GRAND TRANSATLANTIC PASSAGE

Relive the Return Voyage of Columbus from the Caribbean to Spain

With Cornell Professor ISAAC KRAMNICK

Aboard the Deluxe Le Lyrial

April 1 – 15, 2016
Dear CAU Fans and Friends,

Join inspiring and thoughtful Cornell Professor of Government Isaac Kramnick and fellow CAU travelers on an April 2016 transatlantic voyage of adventure and discovery, in the wake of Christopher Columbus from the Caribbean to Spain. From Martinique, which Columbus charted in 1493, to Seville, where he is buried in the grand cathedral, our cruise roughly traces the explorer’s route, via Madeira, Portugal, on his first return trip from the New World.

During the days at sea, from our visit to St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands to our tour of the history and culture of Madeira and Seville, we will enjoy the best of transatlantic sailing. Our voyage will be enriched by Isaac’s lectures and our discussions about Columbus’s extraordinary explorations. We will consider what it was like for Columbus to undertake this incredible trip. What were the political imperatives of late 15th-century Europe that led to his voyage and how did his exploration affect world history? We’ll also ask what it means to “discover” a place where a large number of people live, people whose lives are fundamentally affected by their being discovered. Finally, we’ll consider the recent controversies surrounding Columbus’s achievements. This will be a journey of discovery for us all.

In addition, during our days at sea, I will offer a writing workshop on a first-come, first-served basis for those who are interested in developing a personal essay in the company of a responsive and supportive group. There will be time as well to read, sun, meet congenial fellow travelers, eat exceptional food, and enjoy the amenities of the deluxe, five-star Le Lyrial, a beautiful and technologically sophisticated small ship.

Instead of the seven weeks it took Columbus to reach the Iberian Peninsula, we will do it in thirteen days—and in exquisite comfort. Le Lyrial, the newest member of the PONANT fleet of exquisite small ships, was built precisely for a voyage of open water and vast horizons. After stimulating and relaxing days, our nights will be brightened by a stunning number of stars unobscured by any ambient light. We’ll disembark with fine memories of our journey of ideas as well as of the grand transatlantic passage itself.

Sincerely,

Catherine Sutton Penner
Director
Cornell’s Adult University

P.S. As an extra incentive, we are offering a special savings if you register before September 4, 2015. See the rates section for more details.
Isaac Kramnick, recently retired as the Richard J. Schwartz Professor of Government at Cornell and one of Cornell’s most loved and admired teachers and scholars, has left a major mark on undergraduate education at the University. Presented the Clark Award for distinguished teaching and the Steven Weiss Prize for teaching, Professor Kramnick has taught and written principally in the area of English and American political thought and history. He has written or edited some 20 books and has been the recipient of a number of awards, fellowships, and honors. He is a fellow of Britain’s Royal Historical Society and served in 1989 as President of the American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies. In 1998 he was elected a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Catherine Penner taught a wide range of courses—including The Personal Essay—for three decades in Ithaca College’s Department of Writing, which she chaired for twelve years. She also taught Writing Your Life twice for Cornell’s Adult University, before becoming director of CAU in 2007.
Monday, April 4 – Monday, April 11  
**AT SEA**  
Enjoy a relaxing and stimulating time at sea, crossing the Atlantic on an elegant small ship. Isaac Kramnick’s lectures and discussions (open to all) about the nature and consequences of Columbus’ explorations will enrich our days. Feel free as well to join Catherine Penner’s Personal Essay workshop (first-come, first-served) and write about an experience memorable to you. (B, L, D)

**Tuesday, April 12**  
**FUNCHAL, MADEIRA, PORTUGAL**  
Arrive in Funchal, the enchanting main port and capital of the island of Madeira. Our walking tour includes Funchal’s Old Town, the historic fortress of Sao Tiago, and the traditional Mercado dos Lavradores, where the very best of the island’s fruits, vegetables, and flowers are sold. (B, L, D)

**Wednesday, April 13**  
**AT SEA**  
Attend a lecture and enjoy the many amenities of Le Lyrial. (B, L, D)

**Thursday, April 14**  
**CADIZ, SPAIN | SEVILLE | CADIZ**  
From the historic port of Cadiz, travel to Seville, one of Europe’s most important and affluent maritime cities. Among many fascinating sites, visit the Alcazar, with its charming Murillo Gardens, and the Gothic Cathedral, where Christopher Columbus, in whose wake we have been sailing, is buried. (B, L, D)

**Friday, April 15**  
**MALAGA | DESEMBARK | FLY TO USA** (B)
**ITINERARY**

**LE LYRIAL**

Life aboard the 264-guest Le Lyrial is relaxed and refined, capturing the best of the French art of living well. Your comfort and well-being are the special responsibility of the impeccably trained staff, whose discreet yet attentive service has become legendary among seasoned travelers. Our goal is to make you feel as though you are sailing aboard your very own yacht.

