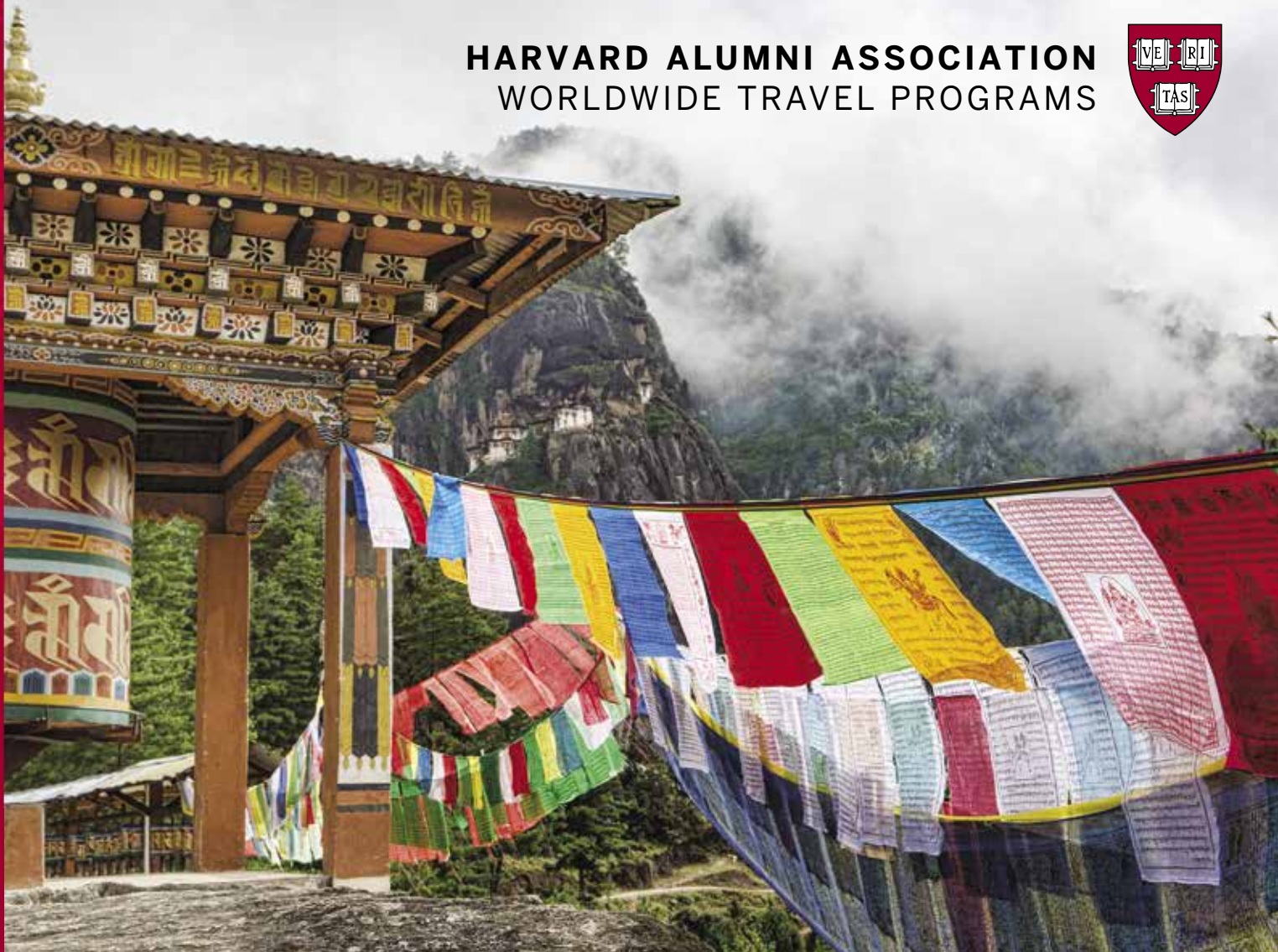


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A photograph of two cranes in flight against a sunset sky. The cranes are silhouetted against the bright orange and yellow light of the setting sun. A palm tree is visible on the right side of the frame, also silhouetted. The overall scene is a tropical sunset landscape.

# 2015 TRIPS

## CENTRAL AMERICA: CROSSING COSTA RICA, NICARAGUA & EL SALVADOR

FEBRUARY 2–13, 2015



LAND

Central America—an isthmus fusing North and South America—contains far more than the beautiful beaches and exotic rain forests that most people imagine. Highlights of this trip include visiting Tortuguero National Park, nesting place of the endangered sea turtle; touring the charming colonial cities of Granada and León; crossing the dramatic Gulf of Fonseca, dotted by islands and volcanoes; relaxing at the secluded Maculís Beach; and exploring the unique pre-Columbian Maya site of Joya de Cerén, the “Pompeii of Central America.” Enjoy the region’s soaring mountains, scenic coffee farms, spectacular wildlife, stunning lakes, and tasty cuisine.

**STUDY LEADER:** To be announced

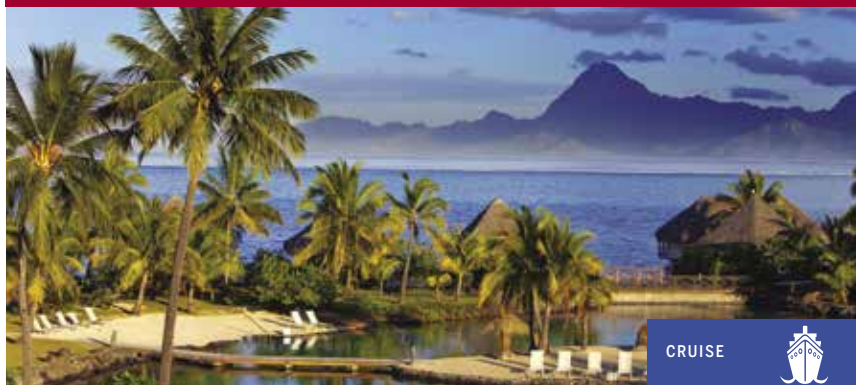
**GROUP SIZE:** 12 to 22 guests

**PRICING:** \$5,595 DOUBLE/\$6,490 SINGLE

## TAHITI & FRENCH POLYNESIA ON PAUL GAUGUIN

FEBRUARY 12–22, 2015

AIRFARE INCLUDED 



CRUISE



Spend nine relaxing yet educational nights in Tahiti and French Polynesia, with seven nights aboard a five-star small ship amid the islands, atolls, and motus of Tahiti, Ra’iatea, Taha’a, Bora Bora, and Mo’orea. This splendid opportunity includes airfare from Los Angeles and a whole host of complimentary features aboard ship. You will also spend two nights in Papeete, Tahiti, including an exclusive excursion to the Paul Gauguin Museum. Post-program options in a deluxe seaside resort on Mo’orea or Bora Bora are offered.

**STUDY LEADER:** To be announced

**SHIP SIZE:** Up to 332 guests

**CO-SPONSORS:** Dartmouth College, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Northwestern University, among others

**PRICING:** From \$5,815\* DOUBLE/\$14,215\* SINGLE

\*PRICE INCLUDES AIRFARE FROM LOS ANGELES.

## ART, ARCHAEOLOGICAL & ARCHITECTURAL TREASURES OF MEXICO CITY

FEBRUARY 18–23, 2015



LAND

Mexico City boasts an enormous repository of art and architectural treasures that span the centuries. Scattered throughout its urban core are oases of beauty, from the colorful murals adorning public buildings to the domiciles of Frida Kahlo and Dolores Olmedo. Great architecture abounds, from the soaring pyramids of Teotihuacán, to the modernist creations of Luis Barragán, to the city's sparkling new museums. Stay at the five-star Gran Hotel Ciudad de Mexico, housed in a dramatic art nouveau palace, perfectly located in the historic center. Enjoy sumptuous meals at top restaurants, which provide a sampling of Mexico's wide-ranging cuisine.

**STUDY LEADER:** To be announced

**GROUP SIZE:** 15 to 30 guests

**PRICING:** \$3,995 DOUBLE/\$4,690 SINGLE

## A HISTORY OF EUROPEAN FASHION IN LONDON & PARIS

MARCH 13–21, 2015



LAND

Trace the threads of European sartorial history on privileged visits in London and Paris. In London, enjoy exclusive access to the workroom and livery department of Henry Poole & Co., the first Savile Row tailor, and enjoy afternoon tea with a British designer. Tour the extensive costume and textile collections of the Victoria and Albert Museum, including the special exhibition *Alexander McQueen: Savage Beauty*, and explore Elizabethan theatrical costume at the Globe Theatre. Travel by high-speed Eurostar railway to Paris to see the recently reopened Musée Galliera, offering three centuries of fashion history, and the famed Chanel boutique, with its mirrored staircase, on the Rue Cambon.

**STUDY LEADER:** To be announced

**GROUP SIZE:** 15 to 25 guests

**PRICING:** \$7,995 DOUBLE/\$9,445 SINGLE

## A WEEK IN BUENOS AIRES

MARCH 13–21, 2015



LAND

Renowned for its geographic setting, grand avenues, old-time cafés, famed museums, and distinctive architecture, Buenos Aires is often called the “Paris of South America.” This seven-day sojourn will give you the chance to explore the many attractions of this exciting capital city. Immerse yourself in the gaucho tradition on a special visit to a private *estancia* (cattle ranch) in the Pampas; stroll down the River Plate waterfront and through beautiful parks; explore the city’s great museums, art galleries, and architecture; and observe the newly restored Teatro Colón opera house. There is also plenty of time to explore on your own.

