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***Exploring the British
& U.S. Virgin Islands***

Aboard the 130-Guest Yorktown

January 3 – 10, 2014

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Dazzling underwater life

Dear Vanderbilt Travelers and Friends,

The Virgin Islands are among the most beautiful of all the islands in the Caribbean. They are a place free of mega-cruise ships, where there are no sprawling resorts, and where the streets, shops, and beaches are not thronged with crowds. The Virgin Islands in our itinerary are off the beaten path, pristine, and serene. And as another winter bears down on us, what could be better than to escape aboard a small cruise ship to these unspoiled islands frequented mostly by yachtsmen.

Jost Van Dyke is the jewel of the British Virgin Islands. Only four by three miles in size, and home to just 300 islanders, it is an emerald paradise where you can swim, snorkel, and watch for whales or dolphins. On neighboring Tortola explore one of the Caribbean's last surviving rain forests, 1000 feet above sea level in Sage Mountain National Park, where you'll probably have the park to yourself—visitors to Sage Mountain are that rare. Another highlight is a visit to privately-owned Peter Island. Largely undeveloped, it looks the way most of the Caribbean looked before the arrival of mass tourism. Follow a hiking trail into the tropical forest or enjoy the mile-long crescent of pure white sand of Deadman's Beach. And if you're feeling active, snorkel along the reef and discover an undersea world of colorful fish.

The American-flagged *Yorktown* is the right ship for this unique cruise. Accommodating only 130 guests and able to access secluded bays and anchor near unspoiled beaches, *Yorktown* provides an experience that is not possible to duplicate on larger cruise ships. The atmosphere aboard is warm and casual. And the all-American officers and crew are professional, dedicated, and friendly.

So, this winter, escape from the dreariness of the season and join Vanderbilt alumni and friends aboard *Yorktown* as we set sail for the hidden, unspoiled jewels of the U.S. and British Virgin Islands.

Sincerely,

Carroll Kimball, BA'84

President

Vanderbilt Alumni Association

P.S. We are delighted to offer free airfare from select gateway cities or a \$500 air credit. As an added bonus, book by October 30, 2013 to enjoy reduced rates. Please see the rates page later in this brochure for further details.

Travel, Learn & Enrich Your Journey with a Team of Experts

GUEST LECTURERS

Informative lectures and informal discussions with experts on the natural history, culture, and history of our destinations will add immensely to your travel experience.



Dr. Douglas Meffert is a Vice President and Executive Director of Louisiana for the National Audubon Society. Audubon's Louisiana team focuses on large scale coastal and gulf restoration and the protection of many globally significant

Important Bird Areas. Doug was most recently Director of Project Development and Associate Professor at Tulane University's Payson Center for International Development as well as Executive Director of River Sphere. Doug is also working with Audubon's International Alliances Program on projects protecting birds that migrate from North America, the Caribbean and central and south America. Doug received a Loeb Fellowship at Harvard's Graduate School of Design and is a faculty associate at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy in Cambridge, MA. He holds MBA and Bachelor of Engineering degrees from Tulane, and a Ph.D. in environmental science and engineering from UCLA.



Dr. Erik Johnson has a diverse background in ornithology, having studied birds on three continents, including in the rain forests of Brazil and Australia, as well on both ends of the Piping Plover's life cycle. Through his role as Director of Bird Conservation

with Audubon Louisiana, Erik engages citizen scientists to help monitor birds and implements conservation measures for species of concern in Louisiana, across the Gulf Coast, and in North and South America. He has played critical roles in developing large-scale monitoring efforts to document the impacts of the BP oil spill on Gulf Coast birds and to understand the value of isolated forest remnants on bird populations. Erik conducted his graduate studies at Louisiana State University where he continues to serve as adjunct research faculty and work with undergraduate and graduate students. A passionate life-long birder and academically trained ornithologist, he will provide guests with expertise in bird identification and ecology.



Naturalist and photographer **Jonathan Green** studied Geology and Geography at the University of North London. After completing his degree, he moved to the Galapagos, training as a naturalist at the Charles Darwin Research Station. He has

spent the last 20 years working as a diver, photographer, and naturalist in the Galapagos, Central America, Andes, Amazon, and Patagonia. He is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society of London.



Chris Harbard is a British ornithologist and conservationist who, after 24 years working with the world's largest bird conservation organization, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, now works as an author, editor, broadcaster, and lecturer.

His travels have included many Caribbean islands, Belize, and Guatemala. Chris has worked as a naturalist lecturer aboard ships for nine years and has led bird-watching trips.

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Whether you are just beginning or have years of experience, this program offers a unique opportunity to capture splendid images with personalized guidance from a professional photographer.



