SICILY, SARDINIA, CORSICA & THE BALEARIC ISLANDS
Stepping Stones of Cultures

Private-Style Cruising Aboard the All-Suite, 100-Guest Corinthian
May 6 – 14, 2013

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Dear Traveler,

For thousands of years, wave after wave of civilizations have passed over the islands of the Mediterranean, leaving their mark on art and architecture, on language, culture, and cuisine. For this exceptional voyage we have selected four destinations that are especially fascinating examples of the complex history of the Mediterranean: Sicily, Sardinia, Corsica, and the Balearic Islands. This May, we would like you to join us on a private-style cruise to these delightful islands.

The Carthaginians and the Greeks, the Romans and the Byzantines, the Arabs and the Normans all influenced the history and culture of Sicily. We’ll visit the magnificent Doric temple at Segesta, built by Greek colonists in 420 B.C., and explore the ancient town of Erice, dominated by a 12th-century Norman castle standing on the remains of a temple that tradition says was built by the Trojans.

Sardinia is an especially remarkable island, with more than 7,000 prehistoric sites dating back nearly 4,000 years. We’ll explore the finest of these Nuraghic sites, as well as Alghero, an enchanting port town that for centuries was ruled by the kings of Aragon. To this day, many residents of Alghero speak the island’s Catalan dialect.

The Balearic Islands are an archipelago off the northeast coast of Spain. We will call at the two largest islands, Majorca and Menorca. At Palma de Majorca you’ll have time to wander through the Old City, a wonderful labyrinth of narrow medieval streets that lead to the magnificent cathedral, built in the distinctive Catalan Gothic style. Mahon, on the island of Menorca, has a style all its own—Catalan Gothic, but with a dash English Georgian, which recalls the century when Menorca was a British possession.

Our ship for this private voyage is Corinthian. Served by 65 experienced officers and crew, this gracious, elegant ship accommodates 100 guests in 50 suites—all of them exterior. The ship’s features include a spacious restaurant as well as an outdoor cafe, two lounges, sun deck with Jacuzzi, and a gym, library, and beauty salon. An elevator serves all decks.

This voyage is your opportunity to explore delightful medieval towns and grand ancient sites, while also immersing yourself in the unique cultures of Sicilia, Sardinia, Corsica, and the Balearic Islands. Join us aboard Corinthian and discover for yourself the pleasures of a private-style cruise to some of the most magnificent islands of the Mediterranean.

Sincerely,

Margaret M. Betchart
President, Betchart Expeditions Inc.

For AAAS Travels, ACS & Sigma Xi Expeditions

P.S. Book by February 8, 2013 to receive one free hotel night at the Grand Hotel et Des Palmes in Palermo, pre-cruise.
Explore Sicily, Sardinia, Corsica, & the Balearics on a Private-Style Cruise

The islands of the Mediterranean are so beautiful that the ancient Greeks associated them with their gods and heroes. It was said that Aphrodite had a palace on Sicily, and that it was on Sicily where Dionysus discovered wine grapes. The Sardinians claimed to be descended from the children of Hercules. And on Majorca Zeus planted a garden, at the center of which grew a tree that produced apples of solid gold.

Sicily, Sardinia, Corsica, and the Balearic Islands still enchant visitors—that is why we have designed a voyage specifically to these captivating destinations. You’ll discover that these islands are especially well suited for a private-style cruise aboard a small ship. In an intimate group, you can experience the culture of these places, and also have the freedom to explore—at your own pace—the remains of the ancient site of Su Nuraxi or the galleries of the Museu Fundacion Juan March in Palma de Majorca. You have time to stop and chat with the residents, taste their food, sip their wine, and shop in their markets.

Of course, going hand-in-hand with the intimacy of these islands is the grandeur of the place, and you’ll experience that, too. Some of the greatest civilizations of the Mediterranean world left their mark on these shores. You’ll see their enduring influence on the islands, not as part of a noisy throng, but in a small group on private excursions where you can interact with your guide as well as with your fellow travelers.

