

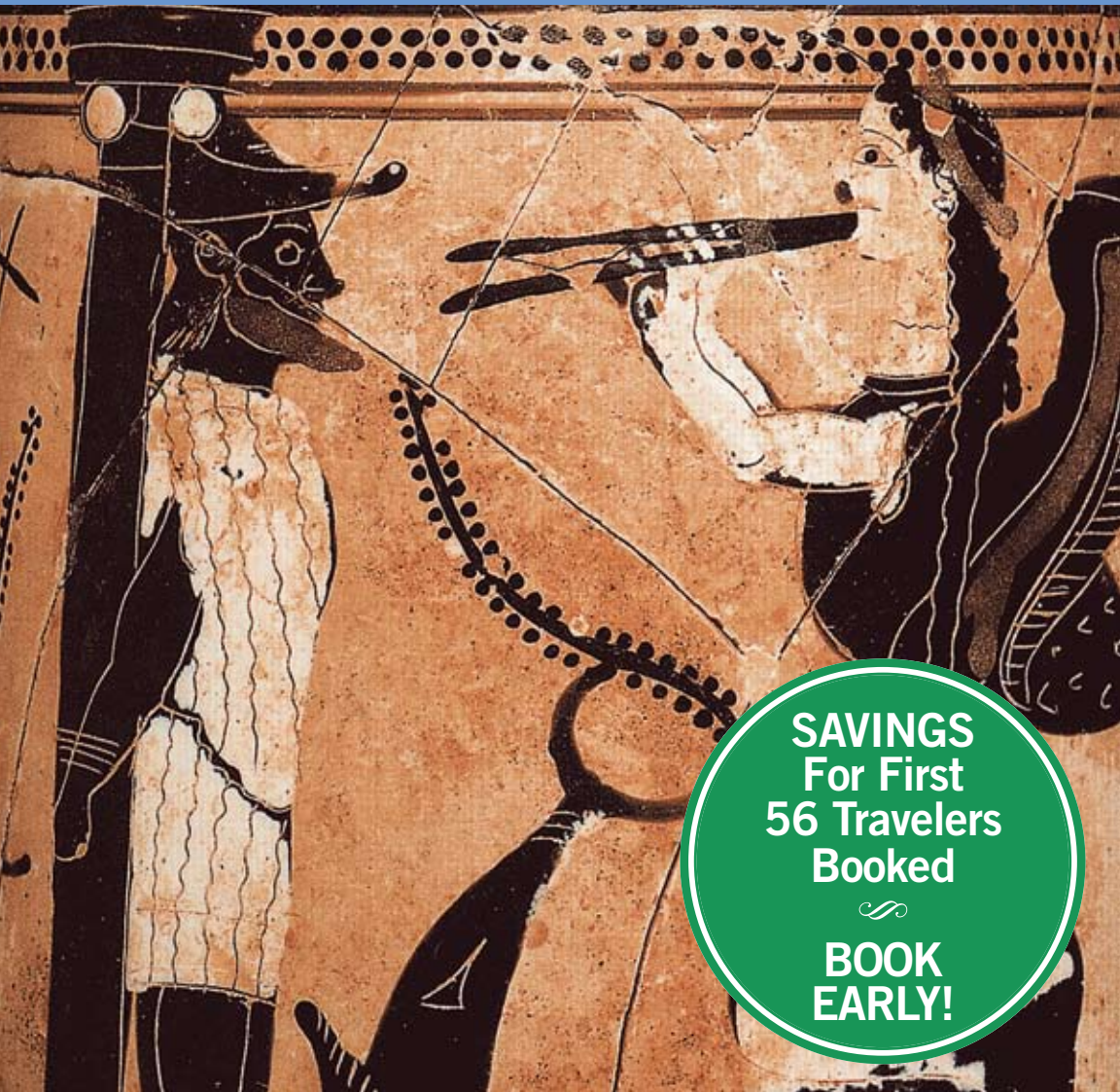
WITH
SMITH COLLEGE
PROFESSOR PATRICK COBY



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JOURNEY OF ODYSSEUS

Retracing The Odyssey through
the Ancient Mediterranean



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May 26 - June 6, 2012



The Greek theater in Sicily's Taormina

Onboard Enrichment Program

As we trace his wandering journey home to Ithaca, we will learn much through lectures and discussions with our study leaders about the world in which Odysseus lived. Political theorist Patrick Coby of Smith College will share his insights into how Odysseus and his countrymen ordered their social and political lives. Archaeologist Kathleen Lynch will help us interpret the art and architecture that remains. And, through drama, Nicholas Rudall will provide us a different lens through which to look at how the Greeks understood their gods and heroes. It is hard to imagine a richer or fuller introduction to the many facets of the world of *The Odyssey*.

