

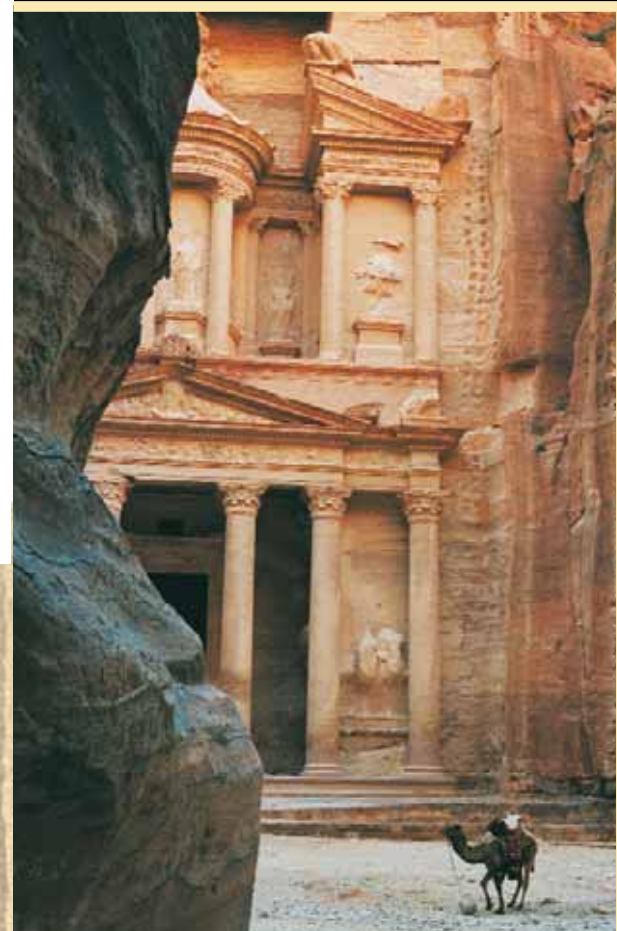


CYPRUS REVEALED:

A Journey Through the Ages

October 10-17, 2008

Featuring Brown Professor William F. Wyatt, Jr.



With an Optional Extension to
JORDAN including PETRA

October 17-22, 2008



Dear Graduates, Parents and Friends of Brown:

We invite you to join alumni, family and friends on a unique program exploring Cyprus, a beautiful and fascinating island-nation studded with ancient olive trees, terraced vineyards, pristine mountainous terrain and stunning Mediterranean coastlines.

Considered a stepping-stone between Europe, Asia and Africa and long coveted by a succession of world powers, Cyprus' 10,000-year history reveals itself in Neolithic-era archaeological sites, extensive Roman ruins, imposing Crusader castles and ornate Byzantine churches and monasteries. Our in-depth program explores this legendary birthplace of the goddess Aphrodite, with visits to Salamis, Nicosia and through the Troodos Mountains to Limassol.

An optional post-trip extension takes us to Jordan, including a full day exploring legendary Petra, once the thriving capital of Nabatean civilization and recently named one of the New Seven Wonders of the World; a visit to Jerash, the best preserved Roman Decapolis site; Mount Nebo, from where Moses viewed the Promised Land; and a swim in the "unsinkable" and highly therapeutic Dead Sea.