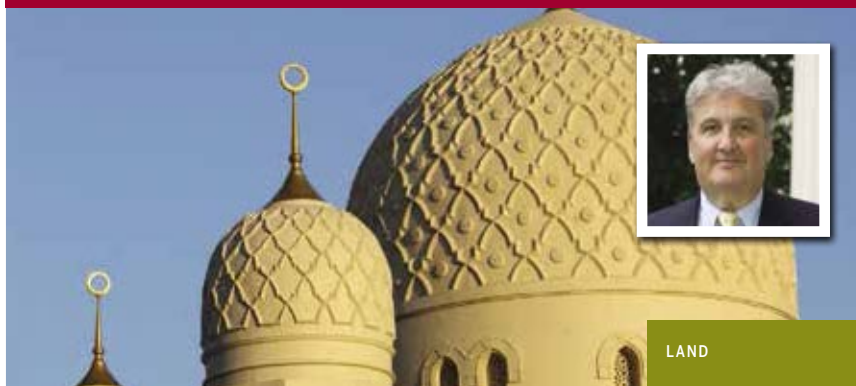
**STUDY LEADER:** To be announced

**GROUP SIZE:** 12 to 24 guests

**PRICING:** \$3,980 DOUBLE/\$4,890 SINGLE

## THE ARABIAN PENINSULA: OMAN, THE EMIRATES & QATAR

MARCH 14–26, 2015



LAND

Experience Arabia’s rich past and vibrant present. Begin in the United Arab Emirates for a privileged look at Art Dubai, the Middle East’s largest contemporary art show. Continue to Abu Dhabi to explore Masdar City, enjoy lunch on Yas Island, and visit the splendid Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque. In Oman, discover ancient history at the Bait Al Zubair Museum, marvel at the massive Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque in Muscat, and explore the lively market in the oasis city of Nizwa. Conclude in Doha, Qatar, to view the collections at the Museum of Islamic Art.

**STUDY LEADER:** WILLIAM GRANARA is the Professor of the Practice of Arabic on the Gordon Gray Endowment, director of Modern Language Programs, and director of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Harvard. He is the former executive director of the Center for Arabic Study at the American University in Cairo and the former director of the Arabic Field School of the U.S. Department of State in Tunis, Tunisia. He has traveled extensively throughout the Middle East and North Africa.

**GROUP SIZE:** 15 to 25 guests

**PRICING:** \$11,895 DOUBLE/\$14,545 SINGLE



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“More than anything else, it was the wealth of people that Harvard draws together that defined the trip. The group was all the more interesting for its truly intergenerational dynamic.”

—Josh Blecher-Cohen '16  
(2014 spring break scholarship recipient)



## GREECE FOR STUDENTS & ALUMNI MARCH 13–21, 2015

Uncover Classical Greece through its most important archaeological sites and museums. Enjoy exclusive access to the Harvard Center for Hellenic Studies in Nafplion and learn about current work by Harvard students and professors.

**STUDY LEADER:** GREGORY NAGY PhD '66 is the Francis Jones Professor of Classical Greek Literature and a professor of comparative literature at Harvard.

**GROUP SIZE:** Up to 30 guests

**PRICING:** To be announced



## TURKEY FOR STUDENTS & ALUMNI MARCH 13–21, 2015

From the bazaars and mosques of Istanbul, to the ancient site of Ephesus, to the stunning landscape of Cappadocia, explore the highlights of this fascinating nation positioned at the crossroads between East and West.

**STUDY LEADER:** To be announced

**GROUP SIZE:** Up to 30 guests

**PRICING:** To be announced



## OPUS MEDITERRANEO: A MUSICAL JOURNEY FROM ROME TO LISBON ON CORINTHIAN

APRIL 10–21, 2015



This voyage combines some of the loveliest destinations in the western Mediterranean with private performances of exquisite chamber music in historic locations ashore. Cruise along the coast of Iberia and continue on to the Balearic Islands, Sardinia, Sicily, and Naples. Along the way, encounter monuments and ruins from across a broad sweep of time: Neolithic nuraghi on Sardinia, stunning ancient sites in Spain and incomparable Pompeii, the very pinnacle of Islamic architecture at the Alhambra in Granada, and charming medieval towns in Valencia and Sicily. Enjoy natural beauty everywhere—from the beaches of Sardinia to the palm forest of Elche, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

**STUDY LEADER:** JOHN STEWART AM '72, EDD '94, senior preceptor in music emeritus and a lecturer at Harvard Extension School, is a composer and music theorist. A composer of chamber, vocal, and orchestral music, Stewart taught at the New England Conservatory of Music for many years before joining the faculty at Harvard, where he taught courses in harmony, counterpoint, composition, and musicianship for over 25 years—until his retirement in 2008.

**SHIP SIZE:** Up to 100 guests

**CO-SPONSORS:** Columbia University, Smithsonian Journeys, Stanford University

**PRICING:** From \$9,440 DOUBLE/\$13,830 SINGLE

## INDONESIA: MAGICAL ISLANDS OF JAVA & BALI

APRIL 15–30, 2015

AIRFARE INCLUDED ✈



Begin in Ubud and experience the beauty of the Jatiluwih rice field terraces, a UNESCO World Heritage cultural landscape. Participate in cultural workshops and enjoy stunning views of iconic volcanoes. Fly to Yogyakarta, the arts and culture center of Java. Watch as the sun rises over Borobudur, a 9th-century Mahayana Buddhist compound, and visit the 10th-century Prambanan, a UNESCO World Heritage site and Indonesia's largest Hindu temple. Travel by rail to eastern Java and explore volcanoes and sulfur mines. In Bali, visit the sea temple of Tanah Lot and take in the traditional markets in Denpasar, Bali's capital. Conclude with a three-night stay at the beach resort of Nusa Dua.

**STUDY LEADERS:** THEODORE C. BESTOR is the Reischauer Institute Professor of Social Anthropology and director of the Edwin O. Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies at Harvard. He is currently conducting research on UNESCO World Heritage programs in Asia, and has written widely on contemporary Japanese society and culture. His wife, VICTORIA BESTOR, is an associate of the Reischauer Institute and the executive director of the North American Coordinating Council on Japanese Library Resources.

**GROUP SIZE:** 12 to 24 guests

**PRICING:** From \$5,796\* DOUBLE/\$7,091\* SINGLE

\*PRICE INCLUDES AIRFARE FROM BOSTON. AIRFARE FROM LAX OR "LAND ONLY" PRICING IS ALSO AVAILABLE.

## THE ARTS IN AMERICA'S HEARTLAND: CRYSTAL BRIDGES & KANSAS CITY

APRIL 15–19, 2015



LAND

Travel to the heartland of America—Bentonville, Arkansas, and Kansas City, Missouri—to explore outstanding museums and noteworthy architecture. In Bentonville, spend a day exploring the impressive collections and grand gardens at the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, designed by Moshe Safdie. In Kansas City, tour the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, also designed by Safdie. Visit the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, noted for its magnificent Bloch Building addition, designed by Stephen Holl. Admire the eclectic international collections in the Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art and tour the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art.

**STUDY LEADER:** ALICE DELANA is a docent emerita at Harvard's Fogg Museum. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan and Northeastern University's master of arts in writing program. During her long and distinguished career at Miss Porter's School in Farmington, Connecticut, where she held the Margaret Howe Wallace Class of '27 Teaching Chair in the Arts, DeLana inspired generations of students in her art history and English classes.

**GROUP SIZE:** 12 to 25 guests

**PRICING:** \$2,950 DOUBLE/\$3,275 SINGLE

## AZORES TO PORTUGAL: SAILING THE ATLANTIC ON SEA CLOUD II

APRIL 16–26, 2015



CRUISE



The lush green Azores Islands are dotted with picturesque villages, pristine beaches, and volcanic craters. Once a favorite target of pirates, the islands are now a peaceful autonomous region of Portugal. Each island has its own special character: São Miguel's geothermal hot springs, steaming geysers, and crater lakes; the spectacular blue hydrangeas on Faial; Pico's whale-hunting-turned-whale-conservation history; the wine-making tradition of Terceira, where the rich verdelho wine is produced; and lovely Santa Maria, prized for its beautiful beaches and warm climate. An optional post-trip extension in Lisbon, Portugal's capital city, and the nearby royal retreat of Sintra is available.

**STUDY LEADERS:** ANIRUDDH PATEL PhD '96 and his wife, JENNIFER BURTON AB '86, PhD '97, draw on the complementary perspectives of science (Patel) and literature (Burton). Patel's specialty is music and the brain, which he researches as an associate professor in psychology at Tufts University. Burton's work focuses on literature, film, and culture. She is a professor of the practice in film at Tufts. She also produces films with her sisters as part of Five Sisters Productions.

**SHIP SIZE:** Up to 76 guests

**CO-SPONSORS:** National Trust for Historic Preservation, Yale University

**PRICING:** From \$5,995 DOUBLE/\$7,995 SINGLE

## TURKEY'S TREASURES

APRIL 17–MAY 1, 2015

AIRFARE INCLUDED ✈



LAND

From splendid Istanbul and stunning Mount Nemrut to southeastern Turkey's Bible lands and Cappadocia's surreal landscape, enjoy a broad view of a fascinating nation—a nation at the crossroads of East and West, as well as of the ancient world and contemporary culture. Begin with visits to the Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia, Topkapi Palace, Grand Bazaar, and a cruise on the Bosphorus. End in Ankara, the capital city rich in history.

