



With Wellesley Lecturers, **MARY LEFKOWITZ '57**,
Professor of Classics Emerita and **ROSA ANDÚJAR '03**,
Senior Lecturer in Classics at King's College, London

VOYAGE TO THE CLASSICAL WORLD OF THE AEGEAN SEA: Greece, the Greek Islands and Turkey



The well-preserved 5th-century BC Temple of Hephaestus, ancient Agora, Athens, Greece

Aboard the New Expedition Cruise Ship *DIANA*
September 3 - 16, 2024



Dear Wellesley Alumna,

This leisurely voyage through the heart of the Aegean is the perfect introduction to all that this fabled sea has to offer. Ancient sites and monuments—the Parthenon, Knossos, Ephesus, and Troy, all of them UNESCO World Heritage Sites—share the landscape with the whitewashed homes of present-day farmers and fishermen. Great Byzantine churches—including the UNESCO sites at Mystra and Nea Moni—exist in the same space as the painted townhouses of quaint island ports. This is truly an experience not to be missed.

Our accompanying Wellesley lecturers are Professor Emerita of Classics, **Mary Lefkowitz '57**, and her former student, Wellesley alumna **Rosa Andújar '03**, Senior Lecturer in Classics and Liberal Arts at King's College, London. Rosa came to Wellesley intending to major in Math, until she encountered the inspirational faculty of the Wellesley Classics Department, which changed her life course. Rosa has maintained her relationship with the College as an active alumna in the UK Club and at appearances on campus. During the voyage, she will draw on her research and teaching to talk about various aspects of ancient Greek culture, including Classical theater, Sappho's poetry, and Homer's *Odyssey*, focusing on their continuing influence in diverse cultures throughout the modern world.

Mary Lefkowitz '57 has introduced generations of Wellesley women to the wonders and enduring relevance of classical antiquity and has lectured on over 20 Wellesley Alumnae tours. She looks forward to the camaraderie of traveling with Wellesley alumnae and to sharing some of her vast knowledge of the Greco-Roman world.

Your vessel for this extraordinary journey, the Swan Hellenic *Diana*, is a state-of-the-art, new-generation expedition cruise ship, launched in early 2023. With its limited guest capacity in beautifully appointed staterooms and balcony suites, *Diana* features several lounges, a restaurant, outdoor cafe, spa, and library and is equipped with the latest safety and environmentally-friendly technology.

We hope you will be able to join Mary Lefkowitz, Rosa Andújar and fellow Wellesley alumnae and friends in September 2024 to explore *The Classical World of the Aegean Sea*.

Warm regards,

Kathryn Mackintosh '03
Executive Director
Wellesley College Alumnae Association

P.S. Professor Lefkowitz has led three trips for Wellesley in the past two years, most recently to the ancient cities that dot the coast of North Africa. She takes great pleasure in the camaraderie and intellectual stimulation of traveling with Wellesley alumnae. Her participation in this trip is contingent on her continued good health. It is her fondest wish, and ours, that she will join this 2024 trip and share the adventure with fellow alumnae including her distinguished former student.

WELLESLEY LECTURERS

MARY LEFKOWITZ '57

Professor of Classics Emerita



Mary Lefkowitz, Andrew W. Mellon Professor in the Humanities Emerita at Wellesley College, is one of the most distinguished classical scholars in the United States. Recipient of a National Humanities Medal for her teaching and scholarship, she has written extensively about ancient Greek myth and literature

and has been interviewed on television and radio about how ancient history and mythology have been used and misused in modern politics. She has frequently visited and studied ancient sites in the Mediterranean, and in 2023, was named an honorary citizen of Greece in recognition of her extraordinary contributions to the understanding of Greek culture. She has been chosen by the Trustees of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens as the 2024 recipient of the prestigious Athens Prize.

ROSA ANDÚJAR '03

Senior Lecturer in Classics and Liberal Arts at King's College, London



Dr. Rosa Andújar teaches in the Classics and Liberal Arts Departments. In courses ranging from surveys of ancient Greek Literature to seminars discussing the interplay of Classics, colonialism, and race, she introduces students both to the literature and culture of ancient Greece and to the ways in which modern audiences and communities interpret and

shape understanding of Greco-Roman antiquity in light of their own experiences.

