Between Two Seas: Exploring the Ancient Cities of the Aegean and Black Seas

Aboard the All-Suite, 57-Cabin Corinthian II

September 27 - October 7, 2010

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Explorers Club Lecturer & Host

JAMES WISEMAN (FN ‘91) (Ph.D., University of Chicago) is an expert on Mediterranean archaeology, history, and art from prehistoric times to Late Antiquity. He is the founder of the Department of Archaeology at Boston University, where he is the Founder’s Professor Emeritus of Archaeology as well as Professor Emeritus of Art History and Classical Studies. Professor Wiseman is the author or editor of nine books and more than 200 articles, and is the Founding Editor of the Journal of Field Archaeology. He served two terms (1984-1988) as President of the Archaeological Institute of America, and in 2008 was awarded the AIA’s Gold Medal for Distinguished Archaeological Achievement.

Professor Wiseman is a Fellow of The Explorers Club, Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London, Life Member of Clare Hall at the University of Cambridge, Foreign Member of the Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts, and Corresponding Member of the German Archaeological Institute. He has directed archaeological excavations and surveys in Greece, the former Yugoslavia, and Spain. His recent research interests include archaeology of the Roman provinces, the archaeology of Greek and Roman religion, and late antiquity in the Mediterranean. Professor Wiseman has lectured extensively in the U.S. and Europe, and on a number of previous Explorers Club-sponsored voyages throughout the Mediterranean and around the Black Sea. He is particularly pleased to have this opportunity to introduce EC travelers to some of his favorite places, including Macedonia, the homeland of Philip II and Alexander the Great, where we will visit both Vergina with its Royal Tombs and Thessaloniki, an imperial capital in Roman times as well as a center of early Christian art and architecture; and Volos in Thessaly, the ancient Iolkos from which Jason and the Argonauts sailed to the Black Sea to retrieve the Golden Fleece.

Other Onboard Lecturers

SHELDON ROTHBLATT, Professor of History Emeritus at the University of California, Berkeley, specializes in the history of ideas. He has a long-standing intellectual and cultural interest in the ancient worlds of the Mediterranean. He likes to trace their origins and leading features, and assess their impact on the making of western civilization through the subsequent centuries and into the modern period.

CHRISTINA NIELSEN is the Assistant Curator for Medieval Art in the Art Institute of Chicago’s Department of Medieval through Modern European Painting and Sculpture. She received a Ph.D. in medieval art history from the University of Chicago and has taught courses on medieval, late antique, and Byzantine art at the University of Chicago, UCLA, and UC-Santa Barbara.

All lecturers are subject to change.

PHOTOS: Cover: View of Istanbul from the Topkapi Palace; This page: Blue Mosque, Istanbul; Next page: Spectacular Meteora

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Dear Traveler,

I am pleased to invite you to join Explorers Club lecturer and host James Wiseman (FN ’91) on a unique itinerary aboard a luxurious, 57-cabin, all-suite yacht exploring ancient sites at the crossroads of Europe and Asia. Sail the northern Aegean Sea through the breathtaking Bosphorus and into the Black Sea.

Highlights in Greece include Vergina, where the excavated Macedonian palace and tombs of Alexander the Great’s family (including his father, Philip II) are located; as well as the spectacular “monasteries in mid-air” of Meteora. In Turkey, investigate the vast remains of fabled Troy, the magnificent Byzantine and Ottoman monuments of Istanbul, and Bursa, the first capital of the 14th century’s new Ottoman Empire. Farther off the beaten path is lovely Nessebur, known as “Bulgaria’s Dubrovnik” for its well-preserved medieval architecture.

Your Explorers Club lecturer and host is Professor James Wiseman, an expert on Mediterranean archaeology, history, and art from prehistoric times to Late Antiquity. Jim is a dedicated educator who has lectured on previous Explorers Club-sponsored voyages throughout the Mediterranean and Black Seas.

Accommodating no more than 114 guests in her 57 elegantly-appointed exterior suites, Corinthian II is ideal for this splendid itinerary. Please join Professor Wiseman for this unforgettable voyage to the undiscovered treasures of the northern Aegean and the Black Sea.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Lorie Karnath (FI ’89)
President
The Explorers Club®

P.S. I encourage you to reserve your suite ASAP so that you may enjoy the significant savings outlined on the Cruise and Land Rates panel for those who book early.

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**Itinerary**

*Monday, September 27, 2010 ➔ FLY FROM USA*

*Tuesday, September 28 ➔ ISTANBUL, Turkey*

Arrive in Istanbul and transfer to the Hotel Ceylan InterContinental Istanbul. Built on the Bosphorus, the narrow waterway separating Asia from Europe, Istanbul was the capital of the Byzantine and Ottoman Empires.

