



CROSSROADS OF CULTURES

Phoenicians, Greeks, Etruscans & Romans in the Central Mediterranean

Aboard the All-Suite, 114-Guest *Corinthian II*
September 23 - October 2, 2007

NO
SUPPLEMENT FOR
SINGLE
TRAVELERS



Florence, Italy, cradle of the Renaissance

Carleton Faculty



Nancy Wilkie, the William H. Laird Professor of Classics, Anthropology, and Liberal Arts and codirector of the archaeological concentration at Carleton, has conducted archaeological fieldwork in Greece, Egypt, and Nepal and currently serves on the Cultural Property Advisory Committee of the U.S. State Department. She has served as the study leader for many Archaeological Institute of America tours to the Mediterranean and has received rave reviews for her previous Carleton alumni trips.

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Dear Traveler,

We are delighted to invite you to join Professor Nancy Wilkie on a voyage that will explore the succession of peoples and cultures in the Central Mediterranean, including North Africa. On the faculty of Carleton College since 1974, Professor Wilkie is a distinguished archaeologist and classicist, with firsthand knowledge of most of the places we will explore on this voyage.

Civilizations flourish when different cultures meet and trigger a dialectic of ideas and innovations. Nowhere in the world do more diverse cultures convene than in the Mediterranean, the seabed of Western Civilization. While other cruises may focus on the monuments of ancient Greece and Rome, our voyage also includes Phoenician and Etruscan sites which rarely appear on Mediterranean itineraries.

The Phoenicians, among the most intrepid sailors and merchants of the ancient world, flourished in ancient Canaan during the years 1,200 - 800 B.C., and founded trading posts and colonies as far west as Spain. They were master workers of bronze and ivory, and their textiles—dyed the rich color we call Tyrian purple—brought high prices in the markets around the Mediterranean, and even in Britain.

Although Phoenicians are fairly well understood by scholars, the Etruscans remain a mystery and their origins are unknown. While the Phoenicians were preeminent traders, the Etruscans were artists. Living mostly between the Tiber and Arno rivers, in Italy's Tuscany, Umbria and Lazio regions, they left arresting portraits of themselves in stone, terra-cotta and bronze which we will see on display in Tarquinia, considered to be their cultural and political center. The enigmatic Etruscans traded with the Greek colonies in the south of Italy, and absorbed many of the cultural traits of the Greeks. By the 6th century B.C., they were the most powerful people in northern Italy.

We have selected our destinations carefully, both for their ancient significance and for their contemporary pleasures. Agrigento, with its famed temples, reveals the power, wealth and artistic excellence the Greeks attained in Sicily. A short crossing will bring us to Tunisia and fabled Carthage, founded by the Phoenicians, and later coveted by Rome. On the eastern coast of Tunisia is El Djem, with its magnificent Roman amphitheater, a testament to the strong Roman presence in North Africa. On Sardinia, we have expanded our program to include the remarkable prehistoric nuraghi and will also explore the the Phoenician-Roman seaport of Nora. On Corsica, we will travel along the island's east coast to the rarely-visited site of Aleria, founded by Greeks in the 6th century B.C. on a beautiful spot overlooking the sea. We have included a day in Tuscany, home of the Etruscans and later the Renaissance, before visiting the necropolis at Tarquinia, with its extraordinary murals.

The tailor-made itinerary, the elegant all-suite *Corinthian II*, our ship for this voyage, that accommodates only 114 guests, and the leadership of Professor Nancy Wilkie are certain to make this an exceedingly attractive and popular program. As space is limited, I urge you to reserve your suite today.

Sincerely,

Joanne Mechling

Joanne Mechling '87
Chair, Alumni Adventures Committee

On behalf of the Alumni Adventures Committee:
Althea Dotzour '99
Karen Feldt '61
Andrea Iseminger '59
Vicki Rupp '66
Dan Turnquist '55

P.S. We are happy to announce that the single supplement has been waived on this program! Please book soon if you wish to take advantage of this remarkable offer.



"Everything in Lucca is good," wrote Hillaire Belloc.

Itinerary

Sunday, September 23, 2007

USA

Fly from the U.S. to Valletta, Malta.

