HIDDEN GEMS OF THE AEGEAN

The Cyclades Islands aboard Harmony V

JULY 23–AUGUST 1, 2014
Dear Princetonian,

LOSE YOUR EYES, THINK "GREEK ISLES," and views of the Cyclades are probably what come to mind. Characteristic whitewashed houses nestled into the sides of craggy hills. Golden beaches, olive groves, and scrubby forests, fragrant with island herbs. But the Cycladic culture, at its height in the Neolithic period and early Bronze Age, matches the natural beauty with its lasting physical and artistic influence. Join your fellow Princetonians in an exploration of both nature and culture among the hidden gems of the Cyclades grouping, July 23–August 1, 2014.

Meet as a group in Athens for an orientation on Greek history. Then cruise from island to island aboard the privately-chartered Harmony V. Visit Tinos, spiritual center of modern Greece, then sample local music and fare on the island of Syros, capital of the Cyclades and noted aristocratic island of neoclassic architecture. Cruise to Naxos to discover its small villages’ authentic way of life. By no means undiscovered, Santorini beckons for a visit to its newly reopened Minoan Bronze Age archaeological site of Akrotiri. Explore nearly unknown Folegandros island before circumnavigating the breathtaking cliffs of Milos and strolling in the island’s main town. In Sifnos, tour the ancient Citadel at Agios Andreas and try your hand at pottery making.

The Harmony V is the perfect size for an Aegean cruise to uncrowded archaeological sites, tucked-away coves, and unspoiled villages where daily life continues as it has for centuries. With only 25 cabins and travelers from Harvard Alumni Association sharing this adventure, space may fill quickly.

To ensure your place on board, contact the Princeton Journeys team at (609) 258-8686 or journeys@princeton.edu today.

With kind regards,

Leslie J. Rowley
Executive Manager, Princeton Journeys
STUDY LEADERS

**HARVEY COX** received his AB in History from Penn, his Masters in Divinity from Yale, and his PhD in The History and Philosophy of Religion from Harvard. He spent a post-doctoral year in Berlin then returned to Harvard in 1965, where he taught in both the Divinity School and the College, eventually being named Hollis Professor, the oldest endowed chair at the university. His courses focused on the interaction of religion, politics, and culture. He retired from teaching in 2008.

**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 dramatic history—Medieval, Imperial, and Soviet—as well as Modern European history. She has lectured on alumni cruises in Russia, East Europe, the Dalmatian coast, the North Sea, and the Baltic Sea.

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; A fisherman’s rowboat adds a dose of character to an already beautiful beach on Naxos; The sleek Harmony V seems made to cruise the Cyclades; Fresh olives are a staple in nearly every Greek marketplace.

**BACK COVER:** Ermoupolis, on the island of Syros, is the cultural and administrative capital of the Cyclades.

**THIS PAGE:** The sun sets behind a pair of iconic windmills in the village of Oia on Santorini; The Town Hall in Ermoupolis dominates Miaoulis Square, the city’s main gathering place; Donkeys, often colorfully draped, are a common sight on the islands.
Itinerary

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 collection highlights then delving deeper into its 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 in the late afternoon and depart for the Cyclades Islands.

HARMONY V (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, JULY 26
Tinos / Syros
The 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 neo-classical mansions.

HARMONY V (B,L,D)

There isn’t a better place in the world to enjoy a traditional Greek Salad; Colorful frescoes hint at Minoan life on Santorini during the Bronze Age;
**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. Also stop at the Nomikos Foundation, which promotes the study of archaeology, geology, and art history in Santorini and greater Greece. 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, built on the edge of a 656-foot-high cliff. This afternoon, cruise to Milos and observe the fascinating rock formations along its coast.  
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**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 by a farmer in 1820 before finding its home in the Louvre in Paris. Consider 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.  
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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 board 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)

**Poseidon, the Greek god of the sea, was an especially important figure in the islands.**
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**Airfare**  
U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program cost. Round-trip, economy-class airfare between New York and Athens is approximately $1,380 as of November 2013 and is subject to change without notice. In order to give you as much flexibility as possible with the variety of air travel options, you are free to make your own air arrangements for this program.

**Program Rates Include**  
Comprehensive educational program by study leaders, on-site experts, and local guides  
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All excursions, including entrance fees, as specified in the itinerary  
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Complete packet of pre-departure information  
Professional tour manager throughout

**What to Expect**  
We consider this a moderately strenuous program that is at times physically demanding and busy. Daily excursions involve up to two miles of walking at a time, often on uneven terrain. In some instances, elevators are unavailable and stairs may not have handrails. Participants must be physically fit, active, and in good health. Summer days in the Cyclades are sunny and warm; daytime temperatures in the 90s are possible, with evenings somewhat cooler. Rain showers are rare but it can be breezy on the coast. In Athens at this time of year, daily temperatures can reach into the 90s (F), with very little rain.
General Information

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