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With Guest Lecturer **Ethan Baxter**, Professor of Earth & Environmental Sciences at Boston College



NORWAY'S MAJESTIC COASTLINE AND FJORDS

Aboard the Expedition Cruise Ship *DIANA*

June 6 – 16, 2027

Seven Sisters waterfall in Geirangerfjord, Norway

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Dear Friends,

In June 2027, join us on a cruise along the spectacular western coast of Norway. As you probably know, Norway is renowned for its breathtaking coastline, where dramatic fjords, towering mountains, majestic glaciers, and picturesque towns combine with a rich Viking heritage and vibrant Scandinavian culture.

Our journey begins in Amsterdam with a tour of the city and a visit to the famed Rijksmuseum. After embarking the ship, we'll sail north through some of Norway's most magnificent scenery, exploring the idyllic Hardanger region with its celebrated cider-making traditions, marveling at the Briksdalsbreen and Svartisen glaciers, cruising through UNESCO-listed Geirangerfjord, discovering historic Trondheim and its magnificent Nidaros Cathedral, and visiting the striking Lofoten Islands, where dramatic peaks rise above pristine beaches and colorful fishing villages.

We are delighted to have **Ethan Baxter**, Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences at Boston College, who will share his experience and expertise through engaging lectures and discussions throughout the voyage.

Our expedition vessel will be the 192-guest Swan Hellenic *Diana*, especially suited to exploring the polar region with an ice-strengthened hull, eco-friendly technology, and exceptional maneuverability that enable her to safely and sustainably navigate Norway's winding waterways. The ship features beautifully appointed accommodations and public areas, as well as expansive outdoor decks that provide outstanding opportunities to take in the region's extraordinary landscapes and wildlife.

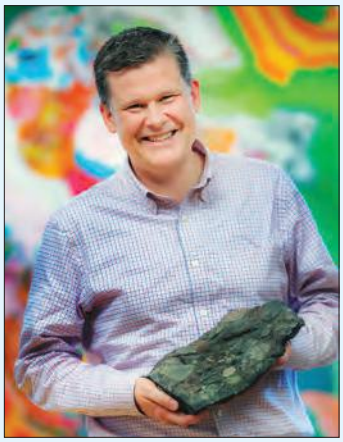
This promises to be a magnificent voyage, offering a rare combination of stunning scenery, fascinating Viking history and Scandinavian culture, unforgettable glacier and fjord landscapes, engaging lectures by expert naturalists, interesting fellow travelers, ample time for conversation, and the comfort of an intimate expedition ship. I hope you can join us.

Warm regards,

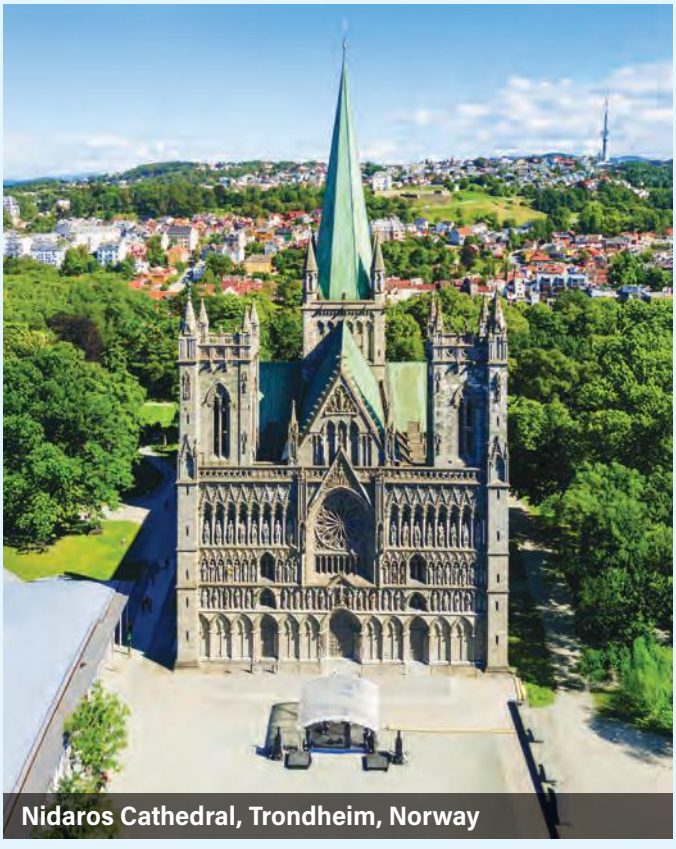
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GUEST LECTURER

