ANCIENT EMPIRES
TUNIS, MALTA, SICILY, & SARDINIA aboard the Variety Voyager
June 20–28, 2014
With DENIS FEENEY, Princeton’s Giger Professor of Latin and Professor of Classics
DEAR PRINCETONIAN,

FACED WITH AN OBSTACLE TO HIS MILITARY CAMPAIGN. Hannibal, the Carthaginian general from the second century BC, famously asserted, “I shall find a way, or make one.” Make your way with fellow Princetonians sailing the Western Mediterranean, June 20–28, 2014, aboard the private yacht Variety Voyager. Explore the intersection of Greek, Phoenician, and Roman civilizations in commerce, culture, and conquest on two continents, Europe and Africa. Witness the advancements of the Phoenicians in their powerful city-state Carthage, now Tunis, and explore battle sites from the Punic Wars—fabled campaigns from antiquity from which the Romans ultimately prevailed to become the dominant political, military, and cultural influence.

In the company of Princeton’s Denis Feeney, the Giger Professor of Latin and Professor of Classics, sail first from the ruins of Carthage in Tunis to Malta to observe the diversity of treasures in the National Museum of Archaeology, reflecting the confluence of cultures that jockeyed for predominance. Take to the sea again, bound for Sicily, cultural crossroads of the Greeks, Phoenicians, and Romans. Visit Selinunte, an influential Greek colony and site of a Punic War battle, and marvel at the ruins of the Temple of Hera, its majesty highlighted against the blue Mediterranean. Proceed to Erice, a Punic War battle site and walled town that belies its bellicose past, and Segesta, renowned for its Doric temple and Greek theater. Lastly, cruise to Sardinia, another Mediterranean gem hotly contested by the Phoenicians and Romans and visit the ancient city of Sulci, where Hannibal took refuge. The program, fittingly, concludes in Rome.

Princeton travelers will share this adventure with travelers from Yale and the Archaeological Institute of America. To reserve your space on this voyage, contact the Princeton Journeys team at (609) 258-8686 or journeys@princeton.edu today.

With kind regards,

Leslie J. Rowley S95
Executive Manager, Princeton Journeys

DENIS FEENEY, Giger Professor of Latin and Professor of Classics at Princeton, was educated at Auckland University and Oxford, where he obtained a doctorate in 1982. After teaching positions both in Britain and the United States, he joined the Princeton faculty in 2000. He teaches and publishes on Latin literature and on Roman culture more broadly, with a special focus on Roman religion and time.
Professor Feeney has written three books. *The Gods in Epic* (Oxford, 1991) investigated the problem of how gods were represented in (especially Latin) epic. *Literature and Religion at Rome* (Cambridge, 1998) looked more broadly at the problem of the interaction between the literary and religious systems of Rome. *Caesar’s Calendar* (California, 2007) examined Roman constructions of time, in terms of synchronism, historical vs. mythical time, and calendrical time. He is currently finishing a book tentatively entitled *Translation, Bilingualism, and Empire*.

RODERICK McINTOSH, Professor of Anthropology at Yale and Curator at the Peabody Museum, is an archaeologist who has dedicated his career to studying the ancient past of Africa, including 35 years of fieldwork (excavations and surveys) on site, as well as the origin of complex societies worldwide (especially urbanism), paleoclimate and human response, the intellectual history of archaeology, and the suppression of the illicit international traffic in art and antiquities. He earned his PhD at Cambridge University in 1979 and, before returning to Yale in 2006, taught at Rice University for more than twenty-five years. Professor McIntosh has published extensively (including seven books) and is currently working on two book manuscripts about African prehistory and early history. On this exploration of the Tyrrhenian and Mediterranean Seas, he will discuss the original Phoenician colonizers and traders and their conquest by the Romans.
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FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JUNE 20 & 21
HOME / TUNIS, TUNISIA
Depart home on an overnight flight to Tunis. Upon arrival, transfer to the Variety Voyager. Enjoy a welcome reception and dinner on board this evening. VARIETY VOYAGER (R,D)

