DEAR W&L ALUMNI,
PARENTS, AND FRIENDS,

Over the past 30 years, the W&L Traveller has offered several versions of the classic voyage to Greece and Turkey, exploring the iconic destinations and legendary treasures of the Aegean in the company of select guides and esteemed faculty. And yet, never before have we been able to combine such a splendid introduction to the classical world with the comfort and elegance of a small cruise ship and at such an extraordinary value. In collaboration with veteran associates at Voyages to Antiquity and W&L classics professor Kevin Crotty, we have developed a truly exceptional experience aboard the 350-passenger Aegean Odyssey. I know the ship well and can personally testify to the comfort of its cabins and the extraordinary level of its many shipboard services. I think that after a review of its many inclusions you will quickly agree that this cruise is a remarkable value.

The destination, of course, speaks for itself, though in that it has been well served over the millennia by Homer. This signature Aegean cruise will not only survey the ancient world, its major legends and events, values and beliefs, it will place them in the broader context of Western history. A pre-cruise interlude in Athens will give us time to explore the Acropolis and its dazzling, recently-opened Museum before we set forth across the wine-dark sea on a voyage that will live in your memory always. Join us on the beautiful Aegean as we explore the birthplace of democracy and Western civilization in the congenial and stimulating company of fellow W&L travelers.

Sincerely,

Robert Fure, Director
The W&L Traveller

STUDY LEADERS

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.

DAVID PRICE-WILLIAMS has been associated with the eastern Mediterranean— Greece, Turkey, Jordan—and the Near East for more than 40 years. He is deeply involved with all aspects of Near Eastern culture, history and archaeology. He is the author and co-author of numerous academic papers on the area, has designed and lectured on many tours, and has visited many of the archaeological sites in the region. David is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, an elected member of the Royal Society for Asian Affairs, and a life member of the Southern African Quaternary Research Association. He speaks Turkish and reads Classical Greek.
ITINERARY

SUNDAY & MONDAY, AUGUST 23-24
U.S. / Athens, Greece
Depart the U.S on an overnight flight to Athens and transfer to your hotel upon arrival.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25 / Athens
Tour of the Acropolis & Acropolis Museum.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26 / Athens
Free morning to explore the city. Transfer to Aegean Odyssey in Piraeus this afternoon.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27 / Delos / Mykonos
Morning visit to the sacred island of Delos. Sail to Mykonos and spend the afternoon at leisure.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28 / Santorini
Full day tour with a morning visit to Akrotiri, afternoon at Fira.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29 / Rethimnon, Crete
Tour of the Minoan Palace of Knossos. Spend the afternoon individually exploring the Venetian & Ottoman architecture of Rethimnon.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 / Kos
Visit the famous archaeological site of Asklepeion.

MONDAY, AUGUST 31 / Rhodes
Morning tour to the Acropolis in Lindos. Afternoon tour to the Old Town of Rhodes, including Citadel of the Knights of St John.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 / Fethiye, Turkey
Visit to the ruins of the ancient city of Patara.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 / Izmir
Sightseeing tour of Ephesus, the spectacular ancient Roman capital.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 / Izmir
Pergamon, including the remains of the altar of Zeus.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 / Canakkale
A visit to ancient Troy or Gallipoli.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 / Istanbul / U.S.
Disembark Aegean Odyssey and transfer to Istanbul Airport for flights home.

EXTENSION

For those who choose to extend their stay in Istanbul, the itinerary will continue as follows:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 / Istanbul
Disembark Aegean Odyssey and transfer to your hotel. A morning tour includes Hagia Sophia & Topkapi Palace. Afternoon visits are to the Blue Mosque & Grand Bazaar.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 / Istanbul
A day at leisure with an optional tour to the Archaeological Museum & Basilica Cisterns.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 / Istanbul / U.S.
Transfer to Istanbul Airport for flights home.

Extension Price:
$485 per person, double occupancy; $875 single
**AEGEAN ODYSSEY**

- A mid-size ship, accommodating 350 guests in spacious, comfortable surroundings.
- Cruising the smaller, less crowded harbors and closer to the coast for fabulous views.
- Generously sized suites, junior suites and staterooms with bathtub and/or shower, flatscreen TV, personal safe and hair dryer.
- Balcony Class staterooms (Categories A-D) feature additional amenities.
- Two restaurants and an outdoor terrace feature open seating dining.
- Amenities include several lounges and bars, lecture theater, library.
- Outdoor pool, spa with treatment rooms, hairdresser & beauty center.
- Internet center and Wi-Fi—telephone, fax and email access via satellite.
- Portable audio headset system for shore excursions.

**COST, PER PERSON (INCLUDES AIRFARE)**

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**THIRD/FOURTH PERSON** $4,650

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PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE
Round-trip airfare, Economy Air from over 60 North American gateways including all airline and government fees, taxes and fuel surcharges. (Business Class Airfares will be available on request) • 10-night cruise aboard the Aegean Odyssey with all meals onboard • A complimentary cocktail party onboard for W&L travellers • Two pre-cruise hotel nights in Athens including half-day city tour and breakfast • In-depth lecture program featuring expert guest speakers giving destination-related talks • Select shore excursions in each port of call and lunch on full day excursions • All gratuities for restaurant and steward staff onboard • Select wine with dinner each evening onboard (beer or soft drinks if preferred) • Transfers and portage for those guests on the Voyages to Antiquity air program and traveling on the group arrival and departure dates • Port charges of $450 per person • Balcony Class passengers (Categories A-D) receive special amenities including a welcome bottle of champagne, soft drinks and bottled water, bathrobe and slippers. Moulton Brown bathroom amenities.

PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE
Two post-cruise hotel nights in Istanbul, including half-day city tour and breakfast, (The additional cost is $485/2p double occupancy and $875 single) • Passport/visa fees and airport taxes where these are payable locally • Travel insurance • Optional shore excursions where offered • Beauty and spa treatments • Laundry and pressing services • Internet charges and telephone calls • Beverages (other than those included at dinner) and other personal items.

WHAT TO EXPECT
Activities on this program are not very strenuous, though daily excursions can involve up to two miles of walking at a time, often on cobblestones or uneven terrain. In some instances, elevators are unavailable and stairs may not have handrails. Participants must be physically fit, active, and in good health. Summer days in the region are sunny and warm. Daytime temperatures in the 90s are possible, with evenings somewhat cooler. Rain showers are rare but it can be breezy at sea.

*AIR ARRANGEMENTS
Included roundtrip airfare is economy class, applicable in conjunction with cruise-tour purchase only and includes all government taxes, fees and airline fuel surcharges. Some non-standard gateways may incur additional charges. Airline-imposed personal charges such as baggage fees may apply.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS
A deposit of 10% of the fare is required within 7 days of booking with final payment due at least 31 days prior to departure, April 25, 2015. Credit card payments are encouraged for both deposits and final payments, but checks are certainly accepted. The tour operator will send individual booking confirmations along with invoices reflecting deposits paid and showing the balance due. All requests for cancellations must be received in writing and the following penalties apply:
• Cancellation more than 120 days prior to departure: Full Refund
• Cancellation between 90-119 days prior to departure: 10% of fare
• Cancellation between 61-89 days prior to departure: 25% of fare
• Cancellation between 31-60 days prior to departure: 50% of fare
• Cancellation between 10 and 16 days prior to departure: 75% of fare
• Cancellation 15 days or less before departure: 100% of fare.
No refunds are made in the event of “no-shows” or cancellations made on the day of sailing. For this reason we strongly urge participants to purchase travel cancellation insurance. If the program is cancelled by The W&L Traveller, your tour operator, you will receive a full refund, without further obligation on our part. No refunds will be made for any part of the program on which you choose not to participate.

INSURANCE
The cancellation insurance is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident as well as damaged or lost luggage. A brochure will be sent with confirmation materials.

RESPONSIBILITY
The W&L Traveller, Washington and Lee University, and Criterion Travel, its officers and its employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, officers, directors, successors, agents, and assigns (hereafter referred to as “the Organizers”) act only as agents, on behalf of the passenger with respect to the travel services on this program, including but not limited to transportation, stop arrangements, food services, etc. The Organizers are not responsible for any injury, loss, accident, death, inconvenience, delay, or damage to person or property in connection with the provision of any goods or services whether resulting from, but not limited to negligence, acts of God or force majeure, acts of war or civil unrest, Insurrection or revolt, animals, strikes or other labor ailments, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, mechanical or other failure of airplanes or other means of transportation, or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart on time. If delayed past tour dates due to weather, flight schedules, or other uncontrollable factors, you will be responsible for your own hotels, transfers, and meals costs. Baggage is entirely at owner’s risk. The right is reserved to decline to accept or to retain any person as a member of this program at any time. Passenger certifies not to have any mental, physical, or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other passengers. We reserve the right to change the itinerary, trip features, or accommodations at any time and for any reason, with or without notice, as deemed necessary by program staff. The right is reserved to cancel any program prior to departure, in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. No refund will be made for any unused portion of the program. The Organizers do not accept liability for any airline, bartender’s, restaurant or hotel penalty incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable ticket connected with the tour. Program price is based on rates in effect as of October 2014 and is subject to change to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs, or fuel charges.

Upon payment of their deposit, tour participants indicate acceptance of the above Terms and Conditions.

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FOR DOUBLE RESERVATIONS
I We prefer one bed  We prefer two twin beds

FOR SINGLE RESERVATIONS
I wish to have single accommodations or I plan to share accommodations with or I’d like to know about possible roommates

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by 120 days prior to departure, I will pay the single rate.

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Please accept my deposit of $ _________ ($1,000 per person) to hold ___ place(s).
I Enclosed is my check (payable to Criterion Travel) or Please charge my deposit to my Visa Mastercard American Express or Discover Diner’s Club

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ATHENS TO ISTANBUL

AUGUST 23–SEPTEMBER 5, 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

Scale the incomparable Acropolis in Athens and gaze upon its treasures in the newly built Acropolis Museum.

Finish in Istanbul and optionally extend your stay in the city where East meets West.

Visit well-known Greek islands such as Mykonos, Santorini, Crete, and Rhodes as well as the lesser-known Delos and Kos.

Enjoy an exclusive lecture program in addition to ample free time at the most popular ports of call.

See some of the top ancient sites in Turkey including Ephesus, Pergamon, and Troy.

Roundtrip air included in price*