

With Professor Kevin Crotty

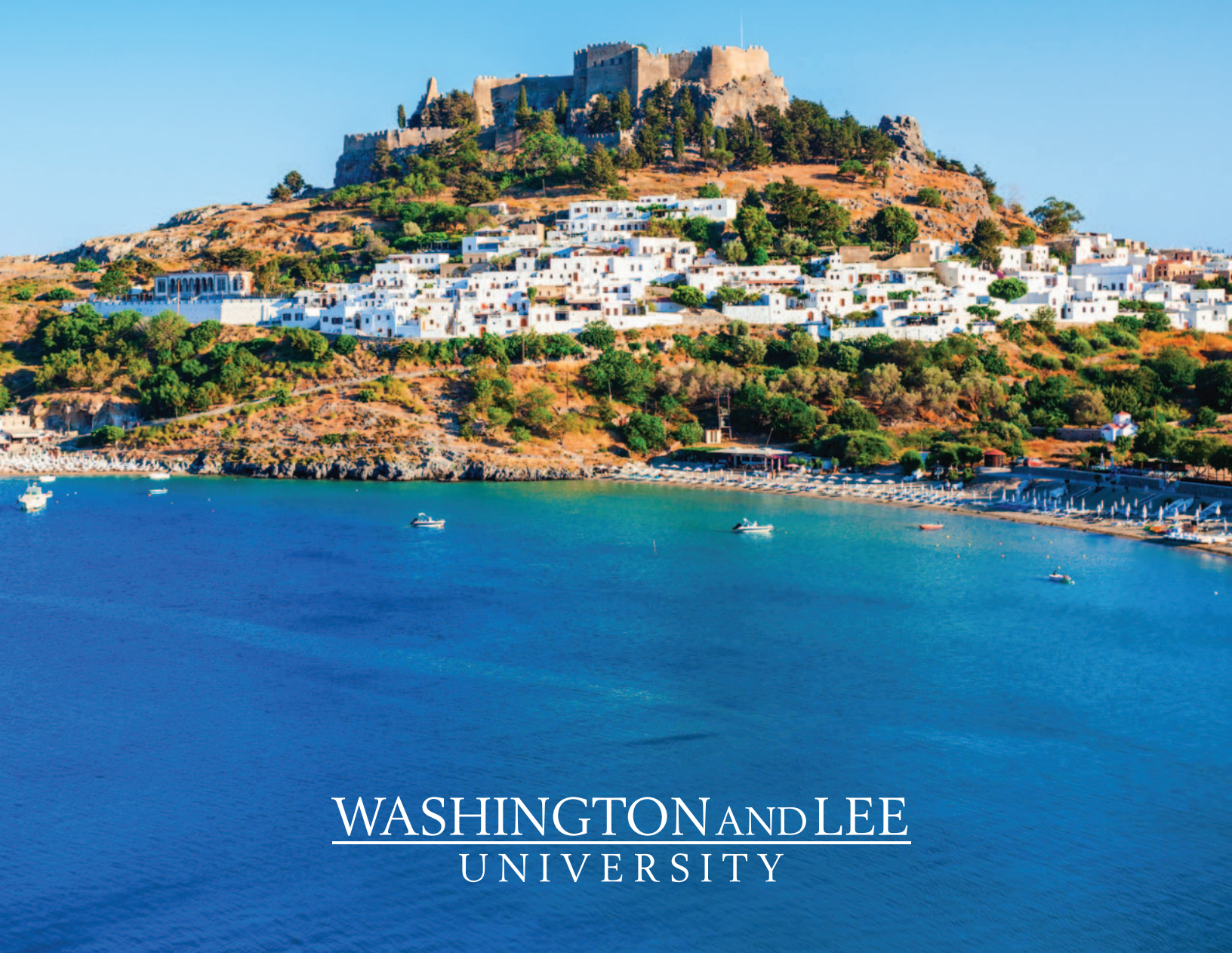
The W&L Traveller
Presents

VOYAGE TO THE LANDS OF GODS & HEROES

Exploring the Classical World of the Aegean

Aboard the 34-Guest Yacht *Callisto*

June 15 - 25, 2022



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The Athenian Acropolis

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Few destinations capture the imagination as do Athens and the islands of the Aegean Sea. The magnificent Temple of Athena atop the Acropolis in Athens and the city's new, dazzling Acropolis Museum are in themselves unforgettable. But along the shores of the Greek Isles lie hauntingly beautiful ruins of ancient temples, cities, and palaces. The ancient Greeks built an empire throughout the Mediterranean and, though it vanished long ago, its poetry survives in word and stone. Blind Homer sang of gods and heroes, whose deeds endure as legacies for our own epic conceptions, while Minoan, Mycenaean, and Hellenic structures reflect the aspirations and, in many cases, the enduring achievements of Western Civilization.

Our program begins with three days in Athens, where, under the guidance of W&L classicist Kevin Crotty and select guides, we'll tour the city's many monuments and amusements. For the subsequent seven-day cruise, we'll call at ports whose names are synonymous with the legends—both classical and modern—that have flourished throughout this historic sea. Our first call will be at the volcanic archipelago of Santorini. Widely believed to be the location of the lost city of Atlantis, Santorini is most easily recognized by its precipitous cliffs topped by white-washed villages and, at the center of the famous caldera, the still-smoldering core of its ancient volcano. We'll then call at Crete, the largest of the Greek islands and home to the Bronze Age Minoan civilization and the fabled palace of Knossos. Our next stop will be Rhodes, the legendary way station of the crusading Knights of St. John, where we'll survey stunning examples of Greco-Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman architecture. Our cruise itinerary includes several other islands including Delos, legendary home of Apollo, before returning to our home port at Piraeus.

For this exclusively W&L voyage, we've chosen the classic 34-guest yacht *Callisto*, much beloved by our travelers on past voyages for its nimbleness and charm. Throughout the cruise, expert guides will lead our excursions while on-board lectures by Professor Crotty will enhance our understanding of how much of what we cherish and espouse grew from Classical Greek origins. If you're looking for a small ship experience of the Greek Isles, this is a generous as well as exclusive opportunity. Ask us about special family rates.