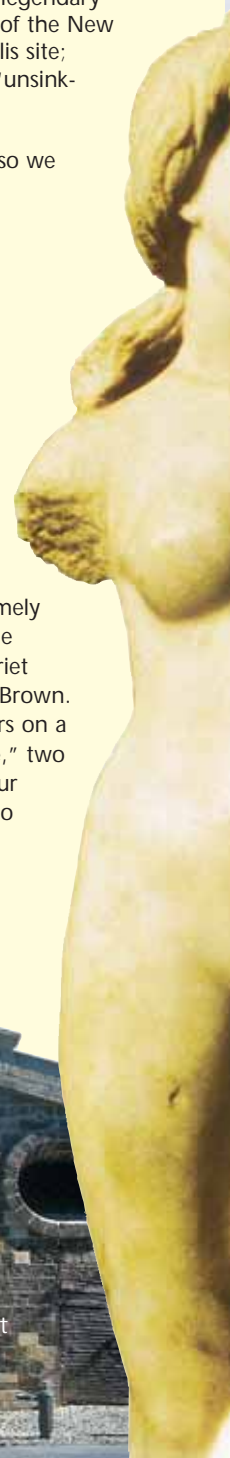
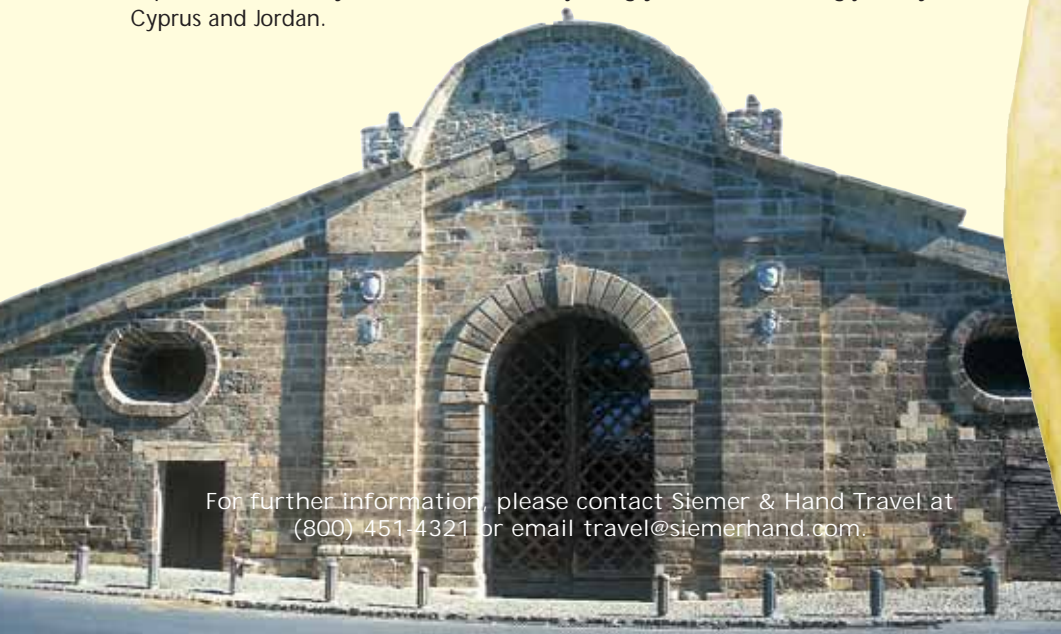
We will be joined by alumni and friends from Mills College and space is limited, so we encourage you to make your reservations today.

Sincerely,

Beth Goldman Galer '88
Director of the Alumni Travel Program

FACULTY LECTURER – William F. Wyatt, Jr.

William F. Wyatt, Jr., Emeritus Professor of Classics, will join us as Brown's faculty lecturer on this wonderful trip. Professor Wyatt, who began teaching at Brown in 1967 and for many years chaired the Department of Classics, is an expert in the field of classical antiquity and has recently taught courses at Brown such as "The Greeks" and "Introduction to Greek Drama." He is an extremely accomplished lecturer, editor and author – his Op-Ed pieces appeared with some frequency in the *Providence Journal* – and in 1997 he was honored with the Harriet W. Sheridan Award for Distinguished Contribution to Teaching and Learning at Brown. A favorite of many alumni, Professor Wyatt has accompanied the Brown Travelers on a number of popular programs, including the sold-out "Alumni College in Greece," two recent cruises to the Greek Islands, a tour of the island of Crete and, in 2007, our exploration of Turkey. He looks forward to joining you on this exciting journey to Cyprus and Jordan.



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ITINERARY

USA – LARNACA, CYPRUS

Friday, October 10

Depart the USA for Larnaca, Cyprus.

