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HOST KATHLEEN LYNCH



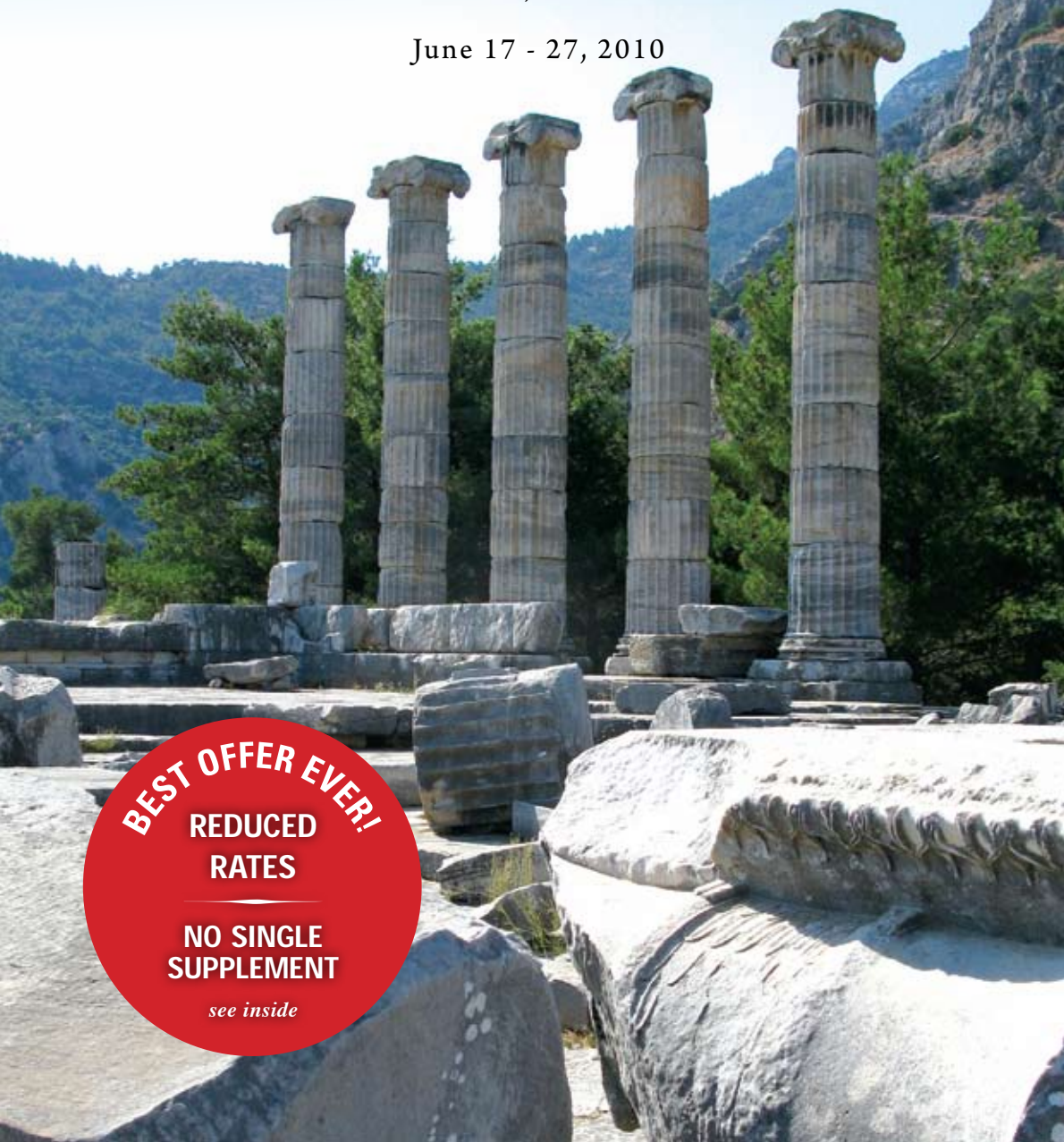
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Classical Voyage, Classical Music

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June 17 - 27, 2010



Dear Traveler,

Athens and Istanbul, Troy and Knossos, Rhodes and Santorini... this luxury, small-ship voyage combines outstanding ancient cities, archaeological sites, and breathtaking Aegean landscapes. I invite you to discover wonderful sites and splendid vistas with **Archaeological Institute of America lecturer and host Kathleen Lynch**.

Beginning in **Athens**, you will cruise on to **Troy** for a special opportunity to explore the site with Professor Lynch, who has been involved with the site's ongoing excavations. Continue on to the bustling metropolis of **Istanbul**, with Byzantine and Ottoman treasures around every corner; and meander the streets of ancient **Ephesus**, filled with grand monuments. For even more revelatory ancient sites set in magnificent landscapes, call at the quintessential Greek island of **Santorini**, scenic **Rhodes**, and **Crete**, steeped in mythology and lengthy history.

