

 AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

EXPEDITIONS

ISLANDS & SANCTUARIES OF THE GODS

An Exploration of Greece & the Greek Islands
with a Small Group Aboard the Yacht *Callisto*

May 29 - June 7, 2012

*Special prices
starting from*

\$3,995

per person

**Featuring
Art Historian &
Geologist
Bruce Loeffler**

THERE is nothing quite like a voyage to the Aegean Sea, home of the fabled Greek Islands. Each day we revel in new vistas: the royal blue sea, bleached cliffs, unique Cycladic architecture, and—most breathtaking—the ancient ruins, exquisite statues, and proud columns of Classical temples. On our custom-designed voyage from Athens, we will explore various facets of ancient Greek civilizations and consider how elements of this culture formed the crucible of our Western civilization.



Typical white-washed house on Santorini



Itinerary

Tuesday, May 29, 2012 ■ **FLY FROM USA**

Wednesday, May 30 ■ **ATHENS | EMBARK | CORINTH CANAL, Greece**

Arrive in Athens and transfer to Sea Yacht Marina to board the *Callisto*. Sailing in the afternoon, *Callisto* will navigate the Corinth Canal, a narrow and scenic waterway. (D)

Thursday, May 31 ■ **ITEA | DELPHI**

From the small port of Itea, drive through spectacular scenery to Delphi. Famed in antiquity for its oracle, Delphi is one of the most impressive ancient sites of Greece. (B, L, D)

Friday, June 1 ■ **KATAKOLON | OLYMPIA**

Dock in the port of Katakolon and drive to nearby Olympia. Situated in a beautiful pastoral setting, Olympia, a sacred precinct, was home to the first Olympic games, held every four years from 776 B.C. to A.D. 393. (B, L, D)

Saturday, June 2 ■ **KYPARISSIA | ARCADIA**

Land at the picturesque and seldom visited port town of Kyparissia. Explore fabled Arcadia, including the celebrated 5th-century B.C. Temple of Apollo at Bassae, built on the summit of a rocky terrace. (B, L, D)

Sunday, June 3 ■ **KYTHIRA**

According to legend, the lovely island of Kythira was the home of Aphrodite, the goddess of love. One of the most unspoiled of all the

Greek islands, Kythira is noted for its beautiful landscapes and bucolic villages. (B, L, D)

Monday, June 4 ■ **RETHYMNON, CRETE**

The island of Crete was home to the Minoans, Europe's first advanced civilization. From picturesque Rethymnon, explore this amazing island, including its glorious countryside and the awe-inspiring Minoan Palace at Knossos. (B, L, D)

Tuesday, June 5 ■ **SANTORINI**

No island in the Mediterranean compares to Santorini, which rises sharply from the sea into formidable palisades. Spend time exploring this utterly unique island and enjoy lunch at a local taverna, sampling Santorini's specialties. (B, L, D)

Wednesday, June 6 ■ **SIFNOS**

One of the most beautiful of the Cycladic islands, Sifnos was known in antiquity for its wealth derived from its gold and silver mines. Today Sifnos is prized for its charming and characteristic villages with their typical white-washed architecture. (B, L, D)

Thursday, June 7 ■ **PIRAEUS | DISEMBARK | ATHENS | FLY TO USA (B)**

AMNH Expeditions Study Leader



Bruce Loeffler, study leader for the American Museum of Natural History, is both a geologist and an art historian. He received his undergraduate degree in chemistry

and has a Ph.D. in geology and an M.A. in art history both from the University of Colorado at Boulder. Dr. Loeffler is Professor Emeritus of Geology and Visiting Professor of Art at Colorado College in Colorado Springs and Lecturer in Geology at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. An enthusiastic and gifted educator, Dr. Loeffler has taught courses in geology, including Physical Geology, Volcanology, Earthquakes, and Plate Tectonics. In art, he has taught a variety of courses in American, Western, and Non-western art. His study of volcanoes has taken him around the world, and for the past decade he has traveled with AMNH groups to the Arctic, the Mediterranean, the Pacific, Europe, Asia, and Africa.