LARNACA – NICOSIA

Saturday, October 11

Arrive in the Republic of Cyprus, check in to our centrally located hotel in the capital city of Nicosia and enjoy a festive welcome dinner. HOLIDAY INN CITY CENTER, TWO NIGHTS (D)

KYRENIA

Sunday, October 12

View the island's finest collection of archaeological relics on a tour of the Cyprus Museum. Cross the border into the Turkish-occupied region to explore the St. Hilarion and Buffavento Castles, then enjoy lunch in the bustling coastal town of Kyrenia. Tour the massive Byzantine-era Kyrenia Castle and view the remains of Cyprus' oldest shipwreck, circa 300 B.C. Visit an Augustinian abbey in the charming mountain village of Bellapais before crossing the border back to Nicosia. (B,L)

NICOSIA – LIMASSOL

Monday, October 13

On a tour of Nicosia, visit the Famagusta Gate, explore the Byzantine Art Museum and view the Agios Ioannis Church's colorful frescoes. After lunch, peruse craft shops in the Ottoman-era Büyük Han (Turkish for "Great Inn") and the Gothic Selimiye Mosque. Journey to Limassol, located on the island's southern coast, and check into our comfortable hotel before dinner. MEDITERRANEAN BEACH HOTEL, THREE NIGHTS (B,L,D)

TROODOS MOUNTAINS

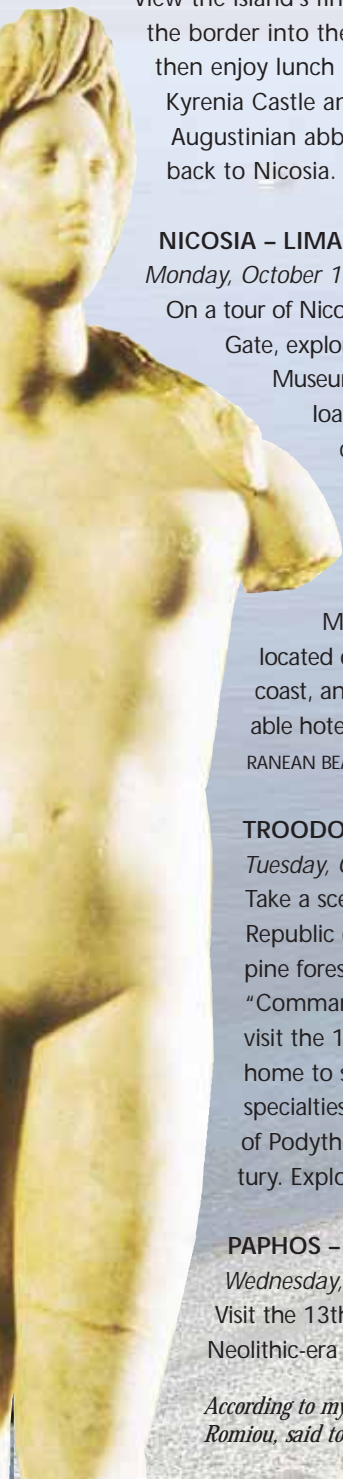
Tuesday, October 14

Take a scenic drive north to the Republic of Cyprus' mountainous Troodos Massif, with its Byzantine churches, thriving pine forests and traditional way of life. Shop for handicrafts or taste the famous Cypriot "Commandaria" wine in the village of Omodos, then go deep into the mountains to visit the 11th-century Church of Agios Nikolaos tis Stegis ("Saint Nicholas of the Roof"), home to some of the most impressive frescoes on the island. After a lunch of Cypriot specialties in Kakopetria village, visit the Churches of Panagia tis Podythou ("Virgin Mary of Podythou") and Archangelos ("Michael the Archangel"), both dating to the 16th century. Explore the quaint village of Platres before an evening at leisure. (B,L)

