HARVARD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
2015 WORLDWIDE TRAVEL PROGRAM

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THE AEGEAN COASTS OF GREECE & TURKEY:
AN EXTRAORDINARY ODYSSEY TO THE WONDERS
OF THE ANCIENT WORLD

October 13 – 21, 2015
Step back into an era of mythological gods and goddesses, of storied kings and emperors, of illustrious heroes and philosophers. Walk through the wonders of glorious civilizations, today archaeological sites of treasured antiquities.

We are pleased to offer this exceptional two-for-one-pricing—and 50% savings on single accommodations—on this extraordinary, one-of-a-kind odyssey to the cradle of civilization, from Athens, Greece, to Istanbul, Turkey, visiting rare jewels of the ancient Aegean coast at an ideal, pleasantly warm time of year. Cruise aboard the exclusively chartered small ship M.Y. Variety Voyager, accommodating only 60 passengers and able to sail into small ports inaccessible to larger vessels, a great advantage to visiting these stunning wonders of antiquity.

This unique itinerary features opportunities to visit eight UNESCO World Heritage sites—places that most only read about. See the classical ruins of Pergamon, the sophisticated capital established by the conquests of Alexander the Great. Visit Philippi, the ancient citadel fortified by Philip II of Macedonia in 356 B.C. and, hundreds of years later, the first European city in which St. Paul the Apostle preached. Cruise past the UNESCO World Heritage site of Mount Athos peninsula, the sacred Greek Orthodox “Holy Mountain.” Explore the fabled city of Troy; ascend to the awe-inspiring UNESCO World Heritage site of Meteora, nearly inaccessible 14th- and 15th-century monasteries “suspended in the air”; and envision the lives of the Roman Empire’s most prominent citizens in the wonderfully preserved, mosaic-laden chambers of the often-overlooked Terrace Houses of Ephesus. Complete your journey in the captivating city of Istanbul—a lovely blend of beauty and ancient history on the Bosphorus strait.

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Scheduled guest speakers may be altered due to circumstances beyond our control. See General Information section.

HIDDEN TREASURES OF THE CRADLE OF CIVILIZATION

The Roman writer Cicero (106–43 B.C.) said of Athens that “wherever you set your foot, you encounter some memory of the past.” His succinct observation captures the historical magnitude of the ancient Aegean coast, the primary source of Western civilization. Here Philip II of Macedonia and Alexander the Great built and expanded their empires and St. Paul preached his teachings. The well-preserved ruins of venerable palaces, basilicas and forums; magnificent sites of early Christian faith; and the splendor of Greek and Roman architecture adorned with columns, friezes and mosaics exemplify the important contributions the ancient Greek, Hellenistic, and Roman civilizations made to establish our modern way of living. This odyssey explores the rare gems of the Aegean coast, unparalleled in both beauty and in great antiquities—a voyage through the glorious past of Western civilization in the paths of three great men and more.

HARVARD STUDY LEADER

As this brochure goes to print, we have not yet confirmed the faculty study leader for this program. We intend, however, that you will be joined by a Harvard lecturer who will enhance your travel experience. You will discover that our lecturers are not only first-rate scholars and teachers but also friendly traveling companions, eager to share their insights through conversation.

GUEST STUDY LEADER

Jenifer Neils, Archaeological Institute of America lecturer, has been a professor of ancient art history and a classical archaeologist for thirty years and is an expert on the ancient Mediterranean. She holds the Elsie B. Smith Chair of Classics at Case Western Reserve University and regularly teaches courses on the art and archaeology of the ancient world. Professor Neils has served as a study leader for over a dozen trips to ancient sites throughout the Mediterranean and the Middle East.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

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Depart the U.S.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

ATHENS, GREECE
Arrive in Athens, birthplace of democracy and home to many of history’s greatest philosophers and poets from Socrates to Herodotus.

Embark the small ship M.Y. Variety Voyager and attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception on board this evening. (R,D)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

KUSADASI, TURKEY, FOR EPHESUS
From the cosmopolitan resort town of Kusadasi depart for the Greco-Roman city of Ephesus, liberated from Persian rule by Alexander the Great in 334 B.C., and one of the world’s most remarkable architectural treasures. See the beautifully restored façade of the Library of Celsus and the Marble Way, which leads to an impressive 24,000-seat amphitheater where St. Paul delivered his Epistle to the Ephesians.

By special arrangement, visit the Terrace Houses, where the most prominent families of Ephesus once lived. Admire the monumental arched colonnades, well-preserved mosaics, and brightly colored frescoes of these superbly crafted residences.

Enjoy time at leisure in Kusadasi one hour before the ship departs. (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

DIKIŁI FOR PERGAMON
Dock in Dikili to visit the UNESCO World Heritage site of Pergamon, one of Turkey’s finest classical ruins.