When we design the itinerary to these sublime Mediterranean islands, we seek out places that the mega cruise ships cannot access. And we also seek out the unexpected. In many ports, you will have the option to choose among various excursions at no additional cost, or if you prefer, to go off on your own to make your own discoveries. On a private cruise, you have the freedom to design your own experience.

Discovering magnificent historic sites is one facet of our voyages, and immersing yourself in the culture of the islands is another. You may want to spend an afternoon in a cafe, a public square, or an outdoor market—all places where the local people gather and where you can see how they go about their lives, day to day. Here is your opportunity to sample traditional regional cuisine, pick up a few phrases of another language, and admire the craftsmanship of skilled artisans. These encounters enrich your experience during the voyage, and they enrich your life when you return home. And they are only available on a private cruise.

The Bonapartes of Corsica

The family of Napoleon Buonaparte (the original spelling) were cash-poor Corsican aristocrats. On August 15th, 1769, Napoleon was born in the family’s ancestral home in Ajaccio. There would be eight Buonaparte children in all, six of whom would survive to adulthood.

Napoleon’s parents sent him to school in France, where his classmates mocked him because he spoke French with a heavy Corsican accent. Nonetheless, France became Napoleon’s adopted home. When the French Revolution erupted in the streets of Paris, Napoleon sided with the revolutionaries.

Corsica was in the middle of its own uprising to achieve independence from French rule. When Napoleon publicly declared his support for the French over the Corsican patriots, the Corsican assembly declared that all the members of the Buonaparte family were traitors. In fear for their lives, Napoleon’s widowed mother and siblings fled to France.

Mahon’s deep harbor is surrounded by characteristic architecture
A Small Shipboard Community of Like-Minded Travelers

Meeting and mingling with your fellow travelers is one of the greatest pleasures of the voyage. Returning travelers write to us again and again about this. Your traveling companions are well-traveled, friendly, accomplished in their careers, and have interesting stories to share. They enjoy exploring places, learning about them, and making new friends. Aboard Corinthian, you are not an anonymous tourist in a crowd of strangers; you are a welcome member of a small shipboard community.

The Flavors of Majorca

With its emphasis on olive oil, fresh vegetables and fruit, crusty bread, and good wine, Majorcan cuisine is rooted in the classic ingredients of the Mediterranean, one of the most flavorful and one of the healthiest diets in the world. But Majorcan cooks have added their own variations, including pork, prawns (which are abundant in Majorcan waters), plenty of garlic, gourmet salt from the salt plains outside Palma de Majorca, and almonds.

While you are exploring the local sites, our shipboard chefs will go to the Majorcan markets to replenish the ship’s pantry with whatever is fresh, seasonal, and locally produced. On our menu you can expect to find produce from Majorcan farms, wines from Majorcan vineyards, and fish plucked straight from the sea that morning.
Well known to the audiences of more than forty countries on six continents, Boris Berman, Yale Professor in the Practice of Piano, regularly appears with leading orchestras, on major recital series, and in important international festivals. In 2000 Yale University Press published Mr. Berman’s Notes from the Pianist’s Bench, which has been translated into several languages. His new book, Prokofiev’s Piano Sonatas, has just been published.

Richard Seager is the Palisades Geophysical Institute/Lamont Research Professor at Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University. He studies climate variability and change on seasonal to glacial-interglacial timescales, and specifically, how global and Mediterranean hydroclimate is changing as a consequence of greenhouse warming.

Dr. James Wiseman, lecturer for the Archaeological Institute of America, is an expert on Mediterranean archaeology, history, and art from prehistoric times to Late Antiquity. His recent research interests include archaeology of the Roman provinces, the archaeology of Greek and Roman religion, and late antiquity in the Mediterranean.
Our voyage is accompanied by an experienced team of lecturers and expert local guides who are intimately familiar with the destination. Through lectures and discussion, they will introduce you to the natural and cultural history of these unforgettable islands.

