



ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION
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TREASURES OF ADRIATIC ITALY & THE DALMATIAN COAST

A Voyage to Historic Towns,
Landmark Sites, and Idyllic Islands

ABOARD THE ALL-SUITE, 114-GUEST *CORINTHIAN II*

May 5 - 14, 2010

SPECIAL SAVINGS

- REDUCED RATES
- NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

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Architectural details, Piran, Slovenia

SMITH LECTURER

As we go to press with our brochure, the Alumnae Association of Smith College is confirming an outstanding faculty member to accompany and lecture on this program. Our faculty member will provide a rich educational dimension, as well as stimulating company, to enhance your learning and travel experience.

GUEST LECTURERS

DR. VIRGINIA ANDERSON-STOJANOVIC, lecturer for the Archaeological Institute of America, is Professor of Classics and Fine Arts at Wilson College in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. She teaches courses in Classical studies, art history, and archaeology. Professor Anderson-Stojanovic's specialty is ancient Greek and Roman archaeology, and she is internationally recognized as an expert in the study of ancient ceramics and related studies. She has directed and participated in excavations in Greece and in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, while research interests have also taken her to archaeological sites and cities in both coastal and interior regions of Montenegro, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Croatia. Professor Anderson-Stojanovic is fluent in Serbo-Croatian and Greek, and she also recently completed a book centered on activities around the great Panhellenic Sanctuary at Isthmia, Greece, which will be published by the American School of Classical Studies at Athens.

FRANK WCISLO is a historian of modern Russia, Eurasia, and Europe. Educated at the University of Michigan and Columbia University, he joined the Vanderbilt University faculty in 1984. The focus of his research is on issues of politics, identity, society, and culture in the prerevolutionary Russian Empire, but he has taught and team-taught a wide range of courses to undergraduates, graduate students, and continuing adult education. Wcislo has received a number of prizes for his superlative teaching, including the Jeffrey Nordhaus Prize for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in the College of Arts and Science, and the Alumni Education Award of the Vanderbilt Alumni Association.

Dear Alumnae and Friends,

One of Europe's greatest—and least discovered—cultural and art centers lies along the shores of the Adriatic Sea. Influenced by Venice and Byzantium, among others, the art and architecture of this region is an intriguing blend of the familiar and the exotic. At the same time, this region is one of the Mediterranean's most beautiful parts.

After starting in Venice, the undisputed “Queen of the Adriatic,” we'll then visit Urbino, a splendid Renaissance town, the birthplace of Raphael, and home to one of Italy's most magnificent art collections—the National Gallery of the Marches, where you'll find masterworks by Raphael, Uccello, and Piero della Francesca. In the Italian province of Puglia we'll see entire villages of unusual *trulli*, houses built of whitewashed limestone with distinctive conical roofs.

Then, sailing across the Adriatic, we'll explore Albania's lost ancient city, Butrint. Excavations here are still in progress, but archaeologists have already uncovered a well-preserved Greek temple and theater, and extensive Byzantine ruins.

We follow the coast of Dalmatia to Dubrovnik, one of the world's best-preserved medieval cities, its streets and squares lined with exquisite examples of Gothic, Renaissance, and baroque architecture. Mostar preserves charming examples of Ottoman architecture, including the famous Stari Most, or Old Bridge, that spans a mountain gorge. Venetian influence is everywhere in the little towns of Korcula and Piran. Korcula's Cathedral of St. Mark displays a painting by Tintoretto, while the hill overlooking the city center of Piran is crowned with a bell tower that looks exactly like the campanile in Venice's Piazza San Marco.

With 57 suites (all exterior) accommodating only 114 guests, *Corinthian II* is the ideal ship for this splendid itinerary. Lovingly designed and exquisitely furnished, this small ship features a beautiful dining room, comfortable lounges and public areas, and broad decks for sunning or watching the passing scene.