ETHAN BAXTER



Ethan Baxter is a Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences and Associate Dean for the STEM Disciplines in the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences at Boston College. His isotope geochemical research uses the composition of rocks and minerals to reconstruct Earth's past, understand its present, and plan for the future. His work has taken him and his students to such locations as the Greek Islands, the Alps, Scotland, Iceland, and Norway. A Boston area native, he earned his BS at Yale University, his PhD at UC Berkeley, and completed a postdoc at Caltech. He was the 2007 Clarke Medalist of the Geochemical Society and is a Fellow of the Mineralogical Society of America. A passionate science communicator, he has given over 100 invited lectures at institutions around the world. He is the host and creator of Every Rock Has A Story, an educational YouTube Channel for children and anyone who finds joy in the wonders of the Earth.

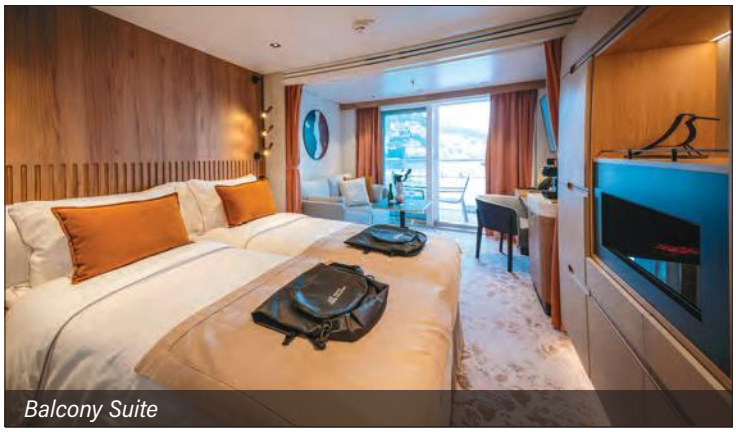


Nidaros Cathedral, Trondheim, Norway



THE 192-GUEST EXPEDITION CRUISE SHIP ***DIANA***


Oceanview Stateroom


Balcony Suite


Swan Restaurant


Swimming Pool


Observation Lounge

Built in Finland, and launched in April 2023, Swan Hellenic's *Diana* is a new generation expedition cruise ship. Although at 12,100 tons the ship is large enough to accommodate more than 350 passengers, *Diana* will accommodate a maximum of 192 guests in 96 spacious staterooms and balcony suites. The low guest density results in one of the most generous indoor and outdoor space-to-guest ratios among cruise ships.

Featuring the latest advances in technology and engineering, *Diana* is among the world's first environmentally responsible ships. Equipped with hybrid engines and a unique water filtration system, *Diana* leaves a minimal footprint. For cruising in Polar regions, the ship meets the stringent requirements of the new Polar Code with its high PC5 Category A ice strengthened hull and other advanced features. A computer-controlled Dynamic Positioning System allows the ship to maintain position without anchoring. Operated by a complement of 135 experienced European officers and international crew members, *Diana* will carry a fleet of Zodiacs, versatile landing boats, and kayaks. Powerful stabilizers provide a smooth ride.

Diana's interior spaces exude sophisticated elegance, with most rooms opening to panoramic views of the sea. All staterooms and suites face outside and are equipped with private facilities, climate control, TV, Wi-Fi and USB connections and other amenities. Of the ship's 96 staterooms, 76 have balconies. Public areas include a spacious observation lounge equipped with state-of-the-art facilities for lectures and presentations; a club lounge; a restaurant that accommodates all guests at one seating; an outdoor café/bar that surrounds the heated swimming pool; a wellness area with gym, spa, and sauna with an adjoining outdoor jacuzzi; library; beauty salon; and an infirmary that is attended by a full-time doctor and nurse. The ship also features expansive open-deck areas. Two elevators connect all decks. Attentive service is provided on a 24-hour basis. The outstanding cuisine is complemented by fine wines at lunch and dinner.