Accompanying you throughout will be AIA lecturer and host Kathleen Lynch, a classical archaeologist who enjoys sharing knowledge and experiences with interested travelers. Adding to the uniqueness of your voyage, **musicians from The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center will perform both aboard ship and ashore** at select locations.

Cruise in luxurious comfort aboard the **57-cabin, all-suite Corinthian II**, an elegant, yacht-like cruise ship that features first-class food and service, comfortable lounges and public areas, and broad decks from which to watch the magnificent passing scenery.

Please join Professor Lynch aboard *Corinthian II* for this memorable voyage exploring some of the finest Greco-Roman cities and monuments among the islands and coastlines of the Aegean.

Sincerely,

R. Todd Nielsen

Director, AIA Tours

Archaeological Institute of America

P.S. We are sharing this voyage with a handful of other organizations, and with just 57 cabins (all suites) aboard ship, I urge you to contact AIA Tours at 800-748-6262 or aia@studytours.org to reserve your space today.

THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA AND THE AIA TOURS PROGRAM

The Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) is the oldest and largest archaeological organization in North America. The AIA seeks to educate people of all ages about the significance of archaeological discovery. For more than a century the AIA has been dedicated to the encouragement and support of archaeological research and publication, and to the protection of the world's archaeological resources and cultural heritage. By traveling on an AIA Tour you directly support the AIA while personally gaining the benefit of the AIA's network of scholars and worldwide contacts.

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA LECTURER AND HOST



Kathleen Lynch, Associate Professor of Classics at the University of Cincinnati, is a classical archaeologist with a specialty in ancient Greek ceramics. She earned her Ph.D. from the University of Virginia, and has worked on archaeological sites in Italy

(Morgantina), Greece (Athenian Agora, Corinth), Albania (Apollonia), and Turkey (Troy, Gordion). In particular, Kathleen is interested in Athenian pottery of the Archaic, Classical, and Hellenistic periods with a special interest in Attic black-figured and red-figured pottery and its social use. Her research currently spans a number of ceramic-related topics from issues of Attic chronology to iconography to *symposia*—the drinking party—to the Greek household. Kathleen's book, *The Symposium in Context*, is forthcoming as a *Hesperia* monograph and explores archaeological evidence for entertaining at home in Archaic Athens. At Cincinnati, Kathleen is the Director of Graduate Studies for Archaeology and teaches Classical Civilization courses, Greek and Roman archaeology, mythology, and graduate seminars on topics such as Pausanias, the 2nd century A.D. traveler, iconography, and ancient art and art history. She has been a lecturer on the AIA's national circuit for eight years, is Chair of the AIA Fellowships committee, and serves as the Treasurer for the AIA's local Cincinnati Society. Kathleen also designed the society's website, which won the AIA's *Best Website* award in 2008. Some of the topics she expects to address during our voyage include the material culture of Athenian democracy, archaeology and the Trojan War, the mythology and prehistory of Crete, and women in the ancient Greek and Roman world.

MUSICIANS

We are privileged to having joining us on our voyage a quartet of renowned musicians from The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, including cellist **David Finckel**, pianist **Wu Han**, violinist **Philip Setzer**, and violinist **Arnaud Sussmann**.

All lecturers and musicians are subject to change.

Front cover: Priene

ITINERARY

Thursday, June 17, 2010 ■ **FLY FROM USA**

Friday, June 18 ■ **ATHENS, GREECE**

Upon arrival, transfer to the *King George II Hotel*. (D)

Saturday, June 19 ■ **ATHENS | PIRAEUS | EMBARK**

The birthplace of Western culture, Athens boasts a plethora of historic monuments. In the morning, tour the Acropolis, including the Erechtheion, the majestic Parthenon, and the new Acropolis Museum. After lunch at a taverna, explore the National Archaeological Museum before embarking *Corinthian II*. (B, L, D)

Sunday, June 20 ■ **AT SEA | CANAKKALE, TURKEY | TROY | CANAKKALE**

After a morning cruising the Aegean Sea, the ship enters the Dardanelles, the narrows that separate Asia from Europe, to call at Canakkale. From here we visit Troy, where ongoing archaeological excavations have revealed layers of nine ancient cities superimposed on a massive mound rising above the "windswept" Plain of Ilium. It was one of these cities, as legend has it, against which the Greeks fought in the Trojan War, as in Homer's epic poem *The Iliad*. (B, L, D)

