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A Voyage from Virginia to Charleston Exploring
Landmark Cities, Stately Homes & Civil War Sites

Aboard the 130-Guest *Yorktown*

October 28 - November 7, 2013

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Dear Club Member,

Few regions in America possess enduring character and charm like the South. Renowned for its rich heritage, the South's Native American, English, African, French, and Spanish influences are evident in the architecture, cuisine, and language of the region. Our late-autumn voyage travels from Alexandria to Charleston, calling at historical homes, gardens, and Civil War sites that reveal both the tumultuous history and the genteel splendor of the antebellum South.

We begin our voyage in the first permanent New World colony, Virginia. Journey along the banks of the Potomac River, with a visit to George Washington's Mount Vernon estate. Cruising onward along the James River, we reach Richmond, the former capital of the Confederacy, where we'll tour the city's main sites and explore the battlefield at Petersburg, site of a 10-month-long siege.

As *Yorktown* continues along the Atlantic coastline, we will visit North Carolina's Burgwin-Wright House, a handsome Georgian manor, and Tryon Palace, boasting 16 acres of elegant gardens. We end our journey by sailing past Fort Sumter, site of the 1861 beginning of the Civil War, to call in historic, beautiful Charleston.

To make this voyage an especially enriching experience, we have two distinguished historians to join us onboard *Yorktown*. **James "Bud" Robertson**, Alumni Distinguished Professor of History Emeritus at Virginia Tech, has received every major award possible in the field of Civil War History. **Garry Adelman**, Director of History and Education at the Civil War Trust, has been a Licensed Battlefield Guide at Gettysburg for 18 years. Both will share their knowledge and expertise through onboard lectures and informal discussions.

This voyage combines all the comforts of a cruise ship with the opportunity to explore historical sites in depth with renowned historians. This fall, join us and our co-sponsoring organizations, George Washington University Alumni Association, University of North Carolina Alumni Association, National Trust for Historic Preservation, and Civil War Trust, aboard the 130-guest *Yorktown* as we journey along the shores of American history.

Sincerely,

Kristina Nemeth

Director of Club Travel



Right: Ulysses S. Grant's cabin overlooking the James River, Petersburg National Battlefield Park
Cover: Charleston, South Carolina



Discover the Gracious Beauty & Enduring American South on an Idyllic Voyage from

A One-of-a-Kind Voyage

For many Americans, the Old South is the loveliest part of the United States. The elegant architecture, the stately homes, the perfectly manicured gardens—it is another world. Our autumn voyage carries you back to an earlier era in our country's history.

For this custom-designed itinerary, we will visit some of the most important sites of the Civil War, including the battlefield of Petersburg, Fort Sumter, and Fort Fisher, and the former Confederate ports of Wilmington and Charleston. When we visit these sites where strategic decisions were made and history-changing battles were fought, you will gain a fresh perspective on both the Civil War and the unique culture of the South.

We have also selected some of the finest antebellum homes and gardens in America: Westover Plantation, a Georgian mansion in Virginia shaded by tall, leafy tulip poplars that are more than 150 years old; Middleton Place, just outside of Charleston, home of Arthur Middleton, a signer of the Declaration of Independence; Airlie Gardens, boasting 67 acres of formal, woodland gardens and a majestic Airle oak that dates from 1545; and the magnificently restored gardens of Tryon Palace in North Carolina.

In addition to the historical dimension of this voyage, there is also the unforgettable experience of sailing into some of the most beautiful harbors and waterways in America, including Charleston, Colonial Beach, and the Potomac and James Rivers. You'll find that the best way to explore the treasures of the South is by ship with a small group. Join us for the discovery of a lifetime.



Airlie Gardens, Wilmington

Charm of the Virginia to Charleston



Southern charm

A Small Shipboard Community of Like-Minded Travelers

Meeting and mingling with your fellow guests is one of the greatest pleasures of the voyage. Our passengers tend to be well-traveled. They have successful careers, out-of-the-ordinary life experiences, and interesting stories to tell. They tend to be confident, outgoing, friendly. They enjoy exploring new places and making new friends. Aboard *Yorktown*, you are not an anonymous tourist lost in a crowd of strangers; you are a welcome member of a small shipboard community.