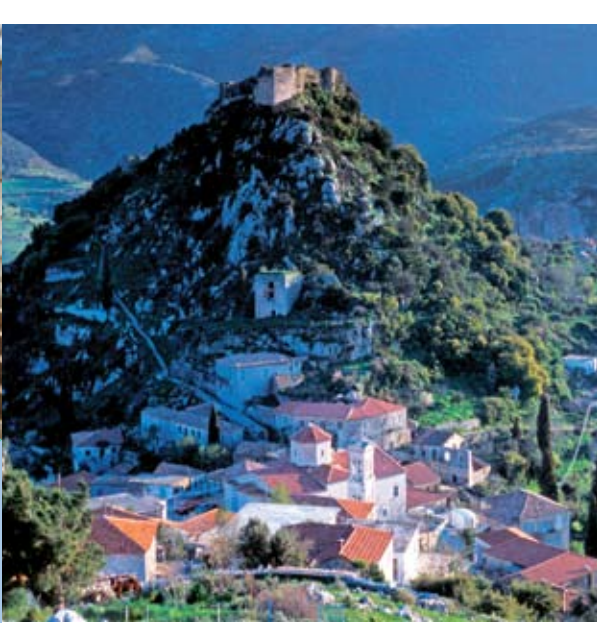
"Our exploration of the Greek Islands will provide us the opportunity to learn about the workings of our planet and about the origins of Western civilization. First, our visits to the folded island of Crete and the volcanic island of Santorini will allow us to understand the tectonics of the Aegean Plate and the origin of earthquakes and volcanoes in the circum-Mediterranean region. Second, the Mediterranean has been the locus for the great sweep of Western civilization. We will encounter the Minoan civilization on Crete and Santorini. In particular, we will consider the history of religion, looking at the transition from a polytheistic to a monotheistic world, and at the later interaction of Christianity and Islam."

-Bruce Loeffler

Cover: Greek Orthodox Church on Santorini

This page: Olympia, home of the original games





Arcadia's breathtaking mountains

Program Inclusions

- 8-night cruise aboard the 34-guest private yacht *Callisto*
- Complete program 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 AMNH study leader Bruce Loeffler
- 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



Typical cabin

CALLISTO A Private Yacht, Not a Cruise Ship

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 fellow travelers 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*.

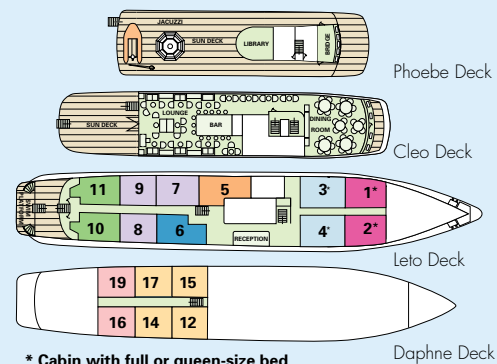
A Private Yacht Experience

The private yacht *Callisto*, accommodating just 34 guests, is ideal for our unique approach to cruising. Her small size allows visits to unspoiled ports not accessible to big cruises.

Intimate Elegance

All 17 exterior cabins are beautifully furnished, comfortably arranged, and complete with amenities that include 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.

