Discovering a North American Treasure

Voyage to the Great Lakes

A Voyage Aboard the American-Flagged, 138-Guest Yorktown

July 14 - 21, 2012

A SPECIAL MULTI-GENERATIONAL TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY!

WITH
WILLIAMS PROFESSOR
JAMES T. CARLTON
Dear Williams Travelers,

If you are looking for a voyage to a world-class family destination, but wish to stay close to home, come with Williams Professor James Carlton to discover the amazing Great Lakes. Jim is a marine biologist who heads the Williams-Mystic Program in Maritime Studies. Adults and youngsters alike will enjoy his fascinating stories about invasive species in the Lakes.

Nearly fifteen thousand years ago, the last of the great glaciers retreated, leaving us with the legacy of the Great Lakes. The lakes are unique, for although they are called lakes, they are in reality vast inland seas that comprise one-fifth of the world's fresh surface water. First used as a means of transport by Algonquin and Iroquois tribes, the lakes later became a thriving commercial hub and a heavily traveled waterway with the arrival of European settlers.

More than fifty years ago, the Great Lakes were the busiest waterway in the world and North America's treasured summer destination. Now you can cruise once again in the Great Lakes on this unique itinerary, which encompasses American and Canadian ports.

Operating between two great American cities, Chicago and Detroit, our itinerary includes several of the most significant places found along the shores of this North American treasure. On Lake Michigan, travelers will enjoy the delightful towns of Saugatuck and Sheboygan, as well as Mackinac Island’s bygone Victorian charms. Experience the majestic grandeur of Lake Superior at Whitefish Point and Native American culture on Manitoulin Island. A highlight of our voyage will be transiting the Soo Locks that connect Lake Superior and Lake Huron.

Your ship for this voyage is the American-flagged and operated Yorktown. Accommodating 138 guests in 69 exterior cabins, the Yorktown is the perfect vessel for relaxed and convivial exploration of the Great Lakes. The natural environment and the past and present cultural landscapes through which we sail will be the subject of lectures and discussions with accompanying study leaders. Youth education counselors will lead the Young Explorers Program, a series of educational and recreational activities developed to enhance children’s appreciation of the sites we visit.

Because this voyage is at the perfect time of year for two or three generations to travel together, we are offering specially reduced rates for young guests, ages 7 - 21. Whether you share the experience with members of your extended family or prefer to enjoy the company of like-minded travelers of your own age, we hope you will join us aboard the 138-guest Yorktown as we explore the storied Great Lakes.

Sincerely,

Robert V. Behr
Alumni Travel-Study Coordinator
413-597-4011

P.S. Note the greatly reduced prices for the younger set.

Cover: Strawberry Island Lighthouse, Lake Huron

Onboard Enrichment Program
The Great Lakes are constantly evolving, adapting to changes in climate and population, coping with a variety of forces that threaten their balance. Yet, through it all, they have provided food and material resources to the peoples who have inhabited their shores. On this voyage, James Carlton will introduce us to the workings of this unique ecosystem and to some of the challenges it currently faces. The Lakes have also been a spiritual and aesthetic resource, inspiring legends from the earliest days to the present. Rachel Carson eloquently described and poetically advocated for their beauty. Ernest Hemingway set some of his most powerful stories “up in Michigan,” and contemporary authors such as Michael Ondaatje, Margaret Atwood, and Toni Morrison have written about their great cities. Michael Thurston will be our guide to this rich literature.

Williams College Study Leader
James T. Carlton is Professor of Marine Sciences at Williams College. His research is on global marine bio-invasions — their ecosystem impacts, dispersal mechanisms, and management strategies — subjects of considerable recent interest in the Great Lakes. Jim was featured in the nationally broadcast PBS-National Geographic series Strange Days on Planet Earth, is annually heard on NPR, and was named by the Smithsonian Institution as an “Ocean Hero.” He has provided expert testimony nine times before the United States Congress on legislation involving invasive species.

Additional Lecturer
Michael Thurston is the author of Making Something Happen: American Political Poetry between the World Wars, of The Underworld Descent in Twentieth-Century Poetry, and of essays on twentieth-century poetry and prose. Professor Thurston's reviews of contemporary poetry and his short fiction has appeared in a number of literary magazines. He is currently at work on a book about contemporary poetry and a collection of essays about Cape Cod. A Midwesterner himself, Michael has for many years indulged an interest in the literary history of the region.