*Wednesday, September 29 ➔ ISTANBUL ➔ EMBARK*

Explore Istanbul’s principal monuments, including the Basilica of Hagia Sophia; Topkapi Palace, the seat of Ottoman sultans; and the Blue Mosque. Also visit the Archaeological Museum. Embark Corinthian II and sail. *(B, L, D)*

*Thursday, September 30 ➔ KAVALLA, Northern Aegean, Greece ➔ PHILOPPI ➔ KAVALLA*

Call at Kavalla, the port of Philippi that marked the eastern boundary of ancient Rome’s European empire, and where, in A.D. 49, St. Paul addressed his Epistle to the Philippians. Today it is a fascinating port city with a Turkish aqueduct and the Imaret, said to be Europe’s largest Islamic building. Then travel to Philippi and visit the town’s extensive ruins, largely Roman or early Christian; acropolis; theater; and two Byzantine basilicas. *(B, L, D)*

*Friday, October 1 ➔ THESSALONIKI ➔ VERGINA ➔ THESSALONIKI*

Arrive in Thessaloniki for an excursion to Vergina to visit the Royal Macedonian tombs and museum. Return to Thessaloniki for an afternoon tour, including visits to several Byzantine churches as well as the Byzantine Museum (or the Archaeological Museum). *(B, L, D)*

*Saturday, October 2 ➔ VOLOS ➔ PELION or METEORA ➔ VOLOS*

Explore mountainous Pelion, one of Greece’s most alluring regions. The mythological home of Centaurs—wild half-man, half-horse creatures—Pelion is dotted with picturesque villages set amidst lush vegetation. Visit Portaria, with its streams and glorious main square, and Makrynitsa, whose old stone mansions are built on the mountain slopes. Also visit the Volos Archaeological Museum. Alternatively, travel to Meteora (“monasteries in mid-air”), a group of monasteries built (starting in the 14th century) on a series of rocks rising from the Thessaly plain. Visit one or two monasteries and return to Volos. *(B, L, D)*

*Sunday, October 3 ➔ CANAKKALE, Turkey ➔ TROY ➔ CANAKKALE*

Guarding the strategic narrows of the Hellespont, or Dardanelles, Canakkale is our gateway to Troy, where ongoing archaeological excavations have revealed nine layers of cities superimposed in rings on a mound rising above the “windswept” Plain of Ilium. It was at one of these cities, as legend has it, that the Greeks fought the Trojans as told by Homer in his *Iliad*. This
city of King Priam finally fell to Odysseus’s ruse of the Trojan Horse. Also visit the Archaeological Museum. (B, L, D)

Monday, October 4  ♦  MUDANYA I BURSA I MUDANYA

From Mudanya, on the Sea of Marmara, drive to Bursa. A spa since ancient times and an important silk center since the Byzantine period, in 1376 Bursa became the first capital of the new Ottoman Empire. It is noted for its outstanding Ottoman monuments, including the 14th-century Green Mosque; the 15th-century tomb of Mehmet I; the 15th-century Great Mosque, with its 20 domes; and the Muradiye Complex. Also visit the Archaeological Museum and explore the silk market, dating from 1451. (B, L, D)

Tuesday, October 5  ♦  BARTIN, Turkey’s Black Sea Coast I AMASRA I BARTIN

Drive to Amasra (The Iliad’s Sesamus), poised atop a headland and known as one of the Black Sea’s most beautiful towns. Founded by Milesians in the 6th century B.C., it became an important possession of both Byzantium and Genoa. View the Genoese citadel crowning one of the promontories and visit the local museum’s exhibits of archaeological finds from the Roman Period. (B, L, D)

Wednesday, October 6  ♦  NESSEBUR, Bulgaria

Arrive in charming Nessebur, known in ancient times as Messembria, or “town amid the sea” according to Herodotus. Enjoy a walking tour of the town and its old timbered houses. Visit the Byzantine churches of St. Stephen and Christ of the Pantocrator and the Archaeological Museum. View the city’s ancient ruins, which date mostly from the Hellenistic period and include an acropolis, a Temple of Apollo, and an agora. (B, L, D)

Thursday, October 7  ♦  ISTANBUL, Turkey I DESEMBARK I FLY TO USA (B)
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 only 114 guests in 57 suites. Corinthian II’s limited guest capacity, fine facilities, and distinctive style of operation attract 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.

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