Deck Plan



* Cabin with full or queen-size bed

Special Rates

per person, double occupancy

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	SPECIAL RATES	PUBLISHED RATES
E	Outside cabins on Daphne Deck with portholes. Cabins 16 & 19	\$3,995	\$7,495
D	Outside cabins on Daphne Deck with portholes. Cabins 12, 14, 15, 17	\$4,495	\$7,995
C	Outside cabin on Leto Deck with picture window. Cabin 5	\$4,995	\$8,995
CC	Outside cabins on Leto Deck with picture window. Cabins 1 & 2	\$5,495	\$9,795
B	Outside cabins on Leto Deck with picture window. Cabins 7 - 9	\$5,995	\$10,495
BB	Outside cabin on Leto Deck with two picture windows. Cabin 6	\$6,395	\$10,995
A	Outside cabins on Leto Deck with two picture windows. Cabins 3 & 4	\$6,795	\$11,795
AA	Outside cabins on Leto Deck with two picture windows. Cabins 10 & 11	\$7,295	\$12,395

LOW SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: A limited number of cabins are available for solo travelers at a supplement of \$795 in Categories D-CC.



AMNH MISSION STATEMENT

The American Museum of Natural History, a world leader in scientific exploration, established AMNH Expeditions, the first museum educational travel program in the country, in 1953. The goal of AMNH Expeditions is to present educational travel programs that reflect past and current areas of interest and exploration by the American Museum of Natural History. The tours provide a combination of study, adventure, and leisure activities. "American Museum of Natural History Expeditions" is a registered service mark of the American Museum of Natural History.

Participation in AMNH Expeditions helps support the Museum's mission to discover, interpret, and disseminate – through scientific research and education – knowledge about human cultures, the natural world, and the universe.

Minoan Palace at Knossos, Crete



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The following is abridged; complete terms are available at www.amnhexpeditions.org, upon request, and will be included in confirmation materials.

Responsibility Statement: The AMNH Expeditions are managed and operated by Academic Travel Abroad, a professional tour operator, hired as an independent contractor. ATA also may sub-contract with and appoint Tour Operators to operate AMNH Expeditions. The American Museum of Natural History provides the educational enrichment and the Study Leader for the tour. By registering for an AMNH Expedition, the participant waives and releases any claim against us for any loss, damage, injury, or death, and each participant is required to sign a confirmation of such waiver and release as a condition to participating in the tour.

Eligibility and Health Requirements: Participation is a benefit of AMNH membership. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. There is no upper age limit; however, all participants must be in good physical and mental health.

Basis of Rates: All prices are per person based on two sharing a room or cabin, and fares are quoted in U.S. dollars. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change.

Deposits and Payments: A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve space. Final payment is due 60 days prior to departure. Full payment is required for reservations made after the final payment date. Acceptable forms of payment are check or credit card.

Cancellation by Traveler: Once confirmed, if you cancel 91 days or more prior to departure, a refund less an administrative fee of \$500 per person will be made. Cancellations that occur between 61 to 90 days prior to departure are subject to full forfeiture of the deposit. Per person charges for cancellations that occur between 31 to 60 days prior to departure are subject to forfeiture of 50% the expedition price. Per person charges for cancellations that occur less than 31 days prior to departure are subject to full forfeiture of the expedition price, unless the tour is full and your space is resold (in which case a \$1,000 administrative fee will apply).

Travel Insurance: For your protection, trip cancellation and travel insurance is strongly recommended. Detailed information on the cancellation and travel insurance available through AMNH Expeditions will be provided with your reservation confirmation and is available online at www.amnhexpeditions.org. Certain policy protections are only available within 14 days of booking your tour. This insurance is at an additional cost and is available up until you make final payment for the expedition.

Single Travelers: A limited number of single rooms are available at extra cost on a first-come, first-served basis, but availability cannot be guaranteed. We make every effort to match single travelers who request a roommate.

Itinerary Changes: The itineraries and study leader staff presented are subject to modification and change. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate programs as planned, but alterations may still occur without allowance of refund.

Fuel Supplement: Travel Dynamics International reserves the right to charge a fuel supplement, without prior notice, if the NYMEX oil price exceeds \$85 per barrel. This supplement may be charged even if the cruise fare has been paid in full.