**REDEFINING REST & RELAXATION**

All suites and staterooms face outside and measure from 226 to 581 square feet (including the balcony), and all but eight have a balcony. Features and amenities include a king-size bed or twin beds, mini-bar, safe, individually controlled heat/air-conditioning, flat-screen TV, in-house movies, iPod docking station, wireless Internet access, and telephone. Bathrooms come equipped with a shower (or shower/bathtub), hair dryer, French toiletries, and bathrobes. Laundry services and 24-hour room service are available throughout.

**SAFETY, COMFORT & CONVENIENCE**

Le Lyrial is equipped with the latest communication, navigational, and safety equipment and meets or exceeds USPHS and U.S. Coast Guard rules. It is also outfitted with a technologically advanced stabilizing system to minimize the effects of rough conditions at sea. Three passenger elevators serve all six decks. And public amenities include an outdoor heated pool, lounges, two restaurants, a theater/lecture hall, a well-stocked library, and a full-service salon, steam room, spa, and fitness center.

**CUISINE**

The quality of food, its preparation, the social experience of a meal are the objects of special care aboard ship. Whether you are enjoying breakfast among friends, a sun-kissed lunch on one of the outside decks, or a delightful dinner in the elegant surroundings of the restaurants, the talented chefs showcase their expertise by bringing out the very best in local flavors. PONANT was selected as an Outstanding Culinary Cruise Line by Saveur magazine in 2014.

**RESPECT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

The health of our planet, and especially its oceans, is a critical concern for us. We have taken care to certify all of our sister ships as “Clean Ships,” employing the most eco-friendly technology available today. As environmentally responsible ship operators, we not only comply with existing regulations; we anticipate new ones. We continually seek to share industry best practices on matters ranging from increasing energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions to waste treatment and recycling.

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Sun Deck • Open-air Bar

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- Prestige Stateroom - Deck 5 $6,390
- Prestige Stateroom - Deck 6 $6,690
- Deluxe Suite $8,090
- Prestige Suite - Deck 5 $9,090
- Privilege Suite - Deck 6 $9,590
- Grand Deluxe Suite $9,890
- Grand Privilege Suite - Deck 6 $10,090

Single Occupancy Supplement From $0†

†Single Occupancy Supplement: Singles are available in the Prestige Stateroom categories at no additional supplement. Subject to availability.

SPECIAL OFFER

As a special incentive, we are pleased to offer a savings of $1,000 per couple ($500 for solo travelers) when you book this cruise by September 4, 2015. This offer cannot be combined with any other offers.
PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

Included

• 1 night at a deluxe hotel in Fort-de-France, prior to embarkation
• 13-night cruise aboard the deluxe Le Lyrical
• Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions aboard ship
• Captain’s gala dinner
• All meals aboard ship including early riser’s coffee & pastry, breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, and dinner
• Open bar aboard ship, including select wines with lunch and dinner
• 24-hour room service (special selection)

Not Included

• Airfare
• Airport taxes
• Passport and visa fees and/or immigration reciprocity taxes (if applicable)
• Trip cancellation and baggage insurance
• Medical and repatriation insurance
• Meals and beverages other than those specified above
• Personal expenses (such as telephone, Internet, laundry service, hair salon services, à la carte spa treatments, etc.)

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PAYMENT SCHEDULE: In order to secure a booking, the guest is required to pay $2,000 per person. Final payment is due on January 2, 2016. Checks and credit cards are accepted.

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All cancellations or modifications must be in writing. Any and all guests not reporting for departure or prevented from reporting for departure or waiving for any reason whatsoever the benefit of services included in the program cannot claim any refund. PONANT GROUP shall not be required to refund any monies to any guests who must leave the cruise prematurely for any reason, nor shall PONANT GROUP be held responsible for any costs, fees, damages or causes of action which result from the transportation expenses incurred by guest’s early departure.

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• From confirmation of booking date up to 91 days prior departure: $1,000 per person fee
• 90-61 days prior departure: 50% of full fare
• Within 60 days prior to departure: 100% of full fare.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Passengers shall be responsible for subscribing to cancellation/repatriation/medical insurance(s).

ITINERARY: PONANT GROUP reserves the right to withdraw and/or cancel a sailing to make changes in the itinerary whenever, in its sole judgment, or in the judgment of the vessel owner or operator, conditions warrant it.

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS/LIMIT OF LIABILITY: The passenger agrees that PONANT GROUP acts as agent and/or trustee for any person, ground and maritime agents and subcontractors, who provide any service forming, or in connection with, any part of the cruise. Transportation services to the port of departure, transfers to the ship, including, as applicable, hotel room and restaurant bookings or guided tours, are performed by independent suppliers who are not employees of PONANT GROUP. In this respect, PONANT GROUP acts only as an agent and shall not be held liable for said services or for the acts or omissions of sub-contractors or other contractors.

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S= fuel variation* x daily consumption**

Ship capacity ***

[1]: MGO FOB Rotterdam 0.1% in US$  
[2]: L'Austral, Le Boreal, Le Lyrical, Le Soleyal: 201

[3]: L'Austral, Le Boreal, Le Soleyal, Le Lyrical: 244 passengers

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