Rosa has published widely on ancient Greek tragedy and its reception in the modern world in books including *Paths of Song: The Lyric Dimension of Greek Tragedy* (2018), *Greeks and Romans on the Latin American Stage* (2020), and *The Greek Trilogy of Luis Alfaro* (2020), which was awarded the 2020 London Hellenic Prize.

Rosa lives in the UK with her husband, Joe Moshenska, a Professor of English at Oxford University, and their two children.

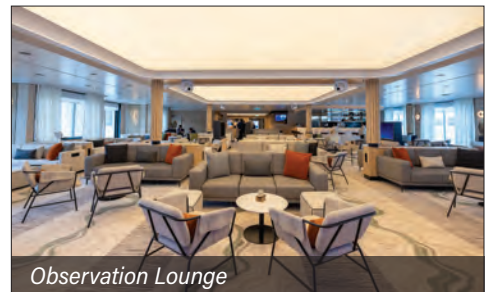
THE NEW 192-GUEST EXPEDITION CRUISE SHIP *DIANA*



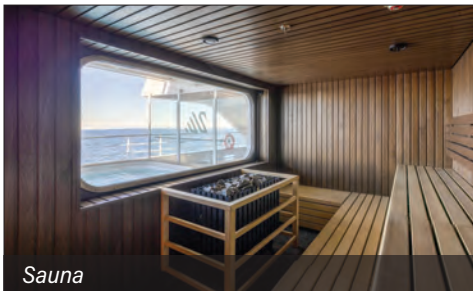
Oceanview Stateroom



Balcony Suite



Observation Lounge



Sauna



Club Lounge



Outdoor Café/Bar with swimming pool

Built in Finland, and launched in April 2023, Swan Hellenic's *Diana* is a new generation expedition cruise ship. Although at 12,100 tons the ship is large enough to accommodate more than 350 passengers, *Diana* will accommodate a maximum of 192 guests in 96 spacious staterooms and balcony suites. The low guest density results in one of the most generous indoor and outdoor space-to-guest ratios among cruise ships.

Featuring the latest advances in technology and engineering, *Diana* is among the world's first environmentally responsible ships. Equipped with hybrid engines and a unique water filtration system, *Diana* leaves a minimal footprint. For cruising in Polar regions, the ship meets the stringent requirements of the new Polar Code with its high PC5 Category A ice strengthened hull and other advanced features. A computer-controlled Dynamic Positioning System allows the ship to maintain position without anchoring. Operated by a complement of 135 experienced European officers and international crew members, *Diana* will

carry a fleet of Zodiacs, versatile landing boats, and kayaks. Powerful stabilizers provide a smooth ride.

Diana's interior spaces exude sophisticated elegance, with most rooms opening to panoramic views of the sea. All staterooms and suites face outside and are equipped with private facilities, climate control, TV, Wi-Fi and USB connections and other amenities. Of the ship's 96 staterooms, 76 have balconies. Public areas include a spacious observation lounge equipped with state-of-the-art facilities for lectures and presentations; a club lounge; a restaurant that accommodates all guests at one seating; an outdoor café/bar that surrounds the heated swimming pool; a wellness area with gym, spa, and sauna with an adjoining outdoor jacuzzi; library; beauty salon; and an infirmary that is attended by a full-time doctor and nurse. The ship also features expansive open-deck areas. Two elevators connect all decks. Attentive service is provided on a 24-hour basis. The outstanding cuisine is complemented by fine wines at lunch and dinner.

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ITINERARY



Tuesday, September 3, 2024
DEPART THE UNITED STATES

Wednesday, September 4
ATHENS, Greece

Arrive in Athens and transfer to the *Hotel Athens Capital* (or similar). Join your Wellesley study leaders and fellow travelers this evening for a welcome dinner. (D)

Thursday, September 5
ATHENS/EMBARK

This morning, explore the Agora, the civic and commercial center of ancient Athens. Discover the well-preserved 5th-century BC Temple of Hephaistos and visit the Agora Museum, housed in the magnificently reconstructed Stoa of Attalus. After lunch at a local restaurant, tour the Acropolis, site of the incomparable Parthenon, representing, along with the other temples on site, the highest achievement of Classical architecture and art. Also visit the Acropolis Museum before transferring to Piraeus to embark *Diana* and set sail. (B,L,D)