ITINERARY



Sunday, June 6, 2027

DEPART THE UNITED STATES

Monday, June 7

AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands

Arrive in Amsterdam. Transfer to the *Mövenpick Hotel Amsterdam* (or similar). This evening, gather with your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Tuesday, June 8

AMSTERDAM/EMBARKATION

Amsterdam is one of the great capitals of Europe, known for its picturesque canals and wealth of museums. After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a tour of this marvelous city followed by a visit to the famed Rijksmuseum with its unrivaled collection of Dutch Masters. Late in the afternoon, transfer to the pier to embark *Diana* and set sail. (B,D)

Wednesday, June 9

AT SEA

Watch for wildlife while enjoying onboard lectures and the ship's amenities as *Diana* cruises toward Norway. (B,L,D)

Thursday, June 10

ROSENDAL, Norway

Discover the spectacular landscapes and rich farming traditions of the Hardanger region, often called "Norway's orchard garden." After landing ashore in Rosendal, an attractive medieval town, enjoy a scenic drive along the Hardangerfjord, passing charming villages, fruit orchards, and dramatic mountain scenery before arriving at Aga Sideri. Tour the farm, learn about Hardanger's centuries-old cider-making traditions, and enjoy a tasting of locally crafted ciders paired with Norwegian cheeses in the heart of this beautiful fjord landscape. (B,L,D)

Friday, June 11

NORDFJORDEID

Diana arrives in the village of Nordfjordeid, on the threshold of the Briksdalsbreen Glacier. Briksdalsbreen is an accessible arm of the


Hardangerfjord, Norway


Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam


Svartisen Glacier, Norway

Jostedal ice field, which is the largest on the European mainland. The scenic drive to this 2,500-year-old glacier passes through charming villages to a lodge at which we board "troll cars." These 7-passenger electric vehicles bring us within a half-mile of the glacier's edge, and we undertake a brief guided walk to enjoy spectacular views of the glacier, surrounding mountains, and Jostedalsbreen National Park. Return to the ship in the early evening. (B,L,D)

Saturday, June 12
GEIRANGER

Today, the ship navigates majestic Geirangerfjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its staggering combination of snow-capped peaks, pristine glacial waters, lush greenery, and stunning waterfalls. During our excursion to the small town of Geiranger, take in panoramic views of the town and the mighty Seven Sisters, a series of waterfalls that cascade down a steep cliff face, and visit the Norwegian Fjord Centre, which serves as the education hub of the fjord region. Enjoy time at leisure in town before rejoining the ship. (B,L,D)

Sunday, June 13
TRONDHEIM

Tucked into lush rolling hills that surround Trondheimsfjord, 11th century Trondheim is one of Scandinavia's oldest cities. This Viking settlement became one of northern Europe's famed "wooden cities" and was Norway's first capital. Visit the Nidaros Cathedral, which was an important pilgrimage site throughout the Middle Ages. Our tour includes the Archbishop's Palace, where three museums house exhibits that range from royal regalia and coronation objects to sculptures, archaeological finds, and the military history of Central Norway. (B,L,D)

Monday, June 14
SVARTISEN GLACIER

The tongue of the mighty Svartisen Glacier juts out memorably from between two mountains. Explore the area this morning, beginning with a Zodiac ride from the ship to the glacier Visitor Center. From the Center, hike towards glacier-formed Svartisvatnet Lake along the edge of the ice flow, which is Norway's second biggest with edges up to 600 feet thick. Back on board, lunch awaits, with a leisurely afternoon to enjoy *Diana*'s amenities and talks by Professor Ethan Baxter and Swan Hellenic naturalists as our voyage northward continues. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, June 15
LEKNES, Lofoten

In the striking Lofoten Islands, Leknes is nestled on the bay-like Buksnesfjorden. Red-painted houses are silhouetted against craggy, mountainous isles, and its white sand beaches resemble the South Seas during the summer, when the region experiences almost two months of the Midnight Sun. Visit the Lofotr Viking Museum in the afternoon. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, June 16
TROMSØ