Flavors of the Lowcountry

The Lowcountry stretches from Savannah to Pawleys Island in South Carolina. The emphasis in this cuisine is on seafood, especially crabs, shrimp, and oysters. Rice, grits, black-eyed peas, okra, and tomatoes are also staple ingredients. A Lowcountry classic, Frogmore stew is a one-pot meal consisting of shrimp, spicy sausage, and corn on the cob. Creamy she-crab soup is thought to have originated in Charleston, where it appears on almost every menu. The eggs of the female crab give the soup its wonderful flavor, and this is enhanced with a generous dollop of sherry. The Lowcountry also has its own variation on rice pilaf called perlaw, made of chicken, rice, celery, and onion. During this voyage, you will have the chance to sample some of these Lowcountry cuisine traditions.



Charleston street scene

Travel, Learn & Enrich Your Experience with a Team of Experts

Our voyage is accompanied by an experienced team of lecturers and expert local guides who are intimately familiar with the destination. Through lectures and discussion, they will introduce you to the history of these shores.



Garry E. Adelman is the author, co-author, or editor of more than thirty books and articles concerning the Civil War. He is the vice president of the Center for Civil War Photography and has been a Licensed Battlefield Guide at Gettysburg for 18 years. He works full time as Director of History and Education at the Civil War Trust.



James Robertson, Alumni Distinguished Professor of History Emeritus at Virginia Tech, has received every major award possible in the field of Civil War History. He is the author of over 20 books, including a biography of General “Stonewall” Jackson that was the foundation of the movie *Gods and Generals*. His latest book is *The Untold Civil War*, focusing on the daily lives of soldiers and commanders.

The Battle for Fort Fisher

In the final months of the Civil War, Fort Fisher kept open the port of Wilmington, North Carolina, enabling blockade-runners to unload supplies vital to the Confederacy. The fort was built almost entirely of earth and sand—ideal for absorbing artillery shells. With a battery of 22 guns facing the sea and another battery of 25 guns facing the land, Fort Fisher was virtually impregnable. It was known as “the Gibraltar of the South.”

On December 26, 1864, the garrison repulsed a Union assault. But on January 15, 1865, the Union army was back, with warships that bombarded the fort and 3,300 troops that stormed the defenses. After hours of hand-to-hand combat, the commander of Fort Fisher surrendered. With its last supply line severed, the Confederacy’s defeat was assured.



Drayton Hall, Charleston



Itinerary

Monday, October 28, 2013

WASHINGTON, D.C. | ALEXANDRIA, Virginia | EMBARK

Fly to Washington, D.C. and embark *Yorktown* in Alexandria. Overnight aboard ship. (D)

Tuesday, October 29

ALEXANDRIA | MOUNT VERNON | ALEXANDRIA

Today drive to Mount Vernon, George Washington's massive estate and gardens. Spend the day touring the sweeping grounds including the mansion, museum, slaves' quarters, and the gardens. Also visit the recently opened distillery, a reconstruction of Washington's original whiskey distillery. (B, L, D)

Wednesday, October 30

COLONIAL BEACH | FREDERICKSBURG

Arrive in Colonial Beach, set beautifully on the Potomac River, for an excursion to Fredericksburg where The Battle of Fredericksburg was fought in 1862. The battle, a Confederate victory, is remembered as one of the most one-sided battles in the Civil War, with many more Union casualties than



White House of the Confederacy, Richmond

Confederate. The Fredericksburg Historical District contains over 350 buildings dating from the 18th and 19th centuries and is on the National Register of Historic Places. Tour the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park, which preserves portions of four major Civil War battlefields. (B, L, D)

Thursday, October 31

YORKTOWN | COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG | YORKTOWN

From the port of Yorktown, our excursion leads to historic Colonial Williamsburg. The capital of the Virginia colony from 1699 to 1780, Williamsburg is the nation's premier living museum, offering visitors a glimpse of life as it was in the 17th and 18th centuries. A guided tour leads along the Duke of Gloucester Street, past the Capitol, the courthouse, the Governor's Palace and the historic Bruton Parish Church, which has held Episcopal services here since 1715. Then enjoy time at leisure to explore the museums and side streets, which are filled with taverns, bakeries and the restored houses of wheelwrights, coopers, apothecaries and other tradesmen. (B, L, D)

Friday, November 1

RICHMOND | BERKELEY and WESTOVER PLANTATIONS or PETERSBURG | RICHMOND

Sailing in the James River, disembark at Richmond and drive to nearby Petersburg, the site of the last major battle of the Civil War. Visit the Siege Museum, housed in the elegant Exchange

Building (ca. 1839), and the Petersburg National Battlefield, which preserves and protects Petersburg's Civil War legacy. Alternatively, drive to the historic Berkeley Plantation and tour the house and gardens, set on a pastoral landscape and surrounded by five terraced gardens. Continue to Westover Plantation, a Georgian style mansion built in the 18th century. Tour the formal gardens that circle the house with 150-year-old poplars and ancient boxwood hedges. (B, L, D)

