

The background of the entire page is a photograph of the interior of the Monreale Cathedral in Sicily, Italy. The image shows a vast, ornate Gothic-style nave with high vaulted ceilings, intricate carvings, and a series of arches leading towards an altar at the far end. The lighting is warm and golden, highlighting the architectural details and the rich colors of the stone and frescoes.

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VENICE TO ROME

October 3-18, 2013 (16 days)

aboard the elegant, 350-guest *M/V Aegean Odyssey*

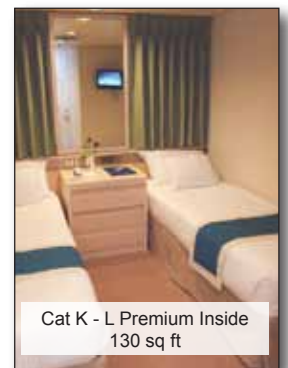
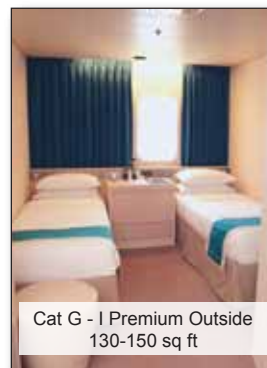
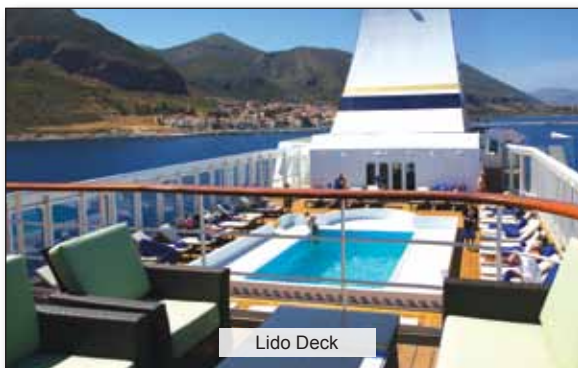
Monreale Cathedral, Sicily, Italy

M/V AEGEAN ODYSSEY:

AN ELEGANT, SMALL CRUISE SHIP WITH A VARIETY OF CABINS, STATEROOMS AND SUITES



Travel aboard a well-appointed, 350-guest ship with ample public areas and a variety of suites, staterooms and cabins. Dining venues include the Marco Polo Restaurant and the Terrace Café (with indoor and outdoor dining), serving fine cuisine and complimentary house wine, beer and soft drinks at dinner. Public areas include the Ambassador Lounge/Theater, Charleston Lounge, Observation Lounge, Internet Center, Library, Beauty Salon, Health Spa, and spacious sun deck with a jacuzzi and pool. A musical trio performs daily. Whether you book a luxurious suite, stateroom or a standard cabin, you will enjoy generous comfort and great value.



EXPLORING ITALY, SICILY & THE DALMATIAN COAST: FROM VENICE TO ROME

OCTOBER 3-18, 2013 (16 DAYS) WITH CARLETON PROFESSOR NANCY C. WILKIE

Of all the countries lining the Mediterranean, Italy is among the most alluring and Croatia is among the least-visited. Italy's art, architecture, history, and food have seduced travelers for centuries, while Croatia's treasures are just becoming appreciated by informed travelers. Immerse yourself in their natural beauty and diverse historical and cultural legacies on this 12-night cruise, ending with two hotel nights in the Eternal City.

Thursday, October 3, 2013 - DEPART HOME

Friday, October 4 - VENICE, Italy | EMBARK

Arrive in Venice, Italy, and transfer to the port to embark *Aegean Odyssey*. Overnight in port, and for the next eleven nights, aboard *Aegean Odyssey*. (D)

Saturday, October 5 - VENICE

Our full day in Venice begins with a boat ride down the beautiful Giudecca Canal to St. Mark's Square and Venice's bustling stone boardwalk. Walk to St. Mark's Basilica, a masterpiece of Byzantine architecture, and to the Doge's Palace, a 14th-century Gothic masterpiece. Afterward, enjoy free time around St. Mark's Square. This evening, we will be treated to a private tour of remarkable St. Mark's Basilica and the breathtaking sight of its famous mosaics illuminated in a spectacular light show. Overnight in port. (B,L,D)

Sunday, October 6 - VENICE

AM free to relax and explore Venice independently, or join an optional excursion (additional cost): a half-day guided walking tour to such highlights as the 16th-century Scuola Grande di San Rocco and the massive Chiesa di Santa Maria Gloriosa dei Frari, a church originally built by Franciscan friars in the 13th century and replaced in the 15th century. *Aegean Odyssey* sets sail this PM. (B,L,D)