Monday, September 24

VALLETTA, MALTA | EMBARK

Arrive in Valletta, the capital of Malta, and embark on *Corinthian II*. Valletta was founded in the 16th century by the Knights of St. John, with great fortifications encircling a city hewn from the living rock. (D)

Tuesday, September 25

PORTO EMPEDOCLE |

AGRIGENTO |

PORTO EMPEDOCLE, SICILY, ITALY

In the morning, sail to Sicily's Porto Empedocle. From here, travel to nearby Agrigento. Set on a ridge facing the sea, Agrigento's series of superb Doric tem-

ples are among the best-preserved ancient Greek temples. View the Temple of Hercules, constructed in the 6th century B.C.; the remarkable Temple of Concord; and the Temple of Juno, noted for its graceful proportions. Also visit the impressive Archaeological Museum. Return to Porto Empedocle and spend the afternoon at sea. (B, L, D)

Wednesday, September 26

HAMMAMET | EL DJEM OR

KAIROUAN |

HAMMAMET, TUNISIA

Call at Hammamet for an excursion to the great Roman amphitheater of El Djem, built in the 3rd century A.D. to accommodate 35,000 spectators. Many of the amphitheater's stones were re-used to build the local 17th-century village.

Continue to the museum, with its collection of mosaics. Alternatively, discover Kairouan (Arabic for "caravan"). This Muslim holy city, founded in A.D. 670 by nomad Arab conquerors, is Tunisia's spiritual and religious capital, famed for the Great Mosque of Sidi Okba and the Sidi Sahab Mausoleum. (B, L, D)

Thursday, September 27

TUNIS | CARTHAGE | TUNIS

From Tunis, tour storied Carthage, founded by Phoenicians in the 9th century B.C. The site contains Phoenician ruins, including Tophet, the sanctuary of the gods Tanit and Baal, and imposing monuments from the Roman period. Also visit the world-famous Bardo Museum, on the outskirts of Tunis. A work of art in itself, the museum was originally a 13th-century palace, then embellished with 17th- and 18th-century Arabic architectural elements. It houses one of the world's finest collections of Roman mosaics, including finely wrought images of hunting, domestic recreation, and mythological scenes. (B, L, D)

Friday, September 28

CAGLIARI | SU NURAXI |

NORA | CAGLIARI, SARDINIA, ITALY

Arrive in Cagliari, Sardinia's capital, built on a hill facing the sea. Disembark and drive to the village of Barumini to visit Su Nuraxi, Sardinia's most important and impressive nuraghic complex, consisting of



Bella Tuscany

large, conical, prehistoric monuments called *nuraghi*. Dating from the Bronze Age (c. 1400 B.C.), Su Nuraxi, a UNESCO Heritage of Humanity site, consists of a massive central tower that is surrounded by the remains of a large village. Explore the complex and visit the local museum, which exhibits artifacts from the site's excavations. After lunch aboard, spend time at leisure to explore Cagliari on your own, or alternatively, take an excursion to Nora, beautifully built on a promontory overlooking the sea. Settled first by Phoenicians in the 9th century B.C., Nora came under control of Carthage in the 6th century B.C. and became Sardinia's biggest urban and commercial center. In 283 B.C., the city fell to the Romans, who made it Sardinia's capital. Even though a portion of the city is now under the sea, enough remains to give an idea of the city's size. (B, L, D)

Saturday, September 29

PORTO-VECCHIO | ALERIA | BONIFACIO |

PORTO-VECCHIO, CORSICA, FRANCE

Set on a spacious bay on Corsica's southeast coast, charming Porto-Vecchio was the *Portus Syracusanus* mentioned by Ptolemy. Disembark in the morning and drive along the island's east shore to Aleria, the site of ancient Alalia, founded by Greeks in 565 B.C., later taken over by the Carthaginians and Romans, who made it the capital of



The magnificent view from the ruins of ancient Carthage



The historic harbor of Valletta, Malta

Corsica. Explore the ruins, mostly from the Roman period, set beautifully on a plateau, just above the sea. After lunch aboard, spend the afternoon in Bonifacio, one of the most striking towns in the Mediterranean, set high on a limestone promontory facing a fjord. Considered by many to be the Homeric site of the Laestrygonians, Bonifacio's old houses are set on stepped and narrow alleyways. (B, L, D)

Sunday, September 30

VIAREGGIO | LUCCA | PISTOIA OR FLORENCE | VIAREGGIO, TUSCANY, ITALY

Arrive in Tuscany, the celebrated region of Italy that, more than any other, represents the essence of the country. From elegant Viareggio, travel to some of Tuscany's most characteristic towns. Visit Lucca, passing through its Renaissance walls and bastions, and through Renaissance gardens to its Duomo. Admire the magnificent facade of San Michele in Foro—before peering inside to see fine ecclesiastical works by Filippino Lippi—and the Torre delle Ore, the city's clock tower since 1471. Continue to Pistoia, a medieval jewel at the base of the Appenines, and take in the lush Castello Garzoni Gardens in Collodi. Alternatively, take a full day's excursion to Florence, the center of the Renaissance and one of Italy's most beautiful cities, to explore some of its principal sites and landmarks. (B, L, D)

