VOYAGE AROUND FLORIDA
EXPLORING NATURAL TREASURES and HISTORIC TOWNS

Aboard the 130-Guest Yorktown  |  March 15 – 25, 2014
Dear Traveler,

Florida is a place that for over five hundred years has worked its magic on the imagination. Ponce de Leon saw a beautiful spring of crystal-clear water and believed he had found the Fountain of Youth. Spanish colonists saw manatees swimming in the rivers and marshes and declared that they must be mermaids.

Most visitors to Florida come for the beaches and the theme parks, but there is so much more to the Sunshine State—and that is the voyage we have designed for you. Amazing Art Deco architecture. Magnificent art collections and stunning gardens. A Venetian Gothic palazzo. Tropical islands surrounded by crystal-clear waters. And some of the loveliest, most fascinating wildlife preserves in America. Accompanied by distinguished experts on the region, you will encounter a Florida that few visitors ever see and you will encounter the best of Florida with the ease of travel by ship.

Long before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, there were Spanish colonists in Florida. Founded in 1565, St. Augustine is the oldest continuously inhabited city in America. The Historic District preserves a host of monuments from the colonial era, including a Spanish castle and a colonial fort.

In the late 19th to early 20th centuries, America’s wealthiest families “discovered” Florida, and began to spend the winter there. We’ll visit the mansion and art museum built by the Ringlings in Sarasota, and the palatial Flagler Museum in Palm Beach, a resort town that became popular during the Gilded Age. And in Cape Canaveral, tour the Kennedy Space Center, the heart of NASA and America’s legendary space program since the 1950s.

Florida’s incredible natural beauty is something no visitor should miss, and our itinerary features the best of it. We’ll sail to and explore the Florida Keys to discover the John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park, the only living coral reef in the continental United States, where you can see an incredible variety of marine life.

The most spectacular natural site in Florida is Everglades National Park, the largest subtropical wilderness in the United States and the third largest national park in the lower 48 states. It preserves the largest mangrove swamp in the western hemisphere, and it is home to countless tropical wading birds, as well as manatees, the Florida panther, and the American crocodile, among others.

The Yorktown is an American-built vessel that flies the American flag and is staffed by American officers and crew. It was built in Florida specifically for coastal cruising in the United States, and it can enter bays, inlets, and coves that are inaccessible to larger ships.

This is an exceptional journey that offers you a rare opportunity to discover or rediscover Florida. We hope you will join us.

Sincerely,

Margaret M. Betchart
President, Betchart Expeditions Inc.
For AAAS Travels, ACS & Sigma Xi Expeditions
Discover the Incredible Diversity of Florida

THERE ARE MANY FLORIDAS. The northern part of the state is very much like the states of the Deep South—in cuisine, in language, in lifestyle. The southern part of the state has a strong Latin flavor, especially in Miami, one of the most vibrant, most exciting cities in the United States. The Florida Keys, a string of tropical coral islands that arc from just a little below Miami, around the southernmost tip of the state, and into the Gulf of Mexico, have an exotic, Caribbean feel to them. And then there are the wilderness areas of Florida, such as the vast Everglades, one of the largest national parks in the country. This is the Florida that was home for thousands of years to Florida’s Native American tribes. This is the Florida that the first Spanish explorers saw.

Very few visitors experience all of these facets of Florida, but on this voyage, you will. In fact, exploring all of these different “Floridas” by ship is the ideal way to travel. It is much more relaxing and enjoyable, much more scenic, and certainly much more comfortable than traveling around the state by other means.

Most visitors to Florida come for a vacation, typically to one of the beaches or to the theme parks in the central part of the state. What we have designed for you is an experience. Our voyage is designed to reveal the incredible diversity of this amazing state in one single journey. Among others, our explorations will include the colonial city of St. Augustine, the great art collection of the Ringling family, the spectacular coral reefs off Key Largo, the magnificent old growth bald cypress forest at Corkscrew Swamp, and the beaches of Sanibel Island, where collectors will be delighted to find dozens of varieties of unusual seashells.

Even if you have traveled to Florida before, this voyage will reveal dimensions of the Sunshine State you probably never saw before. And if this is your first visit to Florida, this voyage may make Florida your favorite destination.

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The Art Deco Architecture of Miami

The Art Deco architecture of South Beach and Miami Beach are Miami icons. Trimmed in soft shades of peach, periwinkle, turquoise, and lavender, glowing at night with neon lights that complement the lines and colors of the buildings, the city’s Art Deco district has become a must-see destination.

Art Deco debuted at an exposition in Paris in 1925. The new style—considered ultra-modern at the time—blended neoclassical elements with dramatic geometric patterns. It caught on quickly, and today you can find stunning examples of the style from New York to Shanghai. Miami is especially rich in Art Deco architecture, with dozens of buildings concentrated along three parallel streets—Ocean Drive, Collins Avenue, and Washington Avenue.

