The GULF STATES

U.A.E. (DUBAI & ABU DHABI), QATAR, BAHRAIN, SAUDI ARABIA, & OMAN

Aboard the Island Sky
November 29–December 9, 2016

FEATURING Max Weiss
Associate Professor of History and Near Eastern Studies

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In the Persian/Arabian Gulf* states, old and new co-exist in innovative and intriguing ways. During this all-cruise exploration of Dubai, Qatar, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Abu Dhabi, and Oman aboard the Island Sky, visit the mosques, souks, educational institutions, and museums that reflect a fascinating juxtaposition of past and present that is unique to the Islamic world.

Begin your exploration among the dazzling skyscrapers of Dubai, the business and cultural hub of the Middle East and home to some of the most stunning architectural masterpieces of the 20th and 21st centuries. Continue to Qatar, where visits to the old souq and the new Education City illustrate how dramatically change has come to the Gulf States. In Bahrain’s capital city, Manama, enjoy spectacular museum collections of Islamic art and calligraphy and, for those who wish, a trip across the King Fahd Causeway into Saudi Arabia to visit the Saudi Aramco oil complex. In the emirate of Abu Dhabi, museums, mosques, and Masdar City amaze. Wrap up your Gulf States adventure with a cruise through the fjord-like waterways of Oman’s Musandam Peninsula and visits to some of the country’s culturally exciting museums, mosques, and markets.

During this cruise, a rich educational program presented by Associate Professor of History and Near Eastern Studies Max Weiss and other experts will focus on the role of Islam in this part of the world; on the social, political, cultural, and economic development of these countries; and on the influence of Western politics and culture on them. Optional extensions to Dubai and Oman’s interior are also available.

The Island Sky comfortably accommodates 94 guests, and Princeton travelers are sharing this cruise with travelers from Harvard, Stanford, the Archaeological Institute of America, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. This compelling itinerary is sure to inspire early reservations, so we encourage you to reserve your space by contacting the Princeton Journeys team at (609) 258-8686 or journeys@princeton.edu.

With kindest regards,

Leslie J. Rowley S95
Executive Manager, Princeton Journeys
Office of the Alumni Association
Princeton University

*In deference to the sensitivities on both sides of the Gulf-naming issue, we prefer to use “Persian/Arabian Gulf” rather than align with either position.
MAX WEISS is Associate Professor of History and Near Eastern Studies at Princeton University. His research and teaching interests span the cultural, intellectual, and social history of the modern Middle East, and he is also a translator of modern and contemporary Arabic literature into English. Professor Weiss is currently writing an interpretive history of Syria in the 20th century, with an emphasis on questions of law and society, religion/secularism/sectarianism, and the interplay of culture and ideology, under contract with Princeton University Press.

TAREK SWELIM is Associate Professor of Islamic Art & Architecture, and Urban Design & Architecture, on the Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies at Hamad Bin Khalifa University in Doha. A native Egyptian, he is an expert on the art, architecture, and history of the Middle East.

ABBAS MILANI is the Hamid and Christina Moghadam Director of Iranian Studies at Stanford and a research fellow and co-director of the Iran Democracy Project at the Hoover Institution. His focus of study has been the culture, politics, and society of the Middle East through the prism of scholarship.

CHARLES COGAN is a historian and an associate of the International Security Program at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard’s John F. Kennedy School of Government. He spent 37 years with the CIA and currently devotes his time to writing on topics such as politics and diplomacy.

AMBASSADOR WILLIAM RUGH, a U.S. Foreign Service Officer from 1964 to 1995, served as ambassador to Yemen (1981–84) and to the United Arab Emirates (1992–95), and as deputy chief of mission in Syria (1981–85). He has taught at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University and is the author of books and articles on U.S. foreign policy and Middle Eastern issues, including Diplomacy and Defense Policy of the United Arab Emirates.

