Smith College

Treasures of Belize, Guatemala & the Yucatan

Aboard the 130-Guest Yorktown

February 22 – March 1, 2014

LOW RATES
FROM $1,995
Per Person

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
Dear Alumnae and Friends,

We are excited to present you with a wonderful opportunity to join fellow alumnae from Smith and Bryn Mawr Colleges aboard the 130-passenger Yorktown on an exclusive, educational voyage along the coast of Belize, Guatemala, and the Yucatan. Due to the relatively short notice for this voyage, which is a late addition to our 2014 travel calendar, we are pleased to offer rates that are more than 50% below the usual price level, in every cabin category. We are also waiving the single supplement for solo travelers. With such attractive incentives, we hope you will join fellow alumnae on this rewarding winter voyage.

Few areas of the world offer more diversity for exploration, adventure, and relaxation than Central America’s Caribbean coast. Here, you can swim and snorkel in the crystal-clear waters off Belize’s Barrier Reef, glimpsing the brightly colored fish and sea creatures that inhabit one of the largest marine systems in the world. You can spot rare plants, flowers, birds, and wildlife as you hike the nature trails within Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary and Sian Ka’an Biosphere Reserve. And when you travel deep within Belize’s and Mexico’s tropical forests, you can explore the seldom-visited Maya sites of Quirigua, Lubaantun, Altun Ha, Kohunlich, and picturesque Tulum—with ruins set spectacularly atop 39-foot cliffs overlooking deep turquoise waters.

Your home for this voyage of discovery is the Yorktown, a small and intimate ship that is able to visit these unspoiled, out-of-the-way bays, islands, coral reefs, and villages that are not accessible to passengers on mega-cruise liners. Expert study leaders, noted on the facing page, will join you onboard to present a program of lectures and discussions, adding valuable insights into the legacy of the Maya and the natural history of the region.

Treasures of Belize, Guatemala, and the Yucatan promises to be an enlightening voyage into a world so removed from modern society, and yet, so close to home. Join us and other co-sponsoring institutions, including the Archaeological Institute of America, the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia, and Fordham University in February 2014 to explore the tropical islands, rain forests, and ancient sites of this fascinating region—at an exceptional value!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Bigwood
Director, Smith Travel

Cover: The seaside view of El Castillo at Tulum, Yucatan
Travel in the Company of Experts

Born and raised in England, **Jonathan Green** completed a Bachelor of Sciences degree in Geology and Geography. John is also an avid diver and accomplished photographer, and his photography has been published in numerous magazines and has been exhibited at the Natural History Museum of London. He has spent the last 20 years working as a diver, photographer, and naturalist in the Galapagos, Central America, Andes, Amazon, and Patagonia.

**Chris Harbard** is an ornithologist and conservationist who works as a freelance author, editor, broadcaster, and lecturer. He writes for *Birdwatch* magazine and is also an occasional contributor to BBC radio. Additionally, he edits the *Birdwatchers’ Guides* series. Although Chris’ main area of interest is birds, he also enjoys a range of other wildlife such as butterflies, dragonflies, and plants.

**Sandra Noble** is Executive Director Emerita of the Foundation for the Advancement of Mesoamerican Studies, Inc. She earned her Ph.D. in Maya Studies at the University of British Columbia (UBC) in Vancouver and has taught courses about Mesoamerica, the Maya, and the Aztecas at UBC, Emily Carr University of Art & Design, and the College of Central Florida, Citrus Campus.

Cruise Director **Temu Nana** is a native of Detroit, Michigan. He has traveled extensively throughout the world, including all parts of the Caribbean. On the *Yorktown*, Temu has led several recent cruises to Belize and Guatemala, as well as a land excursion to Tikal.

*All expedition staff are subject to change.*
Itinerary

Saturday, February 22, 2014
FLY FROM USA | SAN PEDRO SULA | PUERTO CORTES, Honduras
Arrive in San Pedro Sula. Transfer to Puerto Cortes to embark Yorktown. (D)

Sunday, February 23
SANTO TOMAS DE CASTILLA | QUITIRIGUA, Guatemala
Yorktown will dock in the morning at the port town of Santo Tomás de Castilla. Drive to Quirigua, an ancient Maya center that was founded around A.D. 200, and flourished in the eighth century A.D. Quirigua is famous for its huge stelae and altars that are covered with some of the finest carvings in the Maya world. Alternatively, visit the Castillo de San Felipe, a well-preserved fortress built by the Spanish in the 17th century. (B, L, D)

Monday, February 24
PUNTA GORDA | LUBAANTUN | SNAKE CAYS, Belize
Arrive in the morning at Belize’s Punta Gorda. Drive inland to explore Lubaantun, a Late Classic Maya center that thrived between A.D. 700 and A.D. 800. Lubaantun’s remains include five main plazas, eleven major structures, three ball courts, and other edifices. The visitor center displays artifacts excavated at the site. Spend the afternoon at the nearby Snake Cays, swimming and snorkeling. (B, L, D)

Tuesday, February 25
BIG CREEK
From Big Creek, drive to the Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary, a dense tropical rain forest set against the peaks of the Maya Mountains. Clear streams and rivers traverse this protected sanctuary that is home to a rich variety of wildlife, including tapir, armadillo, anteater, jaguar, and over 290 species of birds. In the afternoon, enjoy swimming and snorkeling at a nearby cay. (B, L, D)