**STUDY LEADER:** To be announced

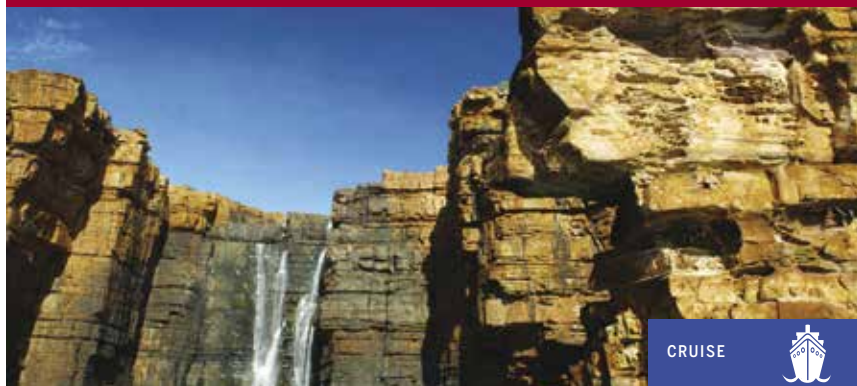
**GROUP SIZE:** 12 to 24 guests

**PRICING:** \$4,954\* DOUBLE/\$5,849\* SINGLE

\*PRICE INCLUDES AIRFARE FROM BOSTON, NEW YORK, OR HOUSTON. "LAND ONLY" PRICING IS ALSO AVAILABLE.

## AUSTRALIA'S KIMBERLEY: VOYAGE TO THE OUTBACK ON *OCEANIC DISCOVERER*

APRIL 24–MAY 8, 2015



CRUISE



The Kimberley is a land of towering cliffs, plunging waterfalls, ancient cultures, and exotic wildlife. The 65-guest *Oceanic Discoverer* easily navigates the mighty rivers and tiny inlets of the region. During numerous excursions, enjoy striking scenery and unusual wildlife. Explore the region's hidden treasures—narrow gorges, shallow tributaries, and cascading waterfalls—by boat, Zodiac, and helicopter. Gaze upon the dramatic gorges and pools of Mitchell Falls, search for an astonishing variety of wildlife in the Prince Regent Nature Reserve, discover desertscapes dotted with bizarre boab trees, and photograph the sublimely beautiful isles of the Buccaneer Archipelago.

**SHIP SIZE:** Up to 65 guests

**CO-SPONSOR:** Zegrahm Expeditions

**PRICING:** From \$12,980 DOUBLE/\$16,980 SINGLE



## THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA: ATHENS TO NICE ON *ISLAND SKY*

APRIL 27–MAY 10, 2015



During an 11-day cruise from Athens to Nice, delve into the political, strategic, and cultural history of the Mediterranean Sea region. Visit important archaeological sites including the Acropolis in Athens; legendary Troy, Hagar Qim, and Tarxien in Malta; and Agrigento in Sicily. Enjoy museums rich in ancient treasures, such as the new Acropolis Museum and the Punic Ship Museum in Marsala, as well as battlefields where crucial clashes changed the course of history, and beautiful Greek temples in isolated glory, far from their cultural origins.

**STUDY LEADERS:** **BENEDICT (DICK) GROSS** AB '71, PhD '78 and **JILL MESIROV** are both mathematicians. Gross is the George Vasmer Leverett Professor of Mathematics at Harvard. During the cruise, he will lecture on Archimedes and the mathematics of the ancient world. Mesirov is associate director and chief informatics officer at the Broad Institute of Harvard and MIT, where she directs computational biology and bioinformatics. She will discuss genomics and modern medicine on this program.

**SHIP SIZE:** Up to 114 guests

**CO-SPONSORS:** Archaeological Institute of America, Cornell University, Princeton University, Yale University

**PRICING:** From \$9,990 DOUBLE/\$16,990 SINGLE

## TRADE ROUTES OF COASTAL IBERIA: LISBON TO BARCELONA ON *TERE MOANA*

MAY 1–9, 2015



This exclusive small-ship voyage showcases the coastal jewels of the Iberian Peninsula between Lisbon, Portugal, and Barcelona, Spain. Cruise up Spain's legendary Guadalquivir River into the heart of beautiful Seville. Visit Portugal's Algarve region and the enchanting city of Granada, Spain, and its Alhambra. Also, see the scenic Strait of Gibraltar and call on two of the enchanting Balearic Islands—Ibiza and Palma de Mallorca. Visit four UNESCO World Heritage sites while cruising the ancient trade routes aboard the exclusively chartered, five-star, 45-stateroom *Tere Moana*.

**STUDY LEADER:** **WERNER SOLLORS** is the Henry B. and Anne M. Cabot Professor of English Literature and a professor of African and African American studies at Harvard. He has taught in Berlin, New York, Paris, Bern, Venice, Rome, Jerusalem, Nanjing, Abu Dhabi, and at the Ca' Foscari-Harvard Summer School in Venice.

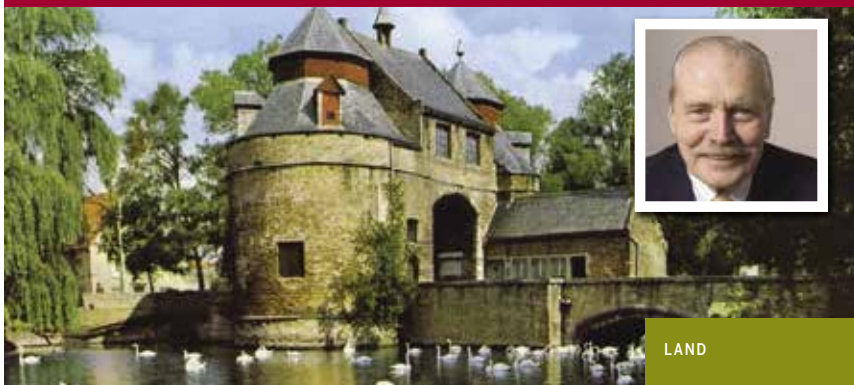
**SHIP SIZE:** Up to 90 guests

**CO-SPONSORS:** Bryn Mawr College, University of Texas at Austin

**PRICING:** From \$5,760 DOUBLE /\$10,760 SINGLE

## HOLLAND & BELGIUM: AMSTERDAM & BEYOND

MAY 2–11, 2015



LAND

Devote substantial time to the lives and works of Rembrandt (including a special exhibition at the recently renovated Rijksmuseum) and Van Gogh (who died 125 years ago). Marvel at the Dutch masters at the newly reopened Mauritshuis Collection in The Hague before driving to Rotterdam to admire cutting-edge buildings by Rem Koolhaas, Renzo Piano, and others. Continue to Belgium for two days in the medieval town of Bruges, where highlights include Michelangelo's *Madonna* in the Church of Our Lady and the Hans Memling Museum. See the van Eyck brothers' altarpiece at the Cathedral of Saint Bavo in nearby Ghent, and tour the house of Peter Paul Rubens in Antwerp.

**STUDY LEADER:** CHARLES COGAN AB '49, DPA '92 is an associate at Harvard Kennedy School. After stints as a journalist and then a military officer, he spent 37 years in the Central Intelligence Agency, 23 of them on assignments overseas. On this trip he will lecture on the history and the political and cultural dynamics of the Netherlands and Belgium, and he will explore the current state of the European Union, including the issues of immigration and relations with the United States and Russia.

**GROUP SIZE:** 20 to 28 guests

**PRICING:** \$6,495 DOUBLE/\$7,790 SINGLE

## TORONTO: THE QUEEN CITY

MAY 6–10, 2015



LAND

Discover Toronto's museums, architecture, and nearby natural wonders. Experience the unique underground network of pedestrian tunnels and dine at the CN Tower. Tour the Art Gallery of Ontario and visit the new Queens Quay—the heart of Toronto's waterfront—with an urban specialist. Enjoy an evening performance of *The Barber of Seville* at the Canadian Opera Company. Drive to the Niagara Peninsula, one of Ontario's most acclaimed wine-making districts. Sample wines and marvel at Niagara Falls. Admire the superb collection of Islamic art at the recently opened Aga Khan Museum. Explore Toronto independently or join a visit to the Hockey Hall of Fame and the Royal Ontario Museum.

**STUDY LEADER:** PETER MADSEN AB '67, March '72 is an award-winning fellow of the American Institute of Architects with a background in historic preservation. He is currently managing director of Edo Essex Properties, a real estate development firm. Madsen is a recently retired director of the board of the Harvard Alumni Association (for which he has given architectural walking tours in Boston and Cambridge). A seasoned traveler, Madsen led the spring 2014 HAA trip to Berlin.

**GROUP SIZE:** 15 to 25 guests

**PRICING:** \$3,695 DOUBLE/\$4,560 SINGLE

## TRANSATLANTIC VOYAGE ON *SILVER WHISPER*

MAY 4–16, 2015



Aboard the luxurious *Silver Whisper*, cruise from New York to London on a classic journey across the Atlantic Ocean. Visit two great cities of the Canadian Maritimes: Halifax, Nova Scotia, and St. John's, Newfoundland; cruise along the ruggedly beautiful coast of Ireland, with an opportunity to tour Limerick, located on the picturesque River Shannon; call at Cobh, one of the ports visited by the *Titanic*, and historic Cork; and explore the quaint Cornish port of Fowey. On board, guest speakers will provide educational discussions on local history, nature, and culture. Optional excursions allow you to explore the ports at your own pace.