PAPHOS – AKAMAS PENINSULA

Wednesday, October 15

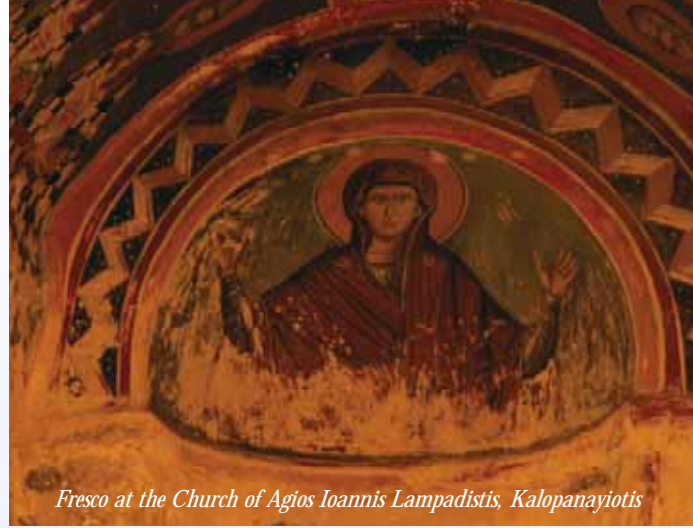
Visit the 13th-century Kolossi Castle and then drive along the coast to the spectacular Neolithic-era site Kourion to enjoy views of the stunning Petra tou Romiou ("Rock of the



According to myth, Cyprus was the birthplace of Aphrodite. The statue of Aphrodite at left is located in the Kyrenia, said to be the site of her birth. At far left is the Famagusta Gate, Nicosia.



Neolithic-era site Khirokitia



Fresco at the Church of Agios Ioannis Lampadistis, Kalopanayiotis

Greeks"). Continue to the lovely coastal town of Paphos for lunch, explore the Hellenistic and Roman Tombs of the Kings and visit the Agios Neophytos Monastery, built deep within the rocky mountainside. Then journey north to the quiet, unspoiled Akamas Peninsula, as time permits, before returning to Limassol. (B,I)

LIMASSOL – LARNACA – SALAMIS

Thursday, October 16

Today drive eastward to the Neolithic-era site Khirokitia, one of Cyprus' earliest human settlements, dating to 6800 B.C. Shop for homemade lace in the village of Lefkara before arriving in Larnaca to tour the Pierides Archaeological Museum. Lunch is on your own before a tour of the Church of Agios Lazarus, then cross the border to the Turkish-occupied side of the island to visit the impressive ancient city-kingdom Salamis. Afterwards, return to the Greek side and check into our hotel on Larnaca Bay. Tonight enjoy a festive farewell dinner. GOLDEN BAY HOTEL (B,D)

LARNACA – USA

Friday, October 17

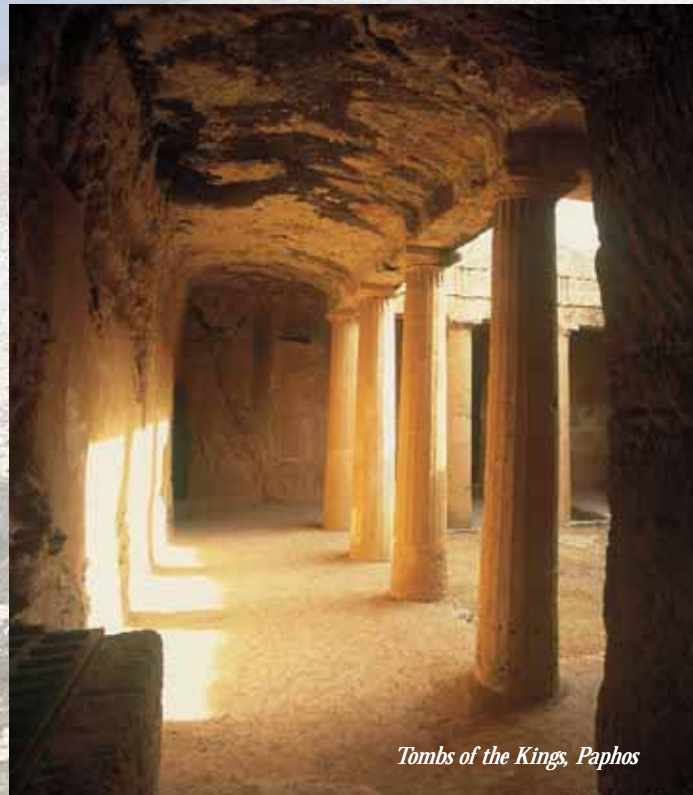
Enjoy breakfast and depart for the Larnaca airport for connections back to the USA, or join the extension to Jordan. (B)

MAIN PROGRAM INCLUDES...

