

MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE

Italy, Croatia, Turkey, and Greek Isles

Friends,

For the past 11 years I've led groups of friends on annual, international trips. We've been to Paris, London, Europe, the Mediterranean, Baltic States, Russia, Israel, Peru, and North Africa. We've never had a malfunction or bad experience; just memorable, life-enhancing moments.

Please join me, October 2020, on a once-in-a-lifetime trip to the cradle of Western civilization. We'll visit *Rome*, the eternal city; *Athens*, the birthplace of democracy; *Olympia*, the birthplace of the Olympics, and also experience *Croatia*, *Turkey*, and the best of the *Greek isles* (there are 6,000 islands in Greece; we'll visit two of the best).

Mary and I have been to each of these destinations numerous times. We have always felt safe and energized by the incredible history and beauty.

There are so many things to like about this trip:

- We'll visit four countries (Italy, Croatia, Greece, Turkey).
- We'll sail on one of the finest ships at sea - Holland America's Nieuw Statendam (commissioned February, 2019).
- October is the best time of year to travel; average temperature during the day will be 75 degrees.
- It will be low season for travel in Europe, so crowds will be light.

It's been said that one of the joys of traveling is not only *where* you go but *who you go with* and *who you meet along the way*. This tour will be limited to 40 ladies and gentlemen who travel well—friends of mine who enjoy exploring great places.

Travel takes time and money, but it's worth the investment. You'll be stretched and challenged; you'll learn more about the world in which you live and the life you live in the world.

Please join me on this memorable trip to the Mediterranean.

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Image Above: The Library of Celsus in ancient Ephesus, constructed in the 2nd century CE



TRAVEL WITH FRIENDS

16-DAY TRIP ITINERARY

October 12 Fly to Rome

October 13 Check into [Casa di Santa Brigida Monastery](#) (the same place we stayed Oct 2018)

October 14 Tour Rome (the eternal city)

October 15 Board Holland America's [Nieuw Statendam](#)

October 16 At sea

October 17 [Dubrovnik](#), Croatia (the most beautiful town on the Aegean Sea)

October 18 [Corfu](#), Greece

October 19 [Olympia](#), Greece (birthplace of the Olympics)

October 20 [Athens](#), Greece (birthplace of Western civilization)

October 21 Athens, Greece

October 22 [Ephesus](#), Turkey

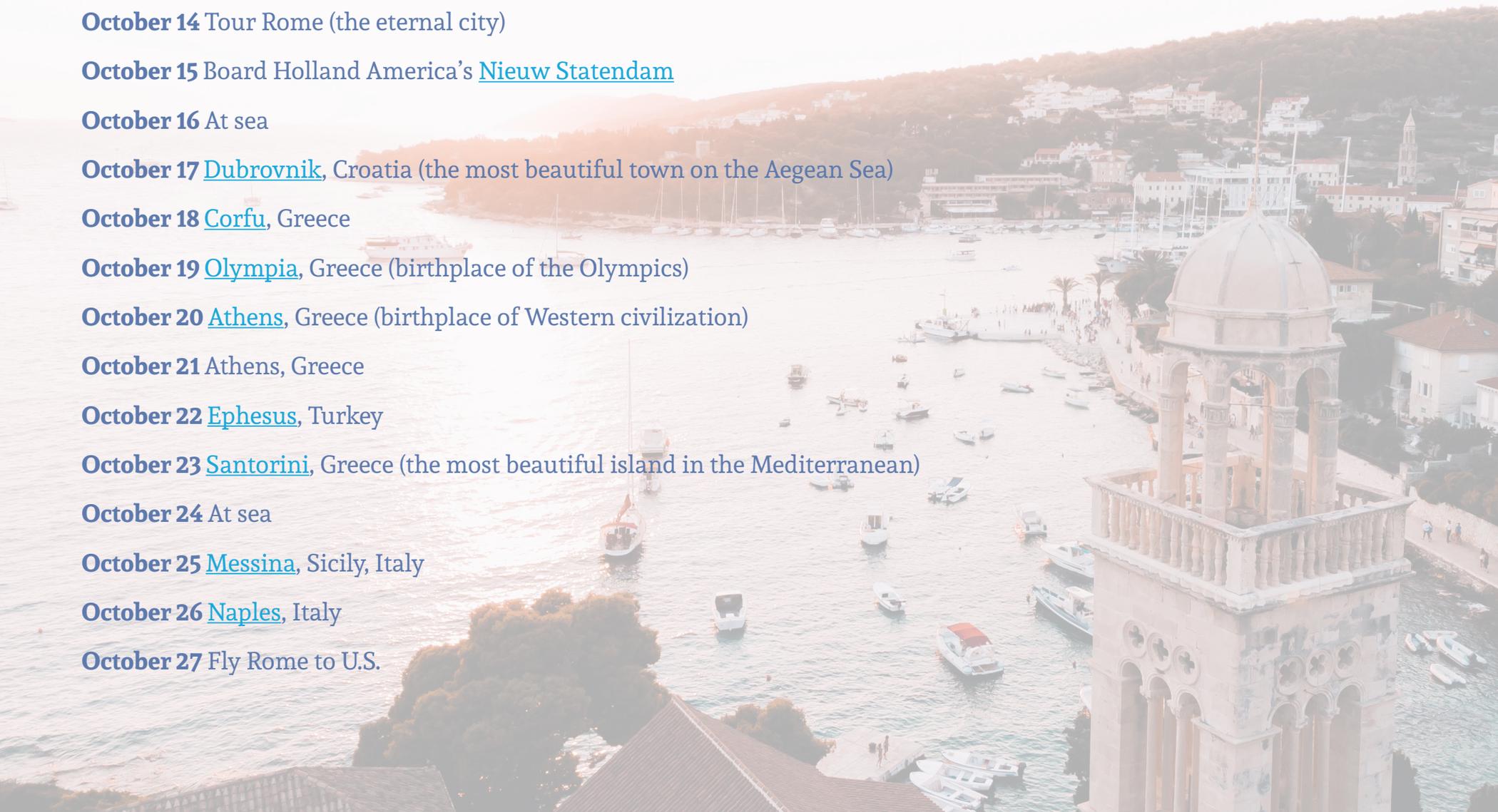
October 23 [Santorini](#), Greece (the most beautiful island in the Mediterranean)