**STUDY LEADER:** MICHAEL McELROY is the Gilbert Butler Professor of Environmental Studies at Harvard. He is the author of more than 250 technical papers and several books covering topics ranging from studies of planetary atmospheres, to stratospheric ozone, to the chemistry of the troposphere, to changes in biogeochemical cycles and factors underlying both natural and human-induced changes in global climate. His most recent book addresses the need to switch to a low-carbon energy future in order to meet the challenge of global climate change.

**SHIP SIZE:** Up to 380 guests

**CO-SPONSORS:** Johns Hopkins University, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Northwestern University, among others

**PRICING:** From \$4,995 DOUBLE/\$11,695 SINGLE

## TRANSPACIFIC JOURNEY ON *SILVER SHADOW*

SEPTEMBER 16–OCTOBER 2, 2015



This unforgettable 15-night transpacific travel program features one night in Anchorage, Alaska, and 14 nights aboard the *Silver Shadow*. Cruise from Seward, Alaska, to Tokyo, Japan, on an exotic journey across the Bering Sea and the northern Pacific Ocean's final frontier, with port calls in Alaska's Homer and Kodiak, the Aleutian Islands, Russia's Far East, and Japan's northern island of Hokkaido.

**STUDY LEADER:** FRAN ULMER is chair of the U.S. Arctic Research Commission, appointed by President Obama in 2011. A former fellow of the Institute of Politics at Harvard Kennedy School, Ulmer served as an elected official for 18 years: as the mayor of Juneau, Alaska, as a state representative, and as lieutenant governor of Alaska. She also served as director of policy development for Alaska, as well as on dozens of nonprofit and government boards and commissions at both the state and national levels.

**SHIP SIZE:** Up to 382 guests

**CO-SPONSORS:** University of California, Berkeley, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Northwestern University, Smithsonian Journeys

**PRICING:** From approximately \$5,095 DOUBLE



## VILLAGE LIFE IN DORDOGNE

MAY 14–22, 2015



LAND

Experience the provincial character of Dordogne for one full week in Sarlat-la-Canéda, one of the best-preserved medieval villages in France. Stay in the family-owned Plaza Madeleine Hôtel, formerly a grand 19th-century townhouse. Discover the region's charming villages, medieval castles, and prehistoric treasures through specially arranged excursions and cultural enrichments, including the medieval pilgrimage site of Rocamadour and the fascinating prehistoric cave paintings of Rouffignac and Cap Blanc, all part of UNESCO's World Heritage list; the perfect replica cave art of Lascaux II; and the exclusive Village Forum with local residents who will share candid insights into daily life in Dordogne.

**STUDY LEADER:** MICHAEL SHINAGEL PhD '64 served as dean of continuing education and University extension at Harvard from 1975 to 2013. He served as master of Quincy House from 1985 to 2001. He is currently lecturing in English at the College and the Extension School.

**GROUP SIZE:** 12 to 36 guests

**PRICING:** \$4,395 DOUBLE/\$5,095 SINGLE

## SILK ROAD JOURNEY: ULAANBAATAR TO ISTANBUL

MAY 14–JUNE 7, 2015



LAND

Begin in Ulaanbaatar, capital of today's Mongolia, and hop a helicopter to explore Genghis Khan's all-but-vanished capital, Karakorum. Continue to Beijing to catch a glimpse of the classic sites, then fly to western China, where Turkic Uighur people have lived for thousands of years. In Uzbekistan, admire the blue-tiled architecture of the Silk Road oasis of Samarkand, where the Turko-Mongol ruler Tamerlane gathered the world's greatest pool of artisans, and visit Shakhrisabz and Bukhara. Browse the atmospheric bazaars of Istanbul, where Silk Road treasures were sold. Along the way, meet with artists, experts, and local families, and experience eight UNESCO World Heritage sites.

**STUDY LEADER:** DAVID J. ROXBURGH is the Prince Alwaleed bin Talal Professor of Islamic Art History at Harvard. His research focuses on calligraphy and illustration in the Arab and Persian manuscript traditions. He carried out his doctoral research in Istanbul and completed his thesis in 1996, at which time he came to Harvard. He has edited catalogs of major exhibitions of Islamic art, including *Turks: A Journey of a Thousand Years* in 2005.

**GROUP SIZE:** 12 to 30 guests

**PRICING:** \$15,995\* DOUBLE/\$18,490\* SINGLE

\*PRICE INCLUDES INTERNAL AIRFARE AND HELICOPTER RIDE.

# FAMILY ADVENTURE TRAVELS



## **FAMILY CHINA ADVENTURE** JUNE 27–JULY 9, 2015

Explore China's imperial highlights, modern cities, and the sublime Huang Mountains. Enjoy a variety of family-friendly activities and authentic local connections.

**STUDY LEADER:** MICHAEL SZONYI is a professor of Chinese history at Harvard. He has been traveling in China for more than 30 years, spending much of his time in villages—collecting documents, interviewing elderly people, and observing rituals in order to understand the traces that the past leaves in the present.

**GROUP SIZE:** 15 to 40 guests

**PRICING:** \$6,695 DOUBLE/\$8,690 SINGLE  
\$6,395 CHILD (UNDER 18)



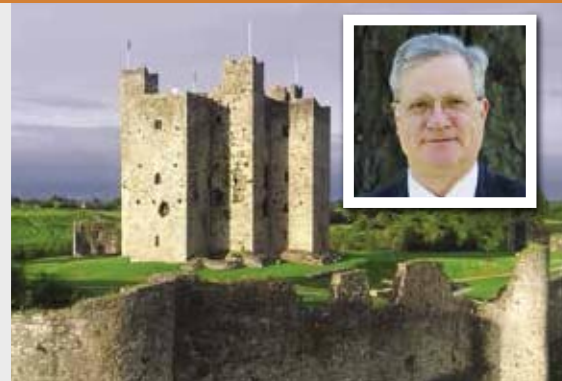
## **FAMILY TURKEY ADVENTURE** JUNE 27–JULY 9, 2015

This journey takes you through Istanbul's scented bazaars and impressive mosques to the underground passageways of Cappadocia, from the ancient ruins of Ephesus to the Turquoise Coast of the Mediterranean.

**STUDY LEADER:** To be announced

**GROUP SIZE:** 16 to 30 guests

**PRICING:** \$7,495 DOUBLE/\$10,485 SINGLE  
\$6,995 CHILD (UNDER 18)



## **FAMILY IRELAND ADVENTURE** JUNE 28–JULY 6, 2015

Learn about Ireland's history, mythology, geology, and ecology. Participate in live archaeological research and enjoy recreational activities such as archery, rafting, making Irish brown bread, and traditional Irish music.

**STUDY LEADER:** JAMES ENGELL AB '73, PhD '78 is the Gurney Professor of English Literature and a professor of comparative literature at Harvard. The recipient of four faculty-wide teaching and advising awards, Engell offers courses on rhetoric, the Enlightenment, romantic poetry, 18th-century studies, and environmental issues.

**GROUP SIZE:** 16 to 30 guests

**PRICING:** To be announced



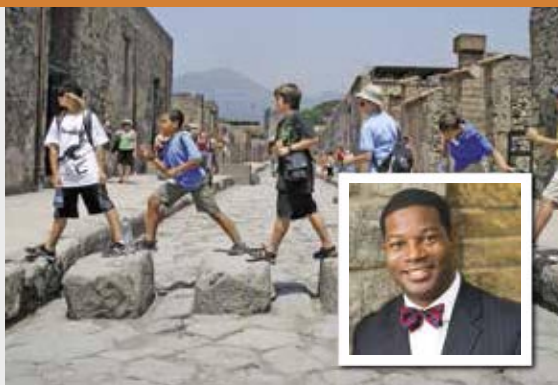
### A FAMILY ADVENTURE IN MACHU PICCHU & THE AMAZON JULY 1–11, 2015

Introduce your children to history and archaeology in an exciting way at Machu Picchu, the famed “Lost City of the Incas,” and show them the natural beauty and biodiversity of the Amazon River.

**STUDY LEADER:** **JEFFREY FROST** is a research associate at Harvard’s Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology. Since 2005 he has been contributing to several projects in Peru, investigating the daily lives of the Moche and Chimú people through the excavation of commoner households.

**GROUP SIZE:** Up to 25 guests

**PRICING:** From \$7,495 DOUBLE/\$10,495 SINGLE  
\$6,945 CHILD (UNDER 18)



### JOURNEY TO THE LANDS OF GODS & HEROES: A FAMILY ADVENTURE ON ARETHUSA JULY 6–17, 2015

History comes alive on a voyage of discovery in the eastern Mediterranean, where myth and history are intertwined. Stops include Athens, Ephesus, Pompeii, and Olympia.

**STUDY LEADER:** **JONATHAN L. WALTON** is the Plummer Professor of Christian Morals, a professor of religion and society at Harvard Divinity School, and the Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church. He lectures on religion, myth and ritual, and on themes of power, ethnicity, and gender.

**SHIP SIZE:** Up to 50 guests

**PRICING:** From \$8,145 DOUBLE/\$12,345 SINGLE  
\$6,845 CHILD



### TANZANIA FAMILY ADVENTURE DECEMBER 26, 2015–JANUARY 6, 2016

This family adventure offers plenty of wildlife viewing, comfortable accommodations, and a variety of fun activities for all ages.

