JOURNEY TO THE LANDS OF GODS & HEROES
A FAMILY LEARNING ADVENTURE IN THE ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN

Aboard the Small Cruise Ship Artemis
July 27–August 7, 2015
Dear Alumnae and Friends,

Next summer, history comes alive for the whole family in Greece and Turkey. Aboard the small, private yacht Artemis embark on a voyage of discovery in the Mediterranean, where ancient cities, idyllic islands, myth, and history are intertwined. The itinerary—to some of the seminal sites of the Classical world in Athens, Olympia, and Ephesus as well as iconic islands like Santorini, Crete, and Rhodes—is designed to enlighten the senses and ignite the imagination of your children or grandchildren, with their young minds awakening to the wonders of Classical antiquity and the legacy of great empires and ancient civilizations.

Create memories of shared learning and discovery as you explore this remarkable region as a family. Grandparents, parents, and children will learn about Greek and Roman history, literature, mythology, and culture while walking among the ruins of these civilizations in places like Ephesus and Knossos. Experienced youth education counselors will lead groups of similarly aged children and young adults in the Young Explorers Program—educational and recreational activities developed to enhance their appreciation of the sites visited, from discovering how archaeologists piece together the past to competing in a mock Olympics on its original grounds.

The cruise also addresses lifelong learning for adults. Accompanying us will be expert lecturers who will enrich the program with their knowledge of the ancient world. Our ship, the delightful Artemis, features 26 cabins (each with sea views) as well as inviting public areas and fine dining, all fostering a friendly and gracious ambience.

If you have ever dreamed of introducing your children or grandchildren to the wonders of Classical antiquity and the adventure of sailing to foreign lands, here is the opportunity to do so. We hope you will join us next summer on this enriching Journey to the Lands of Gods and Heroes.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Bigwood
Director, Smith Travel
Office of Alumnae Relations

SPECIAL BONUSES:
• One free night in Athens, pre-cruise, at the deluxe Athens Plaza
• Domestic airfare from Athens to Mytilene for embarkation

Left: The ancient site of Knossos in Crete
Cover: Olympia, site of the Olympic Games that began in 776 B.C.
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 poetry of Homer, the legends of The Iliad and The Odyssey, the ideas of Socrates, and real-life examples of great architecture.

Accompanied by their parents or grandparents, children will take guided shore excursions specifically created to bring to life legend and history. Or, flexibility being the key, they may also enjoy independent time to relax or explore together as a family.

Young Explorers Program
For Children & Young Adults, Ages 7-18

In addition, while adults attend lectures or enjoy free time, Young Explorers may:

- Participate in their own mock archaeological “excavation”
- Discover how ancient sailors navigated by the stars
- Visit the ship’s bridge and keep a log of their journey
- Learn about the heroes of Greek mythology
- Compete in “mini-Olympics” events at the birthplace of the Olympic Games
ITINERARY

Monday, July 27, 2015
FLY FROM USA
Fly from the U.S. to Athens, Greece.

Tuesday, July 28
ATHENS, Greece
Arrive in Athens and check into the N.J.V. Athens Plaza hotel, located on Constitution Square, the center of the city. Enjoy time at leisure.

Wednesday, July 29
MYTILENE | EMBARK
Arrive in Mytilene on the island of Lesvos and embark Artemis. (B, D)

Thursday, July 30
KUSADASI, Turkey | EPHESUS | KUSADASI
From Kusadasi, travel to Ephesus. Renowned as the center of worship of the mother-goddess Cybele, later known as Artemis, it was also the site where St. Paul addressed the Ephesians. Excavations continue and archaeologists are restoring the Terrace Houses, which offer a glimpse of daily Ephesian life. See the facade of the Library of Celsus, Temple of Hadrian, and Amphitheater. (B, L, D)

Friday, July 31
RHODES, Greece | LINDOS | RHODES
The historic island of Rhodes was known in antiquity for its schools of philosophy, rhetoric, and sculpture. Today it boasts one of Europe's largest medieval towns. Discover Old Town's winding streets and splendid plazas, which owe their 14th-century charm to the Crusader Knights of St. John. In the lovely village of Lindos, take a donkey ride or walk up to the acropolis, set on a cliff 400 feet above the sea, with stunning views of the village and bay below. Then explore Lindos on your own or swim in the crystal waters of its white-sand beach. (B, L, D)

Saturday, August 1
ASTYPALAIA
Explore on foot this charming town with its whitewashed houses and old Venetian castle. Enjoy swimming at one of the island’s beautiful beaches. (B, L, D)

Sunday, August 2
SANTORINI
In the second millennium B.C., volcanic eruptions shrouded Santorini (or Phira) in pumice and ash and collapsed the island into a fractured caldera. This ultimately produced Santorini's wild, multihued beauty while sending its Minoan civilization into irreversible decline. Adults will visit Akrotiri and the Prehistoric Thera Museum while Young Explorers board a sailboat to Nea Kameni, the island in the center of Santorini's caldera, and ascend its volcano to learn about the area's geology. Reunite for lunch and free time in Phira Town. (B, L, D)

