



From the Strait of Gibraltar to the Canals of Venice

*A Voyage Exploring the Crossroads of
Cultures in the Mediterranean Sea*

ABOARD THE ALL-SUITE, 114-GUEST *CORINTHIAN II*



**No Single
Supplement**

August 29 – September 13, 2011



Dear Commonwealth Club Traveler,

The unique atmosphere of Mediterranean life, as it exists today, was built upon millennia of cultural movements, invasions, and religious transitions. Their monuments remain all around, each influencing and building upon one another. This voyage from Seville to Venice creates a superb sense of this history—this interaction between cultures, faiths, and ideas—that changes the character of a place, while retaining its continuity. A highlight will be the chance to hear from a representative from the U.S. Consulate in Seville for an insider's perspective.

We depart from majestic Seville for Morocco, where the elegant capital of Rabat and Marrakech's medina, colorful souks, and architectural landmarks await. Back in Spain, wander through the fabled Alhambra and amidst Alicante's Moorish architecture. Delve into the ancient Roman ruins of Algeria's Tipasa and Hippo Regius before a visit to Tunisia's Carthage. In Sicily, discover how Palermo and Monreale's Norman and Arabic influences mingled with the Byzantine and Romanesque to produce stunning cathedrals and works of art. Rounding out the voyage are visits to old villages and towns in Montenegro, where Christians and Muslims have coexisted for centuries and where medieval churches are next to mosques. Also discover walled Split, Croatia, centered around the A.D. 205 Palace of Diocletian.

With 57 suites accommodating only 114 guests, the *Corinthian II* features a beautiful dining room, comfortable lounges and public areas, and broad decks for sunning or watching the passing scene.

Our partners on this journey are other like-minded educational organizations including Yale and Dartmouth Alumni Associations. Join us aboard *Corinthian II* as we explore the crossroads of cultures in the Mediterranean.

Sincerely,

Kristina Nemeth
Director of Club Travel

THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

This voyage from Seville to Venice takes us through regions that have been and continue to be among the most important meeting places of Jewish, Islamic, and Christian cultures—places that have seen confrontation and conquest, coexistence and dialogue, tolerance and ideological warfare. The team of study leaders outlined below are uniquely qualified to help us understand both the history of conflict and strife between these civilizations (the Reconquista of Spain, for example, or ethnic cleansings in the Balkans in the 1990s) as well as historical models of cooperation and intellectual exchange (the period of Muslim rule in Andalusia, the flowering of culture in Ottoman Europe). These study leaders are also citizens of the world, deeply interested and involved in the present-day tensions between peoples of deep and contrary belief. They look forward to sharing their insights into the popular uprisings across North Africa and into the European response to these uprisings and to the consequences for their own societies.

KEVIN REINHART is an Associate Professor in the Department of Religion at Dartmouth College, specializing in Islamic and comparative religious studies. His research focuses on Islamic religious thought, primarily in the pre-modern period. He has just finished a book on the variety of Islamic practices in different locales. His course offerings include courses on comparative religion and on the Crusades in Europe and the Middle East.

DUNCAN SMITH is Emeritus Professor of German Studies and Modern Culture and Media at Brown University. He taught and wrote about the Islamic, Jewish, and Christian engagements on the territories of the former Roman Empire and has lectured about both past and present conflicts and reconciliations among those faiths and cultures. On numerous trips to Turkey and the Black Sea coast, he has lectured on the Ottoman Empire and its history, architecture, and leadership of the Islamic World during the Caliphate in Istanbul.

JUDITH COLTON is Professor Emeritus of the History of Art at Yale University, where she taught from 1973 to 2006. Her early research focused on sculpture in 18th-century England and France and led to a book called *The Parnasse François: Titon du Tillet and the Origins of the Monument to Genius*. She is also co-editor of *A Taste for Angels: Neapolitan Painting in North America, 1650–1750*.

WAYNE MEEKS is Woolsey Professor Emeritus in the Department of Religious Studies at Yale University, where he taught from 1969 until 1999. Earlier, he taught at Indiana University and Dartmouth College. He is best known for his publications on the writings of the apostle Paul and on the Fourth Gospel, for his investigation of the social history of earliest Christianity, and for work on the formation of early Christian morality. His most recent book is *Christ is the Question*.



