THE LOST CITIES OF LIBYA, TUNISIA, AND ALGERIA
North Africa’s Greco-Roman Treasures
Aboard the 17-Cabin Yacht Callisto
April 2 - 14, 2007
Archaeological Institute of America Lecturer and Host

Archaeological Institute of America lecturer and host Hector Williams has been excavating in the Mediterranean since 1968. He specializes in the Greek and Roman periods, applications of geophysics to archaeology, and underwater archaeology. Dr. Williams is Professor of Classics and Classical Archaeology at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, and has been directing UBC’s two archaeological projects in Greece for nearly a quarter century. He has also done fieldwork in North Africa, the Middle East, Italy, Malta, and excavated for ten seasons at Anemurnium on the south coast of Turkey.

Dr. Williams is a native of Churchill, Manitoba (“Polar Bear Capital of the World”) and was educated at the University of Manitoba and the University of Chicago (M.A., Ph.D.). He helped found the Underwater Archaeological Society of British Columbia in 1975, is a Corresponding Member of the Hellenic Institute of Nautical Archaeology in Athens, and until recently chaired the Archaeological Institute of America’s Underwater Archaeology Committee; he is also currently President of the Board of Trustees of the Vancouver Maritime Museum.

Dr. Williams has published more than 50 books and articles on archaeological subjects (including a cover story in the AIA’s Archaeology magazine about his excavations on Lesbos), and in 1990 was elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London in recognition of his contributions to archaeological scholarship. He is a past President of the Archaeological Institute of America–Canada, and has been lecturing on the AIA’s national circuit since 1974. Dr. Williams has led numerous study tours to excellent reviews, including four AIA-sponsored voyages in the Mediterranean.

The Archaeological Institute of America and the AIA Tours Program

Believing that a greater understanding of the past enhances our shared sense of humanity and enriches our existence, the Archaeological Institute of America seeks to educate people of all ages about the significance of archaeological discovery. When you participate on an AIA Tour you support the AIA. The AIA has been dedicated to the encouragement and support of archaeological research and publication and to the protection of the world’s archaeological resources and cultural heritage for more than a century. A non-profit cultural and educational organization chartered by the U.S. Congress, the AIA is the oldest and largest archaeological organization in North America, with almost 9,000 members. The AIA is the recipient of the prestigious Winckelmann Medal (2004) from the Deutsches Archaeologisches Institut, in recognition of “the extraordinary scientific achievements and merits” of the AIA and its professional members. The AIA serves the non-specialist public in three principal ways: through its magazine, Archaeology, through the National Lecture program, and through the AIA Tours program.
Dear Traveler,

Join Archaeological Institute of America lecturer and host Hector Williams aboard the exquisite, 17-cabin private yacht Callisto to re-discover the ancient civilizations of the northern coast of Africa during the idyllic Mediterranean springtime.

Colonized by Phoenicians and Greeks around the 7th century B.C., the region was eventually conquered by Rome, which turned the entire coast into its breadbasket. A million tons of grain were exported from Africa to Rome’s hungry armies each year; exotic African animals found themselves in Rome’s Coliseum; and the Severan emperors saw to it that powerful Roman cities arose in North Africa that rivaled Rome itself in scope, scale, and lavishness.

The desert air has its advantages. Ruins are well-preserved and modern cities are slow to encroach upon the ancient. Leptis Magna, the monumental capital of Roman North Africa, is probably the most impressive ancient city in the Mediterranean world. Its scale is almost unfathomable, its sculptural details exquisite, and from the Arch of Septimius Severus to the Severan Forum and the Hadrianic Baths, a sense of the rich, chaotic life that once existed there 1,800 years ago is immediately palpable. Just last year, tremendous 1st-century mosaics—rivaling those of Pompeii—were unearthed.