Best regards,

Rob Fure
Director of Lifelong Learning

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The magnificent Minoan palace of Knossos

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Kevin Crotty is the J. Donald Childress Professor of Foreign Languages and Chair of the Classics Department at Washington and Lee University, where he has taught since 1999. A specialist in ancient Greek literature, he has published book-length studies of the ancient Greek poets Homer and Pindar as well as a study of the philosopher Plato, and has published a book on legal theory. He has led Washington and Lee students to Greece for the spring term on several occasions and has also escorted a previous cruise in the Aegean for the W&L Traveller. Professor Crotty also serves on the managing committee of the American School of Classical Studies in Athens.



Street scene in Plaka, Athens

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ITINERARY

Wednesday, June 15 2022

DEPART THE USA

Depart the United States for Athens.

Thursday, June 16

ATHENS, GREECE

Arrive in Athens, the capital of Greece and Europe's oldest city. Athens gave birth to democracy and witnessed the origins of many of the arts and sciences that constitute the Western tradition. Upon arrival, transfer to the new *Athens Capital Hotel*, located steps from Constitution Square. Welcome dinner at a taverna in the lively Plaka district, within walking distance of our hotel.

Meals: D

Friday, June 17

ATHENS

After a morning lecture, tour the Agora, the civic and commercial center of Athens and the living heart of its democracy. See the remains of public buildings, the well-preserved 5th-century BC Temple of Hephaistos, and visit

the Agora Museum, housed in the impressively reconstructed Stoa of Attalus, originally built in the 2nd century AD. In the afternoon, visit the National Archaeological Museum, with the finest collection of Greek antiquities in the world.

Meals: B

Saturday, June 18

ATHENS/EMBARKATION

Morning at leisure to explore Athens. In the afternoon, tour the Acropolis and its celebrated monuments. Occupied since prehistoric times, the rocky plateau rises dramatically out of the plain and dominates the modern city as it did in ancient times. The incomparable Parthenon and other temples built in the 5th century BC represent the highest achievement of architecture and art of the Classical period. Also, visit the superb Acropolis Museum, which houses an outstanding collection of sculpture, and then drive to the coast to board *Callisto* and sail.