Monday, October 7 - SPLIT, Croatia

AM arrival in Split, Croatia, for a half day excursion to Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace. Today a UNESCO World Heritage site, the palace complex is a vibrant warren of museums, shops, and restaurants alongside medieval fortifications, pre-Romanesque churches, and Gothic chapels. After the tour, you will have time at leisure to explore independently. PM optional tour (additional cost) to the delightful nearby island of Trogir, a UNESCO World Heritage site lined with architectural jewels that include weathered Romanesque churches and outstanding Renaissance and Baroque buildings from the Venetian period. There will be time afterward for independent exploration. *Aegean Odyssey* sets sail late tonight. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, October 8 - AT SEA | KORCULA

AM cruise along the Dalmatian Coast and its beautiful islands, with an early PM arrival at the island of Korcula for an excursion into Old Town, where we will visit the impressive Cathedral of St. Mark, the 14th-century Bishop's Palace, and the 16th-century Gabrielli Palace to view the City Museum's array of Greek and Roman artifacts. The remainder of the day is at leisure, and *Aegean Odyssey* sets sail late tonight. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, October 9 - DUBROVNIK

Early AM arrival in Dubrovnik to explore this UNESCO World Heritage site, the best-preserved medieval walled city in the Mediterranean. Our walking tour of the Old Town takes us along the city's main street to the Dominican and Franciscan monasteries, the latter home to Europe's oldest pharmacy (founded in 1318 and still in existence), and past such landmarks as the Sponza Palace, Baroque Church of St. Blaise, Onofriou's Fountain, and Cathedral of Our Lady. Relax and explore the Old Town on your own this PM. *Aegean Odyssey* sets sail this evening. (B,L,D)

Thursday, October 10 - AT SEA

Relax, attend onboard lectures, and enjoy the ship's amenities as she cruises to Sicily.

(B,L,D)



Above, Venice, Italy. Below, Split, Croatia.



Friday, October 11 - SYRACUSE, Sicily, Italy

Arrive in the AM for a tour of Syracuse, surveying the city's outstanding collection of Greek and Roman ruins such as the Roman amphitheater of Augustus; the 2nd-century B.C. Altar of Hieron; and the 5th-century Greek theater; and visit the Museo Archeologico Regionale Paolo Orsi. *Aegean Odyssey* departs in the early PM. (B,L,D)

Saturday, October 12 - PALERMO | MONREALE | PALERMO

Early AM arrival in Palermo to explore the 12th century Palatine Chapel, a miraculous fusion of Latin, Byzantine, and Arabic architectural design; San Giovanni degli Eremiti, a 12th century Norman church; and Palermo Cathedral. PM excursion to the 12th century Monreale Cathedral, located just outside Palermo and considered by many to be the most beautiful Norman church in Italy. Also visit the Benedictine cloisters and have free time in the main square. This evening, there will be a very special optional excursion (additional cost): a private visit to the exquisite Palazzo Gangi, which is especially noted for its Sicilian Baroque ballroom decorated with Murano chandeliers, gold fittings, and glittering mirrors. Overnight aboard ship in Palermo. (B,L,D)

Sunday, October 13 - PALERMO | AT SEA

AM at leisure in Palermo. *Aegean Odyssey* departs around lunchtime for a cruise past Stromboli, one of the Aeolian Islands just north of Sicily, an active volcano that has been erupting almost continuously since 1932. (B,L,D)

Monday, October 14 - AT SEA | SORRENTO | POMPEII or HERCULANEUM | SORRENTO

AM at sea, cruising along the enchanting Amalfi Coast. There will be a choice of PM excursions, to either Pompeii or Herculaneum. Ancient Pompeii was engulfed by ash and pyroclastic flows from the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in August of A.D. 79, and what was preserved underneath is the unique record of Roman life we see today. The nearby town of Herculaneum was also destroyed, yet preserved, by the same eruption. Today, in the many well-preserved structures around the site, inlaid marble floors, paintings, mosaics, and carbonized woods are still visible. Afterward, return to central Sorrento and either explore independently or return to the ship. Overnight aboard ship in Sorrento. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, October 15 - SORRENTO

Spend the day relaxing and/or exploring Sorrento on your own, or take an optional, full-day excursion (additional cost) along the Amalfi Drive, considered by many to be the most beautiful drive in the world. Along the streets of the town of Amalfi, architecture from the 9th to 12th centuries reflects a period when the city wielded enormous sea power. Enjoy free time to wander along the marina or browse the delightful shops and cafés around the fountain before a 3-course lunch at a *ristorante* on the Coast and a scenic return drive to Sorrento. *Aegean Odyssey* sets sail this evening. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, October 16 - CIVITAVECCHIA | ROME | DISEMBARK