Monday, June 21 ■ **ISTANBUL**

Arrive in Istanbul, the great city of Byzantine emperors and Ottoman sultans. Tour some of the city's most impressive Byzantine and Ottoman landmarks, including the Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque, and Grand Bazaar, where you will have some time at leisure. (B, L, D)

Tuesday, June 22 ■ **CHIOS, GREECE**

Awake this morning at Chios, the Greek island claiming to be Homer's birthplace. Its volcanic rock formations and deep green valleys forge a landscape of stunning color oppositions and intricate appearances. Visit the 11th-century Monastery of Nea Moni, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most important ecclesiastical monuments in Greece. The monastery sits majestically in a wooded vale and is decorated throughout with exquisite frescoes and mosaics. (B, L, D)

Wednesday, June 23 ■ **KUSADASI, TURKEY | EPHEBUS | PRIENE | KUSADASI**

Drive to the ancient city of Ephesus, known for a time as the most important commercial city in Asia Minor. The immense site of Hellenistic and Roman ruins includes the ancient theater, imposing Library of Celsus, "hill houses" with fantastic mosaics and frescoes, plus early Byzantine remains. Spend the afternoon at leisure in Kusadasi or, alternatively, tour Priene, a 4th-century B.C. city in a spectacular setting. (B, L, D)

Thursday, June 24 ■ **RHODES, GREECE | LINDOS | RHODES**

The historic island of Rhodes was known in antiquity for its schools of philosophy, rhetoric, and sculpture.



Explore Old Town, one of the largest medieval towns in Europe. Walk along the Street of the Knights, overflowing with mosaics, finely-carved portals, balconies, and coats of arms. Visit the Archaeological Museum, housed in the former Knights' Great Hospital, and travel to picturesque Lindos. Set high above the village, with spectacular views of the Aegean, are the remains of the Acropolis and Doric columns of Athena's Temple, among other structures. (B, L, D)

Friday, June 25 ■ **HERAKLION AND KNOSSOS OR PHAESTOS AND GORTYN, CRETE | HERAKLION**

Zeus' legendary birthplace, the island of Crete was home to the Minoans, Europe's first civilization. Tour the excavations at the Bronze Age Palace of Knossos, the largest palace of the period on Crete, which is a partially-reconstructed labyrinth of corridors, stairwells, and chambers decorated with frescoes illustrating life as it may have been 4,000 years ago. Also visit the Heraklion Museum's temporary exhibit and enjoy the afternoon at leisure. Alternatively, visit the Bronze Age Palace of Phaestos and the ancient town of Gortyn. (B, L, D)

Saturday, June 26 ■ **SANTORINI**

On the approach to the spectacular island of Santorini, enjoy a beautiful view of the caldera's cliffs upon which the village of Phira is perched. In the 2nd millennium B.C., volcanic eruptions shrouded the island in a blanket of pumice and ash, both destroying and preserving many buildings in the town of Akrotiri, which at the time was inhabited by a sophisticated Bronze Age society. Visit the Nomikos Exhibition, where excellent reproductions of the frescoes at Akrotiri are on display, as well as the Museum of Prehistoric Thira. In the afternoon, enjoy some time at leisure in the charming and unspoiled town of Oia. (B, L, D)

Sunday, June 27 ■ **PIRAEUS | DISEMBARK | ATHENS | USA (B)**



- 1 night in Athens at the *King George II Hotel*, with breakfast
- 8-night cruise aboard the all-suite, 57-cabin *Corinthian II*
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions aboard ship
- All meals aboard ship, including house wine, beer, and soft drinks with lunch and dinner
- Open bar aboard ship throughout the voyage
- Complete program of tours and excursions
- Educational program of lectures and discussions by AIA lecturer and host Kathleen Lynch
- Series of concerts throughout the voyage
- Professional Travel Dynamics International program staff
- Complete pre-departure materials
- Baggage handling and transfers abroad on the designated program arrival and departure dates
- Port and embarkation taxes
- Gratuities to porters, guides, and drivers

NOT INCLUDED: Airfare; visa and passport fees (if applicable); luggage and trip cancellation insurance; meals, soft drinks, and alcoholic beverages other than those specified above; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, faxes, and e-mail service; and gratuities to shipboard personnel

AIRFARE: Airfare is not included in the Cruise and Land Rates. Please contact your preferred airline, travel agent, or the air desk operated by Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc. (VWTI) for airfare information and to reserve round-trip flights to Athens, Greece. 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 (10415RP) handy for reference. Complimentary transfers are provided for all participants arriving on June 18th and departing on June 27th.