Saturday, November 2

AT SEA

Spend the day aboard *Yorktown* enjoying lectures and stunning views. (B, L, D)

Sunday, November 3

MOREHEAD CITY | NEW BERN |

MOREHEAD CITY, North Carolina

Historic New Bern was settled in 1710 and has four historic districts with structures dating back to the early 18th century. Visit the jewel among New Bern's sites, Tryon Palace, a Georgian mansion completed in 1770 that served as the state's first permanent capital. The elegant gardens were designed by landscape architect Morely Jeffers Williams in the 1950s and represent the style of the Victoria era. (B, L, D)

Monday, November 4

MOREHEAD CITY

Built in the mid-19th century as the terminus of the North Carolina Railroad, Morehead City was home to large encampments by both armies during the Civil War. Visit The History Place, with its exhibits relating to the Civil War, as well as Fort Macon, a Confederate garrison. (B, L, D)



Sunset along the shores of Fredricksburg

Tuesday, November 5

WILMINGTON or FORT FISHER

Founded in 1739, Wilmington flourished on maritime trade made possible by its deep-water port. By 1860, Wilmington was North Carolina's largest city. Tour Wilmington's historic district, a veritable open-air museum of 19th-century architecture. Visit Airlie Gardens, which boasts 67 acres of formal, woodland gardens including a majestic Airlie oak



The Harrison Family of Berkeley Plantation

The Harrison family acquired the land that became Berkeley Plantation in 1691 and built the red-brick manor house in 1726. It remained in the family until the 1840s. During those years, Berkeley Plantation produced several prominent Americans. Benjamin Harrison was a signer of the Declaration of Independence and three times governor of Virginia. Benjamin's son, William Henry Harrison, was the hero of the Battle of Tippecanoe and the 9th President of the United States. And Benjamin's great-grandson, also named Benjamin Harrison, became the 23rd President in 1888.

that dates from 1545. Alternatively, drive to Fort Fisher, a Confederate stronghold that fell to the Union in January 1865 after a massive assault by a force of 9,000 men and 56 ships. (B, L, D)

Wednesday, November 6

CHARLESTON, South Carolina

Spend the day in Charleston, one of the East Coast's loveliest cities. A prosperous, cosmopolitan seaport from colonial times, it was in here in Charleston's harbor that Confederate troops first fired upon Fort Sumter, thus starting the Civil War. Tour Charleston's extensive historic district. Visit Drayton Hall, a National Historic Landmark and a National Trust Historic Site and the oldest surviving example of Georgian Palladian architecture in the United States. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure, or drive to historic Middleton Place, a carefully preserved 18th-century plantation that is a National Historic Landmark. Situated on the Ashley River, the property includes the House Museum, built in 1755 as the gentlemen's guest quarters, and 65 acres of magnificent gardens. (B, L, D)

Thursday, November 7

CHARLESTON | DISEMBARK | FLY HOME

Disembark *Yorktown* after breakfast. (B)



Colonial Williamsburg



Tryon Palace gardens, New Bern



Along the coast of North Carolina



The *Yorktown*

Yorktown is the perfect vessel for relaxed and convivial exploration of America's great coastal waterways. Built in Florida in 1988 specifically for coastal cruising and certified by the U. S. Coast Guard, *Yorktown* flies the American flag and is staffed by friendly and experienced American officers and crew. With a draft of only 9 feet, *Yorktown* is able to maneuver in secluded waterways and visit small ports that are inaccessible to larger vessels. And *Yorktown's* American registry makes it possible to operate domestic itineraries unavailable to foreign-flag ships. The ship's cuisine, served in a dining room large enough to accommodate all guests at once, emphasizes American regional culinary traditions. Accommodating only 130 guests in 65 exterior cabins, *Yorktown* enjoys an atmosphere of warm and relaxed informality that endears it to repeat and new guests alike.

Life aboard *Yorktown*

Life aboard *Yorktown* is relaxed and informal, and dress is always casual. Guests discover soon after settling in that the ship's design fosters a sense of community and shared enterprise. Most cabins have large picture windows, and each is furnished with comfortable beds, a writing desk, ample storage, a clock/radio/CD player, and has a private bathroom. Your cabin is the perfect place for peace and quiet and for private rest and reflection. But you will want to spend most of your time in one of *Yorktown's* inviting common areas. The Lounge, never more than two decks away (*Yorktown* has no elevator), is the hub of shipboard activity—the place to read, to converse with fellow travelers, to attend lectures and concerts, to enjoy a cocktail as the pianist performs on the ship's Steinway piano, or simply to enjoy unobstructed views of the passing scene. The Sun Deck affords similar opportunities to read and relax in the open air.