Early AM arrival in Civitavecchia. Disembark *Aegean Odyssey* and transfer to our Rome hotel. The rest of the day is free to relax and explore independently. *Overnight at our Rome hotel for two nights.* (B)

Thursday, October 17 - ROME | VATICAN CITY | ROME

AM exploration of the iconic ancient sites of Rome, such as the Colosseum, the biggest and most imposing arena in the Roman world; and the Roman Forum, with the remains of grand temples, triumphal arches, and a labyrinth of governmental buildings. Also visit St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City, inside of which an almost unimaginable wealth of art awaits. The rest of the day is at leisure in Rome. (B)

Friday, October 18 - ROME | HOME

Transfer to Rome airport for flights homeward. (B)



Above, Korcula, Croatia. Below, Pompeii, Italy.
Bottom, interior of the Colosseum, Rome.



Nancy C. Wilkie is a distinguished archaeologist and professor who has lectured on numerous study tours worldwide, including two previous cruises aboard *Aegean Odyssey* since 2011. She is the William H. Laird Professor of Classics, Anthropology, and the Liberal Arts, and Co-Director of the Archaeology Concentration at Carleton College, where she has been on the faculty since 1974. Nancy has worked on archaeological projects in Greece, Egypt, and Nepal, and has authored more than 30 articles and co-edited three books on archaeology. She is also an Honorary President of the Archaeological Institute of America, and in 2009-10 Nancy served as the AIA's Charles Eliot Norton lecturer, one of the highest honors that the Institute bestows. *On this program, Nancy will also be representing the AIA, one of our co-sponsors.*

LECTURER AND HOST

RATES INCLUDE:

- Transfers abroad to and from the ship or hotel, when you purchase the Cruise/Land/Air Package and travel on group arrival and departure dates;
- Cruise aboard M/V *Aegean Odyssey* and hotel nights as described, per itinerary;
- All meals aboard ship, including house wine, beer or soft drinks with dinner; plus afternoon tea with pastries and late night snacks; and breakfast daily during included hotel stays; bottled water during cruise-based shore excursions;
- Shore excursions as indicated in itinerary;
- All onboard gratuities for restaurant and cabin staff;
- Lectures and discussions by Nancy Wilkie and other onboard experts;
- Porterage of luggage;
- Service charges and port fees, embarkation and local taxes;
- Balcony Class (Categories A-D & CC) passengers also receive a welcome bottle of champagne, refrigerated mini-bar stocked with soft drinks and bottled water, bathrobe, slippers, boutique bathroom amenities and deluxe hotel accommodations.

RATES DO NOT INCLUDE: Gratuities to drivers/guides throughout; optional shore excursions; beverages (except as noted above) and other items of a personal nature; passport and visa fees; airport taxes where payable locally; baggage and travel insurance; independent meals ashore; telephone/fax/internet charges; airfare add-ons; and airport transfers for those making their own air arrangements or not traveling on the group dates.

AIRFARE: Take advantage of our Cruise/Land/Air Package, which provides round-trip air from eight East Coast gateways, all government fees, airline surcharges, air ticket taxes and round-trip airport transfers abroad. Low-cost add-on fares of \$100 - \$200 from over 60 other North American cities are available. Contact us for information regarding available gateway cities.

CANCELLATION PENALTIES:

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| • More than 120 days prior to departure: | Full refund |
| • Between 90 and 119 days prior to departure: | 10% of fare |
| • Between 61 and 89 days prior to departure: | 25% of fare |
| • Between 31 and 60 days prior to departure: | 50% of fare |
| • Between 16 and 30 days prior to departure: | 75% of fare |
| • 15 days or less before departure: | 100% of fare |

All cancellations must be received in writing. Information on trip cancellation insurance will be sent upon receipt of your deposit.

How to Make a Reservation:

Please call or email to receive a **Reservation Form with Terms and Conditions** and to ask any questions.

A deposit of 10%, per person, is required to confirm a reservation. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

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SUITES, STATEROOMS AND CABINS

All suites, staterooms and cabins have a private bath and/or shower, flatscreen TV, safe, and hair dryer, and are fully air-conditioned. Balcony Class staterooms (categories A-D & CC) have additional amenities as detailed in the Rates Include section. The sizes, layouts and bed configurations will vary within a category. The square footage is average and includes the balcony. Beds may be fixed double (queen size), fixed separate twin beds or twin beds that can be converted into double beds. All outside staterooms/cabins have windows except Category J, which has portholes. Single cabin features include European full size beds. Single cabin sizes are smaller than sizes noted for double occupancy cabins.

Category A: Owner's Suites.

550 sq ft staterooms located on Lido Deck. Marble bathrooms, dressing area, separate sitting area and private balcony. Convertible twin beds.

Category B: Junior Balcony Suites.