Monday, October 1

CIVITAVECCHIA | TARQUINIA | CIVITAVECCHIA

From Civitavecchia, drive to Tarquinia, founded in the 10th century B.C. on a

rocky plateau facing the sea. With a population estimated to have been around 100,000, Tarquinia was the cultural and political capital of the Etruscans. Visit the Etruscan Necropolis (burial ground), which contains thousands of tombs dating from the 8th or 7th to the 1st centuries B.C., noted for their rich and vivid wall paintings. Also visit the National Museum. Enjoy the afternoon at sea and sail towards Naples. (B, L, D)

Tuesday, October 2

NAPLES | DISEMBARK | USA

Transfer to the airport for your return flights home. (B)

**OPTIONAL TWO-NIGHT
PRE-CRUISE EXTENSION
IN VALLETTA**

September 21 - 24, 2007

(Please note that September 21 is the day you depart the U.S.)

On this optional extension, visit the Co-Cathedral of St. John, a lavish repository for Malta's finest art treasures; the Palace of the Grand Masters; and the National Museum of Archaeology. Explore Hagar Qim and other megalithic sites of the island, which are among the oldest freestanding man-made monuments; and the M'dina, the "Silent City" once inhabited by Phoenicians, Carthaginians, and the Romans.

Rate (per person, double occupancy): \$695
Single supplement: \$195

Included: Two nights at *Le Meridien Phoenicia Hotel*, with breakfast daily; tours of Malta, as described; transfers from airport to hotel and from hotel to ship

Program Inclusions

- 8-night cruise aboard the all-suite, 114-guest *Corinthian II*
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions aboard ship
- All meals aboard ship, including house wine, beer, and soft drinks with lunch and dinner
- Complete program of tours and excursions
- Educational program of lectures and discussions by Carleton Professor Nancy Wilkie
- Professional Travel Dynamics International tour staff
- Transfers and baggage handling abroad on the designated program departure and arrival dates
- Complete pre-departure materials
- Port dues and embarkation taxes
- Gratuities to porters, guides, and drivers

NOT INCLUDED: Airfare; visa and passport fees; baggage, 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

Corinthian II— *The ideal combination of cruise ship grandeur and small-ship intimacy*



Spacious Suites

The deluxe *Corinthian II* is an all-suite megayacht 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, and feature beds that can be configured as two twin-size beds or one queen-size bed, a sitting area, satellite TV, DVD/CD player, mini-refrigerator, safe, and a marble-appointed bathroom with fine toiletries. Guests staying in the spacious Penthouse Suites and Veranda Suites (400 and 300 square feet, respectively) will also enjoy a private balcony, private butler service, complimentary bottle of champagne on arrival, and other exclusive in-suite amenities.

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 comfortable 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 with Internet access, beauty salon, gym, elevator serving all decks, and a wraparound sun deck with Jacuzzi. The 75 European officers and crew ensure an atmosphere akin to a private club for the length of your voyage.