Disembark in Tromsø before transferring to airport for flights home. (B)

POST-TRIP EXTENSION IN OSLO
JUNE 16 – 19, 2027

Wednesday, June 16
DISEMBARK/TROMSØ

Disembark in Tromsø and tour the city, including the Arctic Cathedral, the Polar Museum, and the Botanical Garden. After lunch at a local restaurant, check in at the *Clarion Hotel The Edge* (or similar). Afternoon at leisure. (B,L)

Thursday, June 17
TROMSØ/OSLO

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Oslo. After lunch, take a tour of the Opera House and take in its rooftop views. Check in to the *Clarion Hotel Oslo* (or similar). (B,L)

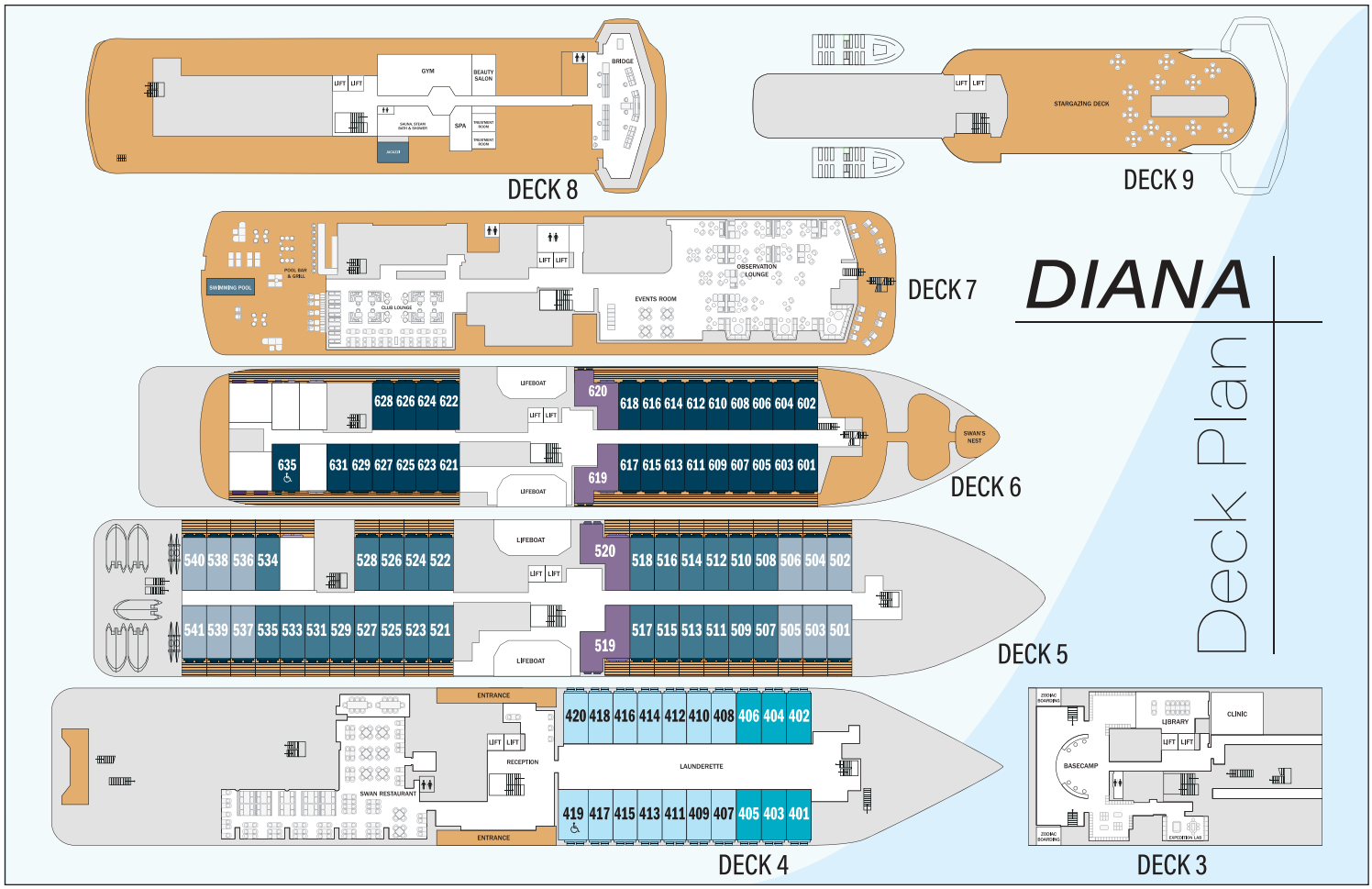
Friday, June 18
OSLO

After breakfast, visit the Vigeland Sculpture Park. Drive to the Bygdøy Peninsula to visit the Kon-Tiki Museum. Continue to the Fram Museum to see the ship that carried Norway's most famous explorers - Otto Sverdrup, Fridjof Nansen, and Roald Amundsen - across the frozen oceans of the Arctic and Antarctica. In the evening, enjoy a farewell dinner. (B,D)

Saturday, June 19
OSLO/USA

Transfer to the airport for the return flight home. (B)

Rate: $ 2,690 per person, double occupancy.
Single room supplement $ 890.



All accommodations aboard *Diana* are spacious staterooms and balcony suites. They are elegantly decorated, face outside, affording sea views, and include a queen-size bed that can be arranged as two twin beds, a spacious bathroom, mini-refrigerator, safe, ample closet space, climate control, telephone, TV, Wi-Fi, and USB connections, as well as other amenities.

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	RATES PER PERSON / DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
E	Oceanview staterooms with two large oval windows. 206 sq. ft. Deck 4. Staterooms 401–406.	$ 8,990
D	Oceanview staterooms with two large oval windows. 206 sq. ft. Deck 4. Staterooms 407–420.	$ 9,390
C	Suites with balcony & living room area. 300 sq. ft. Deck 5. Suites 501–506, 536–541.	$ 9,990
B	Suites with balcony & living room area. 300 sq. ft. Deck 5. Suites 507–518, 521–529, 531–535.	$ 10,390
A	Suites with balcony and living room area. 300 sq. ft. Deck 6. Suites 601–618, 621–635.	$ 10,790
AA	Suites with large balcony, separate bedroom & living room. 474 sq. ft. Decks 5 & 6. Suites 519, 520, 619 & 620.	$ 13,890