310 sq ft staterooms located on Lido Deck. Marble bathrooms, walk-in closet, sitting area and private balcony. Convertible twin beds.

Categories C/D: Deluxe Balcony Staterooms.

275 sq ft staterooms located on Lido, Bridge and Belvedere Decks. Walk-in shower or bath, sitting area and private balcony. Fixed double bed, separate twins or convertible twins depending on cabin selected. Cabins 807 and 808 on Lido Deck are smaller and do not have a sitting area.

Category E: Deluxe Staterooms.

180-200 sq ft staterooms located on Lido and Belvedere Decks. Walk-in shower or bath. Convertible twin beds. Cabins 556 & 563 are smaller but have a fixed double bed and a balcony.

Category F: Deluxe Staterooms.

200 sq ft staterooms located on Bridge and Belvedere Decks. Walk-in shower or bath. Convertible twin beds or fixed double bed.

Category G: Premium Outside Cabins.

130-150 sq ft cabins located on Lido & Bridge Decks. Fixed twin, convertible twin or fixed double bed(s) with private shower. Views partially obstructed by lifeboats.

Categories H/I: Premium Outside Cabins.

Category J: Standard Outside Cabins.

130 sq ft cabins located on Bridge, Belvedere and Columbus Decks. Fixed twin beds with private shower. Category I cabins on Bridge deck have two windows but with partially obstructed views. Category J Standard Outside Cabins are similar in size and layout and most have portholes in place of windows.

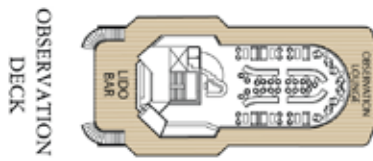
Categories K/L: Premium Inside Cabins.

Category M: Standard Inside Cabins.

130 sq ft cabins located on Belvedere and Columbus Decks. Fixed twin beds with private shower.

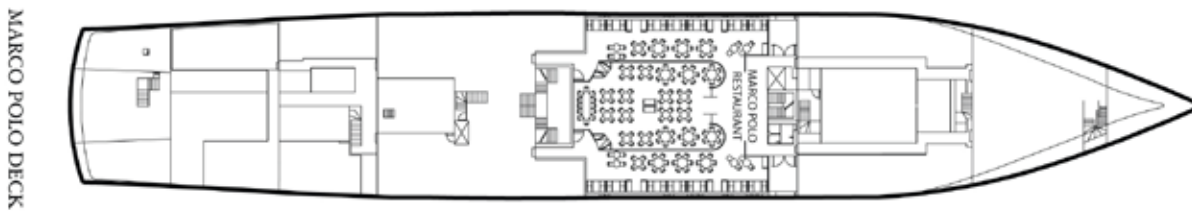
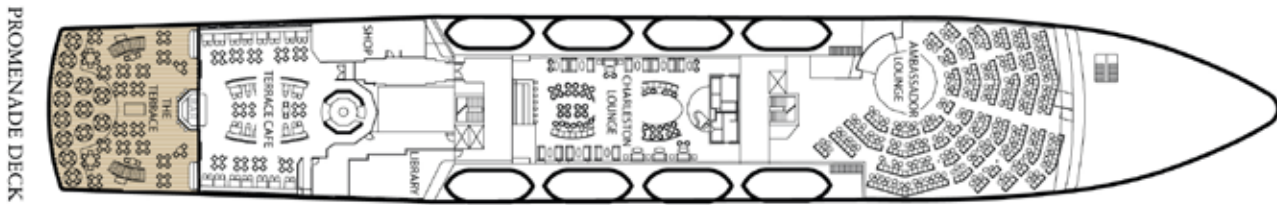
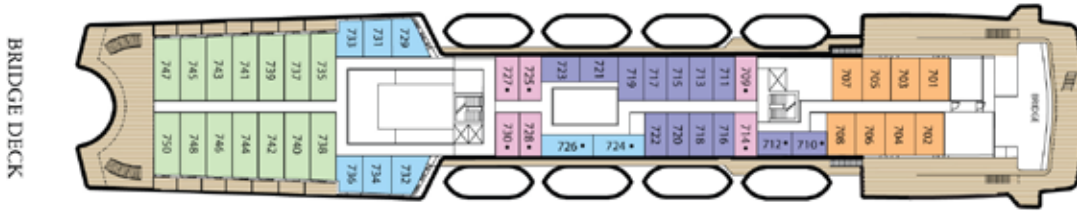
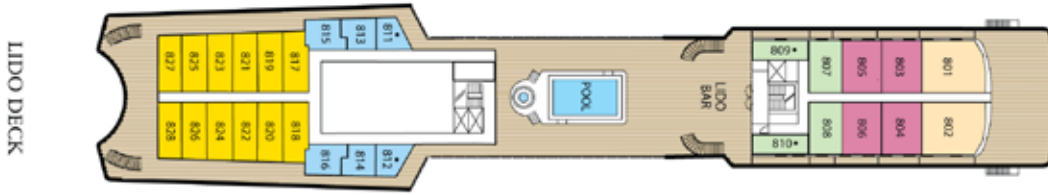