Our extensive portrait of this ancient world between the desert and the sea also includes the recently restored, early Byzantine Villa Sileen, with its incredible floor mosaics; Tipasa’s Villa of Frescoes; the extraordinarily well-preserved cities of Djemila, Hippo Regius, Bulla Regia, and Dougga; Sabratha, its Mausoleum of Bes still soaring toward the sky; the Phoenician remnants of Carthage; and the impressive Roman amphitheater of El Djem. Rounding out our experiences, we will also explore alluring Algiers; Kairouan, a Middle Ages city of mosques; and the historic medina of Tripoli.

Our AIA lecturer and host, Professor Hector Williams, is a classical archaeologist with experience throughout the Mediterranean, as well as a congenial and interesting traveling companion who has garnered excellent reviews as our lecturer and host on previous AIA voyages. During our voyage Professor Williams will offer a series of illustrated lectures and informal talks to illuminate and help put into context the fantastic archaeological sites and history that we encounter along our route.

This is the ideal season to travel along the southern Mediterranean coast, with temperatures around 70 degrees F, and cruising to these ancient sites—all easily accessible from the shore—aboard the luxurious and intimate 17-cabin Callisto offers true comfort and convenience.

We hope you will join Professor Williams and our small group of Archaeological Institute of America and Explorers Club travelers on this wonderful springtime exploration of so many of North Africa’s most important archaeological sites.

Sincerely,

Todd Nielsen
Director, AIA Tours
Archaeological Institute of America

PS. Our private yacht has just 17 cabins and our North African programs always sell out quickly, so we urge you to contact AIA Tours at 800-748-6262 or aiatours@sover.net to reserve your space today.

Front Cover: Djemila’s Triumphant Arch, dating from 216 A.D.
Left: A small portion of Leptis Magna’s vast cityscape, viewed from the top of the Theater
Itinerary

Monday, April 2, 2007
USA
Fly from the U.S. to Algiers, Algeria.

Tuesday, April 3
ALGIERS, ALGERIA
Arrive in Algiers and transfer to the Hotel Sofitel Alger for a one-night stay. Enjoy a cocktail reception and dinner this evening. (D)

Wednesday, April 4
ALGIERS | TIPASA | ALGIERS | EMBARK
Tipasa’s ancient temples and ruins beautifully overlook the Mediterranean. Explore the Villa of Frescoes, a large Roman mansion on the water’s edge; the 2nd-century A.D. Judicial Basilica; and the 4th-century Christian Basilica. Also visit the site’s museum and the nearby Tombeau de las Chretienne, a massive ancient tomb known as the burial place of Mauretanian king Juba II and his wife Cleopatra Selene. Return to Algiers in the afternoon and enjoy a city tour before boarding Callisto. Sail this evening. (B, L, D)

Thursday, April 5
BEJAIA | DJEMILA | BEJAIA
Disembark in Bejaia for an excursion through beautiful countryside to the remarkably well-preserved Roman ruins of Djemila. The site includes the Triumphal Arch to Emperor Caracalla built in 216 A.D.; the Grand Baths; the market; and the Old Forum, featuring stunning friezes and a 3rd-century altar. Also visit the museum with its collection of superb mosaics. (B, L, D)

Friday, April 6
ANNABA | HIPPO REGIUS | ANNABA
Sail along the rugged Algerian coast in the morning. After lunch, call at Annaba for a visit to the ancient site of Hippo Regius, which bears the marks of Phoenicians, Berbers, and Romans. St. Augustine was a bishop here from 396 A.D. until his death in 430 A.D. Explore the Roman forum, the largest and oldest in North Africa, and the baths, dedicated to Septimius Severus. Also visit the modern-day Basilica of St. Augustine, which crowns the hill overlooking the site. (B, L, D)

Saturday, April 7
TABARKA, TUNISIA | BULLA REGIA | DOUGGA | TUNIS
Travel from Tabarka to the extraordinary Roman ruins of Bulla Regia, which include unique underground villas filled with original mosaic floors left in situ. Extremely well-preserved buildings include the Memmian Baths and the magnificent House of the Hunt. Continue to the vast ancient city of Dougga, renowned for the ancient Capitoline Temple that towers over an ancient residential quarter. Re-board Callisto in Tunis. (B, L, D)

