HIDDEN GEMS OF THE AEGEAN
The Cyclades Islands aboard Harmony V
With Harvey Cox and Nina Tumarkin
July 23–August 1, 2014
**STREWN LIKE PEARLS** across the Aegean waters between the Greek mainland and Crete, the Cyclades are the poster islands for Greece. Circling the island of Delos (hence their name, from the Greek word for circle, *kyklos*), they are renowned for their beautiful beaches, white-washed villages scattered among the rocky hills overlooking the sea, and long stretches of hot, sunny weather.

While many of these islands are well known and much visited, there are hidden gems waiting to be discovered. This specially designed itinerary has been created to do just that. Aboard the privately chartered 25-cabin *Harmony V*, you will avoid the throngs of visitors and the paths oft-traveled to focus on some out-of-the-spotlight islands in the Cyclades chain, arguably the most fascinating of all the Greek island groups. In addition to always popular Naxos and Santorini, you will visit Tinos, Syros, Folegandros, Milos, and Sifnos—each with its own personality and ambience, and all contributing to lasting memories of an incomparable Greek island adventure. Before embarking, you will also enjoy visiting a selection of outstanding sites and museums in Athens.

The *Harmony V* is the perfect size for a cruise to uncrowded archaeological sites, tucked-away coves, and unspoiled villages where daily life continues as it has for centuries.

ABOVE: The sun sets behind a pair of iconic windmills in the village of Oia on Santorini; INSET: Fresh-off-the-boat octopus waits to be prepared and served at a harbor-side restaurant
Among his many books, the best known are The Secular City (the fiftieth-anniversary edition of which has just been issued), When Jesus Came to Harvard, Fire From Heaven, and most recently, The Future of Faith.

Harvey’s wife, Nina Tumarkin, professor of History and director of Russian Area Studies at Wellesley College, is a longtime associate of Harvard’s Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies (formerly the Russian Research Center). At Wellesley College, where she has taught since 1975 (after receiving her PhD from Harvard the same year), Nina teaches courses in all periods of Russia’s history as well as modern European history. She has published books on the Lenin cult and the Soviet and Russian cult of World War II.

Harvey & Nina’s lectures will focus on ancient Greek mythology and religion, the convergence of Greek-Hellenistic with Hebrew-Christian culture—which became the basis for Western civilization, and modern European history leading up to contemporary issues, plus current Greek representations of its ancient and recent past.

ON THE COVER: A Greek church showing off the islands’ trademark whitewash perches serenely above the Aegean on Santorini; BELOW: Ermoupolis, on the island of Syros, is the cultural and administrative capital of the Cyclades

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WEDNESDAY–THURSDAY, JULY 23–24
Home / Athens, Greece
Depart home on an overnight flight to Athens. Upon arrival, check in to the hotel. This evening enjoy an orientation and welcome reception.
Electra Palace Hotel (R)

FRIDAY, JULY 25
Athens
Enjoy a special guided tour of the world-class National Archaeological Museum, viewing the top highlights then delving deeper into the treasures from the Cyclades Islands. Also explore the excellent Benaki Museum, which houses Greek works of art from prehistoric to modern times. Embark the Harmony V in the late afternoon and depart for the Cyclades Islands. Harmony V (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, JULY 26
Tinos / Syros
Our ship docks this morning in Tinos, an important Greek Orthodox pilgrimage destination. Tinos is a green and mountainous island dotted with unspoiled hill villages, windmills, and whitewashed dovecotes. Visit the artists’ colony of Pirgos, where green marble is quarried and sculpted, and explore the Museum of Marble Crafts, which displays the techniques and tools used in marble carving. In the afternoon continue to the island of Syros, capital of the Cyclades. Enjoy music, mezes, and ouzo in the town square of Ermoupolis, noted for its ornate churches and neoclassical mansions. Harmony V (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, JULY 27
Naxos
Cruise to Naxos, the largest and most agriculturally fertile island of the Cyclades. Its rugged mountains and lush green valleys also make it one of the most beautiful, and its many churches and monasteries illuminate the island’s Byzantine heritage. Sample some of the wines and cheeses produced on island farms and enjoy a performance of Greek dances. Harmony V (B,L,D)

MONDAY, JULY 28
Santorini
Santorini is renowned for its iconic half-moon-shaped caldera that was created by a great volcanic eruption around 1500 B.C. Cruise the caldera, surrounded by steep cliffs, and explore the beautiful cliff-side towns of Oia and Fira. Enjoy a private visit to the reopened Akrotiri archaeological site, a Minoan Bronze Age settlement that was preserved in volcanic ash until its excavation in the early 1900s (usually closed on Mondays). Also stop at the Nomikos Foundation, which promotes the study of archaeology, geology, and art history in Greece and Santorini. Enjoy free time to browse the shops and wander the alleyways of the artistic town of Oia. Harmony V (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, JULY 29
Folegandros / Milos
To the west of Santorini lies Folegandros, a quiet island less frequently visited. Explore one of its three small villages, Chora, the “capital,” built on the edge of a 656-feet-high cliff. This afternoon, cruise to Milos, where, in 1820, a farmer found the famous Venus de Milo statue, which now resides in the Louvre in Paris. Cruise along the coast to observe its fascinating rock formations. Harmony V (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30
Milos / Sifnos
Enjoy a morning stroll in Plaka, the main town of Milos, and views of the ancient city of Tripiti, where the Venus de Milo statue was excavated. Also enjoy swimming at some of the island’s beautiful beaches. In the late afternoon, cruise to Sifnos, arriving around dinner time for an overnight in port. Harmony V (B,L,D)

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Thursday, July 31
Sifnos / Cruising
Enjoy your last day in the Cyclades on the island of Sifnos. Explore the ancient Citadel at Agios Andreas, a Mycenaean archaeological site dating to the 13th century B.C., and the bright-white Panagia Chrysopigi monastery, built on a small islet connected to the rest of Sifnos by a bridge. Visit the walled, medieval, cliff-top village of Kastro, with its magical buttressed alleys and whitewashed houses, and the pretty village of Artemonas. Sifnos has a long tradition of producing superior pottery due to the high quality of its clay, and you will have time to visit a potter’s workshop and try your hand at the wheel. This evening, enjoy a traditional Greek dinner in the village of Vathy to celebrate your Greek island adventure. Then reboard the ship and cruise to Athens.

Harmony V (B,L,D)

Friday, August 1
Athens / Home
Disembark the ship in Athens and transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)
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**TOUR COST EXCLUSIONS:** U.S. domestic and international airfare; Passport and visa fees; Medical expenses and immunizations; Trip cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance; Deviations from the scheduled tour; Excess baggage charges; Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; Alcohol or soft drinks except where indicated as included; Private transfers or transfers not on program arrival and departure days; Personal items such as room service; internet, telephone, and fax charges; laundry; gratuities for non-group services; and other items of a personal nature.

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The Harmony V was launched in 2003 and refurbished in 2009. This sleek, high-tech yacht fits in well with the elegant private yachts found in the world’s most famous ports. With only 25 guest cabins, Harmony V offers an intimate and comfortable cruise experience with ample public spaces that include a lounge and bar, indoor single-seat dining room with large windows, al fresco dining area, sun deck, mini-spa, and swim platform for easy access to the ship and for a wide range of sea-related activities. All cabins have windows, en suite bathrooms, wood paneling, twin or queen beds, flat-screen TV, and mini-fridge.

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