Young Explorers Program
For Children and Young Adults Ages 7-21
Experienced youth education counselors will lead groups of similarly aged children and young adults in the Young Explorers Program, a series of educational and recreational activities designed from a child’s perspective. This is the perfect opportunity to inspire young minds with the history of their country and the beauty of the natural environment.

• Discover how early sailors navigated by the stars
• Explore the workings of modern safety and navigation equipment on the ship’s bridge
• Learn about the great naval battles that took place on the Lakes
• Participate in a Native American powwow

Cover: Strawberry Island Lighthouse, Lake Huron
Lovely Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Victorian homes line Mackinac Island’s coast

Itinerary

Saturday, July 14, 2012 | CHICAGO, Illinois, United States | EMBARK
Fly to Chicago and transfer to the pier to embark Yorktown. (D)

Sunday, July 15 | HOLLAND | SAUGATUCK, Michigan
Arrive this morning in Saugatuck, nestled off the shores of Lake Michigan and Kalamazoo Lake. Originally a lumber town, Saugatuck eventually became known for its fruit production, especially its peaches. In the early 1900s, Saugatuck was a prime summer destination for Chicago urbanites. Today, it is known for its historic buildings and churches, unique shops, and many art galleries, which you will explore on a walking tour. (B, L, D)

Monday, July 16 | SHEBOYGAN, Wisconsin
Call in lovely Sheboygan, located on the shore of Lake Michigan at the mouth of the Sheboygan River. French explorers landed on the shores in the 17th century, and in the early 19th century, William Farnsworth established a fur trading port here, and was later joined by William Paine and others who further developed the town. Today, Sheboygan is enjoying revitalization. Visit its nearby attractions. (B, L, D)

Tuesday, July 17 | MACKINAC ISLAND, Michigan
Arrive in beautiful Mackinac Island, a Victorian-era haven where cars are forbidden and bicycles share the road with horse-drawn carriages. Explore this idyllic island and see the ancient limestone formations that were considered sacred by the Straits Indians; the impressive Fort Mackinac, built atop a high cliff by the British in 1780; and the landmark Victorian Grand Hotel. Also enjoy free time to stroll along streets lined with ginger-bread-trimmed buildings and browse in the charming shops. (B, L, D)

Wednesday, July 18 | LAKE SUPERIOR | WHITEFISH POINT | SOO LOCKS
Arrive at Whitefish Point, located on Lake Superior, and drive to Tahquamenon Falls State Park for a look at the Upper Falls. Return to Whitefish Point where there will be an opportunity to visit the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum, located in a Coast Guard station built around a lighthouse which dates from 1861. Yorktown will transit the Soo Locks, known as the busiest in the world, where some 12,000 ships pass annually. (B, L, D)

Thursday, July 19 | LAKE HURON | LITTLE CURRENT, MANITOULIN ISLAND, Ontario, Canada
Land at Little Current, the main settlement on Manitoulin, the world’s largest freshwater island and one of 30,000 islands that grace Lake Huron. Manitoulin, home to the rare Red-shouldered hawk and Cape May warbler, is also home to the Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve, a thriving Native American community that bears the distinction of being the only tribe in Canada never to have ceded title to their land. Visit the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation, whose exhibits chronicle the story of the native people of Manitoulin. Then enjoy a traditional Native American powwow. (B, L, D)

Friday, July 20 | GODERICH | BAYFIELD | GODERICH
Arrive in Goderich, located on the shore of Lake Huron and famed for its...
Program Inclusions

- 7-night cruise aboard the 138-guest Yorktown
- Complete program of 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
- Educational program of lectures and discussions by Williams Professor James T. Carlton and additional lecturer
- Professional Travel Dynamics International tour staff
- Complete pre-departure materials
- Port and embarkation taxes
- Gratuities to guides and drivers

NOT INCLUDED: Airfare; transfers; luggage and trip cancellation insurance; alcoholic beverages other than wine and beer with lunch and dinner; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, faxes, and e-mail service; and gratuities to shipboard personnel

AIRFARE: Airfare is not included in the Cruise and Land Rates. Please contact your preferred airline, travel agent, or the Travel Dynamics International air desk operated by Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc. (VWTI) for airfare information and to reserve flights. Consultants are available Monday – Friday from 9:00 am – 5:30 pm (EST) toll-free at 1-877-711-9896. Please have your tour name, code (12606), and dates handy for reference.