In the 1970s, the city almost lost these architectural treasures to the wrecking ball. But in 1976, Barbara Baer Capitman, a lover and champion of the Art Deco style, worked with five friends to establish the Miami Design Preservation League. The organization saved the district, won it a listing on the National Register of Historic Places, and today offers a variety of tours of what is now considered one of the loveliest parts of Miami.
Travel, Learn, and Enrich Your Experience with a Team of Experts

On our voyage, guests are accompanied by renowned experts—foremost in their respective fields—who will enhance and enrich the journey through lectures and informal discussions onboard.

**Andrew K. Frank** holds the Allen Morris Professorship in History at Florida State University. He is an award-winning scholar who has taught and lectured across the country on issues related to Florida, the American South, and Native Americans. He is the author and editor of eight books, including *Creeks and Southerners: Biculturalism on the Early American Frontier*, *The Routledge Historical Atlas of the American South*, and *The Seminole (History and Culture)*. He has received research grants and fellowships from the American Philosophical Society, Huntington Library, American Historical Association, Newborn Library, and other institutions. He is currently finishing two books—one on the history of Florida Seminole Indians and the other on the memory of Osceola and the connection to the American abolitionist movement.

**John Meffert** has traveled extensively as a lecturer on architecture, preservation, and culture for many respected institutions. He has led multiple tours for the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Florida, including to Fort Lauderdale, Miami, Sarasota, and Key West, as well as cruises on the “rivers of Florida.” He has served as the director for the National Trust for Historic Preservation’s Southern Office from 1982-1988 and was the director of the Preservation Society of Charleston, the oldest nonprofit organization in the United States, responsible for preserving the historic resources of Charleston, S.C. Mr. Meffert is a principal with Heritage Consulting Services.
The Ringlings and Their Art

John Ringling was one of America’s “circus kings,” who made a fortune off of his Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus. He and his wife, Mable, liked to spend the winter in Sarasota, Florida, then a sleepy coastal town. In the 1920s, they decided to build a home there, and the result was Ca’ d’Zan, a magnificent palace built in the Venetian Gothic style that Mabel Ringling loved. The couple traveled often to Europe, looking for new circus acts and collecting art and antiquities. To house their collection—which included masterworks by Rubens, Velazquez, Poussin, and Van Dyck—the Ringlings built a private art museum on their estate.

Today, the house and the art museum are part of a splendid museum complex that also includes the Circus Museum, the Asolo Theater—an 18th-century theater that the Ringlings had dismantled and transported from Italy to Sarasota—and the 66-acre Ringling Bayfront Gardens.
**Itinerary**

*Saturday, March 15, 2014*

**TAMPA, Florida | EMBARK**

Arrive in Tampa and embark Yorktown. (D)

*Sunday, March 16*

**SARASOTA**

Visit The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, located in the massive estate where they resided in winter. Aside from its impressive collection of European and American art, the real highlight is the scaled-down replica of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus housed in the Circus Museum. The replica displays the circus exactly as it was during its most successful and opulent years. Also, spend time at leisure to explore Sarasota’s galleries, cafes, shops, and historic buildings. (B, L, D)

*Monday, March 17*

**SANIBEL ISLAND**

Sanibel Island is known for its seashell-strewn beaches. Over half the island is preserved as a nature reserve. Visit The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum and the J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Alternatively, tour the Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, home of the largest old growth Bald Cypress Forest in North America as well as 200 bird species. (B, L, D)

*Tuesday, March 18 & Wednesday, March 19*

**FLORIDA KEYS—KEY WEST & KEY LARGO**

Consisting of a 126-mile long string of low-lying islands, the Florida Keys are noted for their inviting jade-green waters, ideal for swimming and snorkeling, and rich marine life. During our exploration of the Keys, visit Key West, the southernmost in the chain, where Ernest Hemingway lived from 1931 to 1940; and Key Largo, where the John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park provides an excellent opportunity to explore the surrounding reef and its dazzling marine life. (B, L, D)

*Thursday, March 20*

**MIAMI | EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK | MIAMI**

Enjoy a full-day excursion to magnificent Everglades National Park. The Everglades is a subtropical wetland consisting of shallow, wide, and slow-flowing rivers and lakes filled with hundreds of species of plants, trees, and birds. Alternatively, spend the day exploring vibrant Miami, with its colorful Art Deco architecture and chic art galleries. Enjoy a tour of the museum and gardens at picturesque Villa Vizcaya, designed with Renaissance, Mediterranean Revival, and baroque elements. (B, L, D)

*Friday, March 21*

**PALM BEACH**

Arrive at scenic Palm Beach, which for years was the premier winter destination for prominent American families like the Rockefellers and Kennedys. Visit the Flagler Museum, housed in a Gilded Age mansion known as Whitehall. Enjoy a guided tour of the museum and its grounds. (B, L, D)