Smith College Study Leader



PATRICK COBY is Professor of Government at Smith College, where he teaches courses in political theory and various departmental and interdepartmental seminars. He is the author of four published books, including *Socrates and the Sophistic Enlightenment: A Commentary on Plato's Protagoras*. He has just finished a new book titled *America's Founding: The Constitutional Convention of 1787*, as well as several articles on the Convention.

Additional Study Leaders

KATHLEEN LYNCH, lecturer for the Archaeological Institute of America and Smithsonian, is a classical archaeologist with a specialty in ancient pottery and has worked on archaeological sites in Italy, Greece, Albania, and Turkey. At the University of Cincinnati, she is the graduate director for archaeology and an Associate Professor of Classics. She teaches Classical Civilization courses, Greek and Roman archaeology, mythology, and graduate seminars on topics such as iconography, ancient art, and art history. On this voyage, she will discuss the Trojan War in myth and history; myth, images, and the symposium; and women in the ancient Greek and Roman world.

D. NICHOLAS RUDALL is Professor Emeritus in the Department of Classics at the University of Chicago. He has recently published translations of Euripides' *Bacchae* and *The Iphigenia Plays* and Sophocles' *Electra* and *Antigone*. A translation of *The Trojan Women* is forthcoming. Mr. Rudall has directed many classical works at the Court Theatre, of which he is the founding director. His teaching is focused on tragedy and the ancient theater, Aristophanes, and Propertius.



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Dear Alumnae and Friends,

Homer's epic account of Odysseus's journey home after the fall of Troy is more than just a poem for the literati—it is a beacon to the adventurer. Nearly 3,000 years after Homer first recounted the legend of *The Odyssey*, his story still inspires exploration. *The Odyssey* is the ultimate journey, and many of its pinnacle sites now wait to awe a new generation of travelers. The islands Odysseus visited, the caverns he explored, and the mountain peaks he climbed are among the most magical places in the Mediterranean.

Our epic journey begins in Istanbul, sailing toward Troy, legendary site of the Trojan War. Among the sites we visit are ancient Pylos, with its Palace of Nestor; the island of Malta, one of the most concentrated historic areas in the world; and Trapani, Sicily, the abode of the man-eating Laestrygonians. The adventure continues as we discover the Phlegrean Fields outside Naples, where Odysseus faced the Cyclops, and Sicily's Taormina, the one-time Kingdom of Helios, before landing safely in Ithaca, Odysseus's long-sought home.

As we follow Odysseus's fabled route, enhance your travel experience with lectures and discussions led by our incredible team of onboard study leaders, including Smith College professor Patrick Coby. These scholars promise to help contextualize all the fascinating things you'll see, enriching an already sumptuous adventure.

Your home for this odyssey will be the 114-guest, all-suite *Corinthian II*, the perfect cruise ship for travelling far, but docking close. At once large enough to offer many of the amenities for a comfortable and enjoyable voyage, such as a spacious restaurant, two comfortable lounges, and a sundeck with a Jacuzzi, she is small enough to navigate seaways and enter harbors that are inaccessible to today's mega-cruise ships.

We look forward to welcoming you aboard the elegant *Corinthian II* as we set sail in the wake of Odysseus!

Sincerely,

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

P.S. Book early to take advantage of the discount offered. See rates.

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Cover: A scene from a 6th-century B.C. vase depicting a Siren and Odysseus tied to the mast of his ship



Itinerary

Saturday, May 26, 2012 ■ **FLY FROM USA**

Sunday, May 27 ■ **ISTANBUL, Turkey | EMBARK**

Arrive in Istanbul and transfer to *Corinthian II*. Set sail in the evening. (D)

Monday, May 28 ■ **CANAKKALE | TROY: Priam's Kingdom | CANAKKALE**

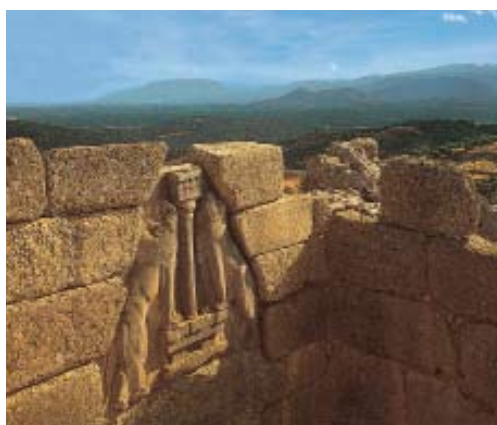
Explore famed Troy, site of Odysseus's embarkation, which consists of nine cities, superimposed in rings on a massive mound rising above the "windswept" Plain of Ilium. It was to one of these cities, as legend has it, that Paris abducted the beautiful Helen, igniting the Trojan War. Here, King Priam's city finally fell to Odysseus's clever ruse of the Trojan Horse. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, May 29 ■ **NAFPLION, Greece: Agamemnon's Realm | MYCENAE | TIRYNS | NAFPLION**

