JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

TROPICAL ISLANDS, RAIN FORESTS & ANCIENT SITES OF CENTRAL AMERICA

Aboard the 130-Guest Yorktown

February 1 – 8, 2014
Dear Alumni and Friends,

The Atlantic coastlines of Guatemala and Honduras, as well as Belize, remain among the least explored and developed areas of Central America. Here you will find crystal clear turquoise waters, pristine and uncrowded beaches, and off-lying islands and cays surrounded by spectacular coral reefs. But travel inland not far from the coast and you will experience the beauty of the rain forest and its rich wildlife. Also in Guatemala and Belize are fascinating ancient Maya sites, remnants of one of the most brilliant pre-Columbian civilizations in the Americas.

All these wonders, and more, are featured in our cruise to Guatemala, Belize, and Honduras, and contribute to the uniqueness of the itinerary. Among other activities, you will enjoy swimming and snorkeling in the crystalline waters of the seldom-visited Cayos Cochinos, a remote archipelago of lush, tiny islands and islets; hike through Pico Bonito National Park, an extensive rain forest; explore mangrove lagoons, watching for howler and spider monkeys and colorful tropical birds; and search for the ancient Maya in Quirigua and Lubaantun.

Our ship, Yorktown, is not much bigger than a private yacht, and it accommodates no more than 130 guests. You’ll discover that aboard a small ship you can sail to unspoiled, out-of-the-way bays, islands, coral reefs, and villages that are not accessible to passengers on mega-cruise liners. And when we go ashore, you’ll find that traveling in a small group lets you get a sense of the place and the people who live there. We call this style of traveling “the small-ship experience,” and once you have tried it, you may never want to travel any other way.

This winter, join us aboard Yorktown on a voyage of discovery to the unspoiled coral reefs, the lush rain forests, and the fascinating ancient sites of Central America.

Sincerely,

Marguerite Ingalls Jones,
A&S ’74, Bus ’88
Travel Program Director,
The Johns Hopkins University
Office of Alumni Relations

Book by November 7, 2013 to SAVE $1,000 per person FREE AIRFARE

Cover: The crystal clear water of Roatan, Honduras
Travel, Learn & Enrich Your Experience with a Team of Experts

Born and raised in England, **Jonathan Green** completed a Bachelor of Sciences degree in Geology and Geography. John is also an avid diver and accomplished photographer, and his photography has been published in numerous magazines and has been exhibited at the Natural History Museum of London. He has spent the last 20 years working as a diver, photographer, and naturalist in the Galapagos, Central America, Andes, Amazon, and Patagonia.

**Chris Harbard** is an ornithologist and conservationist who works as a freelance author, editor, broadcaster and lecturer. He writes for *Birdwatch* magazine and is also an occasional contributor to BBC radio. Additionally, he edits the *Birdwatchers’ Guides* series. Although Chris’s main area of interest is birds, he also enjoys a range of other wildlife such as butterflies, dragonflies, and plants.

Renowned epigrapher and translator of the Paris Codex, **Bruce Love** has more than 35 years of experience working in Yucatán and Central America. Dr. Love’s broad range of interests include hieroglyphic texts from more than a thousand years ago, sacred books of the calendar priests, the survival of Maya culture into the Colonial Period, and the contemporary Maya of today.

**Cruise Director Temu Nana** is a native of Detroit, Michigan. He has traveled extensively throughout the world, including all parts of Caribbean. On the *Yorktown*, Temu has led several recent cruises to Belize and Guatemala, as well as a land excursion to Tikal.

