILIPPI | KAVALLA
Arrive at the small port of Stavros at the head of the Strimonikos Gulf. Tour nearby Amphipolis, where the Spartan Brasidas defeated Athens and captured the settlement in 424 B.C. Drive along the scenic coastal road to Philippi, built strategically on the old Via Egnatia. It was here, in 42 A.D., that conspirators Brutus and Cassius met their deaths as the armies of Octavius and Marc Antony closed in, at last avenging the murder of Julius Caesar. The restored ancient city, with its fine theater and agora, is the most significant archaeological site in Macedonia. Reboard the ship in Kavalla, the ancient Neapolis, in whose harbor the galleys of Brutus and Cassius were anchored during the campaign.

Sunday, October 30
CANAKKALE | TROY | CANAKKALE, TURKEY
Arrive at the harbor of Canakkale for an excursion to Troy, site of the battle of mythological renown. Consisting of nine cities superimposed in rings on a massive mound, Troy rises above the “wind-swept” plain of Ilium. It was to one of these cities that Paris abducted the beautiful Helen, igniting the Trojan War. Here the city of King Priam finally fell, succumbing to the clever ruse of Odysseus—the Trojan Horse.

Monday, October 31
PIRAEUS | ATHENS, GREECE | DISEMBARKATION | USA
Disembark Corinthian II and transfer to airport in Athens for return flights home.
Program Inclusions

- Eleven-night cruise aboard the 114-guest yacht Corinthian II
- All meals aboard ship including breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, and dinner
- Complimentary house wine, beer, and soft drinks with lunch and dinner aboard ship
- Welcome and farewell receptions aboard ship, hosted by the captain
- Complete program of tours and excursions as described in the itinerary
- Educational program of lectures and discussions by accompanying study leaders
- Professional Travel Dynamics International tour staff
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- Gratuities to porters, guides, and drivers

Not Included: Airfare; visas; passports; luggage, trip cancellation, and accident insurance; meals, soft drinks, and alcoholic beverages other than those specified above; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, faxes, and e-mail service; and gratuities to shipboard personnel

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Membership is as easy as a phone call. Details will be sent to you upon registration.
### MAIN SPECIFICATIONS

**Gross Tonnage:** 4,200  |  **Overall Length:** 297 ft.  |  **Beam:** 50 feet  |  **Draft:** 12 ft.  |  **Flag:** Malta

### DECK PLAN

**Explorer Deck**
- Suite 601
- Suite 602
- Suite 603
- Suite 604

**Erickson Deck**
- Suite 505
- Suite 506
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- Suite 511
- Suite 512

**Columbus Deck**
- Suite 329
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**Marco Polo Deck**
- Suite 414
- Suite 415
- Suite 416
- Suite 417
- Suite 418

**Magellan Deck**
- Suite 601
- Suite 602
- Suite 603
- Suite 604

### 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 C - AA at a supplement of $2,495 to the per person, double occupancy rates indicated above. Singles in Categories VS and 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 Naples, Italy, returning from Athens, Greece, 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 handy for reference: 5418.
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.

Itinerary: The itinerary, accommodations, and arrangements are subject to change at the discretion of Travel Dynamics International.

Responsibility: Please read carefully the following terms and conditions, which constitute the sole, legally enforceable agreements between the passenger and Columbia University, its agent, TSS LLC, and operator, Travel Dynamics International. The passenger is also advised to review his/her separate passage contract with the vessel's owner/operator, which will constitute the sole, legally enforceable terms of carriage for this tour and is available on request from Travel Dynamics International. Columbia University, its agent TSS LLC, and operator, Travel Dynamics International act solely as agents for the passenger with respect to all transportation, hotel and other tour arrangements. In that capacity, we exercise all reasonable care possible to ensure the passenger's safety and satisfaction, but, we neither assume nor bear any responsibility or liability for any injury, death, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity arising in connection with the services of any ship, airline, train, automobile, coach, motor coach, travel agents or any other conveyance, or the actions of any third-party, involved in carrying the passenger or in affecting these tours. We, Columbia University, our agent TSS LLC, and operator, Travel Dynamics International act solely as agents for the passenger with respect to all transportation, hotel and other tour arrangements. In that capacity, we exercise all reasonable care possible to ensure the passenger's safety and satisfaction, but, we neither assume nor bear any responsibility or liability for any injury, death, damage, loss, accident, delay or other changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, civil disturbances, acts or threats of terrorism, travel warnings or bans, termination or suspension of war risks or other carrier insurance, quarantine, acts of God or other causes beyond our control. All such losses must be borne by the passenger, and tour rates provide for arrangements only for the event of cancellation, delay or rescheduling mandated by any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the passenger shall have the option of accepting in lieu of the original tour such rescheduled tour or other substituted tour(s) as may be offered by us, or else, receiving a refund of as much of such advance tour expenditures as we are able to recover on the passenger's behalf from carriers, third-party tour vendors, etc., but, we shall not have any obligation or liability to the passenger beyond the foregoing. We reserve the right to make alterations to the tour's itinerary and to substitute hotels or ships if this is required. We reserve the right to cancel, delay, or reschedule any tour prior to departure, and, so long as this is not due to any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the passenger shall be entitled to a full refund of all monies paid to that point if he/she so desires. No refund shall be made for any unused portion of any tour. By forwarding their deposit(s), the passenger certifies that he/she and/or their dependents, minors or others covered thereby do not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that could create a hazard for them or other passengers. We reserve the right to decline to accept or to decline to retain any person as a member of any tour should such person's health, condition or actions adversely affect or threaten the welfare or safety of other passengers or impede the tour. Baggage or valuables brought on the tour shall be transported, handled or stored at the passenger's risk entirely, and, we shall bear no liability or responsibility for any damage or other loss thereto. Resolution of any disputes arising hereunder shall be affected exclusively in the state or federal courts presiding in the City of New York, pursuant to applicable New York law. We cannot guarantee the size of the Columbia Alumni Travel Study Group.

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.

Ship's Registry: Malta
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Registration

Enclosed is my check or credit card no. for $______ ($1,000 per person) as a deposit to hold ____ place(s) on Turning Points of History.

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☐ Twin Beds
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☐ Single Occupancy
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☐ Yes, please send my pre-departure materials via e-mail.

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

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Explore the sites where ancient cultures clashed and the course of history was changed.