Itinerary

Monday, August 29, 2011 ■ **FLY FROM USA**

Tuesday, August 30 ■ **SEVILLE, Spain** | **EMBARK**

Upon arrival in Seville, transfer to *Corinthian II*. Overnight aboard ship, docked in port. (D)

Wednesday, August 31 ■ **SEVILLE**

Occupied by the Romans, conquered by the Moors, and ruled by a succession of Catholic monarchs, Seville is one of Europe's most important and affluent

maritime cities. Visit the Alcazar, with its charming Murillo Gardens, and the Gothic Cathedral. (B,L,D)

Thursday, September 1 ■ **CASABLANCA | RABAT | CASABLANCA, Morocco**

From Casablanca, drive to Rabat, Morocco's elegant capital. Tour its Medina, home to colorful souks, the Chellah Citadel, and the Kasbah des Oudaias. (B,L,D)

Friday, September 2 ■ **SAFI | MARRAKECH | SAFI**

From Safi, drive to fabled Marrakech, founded in the 11th century and set among gardens and palm groves. Your exploration includes the 12th-century Koutoubia Minaret; the Bahia Palace; the Ben Youssef Medressa; the Jewish Quarter; and Djemaa el-Fna. (B,L,D)

Saturday, September 3 ■ **AT SEA** (B,L,D)

Sunday, September 4 ■ **MOTRIL | GRANADA | MOTRIL, Spain**

Granada exemplifies the best of Moorish culture, art, and architecture. Tour the Alhambra, a striking 13th-century palace begun by the caliphs of the Nasrid dynasty, and stroll through the Generalife Gardens. There will also be an opportunity to see the Alhambra and Sierra Nevada mountains from above on an optional hot air balloon excursion (\$325 per person). (B,L,D)



One of Rabat's characteristic doors



Fabled Carthage

Monday, September 5 ■ ALICANTE

Known since the Greco-Roman times for its beautiful position on Spain's Mediterranean coast, Alicante (Alacant) was dominated by the Moors from the 8th century until 1246, when it was reconquered by Alfonso X. A morning tour of the town includes the imposing Castillo de Santa Barbara and the Cathedral of San Nicolas. In the afternoon, drive to Elche (Elx), famed for its exotic palm forest, now a UNESCO World Heritage site, followed by a visit to the Huerta del Cura garden. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, September 6 ■ ALGIERS | TIPASA | ALGIERS, Algeria

Tipasa's ancient temples and ruins overlook the Mediterranean to dramatic effect. Visit the Villa of Frescoes, a Roman mansion; 2nd-century A.D. Judicial Basilica; 4th-century Christian Basilica; the site's museum; and the Tombeau de la Chretienne, burial place of Mauretanian King Juba II and his wife, Cleopatra Selene. Enjoy an afternoon tour of Algiers, Algeria's capital. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, September 7 ■ ANNABA | HIPPO REGIUS | ANNABA

From Annaba, visit the ancient site of Hippo Regius, which bears the marks of Phoenicians, Berbers, and Romans. Explore the Roman Forum, the largest and oldest in North Africa, and the Baths, dedicated to Septimius Severus.

Also visit the modern-day Basilica of St. Augustine, which crowns the hill overlooking the site. Later, sail along the rugged Algerian coast. (B,L,D)

Thursday, September 8 ■ TUNIS | CARTHAGE | TUNIS, Tunisia

From Tunis, travel to storied Carthage. The site includes several Phoenician remains, such as Tophet, the sanctuary of the gods Tanit and Baal, as well as many monuments from the Roman period. Also tour the Bardo



Kotor, Montenegro

Museum, world-renowned for its spectacular collection of Roman mosaics, and enjoy time at leisure visiting the Medina and its souks. (B,L,D)

Friday, September 9 ■ **PALERMO, Sicily, Italy**

Arrive in Palermo, one of the Mediterranean's most enchanting cities. Seek out the Cappella Palatina, a wonder of Byzantine-Arab-Norman artistry. Then drive to Monreale to visit its famed Norman cathedral. In the afternoon, tour the private Palazzo Raffadali, a Gothic palace with 17th-century interiors. (B,L,D)