- Two nights' accommodations at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Nicosia, three nights at the Mediterranean Beach Hotel in Limassol, one night at the Golden Bay Hotel in Larnaca.
- Breakfast daily, four lunches and three dinners, including welcome and farewell dinners. Wine included with all lunches and dinners.
- All excursions as outlined in itinerary, including entrance fees and gratuities to drivers and guides.
- Local English-speaking sightseeing guides and a Siemer & Hand tour manager throughout the trip.
- All transfers with luggage handling for those passengers traveling on program dates.
- Pre-trip service and pre-departure information.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION INCLUDES...

- Three nights at the Crowne Plaza in Amman and two nights at the Crowne Plaza in Petra.
- Breakfast daily, five lunches and four dinners (including dinner at the home of a local Jordanian family).



Tombs of the Kings, Paphos

OPTIONAL



The dramatic entrance to Petra, Jordan with the Treasury in the background

EXTENSION TO JORDAN

Amman, Jordan, known as the "White City"



LARNACA – AMMAN, JORDAN

Friday, October 17

Upon arrival, check into our hotel, have lunch and enjoy an afternoon tour of Amman, the capital of the Hashemite Kingdom, often referred to as the "White City" due to the prolific use of white stone in local architecture. Visit the museums, citadel, amphitheater and bustling marketplace (or *souk*) before dinner on your own. CROWNE PLAZA AMMAN, TWO NIGHTS (B,L)

JERASH – AJLOUN – UMM QAIS

Saturday, October 18

Today visit the city of Jerash, part of the Decapolis (the ten largest settlements in the eastern Roman empire) and the best-preserved example of Roman occupation in the area. Commonly called the "Pompeii of the East," the city features theaters, churches, temples, a nymphaeum and colonnaded streets. After lunch, proceed to the 12th-century Saracen castle at Ajloun, built by Saladin in his campaign to drive the Crusaders from Jordan in 1189 and an outstanding example of Arab-Islamic military architecture. Travel to Umm Qais, where spectacular ruins overlook Tiberias Lake and the Golan Heights. Return to Amman for a specially-arranged traditional Jordanian dinner in the home of a local family. (B,L,D)

MADABA – MOUNT NEBO – KERAK – PETRA

Sunday, October 19

Travel south to the mosaic city of Madaba, where the oldest known map of the Holy Land exists on the floor of the Basilica of Saint George. Enjoy lunch, then continue southward to Mount Nebo, the alleged burial site of Moses that overlooks the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea. The remnants of a 4th-century Byzantine monastery lie atop the mountain, where Franciscan monks have built a protective structure as a means of preservation. Next, take a short drive to Kerak via Wadi Al Mujib in the biblical

land of Moab, one of the most important defenses guarding the Latin Kingdom. Arrive in Petra and dine together at the hotel this evening.

CROWNE PLAZA PETRA, TWO NIGHTS (B,L,D)

PETRA

Monday, October 20

Enjoy a full-day tour of Petra, the ancient Nabatean capital city settled by Arab traders more than 2,000 years ago. Guests can walk or take a 1/2-mile horse ride (led by a local Bedouin guide) up to the gorge, the spectacular main entrance to the city. Then enjoy lunch at the centrally-located Basin restaurant before exploring one of the world's most incredible antiquities, Al Khazneh (The Treasury), as well as Petra's soaring temples, elaborate royal tombs, colossal Roman theater, burial chambers, banquet halls, water channels and reservoirs, baths, staircases and markets. (B,L,D)