Originally, the only access to these lofty monasteries was by way of very long ladders and baskets suspended on ropes. Today, you will ascend to them by coach on roads built along the sandstone slopes overlooking verdant Peneas Valley. Enjoy a traditional Greek lunch in a nearby restaurant. (A,L,D)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

THESSALONIKI/VERGINA
Named after Philip II of Macedon’s daughter, the bustling metropolis of Thessaloniki is the second largest city in Greece. Visit the Church of Agios Dimitrios, a glorious, five-aisled basilica that is one of the most important monuments of the early Christian era and a UNESCO World Heritage site. See the 16th-century White Tower, iconic symbol of the city, and, in the Archaeological Museum, view an astonishing collection of impeccably crafted gold and silver jewelry dating from the sixth century B.C.

This afternoon, explore the first capital of the Kingdom of Macedonia, Aigai, or modern-day Vergina, a UNESCO World Heritage site. It was here that Alexander the Great was crowned king following the death of his father. See the Royal Tombs and archaeological treasures dating back to the Macedonian Kingdom. (B,L,D)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

KAVALA/PHILIPPI/LYDIA
In the picturesque port of Kavala, see the 15th-century Panagia Castle; the medieval Old City Walls; and the Kamares, a well-preserved 16th-century aqueduct.

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Nearby Philippi was one of the most important cities during the Roman, Christian, Byzantine, and Ottoman eras. About 40 B.C. the Battle of Philippi took place here between the Roman armies of Brutus and Octavian, bringing about the end of the Roman democracy. A century later, it was the first European city in which St. Paul preached, and it was here where he was imprisoned. See the remains of his holding cell and walk along the original Roman road, Via Egnatia.

Along the banks of the Gangites River, visit the Greek Orthodox Baptistery of St. Lydia, where St. Paul baptized the first European converted to Christianity. Inside, see the splendid mosaics depicting the travels of St. Paul.

Cruise beside the peninsula of Mount Athos, a sacred Greek Orthodox spiritual center since 1054. Today, 20 active monasteries comprise this UNESCO World Heritage site, where some 1400 monks reside in the Byzantine-era sanctuaries built into the cliffs of this majestic mountain jutting out into the sparkling Aegean Sea.

**WHAT IS INCLUDED:**

- Enrichment program of lectures and discussions by an HAA study leader and additional guest lecturer(s)
- Seven-night cruise aboard the exclusively chartered small ship M.Y. Variety Voyager
- Complimentary house wine and beer with lunch and dinner on board the ship
- Captain’s Welcome Reception and Farewell Dinner
- All activities, excursions, entrance fees and meals per detailed itinerary
- Nine-day program featuring rare jewels of the ancient Aegean coast, including the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Meteora, Thessaloniki, Vergina, and Mount Athos in Greece and Pergamon and Troy in Turkey
- Complimentary use of a state-of-the-art audio headset for each participant while on guided shore excursions during the cruise
- Taxes and gratuities to ship personnel, guides and drivers
- Services of a tour manager throughout the program
- Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s)
- $200,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance
Oceans Deck
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Marina Deck

YEAR CONSTRUCTION: 2012
OVERALL LENGTH: 223 feet

AMENITIES
36 ocean-view, stylishly appointed cabins are designed to accommodate two twin beds or one double bed and feature two small windows, private marble bathroom with shower, individual climate control, mini-refrigerator, flat-screen satellite television.

MAXIMUM PASSENGERS: 60
FLAG: European

DVD player, music channels, hair dryer, bathtubs and safe. Public spaces include a lounge and bar, library, shaded outdoor dining area and bar, sun deck with chairs and bar, and a mini-spa and fitness area. Wi-Fi Internet access and laundry service are available on board.

M.Y. VARIETY VOYAGER

GENERAL INFORMATION
TOUR COST INCLUSIONS: Taxes; all transfers and luggage handling abroad for all participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transference(s); all activities, excursions, entrance fees, accommodation, and meals per detailed itinerary; gratuities to ship personnel, local guides and drivers; tour manager throughout; $200,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance.

All other services not specifically mentioned in the “Inclusions” section.

TRANSPORT: All transfers and luggage handling to/from airport on day(s) of arrival and/or departure if you are arriving earlier or later than and/or departing earlier or later than the scheduled group transference(s); passport fees; visas and fees for obtaining visas; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls and Internet access; accident/sickness, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; gratuities to hotel personnel; optional sightseeing excursions; meals and alcoholic beverages not listed in the “Inclusions” section; and all other services not specifically mentioned in the “Inclusions” section.

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Deposits may be made by check, payable to Harvard Alumni Association, or with a major credit card. Final payment, payable by check, is due 95 days before departure.

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