ANDREA RUGH has been a technical advisor for USAID, Save the Children, and UNICEF on development projects in the Middle East, South Asia, and Africa. She has written extensively on culture and society in the Middle East, including The Political Culture of Leadership in the United Arab Emirates.
Tuesday & Wednesday, November 29 & 30
Home / Dubai, UAE
Depart home on an overnight flight to Dubai. Embark the Island Sky beginning at 4:00 p.m.
Island Sky (D)

Thursday, December 1
Dubai
After a welcome orientation and lecture, take a tour of modern Dubai, including the Burj Al Arab Hotel, which rises 1,053 feet above the ground and is located on an artificial island connected to Jumeirah Beach; Ski Dubai, an indoor ski resort complete with ski slopes, toboggan and sled runs, giant snowballs, ice caves, and resident penguins; and Burj Khalifa, at 2,722 feet the tallest artificial structure in the world. From an observation deck on the 124th floor, marvel at the panoramic views over the surrounding city. This evening enjoy a welcome reception and dinner on board the ship.
Island Sky (B,L,R,D)

Friday, December 2
Doha, Qatar
Doha is the fast-growing capital of Qatar and an important Middle Eastern financial center. This morning travel over towering sand dunes in four-wheel-drive vehicles to Qatar’s magnificent Inland Sea, a shallow tidal lake with a narrow outlet to the sea and shores in both Qatar and Saudi Arabia. Continue to the Museum of Islamic Art, designed by I. M. Pei and located on the city’s Corniche. This architectural gem houses collections of metalwork, ceramics, jewelry, woodwork, textiles, and glass dating from the 1600s to the 1900s. Stroll through Souq Waqif, founded a century ago and noted for offering traditional garments, spices, and handicrafts. Island Sky (B,L,D)
Saturday, December 3
Doha
Visit Education City, which covers more than five square miles and houses facilities for preschool through graduate-level research and education, as well as branches of six U.S. universities and several European educational institutions. In the afternoon visit the Doha Racing and Equestrian Club, where racing is serious business and horses, which have played an important role in the history of the Arab world for centuries, live like royalty. ISLAND SKY (B,L,D)

Sunday, December 4
Manama, Bahrain / Saudi Arabia (Optional)
Dock in Manama and visit the Bahrain National Museum, which houses archaeological finds from ancient Dilmun; the Al-Fateh Mosque; and the Beit Al Quran Museum's exhibits of Islamic calligraphy. Travelers also have the option to cross the King Fahd Causeway into Saudi Arabia to visit the Saudi Aramco oil complex, where the history of Saudi Arabia was forever changed by the discovery of oil in 1938. ISLAND SKY (B,L,D)

Monday, December 5
Abu Dhabi, UAE
Abu Dhabi is the capital of the United Arab Emirates and home to the enormous Sheikh Zayed Mosque, a dazzling construction of white marble, gold leaf, semi-precious stones, crystals, and ceramic tiles. Also visit the Louvre Abu Dhabi museum on Saadiyat Island (depending on construction schedules) or the ecologically sustainable Masdar City. ISLAND SKY (B,L,D)

Tuesday, December 6
Musandam Peninsula, Oman
The Musandam Peninsula, a region of fjord-like landscapes and traditional small villages, is one of the Gulf States' last wilderness areas. Board a traditional wooden dhow to access scenic inlets, and snorkel near a coral reef to view butterfly fish, groupers, and even dolphins. ISLAND SKY (B,L,D)

Wednesday, December 7
Muscat
Explore the Bait Al Baranda Museum, whose dynamic, interactive exhibits on Muscat's history and culture run the gamut from geology to folk art, and Muttrah Souk, the oldest market in Oman and an exotic, fragrant treasure chest filled with gold and silver, antiques, frankincense, clothing, toys, and spices. ISLAND SKY (B,L,D)