WADI RUM – DEAD SEA – AMMAN

Tuesday, October 21

Travel to the charming village of Wadi Rum, where we will be welcomed with fresh mint tea, then board 4 x 4 jeeps for a thrilling tour of the Rum Nature Reserve. Here, magnificent rock formations and awe-inspiring mountain ranges cast eerie shadows over red and yellow moon-like desert terrain. Interact with local Bedouin guides and behold the land that inspired T.E. Lawrence to write his famous book, *The Seven Pillars of Wisdom*, and where movies such as *Lawrence of Arabia* were filmed. After lunch we travel north for perhaps the highlight of our trip – the opportunity to swim and float in the salty waters of the Dead Sea, the lowest spot on Earth (towels and showers will be provided). Arrive in Amman for dinner and an evening at leisure. CROWNE PLAZA AMMAN (B,L,D)

AMMAN

Wednesday, October 22

After breakfast, depart for flights to the USA. (B)

Jerash temple



Pricing Information

CYPRUS PROGRAM LAND COST: <i>(Per person, based on double occupancy)</i>	\$3,495
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: <i>(Singles are limited and subject to availability)</i>	\$ 495
JORDAN EXTENSION LAND COST: <i>(Per person, based on double occupancy)</i>	\$1,795
EXTENSION SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: <i>(Singles are limited and subject to availability)</i>	\$ 295

Flights to and from Cyprus and Jordan are not included in the above prices.

General Information

■ **LAND COST EXCLUDES:** International airfare; flight from Cyprus to Jordan for those passengers taking the optional extension; airport/hotel transfers for those passengers not traveling on program dates; meals not specified in the daily itinerary; charges for items of a personal nature including laundry, beverages and excess baggage charges; independent travel arrangements; travel and accident insurance; and passport and visa fees. ■ **HEALTH:** All participants must be in good health. This program is active and involves walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs. All locations may not be handicapped accessible. Any condition that may require special medical attention or other accommodation must be reported at the time of your reservation. ■ **DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYMENT:** Reservations will be accepted in order of receipt if accompanied by a completed reservation form and a deposit of \$500 per person. Final payment is due by **August 10, 2008** and must be paid by check. A significant change in fuel costs, the value of the dollar or group size could result in a slightly higher trip price. ■ **TOUR SIZE:** The program cost is based on a minimum of 20 participants for Cyprus. The extension to Jordan is based on a group of 10 participants.

■ **CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS:** Refunds, less a cancellation fee of \$300 per person, will be made if Siemer & Hand is notified on or before **August 10, 2008**. No refunds will be granted after that date. All cancellations must be in writing. ■ **TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Travel insurance is strongly recommended. To protect for the following three conditions, insurance must be purchased within 14 days of your initial tour deposit: 1) a pre-existing condition pertaining to you, a travel companion or an immediate family member; 2) unforeseeable events or their consequences, including cancellations by an airline, cruise line or third-party tour operator as a result of financial insolvency; and 3) terrorist act(s) that occur in your departure city or in a city that is a scheduled destination for your trip and within 30 days of the scheduled departure date. ■ **RESPONSIBILITY:** A detailed statement of limitations and exclusions of liability of Siemer & Hand Travel, Inc., Brown University and the Brown Alumni Association for loss of property, injury, illness or death will be provided to passengers upon enrollment and is available to prospective travelers upon request. ■ **SIEMER & HAND TRAVEL, INC.:** Seller of fine travel programs since 1959. CST 1004239-10

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Highlights of this thrilling adventure....

- Enjoy a program of lectures and discussions with William F. Wyatt, Jr., Emeritus Professor of Classics, who will accompany the group throughout the trip
- See Cyprus' extensive Roman and Greek ruins, breathtaking coastal landscapes, imposing Crusader castles and well-preserved Byzantine churches and monasteries
- Visit Paphos, birthplace of Aphrodite and a UNESCO World Heritage site, and see splendid mosaics in the House of Dionysos
- Travel to the Turkish-occupied regions and see their impressive archaeological treasures in Salamis and Kyrenia
- Join an optional extension to Jordan, including the sites of Amman, a swim in the Dead Sea and a spectacular full day tour of Petra, one of the New Seven Wonders of the World

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Cover images, from top left: The entrance to Petra, Jordan; classical Cypro-Greek limestone head, Cyprus; 13th-century ruins of Saranta Kolones, Cyprus. This page: a mosaic in Paphos, Cyprus



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