FOR SOLO TRAVELERS | A limited number of cabins are available for single occupants in Category D at 120% of the per-person, double occupancy rate, and in Categories C, B, and A at 150% of the per-person, double occupancy rate.

LOYALTY REWARD PROGRAM

Travel on this cruise program and enjoy savings of **$400** to **$900** per person on your next voyage with **THALASSA JOURNEYS** aboard a Swan Hellenic ship. Savings are determined by the stateroom category booked and is applicable when you reserve your trip within 30 days of the completion date of **NORWAY'S MAJESTIC COASTLINE AND FJORDS**

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PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

The rates are all-inclusive. There are no hidden costs and no additional charges such as shore excursions or embarkation and port charges. Other than the international airfare and expenses of a personal nature, all else is included. Specifically, the rates include:

- One night at the *Mövenpick Hotel Amsterdam* (or similar).
- Welcome dinner on the day of arrival.
- Cruise aboard the Swan Hellenic *Diana*, as described in the itinerary.
- Lectures and discussions with Professor Ethan Baxter.
- Airport/hotel/pier transfers and luggage handling on the program arrival and departure dates.
- Complete program of tours and excursions with expert local guides as described in the itinerary.
- All meals aboard the ship, with a selection of wines, beer and soft drinks during lunch and dinner.
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions aboard the ship hosted by the captain.
- Open bar with select alcoholic beverages.
- Coffee, including espresso and cappuccino, tea and soft drinks throughout the day and night aboard the ship.
- 24-hour room service.
- Gratuities to the ship's crew, guides, porters and drivers.
- Basic Wi-Fi aboard the ship.
- The services of an experienced Thalassa Journeys Trip Director.
- All local taxes and service charges, including port and embarkation taxes.
- Complete pre-departure material.

NOT INCLUDED: International airfare; travel insurance; expenses of a personal nature; any items not mentioned in the itinerary or the above inclusions.