October 24 At sea

October 25 [Messina](#), Sicily, Italy

October 26 [Naples](#), Italy

October 27 Fly Rome to U.S.



COST & DETAILS

Trip Cost

\$5,950 per person, double occupancy

Includes:

- Roundtrip airfare from DFW (if you provide your own airfare, subtract \$1,200 from the price listed above)
- Hotel (monastery) in Rome
- Twelve-day cruise in a balcony room including taxes and fees
- Private coach and tour guides in Rome, Dubrovnik, Corfu, Olympia, Athens (two days), Ephesus, Santorini, Messina
- Lunches in Athens
- Entry fee to major sights
- Transportation to and from airports, cities, and ship

Does Not Include:

- Lunches and one dinner in Rome and lunch on most shore excursions
- Shore excursion in Naples; you can book this through Holland America
- Gratuities on the ship
- Trip insurance. You may consider two types of insurance:
 - Cruise insurance - \$250 for balcony. This only covers the cost of the cruise, if cancelled due to certain reasons (medical, etc.).
 - Trip insurance - Numerous companies offer trip insurance to cover cancelled trips, medical emergencies, and other issues. If you think an insurance policy would be beneficial, pursue this on your own. Options include Generali Global Assistance (generalitravelinsurance.com), Travel Guard (travelguard.com), and Travelex (travelex.com). Some policies may also cover the cost of the cruise.



Payment Schedule/Cancellations/Refunds

- Deposit - \$900 per person (\$500 is nonrefundable). The trip is limited to the first 40 people who make a deposit.
- 1st payment of \$1,600 due February 1, 2020 (\$500 of this payment is nonrefundable for a total of \$1,000 nonrefundable.)
- 2nd payment of \$1,000 due May 1, 2020 (\$800 of this payment is nonrefundable for a total of \$1,800 nonrefundable.)
- Final payment due July 1, 2020.

Make checks payable to Travel with Friends and mail to 2322 Creekside Circle South, Irving, TX 75063

TRIP REGISTRATION

TRAVELER INFORMATION

1. Your name exactly as it appears on your passport

2. Your passport number _____

3. Date of birth _____

4. Place of birth _____

5. Date passport issued _____

6. Date passport expires _____

7. Best email address _____

8. Cell number _____

9. Your roommate _____

10. Preferred name for name badges _____

11. Mailing address

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Please double-check the accuracy of your information. Inaccuracy may create problems with reservations and tickets. To register, send this form and a check (payable to Travel with Friends) to 2322 Creekside Circle South, Irving, TX 75063.

Airfare *(Please check one.)*

I will make my own international airfare reservation (roundtrip from your city of departure to Rome, Italy.) If your arrival doesn't correspond to the group's arrival time, you will be responsible for transportation to and from the Rome airport to our hotel.

I will fly with the group on its flight from DFW to Rome.

Pre-Trip Opportunities

1. I'll schedule several group meetings before we leave so we can get to know one another and learn more about the places we'll visit.

2. Your trip will be enhanced by learning more about our destinations, so I'll recommend books to read and videos to watch.

