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WITH  
SMITH PROFESSOR  
MICHAEL THURSTON

# Discovering a North American Treasure *Voyage to the* Great Lakes

A Voyage Aboard the American-Flagged,  
138-Guest *Yorktown*

July 14 - 21, 2012

**A SPECIAL  
MULTI-GENERATIONAL  
TRAVEL  
OPPORTUNITY!**





## ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION of SMITH COLLEGE

Dear Alumnae and Friends,

If you are looking for a voyage to a world-class family destination, but wish to stay close to home, come with us to discover the amazing Great Lakes.

Nearly fifteen thousand years ago, the last of the great glaciers retreated, leaving us with the legacy of the Great Lakes. The lakes are unique, for although they are called lakes, they are in reality vast inland seas that comprise one-fifth of the world's fresh surface water. First used as a means of transport by Algonquin and Iroquois tribes, the lakes later became a thriving commercial hub and a heavily traveled waterway with the arrival of European settlers.

More than fifty years ago, the Great Lakes were the busiest waterway in the world and North America's treasured summer destination. Now you can cruise once again in the Great Lakes on this unique itinerary, which encompasses American and Canadian ports.

Operating between two great American cities, Chicago and Detroit, our itinerary includes several of the most significant places found along the shores of this North American treasure. On Lake Michigan, travelers will enjoy the delightful towns of Saugatuck and Sheboygan, as well as Mackinac Island's bygone Victorian charms. Experience the majestic grandeur of Lake Superior at Whitefish Point and Native American culture on Manitoulin Island. A highlight of our voyage will be transiting the Soo Locks that connect Lake Superior and Lake Huron.

Your ship for this voyage is the American-flagged and operated *Yorktown*. Accommodating 138 guests in 69 exterior cabins, the *Yorktown* is the perfect vessel for relaxed and convivial exploration of the Great Lakes. The natural environment and the past and present cultural landscapes through which we sail will be the subject of lectures and discussions with accompanying study leaders. Youth education counselors will lead the Young Explorers Program, a series of educational and recreational activities developed to enhance children's appreciation of the sites we visit.

Because this voyage is at the perfect time of year for two or three generations to travel together, we are offering specially reduced rates for young guests, ages 7 - 21. Whether you share the experience with members of your extended family or prefer to enjoy the company of like-minded travelers of your own age, we hope you will join us aboard the 138-guest *Yorktown* as we explore the storied Great Lakes.

Sincerely,

Carrie Cadwell Brown, Ed.M '82  
Executive Director  
Alumnae Association of Smith College

## Onboard Enrichment Program

The Great Lakes are constantly evolving, adapting to changes in climate and population, coping with a variety of forces that threaten to upset the balance, yet through it all, providing food and material resources to generation after generation of the humans who have inhabited their shores. On this voyage, Michael Thurston will discuss XXX (TBA). James Carlton will introduce us to the workings of this unique ecosystem and to some of the challenges it currently faces.

### Smith College Study Leader

After five years teaching in the English Department at



Yale, Michael Thurston came to Smith in 2000. He is the author of *Making Something Happen: American Political Poetry between the World Wars*, of *The Underworld Descent in Twentieth-Century Poetry*, and of essays on twentieth-century poetry and prose. Professor Thurston's reviews

of contemporary poetry have appeared in *Indiana Review*, *Kenyon Review*, *Yale Review*, and elsewhere. He has published short fiction in a number of literary magazines and is currently at work on a book about contemporary poetry and a collection of essays about Cape Cod. A Midwesterner himself, Professor Thurston has for many years indulged an interest in the region's writers, from Ernest Hemingway to Toni Morrison.

### Additional Lecturer

James T. Carlton is Professor of Marine Sciences at Williams College. His research is on global marine bio-invasions – their ecosystem impacts, dispersal mechanisms, and management strategies – subjects of considerable recent interest in the Great Lakes. He is the founding Editor-in-Chief of *Biological Invasions* and has testified nine times before the United States Congress concerning legislation involving invasive species. He was also featured in the PBS-National Geographic series *Strange Days on Planet Earth* and named an "Ocean Hero" by the Smithsonian Institution.

