JOURNEY TO THE LANDS OF GODS & HEROES
A FAMILY LEARNING ADVENTURE IN THE ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN
Aboard the 26-Cabin Artemis
July 28 – 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

Left: Olympia, site of the Olympic Games that began in 776 B.C.
Cover: Ephesus, one of the world's greatest ancient sites
Young Explorers Program
For Children & 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 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.

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
FLY FROM USA
Fly from the U.S. to Mytilene, Greece, via Athens.

MYTILENE, Greece | EMBARK
Arrive in Mytilene on the island of Lesbos and embark Artemis. (D)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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

**GEROLIMENAS**

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)

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**CRUISE, LEARN & BE INSPIRED**

**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 an Associate 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.
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.

CRUISE & LAND RATES

per person, double occupancy

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SINGLE RATE (PER PERSON)

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

REDUCED CHILD & YOUNG ADULT RATES

per child or young adult, ages 7-18

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**Program Inclusions**

**Included**
- 9-night cruise aboard the 26-cabin private yacht Artemis
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions aboard ship
- All meals aboard ship
- Wine, beer, and soft drinks with lunch and dinner aboard ship
- Complete program of tours and excursions
- Enrichment program of lectures and discussions by expert study leaders
- Young Explorers Program, a series of educational and recreational activities for children and young adults ages 7-18, led by youth education counselors
- Professional Travel Dynamics international tour staff
- Comprehensive pre-departure materials
- Baggage handling and airport transfers aboard on the designated program arrival and departure dates
- Gratuities to porters, guides, and drivers

**Not Included**
- Airfare
- Visa and passport fees (if applicable)
- Trip cancellation and baggage insurance
- Meals and beverages other than those specified above
- Personal expenses (such as laundry, telephone, Internet, etc.)
- Port charges and taxes
- Gratuities to shipboard personnel

**Air Reservations**
Airfare is not included in the Cruise and Land Rates. To make your air reservations, please contact your preferred airline, travel agent, or the Travel Dynamics International air desk toll-free at 1-877-711-9896 Monday – Friday from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm (EST).

**Registration**

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**Travel Dynamics International**
and mail with this registration form to:
Smith Travel, Office of Alumnae Relations,
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Fax: 413-585-2015 Phone: 413-585-2029 or 800-225-2029 Email: alumtrav@smith.edu

**Fuel Supplement**: Travel Dynamics International Limited reserves the right to charge a fuel supplement, without prior notice, if the NYMEX oil price exceeds $85 per barrel.

**Gratuities to shipboard personnel**

**Gratuities to porters, guides, and drivers**

**Port charges and taxes**

**Personal expenses**

**Meals and beverages other than those specified above**

**Serviced by the carrier or vessel for any losses, damages, or injuries 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, damages, accidents 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.**

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

**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. Medical 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 Ms. Travel Smith on receipt of your registration.

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

**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.

**Insurance**: Travel insurance is available for a fee. Insurance information will be sent to you by Smith Travel on receipt of your registration.

**Each participant must sign below: I have read the “General Information” section and agree to its terms.**
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With
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Professor of Classical Languages and Literatures

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According to tradition, St. Paul landed on this bay in Lindos, Rhodes