Chris Corradino, a professional photographer whose credits include the Associated Press, *National Geographic*, and *The New Yorker*, is a licensed photography teacher committed to training students of all levels to "maximize

their camera and take their craft to the next level."

WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP

The Caribbean's vibrant colors and sun-drenched light beg to be captured by artists. Our watercolor workshop allows you to try expressing what you are seeing and help preserve your travel memories in a unique manner.



Judi Betts is a respected painter, author, instructor, and art juror. Her paintings are featured in various museums, books, and the Permanent Collections of Arkansas and Louisiana. Her award-winning book *WATERCOLOR...Let's Think About It!*

is in its 4th printing.

THE VIRGIN ISLANDS



ITINERARY

Friday, January 3, 2014

ST. THOMAS, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS | EMBARK

Arrive in St. Thomas and transfer to the Crown Bay Marina to embark *Yorktown*. Overnight aboard ship docked at the marina. (D)

Saturday, January 4

JOST VAN DYKE, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS | SOPER'S HOLE, Tortola

Relax aboard in the morning as *Yorktown* navigates to idyllic Jost Van Dyke. A base for seafarers, pirates, and adventurers for over 400 years, Jost Van Dyke is now one of the favorite islands of yachtsmen. *Yorktown* will anchor at magnificent White Bay, which is sheltered by a barrier reef and lined by a superb white-sand beach. In addition to offering wonderful conditions for swimming, kayaking, and snorkeling, unspoiled and sparsely populated Jost Van Dyke has green hills for hiking and bird-watching. In the afternoon, sail to nearby Soper's Hole, at the western shore of Tortola, where the ship anchors for the night. (B, L, D)

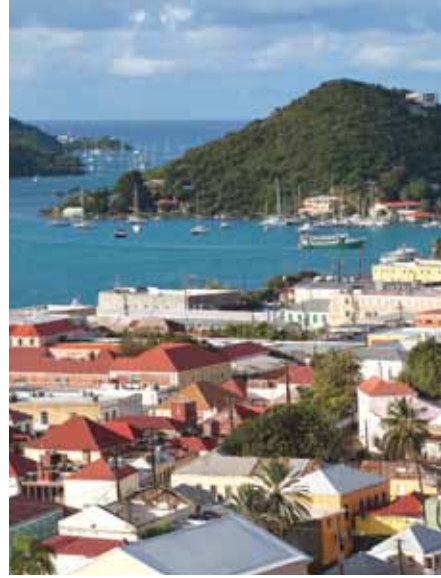
Sunday, January 5

TORTOLA & PETER ISLAND

Departing from Soper's Hole early in the morning, *Yorktown* will dock shortly thereafter in Tortola's Road Town, the capital of the British Virgin Islands. Dutch buccaneers arrived here in 1648, becoming the first European settlers in the island group. About 21 square miles, Tortola's terrain includes lush rain forest and pristine white-sand beaches. Explore the Sage Mountain National Park for a hike through the rain forest. Mount Sage rises more than 1,700 feet, the highest point in the British Virgin Islands, and is covered with undisturbed rain forest vegetation, including mahogany and kapok trees, while the pathways are lined with elephant ears, ferns, mountain guava, and other vegetation. The views of the surrounding islands are superb. There will also be time to explore quaint Road Town on your own, or enjoy swimming and snorkeling at one of the island's stunning beaches. In the afternoon, *Yorktown* will make the short crossing to Peter Island, a lush small island, most of which is privately owned, that offers hiking paths and pristine beaches for swimming, snorkeling, and kayaking. (B, L, D)



Looking over Cruz Bay, St. John



The town of Charlotte Amalie



The Methodist Church on Jost Van Dyke

Monday, January 6

VIRGIN GORDA

Arrive in Virgin Gorda, where we will land at the Leverick Bay Marina, on the island's scenic North Sound. Named "Fat Virgin" by Christopher Columbus when he arrived in 1493, the island is one of the most beautiful in the British Virgin Islands. The island offers many sites for exploration, including The Baths, a geological curiosity where enormous granite boulders lay scattered along the beach to form sea-filled grottoes and pools perfect for snorkeling and swimming; and Gorda Peak National Park, a nature preserve, where trails lead to the summit offering spectacular vistas of the surrounding islands. (B, L, D)