1-Night Optional Extension In Detroit
Tour the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village in Detroit. Included: One night at The Dearborn Inn with breakfast, a half-day tour, and transfer between the hotel and pier. Rates: $275 per person, double occupancy; $100 single supplement

1-Night Optional Extension in Chicago
See some of Chicago's principal sights on an architectural river cruise. Included: One night at the Hyatt Regency Chicago with breakfast, a half-day tour, and transfer between the hotel and pier. Rates: $295 per person, double occupancy; $175 single supplement

sunsets. Drive south along the shore to the charming village of Bayfield. Perfectly blending the tranquility of village life with some of the finest offerings of any big city, Bayfield is a quaint village filled with many delights. Spend time enjoying its art galleries, delightful boutiques, and smart cafés. (B, L, D)

Saturday, July 21 • DETROIT, Michigan, United States | DESEMBARK | FLY HOME
Disembark in Detroit and transfer to the airport for return flights home. (B)
The **Yorktown** is the perfect vessel for relaxed and convivial exploration of America's great coastal waterways. Built in Florida in 1988 specifically for coastal cruising and certified by the U.S. Coast Guard, the **Yorktown** flies the American flag and is staffed by friendly and experienced American officers and crew. 257 feet long, 43 feet wide, with a draft of 8 feet, the **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. In addition to a large sun deck, the **Yorktown** boasts a spacious lounge for social gatherings and lectures as well as quiet space for private conversation. The ship's cuisine, served in a dining room large enough to accommodate all guests at once, emphasizes American regional culinary traditions and specialties. Both the lounge and dining room are surrounded by large picture windows that afford unobstructed views of the passing scenery. Accommodating 138 guests in 69 exterior cabins, the **Yorktown** enjoys an atmosphere of warm and relaxed informality that endears it to repeat and new guests alike.

**DECK PLAN**

**CRUISE & LAND RATES**

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**SPECIAL FAMILY & YOUNG ADULT RATES**

- 1 child/young adult sharing with 2 adults: $975
- 1 child/young adult sharing with 1 adult: $2,795
- 2 or 3 children/young adults sharing together: From $2,995 (inquire for rates)

A limited number of cabins for solo travelers are available in Category C for $5,890; Category B for $6,490; and Category A for $6,890.
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 $500 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 connection 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 Travel Dynamics International.

RESPONSIBILITY: Please read carefully the following terms and conditions, which constitute the sole, legally enforceable agreements between the passenger and Travel Dynamics International and The President and Trustees of Williams College. 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 tour and is available on request from Travel Dynamics International. Travel Dynamics International and The President and Trustees of Williams College act solely as agents for the passenger with respect to all transportation, hotel and other 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 expansion 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 your behalf. We neither assume nor bear any responsibility or liability 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 as a result of such loss or injury be maintained unless such suit is commenced within one year from the date when the incident causing such loss, accidents, damages to person, property, personal injury (including death or other types of bodily injury) of the passenger occurs, notwithstanding any provision of law of any state or country to the contrary. Resolution of any disputes arising hereunder shall be brought within the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, pursuant to the applicable general maritime law, and applying the applicable general maritime law and Federal maritime statutes.

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.

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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REGISTRATION

Enclosed is my check or credit card no. for $_______($750 per person) as a deposit to hold ____ place(s) on Discovering a North American Treasure.

I understand that final payment is due ninety (90) days prior to departure and is payable by check only.

Please make check payable to and mail with this registration form to:
Travel Dynamics International
132 East 70th Street,
New York, NY 10021

☐ AmEx  ☐ Discover  ☐ Visa  ☐ MasterCard
No. ______________________________ Exp. ________________
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Please select cabin category in order of preference:
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☐ Single Occupancy  ☐ Share

☐ Please book me/us on the Optional Pre-Cruise Extension in Chicago.
☐ Please book me/us on the Optional Post-Cruise Extension in Detroit.

Dr./Mr./Mrs./Ms. ___________________ First ___________________ Last ___________________

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Each participant must sign below: We have read the “General Information” section and agree to its terms.

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Saugatuck, Michigan

A sandhill crane on Manitoulin Island

For further information, please contact Williams at 413-597-4011.

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