**STUDY LEADER:** To be announced

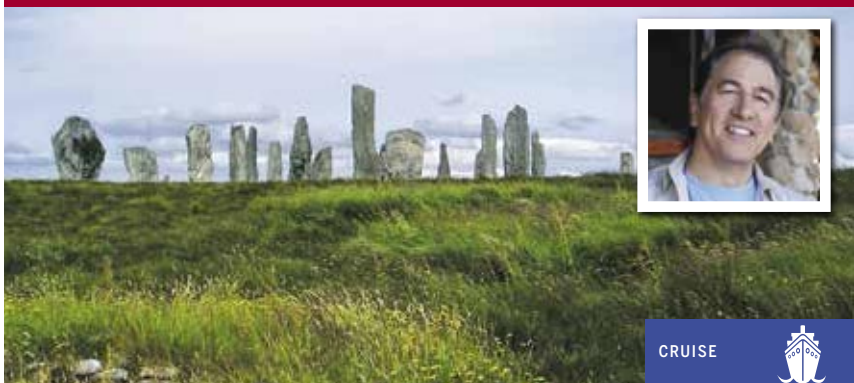
**GROUP SIZE:** Up to 22 guests

**PRICING:** From \$8,995 DOUBLE/\$9,985 SINGLE  
\$8,695 TEEN, \$8,295 CHILD



## THE BRITISH ISLES & IRELAND: VOYAGE TO GREEN & GENTLE LANDS ON CORINTHIAN

MAY 17–28, 2015



CRUISE



This voyage, encompassing England, Wales, Ireland, and Scotland, conjures history and legends at every turn, from the stomping ground of King Arthur's knights in Cornwall and Wales, to Saint Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin, to the graves of Duncan and Macbeth on the Isle of Iona. Further north—in Skye, Lewis, and the Orkneys—enter the Neolithic world of the Standing Stones of Callanish and Stenness, the Ring of Brodgar, and the ruins of Skara Brae. Experience some of the most beautiful flora in the British Isles at the height of their bloom at the cultivated gardens of Tresco Abbey on the Isles of Scilly, Bodnant Garden on Anglesey, and the wildflowers of Skye and Lewis.

**STUDY LEADER:** DAVID A. AGUILAR is the director of public affairs at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics (CfA) and the popular host of the CfA's Observatory Nights and Sci-Fi Movie Nights. Aguilar is the author and illustrator of National Geographic's *Planets, Stars, and Galaxies: A Visual Encyclopedia of Our Universe*—a vividly illustrated book that celebrates the wonders of space—and *11 Planets: A New View of Our Solar System*.

**SHIP SIZE:** Up to 100 guests

**CO-SPONSORS:** Carleton College, Fordham University, University of North Carolina

**PRICING:** From \$8,740 DOUBLE/\$13,130 SINGLE

## SOUTHERN AFRICA BY PRIVATE PLANE

MAY 21–JUNE 8, 2015



LAND

Southern Africa contains some of the most visually stunning, wildlife-rich areas in the world. Travel by private plane to Zambia, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Namibia, and South Africa. Explore Zambia's South Luangwa National Park, home to Africa's largest population of leopards. In Zimbabwe, visit the spectacular Victoria Falls. In Botswana, stay at Kings Pool Camp and Jao Camp, discovering the Okavango Delta, which has large populations of elephants, zebras, lions, leopards, and cheetahs. Fly across to Namibia's Sossusvlei Dunes to stay at Little Kulala and see the spectacular red-dune landscape. End the trip in South Africa, exploring the history, culture, and unparalleled beauty of Cape Town.

**STUDY LEADER:** JONATHAN LOSOS AB '84 is the Monique and Philip Lehner Professor for the Study of Latin America, a professor of organismic and evolutionary biology, and curator in herpetology at the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard. His research concerns the origin and maintenance of biological diversity: where species come from, what directs the evolutionary course they take, and what ongoing ecological processes affect them today.

**GROUP SIZE:** 10 to 15 guests

**PRICING:** \$31,195 DOUBLE/\$32,990 SINGLE

## HIMALAYAN KINGDOMS: TIBET, NEPAL & BHUTAN

MAY 31–JUNE 14, 2015



Your journey to the “rooftop of the world” begins in Beijing before you fly to Tibet, where colorful prayer wheels, exotic bazaars, golden Buddhas, and iconic *chortens* (shrines) abound. Next, view the Himalayas and famed Mount Everest by air, en route to Kathmandu, Nepal’s capital. See splendid stupas, pagodas, and palaces that reflect the city’s nearly 2,000-year history. From there, fly to Bhutan, a country that strictly limits the number of visitors each year. Trek to the sacred Taktsang Monastery, which clings to the side of a cliff 10,000 feet above the valley below; enjoy colorful Bhutanese folk dances; and explore the spectacular winter fortress Punakha Dzong.

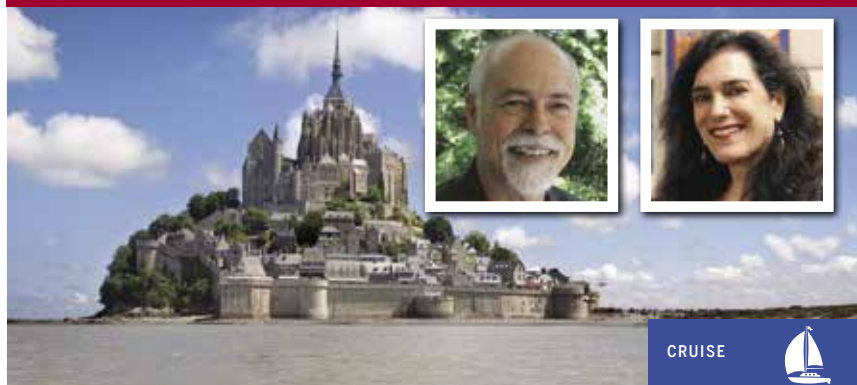
**STUDY LEADERS:** HARVEY FINEBERG AB '67, MD '71, MPP '72, PhD '80 is professor of health policy and management emeritus at Harvard School of Public Health. He served as dean of the School of Public Health for 13 years, and as provost of Harvard University from 1997 to 2001. MARY WILSON is an adjunct associate professor of global health and population at Harvard School of Public Health. She was chief of infectious diseases at Mount Auburn Hospital, a Harvard-affiliated community teaching hospital, for more than 20 years.

**GROUP SIZE:** 20 to 35 guests

**PRICING:** \$11,890 DOUBLE/\$14,390 SINGLE

## GARDEN ISLES & GRAND ESTATES FROM HONFLEUR TO PORTSMOUTH ON SEA CLOUD II

JUNE 6–14, 2015



Embark *Sea Cloud II* in the fishing village of Honfleur, beloved by the impressionists. In the Channel Islands, admire the walled garden of La Seigneurie on tiny Sark, or tour the house on Guernsey where Victor Hugo wrote *Les Misérables*. On Tresco in the Isles of Scilly, discover the terraced, subtropical Abbey Gardens. Other options include Mont-Saint-Michel and Agatha Christie’s home near Dartmouth, or a visit to an American cemetery and a walk on the beaches where U.S. troops practiced for the D-Day invasion. Also visit the Isle of Wight to tour Osborne House, Queen Victoria’s favorite summer residence. Optional trip extensions in Normandy and London are available.

**STUDY LEADERS:** LEO DAMROSCH is the Ernest Bernbaum Professor of Literature emeritus at Harvard. Damrosch will speak about a number of literary works of the region, including Henry Adams’s book *Mont-Saint-Michel and Chartres*. Damrosch is a self-proclaimed World War II buff and spent his first three years in a Japanese internment camp in the Philippines. He will also discuss Queen Victoria and her Isle of Wight house. JOYCE VAN DYKE is a playwright and a lecturer at Harvard Extension School.

**SHIP SIZE:** Up to 70 guests

**CO-SPONSORS:** The Metropolitan Museum of Art, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Royal Oak Foundation

**PRICING:** From \$6,995 DOUBLE/\$11,690 SINGLE

## WILD GALÁPAGOS ON ISABELA II

JUNE 8–16, 2015



CRUISE



This comprehensive Galápagos voyage visits no fewer than eight unique islands. Ideally timed during summer vacation, this expedition is a great choice for families and groups of friends. Enjoy a variety of daily activities that offer something for everyone. Snorkel with friendly sea lions. Get up-close views of giant tortoises, endemic wildlife, and thousands of seabirds in various stages of breeding. Discover fascinating geology: lunar-like lava fields, eroded volcanic cones, and active shield volcanoes. Lectures by tour staff and local guides enhance this educational experience.

**SHIP SIZE:** Up to 38 guests

**CO-SPONSOR:** Zegrahm Expeditions

**PRICING:** From \$6,980\* DOUBLE

\*THERE IS NO SUPPLEMENT FOR SINGLE TRAVELERS (EXCEPT FOR THE MASTER SUITE).