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The Cycladic island of Sifnos

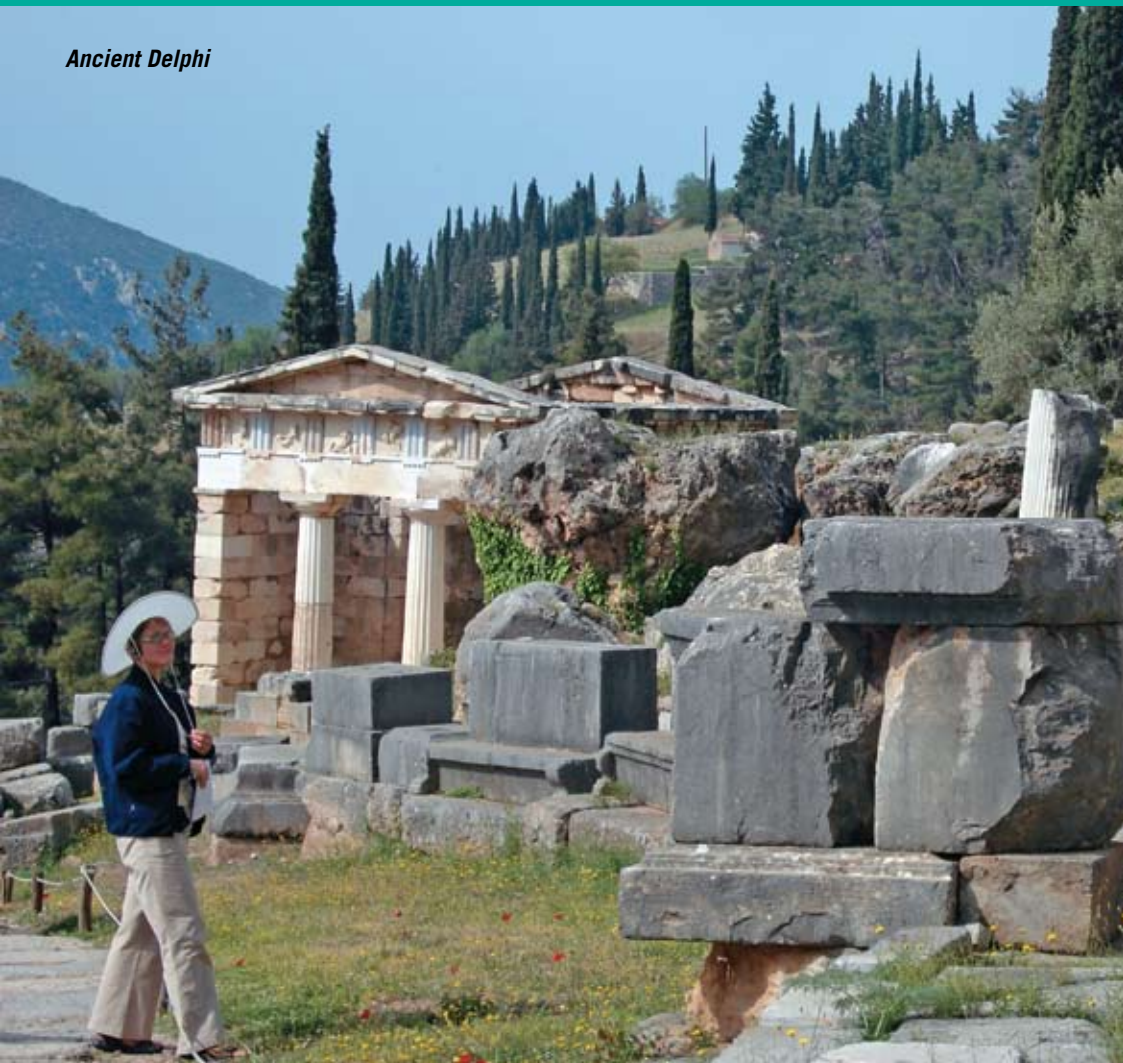


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