Sicily | with Montenegro, Croatia, Albania & Greece
Aboard the Clipper Odyssey | August 29 – September 11, 2012
DEAR MIT ALUMNI & FRIENDS,

This voyage weaves together the archaeological wonders, breathtaking scenery, world-class food and wine, and rich and varied cultural heritage of favorite stops in the Mediterranean and Adriatic. Early September is a glorious time to visit this region and the elegant, 110-passenger Clipper Odyssey allows for an intimate exploration of charming villages and historic ports of call.

Expedition Highlights

- Tour Monreale’s impressive 12th-century Cathedral, hailed as Italy’s most beautiful Norman church, the interior is covered with intricate mosaics, gold leaf, and stone intarsia.
- Sample Sicilian delicacies during wine tastings and gourmet luncheons, including Marsala wines and vintages from the Licata region.
- Explore the exquisite Greek and Roman ruins of Agrigento and Syracuse—both World Heritage Sites.
- Discover dramatic scenery and amazing archaeology in the lesser-visited countries of Montenegro and Albania.
- Visit photogenic Dubrovnik, a beautifully-preserved medieval masterpiece.

A distinguished team of leaders and lecturers will share their knowledge and insight, providing an intimate and in-depth experience. We are sharing this program with general interest travelers. If you have any questions, or to make a reservation, please call the MIT Alumni Travel Program at (800) 992-6749, or email us at compass@mit.edu. You may also contact the tour operator Zegrahm Expeditions at (800) 628-8747.

Sincerely,

Melissa Chapman Gresh
Director, MIT Travel Program

P.S. Please visit our website at http://alum.mit.edu/travel for details and updated information on all our trips.

WITH OUR COMPLIMENTS

On this expedition, virtually everything is included in the cost of your trip, such as:

- All gratuities
- All accommodations, including pre-voyage hotel night
- Daily activity options, from archaeological tours to wine tasting
- World-class lecture and expedition team
- All meals onboard and with the group ashore
- All entrance fees, taxes, and landing and port charges
- Transfers on group arrival and departure dates
- Gift certificates for recommended expedition gear and reading materials
- Travel Guard© medical and emergency evacuation insurance

Wednesday, August 29, 2012
Depart USA
Depart on your independent overnight flight.

Thursday, August 30
Palermo, Sicily, Italy
Arrive in Palermo this afternoon where you will be met and transferred to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (D)

Friday, August 31
Palermo / Trapani / Embark the Clipper Odyssey
After breakfast tour Palermo, famous for its jumbled, picturesque streets. Then drive to Monteale, situated in the hills above Palermo, and tour the fabled Cathedral, built in 1174. After enjoying a typical Sicilian lunch, continue through scenic countryside to magical Segesta, a center of the ancient Elyman civilization and home to a magnificent Doric temple. Alternatively, travel to Erice, a charming medieval village perched high on a mountain-top with stunning views of the Tyrrhenian Sea. Founded as Eryx by the Carthaginians, the town boasts a fertility temple and a mythical association with Hercules and Aeneas, along with its Norman castle and dramatic winding streets. Both tours end in the thriving fishing town of Trapani where you embark the Clipper Odyssey in the late afternoon. (B, L, D)

Saturday, September 1
Mazara del Vallo / Selinunte / Marsala
After breakfast disembark in Mazara and drive to the sprawling 7th-century B.C. site of Selinunte. Local guides lead you through these Greek ruins to the Sanctuary of Demetra Malphoros and the Acropolis. Return to the ship for lunch and cruise toward Marsala. Situated on the westernmost tip of Sicily, Marsala was founded by the Carthaginians in 396 B.C. and was occupied by the Saracens who named it Marsa el Allah—Port of God. Visit the Regional Museum that houses the famous Carthaginian shipwreck found in the multi-hued Stagnone Lagoon. Continue to Cantine Florio, one of Sicily’s ancient vineyards, where you will enjoy local specialties accompanied by Marsala wines. (B, L, D)

Sunday, September 2
Licata / Agrigento
Today disembark in the charming fishing village of Licata and board coaches for a scenic drive to the Butero Winery and Villa for a lunch of delicious Sicilian fare accompanied by wines of the region.