Sunday, April 8
TUNIS | CARTHAGE | TUNIS
Tour storied Carthage today. Founded by Phoenicians in the 9th century B.C., the site contains Phoenician
remains including Tophet, the sanctuary of the gods Tanit and Baal, and imposing monuments from the Roman period. Also tour the world famous Bardo Museum in Tunis and visit the city’s Medina and souks. (B, L, D)

Monday, April 9
SOUSSSE | KAIROUAN | SOUSSSE
Call at Sousse for an excursion to Kairouan, Arabic for “caravan.” This Muslim holy city, founded in 670 A.D., is famed for the Great Mosque of Sidi Okba and the Sidi Sahab Mausoleum. (B, L, D)

Tuesday, April 10
SFAX | EL DJEM | SFAX
Arrive in Sfax and drive to the small village of El Djem. Here, explore the great Roman amphitheater, built in the 3rd century A.D. to accommodate 35,000 spectators. Many of the amphitheater’s stones were re-used to build the local 17th-century village. Continue to the Museum, with its collection of mosaics. (B, L, D)

Wednesday, April 11
ZUWARA, LIBYA | SABRATHA | ZUWARA
From Zuwara, travel to nearby Sabratha, the ancient city that began as a Carthaginian trading post, became a permanent settlement in the 4th century B.C., and later flourished in the Roman period. Located by the sea, Sabratha’s impressive ruins include temples, public baths, fountains, and a museum noted for its collection of mosaics. (B, L, D)

Thursday, April 12
KHOMS | LEPTIS MAGNA | KHOMS
Explore the ruins of Leptis Magna, one of the Mediterranean’s most compelling ancient sites. Leptis Magna achieved its prominence in the 3rd century A.D. under the Severan emperors, who launched an unprecedented, lavish building scheme, embellishing the city with extraordinary buildings. Excellently preserved to the present day because of its burial under the sands, this glorious coastal city is a unique example of ancient town planning. Spend the day exploring the city’s magnificent buildings, monuments, temples, and streets. Also visit Villa Sileen, a recently restored Roman residence with vivid mosaics. (B, L, D)

Friday, April 13
TRIPOLI
With its spacious natural harbor, Tripoli’s site attracted Phoenician and Greek settlers, followed by the Romans, who erected the impressive triumphal arch honoring Marcus Aurelius. Later, Tripoli grew wealthy from the Saharan caravan trade.

Spend the day exploring Libya’s capital, focusing on the Medina, the medieval walled town built on the site of the Roman settlement. Also tour the Jamahiriya Museum, housed in the massive Citadel that dates from the medieval period. The museum’s collection encompasses Libya’s Phoenician, Greek, Roman, Byzantine, and Islamic periods. (B, L, D)

Saturday, April 14
TRIPOLI | DISEMBARK | USA
Disembark Callisto and transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B)
Program Inclusions

- One night in Algiers at the Hotel Sofitel Alger, with breakfast
- 10-night cruise aboard the 17-cabin private yacht Callisto
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions aboard ship
- All meals aboard ship, including house wine, beer, and soft drinks with lunch and dinner
- Complete program of tours and excursions as per itinerary
- Educational program of lectures and discussions by AIA lecturer and host Hector Williams
- Professional Travel Dynamics International tour staff
- Complete pre-departure materials
- Baggage handling and transfers abroad on the designated program departure and arrival dates
- Port dues and embarkation taxes
- Gratuities to porters, guides, and drivers

NOT INCLUDED: Airfare; visa and passport fees; luggage, cancellation, and accident 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.