CORINTHIAN II



In an era of mega cruise ships that carry thousands of passengers, the *Corinthian II* is a delightful alternative. More like a private yacht than a cruise ship, *Corinthian II* accommodates all guests in 57 suites. *Corinthian II*'s limited guest capacity, fine facilities, and distinctive style of operation attract like-minded travelers who return again and again to enjoy its custom-crafted itineraries and a style of cruising that is rarely found today. More than just a cruise, each voyage provides a comprehensive experience that reveals the singular aspects of the destinations. Aboard, a sense of community and a spirit of camaraderie prevail.

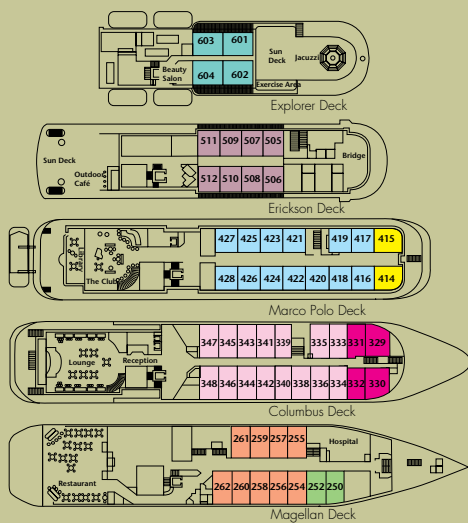
All of *Corinthian II*'s suites face outside, providing views of the sea and landscape, and several have

a private balcony. There are expansive open deck areas and attractive facilities, including a gym, library, beauty salon, two lounges, a sun deck with Jacuzzi, and an outdoor cafe. A spacious restaurant accommodates all guests in an open, unassigned seating. The cuisine is outstanding, and the overall service is efficient and friendly while unobtrusive. An elevator serves all decks. A resident physician attends a well-equipped infirmary.

Served by 70 seasoned officers and crew, *Corinthian II* complies with the latest international safety regulations and is outfitted with the most current navigational technology.

DECK PLAN

CRUISE AND LAND RATES *per person, double occupancy*



CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	REGULAR RATES	REDUCED RATES
E	Deluxe suites on Magellan Deck with portholes and sitting area. 225 sq. ft. Suites 250 - 252	\$8,995	\$6,995
D	Deluxe suites on Columbus Deck with window and sitting area. 225 sq. ft. Suites 329 - 332	\$9,995	\$7,995
C	Deluxe suites on Magellan Deck with portholes and sitting area. 235 sq. ft. Suites 254 - 262	\$10,995	\$8,995
B	Deluxe suites on Columbus Deck with window and sitting area. 235 sq. ft. Suites 333 - 348	\$11,995	\$9,995
A	Deluxe suites on Marco Polo Deck with window and sitting area. 235 sq. ft. Suites 416 - 428	\$12,995	\$10,995
AA	Deluxe suites on Marco Polo Deck with forward and side windows and sitting area. 285 sq. ft. Suites 414 - 415	\$13,995	\$11,995
VS	Deluxe Veranda Suites on Erickson Deck with private balcony and sitting area. 300 sq. ft. Suites 505 - 512	\$15,595	\$12,595
PHS	Deluxe Penthouse Suites on Explorer Deck with private balcony and sitting area. 400 sq. ft. Suites 601 - 604	\$16,995	\$13,995

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 supplement to the per person, double occupancy rates at left. Singles in Categories AA, VS, and PHS are available at double the per person, double occupancy rates.

MAIN SPECIFICATIONS

Length: 297 feet | Beam: 50 feet | Draft: 12 feet
 Gross Tonnage: 4,200 | Flag: Malta | Suites: 57

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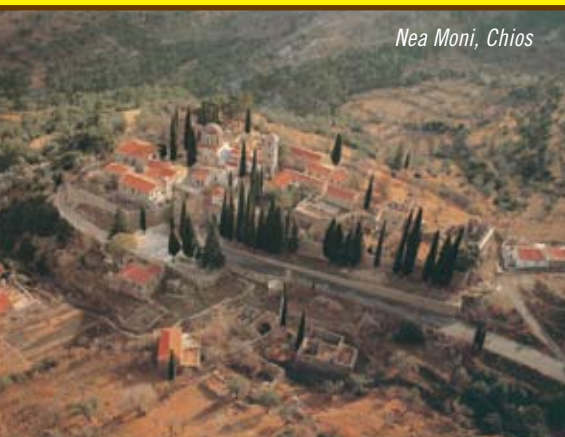
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GENERAL INFORMATION

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 within 60 days of departure are subject to a 100% penalty.

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.

SHIP'S REGISTRY: Malta
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Corinthian II in Santorini