In the afternoon tour the stunning World Heritage Site of Agrigento. Walk through the Valley of the Temples, where the exquisite architecture dates back to the 4th and 5th centuries B.C. and showcases the Temples of...
Monday, September 3

Syracuse / Ortygia

Founded by the Corinthians in the 8th century B.C., Syracuse was one of the most powerful Greek cities. Begin at the Saint John Catacombs with their maze of underground passageways then drive to the Archaeological Park, a World Heritage Site. Highlights include the Roman Amphitheater of Augustus; the Ear of Dionysius, a grotto with an extraordinary echo; and the 15,000-year-old Town—a World Heritage Site. Arrive in Syracuse this evening and enjoy independent time to dine, stroll the labyrinthine streets, and participate in the lively evening scene. (B, L, D)

Return to the ship, at port in Ortygia, for lunch, before striking out on a walking tour of the old town. Highlights include the ruins of the 6th-century B.C. Apollo Temple—the oldest in Sicily—and the Piazza Duomo, built around the ancient Temple of Minerva. (B, L, D)

Tuesday, September 4

At Sea

Enjoy a relaxing day at sea as lecturers recap our Sicilian adventures and prepare you for your time in the Adriatic. (B, L, D)

Wednesday, September 5

Kotor, Montenegro / Dubrovnik, Croatia

The first stop in the Adriatic is Kotor where you witness the same beautiful scenery that captivated kings for centuries. At this World Heritage Site tour luxurious palaces, towers, and Romanesque and Gothic churches. Enjoy free time to explore before re-boarding the Clipper Odyssey for lunch. The magnificent Dalmatian Coast unfolds in scenic splendor as you cruise toward Croatia this afternoon.

Dubrovnik has been a strategic seaport since the 13th century and its Old Town—a medieval masterpiece surrounded by fortified walls—is a World Heritage Site. Arrive in Dubrovnik this evening and enjoy independent time to dine, stroll the labyrinthine streets, and participate in the lively evening scene. (B, L, D)

Thursday, September 6

Dubrovnik

Today you may explore Dubrovnik further with a choice of two morning excursions. The first option includes the main square; the lovely 14th-century Dominican Monastery; the Franciscan Monastery and its Romanesque cloister; and the Cathedral, completed in 1713. The second option includes visits to the two monasteries and Cathedral, the Maritime Museum, and a walk along the city’s southern walls with beautiful views of the fortress and old Dubrovnik’s terra cotta rooftops. After lunch options include a drive through the surrounding countryside, highlighted by spectacular vistas of the city and the harbor, or time to explore on your own. (B, L, D)

Friday, September 7

Durres, Albania / Tirana

Today you begin your exploration of Albania, a land of splendid terrain and historical monuments. An inland drive brings you to Tirana, Albania’s capital city, to visit the museum and the city’s bustling quarters—a mix of Ottoman buildings, Christian cathedrals, and marketplaces. After lunch visit Kruja Fortress, a fortified citadel with nine observation towers built during the 5th and 6th centuries. (B, L, D)

Saturday, September 8

Shkoder / Butrint

This morning visit the World Heritage Site of Butrint—a veritable chronological repository of its various inhabitants: Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, and Venetians. Among its archaeological highlights are the baptistery with its colorful floor mosaics, superb amphitheater, and medieval fortress. From the ruins take in the splendid views of the surrounding mile-high mountains. (B, L, D)

Sunday, September 9

Itea, Greece / Delphi

This morning embark on a tour of Delphi, a World Heritage Site known in ancient times as the navel of the world. Pass by Castalia Spring, visit the archeological site with the Temple of Apollo, famous for its oracle, and tour the Museum of Delphi with its spectacular finds. After Delphi visit the picturesque mountain village of Arachova, built on the south slopes of Parnassus, well known for its attractive hand-woven carpets, rugs, and quilts, as well as for its excellent wine and cheese. Visit the Byzantine Monastery of Osios Louca before lunch at a local restaurant. Return to the ship with an afternoon at leisure to explore the charming town of Itea on your own. (B, L, D)