Thursday, December 8
Muscat
A visit to the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque is always memorable; the primary place of worship in Oman, it is the only mosque in the country that allows non-Muslims to enter. The main hall, which can accommodate more than 6,000 worshippers, is crowned by an enormous chandelier of Swarovski crystal and delicate gold-plated metalwork. Continue to the Omani Heritage Gallery, a nonprofit that supports Omani artisans working in traditional crafts and a wonderful place to view a wide range of authentic, high-quality products including jewelry, tribal weavings, camel trappings, woven baskets, textiles, and copper and leather articles. End the day's activities at the Bait Al Zubair Museum. Built by Sheikh Al Zubair as a residence in 1914, it was converted into a museum by his son in 1998 to display a comprehensive collection of Omani art and artifacts. This evening enjoy a farewell reception and dinner aboard ship. ISLAND SKY (B,L,R,D)

Friday, December 9
Muscat / Home
Disembark the Island Sky and transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

Optional Pre-Cruise Extension
Dubai
November 28–30, 2016
Explore “Old Dubai” on this one-night pre-cruise extension. Depart home on November 28 and fly overnight to Dubai, arriving the evening of November 29. On November 30, board an abra (water taxi) to cross Dubai Creek (above) and explore the historic Bastakia district and gold souq. Learn about Dubai’s history at AlFahidi Fort and Dubai Museum, and enjoy lunch and a special presentation on Islam at the Sheikh Mohamed Centre for Cultural Understanding. Embark the IslandSky in late afternoon to begin the main tour. RADISSON BLU DEIRA CREEK (1B/1L). Rates: $795 per person, double occupancy; $995 per person, single occupancy.

Optional Post-Cruise Extension
Oman’s Interior
December 9–12, 2016
Explore the Bedouin culture of the desert on this three-night post-cruise extension. Depart the Island Sky early on December 9 to visit the colorful Nizwa goat market. Explore forts, date plantations, orchards, and mountain villages from the luxurious Alila Jabal Akhdar Hotel in the awe-inspiring Al Hajar Mountains. Continue to the Desert Nights Camp and meet a Bedouin family at the Wahiba Sands, a vast, undulating red-and-white sea of sand dunes that rise to more than 650 feet high. ALILA JABAL AKHDAR HOTEL & DESERT NIGHTS CAMP (3B/3L/3D). Rates: $2,995 per person, double occupancy; $3,990 per person, single occupancy.
**ISLAND SKY**

Originally built in 1992 and refurbished and redecorated in 2015, the Island Sky accommodates all guests in 57 outside suites, each with sea views, a sitting room area, flat-screen TV, safe, mini-refrigerator, and an en suite, marble-appointed bathroom with robe, slippers, and hair dryer. Several suites have private balconies. Spacious and finely decorated public areas include a large lounge and elegant bar and a library. The dining room accommodates everyone at one seating, and house wine, beer, and soft drinks are included at lunch and dinner. Wi-Fi access is available throughout the vessel (at additional cost and dependent upon satellite reception). The ship amenities also include a hairdresser, onboard clinic and doctor, elevator serving all passenger decks, and two sun decks, one with a bar. The Island Sky is served by 75 experienced officers and crew.

**PROGRAM RATES, per person**

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**WHAT TO EXPECT**

This is a moderately active trip for travelers who are flexible, comfortable traveling with a group, and can handle the vagaries of travel with good humor. Walking for up to one mile unassisted, standing for up to two hours in museums or at other sites, and climbing several flights of stairs, which may not have handrails, are the most strenuous activities. In addition, travelers must be able to board the ship via a metal gangplank with rope handrails and be comfortable with the rolling movement of the ship. Daytime temperatures during the trip will generally average in the mid to high 70s F, with infrequent rain.

**AIR ARRANGEMENTS** U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Round-trip economy-class airfare from New York to Dubai with return from Muscat is approximately $1,495 per person as of November 2015 and is subject to change without notice. Information about making flight arrangements will be sent to all participants.

