The Hidden Islands of Greece
Unspoiled Landscapes, Pristine Villages & Ancient Sites

Aboard the 34-guest yacht Callisto
July 10 - 20, 2011
THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Our voyage will be accompanied by study leaders Professor James Wright and Dr. Mary K. Dabney, who will enhance your travel experience. You will discover that Professor Wright and Dr. Dabney are not only outstanding scholars in their field of expertise, but also wonderful traveling companions, eager to share their insight and knowledge through informal conversation as well as in scheduled presentations. They will touch upon the history, archaeology, and other topics relating to the islands and sites we will visit.

Bryn Mawr Study Leaders

PROFESSOR JAMES WRIGHT is Chairman of the Department of Classical and Near Eastern Archaeology at Bryn Mawr College. He teaches the prehistory of the Aegean and classical archaeology and has been a member of the department since 1978. He has excavated in England, Italy and Greece. Since 1981 he has been directing research in the Nemea Valley sponsored by Bryn Mawr College, especially the prehistoric settlement of Tsoungiza. With his colleagues he is readying for publication the results of the recent excavation of a chamber tomb cemetery that belongs to the settlement. He has published widely on Mycenaean architecture and on the archaeological reconstruction of Minoan and Mycenaean societies.

DR. MARY K. DABNEY is a Research Associate in Classical and Near Eastern Archaeology at Bryn Mawr College and Adjunct Faculty at Widener University and Chestnut Hill College. As Co-Director of the Nemea Valley Archaeological Project in Greece she is publishing the Late Mycenaean settlement at Tsoungiza and co-publishing the Mycenaean cemetery excavations. Dr. Dabney has also directed museums and historic sites in the Philadelphia area.
Dear Alumnae/i and Friends,

Its islands are one of Greece’s most defining characteristics and at the heart of the country’s culture and tradition. Like spectacular gems scattered across the blue sea, the islands of the Aegean beckon with their breathtaking natural scenery, ancient wonders, welcoming people, relaxed pace, and unique character. Join us on a captivating voyage that will ply the Aegean waters in pursuit of these pristine, undeveloped destinations aboard the 34-guest yacht *Callisto*.

Our focus on this custom-made voyage will be the lesser-visited island gems which, unlike many of their bigger and better known counterparts, have preserved their architectural and cultural treasures. Each day will find you amid ravishing vistas, from forgotten ancient ruins and tucked-away Byzantine chapels to hidden harbors and idyllic villages. Explore the whitewashed villages of Amorgos, the awe-inspiring volcanic island of Nisyros, and the 11th-century Nea Moni monastery, adorned with beautiful mosaics in Chios. Also visit the excavations in Vergina and explore Kos, the island where Hippocrates established the standards of medicine. And as the ship will stay in our small ports until late in the evening, you will have the opportunity to stroll ashore on your own and enjoy island life.

The *Callisto* accommodates only 34 guests, thus providing a truly private yacht experience.

Join us and Bryn Mawr study leaders Professor James Wright and Dr. Mary K. Dabney aboard *Callisto* to discover the beauty, the history, and the legends of *The Hidden Islands of Greece*. We look forward to welcoming you aboard.

Warm wishes,

Wendy M. Greenfield
Executive Director
Bryn Mawr Alumnae Association
**Itinerary**

**Sunday, July 10, 2011 • FLY FROM USA**

**Monday, July 11 • ATHENS, Greece | PIRAEUS | EMBARK**

Arrive in Athens and transfer to the port of Piraeus to board *Callisto*. (D)

**Tuesday, July 12 • AMORGOS**

Arrive this morning at Amorgos, a seldom-visited island in the Cyclades group, whose whitewashed villages are set in a rugged landscape. A tour leads to the 11th-century Monastery of Khosoviotissa, built in a spectacular setting of precipitous cliffs facing the sea. For over 1,000 years, the monastery has been a place of pilgrimage for worshippers, who come to venerate an icon of the Virgin. (B, L, D)

**Wednesday, July 13 • NISYROS & SYMI**

Explore the island of Nisyros and its impressive volcano. The drive to the volcano’s crater provides magnificent views and once we arrive, you’ll have the opportunity to walk to the caldera. Continue to the charming village of Nikiá, positioned atop the crater, with time at leisure to stroll through its quaint streets or visit its volcanological museum. In the afternoon, sail to Symi, once the stronghold of the Knights of St. John and the coveted object of a succession of invaders. With tiers of beautifully proportioned neoclassical mansions rising above its harbor, Symi is one of Greece’s most attractive islands. (B, L, D)

**Thursday, July 14 • KOS**

Sail to Kos, the island where Hippocrates established the standards of medical ethics in the fifth century B.C. Explore the ancient ruins, including the Asklepieion, dedicated to Asklepios, the god of healing. (B, L, D)

**Friday, July 15 • CHIOS**

Awaken this morning in Chios, the Greek island claiming to be Homer’s birthplace. The island’s volcanic rock formations and deep green valleys forge a landscape of stunning color oppositions and intricate appearances. Visit the 11th-century Monastery of Nea Moni, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the most important ecclesiastical monuments in Greece. The monastery sits majestically in a wooded vale and is decorated throughout with exquisite frescoes and mosaics. (B, L, D)