Monday, August 3
RETHYMNON, Crete | KNOSSOS or IMBROS GORGE
Arrive in Crete, once home of the Minoans, Europe’s earliest developed civilization. From quaint Rethymnon, travel to Knossos and its fabled Minoan Palace, a maze of frescoed corridors and chambers showing life as it was 4,000 years ago. It is also home to the labyrinth of the legendary Minotaur. Also visit the Heraklion Museum. Alternatively, walk through the scenic Imbros Gorge, ending at the coast, near the 14th-century Venetian castle of Frangokastello, for a swim. (B, L, D)
Tuesday, August 4

GYTHEION
Explore this picturesque coastal village on the Mani peninsula, and the magnificent, partially submerged Diros cave by boat. (B, L, D)

Wednesday, August 5

KATAKOLON | OLYMPIA | CRUISING THE GULF OF CORINTH
In the morning travel to Olympia, an ancient sanctuary dedicated to Zeus and located in a lovely, pastoral setting. It is one of four sites where the Pan-Hellenic Games (the original Olympics) were held. Tour the sacred area, including the temples of Hera and Zeus, the Council House, the Treasuries, and the stadium. In the afternoon relax aboard ship as we cruise the Gulf of Corinth. Young Explorers will participate in a race at the birthplace of the Olympics. This evening the ship transits the Corinth Canal. (B, L, D)

Thursday, August 6

PIRAEUS | ATHENS | PIRAEUS
This morning explore the Acropolis, perhaps the most important ancient monument in the Western world and where our concept of democracy was born over 2,500 years ago. The ruins include the majestic Parthenon and the Erechtheion. Afternoon at leisure to explore Athens on your own. Overnight aboard docked in Piraeus. (B, L, D)

Friday, August 7

PIRAEUS | DISEMBARK | ATHENS | USA
Transfer to the airport in Athens for flights home. (B)

Scott Bradbury is a Professor of Classical Languages and Literatures at Smith College, specializing in the history of the Later Roman Empire, particularly the Greek East, and in ancient religions. He was educated at Amherst College, Corpus Christi College, Oxford, and the University of California at Berkeley. At Smith, he teaches courses in Greek and Latin at all levels, Classical Mythology, and, with a colleague in Geosciences, a summer seminar in Greece entitled ‘Greek History and Archaeology in their Geological Context.’ He served twice as Director of Smith’s Junior Year in Florence and he has travelled extensively in the Mediterranean with both students and alumnae. His current book project, supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, is a social history based on the correspondence of Libanius of Antioch (A.D. 314-393), a noted teacher, writer, and public speaker. His wife, Nancy, is a Smith alumna and Professor of English at Smith.

Lisa Reilly is a Professor in the Department of Architectural History at the University of Virginia. Her teaching and research often focuses on the ancient and medieval Mediterranean, and she has lectured on Bronze Age, Greek, Roman and Byzantine art and architecture both in the classroom and on site. Ms. Reilly is also a leading user of digital humanities technology in her teaching and research. Students in her course ‘Hajj with Ibn Jubayr: Reconstructing the 12th Century Mediterranean’ created digital exhibitions that can be seen at http://ibnjubayr.neatline-uva.org. Ms. Reilly held the NEH/Horace Goldsmith Distinguished Teaching Chair of Art and Architectural History from 1999-2002 and is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London. In spring 2015, she will be the Fulbright Scholar in the History of Art at the University of York, England.

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**Artemis**

*Artemis* is a small cruise ship whose size and design makes it the perfect vessel for our educational voyage. Built in 2007, this 26-cabin yacht allows us to call at out-of-the-way destinations and dock at small harbors, avoiding the crowds and congestion of larger ports that cater to mega ships.

All 26 spacious cabins enjoy an ocean view, and the majority feature private balconies with floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors. All have a private bathroom with shower, flat-screen TV, telephone, safe, mini-refrigerator, and climate control. The ample public areas include an elegant dining room that serves all guests in a single open seating, a welcoming lounge and bar affording opportunities for convivial conversation as well as lectures, and a furnished Sun Deck ideal for relaxed observation of the passing shoreline.

*Artemis* meets the very latest standards for safety and is equipped with state-of-the-art communications and navigation systems. With a crew-to-passenger ratio of nearly one-to-two, guests are assured the highest standards of professionalism and attentive, personalized service.

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**Deck Plan**

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**Special Bonuses:**

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**Cruise & Land Rates**

*Per person, double occupancy*

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**SINGLE RATE (PER PERSON)**

Port charges & taxes: $600 per person (adult or child)

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**Reduced Child & Young Adult Rates**

*per child or young adult, ages 7-18*

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REGISTRATION

Enclosed is my check or credit card no. for $________
(1,500 per person) to hold a reservation for _______ place(s)
on Journey to the Lands of Gods & Heroes.

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:
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33 Elm Street, Northampton, MA 01063

Fax: 413-585-2015  Phone: 413-585-2029 or
800-225-2029  Email: alumtrav@smith.edu

Please select cabin category in order of preference:

A___ B___ C___ D___ E___ F___

Signature Date

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

SIGNATURE DATE

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GENERAL INFORMATION

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: A deposit of $1,500 per person is required to reserve your space on the tour. For your convenience, you may charge your deposits 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. In addition, 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. 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 sole, 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 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 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 foregoing 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 thereto. Passenger tickets are not transferable and are not 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 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 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 passengers 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 $65 per barrel. This supplement may be charged even if the cruise fare has been paid in full.

SHIP’S REGISTRY: Malta

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SPECIAL ADDED-VALUE BONUSES!
See Inside

The iconic whitewashed and blue-domed architecture of Santorini