Monday, September 10

Corinth Canal / Athens

This morning the ship transits the Corinth Canal, a narrow passage connecting the Gulf of Corinth with the Saronic Gulf in the Aegean Sea. Arrive in Athens after lunch and depart on a tour of the city’s highlights including the Acropolis, your final World Heritage Site. Enjoy a festive farewell dinner as the Clipper Odyssey overnights pier side. (B, L, D)

Tuesday, September 11

Athens / Disembark / USA

Disembark the Clipper Odyssey after breakfast and transfer to the airport for independent homeward flights. (B)
Our team of expert leaders and lecturers serves to bring a comprehensive educational component to your adventure through lectures, guided excursions, and daily recaps.

Lia Oprea (Expedition Leader) – Part Romanian, Lia gives credit to her Gypsy heritage for her peripatetic nature and love of exploration. This love led her to travel widely around the globe and, quite naturally, to a career in adventure travel, a trade she has plied for more than a dozen years. During this time she has worked in several capacities, including cruise director and expedition leader, and has traveled throughout much of the world with significant time spent in the Mediterranean, Central America, Eastern Europe, and the Indian Ocean.

John Buchanan – John is a professor of geology and director of the environmental science program at Eastern Washington University. While his academic focus includes sedimentology, hydrogeology, and geomorphology, he is easily excited about all things geological. He has recently participated in National Geographic Society funded caving expeditions to Central America where he is mapping and studying the region’s longest caves. John is also an experienced world traveler, an avid photographer, and a passionate amateur astronomer.

Roger Crowley – Roger is a UK-based writer and historian and a graduate of Cambridge University. As the child of a naval family, his fascination with the Mediterranean world started early, on the island of Malta. He has lived in Istanbul, walked across much of western Turkey, and traveled widely throughout the region. His particular interests are the Byzantine, Venetian, and Ottoman empires, seafaring, and eyewitness history. He is the author of three books on the empires of the Mediterranean and its surroundings, 1453: The Holy War for Constantinople, Empires of the Sea, and City of Fortune: How Venice Won and Lost a Naval Empire.

Greg Homel – A birder-naturalist since early childhood, Greg now travels the world on a full-time basis in search of rare and little-known birds and wildlife, which he presents through digital lecture series, television, and publications. Since 1990 he has guided, educated, and inspired travelers in over 80 countries throughout the world. Greg has personally seen over 50 percent of the planet’s roughly 9,800 bird species in the wild.

Allan Langdale – Allan earned a doctorate degree in art history from the University of California at Santa Barbara and has taught in the University of California system for more than 12 years. His specialties include Italian Renaissance art and architecture, medieval art, and Byzantine art. He has recently completed a documentary film on the history and architecture of the medieval city of Famagusta, on the east coast of Cyprus, where Allan lived and taught for two years. He has also published a number of works of travel photography.

Ron Wixman – Ron is a specialist in world cultural geography and is well-versed in both the ancient and modern societies of the Mediterranean, Eastern Europe, Japan, Southeast Asia, Central Asia, and the Middle East. He has traveled extensively throughout Europe and Asia and is a specialist on general issues of religion, culture, and ethnicity around the world. Ron recently retired from the University of Oregon where he taught courses on the rise of cultures and civilization, traditional ways of life, food culture and cuisine, and geopolitics in the Middle East, in the Geography Department.

Please note the special single rates for solo travelers.