Library



Category B Suite

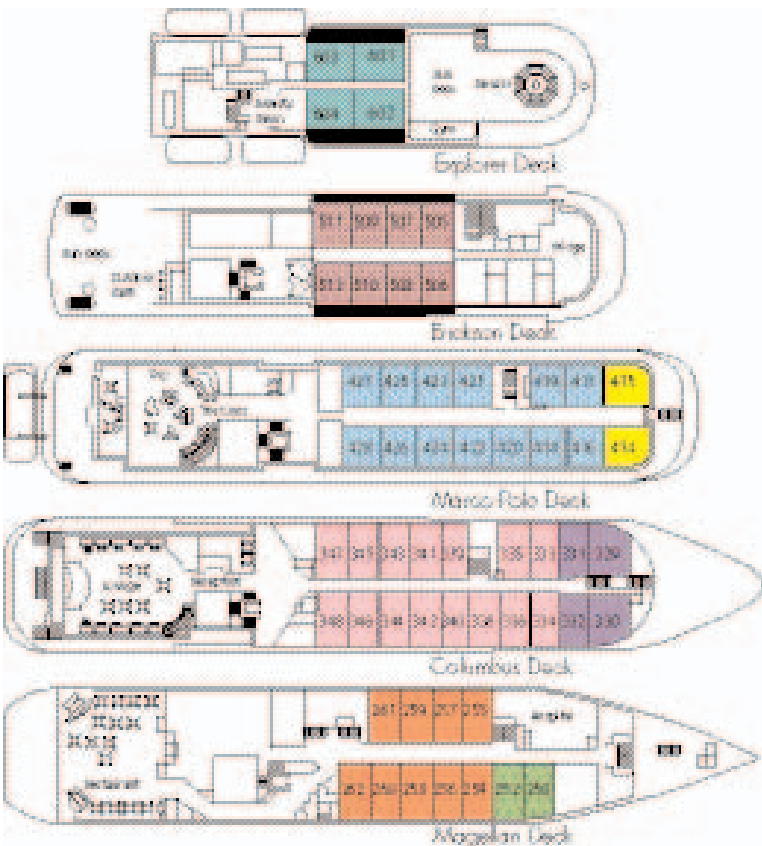


The Club



Relaxing on Corinthian II's Sun Deck

Deck Plan



MAIN SPECIFICATIONS

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

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 beds that can be configured as two twin-size beds or one queen-size bed, sitting area, ample closet space, mini-refrigerator, satellite TV, DVD/CD player, marble-appointed bathroom with shower, and other amenities.

Category	Description	Rate
E	Deluxe suites on Magellan Deck with portholes and sitting area. 225 sq. ft. Suites 250 - 252	
D	Deluxe suites on Columbus Deck with window and sitting area. 225 sq. ft. Suites 329 - 332	
C	Deluxe suites on Magellan Deck with portholes and sitting area. 235 sq. ft. Suites 254 - 262	
B	Deluxe suites on Columbus Deck with window and sitting area. 235 sq. ft. Suites 333 - 348	
A	Deluxe suites on Marco Polo Deck with window and sitting area. 235 sq. ft. Suites 416 - 428	
AA	Deluxe suites on Marco Polo Deck with forward and side windows and sitting area. 285 sq. ft. Suites 414 - 415	
VS	Deluxe Veranda Suites on Erickson Deck with private balcony and sitting area. 300 sq. ft. Suites 505 - 512	
PHS	Deluxe Penthouse Suites on Explorer Deck with private balcony and sitting area. 400 sq. ft. Suites 601 - 604	

VS & PHS suites are provided with private butler service and other exclusive amenities.

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:
Single travelers will pay no single supplement.

AIRFARE: Airfare is not included in the cost of the program. For one source of competitive international fares to Valletta, Malta, and returning from Naples, Italy, please contact Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., (VWTI) the agency handling the air arrangements for this program. To reach VWTI, kindly call toll-free 877-711-9896 or 212-592-1340 for air reservation and ticketing information, and please have your tour code (7427) handy for reference.

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CARL 7427

Discover the Crossroads of Cultures on a Voyage in
the Mediterranean & North Africa Aboard the
Private Yacht *Corinthian II*



Registration

CARL 7427

Enclosed is my check or credit card no. for \$ _____ (\$1,000 per person) as a deposit to hold _____ place(s) on **Crossroads of Cultures**. *I understand that final payment is due ninety (90) days prior to departure and is payable by check only.*

Please make check payable to **Travel Dynamics International** and mail with this registration form to: **Carleton College Alumni Affairs, Crossroads Trip**, One North College Street Northfield, MN 55057

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No. _____

Exp. _____ 3- or 4-Digit Security Code: _____

Please select cabin category in order of preference:

PHS__ VS__ AA__ A__ B__ C__ D__ E__

☐ Twin Beds

☐ Double Bed

☐ Single Occupancy

☐ Share

(cannot be guaranteed)

☐ **Yes, please book me/us on the Optional Pre-Cruise Extension in Valletta, Malta.**

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CLASS YEAR

DR./MR./MRS./MS. FIRST LAST

CLASS YEAR

ADDRESS

CITY/STATE/ZIP

TELEPHONE (DAY) (EVENING)

E-MAIL(S)

Each participant must sign below: I/We have read the "General Information" section and agree to its terms.

SIGNATURE

DATE

SIGNATURE

DATE

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 \$200 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, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident. 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. You may enroll with Travel Dynamics International's insurance carrier, Travelex, or you may obtain coverage through a company of your choice.

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 Travel Dynamics International and the tour's sponsoring organization. The passenger is also advised to review his/her separate ticket 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. Travel Dynamics International and the tour's sponsoring organization 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, airplane, train, automobile, motor coach, carriage or other conveyance, or the actions of any third-party, involved in carrying the passenger or in affecting these tours. We are not responsible for damages, additional expenses, or any other losses due to cancellation, 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 time stated. In 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.

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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An Honest Discussion About Fuel Costs

In the uncertain, often volatile oil market of late, it is difficult—if not impossible—to predict fuel costs over the long term, and, more specifically, at the time of operation of this voyage. Our prices are based upon the prevailing fuel rates at the time of brochure printing (usually nine months before departure). While we will do everything possible to maintain our prices, if the fuel rates increase significantly, it may be necessary to institute a fuel surcharge. If one is necessary, the total surcharge for your voyage will not exceed \$180 per person. Thank you for your understanding.