### Young Explorers Program

*For Children and Young Adults Ages 7-18*

Experienced youth education counselors will lead groups of similarly aged children and young adults in the Young Explorers Program, a series of educational and recreational activities designed from a child's perspective. This is the perfect opportunity to inspire young minds with the history of their country and the beauty of the natural environment.

- Discover how early sailors navigated by the stars
- Explore the workings of modern safety and navigation equipment on the ship's bridge
- Learn about the great naval battles that took place on the Lakes
- Participate in a Native American powwow

Cover: *Strawberry Island Lighthouse, Lake Huron*



Victorian homes line Mackinac Island's coast

**Wednesday, July 18 ■ LAKE SUPERIOR | WHITEFISH POINT | SOO LOCKS**

Arrive at Whitefish Point, located on Lake Superior and drive to Tahquamenon Falls State Park for a look at the Upper Falls. Return to Whitefish Point where there will be an opportunity to visit the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum, located in a Coast Guard station built around a lighthouse which dates from 1861. *Yorktown* will transit the Soo Locks, known as the busiest in the world, where some 12,000 ships pass annually. (B, L, D)

**Thursday, July 19 ■ LAKE HURON | LITTLE CURRENT, MANITOULIN ISLAND, Ontario, Canada**

Land at Little Current, the main settlement on Manitoulin, the world's largest freshwater island and one of 30,000 islands that grace Lake Huron. Manitoulin, home to the rare Red-shouldered hawk and Cape May warbler, is also home to the Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve, a thriving Native American community that bears the distinction of being the only tribe in Canada never to have ceded title to their land. Visit the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation, whose exhibits chronicle the story of the native people of Manitoulin. Then enjoy a traditional Native American powwow. (B, L, D)

**Friday, July 20 ■ GODERICH | BAYFIELD | GODERICH**

Arrive in Goderich, located on the shore of Lake Huron and famed for its

## Itinerary

**Saturday, July 14, 2012 ■ CHICAGO, Illinois, United States | EMBARK**

Fly to Chicago and transfer to the pier to embark *Yorktown*. (D)

**Sunday, July 15 ■ HOLLAND | SAUGATUCK, Michigan**

Arrive this morning in Saugatuck, nestled off the shores of Lake Michigan and Kalamazoo Lake. Originally a lumber town, Saugatuck eventually became known for its fruit production, especially its peaches. In the early

1900s, Saugatuck was a prime summer destination for Chicago urbanites. Today, it is known for its historic buildings and churches, unique shops, and many art galleries, which you will explore on a walking tour. (B, L, D)

**Monday, July 16 ■ SHEBOYGAN, Wisconsin**  
Call in lovely Sheboygan, located on the shore of Lake Michigan at the mouth of the Sheboygan River. French explorers landed on the shores in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, and in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, William Farnsworth established a fur trading port here, and was later joined by William Paine and others who further developed the town. Today, Sheboygan is enjoying revitalization. Visit its nearby attractions. (B, L, D)

**Tuesday, July 17 ■ MACKINAC ISLAND, Michigan**

Arrive in beautiful Mackinac Island, a Victorian-era haven where cars are forbidden and bicycles share the road with horse-drawn carriages. Explore this idyllic island and see the ancient limestone formations that were considered sacred by the Straits Indians; the impressive Fort Mackinac, built atop a high cliff by the British in 1780; and the landmark Victorian Grand Hotel. Also enjoy free time to stroll along streets lined with ginger-bread-trimmed buildings and browse in the charming shops. (B, L, D)



Lovely Sheboygan, Wisconsin



## 1-Night Optional Extension In Detroit

Tour the principal sights of **Detroit**.

**Included:** One night at *The Dearborn Inn* with breakfast, a half-day tour, and transfer between the hotel and pier.

**Rates:** \$275 per person, double occupancy; \$100 single supplement

## 1-Night Optional Extension in Chicago

Tour the principal sights of **Chicago**.

**Included:** One night at the *Hyatt Regency Chicago* with breakfast, a half-day tour, and transfer between the hotel and pier.