## MACHU PICCHU TO THE GALÁPAGOS ON CORAL II

JUNE 9–23, 2015

AIRFARE INCLUDED 



CRUISE



LAND

Visit two of South America's greatest treasures on one trip: the enigmatic ruins at Machu Picchu and the fascinating Galápagos Islands, Darwin's "living laboratory." In the magnificent Sacred Valley, you will stay at Sanctuary Lodge Machu Picchu, adjacent to the ruins, where you will have the rare privilege of seeing the site after the tourists have left. Next, view astonishing Galápagos wildlife during a four-night cruise aboard an intimate, privately chartered ship (for just 16 guests). Giant tortoises, blue-footed boobies, frigate birds, and colorful iguanas are just a small sampling of the wildlife you will see.

**STUDY LEADER:** DANIEL E. LIEBERMAN AB '86, PhD '93 is the Edward M. Lerner II Professor of Biological Sciences in the Department of Human Evolutionary Biology at Harvard. He studies the fossil record of human evolution to determine why the human body looks and functions as it does. He is especially interested in when, how, and why early hominins first became bipeds, and then became exceptional long-distance runners.

**SHIP SIZE:** Up to 16 guests

**PRICING:** From \$9,693\* DOUBLE/\$12,888\* SINGLE

\*PRICE INCLUDES AIRFARE FROM MIAMI. AIRFARE FROM BOSTON OR "LAND ONLY" PRICING IS ALSO AVAILABLE.



## WATERWAYS OF RUSSIA: MOSCOW TO ST. PETERSBURG ON VOLGA DREAM II

JUNE 11–21, 2015



The maiden voyage of *Volga Dream II* begins with four days in Moscow, including a before-hours tour of the Kremlin and a backstage discussion with a dancer at the newly restored Bolshoi Theatre. Discover Uglich, with its five-domed Church of the Transfiguration, and Yaroslavl, the oldest city on the Volga. Cross Lake Belye, once known as the “tsar’s fishing grounds,” to Goritsy. Tour the Kirillo-Belozersky Monastery, with its frescoed 13th-century Cathedral of the Assumption, and continue to the Ferapontov Monastery, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Explore the magical architecture of Kizhi Island and stop at the village of Mandrogi before disembarking in St. Petersburg, where an optional post-trip extension is available.

**STUDY LEADER:** STEPHANIE SANDLER is the Ernest E. Monrad Professor of Slavic Languages and Literatures at Harvard. She writes about and translates contemporary Russian poetry and has also written two books about Alexander Pushkin, the founder of modern Russian literature. Sandler is interested in poetry, translation, and cultural change in Russia, the United States, and Europe.

**SHIP SIZE:** Up to 120 guests

**CO-SPONSORS:** The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Royal Oak Foundation, Yale University

**PRICING:** From \$6,995 DOUBLE/\$10,645 SINGLE

## THE GREAT JOURNEY THROUGH EUROPE: THE NETHERLANDS, GERMANY, FRANCE & SWITZERLAND

JUNE 26–JULY 6, 2015



This extraordinary 11-day grand tour of Europe features five nights aboard the deluxe *Amadeus Princess*. Travel through the Netherlands, Germany, France, and Switzerland, cruising the most scenic sections of the Rhine and Mosel Rivers. Visit UNESCO World Heritage sites in Amsterdam, Cologne, and Strasbourg. Spend two nights each in Zermatt and Lucerne, ride aboard three legendary railways—the *Gonergrat Bahn*, for breathtaking views of the Matterhorn; the *Glacier Express* from Zermatt to Lucerne; and the Pilatus railway, the world’s steepest cogwheel railway—and enjoy a scenic cruise on Lake Lucerne.

**STUDY LEADER:** SUE WEAVER SCHOPF is an associate dean and lecturer at Harvard Extension School and advisor to graduate students in the humanities. She teaches courses on English romantic poetry, Victorian poetry and nonfictional prose, modern poetry, literary criticism and theory, Western drama, Milton and *Paradise Lost*, Irish literature, and Orientalism in British literature and visual culture.

**SHIP SIZE:** Up to 152 guests

**CO-SPONSORS:** Dartmouth College, Duke University, Smithsonian Journeys

**PRICING:** From \$4,495 DOUBLE/\$8,895 SINGLE

## TRANS-SIBERIAN BY PRIVATE TRAIN: MOSCOW TO ULAANBAATAR (AND THE NAADAM FESTIVAL)

JUNE 29–JULY 13, 2015



LAND & RAIL

Begin this deluxe tour with an exploration of Moscow before embarking the *Golden Eagle Trans-Siberian Express* train. Traverse the vast Russian countryside with stops along the way at Ekaterinburg, Novosibirsk, and Irkutsk. Trace the shores of Siberia's Lake Baikal, a UNESCO World Heritage site whose basin holds 20 percent of the earth's unfrozen fresh water. Then head south from Ulan-Ude to experience Mongolia's wind-combed steppe and attend the remarkable Naadam Festival in Ulaanbaatar, a celebration of Mongolia's land and traditions—wrestling, horse racing, and archery.

**STUDY LEADER:** JULIE BUCKLER PhD '96 is a professor of Slavic languages and literatures and of comparative literature at Harvard. She is a specialist on Russia with broader interests in the region, particularly regarding cultural landscapes, cultural memory, and contemporary issues around heritage preservation. She is working on an urban studies program at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, focusing on post-socialist and post-Soviet Eurasian cities. At the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, she is co-running a Fellows Program seminar on mapping cultural space across Eurasia.

**GROUP SIZE:** 10 to 35 guests

**PRICING:** From \$17,395 DOUBLE/\$24,690 SINGLE

## THE BALTIC'S AMBER COAST: COPENHAGEN TO ST. PETERSBURG ON SEA CLOUD II

JULY 13–24, 2015



CRUISE



Begin with a canal cruise in Copenhagen before embarking *Sea Cloud II*. From Klaipeda, Lithuania, drive to Vilnius and explore its medieval old town. See the ancient churches of Riga, Latvia, and attend a private organ performance in the city's cathedral. Cross the Baltic Sea to the Swedish island of Visby, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and dock overnight in Stockholm to stroll its picturesque old town and tour Drottningholm Palace, modeled after Versailles. In Tallinn, Estonia, enjoy an exclusive concert and see the country's oldest church. Admire the modern architecture and fine art of Helsinki, Finland, before disembarking in St. Petersburg, Russia.

**STUDY LEADER:** CAROL R. SAIVETZ is a research associate at Harvard's Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies. She also teaches Russian foreign policy in the Security Studies Program at MIT. Her most recent publications analyze the newly resurgent Russia's foreign policies—including energy policies and reactions to EU and NATO expansion. During the trip, she will discuss Russian-EU relations and the impact of the Ukrainian crisis on East-West relations.

**SHIP SIZE:** Up to 70 guests

**CO-SPONSORS:** The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Queens University, Yale University

**PRICING:** From \$7,995 DOUBLE/\$12,995 SINGLE

## NORTH POLE EXPEDITION ON 50 YEARS OF VICTORY

JUNE 25–JULY 9, 2015



CRUISE



On this truly once-in-a-lifetime voyage, crush through the ice on a Russian Artika-class nuclear-powered icebreaker to reach the North Pole—the pinnacle of Arctic expedition, where few people have stood. Admire soaring seabirds and spectacular Arctic scenery from Murmansk, Russia, to Franz Josef Land, and finally to the one spot on earth from which every direction points south. *50 Years of Victory* is currently the only icebreaker available for taking tourists to the North Pole, but it will be retiring at the end of 2015, so this might literally be your last chance.

**STUDY LEADER:** JAMES MCCARTHY is the Alexander Agassiz Professor of Biological Oceanography at Harvard. He directed the Museum of Comparative Zoology from 1982 to 2002 and was co-master of Pforzheimer House (with his wife, Sue) from 1996 to 2009. McCarthy is deeply involved with the study of climate change. He had major roles in recent climate impact assessments and held a leadership role on the Nobel Prize–winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

**SHIP SIZE:** Up to 128 guests

**CO-SPONSOR:** Stanford University

**PRICING:** From \$28,995 DOUBLE/\$47,195 SINGLE

## MOUNT EVEREST BASE CAMP TREK

OCTOBER 26–NOVEMBER 12, 2015



LAND

Experience the epitome of mountain adventures by trekking through the largest mountain range on earth to South Base Camp at an altitude of 17,598 feet! Each step among the frozen giants of the Himalayas will keep you captivated by natural splendor, but you will also enjoy the simple, rich joys of the culture and people of Nepal. Paced appropriately for comfort and acclimatization, the trek is designed to let you take in all of the Khumbu (Everest region) as you make your way from village to village. You will enjoy having tea with local villagers, experience the spiritual culture, and become acquainted with the plants and animals that inhabit various elevations within the mountain range.

**STUDY LEADER:** To be announced

**GROUP SIZE:** To be announced

**PRICING:** To be announced



## CRUISING RUSSIA'S WHITE SEA & NORWAY'S NORTH CAPE ON *SERENISSIMA*

JULY 17–27, 2015



This unique journey combines the natural beauty of Norway's northernmost coastal fjords and the pristine expanse of Russia's rarely visited White Sea. Cruise in the wake of the Vikings past craggy coastlines, dense forests, and quaint seaside villages. Discover remote jewels like Honningsvåg and Tromsø, the "gateway to the Arctic." Explore a seldom-seen side of Russia—from the port city of Murmansk to the historic monastery of the Solovetsky Islands (a UNESCO World Heritage site) to Arkhangelsk, the chief seaport of medieval Russia, before disembarking in Kirkenes.