Saturday, September 10 ■ **AT SEA** (B,L,D)

Sunday, September 11 ■ **BAR | ULCINJ | STARI BAR | KOTOR, Montenegro**

Arrive in Montenegro's port of Bar and drive along the coast to Ulcinj, where mosques and churches share the skyline. Explore the Old Town and continue to Stari Bar (Old Bar), an ancient ruined walled town in a spectacular setting. Reboard the ship and cruise to Kotor over lunch. On a walking tour through this car-free UNESCO World Heritage site, visit Kotor's 12th-century Cathedral of St. Tryphon as well as the Cathedral Square and the Lapidarium. (B,L,D)

Monday, September 12 ■ **SPLIT, Croatia**

Originally a Greco-Illyrian settlement called Aspalathos, Split is an ancient city centered around the formidable Palace of Diocletian, built in A.D. 295. An extensive structure, much of which is well preserved, the palace contains within its walls Split's medieval town, making it the only palace that has been continuously inhabited since Roman times. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, September 13 ■ **VENICE, Italy | DISEMBARK | FLY TO USA** (B)

AIRFARE: Airfare is not included in the Cruise and Land Rates. Please contact your preferred airline, travel agent, or the Travel Dynamics International air desk operated by Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc. (VWTI) for airfare information and to reserve flights. Consultants are available Monday – Friday from 9:00 am – 5:30 pm (EST) toll-free at 1-877-711-9896. Please have your tour code (11422B) and dates handy for reference.

Program Inclusions

- 14-night cruise aboard the all-suite, 114-guest *Corinthian II*
- Complete program of tours and excursions
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions aboard ship
- All meals aboard ship, including house wine, beer, and soft drinks with lunch and dinner
- Open bar aboard ship throughout the cruise
- Educational program of lectures and discussions by accompanying study leaders
- Professional Travel Dynamics International tour staff
- Complete pre-departure materials
- Baggage handling and transfers abroad on the designated program arrival and departure dates
- Port and embarkation taxes
- Gratuities to porters, guides, and drivers

NOT INCLUDED: Airfare; visa and passport fees (if applicable); luggage and trip cancellation insurance; meals, soft drinks, and alcoholic beverages other than those specified above; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, faxes, and e-mail service; and gratuities to shipboard personnel

TWO-NIGHT OPTIONAL POST-CRUISE EXTENSION IN VENICE

September 13 - 15, 2011

Discover this unique canal city for two days after disembarking *Corinthian II*. The extension includes visits to the Basilica Santa Maria Gloriosa dei Frari, Scuola Grande, St. Mark's Cathedral, and the Doge's Palace. Also visit the Rialto area, and taste some of Venice's fine wines.

Included: Two nights at *Bonvecchiati Palace Hotel*, with breakfast; guided sightseeing and excursions; group transfers

Rates: \$1,395 per person, double occupancy; \$500 single supplement



CORINTHIAN II

The Ideal Combination of Cruise-Ship Grandeur and Small-Ship Intimacy

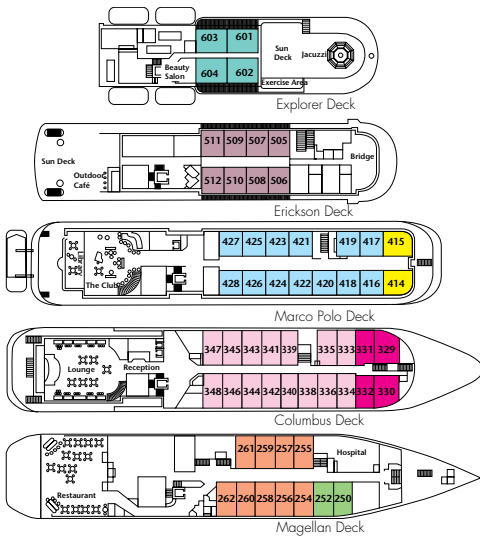


In an era of mega cruise ships that carry thousands of passengers, the *Corinthian II* is a delightful alternative. More like a private yacht than a cruise ship, *Corinthian II* accommodates only 114 guests in 57 suites. *Corinthian II*'s limited guest capacity, fine facilities, and distinctive style of operation attract like-minded travelers who return again and again to enjoy its custom-crafted itineraries and a style of cruising that is rarely found today. More than just a cruise, each voyage provides a comprehensive experience that reveals the singular aspects of the destinations. Aboard, a sense of community and a spirit of camaraderie prevail.

