Discover our AEGEAN HERITAGE by Yacht!  
May 1-10, 2009

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Throughout our journey, your expedition leader will provide fascinating lectures on the heritage of ancient Greece and the Aegean coast of Turkey. There are also opportunities for swimming and snorkeling, and to enjoy shipboard festivities. We invite you to join us!

Sincerely,

Margaret M. Betchart
President
Betchart Expeditions Inc.
Greece

2009 Aegean Heritage Yacht Expedition

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Day 3 En route to Rhodes
Today, we will enjoy time to relax on deck and for introductory lectures on Rhodes and sites on the Turkish coast by your expedition leader, Dr. Ken Sheedy. Rhodes is formerly the site of one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World—the Colossus of Rhodes—and was inhabited at least as far back as the 14th century BC. Its golden era was from the 5th to 3rd centuries BC when Rhodes became one of the most important religious and political center, and the main commercial link in the eastern Mediterranean. Because of its strategic importance, Rhodes also played a key role for the Crusaders and the Ottoman Empire. Present-day Rhodes is a fascinating medieval city completely enclosed by massive walls enclosing 14 miles. It offers a wonderful opportunity to stroll the narrow stone-paved streets. The Street of the Knights is a classic late Gothic street, which 15th century inn may still be seen.

Day 4 Rhodes & Lindos
This morning we will have another lecture by our archaeologist on board ship. At noon, we arrive in Rhodes, and will have an afternoon tour of Rhodes—the island of roses—through charming and picturesque villages, citrus groves, and glistening olive trees. On the eastern coast, poised above two spectacular bays, is the Acropolis of Lindos, above a labyrinth of winding streets and dazzling white buildings. We will explore St. Peter Castle and the Underwater Archaeological Museum. The castle dates back to the knights of St. John. The castle served as a place of refuge for all Christians during the Crusades. At the castle, underwater relics and Mycenaean, Hellenistic, Roman, and Byzantine artifacts are displayed in chronological order, starting with a Bronze Age collection. The remains are coins from the 7th century BC until the Roman and Ottoman periods. In the town of Lindos is the Hall of Classical Period, with bronze objects and jewelry dating to the 5th century BC. In 1893, a sarcophagus was found entering Lindos. The jewelry identified is an area to the east of the ancient city of Lindia and a double-winged portico, a Byzantine Church, the fortifications of the Knights, and the remains of the Governor’s quarters. At the foot you will see St. Paul’s bay, where the Apostle is said to have landed in the year 51 AD to preach Christianity to the Rhodians. We will return to Rhodes town where you may explore its ancient streets.

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Day 8 Hydra, Greece
Hydra is a historic and scenic island with unique local color. The town rises in an amphitheater on the steep slopes above the deep, natural harbor. It is a town of stately mansions all built and 1800 architecture that has been preserved. You will find merchants who had made fortunes outwitting the British during the Napoleonic Wars. The mansions are unusual in Greek architecture for their individuality, size, and sloping tile roofs. The old ship’s cannons in front of the little harbor and windmills on the hilltops are picturesque reminders of Hydra’s glorious past.

The town is a landmark preservation area and no motor vehicles are allowed. Many of Hydra’s merchants were also celebrated naval heroes during the Greek fight for independence from Turkey, and the island was the site of the last battle of the 1821 War of Independence. The modern residents here are mostly from the Monastery of the Holy Spinalonga, you may ride a donkey to the top! We’ll enjoy a festive farewell dinner this evening.

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Athens, the port of Athens, this morning and disembark. Transfer directly to the airport for your flight home.

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COSTS & CONDITIONS

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RESERVATIONS

Please Mail To:
Aegean Heritage by Yacht Expedition
Betchart Expeditions Inc.
17050 Montebello Road
Cupertino, CA 95014-5435

Yes! We want to join the Aegean Heritage by Yacht Expedition, May 1-10, 2009, offered by Betchart Expeditions Inc. Please reserve the following space(s). As a deposit, I/we have enclosed a check for $__________ ($500 per person), payable to Betchart Expeditions Inc. Trust Account.

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Accommodations Preference: Category 1 Category 2 Category 3 Category 4
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- Airfare & Airline Ticketing:
- Group air flights from New York are on Olympic Airways (presently fares are $635 + tax + fuel surcharge). Air Fares Are Subject to Change until ticketed. Early registration is recommended to take advantage of low fares currently available.
- Reservations, Deposits & Payments:
- To reserve a place on this expedition please mail a deposit of $1000 per person with the completed registration form to Betchart Expeditions Inc., 17050 Montebello Road, Cupertino, CA 95014-5435. Final payment is due 90 days before departure (February 1, 2009).
- Questions?
- Please contact Marisa Eide.
- Telephone (800) 252-4910 or (408) 252-4910
- Email: Marisa@betcharteXpeditions.com

Cancellations & Refunds:
- The deposit is refundable, less a $100 pp cancellation penalty, until 121 days before departure. From 120-90 days before departure, the cancellation penalty is $500 per person. Within 90 days of departure, there is no refund. Trip cancellation insurance will be offered. No refunds are made for unused services.

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