Friday, September 6
MONEMVASIA/MYSTRA/SPARTA

From the port of Monemvasia, travel inland to Mystra, the best-preserved Byzantine town in Greece, built on a rocky spur in the central Peloponnese, overlooking the plain of Sparta. Explore this UNESCO World Heritage Site, once a great center of learning, art and culture and now a treasure trove of Byzantine architecture, an evocative medieval walled town with several churches that contain exquisite mosaics and palaces and houses built mostly in the 14th century. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit the excellent Archaeological Museum

in Sparta before returning to Monemvasia for time at leisure to discover this town of labyrinthine alleyways, stately old homes, and chapels on your own. (B,L,D)

Saturday, September 7
MILOS/PHYLAKOPI/PLAKA

This morning, travel the short distance to the northeastern tip of Milos to visit the seaside town of Pollonia and the prehistoric site of Phylakopi, one of the earliest settlements in the Cyclades with strong Minoan and Mycenaean influences. On the return to the ship, stop in Plaka, the island's main town, to explore the ancient site here, including the Roman theater and catacombs, and the Archaeological Museum. This is where the celebrated statue of Venus de Milo, now at the Louvre Museum, was found. In the afternoon, enjoy an excursion on a local boat around the island's coves and inlets to admire the extraordinary rock formations along the coast. *Diana* remains in port until late in the evening, making it possible for you to spend extra time ashore, strolling the shops and cafes along the waterfront (B,L,D)

Sunday, September 8
RETHYMNON, Crete/KNOSSOS/HERAKLION (OR) KOURTALIOTIKO GORGE/PREVELI MONASTERY/CHANIA

Today, choose between two excursions. You may drive to Knossos to explore its fabled Minoan Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site consisting of a maze of rooms, passages and stairways that hint at the origins of the story of the labyrinth. Continue to Heraklion, where a lunch of traditional Cretan cuisine is followed by a visit to the Heraklion Museum, whose eye-opening exhibits reinforce the impression gained at the palace of the brilliance and refinement of Minoan civilization. Alternatively, travel south from Rethymnon to enjoy the rugged beauty of the Kourtaliotiko Gorge and waterfall and visit the charming Monastery of Peveli, built on a rocky cliff with incredible views over the sea. Return to the ship for lunch before exploring Chania, perhaps Crete's most picturesque town. The historic quarter, largely built by the Venetians, is filled with sunny squares and old neighborhoods where Venetians, Turks, and Sephardic Jews once lived. (B,L,D)

Monday, September 9
NISYROS/SYMI

Dominated by its impressive extinct volcano, the tiny island of Nisyros is known for its picturesque villages. A drive to the summit of the volcano provides magnificent views, and after an opportunity to walk to the caldera, continue to the charming villages of Emborios and Nikea, perched on the rim of the caldera, and characterized by bright white houses that line the narrow village lanes. After some time at leisure to stroll the quaint streets, return to Mandraki and explore the small but remarkably informative Archaeological Museum of Nisyros before sailing to Symi during lunch. Symi is one of Greece's most attractive islands, with tiers of beautifully proportioned neoclassical mansions rising above its harbor. Enjoy time at leisure here to explore on your own. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, September 10
RHODES/LINDOS

This morning tour Rhodes, known in ancient times for its Colossus, an enormous bronze statue of the god Helios, which was toppled in a

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Celsus Library, Ephesus, Turkey

major earthquake. A medieval stronghold, the town was constructed by the Knights of St. John during the Crusades. Walk through the Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, along the famous Street of the Knights, where crusaders lived during their occupation, before visiting the Archaeological Museum. Drive to the village of Lindos, where we enjoy a lunch of traditional Lindian cuisine at Mavrikos restaurant. The Knights of St. John fortified the town's acropolis against Moorish invaders, and today the ramparts offer a sweeping view across St. Paul's Bay and the island's eastern coastline. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, September 11

PATMOS

The rugged island of Patmos is where St. John the Evangelist was exiled during the reign of the Roman Emperor Domitian and is where he is said to have received visions of the Apocalypse, which later became the *Book of Revelation*. Dominating Patmos's landscape is the fortress-like Monastery of St. John, built in the 11th century with enormous towers, domed roofs, belfries and battlements. The monastery encompasses several chapels and a large library in addition to the church of St. John, each containing precious icons, gold and silver liturgical objects, rare manuscripts and fine embroideries. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Chora, the main town, on your own. (B,L,D)