Cruise Director Peter Graham's many years of experience in the travel industry began when he left his native London and first went to sea. Peter worked as Cruise Director and Expedition Leader on Travel Dynamics International’s small cruise ships, not only throughout the Mediterranean, but also to some of the remotest places in the world. Travelers praise Peter for his knowledge, leadership skills, and warmth.

Tour Manager Brian Goyette's interest in travel has led him to over 60 countries on all seven continents. An experienced sommelier and a student of art and design as well as a knowledgeable traveler, Brian received his early culinary education at the hands of some of California’s greatest chefs and wine experts, including Jeremiah Tower and Barbara Tropp.

Tour Manager Paige Harris worked in Event Production and Project Management since 2001, managing marketing tours for major corporations such as Delta Airlines, Coca-Cola, and Dow Chemicals. She is pleased to now travel the world as a tour manager, believing that travel is more than checking places off a list, but rather an opportunity to learn more about others, their cultures, and ourselves.

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Segesta’s spectacular 3rd-century b.c. theater, built on Mt. Barbaro
How Active Do You Want to Be?

There’s a sense of freedom on a bicycle. Pedaling through the countryside, you get to know the landscape in an intimate way. It is a joyful way to explore. And it’s fun.

To enable you to experience some of the most scenic regions of the Mediterranean in a more intimate way, Corinthian carries a fleet of bicycles on board. When circumstances allow, as an alternative to our traditional excursions, you will have the option of joining a bicycle excursion led by our resident Bicycle Master.

We have selected the routes carefully so that you will be biking leisurely over easy-to-moderate terrain. And all of our bicycle excursions are available at no additional cost.
Itinerary

Monday, May 6, 2013
USA
Fly from the U.S. to Palermo, Italy.

Tuesday, May 7
PALERMO, Sicily, Italy | EMBARK
Arrive in Palermo and transfer to embark Corinthian. (D)

Wednesday, May 8
TRAPANI | ERICE | SEGESTA | TRAPANI
Drive up winding roads to the medieval town of Erice. The town was known for its temple to the fertility goddess, Astarte. Look around the 12th-century Venus Castle and continue to Segesta for a visit to its magnificent Doric temple, built in 420 B.C. and among the best-preserved ancient Greek sites. (B, L, D)

Thursday, May 9
CAGLIARI, Sardinia | SU NURAXI | NORA or CAGLIARI
Arrive in Cagliari, Sardinia’s capital, built on a hill facing the sea. Disembark and drive to the village of Barumini to visit Su Nuraxi, Sardinia’s most important and impressive nuraghic complex and a UNESCO Heritage of Humanity Site. After lunch aboard, spend time at leisure to explore Cagliari on your own, or take an excursion to Nora, whose ancient remains date from the Carthaginian and Roman periods. (B, L, D)

Friday, May 10
BONIFACIO, Corsica, France
Call in Bonifacio, built on spectacular high cliffs on Corsica’s south coast. Stroll through the striking town, with its winding...
Sardinia’s Nuraghic Civilization

The Nuraghic people are still a mystery to archaeologists and historians. They had no written language, and the ruined towers and villages and strange artifacts they left behind provide few clues about them.

Nuraghic civilization began on Sardinia about the year 1800 B.C. The Nuraghic people were skilled in metalwork—their bronzes have been found in Mycenae, on Cyprus, and on Crete. Across Sardinia are remains of 7,000 Nuraghic sites, most of them stone watchtowers or fortified villages, which has led some historians to suggest that the Nuraghic people were frequent victims of seafaring raiders.