**STUDY LEADERS:** To be announced

**SHIP SIZE:** Up to 107 guests

**CO-SPONSORS:** University of Chicago, MIT, National Trust for Historic Preservation

**PRICING:** From \$4,995 DOUBLE/\$6,995 SINGLE

## ALASKA'S GLACIERS & THE INSIDE PASSAGE: JUNEAU TO VANCOUVER ON *L'Austral*

JULY 18–25, 2015



Cruise for seven nights aboard the exclusively chartered *L'Austral*, from Juneau, Alaska, through the pristine waters of the magnificent Inside Passage to Vancouver, British Columbia. Discover an up-close perspective of southeastern Alaska's natural beauty aboard this mega-yacht and enjoy Zodiac excursions that enable you to cruise into areas inaccessible to larger vessels. See untouched coastlines; watch for whales, harbor seals, porpoises, sea lions, sea otters, and eagles; and cruise alongside magnificent glaciers. Visit the historic and inviting fishing towns of Ketchikan, Petersburg, and Sitka.

**STUDY LEADER:** **FRAN ULMER** is chair of the U.S. Arctic Research Commission, appointed by President Obama in 2011. A former fellow of the Institute of Politics at Harvard Kennedy School, Ulmer served as an elected official for 18 years: as the mayor of Juneau, Alaska, as a state representative, and as lieutenant governor of Alaska. She also served as director of policy development for Alaska, as well as on dozens of nonprofit and government boards and commissions at both the state and national levels.

**SHIP SIZE:** Up to 240 guests

**CO-SPONSORS:** Columbia University, Smithsonian Journeys, among others

**PRICING:** From \$3,995 DOUBLE/\$10,995 SINGLE

## THE LEGENDARY VOYAGE OF JASON & THE ARGONAUTS ON ARTEMIS

AUGUST 17–29, 2015



Before Odysseus left Troy in search of home, another Greek undertook an equally perilous journey. Assembling a band of heroes, Jason set out on a quest for the Golden Fleece that would regain him his rightful throne. Follow the path of Jason's ship, *Argo*, and discover many of the sites of his mythical adventures. Sail through the northern Bosphorus, where the *Argo* narrowly escaped shipwreck; explore Turkey's Amasya and Giresun, home to the fierce Amazons; and spend time in ancient Colchis. Explore the rich history and culture of the southern shores of the Black Sea, where ancient Greeks, Byzantines, Genoese, and Ottomans have mingled artistic and architectural legacies.

**STUDY LEADER:** HARVEY COX PhD '63 is the Hollis Research Professor of Divinity emeritus at Harvard, where he has taught since 1965, both at the Divinity School and in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. He chaired the Department of Religion and Society and taught in the religious studies program and in the moral reasoning division of the Core Curriculum. He will be accompanied by his wife, NINA TUMARKIN PhD '75, a professor of history at Wellesley College.

**SHIP SIZE:** Up to 50 guests

**CO-SPONSORS:** To be announced

**PRICING:** From \$9,130 DOUBLE/\$12,730 SINGLE

## DISCOVERING EASTERN EUROPE

SEPTEMBER 24–OCTOBER 10, 2015

AIRFARE INCLUDED



Experience a generous overview of five distinct nations: Poland, Hungary, Austria, Slovakia, and the Czech Republic. Begin in Poland's capital, Warsaw, with the faithfully rebuilt Old Town and a guided visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau. Tour the Wieliczka Salt Mine, a UNESCO World Heritage site, in Krakow. Explore Budapest with comprehensive touring and time on your own. View the scenic Danube Bend. In Vienna, attend a classical music performance and enjoy an inside visit to majestic Schönbrunn Palace. Continue to old-world Bratislava and dine at the restaurant of a local family. Travel to the Czech Republic and enjoy a tour of elegant Prague.

**STUDY LEADER:** To be announced

**GROUP SIZE:** 12 to 24 guests

**PRICING:** \$5,997\* DOUBLE/\$7,192\* SINGLE

\*PRICE INCLUDES AIRFARE FROM BOSTON OR NEW YORK. "LAND ONLY" PRICING IS ALSO AVAILABLE.

## THE ENCHANTING DOURO RIVER ON AMAVIDA

SEPTEMBER 26–OCTOBER 6, 2015



Begin in Madrid with the Prado and Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza. See Salamanca, city of golden sandstone, before boarding *AmaVida* in Vega de Terrón. Visit the fortified Portuguese village of Figueira de Castelo Rodrigo and enjoy a wine tasting at a local *quinta* (wine-producing estate) in Favaio. Other highlights include the hilltop pilgrimage church of Nossa Senhora dos Remédios in Lamego and an after-hours tour of the Douro Museum in Régua, dedicated to the history of this ancient wine region. Conclude in Porto, with its eclectic architecture—from the Romanesque to the 21st century. An optional post-trip extension in Lisbon is available.

**STUDY LEADER:** To be announced

**SHIP SIZE:** Up to 85 guests

**CO-SPONSORS:** Baker Museum, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Smithsonian Journeys

**PRICING:** From \$4,995 DOUBLE/\$6,245 SINGLE

## A BALKAN MOSAIC

OCTOBER 1–14, 2015



The Balkan Peninsula's prime position has made it a meeting point—and flash point—of ancient Rome and Byzantium, and also of Christianity and Islam. On this program, explore a mosaic of the competing cultures, ethnicities, languages, and ideologies in six Balkan nations. Begin in Albania, with its modern sense of enterprise, and continue through beautiful Macedonia, inhabited since the Neolithic Age. Visit Kosovo, Europe's youngest country, and its former antagonist, Serbia, with its elegant capital Belgrade. Continue to reconstructed Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, surrounded by the lush Dinaric Alps, and red-roofed Dubrovnik, Croatia, jutting into the Adriatic Sea and surrounded by medieval walls.

**STUDY LEADER:** To be announced

**GROUP SIZE:** 12 to 35 guests

**PRICING:** \$8,995 DOUBLE/\$10,290 SINGLE



## LEGENDARY TURKEY

OCTOBER 3–17, 2015

AIRFARE INCLUDED ✈



Begin in Istanbul, which astonishes with its legendary Blue Mosque, Hagia Sofia, and Topkapi Palace, one of the world's richest museums. Take a private cruise on the Bosphorus, the waterway that separates Europe from Asia. Discover secluded coves and hidden sights, including the Sunken Baths of Cleopatra. Enjoy opportunities for swimming, snorkeling, and hiking on this "Blue Voyage." Travel to the seaside city of Antalya to visit the acclaimed Archaeological Museum and the ruins of the ancient Greek city of Perge. Explore the bizarre rock formations and underground cities of Cappadocia's Göreme Valley and tour Ankara, Turkey's capital, on an optional post-trip extension.

**STUDY LEADER:** JOHN (JAY) ELLISON MTS '91, PhD '02 is the former associate dean of Harvard College and secretary of the College's Administrative Board. He has recently been appointed as the new dean of students at the University of Chicago. Ellison is a scholar of Near Eastern languages and civilizations, having earned his doctorate at Harvard with a specialty in ancient languages and extensive field experience in Syria. He also completed a master of theological studies at Harvard Divinity School.

**GROUP SIZE:** 12 to 24 guests

**PRICING:** \$4,992\* DOUBLE/\$5,987\* SINGLE

\*PRICE INCLUDES AIRFARE FROM BOSTON, NEW YORK, OR HOUSTON. "LAND ONLY" PRICING IS ALSO AVAILABLE.

## MYSTICAL INDIA

OCTOBER 8–25, 2015



Mystical and spiritual, chaotic and confounding—India overflows with riches. While staying at excellent hotels, travel the classic Golden Triangle: bustling Delhi; Agra, home of the sublime Taj Mahal; and Jaipur, great city of the Rajput. Plus, search for elusive Bengal tigers at Ranthambore National Park, admire Khajuraho's ancient temples, and absorb the holiness of Varanasi.

**STUDY LEADER:** DAVID A. AGUILAR is the director of public affairs at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics (CfA) and the popular host of the CfA's Observatory Nights and Sci-Fi Movie Nights. Aguilar is the author and illustrator of National Geographic's *Planets, Stars, and Galaxies: A Visual Encyclopedia of Our Universe*—a vividly illustrated book that celebrates the wonders of space—and *11 Planets: A New View of Our Solar System*.

**GROUP SIZE:** 12 to 24 guests

**PRICING:** To be announced

## TURKEY'S IONIAN & TURQUOISE COASTS ON VARIETY VOYAGER (PLUS CAPPADOCIA)

OCTOBER 13–25, 2015



CRUISE



Cruise for seven nights on *Variety Voyager* from Athens to Antalya and explore the cultural influences of the Greek, Persian, Roman, Lycian, Byzantine, and Ottoman Empires upon the stunning Ionian and Turquoise Coasts of Turkey. Imagine the bustling daily life in ancient Pergamon, Ephesus, Xanthos, and Arykanda. Explore the picturesque Dalyan River and follow in the footsteps of Alexander the Great in Perge and Aspendos. Continue to the heart of Anatolia with several nights in the world of subterranean churches and cities of Cappadocia, and end in Istanbul, where East and West meet, a *mélange* of exciting cultures.