*All expedition staff subject to change.*
ITINERARY

Saturday, February 1, 2014
FLY FROM USA | SAN PEDRO SULA | PUERTO CORTES, Honduras | EMBARK
Arrive in San Pedro Sula. Transfer to Puerto Cortes to embark Yorktown. (D)

Sunday, February 2
PUNTA GORDA | LUBAANTUN | SNAKE CAYS, Belize
Arrive in the morning at Belize’s Punta Gorda. Drive inland to explore Lubaantun, a Late Classic Maya center that thrived between A.D. 730 and A.D. 890. Lubaantun’s remains include five main plazas, eleven major structures, three ball courts, and other edifices. The visitor center displays artifacts excavated at the site. Spend the afternoon at the nearby Snake Cays, swimming and snorkeling. (B, L, D)

Monday, February 3
LA CEIBA, Honduras
Bustling La Ceiba will be our base for exploring the most important attractions of this region. Choices will include the Pico Bonito National Park, a vast rain forest with its 20 rivers and abundant wildlife, including howler and spider monkeys, armadillos, tigrillos, and many bird species; and the Cuero y Salado Wildlife Refuge, a major wetland and mangrove lagoon that is home to a rich wildlife. There will also be the opportunity to go rafting on the Cangrejal River and kayaking on the Cacao Lagoon. (B, L, D)

For reservations or information, please call us at 800-548-5481
**Tuesday, February 4**

**ROATAN, Bay Islands**

Roatan's glory is its superb beaches and reef that stretches for almost 70 miles, providing unparalleled swimming and snorkeling opportunities. Our exploration of Roatan includes visits to the Institute for Marine Sciences, with its exhibitions of marine life and geology of the island, the Carambola Botanical Gardens, whose native trails are lined with tropical plants and flowers, and the Tropical Treasures Bird Park, which is home to scarlet macaws, toucans, parrots, and other birds. Also enjoy swimming at the white-sand beaches of the West End and snorkeling at the surrounding reef. (B, L, D)

**Wednesday, February 5**

**TRUJILLO**

In 1502, Columbus landed at the spot where Trujillo was founded 22 years later, becoming one of the earliest Spanish settlements in Central America. Explore Trujillo and some of its colonial buildings, including the 16th-century Santa Barbara Fortress. Also visit the Campo del Mar Nature Park, with its native flora and fauna, and enjoy swimming and snorkeling at the beautiful white-sand beach that lines the park. Discover the area's wildlife by exploring the Guaymoreto Lagoon and the Capiro y Calentura National Park on Mt. Calentura, which looms some 4,000 feet above Trujillo. (B, L, D)
Thursday, February 6

CAYOS COCHINOS
Call at the unspoiled Cayos Cochinos, consisting of two small islands and thirteen tiny, lush islets that are a protected marine park. Swim and snorkel in the crystal clear water that surrounds this small archipelago. Also hike on Cochinos Mayor, the main islet in the group. On nearby Cayo Chachahuate, visit a small Garifuna village, where we will be greeted by a traditional drumming and dancing ceremony. (B, L, D)

Friday, February 7

SANTO TOMAS DE CASTILLA, Guatemala | QUIRIGUA |
PUERTO CORTES, Honduras
Yorktown will dock in the morning at the port town of Santo Tomas de Castilla. Drive to Quirigua, an ancient Maya center that was founded around 200 A.D., and flourished in the eighth century A.D. Quirigua is famous for its huge stelae and altars that are covered with some of the finest carvings in the Maya world. Alternatively, visit the Castillo de San Felipe, a well preserved fortress built by the Spanish in the 17th century. Return to the ship and spend the afternoon cruising to Puerto Cortes, where Yorktown will arrive in the evening. (B, L, D)

Saturday, February 8

PUERTO CORTES | DISEMBARK | SAN PEDRO SULA | FLY TO USA
Disembark and transfer to the airport in San Pedro Sula for return flights. (B)
Yorktown

Yorktown is the perfect vessel for relaxed and convivial exploration of Central America’s Caribbean coast. Built in Florida in 1988 specifically for coastal cruising and certified by the U.S. Coast Guard, Yorktown flies the American flag and is staffed by friendly and experienced American officers and crew. With a draft of only 9 feet, Yorktown is able to maneuver in secluded waterways and visit small ports that are inaccessible to larger vessels. And Yorktown’s American registry makes it possible to operate domestic itineraries unavailable to foreign-flag ships. The ship’s cuisine, served in a dining room large enough to accommodate all guests at once, emphasizes American regional culinary traditions. Accommodating only 130 guests in 65 exterior cabins, Yorktown, while not a luxury vessel, enjoys an atmosphere of warm and relaxed informality that endears it to repeat and new guests alike.