M/V Aegean Odyssey



Key

- Single Cabins
- ▲ Third pullman berth in these cabins
- Third/fourth pullman berth in these cabins



Ship's Specifications

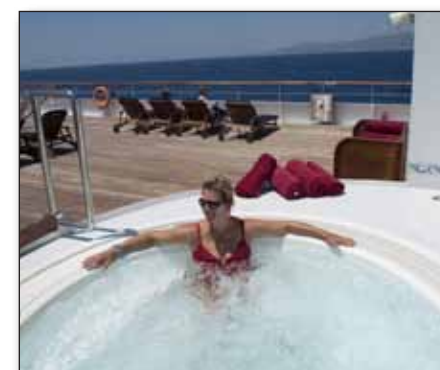
- Ship's Tonnage 11,563
- Length 461 feet
- Beam 67 feet
- Draft 20.5 feet
- Cruising Speed 18 knots
- Passenger Decks 7
- 2 Elevators
- Stabilizers 2
- Guest Cabins 216
- Guest - lower beds 408
- Classification: Lloyd's Register Society London
- Ship's Registry Malta

Ship's Amenities

- 2 Restaurants plus outdoor terrace dining
- 3 Lounges and 4 Bars
- Theater
- Pool, health spa and jacuzzi
- Library
- Shop
- Internet Center
- Beauty Salon
- Medical Center
- Telephone, Fax & internet via satellite
- Satellite TV, hair dryer & safe in all staterooms/cabins

PER PERSON PRICES (USD)

CABIN CATEGORY	DECK	Cruise/Land/Air Package*	Cruise/Land <u>only</u> Package	
Categories A-D are Balcony Class				
M	Belvedere/Columbus	Double Occupancy	\$4,795	\$3,795
L	Columbus		\$5,095	\$4,095
K	Belvedere		\$5,395	\$4,395
J	Columbus		\$5,595	\$4,595
I **	Bridge		\$5,850	\$4,850
H	Belvedere/Columbus		\$6,095	\$5,095
G	Lido/Bridge		\$6,395	\$5,395
F	Bridge/Belvedere		\$6,595	\$5,595
E	Lido/Belvedere		\$6,895	\$5,895
D	Belvedere		\$7,250	\$6,250
C	Lido/Bridge		\$7,495	\$6,495
B	Lido		\$8,195	\$7,195
A	Lido		\$8,850	\$7,850
MM	Belvedere		Single	\$5,245
JJ	Columbus	\$6,135		\$5,135
II **	Bridge	\$6,415		\$5,415
HH **	Bridge/Belvedere	\$6,895		\$5,685
GG **	Lido/Bridge	\$7,015		\$6,015
EE	Belvedere	\$7,575		\$6,575
CC (Balcony Class)	Lido	\$8,245		\$7,245
3rd & 4th person in a cabin (limited, call for details)				\$3,895
Port Fees & Service Charges INCLUDED			\$495	\$495
Land Credit (cruise only, no hotels)			N/A	\$450



Prices, lecturer and itinerary are subject to change

* Cruise/Land/Air Package includes round-trip airfare from 60+ North American gateways, all government fees, airline surcharges, air ticket taxes and round-trip airport transfers on dates of group travel. Contact us for information regarding available gateway cities.

** Please note: Categories GG, I, II and some HH cabins have partially obstructed views.

SINGLES: Once the single cabins in the categories listed above are full, double cabins may be purchased as singles at a supplement of 25% (Categories M-L), 30% (K-I), 50% (H-F), 75% (E-A) of the double occupancy rates listed, if available.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS: While most shore excursions are included in the cost of your program, when an excursion is called "optional" it is offered at a small additional cost (about \$48-68 pp).

SPECIAL OFFERS: Note that any special offers are strictly capacity controlled and may be withdrawn from sale at any time.