Arrive at picturesque Nafplion for an excursion to Mycenae, center of the world of the Mycenaeans, an extraordinary civilization that flourished in the second millennium B.C. Homer described Mycenae, the legendary home of Agamemnon, as "rich in gold." A tour of the citadel includes the royal beehive-shaped tombs, set outside its walls, and the dramatic Lion Gate, which leads to the acropolis and remains of a grand palace. Continue to Homer's "wall-girt" city of Tiryns, situated on a rocky summit and where imposing, massive walls of red and gray limestone are still standing 3,400 years after construction. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, May 30 ■ **PYLOS: King Nestor's Home**

Corinthian II enters spacious Navarino Bay, fronted by the uninhabited isle of Sphakteria. Land at the picturesque village of Pylos, situated at the head of the bay, and drive to the Palace of Nestor, dating from the 13th century B.C. Even in ruins, the structure gives a vivid picture of the grandeur of the Mycenaeans. (B,L,D)



The Lion Gate in Mycenae, Greece

Thursday, May 31 ■ **AT SEA | VALLETTA, Malta: Calypso's Island**

As *Corinthian II* plies the blue waters of the Ionian Sea, attend lectures by our expert study leaders, and enjoy the ship's amenities. In the evening, dock in the Grand Harbor of Valletta, the fortified bastion of the Knights of Malta. Ruled successively by the Phoenicians, Greeks, Carthaginians, Romans, Byzantines, Arabs, and the Order of the Knights of Saint John of Jerusalem, Valletta's hundreds of monuments make it one of the most concentrated historic areas in the world. (B,L,D)

Friday, June 1 ■ **VALLETTA | GOZO | VALLETTA**

Today, choose between sightseeing in Malta or the nearby island of Gozo. On the cliffs overlooking Ramla Bay on Gozo, retrace Odysseus's footsteps to the smooth-walled cave where the nymph Calypso is said to have kept him for seven years. Visit Gozo's citadel in Victoria and the spectacular Ggantija temple complex. Alternatively, wander the narrow streets of Valletta, exploring the picturesque squares surrounded by medieval palaces. Visit the National Museum of Archaeology and the Grand Master's Palace. Also stop for a glimpse of St. John's Co-Cathedral. A short scenic drive

takes you to the remarkable Neolithic Tarxien Temples, which date back to 2800 B.C., and onto Hagar Qim, an even older temple that stands atop a hill on the southern edge of the island overlooking the sea. (B,L,D)

Saturday, June 2 ■ TRAPANI, Sicily, Italy: Land of the Laestrygonians | ERICE | SEGESTA | TRAPANI

Trapani, on Sicily's stunning west coast, is where the cannibal Laestrygonians attacked Odysseus and his companions. Drive up winding roads to the medieval town of Erice, situated on a high plateau overlooking the coast. The town was known for its temple to the fertility goddess, Astarte, who was later identified with Venus and worshipped by the Romans. Peek around the magnificent 12th-century Venus Castle that was built upon the ruins of the ancient temple. Fringed by a lush park, the views from this medieval hilltop castle are breathtaking. Continue to Segesta for a glimpse of its Doric temple, built in 420 B.C. and ranked as one of the best-preserved ancient Greek sites found anywhere. The ruins stand in majestic solitude atop a bucolic hill with virtually no modern-day structures marring the vista, making it easy to imagine the Sicily of antiquity. (B,L,D)

Sunday, June 3 ■ NAPLES: Land of the Cyclops | POMPEII or PHLEGREAN FIELDS | NAPLES

From Naples, drive to the Phlegrean Fields, where Odysseus and his men were captured by Polyphemus, the Cyclops. Drive by Lago d'Averno, the ancient Avernus Lake, home of the Cimmerians in *The Odyssey*, and Lago di Fusaro, the ancient Archerusian Lake, where Odysseus entered Hades. Continue to Monte di Cuma and the cave of the Sibyl of Cumae, who prophesied the future. Alternatively, visit Pompeii, the fabled city both destroyed and preserved by the volcanic eruption of Mount Vesuvius in A.D. 79. Also visit the Archaeological Museum in Naples. (B,L,D)