SUNDAY, JUNE 22
TUNIS
View the stunning collection of exquisite ancient mosaics at the Bardo Museum, housed in a 13th-century palace. Then travel a short distance to the Punic and Roman ruins of Carthage, the ancient Phoenician empire that was the archrival of Rome in the second and third centuries. Completely destroyed during the Third Punic War, Carthage was later rebuilt to become one of the most important cities of the Roman Empire. Enjoy lunch in Sidi Bou Said, located atop a steep cliff with spectacular views of the Mediterranean. This beautiful little town, decked out in white houses with blue shutters and splashed everywhere with flowers, has for decades attracted artists and writers. Return to the ship and depart for Malta. VARIETY VOYAGER (B,L,D)

MONDAY, JUNE 23
VALLETTA, MALTA
Valletta, the capital of Malta and a UNESCO World Heritage site, was built by the Knights Hospitaler Order of St. John to defend against Ottoman invasions in the 16th century. The National Museum of Archaeology provides an introduction to Malta’s prehistory and history and an overview of Malta’s archaeological sites. Then visit the village of Zurrieq’s Punic Tower and, by special permission, the Tas-Silg archaeological site, which includes the Punic Temple of Astarte and Tas-Silg Temple. Tas-Silg spanned a number of historical periods—Bronze, Phoenician-Punic, Roman, Byzantine, and Arab—and served as a religious site for various different cultures. VARIETY VOYAGER (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, JUNE 24
SICILY (SELINUNTE)
Selinunte, an ancient Greek city on the southern coast of Sicily and the focus of many clashes between the Carthaginians and the Greeks, was destroyed and rebuilt several times. Explore the archaeological site, which contains five temples centered on an acropolis; only one of the five, the Temple of Hera, has been reconstructed. Enjoy an agroturismo lunch featuring locally grown food, learn how olive oil is produced, and taste local wines. VARIETY VOYAGER (B,L,D)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy the ELEGANT VARIETY VOYAGER, luxuriously appointed and superbly staffed to provide the ultimate cruise experience.
- Stroll among the ruins of ANCIENT CARTHAGE, which bear silent witness to the vicissitudes of long-ago imperial domination.
- Explore by special permission the multi-period SANCTUARY SITE OF TAS-SILG on a hilltop overlooking Marsaxlokk Bay on Malta, where excavations have uncovered ruins and relics from the Neolithic period to the fourth century AD.
- Discover INCREDIBLE SELINUNTE, the archaeological site described by 18th-century travel writer Henry Swinburne as “one of the most gigantic and sublime ruins imaginable.”
- Delight in the infinite variety of stone patterns in MEDIEVAL ERICE and the sweeping views from the MAJESTIC TEMPLE OF SEGESTA.

(Photos, top left to right) Marvel at the stunning mosaics in Tunis’s Bardo Museum, the crisp blue-and-white palette of Sidi Bou Said, and the colorful boats in Malta’s Marsaxlokk harbor.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25
SICILY (ERICE & SEGESTA)
Visit Erice, an exquisite medieval hilltop town encircled by Phoenician and Norman fortifications. A Carthaginian stronghold during the Punic Wars, Erice was also a significant location of religious rites honoring various goddesses of fertility. Equally compelling is the majestic Temple of Segesta. Dating from around 430 BC, the temple commands sweeping views of the surrounding valley, and its near-perfect state of preservation makes it one of the most important surviving Doric temples from antiquity.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26
SARDINIA (SULCI)
After a morning at sea, disembark in Sardinia to visit the ruins of the ancient Carthaginian city of Sulci, where the Carthaginian general Hannibal took refuge during the First Punic War. Among the ruins are a Punic necropolis and a Phoenician/Punic tophet, a type of sanctuary where the bodies of infants were laid to rest. VARIETY VOYAGER (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, JUNE 27
AT SEA
Enjoy a relaxing day at sea, the ship’s amenities, and the conclusion of the educational program. VARIETY VOYAGER (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, JUNE 28
ANZIO, ITALY
Disembark and transfer to Rome. (B)

ENJOY ARTFULLY DECORATED
Moroccan earthenware, stately Roman and Greek architecture, and the peaceful scene of sheep grazing near the ruins of Selinunte.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

TUNIS JUNE 18–21
During a three-night extension in Tunis, travel to the ancient Roman city of Dougga, a World Heritage site with a rich history and exceptionally well-preserved monuments. Also explore the alleys and covered passages of the medina in the center of Tunis, full of intense colors and lively trade. Overnight at the Mövenpick Hotel Gammarth Tunis, a boutique hotel located in an exclusive residential area overlooking the beautiful bays of the Mediterranean and the hills of Sidi Bou Said. Complete details will be sent to confirmed participants.