To hold your reservation for seven days while this form and your deposit are in the mail, please contact us at 800-811-7244 or carleton@studytours.org

NAME #1: _____ NAME #2: _____
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HOME PHONE: _____ OFFICE PHONE: _____

CELL: _____ EMAIL: _____

AIR ARRANGEMENTS: Departure City: _____ (for included air)

ACCOMMODATIONS: Double: one bed two beds Single Sharing

Name of shared roommate _____

Category Preference: First choice _____ Second Choice _____ Third Choice _____

A deposit of 10% per voyage, per person, is required to confirm a reservation. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

PAYMENT TYPE: Check payable to: EOS Passenger Escrow - CCA Venice-Rome10/13

Visa MC Amex CC# _____ Exp. Date _____

3 or 4 Digit Security Code _____ Name on Card _____

All prices and payments are in US dollars. Please note that credit cards are not accepted for final payment. Please complete the Reservation Form above, sign the Release statement below, enclose your deposit and mail or fax to:

Carleton College Alumni Adventures
P.O. Box 938, 47 Main Street, Suite One, Walpole, NH 03608-0938 - Fax: 603-756-2922

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Prices quoted are based on group participation and no refunds will be made for any part of the program in which you choose not to participate. It is understood that refunds cannot be made to passengers who do not complete the tour for whatever reason nor to passengers whose required documentation for entry into any country on the itinerary is delayed or denied. **RESPONSIBILITY:** Carleton College and its agent, Eos (hereinafter "Sponsors"), and Voyages to Antiquity and/or its agents (hereinafter "Operator") assume no liability for failure to provide the services, transportation, lecturers and accommodations referred to in this brochure to the extent that such services and accommodations cannot be supplied due to delays or other causes beyond the control of Operator, which include but are not limited to sickness, epidemics, pandemics, 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, and acts of God. In the absence of negligence on the part of Operator, the participant agrees that Operator has no responsibility or liability of any nature whatsoever for damage to or loss of property, or injury to, or death of persons due to any act, omission or negligence of any carrier, hotel, restaurant, bus carrier, tender service, sightseeing company, or any other persons rendering any of the services or ground portions of the itinerary. The participant further waives any claim against Operator and Sponsors for any such damage, loss, injury or death. Operator and Sponsors shall not be responsible for any additional expenses, delays, substitution of equipment, and/or any act or omission whatsoever by the suppliers of such services, their agents, servants and employees, and the participant hereby waives any claim arising there from. Operator and Sponsors reserve the right to decline, accept or retain any participant at any time. Sponsors and Operator reserve the right to cancel this tour prior to departure, in which case payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part, except when trip cancellation, itinerary changes and/or delays are 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 Operator and Sponsors are able to recover on the passenger's behalf from carriers, third-party tour vendors, etc., but, Operator and Sponsors shall not have any obligation or liability to the passenger beyond the foregoing. All refunds of passenger payments are the responsibility of Eos and/or the Operator, and the participant agrees that Carleton College bears no financial responsibility for refunding of participant's payments. The passenger contract in use by the carriers concerned (when issued) shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation companies (such as ship operators and airlines) and the purchaser of this tour and/or passage. Participants are encouraged to purchase airline tickets no sooner than 60 days before the tour begins to avoid airline cancellation penalties if a tour is canceled or otherwise modified subsequent to the participant's purchase of those tickets. Sponsors and Operator accept no liability for the purchase of non-refundable airline tickets to

the tour departure city and return. Baggage and personal effects are at all times the sole responsibility of the participant. By forwarding of deposit, the passenger certifies that he/she agrees with these terms and conditions, and that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other passengers. Itinerary: Sponsors and Operator reserve the right to change the itinerary due to weather conditions, availability of anchorages, political conditions and other factors beyond our control without consulting the participants. Participants have no right to any refund or other considerations in the event of these itinerary changes. Rates are based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect at the time of printing and are subject to change prior to departure. Substantial changes in tariffs, exchange rates, the price of fuel, services and labor may increase the cost of arrangements significantly, and we reserve the right to alter our prices. **AS A CONDITION OF ACCEPTANCE, EACH PARTICIPANT MUST AGREE TO AND SIGN THE FOLLOWING RELEASE OF LIABILITY:** **RELEASE:** Notwithstanding anything set forth above or otherwise contained herein, the signatory clearly understands that the Sponsors are in no way responsible and can assume no liability of any nature whatsoever for the tour and any acts, omissions or negligence by the Operator or by companies and persons with whom the Operator may contract. The signatory has carefully read the list of activities, requirements and conditions as listed in the brochure and application for the tour and is/are aware that the tour and its activities involve the risk of personal injury or death and damage or loss of property. In consideration of the benefits to be derived from participation in the tour, the signatory voluntarily accepts all risk of personal injury or death and property damage or other loss arising from participation on the tour and hereby agrees that he/she and his/her dependents, heirs, executors and assigns, do release and hold harmless Sponsors and the employees, officers, directors, trustees or representatives of Sponsors, from any and all claims, including claims of negligence, illness, personal injury, death or property damage or loss, however caused, arising from or related to this tour. The signatory has read carefully this agreement, and will abide by the conditions set by Sponsors and the Operator as described in the brochure and in the Terms and Conditions of this and other sections as stated herein or elsewhere published. The signatory affirms that he/she has not received or relied on any oral or written representation of Sponsors as a basis for executing this Release.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Ship Operator: Voyages to Antiquity TERMS AND CONDITIONS