Monday, June 4 ■ MESSINA, Sicily | TAORMINA: The Kingdom of Helios | MESSINA

Cross the Strait of Messina, the site of the legendary Scylla, a terrifying six-headed monster, and Charybdis, a treacherous whirlpool. Odysseus was cast ashore in the Kingdom of Helios, modern Taormina, where his companions slaughtered and ate the sacred oxen. To avenge the death of his beloved oxen, Helios sent a lightning bolt that destroyed their ship, drowning all aboard except Odysseus. Picturesque Taormina is situated on a mountainside affording magnificent views of Mount Etna. Here we visit the superbly situated Greek theater, built in the 3rd century B.C. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, June 5 ■ ITHACA, Greece: The Home of Odysseus | CORINTH CANAL

Ithaca, the legendary home of Odysseus, is a stunning island of pristine beaches and verdant forest. Visit the bay of Dexia, Homer's harbor of Phorkys, where the Phaeacians left Odysseus sleeping on the beach. Admire the Cyclopean Walls (Alalkomenai), a ruined site known locally as Odysseus's Castle, and stand atop the Plateau of Marathia, where Odysseus's loyal servant Eumaeus kept his swine. Later, sail along the Corinth Canal. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, June 6 ■ PIRAEUS | DISEMBARK | ATHENS | USA

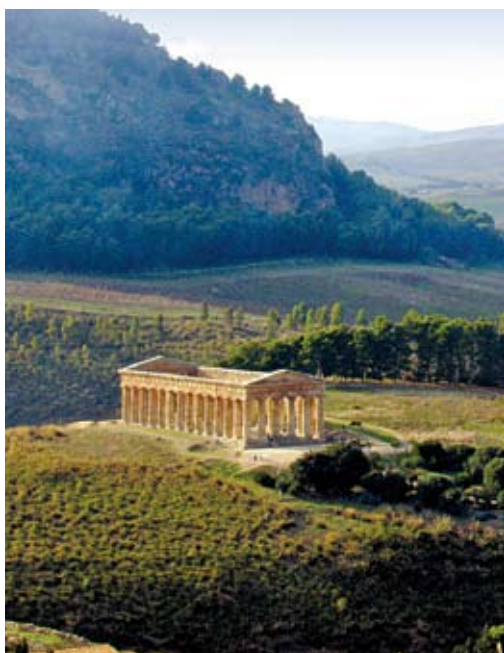
Disembark in Piraeus and transfer to the airport in Athens for return flights to the U.S. (B)

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Valletta's beautiful harbor, lined with historic buildings



Segesta, Sicily, Italy

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- Complete program of tours and excursions
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions aboard ship
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- Open bar aboard ship throughout the cruise
- Educational program of lectures and discussions by Smith College professor Patrick Coby and additional study leaders
- Professional Travel Dynamics International tour staff
- Complete pre-departure materials
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- Gratuities to porters, guides, and drivers

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CORINTHIAN II

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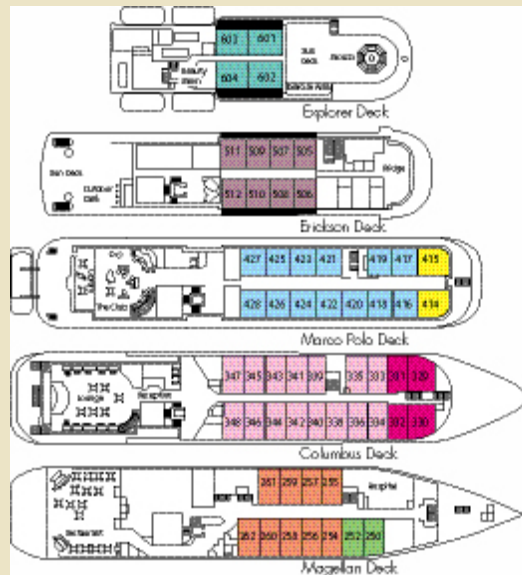
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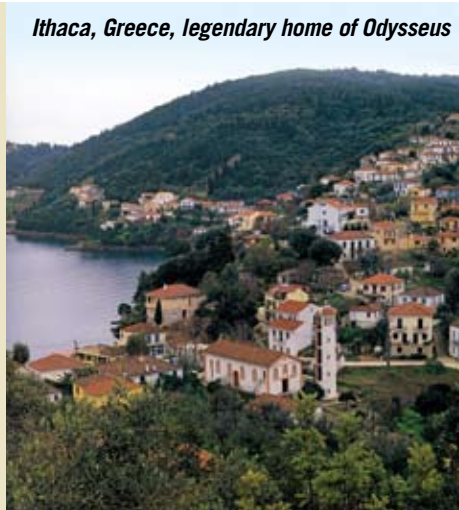
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