**Included:** All gratuities, accommodations in the hotel and on board Clipper Odyssey as outlined in the itinerary; all onboard meals; all group meals on land; arrival and departure transfers on group dates; services of the expedition staff, including lectures, briefings, slide/film shows; all group activities and excursions; landing and port fees; $50,000 of sickness/accident medical expenses and $75,000 in emergency evacuation insurance.*

**Not Included:** All air transportation; excess baggage charges; airport arrival and departure taxes; transfers for independent arrivals and departures; passport and/or visa fees; accident/baggage/cancellation insurance; items of a personal nature such as laundry, bar charges, alcoholic beverages, e-mail/Internet/fax/telephone charges.

**Air Fare:** Please contact Zegrahm Expeditions’ Air Department at (800) 628-8747 or (206) 285-4000 for fare quotes, reservations, or other air related questions.

All rates are per person, quoted in U.S. dollars, and must be paid in U.S. dollars. Rates and itineraries are subject to change.

*Insurance is underwritten by National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Pa. The Policy will contain reductions, limitations, exclusions and termination provisions. All coverages may not be available in all states.
The *Clipper Odyssey* is a 110-passenger luxury expedition vessel, ideally suited for expedition cruising. All cabins have an ocean view, safe, minibar, individually controlled heat/air conditioner, in-room music system, and sitting area with sofa. Passengers can track the progress of their voyage on the Global Positioning System broadcast in each cabin. Beds can be configured for twin or queen-size sleeping arrangements. All cabins have an en suite bathroom with shower. The *Clipper Odyssey* maintains a gourmet kitchen, providing American and international specialties. Facilities on board the *Clipper Odyssey* include a dining room, lounge, small library and gym, outdoor pool, massage room, and gift shop. An elevator services all passenger cabin decks. The *Clipper Odyssey* has an infirmary staffed by a registered physician, a fleet of Zodiacs, and a sophisticated telecommunications system permitting Internet access and telephone and fax communication with any location around the world. Ship registry: Bahamas.
**RESERVATION FORM**

**SICILY WITH MONTENEGRO, CROATIA, ALBANIA & GREECE**  
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**Cabin Category:**
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**Accommodations:**
- □ Double  □ Share (roommate to be assigned)  □ Single

**Deposit Information:**
- □ Enclosed is a deposit check for $_________ (2,000 per person deposit). Please make check payable to Zegrahm Expeditions (Full payment is due 120 days prior to departure.)
- □ Charge $2,000 per person to: □ VISA □ MasterCard □ American Express

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**Authorized Cardholder Signature**

**Note:** Credit cards accepted for deposit only.

I/We have read and understand the enclosed Terms & Conditions for this program, and agree to abide by them.

**Signature**

**Date**

Please complete and return this Reservation Form with your deposit of $2,000 per person of the program fare to:

**MIT ALUMNI TRAVEL PROGRAM**

600 Memorial Dr. W98-2nd Floor, Cambridge, MA 02139  
tel: (800) 992-6749  •  e-mail: compass@mit.edu  •  fax: (617) 258-6211
1. Reservations: A deposit of $2,000 per person, along with a completed and signed Reservation Form, will reserve a place for you on this Zegrahm Expeditions (ZE) program sponsored by the MIT Alumni Travel Program (MITATP). The balance of the expedition fare is due 120 days prior to departure. Air fare is due at time of air ticket issuance. All prices are quoted in U.S. dollars and must be paid in U.S. dollars. Credit cards accepted for deposit only.

2. Cancellation and Refund Policy: Notification of cancellation must be received in writing by either MITATP or ZE. At the time your written cancellation is received, the following penalties will apply:

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Some air fares may be nonrefundable. Once an expedition has departed, there will be no refunds from ZE for any unused portions of the trip. The above policy also applies to all extensions and independent travel arrangements made in conjunction with this program.

3. Trip Cancellation and Interruption Insurance: Trip cancellation/interruption insurance and baggage insurance are highly recommended and should be considered for your protection. Additional information will be made available to you upon receipt of your initial deposit.

4. Share Policy: Accommodations on this MITATP and ZE program is based on double occupancy. If you are traveling alone and wish to share accommodations, a roommate will be assigned to you whenever possible. When pairing roommates, ZE will always pair participants of the same sex. All shared accommodations are nonsmoking. If it is not possible to pair you with a roommate, you will be asked to pay a single supplement for the land portion of the program.