General

The following provisions apply to the booking of your Cruise, or Cruise Tour and are the terms and conditions that apply upon the acceptance of your deposit by Carleton College Adventures, its agent Eos (hereinafter "Sponsor") or Voyages to Antiquity (hereinafter "VTA"). They also cover any hotel or air arrangements made on your behalf by Sponsor or VTA. By making a reservation and paying your deposit you agree to be bound by the provisions contained herein and to accept the terms and conditions of the VTA Passage Contract (cruise ticket), a copy of which may be obtained from Carleton College Alumni Adventures. The provisions herein contain important information on cancellation by the guest, changes in the itinerary, the limitations and exclusions of liability on the part of VTA, the operator of the vessel and of independent contractors, the health and immigration requirements that are your responsibility, and other relevant terms and conditions.

Deposits and Payments

A 10% deposit is required within 7 days of booking. The final balance is due no later than 90 days prior to sailing. Guests who do not make required deposits or final payment at appropriate times are subject to automatic cancellation without notice. Cancellation penalties as indicated on the invoice or as set forth in these Terms and Conditions apply (see Cancellation Policy below). American Express, MasterCard, Visa, and personal checks are accepted for deposits and final payments.

Travel Protection

We strongly recommend that all guests purchase comprehensive Trip Cancellation/Interruption Protection for the full purchase price of the cruise as well as any air and/or land arrangement costs. A brochure for trip cancellation insurance will be sent to you with confirmation of receipt of your deposit.

Cancellation Policy

A full deposit refund is only made when cancellation notice is provided to Sponsor or VTA no later than 120 days prior to the scheduled departure date. Insurance premiums paid to Sponsor or VTA are non-refundable. Any refund of payments will only be made by the same method as received. Guests who cancel for any reason including medical reasons are subject to the following cancellation fees per person based on the total charges made for the Cruise or the Cruise Tour, plus any fees related to the early confirmation of air travel (said fees to be determined at time of cancellation) see chart to right.

Number of days cancellation fee before sailing	
Up - 120	None
119-90	10%
89 - 61	25%
60 - 31	50%
30 - 16	75%
15 - 0	100%
Non-appearance 100%	

Government Fees and Taxes, Fuel and Exchange Rate supplements and Gift Orders are fully refundable regardless of the cancellation notice. If air travel has been purchased and tickets issued all refunds of the charges relating to air travel will be held until the tickets are returned to VTA. Air-related fuel surcharges and government taxes and fees related to the air travel are not subject to a cancellation fee, provided the air tickets are returned. See Air Transportation section for further details.

Changes to a Reservation

Changes to a reservation at any time, including air and hotel arrangements confirmed by Sponsor or VTA, may result in an assessment of administrative fees and service charges by the third party supplier(s) and is beyond the control of VTA. Guests are responsible for any additional costs incurred as a result of these changes. Some changes, including name changes, may be considered cancellations and applicable fees will be assessed.

Itinerary Changes

The cruise and tour programs featured in this brochure are planned many months in advance. Occasionally changes have to be made to the published itineraries both before and after bookings are confirmed as circumstances beyond the control of Sponsor or VTA may require and/or to correct information in the brochure that appears by error or omission. Most changes are minor but occasionally a "significant change" must be made. A "significant change" before departure is deemed to be a change to the initial embarkation or disembarkation port to a different geographical area or a change in the duration of your cruise and tour program by more than 12 hours. Ports of call or timing changes in ports of call are not considered to be "significant changes". VTA shall have no responsibility or liability for any loss, inconvenience, or expense incurred by guests as a result of any changes or cancellations whether or not the changes are a "significant change." (See further terms relating to changes and cancellation found in the Passage Contract.) A cruise may be canceled for reasons of force majeure (including but not limited to war, civil unrest, natural disasters, and adverse weather conditions) or in the case a governmental organization issues a specific travel warning in the area where the cruise is to operate. We also reserve the right to cancel a cruise at any time up to ten weeks before sailing if we consider there are insufficient reservations for the cruise to be viable. If a "significant change" or decision to cancel a cruise is made, you will be advised as soon as possible about any alternative arrangements available. You can choose to accept these arrangements or cancel with a full refund. In the unlikely event that a 'force majeure' event occurs or a travel warning is issued, after a cruise has started, Sponsor and VTA shall not be liable to pay any compensation for any changes in itinerary or omitted ports of call or shortened or lengthened stays in any port or ports other than refunds received by our suppliers. The ship's captain is responsible for the safety of the ship, passengers, and crew and has absolute discretion in making any alterations to the itinerary that he considers necessary.