All of *Corinthian II*'s suites face outside, providing views of the sea and landscape. Several have a private balcony. There are expansive open deck areas and other facilities, including a gym, library, beauty salon, two lounges, a sun deck with Jacuzzi, and an outdoor cafe. A spacious restaurant accommodates all guests in an open, unassigned seating. The cuisine is outstanding, and the overall service is efficient and friendly while unobtrusive. An elevator serves all decks. A resident physician attends a well-equipped infirmary.

Served by 70 seasoned officers and crew, *Corinthian II* complies with the latest international safety regulations and is outfitted with the most current navigational technology.

DECK PLAN & RATES



CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	RATES
PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY:		
E	Deluxe suites on Magellan Deck with portholes and sitting area. 225 sq. ft. Suites 250 - 252	\$9,995
D	Deluxe suites on Columbus Deck with window and sitting area. 225 sq. ft. Suites 329 - 332	\$10,995
C	Deluxe suites on Magellan Deck with portholes and sitting area. 235 sq. ft. Suites 254 - 262	\$11,995
B	Deluxe suites on Columbus Deck with window and sitting area. 235 sq. ft. Suites 333 - 348	\$12,995
A	Deluxe suites on Marco Polo Deck with window and sitting area. 235 sq. ft. Suites 416 - 428	\$13,995
AA	Deluxe suites on Marco Polo Deck with forward and side windows and sitting area. 285 sq. ft. Suites 414 - 415	\$14,995
VS	Deluxe Veranda Suites on Erickson Deck with private balcony and sitting area. 300 sq. ft. Suites 505 - 512	\$15,995
PHS	Deluxe Penthouse Suites on Explorer Deck with private balcony and sitting area. 400 sq. ft. Suites 601 - 604	\$17,495

VS & PHS are provided with private butler service and other exclusive amenities.

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

A limited number of cabins in Categories C - A have been set aside for single occupancy at **NO SUPPLEMENT**. Once these cabins are filled, cabins for single occupancy may be available at a supplement of \$2,495.

GENERAL INFORMATION

PAYMENTS: A \$1,000 deposit per person is required to confirm your reservation. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure and must be by personal check.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS: All cancellations are subject to a \$300 per person fee. Cancellations received 61-90 days prior to departure will be assessed a penalty equal to 50% of the total program cost per person. Cancellations received within 60 days of departure are subject to 100% cancellation penalties.

INSURANCE: We recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance. Details will be sent upon registration.

ITINERARY: The itinerary, accommodations, and arrangements are subject to change at the discretion of Travel Dynamics International.

SHIP'S REGISTRY: Malta CST #204 3599-40 TDI
CST #2096889-40 Commonwealth Club Travel

DUE TO SPACE LIMITATIONS, THIS IS ABBREVIATED INFORMATION. PLEASE CONTACT US FOR COMPLETE TERMS AND CONDITIONS.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

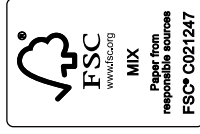
- Listen to lectures by our expert study leaders, who will touch upon the history of the destinations we visit as well as current events unfolding in the region
- Enjoy a presentation and discussion by a representative from the U.S. Consulate in Seville
- Explore the Chellah Citadel and walk among the ancient and medieval architectural elements now overtaken by gardens
- In Marrakech, discover famed Djemaa el-Fna, or heart of the souk, filled with dancers and storytellers
- See the extraordinary mosaics at Tunisia's Bardo Museum
- Enjoy a private tour of the Palazzo Raffadali



Informed Travel for the Discerning Mind
 595 Market St., 2nd Floor
 San Francisco, CA 94105

No Single Supplement

PRSRFT STD
 U.S. Postage
PAID
 Travel Dynamics
 Int'l



CMWC 11422B RP

**FOR RESERVATIONS OR
 FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT
 COMMONWEALTH CLUB TRAVEL
 (415) 597-6720**

OR
 E-MAIL

TRAVEL@COMMONWEALTHCLUB.ORG