ACTIVITY LEVEL

Travelers can expect an estimated total of 2-3 hours of walking per day. Going ashore may involve walking over inclined or uneven surfaces such as cobblestones, unpaved, slippery, or rocky paths, and steps without handrails, so an ability to navigate varied terrain and tolerate brief periods of standing is necessary. Embarking and disembarking from motor coaches and the ship will also be necessary. Expedition excursions may use motorized Zodiacs, so balance and sure footing are important for guests to be comfortable climbing into and out of these small boats. Weather conditions may vary, so layered clothing, sun, rain, and bug protection, and a spirit of adventure will help you get the most from this incredible voyage.

REGISTRATION

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Enclosed is my check or credit card no. for $_____($ 2,000 per person) as a deposit to hold_____ place(s) on ***NORWAY'S MAJESTIC COASTLINE AND FJORDS***, June 6 – 16, 2027 with Thalassa Journeys. I understand that final payment is due one hundred twenty (120) days prior to departure and is payable by check or credit card. We accept Visa, Mastercard, or Discover credit cards.

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Each participant must sign below: I/We have read the "General Information" section and agree to its terms.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: A deposit of $2,000 per person is required to reserve space on the tour. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. Payment can be made by personal check or charged to a credit card.
CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS: All cancellations received more than 120 days prior to departure are subject to a $400 per person administrative fee. Cancellations received 120 to 90 days pre-departure will be assessed a penalty equal to 20% of the total program cost per person. Cancellations received 89 to 61 days pre-departure will be assessed a penalty equal to 70% of the total program cost per person. Cancellations received within 60 days of departure are subject to 100% cancellation penalties. Requests for cancellations must be made in writing. No refunds will be made for any part of this program in which one chooses not to participate.
INSURANCE: We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident. Baggage insurance is also recommended. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement.
ITINERARY: The itinerary, accommodations and arrangements are subject to change at the discretion of Thalassa Journeys.
RESPONSIBILITY: Please read carefully the following terms and conditions, which constitute the sole, legally enforceable agreements between the traveler and Thalassa Journeys. Thalassa Journeys acts solely as agents for the traveler with respect to all transportation, hotel and other tour arrangements. In that capacity, we exercise all reasonable care possible to ensure the traveler's safety and satisfaction, but, we neither assume nor bear any responsibility or liability for any injury, death, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity arising in connection with the services of any ship, airplane, train, automobile, motor coach, carriage or other conveyance, or the actions of any third-party, involved in carrying the traveler or in affecting these tours. We are not responsible for damages, additional expenses, or any other losses due to cancellation, delay or other changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, civil disturbances, acts or threats of terrorism, travel warnings or bans, termination or suspension of war risks or other carrier insurance, quarantine, acts of God or other causes beyond our control. All such losses must be borne by the traveler, and tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. In the event of cancellation, delay or rescheduling mandated by any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the traveler shall have the option of accepting in lieu of the original tour such rescheduled tour or other substituted tour(s) as may be offered by us, or else, receiving a refund of as much of such advance tour expenditures as we are able to recover on the traveler's behalf from carriers, third-party tour vendors, etc., but, we shall not have any obligation or liability to the traveler beyond the foregoing. We reserve the right to make alterations to the tour's itinerary and to substitute hotels, transportation methods, or lecturers if this is required. We reserve the right to cancel, delay, or reschedule any tour prior to departure, and, so long as this is not due to any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the traveler shall be entitled to a full refund of all monies paid to that point if he/she so desires. No refund shall be made for any unused portion of any tour. By forwarding their deposit(s), the traveler certifies that he/she and/or their dependents, minors or others covered thereby do not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that could create a hazard for them or other travelers. We reserve the right to decline to accept or to decline to retain any person as a member of any tour should such person's health, condition or actions adversely affect or threaten the welfare or safety of other travelers or impede the tour. Baggage or valuables brought on the tour shall be transported, handled or stored at the traveler's risk entirely, and, we shall bear no liability or responsibility for any damage or other loss thereto. Resolution of any disputes arising hereunder shall be effected exclusively in the state or federal courts presiding in Florida, pursuant to applicable Florida law.
RATES: Tour costs are based upon current airfares, tariffs, and currency values. While we do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change.
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