May is the perfect time to visit the Adriatic. The days are warm but not too hot. The towns and ports are lively but not over-crowded. And the countryside is in the full blossom of spring.

Join us aboard *Corinthian II* this May as we encounter masterpieces of art and architecture along the shores of the Adriatic.

Sincerely,



Carrie Cadwell Brown, Ed.M '82
Executive Director



ITINERARY

Wednesday, May 5, 2010 • **FLY FROM USA**

Thursday, May 6 • **VENICE, Italy | EMBARK**

Arrive in Venice and board *Corinthian II*. At the height of its prosperity, this incomparable canal-lined city possessed an empire that stretched throughout the eastern Mediterranean. (D)

Friday, May 7 • **ANCONA | URBINO | ANCONA**

From Ancona, drive to Urbino, one of Italy's best-preserved Renaissance towns, overlooking the countryside of the Marches. Visit the Palazzo Ducale, a masterpiece of Renaissance architecture and home to the National Gallery of the Marches. Also see the

Church of San Giovanni Battista's frescoes and native son Raphael's house. (B, L, D)

Saturday, May 8 • **MONOPOLI and the TRULLI VILLAGES, Puglia**

The fishing port town of Monopoli is dominated by its 1552 castle. Explore the region's unique *trulli* villages, with their curious whitewashed conical dwellings built without mortar. Focus on two of the main villages, Alberobello, where *trulli* line the streets, and hilltop Locorotondo. Also stop at Ostuni, an ancient town enclosed within ramparts. (B, L, D)

Sunday, May 9 • **SARANDA | BUTRINT | SARANDA, Albania**

Drive to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Butrint. Inhabited since prehistoric times, the city was founded by the Trojans, or so claimed the poet Virgil. A gem of an archaeological site, its ruins span 2,500 years and include the remains of a Greek acropolis, Roman theater, 6th-century baptistery, and 19th-century fortress. (B, L, D)

Monday, May 10 • **KOTOR, Montenegro | DUBROVNIK, Croatia**

Corinthian II navigates the fjord-like Bay of Kotor, flanked by soaring mountains. Disembark in Kotor, whose lovely palaces and churches reveal former Venetian domination, for a walking tour. Then take

Dubrovnik, Croatia



a scenic drive to Dubrovnik, one of Europe's best-preserved medieval cities. See the Rector's Palace, Franciscan and Dominican monasteries, and Baroque cathedral. Spend some free time strolling in the city. (B, L, D)

Tuesday, May 11 • PLOCE, Croatia | MOSTAR, Bosnia and Herzegovina | PLOCE, Croatia

Sail to Ploce for an excursion to Mostar, a thriving center in the 15th century under the Ottoman Turks. Admire the graceful Stari Most (Old Bridge), originally built in 1566 and now a UNESCO World Heritage site, and the nearby Tabacica Mosque. (B, L, D)

Wednesday, May 12 • KORCULA | HVAR

Approaching Korcula, take in its skyline of white towers and green hills. Note the medieval town's layout: western streets run straight to funnel refreshing *maestral* breezes; eastern streets slightly curve to minimize *bura* winds. See St. Mark's Cathedral's Venetian imprint and visit the Cathedral Treasury, Bishop's Palace, Church of All Saints, and Icon Museum. Later, enjoy a swim en route to the island of Hvar, where you'll stop at the Renaissance cloister, Franciscan monastery's refectory, and Cathedral. (B, L, D)

Thursday, May 13 • PIRAN, Slovenia

Possessed by Venice in 1283, delightful Piran is rich in Venetian-inspired architecture. Tour highlights include marble-surfaced Tartini Square; the Church of St. George, originally built in the 14th century; and the Sergej Masera Maritime Museum. Also enjoy free time. (B, L, D)

Friday, May 14 • VENICE, Italy | DISEMBARK | FLY TO USA (B)

Stari Most, Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina



PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

- Cruise aboard the all-suite, 114-guest *Corinthian II*
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions aboard ship
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Suite

CORINTHIAN II

THE IDEAL COMBINATION OF CRUISE-SHIP GRANDEUR AND SMALL-SHIP INTIMACY

Corinthian II is a deluxe small cruise ship that accommodates only 114 guests in 57 suites amidst an atmosphere of effortless elegance and easy conviviality. All suites feature sea views, are a minimum of 225 square feet, and are appointed with fine furnishings and thoughtful amenities.