*Saturday, March 22*

**CAPE CANAVERAL**

Today discover the Kennedy Space Center. This inspiring complex was built in conjunction with the creation of NASA in 1958. Shortly after its inception the center quickly became an iconic emblem of the United States’ dedication to space exploration. The center exhibits an incredible history but perhaps the most fascinating thing about a visit here is the...
possibility of what future expeditions will bring. Alternatively, explore Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge. (B, L, D)

Sunday, March 23

ST. AUGUSTINE
Tour historic St. Augustine, the oldest continuously inhabited city in the continental United States. Settled by the Spanish in 1565, the city withstood many attacks and eventually a fort was built. Explore the Castillo de San Marcos, completed in 1695, whose weathered masonry has withstood centuries of invasions. There will also be time to stroll along St. George Street in the historic district, with its smart shops, art galleries, and Spanish colonial buildings. (B, L, D)

Monday, March 24

ST. MARYS, Georgia | CUMBERLAND ISLAND | ST. MARYS
From St. Marys take a local ferry to nearby Cumberland Island, the largest wilderness island in the country. The island has hosted British colonists, Spanish missionaries, and the Carnegies, who built several mansions that are still standing. In 1972, the federal government purchased the island and they established the Cumberland Island National Seashore in order to protect the unique wildlife. Explore Cumberland’s historic sites, as well as the rich bird and animal life in the company of park rangers. (B, L, D)

Tuesday, March 25

SAVANNAH | DISEMBARK
Disembark Yorktown after breakfast. (B)

Kayaking through Florida’s waterways

Ernest Hemingway’s house in Key West
Yorktown

Yorktown is the perfect vessel for relaxed and convivial exploration of America's great coastal waterways. 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 only 9 feet, Yorktown is able to maneuver in secluded waterways and visit small ports that are inaccessible to larger vessels. And Yorktown's American registry makes it possible to operate domestic itineraries unavailable to foreign-flag ships. The ship's cuisine, served in a dining room large enough to accommodate all guests at once, emphasizes American regional culinary traditions. Accommodating only 130 guests in 65 exterior cabins, Yorktown, while not a luxury vessel, enjoys an atmosphere of warm and relaxed informality that endears it to repeat and new guests alike.

Life aboard Yorktown

Life aboard Yorktown is relaxed and informal, and dress is always casual. Guests discover soon after settling in that the ship's design fosters a sense of community and shared enterprise. The cabins are extremely comfortable for their size and well designed to maximize the square footage. Most have large picture windows, and each is furnished with comfortable beds, a writing desk, ample storage, a clock/radio/CD player, and a private bathroom. Your cabin is the perfect place for peace and quiet and for private rest and reflection. But you will want to spend most of your time in one of Yorktown's inviting common areas. The Lounge, never more than two decks away (Yorktown has no elevator), is the hub of shipboard activity—the place to read, to converse with fellow travelers, to attend lectures and concerts, to enjoy a cocktail as the pianist performs on the ship's Steinway piano, or simply to take in unobstructed views of the passing scene. The Sun Deck affords similar opportunities to read and relax in the open air.

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Relaxing on Yorktown’s Sun Deck

Yorktown’s spacious Lounge is surrounded by windows

Most cabins feature a picture window

Enjoying an alfresco snack on Yorktown

Cheerful bathrooms are appointed with fine toiletries

Details of the comfortable Lounge

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**PROGRAM INCLUSIONS**

- Cruise aboard the 130-guest *Yorktown*
- Complete program of tours and excursions
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions aboard ship
- All meals aboard ship, including house wine, beer, and soft drinks with lunch and dinner
- Enrichment program of lectures and discussions by accompanying study leaders
- Professional Travel Dynamics International tour staff
- Complete pre-departure materials
- Gratuities to guides and drivers

**NOT INCLUDED:** Airfare; transfers; port taxes and charges; 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 Internet service; and gratuities to shipboard personnel

**AIR RESERVATIONS:** To make your air reservations, please contact us toll-free at 800-252-4910.

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**CRUISE AND LAND RATES**

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**PORT TAXES & CHARGES:** $290 per person

**SINGLE RATES**

A limited number of cabins for solo travelers are available in Categories C–A at a supplement of $1,295 added to the per person, double occupancy rate.

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The *Yorktown* was proudly built in the USA, flies the American flag & is operated by an all-American crew.
GENERAL INFORMATION

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 90 days prior to departure. Credit cards are not accepted for final payment. However, personal checks are accepted for both deposits and final payment.

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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 Travel Dynamics International Ltd.

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Enclosed is my check or credit card no. for $______ (750 per person) as a deposit to hold ____ place(s) on Voyage Around Florida. I understand that final payment is due ninety (90) days prior to departure and is payable by check only.

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Flagler Museum, Palm Beach