**STUDY LEADER:** To be announced

**SHIP SIZE:** Up to 72 guests

**CO-SPONSORS:** To be announced

**PRICING:** From approximately \$7,395

## NORTH AFRICA THROUGH THE CENTURIES ON CORINTHIAN

OCTOBER 14–25, 2015



CRUISE



This voyage focuses on two of the many varied cultures that contribute to the rich cultural history of North Africa: the Carthaginian and the Arab. Begin in Sardinia at the Neolithic complex at Su Nuraxi, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Explore the ruins of famed Carthage and devote two days to an exploration of remarkably well-preserved Roman sites in Algeria: Constantine, “The City of Bridges”; and Tipasa, home to the grand tomb of the Berber king Juba II. Then shift focus to the Arabian heritage of Morocco in Tangier, Rabat, and Marrakech, once the most important religious and economic center in West Africa. The voyage concludes in Lisbon, Portugal.

**STUDY LEADER:** To be announced

**SHIP SIZE:** Up to 100 guests

**CO-SPONSORS:** Carleton College, Columbia University, Dartmouth College, Duke University, National Trust for Historic Preservation, World Affairs Council of Philadelphia

**PRICING:** From \$9,450 DOUBLE/\$13,840 SINGLE

## EXPLORING AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

OCTOBER 17–NOVEMBER 7, 2015



LAND

Begin in Cairns, Australia, and ride the historic railway to the mountain village of Kuranda, then descend via gondola. Board a boat for a daylong excursion to the Great Barrier Reef, where you can swim, snorkel, or view the reef from a semi-submersible vessel. Take an Aboriginal “dreamtime” tour and learn about the ancient culture of the Walpiri. Watch the sun set over fabled Ayers Rock. Tour the highlights of Sydney and enjoy ample leisure time. Then fly to New Zealand and explore Mount Cook National Park over a two-night stay. Cruise through the breathtaking fjords of Milford Sound, visit geothermal Rotorua, and experience the Maori culture at a traditional *hangi* dinner and performance. Conclude in Auckland.

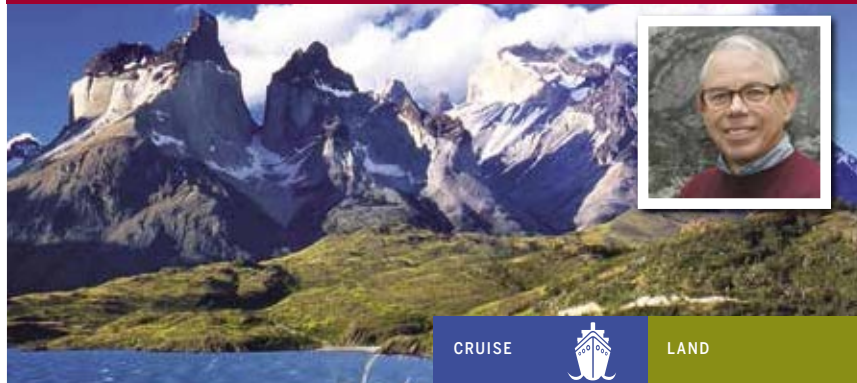
**STUDY LEADER:** JOCK PHILLIPS PhD '78 is one of New Zealand's leading historians. His wide-ranging interests include new ways of presenting the past. He was the chief historian in the Ministry for Culture and Heritage, and then concept leader in history at the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa. He is now general editor of *Te Ara—The Encyclopedia of New Zealand*.

**GROUP SIZE:** 12 to 24 guests

**PRICING:** To be announced

## CRUISING PATAGONIA'S CHILEAN FJORDS ON VIA AUSTRALIS

OCTOBER 20–NOVEMBER 2, 2015



CRUISE



LAND

Explore one of Chile's award-winning vineyards near Santiago; marvel at the spectacular natural beauty and wildlife of Torres del Paine National Park, including the dramatic peaks of Los Cuernos del Paine; immerse yourself in local culture at a privately owned Patagonian sheep ranch; and discover vibrant Buenos Aires. Cruise for four nights aboard *Via Australis* from Punta Arenas, Chile, to Ushuaia, Argentina, via Cape Horn, including Zodiac landings and excursions each day. Cruise through the historic Strait of Magellan and the vivid landscapes of Glacier Alley, and visit Cape Horn National Park, a UNESCO biosphere reserve known as the “end of the earth.”

**STUDY LEADER:** MARK VAN BAALEN AB '66, PhD '95 is a lecturer on earth and planetary sciences at Harvard. He and his wife, Louisa, who recently retired from Harvard Kennedy School, have been privileged to lead numerous HAA excursions to distant lands. On these trips, he lectures on the natural history of the regions being visited and paints a broader picture of human interaction with the environment, now and in the past.

**GROUP SIZE:** 15 to 45 guests  
(*Via Australis* may take up to 136 passengers)

**PRICING:** From \$6,995 DOUBLE



**EASTERN & ORIENTAL EXPRESS: BANGKOK TO SINGAPORE TO BALI**  
OCTOBER 22–NOVEMBER 3, 2015



LAND & RAIL

Begin in bustling Bangkok, exploring stunning temples and palaces, navigating remote waterways and local markets, and sampling vibrant cuisine. Then climb aboard the iconic *Eastern & Oriental Express* for a three-night journey. Relax in your private cabin as you roll past verdant rice fields and quaint villages, stopping for excursions to explore colorful Penang and the infamous River Kwai. Discover the lure of Singapore, a modern metropolis pulsing with Chinese, Malay, Indian, Arab, and British civilization. Conclude with three days on the mesmerizing island of Bali, with its remote villages, evocative temples, and skillful artisans.

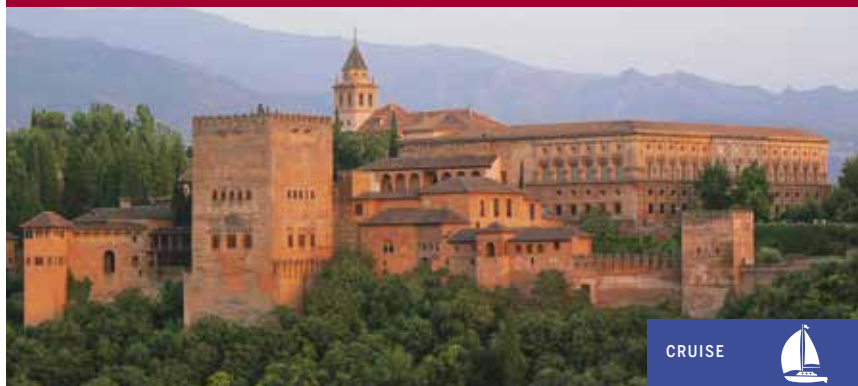
**STUDY LEADER:** To be announced

**GROUP SIZE:** To be announced

**PRICING:** To be announced

**SPAIN'S MEDITERRANEAN COAST: BARCELONA TO MÁLAGA**  
**ON SEA CLOUD**

OCTOBER 25–NOVEMBER 4, 2015



CRUISE



Discover the magic and romance of a cruise aboard the legendary four-masted *Sea Cloud* as you sail along the Mediterranean coast of Spain. Begin in Barcelona to experience Gaudí's whimsical architecture and the Picasso Museum. Tour ancient Roman ruins and enjoy an olive oil tasting in Tarragona. See futuristic as well as historic masterpieces in Valencia. Visit the Museum of Underwater Archaeology in Cartagena. Finish at the magnificent Alhambra palace/fortress in Granada before disembarking in Málaga. All the while, bask in the incomparable service, deluxe accommodations, and five-star cuisine aboard the truly timeless *Sea Cloud*.

**STUDY LEADER:** To be announced

**SHIP SIZE:** Up to 52 guests

**CO-SPONSORS:** Archaeological Institute of America, National Trust for Historic Preservation

**PRICING:** From \$8,995 DOUBLE/\$12,995 SINGLE

## BEST OF PATAGONIA: BUENOS AIRES, SANTIAGO, EL CALAFATE & TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK

NOVEMBER 6–19, 2015



This journey combines the urban sophistication of Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Santiago, Chile, with some of the most awe-inspiring landscapes of Patagonia. Enjoy a day on a private *estancia* (cattle ranch) in the Argentinian Pampas; survey the legendary Strait of Magellan from Punta Arenas; from a boat on Lake Argentino admire the white majesty of glaciers plunging into the sea; and revel in the grandeur of Chile's Torres del Paine National Park, the crown jewel of Patagonia. Venture south to El Calafate to visit Glaciers National Park and its massive Perito Moreno Glacier, then head across the Andes into Chilean Patagonia, and conclude in Santiago. A pre-trip extension to Iguazú Falls, one of the natural wonders of the world, is available.

**STUDY LEADER:** To be announced

**GROUP SIZE:** 14 to 26 guests

**PRICING:** \$10,645 DOUBLE/\$12,510 SINGLE

## INDIA, SRI LANKA & THE MALDIVES ON ISLAND SKY

NOVEMBER 27–DECEMBER 14, 2015



Witness the rich cultural heritage of India, the amazing historic sites of lush Sri Lanka, and the stunning natural beauty of the Maldives. A two-day exploration of Kochi, India, reveals a *mélange* of international influences with a cruise through the languid backwaters aboard a local houseboat. In Thiruvananthapuram, visit the village of Pongumoodu and its surrounding rubber plantations, and enjoy a traditional martial arts demonstration. In Sri Lanka, visit an elephant orphanage and two UNESCO World Heritage sites—the Temple of the Tooth and the fort of Galle. Conclude with three days in the Maldives, snorkeling over healthy reefs and meeting the charming locals.

**SHIP SIZE:** Up to 100 guests

**CO-SPONSOR:** Zegrahm Expeditions

**PRICING:** From \$14,980 DOUBLE/\$20,580 SINGLE



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