**A NOTE ABOUT COSTS** Program rates are based upon current fuel prices, taxes, tariffs, currency values, and a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the published rates, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be provided prior to departure.

**PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE**

- All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary
- Full program of briefings, lectures, and presentations
- Transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure days
- Baggage handling
- Gratuities to porters, wait staff, guides, drivers, and shipboard personnel
- Entrance fees
- Welcome and farewell wine receptions
- Wine, beer, soft drinks, or water at lunch and dinner aboard Island Sky and at some group meals off the ship
- Bottled water on motor coaches
- Professional tour manager throughout the program
U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport/visa expenses • Medical expenses and immunizations • Private airport transfers on days other than program arrival/departure days • Travel insurance • Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour • Excess-baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals • Laundry or dry cleaning • Telephone, fax, Internet, and email charges • Room service • Other items of a personal nature

INSURANCE As a service to its travelers, the Office of Alumni Affairs of Princeton University automatically provides all Princeton Journeys participants with basic medical, accident, and evacuation coverage under a group emergency assistance policy. It is highly recommended that you supplement this basic protection with your own additional insurance coverage, as well as trip cancellation/interruption or baggage coverage. Information on additional insurance is available and will be mailed from Princeton Journeys upon receipt of your reservation.

GROUP SIZE This cruise will accommodate 94 guests, including travelers from Princeton, the Archaeological Institute of America, Harvard, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and Stanford.

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS
To reserve space, return the completed reservation form with your $1,000 per person deposit to: Princeton Journeys, John Maclean House, P.O. Box 291, Princeton, NJ 08542-0291 or fax to (609) 258-556. Balance of payment is due August 1, 2016. We accept personal checks, payable to Criterion Travel, as well as Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover. Reservations will be processed in order of receipt.

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Upon payment of a deposit, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be effective until they are received in writing and confirmed by Princeton Journeys. Deposits are refundable (less a $250 per person administration fee) if written notice of cancellation is received within 30 days of reservation; after that, deposits are 100% nonrefundable. Cancellations after final payment deadline: All payments are 100% nonrefundable, regardless of booking date. For this reason we strongly urge participants to purchase trip cancellation insurance. If the program is cancelled by Princeton Journeys or our tour operator, you will receive a full refund, without further obligation on our part. No refunds will be made for any part of this program on which you choose not to participate. Note: Neither the Office of Alumni Affairs of Princeton University nor Criterion Travel, the tour operator, accepts liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in conjunction with this tour.

ITINERARY CHANGES The itinerary and study leaders presented for this tour are subject to modification and change by Princeton Journeys and Criterion Travel. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require the itinerary to be altered, Princeton Journeys and the tour operator reserve the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant.

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RESERVATION FORM

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Please make your deposit check payable to Criterion Travel and mail to: Princeton Journeys, John Maclean House, P.O. Box 291, Princeton, New Jersey 08542-0291. Or fax credit card information to: (609) 258-5561. For more information, contact the Princeton Journeys staff at journeys@princeton.edu or (609) 258-8686.

CONTACT INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)

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PAYMENT

Enclosed is my check for $__________ ($1,000 per person), to hold _____ place(s) on The Gulf States. OR

Charge my deposit to: ☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA ☐ AmEx ☐ Discover

CREDIT CARD NUMBER EXP. DATE

CARDHOLDER SIGNATURE SECURITY CODE

SINGLE TRAVELERS

I prefer to have single accommodations.

I plan to share accommodations with __________________________

I am willing to share with another participant (not guaranteed).

I am ☐ smoker ☐ non-smoker.

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of August 1, 2016, I will pay the single rate.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Cabin category preference:

1ST CHOICE 2ND CHOICE

Bed preference: ☐ Two Beds ☐ One bed

I/We have read the Terms and Conditions section of this brochure and understand and agree with them as stated herein.

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Highlights

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