Independent Travel Arrangements

Sponsor and VTA are not responsible with regard to air or land travel or accommodation arrangements made using non-refundable, restricted travel or frequent flyer air tickets or frequent traveler hotel accommodations. This exclusion of liability includes the consequences of delays in the arrival at any airport, hotel, or port location that may occur when guests are using independently arranged air or land travel or when changes in travel arrangements may need to be made due to changes VTA may make to the embarkation or disembarkation ports and the time of embarkation and disembarkation. The Passenger Ticket/Passage Contract contains full terms and conditions for these exclusions. Final Travel

Documentation including any air tickets are issued only after passport details have been received and final payment has been made. In most cases the final documentation is sent no later than 21-14 days prior to scheduled departure. It is the responsibility of the guest to verify that the full name(s) on any cruise, land, or air arrangements and reservations are the same as listed on his/her passport. Sponsor and VTA are not responsible for cancellation or pre-bookable fees imposed by any supplier due to incorrect names provided by the travel agent or guest.

Responsibility

The responsibility of VTA and the operator of the vessel is strictly limited according to the Terms and Conditions set forth in the Passage Contract that you receive prior to embarkation. You are urged to read the Passage Contract carefully. A sample is available to be mailed on request. Transportation onboard the ship is provided solely by the ship operator and pursuant to the Passage Contract. VTA reserves the right to accept or decline any person as a guest for any reason. VTA shall not be responsible for any act, event or omission during the time passengers are not aboard the VTA vessel. VTA acts only as an agent for the supplier of off-ship services such as airlines and other off-ship transportation carriers, meals, shore excursions, accommodations, air ambulance and shore-side physicians. Guests agree not to hold VTA, its owners, agents or representatives liable for any loss, injury, expense or damage which results directly or indirectly from any act or omission, whether negligent or otherwise, of any third party person or firm which is to, or does provide goods or services in connection with the trip or any available option. Without limiting the foregoing, VTA shall have no liability to passengers for the quality of services at, and the condition, cleanliness or safety of a hotel, housing facility, or conveyance, or for any transportation delay, including but not limited to liability for inconvenience, shortened vacation time, additional expenses, or any other kind of damage. VTA expressly disclaims all responsibility of any nature whatsoever for any loss, damage or injury to property or person resulting from air, rail, motor coach or any other form of transportation other than that actually provided by the VTA vessel.

Air Transportation

Sponsor and VTA do not operate, control or supervise any airlines and shall have no responsibility for carriers failing to meet schedules whether or not air tickets were issued by VTA or its designated vendor. Sponsor and VTA are not responsible for any expenses or consequences relating to air transportation and that results from causes including but not limited to inclement weather, strikes, flight cancellations, changes/delays in the ship's schedule or a change/delay in schedule or routing made by a guest, travel agent or airlines. Any changes, including cancellations, requested by a travel agent or a guest to a confirmed flight reservation or issued ticket will incur an administrative fee. Any additional costs incurred by Sponsor or VTA including penalties are made at the guest's expense. Any charges imposed by an air carrier to VTA after an air reservation is confirmed due to provision of incorrect name(s), will be added to the total cost of your cruise or cruise tour. If an airline ticket issued in conjunction with a VTA air program is lost the guest is responsible for the full cost of replacement. Airline tickets are only refundable to VTA and the amount of any refund owing to the guest is determined by VTA.

Services Provided by Independent Contractors

All shoreside tours and services described in this brochure including air, hotel, transfers and excursions are provided by independent contractors. VTA acts solely as ticketing agent for all shore side activities and has no legal obligation or liability of any kind to guests for acts or omissions in connection with or arising out of arrangements with independent contractors, including but not limited to airline carriers, ground/tour operators, and hotels since they are neither agents for nor employees of VTA.

Guests with Special Needs

The cruise and tour programs featured in this brochure include extensive sightseeing and to fully participate each guest must be reasonably fit and have no walking difficulties. Whenever possible VTA will try to accommodate guests with special needs as long as the mobility issues are not an impediment to others on the guided tours.

Luggage Handling

All baggage must conform to and will be handled in accordance with the regulations and restrictions of airlines, government security requirements, and third party suppliers. Charges or fees relating to the carriage and the handling of luggage excluding portage at the pier and to/from the VTA vessel are the guests' responsibility. VTA reserves the right to search guest luggage at any time and to refuse any items that might be considered dangerous. All hand-carried luggage and personal effects are the responsibility of the guest at all times. Sponsor and VTA are not responsible for the loss or damage to guest luggage. Baggage insurance is strongly recommended. Please refer to the Passenger Ticket/Passage Contract for the full details of the VTA Luggage Policy.

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