Callisto | Privileged Yachting for Just 34 Guests

Intimate Elegance
The luxurious private yacht Callisto, accommodating just 34 guests, is ideal for our unique approach to cultural cruising. Her small size allows visits to unspoiled ports, pristine beaches, and intimate coves inaccessible to larger cruise liners. The limited guest list assures a group large enough to bring together an interesting mix of travelers, but small enough to foster a genuine spirit of camaraderie. All 17 exterior cabins resemble guest rooms in a fine home—beautifully furnished, comfortably arranged, and complete with the amenities one would expect from a thoughtful host: large windows (portholes on Daphne Deck); air-conditioning; generous storage space; telephone; satellite TV/VCR/DVD; mini-refrigerator; and marble bathroom with shower.

A Private Yacht Experience
The yacht’s public areas, which include an elegant restaurant surrounded by large picture windows; a spacious lounge and bar; and a library and Internet center surrounded by floor-to-ceiling windows, are furnished with rich fabrics, handsome woodwork, gleaming brass, antiques and fine works of art—warm, inviting places where travelers meet for conversation and refreshments, or to spend a pleasant hour with a good book. The yacht also includes two broad decks for sunbathing and a swimming platform.

Sublime Dining
Callisto’s hotel staff requisitions fresh provisions from many ports of call. You will enjoy just-baked bread, caught-that-day fish, and all of the very ripest produce from the local markets, resulting in menus of classic regional specialties as well as creative Continental fare prepared by expert European chefs, served at a single unassigned seating in the restaurant, or al fresco on the sun deck. Select fine wines are complimentary with lunch and dinner.

The Sun Deck provides a perfect vantage point for enjoying passing vistas.
The Library and Internet Center overlook the Sun Deck

The Dining Room is surrounded by large windows

Enjoy the peace and comforts of your cabin

Relax with a cocktail in the elegant Lounge and Bar

Marble-appointed cabin bathroom

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**Cruise and Land Rates** | per person, double occupancy

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**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** A limited number of singles are available in Categories B & C for an additional charge of $2,495.

**AIRFARE:** Airfare is not included in the cost of the program. Please contact Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc. (VWTI), the agency handling the air arrangements for this program, for competitive airfares to Algiers, Algeria, returning from Tripoli, Libya, in your selected class of service. To reach VWTI, kindly call toll-free 877-711-9896 or 212-592-1340 for information, and please have your program tour code (7811) handy for reference.

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**Deck Plan**

- **Phoebe Deck**
- **Cleo Deck**
- **Leto Deck**
- **Daphne Deck**

* Cabin with full or queen-size bed

Length: 170 feet | Beam: 27.8 feet | Draft: 10.8 feet | Gross Tonnage: 499

Main Engines: Mannheim 2x840 H.P | Rebuilt/Renovated: 2000/2005

Flag: Greece | Cabins: 17
The US State Department currently has in place a Travel Warning for Algeria, but does not recommend that US travelers defer travel (http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_929.html). As a condition of acceptance, each participant must agree to the following statement:

I/We understand that the US State Department currently has a Travel Warning in place for Algeria, and that the program will go forward as scheduled unless the State Department calls for US citizens to defer all travel to Algeria during the time of the program, in which case, alternate ports will be substituted.

Payment Schedule: A deposit of $1,000 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 payments. However, personal checks are accepted for both deposits and final payment. Cancellations & Refunds: All cancellations of confirmed reservations are subject to a $200 per person administrative fee. Additionally, passengers are subject to any cancellation fees assessed by the purveyors of services, including airlines or hotels used in the itinerary. Cancellations received 61-90 days prior to departure are subject to a $200 per person administrative fee. 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 you participate.

Travel to Algeria during the time of the program, in which case, alternate ports will be substituted.

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Please make check payable to: EOS Passenger Escrow - AIA N. Africa

$__________ ($1,000 per person) as a deposit to hold ______ place(s) on The Lost Cities of Libya, Tunisia, and Algeria. I understand that final payment is due ninety (90) days prior to departure.

Please send your deposit and this form to: AIA Tours at (800) 748-6262 or (603) 756-2884. Please make check payable to: EOS Passenger Escrow - AIA N. Africa

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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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Beautifully-preserved Roman ruins of Djemila, Algeria