Wednesday, February 26
BELIZE CITY | ALTUN HA | GOFF’S CAY
After arriving in Belize City, drive to Altun Ha, an important ancient Maya site that was occupied for about 1,200 years. Archaeologists have uncovered more than 500 buildings, but the core of the site is stretched around two great plazas that are lined with temples and other structures. Return to the ship and over lunch aboard sail to nearby Goff’s Cay, a small islet that offers superb swimming and snorkeling. (B, L, D)

Thursday, February 27
COSTA MAYA | KOHUNLICH or SIAN KA’AN BIOSPHERE RESERVE | COSTA MAYA, Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico
From Costa Maya drive inland to explore the rarely visited site of Kohunlich. Located in an area of luxuriant foliage, Kohunlich’s buildings date from about A.D. 100-900. Notable among them is the Temple of the Masks, a stone pyramid dedicated to the Maya sun god. Alternatively, explore the Sian Ka’an Biosphere Reserve, a large

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protected area facing the Caribbean that is home to a wide variety of plants, birds, and other wildlife. (B, L, D)

Friday, February 28
PUERTO MORELOS | TULUM | PUERTO MORELOS
Perched on a promontory about 30 feet above the sea, Tulum was one of the major Maya forts that stretched along Yucatan’s coast. Several important buildings remain, including the Temple of the Frescoes and El Castillo, a large pyramid on the edge of a cliff overlooking the sea. Overnight aboard docked in Puerto Morelos. (B, L, D)

Saturday, March 1
PUERTO MORELOS | CANCUN | FLY TO USA (B)

Program Inclusions

- Cruise aboard the 130-guest Yorktown
- 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
- Enrichment program of lectures by accompanying study leaders
- Professional Travel Dynamics International tour staff
- Complete pre-departure materials
- Gratuities to guides and drivers
- Baggage handling and transfers abroad on the designated program arrival and departure dates

NOT INCLUDED: Airfare; port and embarkation taxes; 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 Internet service; and gratuities to shipboard personnel

AIR RESERVATIONS: To make your air reservations, please contact your travel agent or the Travel Dynamics International air desk toll-free at 1-877-711-9896, Monday – Friday from 9:00 am – 5:30 pm (EST).
Yorktown

Yorktown is the perfect vessel for relaxed and convivial exploration of Central America. Built in Florida in 1988 specifically for coastal cruising and certified by the U.S. Coast Guard, Yorktown flies the American flag and is staffed by friendly and experienced American officers and crew. With a draft of 9 feet, Yorktown is able to maneuver in secluded waterways and visit small ports that are inaccessible to larger vessels. In addition to a large sun deck, 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. Accommodating 130 guests, the ship’s 65 exterior cabins are furnished with comfortable beds and private bathroom. Yorktown enjoys an atmosphere of warm and relaxed informality that endears it to repeat and new guests alike.

Deck Plan

Cruise and Land Rates

Per person, double occupancy.

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<td>Outside cabins with two lower beds that can convert to a queen bed, picture window, and private bathroom. Cabins L27, L28, P59*, P60</td>
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<td>Superior outside cabins with walk-out balcony, full-size bed, private bathroom, and mini-refrigerator. Cabins S77-S90</td>
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Port charges and taxes are an additional $290 per person.

**NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT.** The single supplement is waived for solo guests. Only Category C cabins are available for singles.

*P59’s two lower beds cannot be converted.
**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 60 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. In addition, cancellations received 61-90 days prior to departure will result in a fee 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. Insurance information will be sent to you by Smith Travel on receipt of your registration.

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

**Responsibility**: Please read carefully the following terms and conditions, which constitute the legally enforceable agreements between the passenger and Travel Dynamics International Ltd. 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 cruise and is available on request from Travel Dynamics International Ltd. Travel Dynamics International Ltd. and the tour’s sponsoring organization act solely as agents for the passenger with respect to all transportation, hotel and other 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 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 lectures 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 deposits, 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 thereof. 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.

**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.

**Fuel Supplement**: Travel Dynamics International Ltd. reserves the right to charge a fuel supplement, without prior notice, if the NYMEX oil price exceeds $85 per barrel. This supplement may be charged even if the cruise fare has been paid in full.

**Ships’ Registry**: USA

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**Registration**

Enclosed is my check or credit card no. for $________ ($750 per person) as a deposit to hold ___ place(s) on Treasures of Belize, Guatemala & the Yucatan. I understand that final payment is due sixty (60) 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: Smith Travel, Office of Alumnae Relations 33 Elm Street, Northampton, MA 01063 Fax: (413) 585-2015

- [ ] AmEx - [ ] Discover - [ ] Visa - [ ] MasterCard

No. ________________________

Exp. ________________________

3- or 4-Digit Security Code________

Please select cabin category in order of preference:

- [ ] Single Occupancy
- [ ] Twin Beds
- [ ] Double Bed
- [ ] Share (cannot be guaranteed)

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

**Signature**

**Date**
Explore the Treasures of Belize, Guatemala & the Yucatan

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