Meals: B, D

Sunday, June 19

SANTORINI, Greece

Be on deck this morning to admire one of the most memorable sights in the Mediterranean –

the white-washed town of Santorini perched on the edge of the 1,000-foot-high palisade of Santorini's volcanic caldera. During the Bronze Age, the island was a flourishing trading center inhabited by a prosperous and well-organized society. In the late 17th century BC, a massive volcanic eruption collapsed half of the island and buried its main town, now called Akrotiri, in a thick layer of ash and pumice, thus preserving its houses, streets and squares as they existed 3,700 years ago. After touring Akrotiri, return to the town of Phira to visit the Museum of Prehistoric Thera, which houses artifacts from the Akrotiri excavations. Lunch will be served at a restaurant that provides views of the caldera. Afternoon at leisure to explore Phira before sailing from Santorini in the early evening.

Meals: B, L, D

Monday, June 20

HERAKLION and KNOSSOS, CRETE

The largest of the Greek islands, Crete was home of the Minoans, who created Europe's earliest advanced civilization. Upon arrival in Heraklion, enjoy a walk around the Venetian Walls that surround the city, which date from the 16th century and offer splendid views. Continue to the colorful market with its vast array of fruits, vegetables, olive oil and other goods. Lunch is at Peskesi, a restaurant noted for its celebration of traditional Cretan cuisine. In the afternoon, visit Knossos and explore its fabled Minoan Palace. Clustered around a courtyard, the palace contains a maze of rooms, passages and stairways that probably inspired the concept of the labyrinth. Many myths originated here, including that of the Minotaur. Continue to the Heraklion Museum whose exhibits reveal the brilliance and refinement of the Minoan civilization.

Meals: B, L, D

Tuesday, June 21

KARPATOS/RHODES

Morning arrival at Diafani, Karpathos, an island that remains outside of the tourist circuit, for an excursion to the village of Olympos, one of the most authentic and traditional villages in



Monastery Panagia Hozovitissa, Amorgos



Greek savories



Santorini



The Palace of the Grand Master of the Knights, Rhodes



The theater of Herodion Atticus under the ruins of Acropolis

Greece. Then sail to the island of Rhodes, one of Europe's largest medieval towns, known in antiquity for its schools of philosophy, rhetoric and sculpture and as the site of the Colossus of Rhodes. *Callisto* will dock at the Old Town of Rhodes, with its beautiful medieval architecture, winding streets and lively restaurants and shops. Overnight aboard ship, docked in Rhodes.

Meals: B, L, D

Wednesday, June 22 RHODES & LINDOS

On our morning walking tour of Rhodes, explore its winding streets and splendid plazas, which owe their 14th century charm to the Crusader Knights of St. John. The drive to the lovely village of Lindos. Following a lunch at a taverna, walk or ride a donkey ride up to the Acropolis, set on a cliff 400 feet above the sea with stunning views of the village and bay below. Return to the *Callisto* in Rhodes and sail.

Meals: B, L, D

Thursday, June 23 AMORGOS

Known for its dramatic scenery, Amorgos has

been settled since the 5th millennium BC. Today it is one of the most attractive islands of the Aegean Sea. Land in Katapola, which hugs a curving bay, and visit Minoa, the island's most important ancient city that was founded in the 10th century BC. Continue to the Monastery of Chozoviotissa, built in the 11th century in a spectacular setting of precipitous cliffs above the sea, and Chora, the island's enchanting main town, sited on a plateau and crowned by an old castle. Amorgos also offers wonderful walking on well-marked paths.

Meals: B, L, D

Friday, June 24 DELOS/SIROS

Spend the morning exploring the uninhabited island of Delos, the birthplace of Apollo and his twin sister, Artemis. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Delos is a vast archaeological site and a veritable open-air museum. Walk the Sacred Way to see the remains of temples, sanctuaries, and houses, some of which contain exquisite mosaics. Then sail to the island of Siros where we enjoy time at leisure to explore island's main town of Ermoupoli with its lovely neoclassical

buildings, exquisite squares, and sea views. Sail in the evening.