Life aboard Yorktown

Life aboard Yorktown is relaxed and informal, and dress is always casual. Guests discover soon after settling in that the ship’s design fosters a sense of community and shared enterprise. The cabins are extremely comfortable for their size and well designed to maximize the square footage. Most have large picture windows, and each is furnished with comfortable beds, a writing desk, ample storage, a clock/radio/CD player, and a private bathroom. Your cabin is the perfect place for peace and quiet and for private rest and reflection. But you will want to spend most of your time in one of Yorktown’s inviting common areas. The Lounge, never more than two decks away (Yorktown has no elevator), is the hub of shipboard activity—the place to read, to converse with fellow travelers, to attend lectures and concerts, to enjoy a cocktail as the pianist performs on the ship’s Steinway piano, or simply to take in unobstructed views of the passing scene. The Sun Deck affords similar opportunities to read and relax in the open air.
### Cruise & Land Rates

**Per Person, Double Occupancy**

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**Port Taxes & Charges:** $250 per person

**Single Rates**

A limited number of cabins for solo travelers are available in Category C - A at a supplement of $1,295.

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**Free Airfare**

Free round-trip economy class airfare will be provided from Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, and San Francisco. Depending on the time of booking, a supplement may apply. Airfare from other cities is available and may require a surcharge. Reservations must be made by calling the Travel Dynamics International air desk. If you wish to make your own travel arrangements, an air credit of $500 per person will apply and will be deducted from the listed Cruise and Land Rates. Please call toll-free 1-877-711-9896 Monday – Friday from 9:00 am – 5:30 pm (EST). Have your tour name and dates handy for reference.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: A deposit of $750 per person is required to reserve your space on the tour. For your convenience, you may charge your deposit to your American Express, Visa, Discover, or MasterCard. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Credit cards are not accepted for final payment. However, personal checks are accepted for both deposits and final payment.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS: All cancellations are subject to a $300 per person fee. Cancellations received 61-90 days prior to departure will be assessed a penalty equal to 50% of the total program cost per person. Cancellations received within 60 days of departure are subject to 100% cancellation penalties.

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.

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RESPONSIBILITY: Please read carefully the following terms and conditions, which constitute the sole, legally enforceable agreements between the passenger and Travel Dynamics International Ltd. and the tour’s sponsoring organization. The passenger is also advised to review his/her separate ticket passage contract with the vessel’s owner/operator, which will constitute the sole, legally enforceable terms of carriage for this cruise and is available on request from Travel Dynamics International Ltd. Travel Dynamics International Ltd. and the tour’s sponsoring organization act solely as agents for the passenger with respect to all transportation, hotel, and tour arrangements. In that capacity, we exercise all reasonable care possible to ensure the passenger’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 passenger 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 passenger, 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 passenger 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 passenger’s behalf from carriers, third-party tour vendors, etc., but, we shall have no obligation or liability to the passenger beyond the foregoing. We reserve the right to make alterations to the tour’s itinerary and to substitute hotels, ships, 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 passenger 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 passenger 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 passengers. We reserve the right to decline to accept or to decline to retain any person as a member of any tour who should such person’s health, condition or actions adversely affect or threaten the welfare or safety of other passengers or impede the tour. Baggage or valuables brought on the tour shall be transported, handled or stored at the passenger’s risk entirely, and, we shall bear no liability or responsibility for any damage or other loss thereto.

Passenger tickets are not transferable and are not subject to alteration by the passenger. No suit shall be maintainable against the carrier, or vessel, for any losses, accidents, damages to person, property, personal injury (including death or other types of bodily injury) of the passengers, unless written notice of the claim, with full particulars, is delivered to the carrier or its agents at its office at the port of sailing or at the port of termination within six months from the day when such incident occurred. In no event shall any such suit or any claim against the carrier or vessel for any losses, accidents, damages to person, property, personal injury (including death or other types of bodily injury) of the passengers, unless written notice of the claim, with full particulars, is delivered to the carrier or its agents at its office at the port of sailing or at the port of termination within six months from the day when such incident occurred. 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