Superb Continental cuisine is created by *Corinthian II*'s European chefs and served in the stately restaurant or *al fresco* on the wide sun deck. 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, with varied seating arrangements assuring comfort for all.

Enjoy complimentary drinks, afternoon tea, and all-day coffee in The Club, a relaxing space with panoramic windows. Savor an evening cocktail while the pianist plays jazz, classical, or contemporary arrangements. *Corinthian II* also features a library with Internet access, beauty salon, exercise area, elevator, and a wraparound sun deck with Jacuzzi. The 75 officers and crew ensure an atmosphere akin to a private club during your voyage.

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 include two twin-size beds that can convert to a queen-size bed, sitting area, mini-refrigerator, safe, spacious closets, climate control, telephone, TV, DVD/CD player, and bathroom with marble vanity, shower, and other amenities.

CATEGORY		REGULAR RATE	SPECIAL REDUCED RATE
E	Deluxe suites on Magellan Deck with portholes and sitting area. 225 sq. ft. Suites 250 - 252	\$8,495	\$5,995
D	Deluxe suites on Columbus Deck with window and sitting area. 225 sq. ft. Suites 329 - 332	\$9,495	\$6,995
C	Deluxe suites on Magellan Deck with portholes and sitting area. 235 sq. ft. Suites 254 - 262	\$10,495	\$7,995
B	Deluxe suites on Columbus Deck with window and sitting area. 235 sq. ft. Suites 333 - 348	\$11,495	\$8,995
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VS & PHS suites are provided with private butler service and other exclusive amenities.

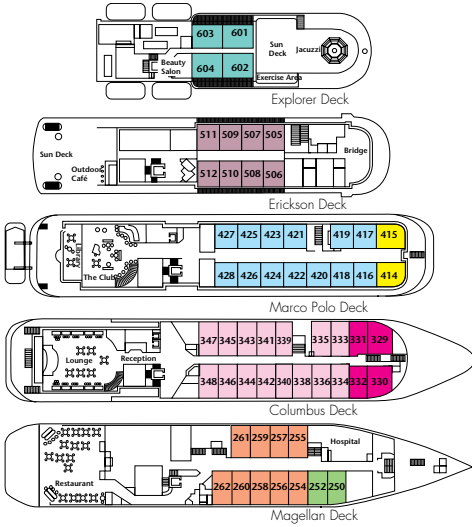
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: A limited number of cabins have been designated for single travelers in Categories D-A at no single supplement to the per person, double occupancy rates above.

AIRFARE: Airfare is not included in the Cruise and Land Rates. Please contact your preferred airline, travel agent, or the Travel Dynamics International air desk operated by Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc. (VWTI) for airfare information and to reserve round-trip flights to Venice, Italy. Consultants are available Monday – Friday from 9:00 am – 5:30 pm (EST) toll-free at 1-877-711-9896. Please have your tour code (10410) handy for reference.



The Club

DECK PLAN



MAIN SPECIFICATIONS

LENGTH: 297 feet | BEAM: 50 feet | DRAFT: 12 feet
 GROSS TONNAGE: 4,200 | FLAG: Malta | SUITES: 57

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The characteristic roofs of the trulli villages, Puglia, Italy

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GENERAL INFORMATION

PAYMENTS: A \$1,000 deposit per person is required to confirm your reservation. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure & must be by personal check.

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 recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance. Details will be sent upon registration.

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

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