**Rates:** \$295 per person, double occupancy; \$175 single supplement



*Arch Rock, Mackinac Island*



*Ojibwe Dancer, Manitoulin Island*



*Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, Michigan*

## Program Inclusions

- 7-night cruise aboard the 138-guest *Yorktown*
- Complete program of tours and excursions
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions aboard ship
- All meals aboard ship, including house wine, beer, and soft drinks with lunch and dinner
- Educational program of lectures and discussions by Smith Professor Michael Thurston and additional lecturer
- Professional Travel Dynamics International tour staff
- Complete pre-departure materials
- Port and embarkation taxes
- Gratuities to guides and drivers

**NOT INCLUDED:** Airfare; transfers; luggage and trip cancellation insurance; alcoholic beverages other than wine and beer with lunch and dinner; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, faxes, and e-mail service; and gratuities to shipboard personnel

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sunsets. Drive south along the shore to the charming village of Bayfield. Perfectly blending the tranquility of village life with some of the finest offerings of any big city, Bayfield is a quaint village filled with many delights. Spend time enjoying its art galleries, delightful boutiques, and smart cafés. (B, L, D)

**Saturday, July 21** ■ **DETROIT, Michigan, United States** | **DISEMBARK** | **FLY HOME**

Disembark in Detroit and transfer to the airport for return flights home. (B)



*Chicago's skyline*

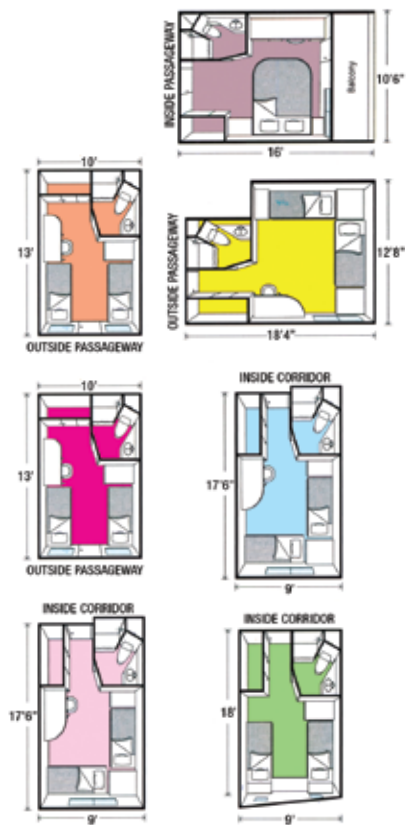
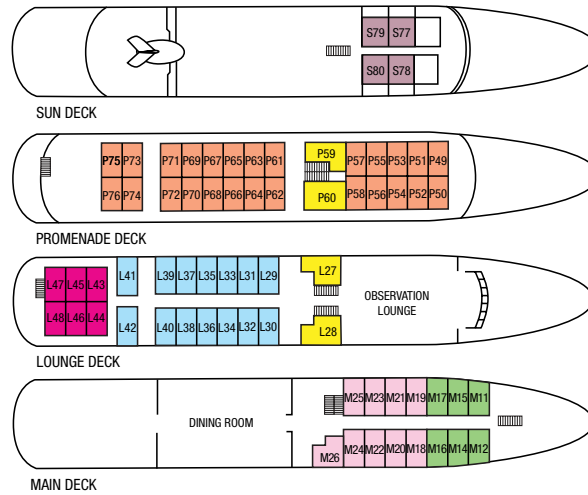


The spacious lounge, ideal for reading, relaxing, and conversation

# YORKTOWN

The *Yorktown* is the perfect vessel for relaxed and convivial exploration of America's great coastal waterways. Built in Florida in 1988 specifically for coastal cruising and certified by the U.S. Coast Guard, the *Yorktown* flies the American flag and is staffed by friendly and experienced American officers and crew. 257 feet long, 43 feet wide, with a draft of 8 feet, the *Yorktown* is able to maneuver in secluded waterways and visit small ports that are inaccessible to larger vessels. And *Yorktown's* American registry makes it possible to operate domestic itineraries unavailable to foreign-flag ships. In addition to a large sun deck, the *Yorktown* boasts a spacious lounge for social gatherings and lectures as well as quiet space for private conversation. The ship's cuisine, served in a dining room large enough to accommodate all guests at once, emphasizes American regional culinary traditions and specialties. Both the lounge and dining room are surrounded by large picture windows that afford unobstructed views of the passing scenery. Accommodating 138 guests in 69 exterior cabins, the *Yorktown* enjoys an atmosphere of warm and relaxed informality that endears it to repeat and new guests alike.