RATES: $990 per person, double occupancy; $350 single supplement.

ROME JUNE 28–30
Enjoy a two-night extension in Rome, with time to explore the Capitoline Museum complex on Capitoline Hill and the Roman Forum, the teeming heart of ancient Rome and the center of public life, where processions and elections, public speeches and gladiatorial matches all took place. Overnight at the five-star Grand Hotel de la Minerve, housed in a magnificent mansion centrally located near the Pantheon. Complete details will be sent to confirmed participants.

RATES: $1,750 per person, double occupancy; $700 single supplement.
The Variety Voyager is a state-of-the-art yacht that accommodates just 72 passengers in 36 cabins. Guests will enjoy her sleek lines and ample deck space, designed to the high standards of the finest privately owned yachts. Cabins and public areas are finished with warm fabrics, rich marbles, and luxurious wood paneling. Cabins have oversized portholes or double windows, en suite facilities with marble floors, individually controlled air-conditioning, TV/DVD, and access to 24-hour WiFi. Throughout the ship, guests have unobstructed views of the ocean and of the ports visited, as well as the services of a friendly and professional crew of 28. There are opportunities to dine both inside the yacht and on the deck, and to enjoy the shaded sun deck lounge bar, the Internet corner and library, and the mini-spa with massage room, sauna, hair salon, and fitness equipment.

PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE  Comprehensive educational program by study leaders, on-site experts, and local guides
- All accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary
- All excursions, including entrance fees, as specified in the itinerary
- Individual or group transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure days
- Baggage handling
- Gratuities to porters, wait staff, guides, drivers, and shipboard personnel for all group activities
- Port charges
- Welcome and farewell wine receptions
- Wine, beer, and soft drinks with lunches and dinners aboard ship
- Bottled water on excursions
- 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. Daytime temperatures in Sicily and Sardinia can climb into the upper 70s/low 80sF, with lows in the mid 60s and occasional rainfall. In Tunis at this time of year, the average daily temperature is 84F, with lows in the mid 60s and little rain.

CATEGORY C  Marina Deck
Avg. 135 sq.ft. depending on location, oversized twin portholes, twin beds or double bed, shower.

CATEGORY B  Marina & Riviera Decks
Avg. 139–170 sq.ft. depending on location, oversized twin portholes (Marina Deck) or double windows (Riviera Deck), twin beds or double bed (7 of the 11 cabins offer flexible bedding configuration), shower.

CATEGORY A  Riviera Deck
Avg. 172 sq.ft. depending on location, double windows, twin beds or double bed (9 of the 11 cabins offer flexible bedding configuration), shower.

CATEGORY P  Horizons Deck
218 sq.ft. depending on location, double windows, twin beds or double bed (all cabins offer flexible bedding configuration), shower.

OWNER’S SUITE  Horizons Deck
324 sq.ft. four windows, twin beds or double bed (flexible bedding configuration), shower.

AIRFARE  U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program cost. Round-trip, economy-class airfare from New York to Tunis with return from Rome is approximately $1,400 as of August 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.
General Information

PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport and visa fees • Medical expenses and immunizations • Trip cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance • Deviations from the scheduled tour • Excess-baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; food and beverages as indicated as included or not part of the included meals; • Private transfers or transfers not on program arrival and departure days • Personal items such as room service; Internet, telephone, and fax charges; laundry; gratuities for non-group services; and other items of a personal nature

GROUP SIZE This program is limited to 63 participants, including travelers from Princeton, Yale, and the Archaeological Institute of America.

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I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of February 21, 2014, I will pay the single rate.

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