Meals: B, L, D

Saturday, June 25 ATHENS/USA

Disembark *Callisto* in the morning in Piraeus and transfer to the airport for return flights to the USA.

Meals: B



Spring Fresco from Santorini. 2nd millennium BC. National Archaeological Museum, Athens

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THE 34-GUEST YACHT CALLISTO



Cabin



Lounge

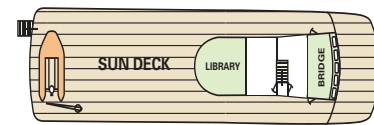


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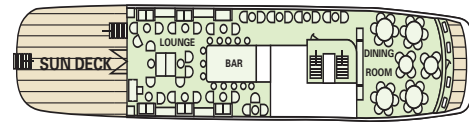


Sun Deck

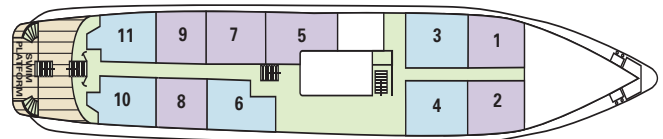
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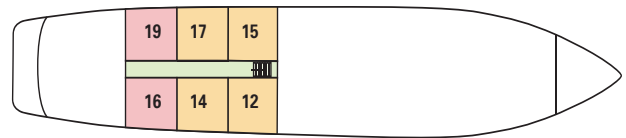
Sun Deck



Upper Deck



Main Deck



Lower Deck

MAIN SPECIFICATIONS

Length: 170 feet | Beam: 27.8 feet | Draft: 10.8 feet | Gross tonnage: 499
Main engines Mannheim 2x840 H.P. | Cruising speed: 10,5 knots

In an era of mega cruise ships that carry thousands of passengers, *Callisto* is a delightful alternative. More like a private yacht than a cruise ship, *Callisto* accommodates a maximum of just 34 guests in 17 cabins that face outside. Unlike the formalities found on larger cruise ships, a relaxed and informal atmosphere prevails aboard. A well-trained English-speaking crew of 18 manages the ship and provides friendly and efficient service. The dining room, surrounded by large windows, accommodates all guests at one unassigned seating, while the adjoining lounge, which is also lined with windows, is a good place to meet and socialize with fellow travelers, and attend lectures. When the weather permits, meals will be served al fresco. A library faces the spacious Sun Deck.

The 17 cabins range in size from 130 sq. ft. to 145 sq. ft. There are four different categories of cabins arranged on two decks, all of which feature either windows (Categories A & B), or portholes (Categories C & D); twin, double, or queen-size beds; individually controlled air-conditioning; flat-screen TV; mini fridge; wardrobe; safety deposit box; and telephone (internal use). Each cabin has a private bathroom with shower, marble sink countertop, hair dryer, and fine toiletries.

Callisto is equipped with stabilizers that provide smoother sailing.

RATES | PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	RATE
D	Outside cabins on Lower Deck with twin beds and portholes. Cabins 16, 19. 130 sq. feet	\$6,990
C	Outside cabins on Lower Deck with twin beds and portholes. Cabins 12, 14, 15, 17. 130 sq. feet	\$7,790
B	Outside cabins on Main Deck with two lower beds and window. Cabins 1*, 2*, 5, 7, 8, 9. 135 sq. feet *Cabins 1 and 2 have a double bed.	\$8,990
A	Outside cabins on Main Deck with twin beds and window. Cabins 3*, 4*, 6, 10, 11. 135 - 145 sq. feet *Cabins 3 and 4 have a queen-size bed.	\$9,790

SINGLE OCCUPANCY: A few cabins in Categories C and B are available for single occupancy at a supplement of 150% of the per person double occupancy rate.