Thursday, September 12

KUSADASI, Turkey/PRIENE/EPHESUS

From Kusadasi, on Turkey's Aegean coast, we drive to Priene, site of a well-preserved 4th-century BC city. Dominating the site is the imposing Temple of Athena, a superb example of Ionic architecture set against a backdrop of tree-covered hills. We continue to Ephesus, one of the world's most celebrated archaeological sites. Renowned in antiquity as a center of worship of the mother-goddess Cybele, Ephesus was also one of the communities where St. Paul preached the gospel of Christianity. See the stunning façade of the Library of Celsus, the Temple of Hadrian, the Theater, and other large public monuments, as well as more modest buildings that give a glimpse into the daily lives of the ancient Ephesians. (B,L,D)

Friday, September 13

CHIOS/NEA MONI/MASTIC VILLAGES

Chios, known for its beautiful landscapes, is the legendary birthplace of Homer. This morning, we drive to the Monastery of Nea Moni, built in the 11th century in a wooded vale in the center of the island. Now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Nea Moni is decorated with exquisite mosaics and frescoes. Visit the small village of Avgonima and the abandoned



Symi, Greece

Byzantine town of Anavatos before returning to the ship for lunch. In the afternoon, pause at the estates of Kampos, once among the most important citrus-producing regions in the Aegean, before continuing to the south of the island, the only place that produces the aromatic mastic gum that was a favorite at Byzantine and Ottoman courts. Explore the mastic villages of Mesta, a car-free walled settlement that was built by the Genoese in the 14th century, and Pyrgi, where houses are decorated in intricate grey and white geometric patterns. (B,L,D)

Saturday, September 14

MYTILENE, Lesvos/METHYMNA/AGIASOS

Arrive this morning in Mytilene, the artistic and commercial capital of Lesvos, and drive through scenic countryside to Methymna, also known as Molyvos, arguably Lesvos' prettiest old town. Built between the sea and a headland that is crowned with a striking castle built by the Byzantines in the 14th century, Methymna's stone houses with red-tiled roofs and gardens full of flowers cascade down to the small harbor. Explore this magnificent place, including the castle, and enjoy lunch at a seaside taverna. After lunch, continue to Agiasos, perhaps the most beautiful hill village on Lesvos, nestled in a wooded valley on the side of Mount Olympos. The village's narrow cobbled streets are lined with stone houses and artisanal shops. The church of Panaghia, which dates from the 1100s, houses an icon supposedly painted by Luke the Evangelist. (B,L,D)