Yorktown's inviting Dining Room



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Most cabins feature a picture window



Yorktown's spacious Lounge is surrounded by windows



Enjoying an alfresco snack



Relaxing on Yorktown's Sun Deck



Cheerful bathrooms are appointed with fine toiletries



Details of the comfortable Lounge

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PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

- Free airfare from select U.S. cities (see below)
- Cruise aboard the 130-guest *Yorktown*
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions aboard ship
- All meals aboard ship, including house wine, beer, and soft drinks with lunch and dinner
- Complete program of tours and excursions
- Enrichment program of lectures and discussions by accompanying study leaders
- Professional Travel Dynamics International tour staff
- Complete pre-departure materials
- Gratuities to guides and drivers

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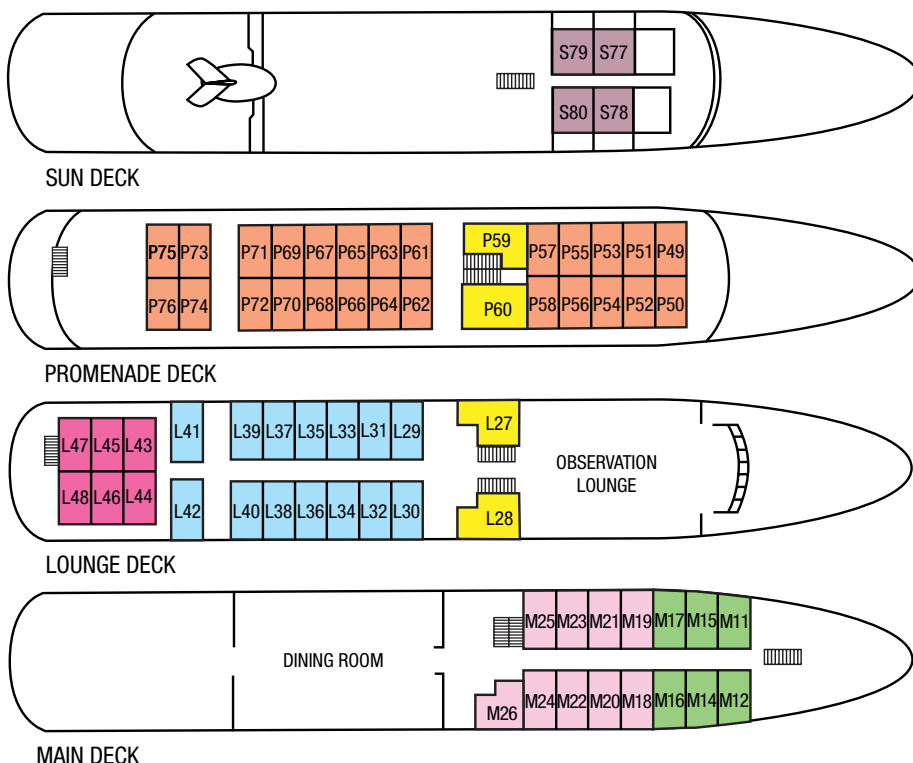
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D	Outside cabins with two lower beds, two windows, and private bathroom. Cabins L43-L48	\$5,995
C	Outside cabins with two lower beds, two windows, and private bathroom. Cabins P49-P76	\$6,995
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AA	Outside cabins with two lower beds that can convert to a queen bed, picture window, and private bathroom. Cabins L27, L28, P59*, P60 *P59's two lower beds cannot be converted.	\$8,995
S	Superior outside cabins with walk-out balcony, full-size bed, private bathroom, and mini-refrigerator. Cabins S77-S80	\$9,895
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SINGLE RATES		
A limited number of cabins for solo travelers are available in Category C - A at a supplement of \$1,395.		



Along the shores of North Carolina

GENERAL INFORMATION

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: A deposit of \$750 per person is required to reserve your space on the tour. For your convenience, you may charge your deposit to your American Express, Visa, Discover, or MasterCard. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Credit cards are not accepted for final payment. However, personal checks are accepted for both deposits and final payment.

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

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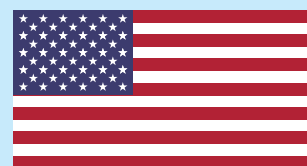


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