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PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

- Two nights at the *Athens Capital Hotel*, Athens.
- Welcome dinner in Athens at a local restaurant.
- Full breakfast each morning at the hotel.
- Cruise aboard the *Callisto*, as described in the itinerary.
- All meals aboard ship, including wine, beer, and soft drinks with lunch and dinner.
- Open bar aboard ship throughout the voyage.
- Complete program of tours and excursions and other activities ashore, with professional English-speaking guides. Lunch included ashore on full-day excursions.
- Program of lectures and discussions by accompanying W&L professor.
- Airport transfers in Athens on June 16 and 25 at specified transfer times.
- Port, embarkation, and all other local taxes.
- Gratuities to guides, drivers and porters.
- Experienced Thalassa Journeys trip director.
- Comprehensive pre-departure material.

NOT INCLUDED: Airfare; travel insurance; expenses of a personal nature; gratuities to shipboard personnel; any items not mentioned in the Program Inclusions.

HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

The health and safety of our travelers is of utmost importance to Thalassa Journeys. Accordingly, we require that all travelers provide proof of vaccination to participate on the tour. Thalassa Journeys follows the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control, the World Health Organization and the prevailing health and safety regulations of our host countries. The staff aboard *Callisto* is fully vaccinated, as are our tour manager, guides and drivers throughout the journey. Strict health and safety protocols are followed at our hotels, aboard *Callisto*, and at restaurants where we dine ashore. Motorcoach capacity allows for safe distancing and masks may be required in public spaces. All guests will be provided with a sterilized whisper audio device that aids not only in hearing the tour guide, but in practicing social distancing. We appreciate the cooperation of all travelers in following these protocols to ensure a safe journey for all.

REGISTRATION

I (we) wish to reserve _____ place(s) on ***Voyage to the Lands of Gods & Heroes, Exploring the Classical World of the Aegean***, June 15-25, 2022, with Washington & Lee University. I/We understand that a deposit is \$1000.00 per person is required.

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ (\$1,000 per person) made payable to **Thalassa Journeys**.

Alternatively, indicate below if you prefer to make your deposit via credit card.

☐ I/We wish to pay the deposit by credit card and authorize Thalassa Journeys to contact us for credit card details. I understand that final payment is due ninety (90) days prior to departure and is payable by check or credit card.

Mail this registration form (including your deposit check, if applicable) to:

Office of Lifelong Learning, Washington and Lee University

204 West Washington St., Lexington, VA 24450

For the ease of registering online, please visit lifelong.wlu.edu/godsandheroes

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PLEASE SELECT SUITE CATEGORY IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE

1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____ 3rd choice _____

☐ Double Occupancy ☐ Single Occupancy (Inquire for rates)

DR./MR./MRS./MS. FIRST LAST (AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR PASSPORT)

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GUEST ONE MOBILE

GUEST TWO MOBILE

GUEST ONE E-MAIL

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

SIGNATURE

DATE

GUEST TWO E-MAIL

SIGNATURE

DATE

GENERAL INFORMATION

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve your space on the tour. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Payment can be made by personal check or charged to a credit card.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS: All cancellations are subject to a \$300 per person administrative 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. Requests for cancellations must be made in writing. No refunds will be made for any part of this program in which you choose not to participate.

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.

ITINERARY: The itinerary, accommodations and arrangements are subject to change at the discretion of Thalassa Journeys.

RESPONSIBILITY: Please read carefully the following terms and conditions, which constitute the sole, legally enforceable agreements between the traveler and Thalassa Journeys. Thalassa Journeys acts solely as agents for the traveler with respect to all transportation, hotel and other tour arrangements. In that capacity, we exercise all reasonable care possible to ensure the traveler'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 traveler 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 traveler, 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 traveler 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 traveler's behalf from carriers, third-party tour vendors, etc., but, we shall not have any obligation or liability to the traveler beyond the foregoing. We reserve the right to make alterations to the tour's itinerary and to substitute hotels, transportation methods, 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 not due to any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the traveler 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 deposit(s), the traveler 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 travelers. 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 travelers or impede the tour. Baggage or valuables brought on the tour shall be transported, handled or stored at the traveler's risk entirely, and, we shall bear no liability or responsibility for any damage or other loss thereto. Resolution of any disputes arising hereunder shall be affected exclusively in the state or federal courts presiding in Florida, pursuant to applicable Florida law.

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.

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