Sunday, September 15

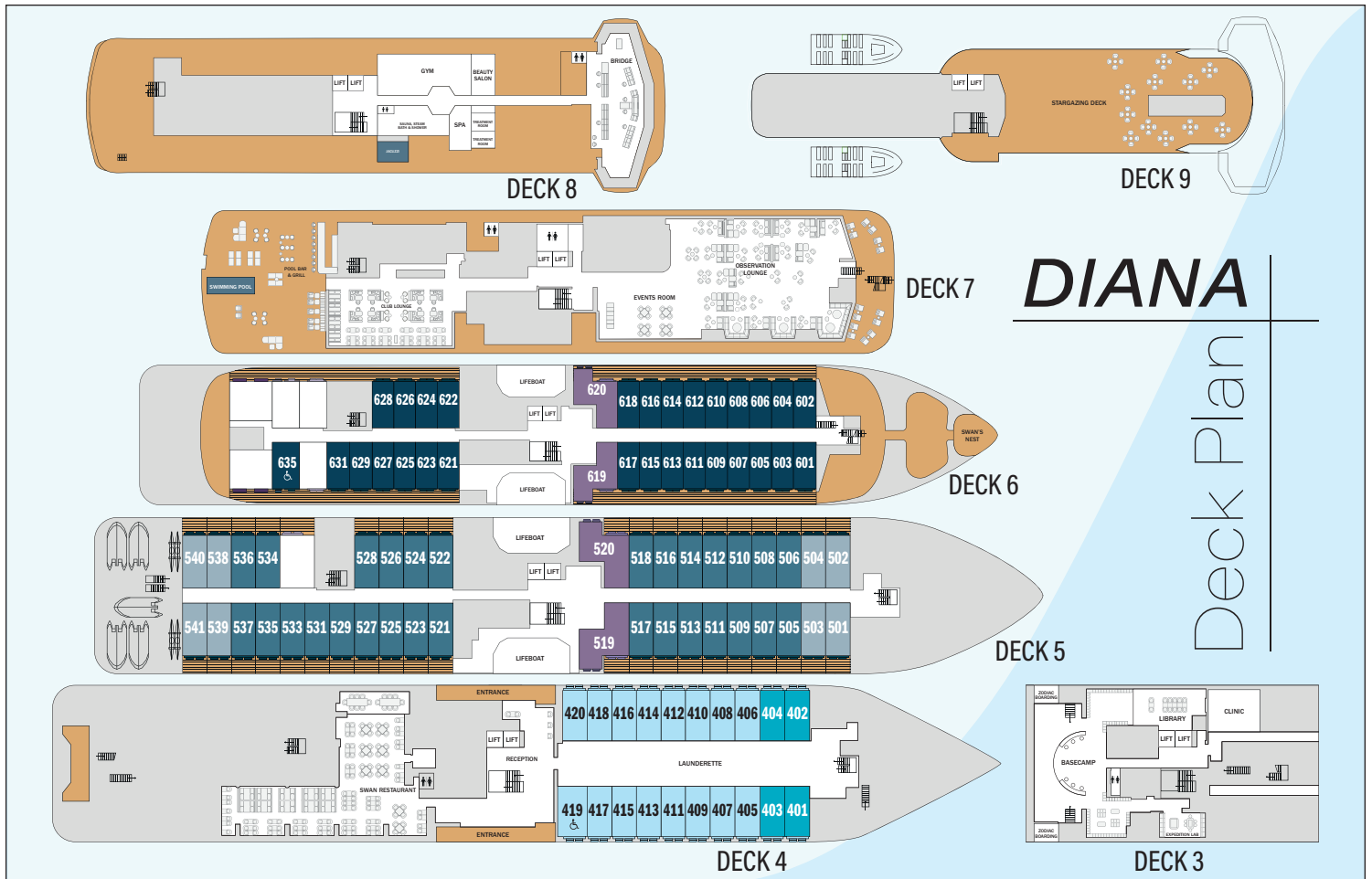
CANAKKALE, Turkey/TROY/ASSOS

The port of Canakkale is our gateway to storied Troy, where excavations begun in the second half of the 19th century have revealed nine different layers of cities superimposed in rings. As Homer recounts in the *Iliad*, one of these cities is where the Greeks fought the Trojans over a period of ten years, before King Priam's city finally fell to the ruse of the Trojan Horse. After lunch ashore, drive to the southern coast of the Biga Peninsula to visit the well-preserved site of ancient Assos, founded in the Bronze Age. An important part of the Athenian League, Aristotle founded a school here, and both St. Paul and Luke the Evangelist visited the city. Explore the site, including the stunning Temple of Athena overlooking the Aegean from atop the Acropolis, before returning to the ship in Canakkale. (B,L,D)

Monday, September 16

ISTANBUL/DISEMBARK

After breakfast aboard, disembark *Diana* and transfer to the airport for flights homeward. (B)



All accommodations aboard *Diana* are spacious staterooms and balcony suites. They are elegantly decorated, face outside, affording sea views, and include a queen-size bed that can be arranged as two twin beds, a spacious bathroom, mini-refrigerator, safe, ample closet space, climate control, telephone, TV, Wi-Fi, and USB connections, as well as other amenities.

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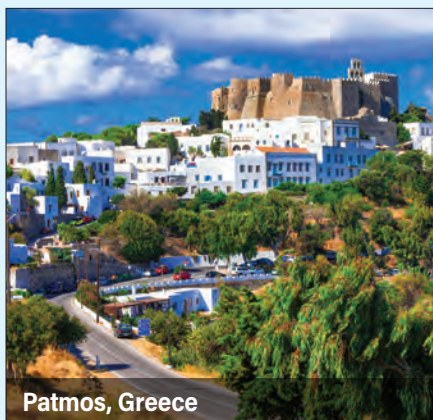
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- Program of lectures and discussions with Wellesley lecturers, Mary Lefkowitz '57 and Rosa Andújar '03.
- Complete program of shore excursions, led by professional local guides.
- All meals aboard the ship, with a selection of wines, beer and soft drinks during lunch and dinner.
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Patmos, Greece

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