5. Medical Information: Participation on this MITATP and ZE program requires that you be in generally good health as the trip involves walking, hiking, and other physically demanding activities. It is essential that persons with any medical problems and related dietary restrictions make them known to ZE well before departure. ZE can counsel you on whether the expedition you have selected is appropriate for you.

The tour leader has the right to disqualify any passenger at any time during the tour if he or she feels the passenger is physically incapable and/or if a passenger’s continued participation will jeopardize either the individual involved or the group. There will be no refund given under these circumstances.

6. Scuba Diving: Limited to the first 16 Advanced Open Water certified scuba divers who complete provided forms; due dates strictly enforced. Must have completed two open water dives within the 12 months prior to trip departure.

7. Luggage Restrictions: Luggage size and weight limitations for both checked and carry-on luggage, imposed by the airlines, or as an operational requirement due to type of aircraft, will apply for flights to/from/within this program. Specifications will be provided with pre-departure materials.

8. Currency Fluctuation and Fuel Cost Increases: In order to keep rates as low as possible, ZE does not build into the trip fare an allowance to cover possible increases from currency fluctuations or fuel costs. Therefore, as currencies do fluctuate around the world and fuel-cost increases may occur, it may be necessary for ZE to initiate a minor rate surcharge at any time before departure if there are exceptional cost increases beyond ZE’s control.

9. Itinerary Changes & Trip Delays: Itineraries are based on information available at the time of printing and are subject to change. The MIT Alumni Association (MITAA) and ZE reserve the right to change a program’s dates, staff, itineraries, or accommodations as conditions warrant. If a trip must be delayed or the itinerary changed due to bad weather, road conditions, transportation delays, government intervention, airline schedules, sickness, or other contingency for which ZE or its agents cannot make provision, the cost of delays or changes is not included.

10. Itinerary Cancellation: MITAA and ZE reserve the right to cancel this itinerary before departure for any reason whatsoever, including too few participants or logistical problems such as strikes, wars, acts of God, or any other circumstances that may make operation of the trip inadvisable. In such a case trip payments received will be promptly refunded, and this refund will be the limit of MITAA and ZE’s liability. MITAA and ZE are not responsible for any expenses incurred by passengers in preparing for the trip, including nonrefundable or penalty-carrying airline tickets, special clothing, visa or passport fees, or other trip-related expenses.

11. Participation: ZE reserves the right to decline to accept any individual as a passenger for any reason whatsoever.

12. Limitations of Liability: This section defines ZE’s responsibility with respect to this trip, including the extension and independent arrangements. Please read it carefully.

ZE, its Owners, Agents, and Employees give notice that they act only as the agent for the owners, contractors, and suppliers providing means of transportation and/or all other related travel services. MITAA and ZE assume no responsibility however caused for injury, loss, or damage to person or property in connection with any service resulting directly from: acts of God, detention, annoyance, delays, expenses arising from quarantine, strikes, thefts, pilferage, force majeure, failure of any means of conveyance to arrive or depart as scheduled, civil disturbances, terrorism, government restrictions or regulations, and discrepancies or changes in transit or hotel services over which it has no control. Reasonable changes in the itinerary may be made where deemed advisable for the comfort and well-being of the passengers.

As described in item 8 above, all prices are subject to change. As described in item 10 above, in the event that an expedition must be cancelled, MITAA and ZE are not responsible for any personal expenses incurred by passengers in preparing for the program.

Certain ship owners require use of preprinted ticket forms that limit the ship owner’s and operator’s liability. When such tickets are used, passengers are generally bound by the terms of these tickets with respect to their legal relationship to the owner and operators of the ship, their agent (ZE), and the ship’s crew.

On advancement of deposit to ZE, the depositor acknowledges that he/she has read and understands the above recited terms and conditions, and agrees to be bound by them.