## DECK PLAN



## CRUISE & LAND RATES

| PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY   |  |                |
|--|--|----------------|
| CATEGORY   | DESCRIPTION  | RATE           |
| <b>E</b>   | Outside cabins with two lower beds, two portholes, and private bathroom. Cabins M11-M17  | <b>\$3,995</b> |
| <b>D</b>   | Outside cabins with two lower beds, two windows, and private bathroom. Cabins L43-L48  | <b>\$4,495</b> |
| <b>C</b>   | Outside cabins with two lower beds, two windows, and private bathroom. Cabins P49-P76  | <b>\$4,995</b> |
| <b>B</b>   | Outside cabins with two lower beds, two picture windows, and private bathroom. Cabins M18-M26  | <b>\$5,595</b> |
| <b>A</b>   | Outside cabins with two lower beds, two picture windows, and private bathroom. Cabins L29-L42  | <b>\$5,995</b> |
| <b>AA</b>  | Outside cabins with two lower beds that can convert to a queen bed, two picture windows, and private bathroom. Cabins L27, L28, P59, P60 | <b>\$6,495</b> |
| <b>S</b>   | Superior outside cabins with walk-out balcony, queen bed, and private bathroom. Cabins S77-S80   | <b>\$6,995</b> |
| SINGLE RATES   |  |                |
| A limited number of cabins for solo travelers are available in Category C for \$5,890; Category B for \$6,490; and Category A for \$6,890. |  |                |

| SPECIAL FAMILY & YOUNG ADULT RATES            |                                  |
|---|----------------------------------|
| per child & young adult ages 7 - 21           |                                  |
| 1 child/young adult sharing with 2 adults     | \$975                            |
| 1 child/young adult sharing with 1 adult      | \$2,795                          |
| 2 or 3 children/young adults sharing together | From \$2,995 (Inquire for rates) |



Cabins face outside and feature attractive amenities

# REGISTRATION

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Enclosed is my check or credit card no. for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$750 per person) as a deposit to hold \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) on **Discovering a North American Treasure**. I understand that final payment is due ninety (90) days prior to departure and is payable by check only.

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- Twin Beds  Double Bed  
 Single Occupancy  Share  
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- Please book me/us on the Optional Pre-Cruise Extension in Chicago.
- Please book me/us on the Optional Post-Cruise Extension in Detroit.

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CHILD'S NAME DATE OF BIRTH

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TELEPHONE (DAY) (EVENING)

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**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 \$750 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 are subject to a \$300 per person fee. 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.

**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.

**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, ships, or lecturers 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. Passenger tickets are not transferable and are not subject to alteration by the passenger. No suit shall be maintainable against the carrier, or vessel, for any losses, accidents, damages to person, property, personal injury (including death or other types of bodily injury) of the passengers, unless written notice of the claim, with full particulars, is delivered to the carrier or its agents at its office at the port of sailing or at the port of termination within six months from the day when such incident occurred. In no event shall any such suit or any claim against the carrier or vessel for any losses, accidents, damages to person, property, personal injury (including death or other types of bodily injury) of the passenger be maintainable unless such suit is commenced within one year from the day when the incident causing such losses, accidents, damages to person, property, personal injury (including death or other types of bodily injury) of the passenger occurs, notwithstanding any provision of law of any state or country to the contrary. Resolution of any disputes arising hereunder shall be brought within the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, pursuant to the applicable general maritime law, and applying the applicable general maritime law and Federal maritime statutes.

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*A sandhill crane on  
Manitoulin Island*

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# Discovering a North American Treasure *Voyage to the* Great Lakes

*The Upper Falls at Tahquamenon  
Falls State Park*



*Saugatuck, Michigan*