**Saturday, July 16 • SAMOTHRAKI**

An island of great beauty, remote Samothraki remains outside most tourist itineraries and, for this reason, has retained its original character. Samothraki’s central massif rises to the great peak of Mount Fengari. According to Homer,
it was from this peak that Poseidon watched the fighting during the Trojan War. Explore the Sanctuary of the Great Gods, an ancient place of worship where Mysteries were held. The Winged Victory, now in the Louvre, was discovered here in 1863, and subsequent excavations have revealed the Hieron, or Sanctuary; Anaktoron, which served as a hall of initiation into the Mysteries; the Temenos, the sacred space surrounding an altar; and the Rotunda. Also visit the island’s main town, where whitewashed homes sit beneath the hills of Mount Fengari and the ruins of a Byzantine fort. (B, L, D)

Sunday, July 17 • PLATAMONAS | VERGINA | DION

From bucolic Platamonas on the Greek mainland coast of Thessaly, take an excursion to Vergina, the site of Aigoci, the capital of the ancient Macedonian kingdom. Visit the excavations, including the tombs of Philip II (Alexander the Great’s father), and note the burial mounds that dot the plain. Also see the many treasures recovered from the tombs on display in the Archaeological Museum. After lunch at a local restaurant, explore Dion, an ancient site set in a superb location on the foothills of Mount Olympus, dedicated to Zeus. (B, L, D)

Monday, July 18 • SKOPELOS

Skopelos’s main town is built against a hill rising from the sea. As you explore the island, discover some of the most characteristic Aegean architecture—whitewashed cube-shaped houses with blue slate roofs. Scattered around the countryside are numerous little churches preserving beautiful icons from the 17th and 18th centuries. (B, L, D)

Tuesday, July 19 • SKYROS

Off the beaten path, Skyros has managed to retain its traditional culture and handicrafts, which include beautiful painted pottery and ornate woodcarving. From Linaria, the island’s main port, drive the short distance to Skyros Town, with its characteristic, whitewashed houses built on the side of a rock that rises sharply from the sea. The top of the hill is dominated by a fortress, dating from the Byzantine period. Explore this atmospheric and friendly town and visit the private Faltaits Museum, whose collections include embroidery, costumes, and other objects. (B, L, D)

Wednesday, July 20 • PIRAEUS | ATHENS

Disembark in Pireaus and transfer to the airport in Athens for return flights to the U.S. (B)

Program Inclusions

- 9-night cruise aboard the 34-guest Callisto
- 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 Bryn Mawr 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 PRE-CRUISE EXTENSION IN ATHENS

July 8 - 11, 2011

The birthplace of Western culture, Athens boasts a plethora of historic monuments. Our exploration features a tour of the Acropolis, including the Erechtheion, the majestic Parthenon, and the new Acropolis Museum. Also visit the National Archaeological Museum.

Included: Two nights at the King George Palace Hotel, with breakfast; guided sightseeing and excursions; one lunch; airport to hotel transfer for those arriving on July 9; hotel to ship transfer on July 11

Rate: $995 per person, double occupancy; $350 single supplement
The most memorable voyages take place aboard a private yacht, where one is part of a small, select, sociable community. Cabins are appointed very comfortably. Public areas, whether indoors or out on deck, are warm, inviting places where friends meet for conversation, a drink, or to pass a pleasant hour with a good book. The cuisine is superb, and the service is considerate and congenial. This is the exceptional experience you’ll enjoy aboard Callisto.

A Private Yacht Experience
The luxurious private yacht Callisto, accommodating just 34 guests, is ideal for our unique approach to cruising. Her small size allows visits to unspoiled ports, pristine beaches, and intimate coves and harbors that have been familiar to fishermen and other sailors of small craft for thousands of years, but which are inaccessible to large commercial cruise liners. The limited guest list assures a group large enough to bring together an interesting mix of travelers, but small enough to foster a genuine spirit of camaraderie.

Intimate Elegance
All 17 exterior cabins resemble guest rooms in a fine home—beautifully furnished, comfortably arranged, and complete with the amenities one would expect from a thoughtful host: large windows (portholes on Daphne Deck), generous storage space, climate control, mini-refrigerator, safe, telephone, TV, DVD/CD player, and marble bathroom with shower. The yacht’s public areas, including an elegant restaurant surrounded by large picture windows, a spacious lounge and bar, and a library (with Internet access) surrounded by windows, are decorated with rich fabrics, handsome woodwork, gleaming brass, antiques, and fine works of art. The yacht also features a Jacuzzi, two broad decks for sunbathing, and a swimming platform. Wi-Fi is available throughout the ship.

Fine Dining
Callisto’s hotel staff requisitions fresh provisions from many ports of call. You will enjoy just-baked bread and the ripest produce from local markets, resulting in menus of classic regional specialties as well as creative Continental fare prepared by expert European chefs. Meals are served at a single unassigned seating in the restaurant, or alfresco on the sun deck. Select fine wines are complimentary with lunch and dinner.

Join us aboard Callisto and discover for yourself the pleasure of exploring the world from a private yacht.

Your Ship for this Voyage CALLISTO

CRUISE & LAND RATES per person, double occupancy

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SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: A limited number of singles are available in Categories B & C for an additional charge of $1,995 to the per person, double occupancy rate.
Enclosed is my check or credit card no. for $_______ ($1,000 per person) as a deposit to hold ____ place(s) on The Hidden Islands of Greece. I understand that final payment is due ninety (90) days prior to departure and is payable by check only. Please make check payable to and mail with this registration form to:
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Yes, please book me/us on the Optional Pre-Cruise Extension in Athens.
Enjoy a traditional dance performance aboard ship while docked in Symi.

Attend an afternoon tea at the 16th-century estate and former palazzo of Argentikon, on the island of Chios.

Explore Vergina, once the capital of ancient Macedonia and current home to the treasures of Alexander the Great’s family.

While in Skopelos, learn how the island’s traditional pottery is made during a visit to a workshop.