Nuraghic society survived into the 3rd century B.C. As the Nuraghic people intermarried with Carthaginian and later Roman colonists, they slowly abandoned their traditional culture.

medieval lanes and brightly colored houses adorned with imaginative family crests. Admire the fine Gothic architecture and dramatic scenery from the limestone cliffs facing the sea. (B, L, D)

Saturday, May 11

ALGHERO, Sardinia, Italy

Tour Alghero, the region’s major fishing port. Known as “Barcelonetta” because of its predominantly Catalan flavor, our tour will explore the picturesque cobblestoned streets and flamboyantly decorated churches of its historic core. Also visit the nearby Anghelu Ruiu Necropolis—a pre-Nuraghic cave complex with more than 30 hypogea (underground temples or tombs)—and the Nuraghe Palmavera before returning to Alghero. (B, L, D)

Sunday, May 12

MAHON, Menorca, Spain

Our tour of Mahon, the island’s main port, reveals an unusual hybrid architectural style comprised of classical Georgian sash-windowed town houses and traditional Spanish homes lining its narrow streets and bustling waterfront. After visiting Fort Marlborough, the 18th-century British fortification, continue to the site of Torralba d’en Salord, which contains the island’s largest and best-preserved prehistoric settlements. (B, L, D)

Monday, May 13

PALMA DE MAJORCA, Majorca

Arrive in Palma de Majorca, located on Majorca, the largest of the Balearic Islands. Palma, the archipelago’s capital, is renowned for its fine location and romantic medieval quarter. Visit the lovely golden-stone 13th-century Gothic cathedral in the old city. Also explore the Museu Fundacion Juan March, housing a sizable permanent collection of the most important Spanish artists of the 20th century. (B, L, D)

Tuesday, May 14

BARCELONA | DISEMBARK | USA

Disembark in Barcelona and transfer to the airport for return flights to the U.S. (B)
Red-tiled roofs of Alghero's (Sardinia) historical center at sunset
Corinthian Sets the Standard for Private-Style Cruising

In an era of mega cruise ships that carry thousands of passengers, *Corinthian* is a delightful alternative. More like a private yacht than a cruise ship, *Corinthian* accommodates only 100 guests in 50 suites. *Corinthian*'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.

All of *Corinthian*'s suites face outside, providing views of the sea and landscape. Several have a private balcony. There are expansive open deck areas and attractive facilities, including a gym, spa, library (with Internet access), beauty salon, boutique, two lounges, a sun deck with Jacuzzi, and an outdoor cafe. An elegant restaurant accommodates all guests in an open, unassigned seating. An elevator serves all decks. A resident physician attends a well-equipped infirmary. Wi-Fi is available throughout the ship.

Served by 65 seasoned officers and crew, *Corinthian* complies with the latest international safety regulations, including those of the U.S. Coast Guard, meets the requirements of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and is outfitted with the most current navigational and communications technology. *Corinthian* is equipped with retractable fin stabilizers and a fleet of Zodiac inflatable craft for forays ashore.
All accommodations aboard Corinthian are suites. They face outside, affording sea views, and include a bedroom with two twin-size beds that can convert to a queen-size bed, sitting area, mini-refrigerator, safe, spacious closets, climate control, telephone, TV, DVD/CD player, Internet connection, and bathroom with marble vanity, shower, and other amenities. All suites are non-smoking.

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VS & PHS suites are provided with private butler service and other exclusive amenities.

SINGLES: Single accommodations are available in select categories at a supplement to the per person, double occupancy rates. Single rates, per person:
Category E: $8,390; Category C: $10,070; Category A: $11,870; Category VS: $19,875.

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. For assistance with flights, you may contact Gina Robello at Betchart Expeditions Inc., (800) 252-4910 or e-mail Gina@betchartexpeditions.com.

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FOR RESERVATIONS OR INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT GINA ROBELLO AT (800) 252-4910.
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 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.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS: All cancellations are subject to a $400 per person 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.

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.

RESPONSIBILITY: Please read carefully the following terms and conditions, which constitute the sole, legally enforceable agreements between the passenger and Travel Dynamics International 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 tour and is available on request from Travel Dynamics International. Travel Dynamics International 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, 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 not 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 forwarding their deposit(s), 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 therefor. Passenger tickets are not transferable and are not subject to alteration by the passenger. No suit shall be maintainable 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, unless written notice of the claim, with all 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 any 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 passenger 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 reserves the right to charge a fuel supplement, without prior notice, if the NYMEX oil price exceeds $85 per barrel. This supplement may be charged even if the cruise fare has been paid in full.

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