Tuesday, January 7

COOPER & NORMAN ISLANDS

Today we will call at two of the "Out Islands," a local expression for the archipelago's small and remote islands. Spend the morning at Cooper Island, which is virtually undeveloped. *Yorktown* will anchor at sheltered Manchioneel Bay, with its beautiful palm-lined beach. Enjoy swimming and snorkeling. Cistern Point, surrounded by coral reefs, offers excellent snorkeling. In the afternoon, call at Norman Island, reputed to be Robert Louis Stevenson's Treasure Island. *Yorktown* will anchor at The Caves, an outstanding swimming and snorkeling area, with crystal-clear water, colorful corals, and other marine life. (B, L, D)

PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

- 7-night cruise aboard the 130-guest *Yorktown*
- Complete program of tours and excursions
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions aboard ship
- All meals aboard ship, including house wine, beer, and soft drinks with lunch and dinner
- Educational program of lectures, discussions, and workshops by accompanying study leaders, photographer, and watercolor artist
- Experienced Travel Dynamics International tour staff
- Pre-departure services including comprehensive trip documentation
- Transfers and baggage handling between airport and ship on the program arrival and departure dates
- Gratuities to guides and drivers

NOT INCLUDED: Airfare other than specified below; port taxes and charges; luggage and trip cancellation insurance; meals, soft drinks, and alcoholic beverages other than those specified above; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, faxes, and Internet service; and gratuities to shipboard personnel

FREE AIRFARE

Free round-trip economy class airfare will be provided from Boston, New York, Chicago, Atlanta, Miami, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. Depending on the time of the booking, a supplement may apply. Airfare from other cities is available and may require a surcharge. Reservations must be made by calling the Travel Dynamics International air desk. If you wish to make your own travel arrangements, an air credit of \$500 per person will apply and will be deducted from the listed Cruise and Land Rates. Please call toll-free 1-877-711-9896 Monday – Friday from 9:00 am – 5:30 pm (EST). Please have your tour name and dates handy for reference.

Wednesday, January 8

ST. JOHN, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

In the morning, *Yorktown* will anchor at St. John's Cruz Bay, the island's small, neat, and tidy main town. Two-thirds of St. John is a protected national park, and during our visit we will have the opportunity to explore this verdant and welcoming island, including the Virgin Islands National Park, with its hiking trails and miles of shoreline and reefs. The park is home to a variety of flora and fauna, and historic buildings and sites, such as the Annaberg Sugar Mill ruins. During your visit, also learn about the Taino, the ancient inhabitants of the island. As the ship stays in Cruz Bay overnight, you will have the opportunity to shop and leisurely enjoy the town. (B, L, D)

Thursday, January 9

ST. THOMAS

In the morning, call at St. Thomas, where *Yorktown* will dock at Crown Bay Marina. Spend the day relaxing and exploring Charlotte Amalie, the island's capital, on your own, or join an excursion to the island's historic landmarks, including the Estate St. Peter Greathouse & Botanical Gardens, with its 500 varieties of plants. Nestled high on St. Thomas's peaks, Estate St. Peter offers wonderful views. (B, L, D)

Friday, January 10

ST. THOMAS | DISEMBARK

Disembark in the morning and transfer to the airport for return flights home. (B)



The Lounge is surrounded by windows



Most cabins feature a picture window

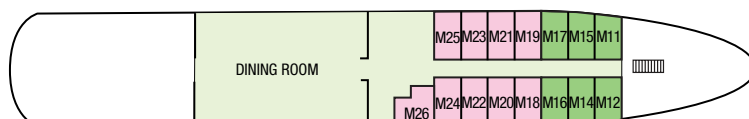
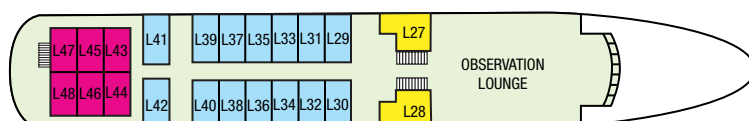
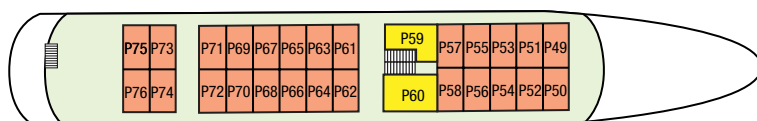
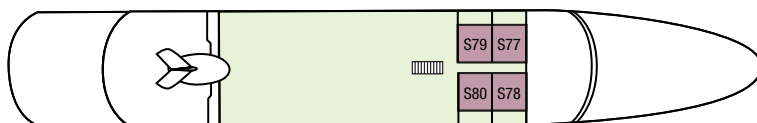
Yorktown

Yorktown is the perfect vessel for relaxed and convivial exploration. Built in Florida in 1988 specifically for coastal cruising, *Yorktown* flies the American flag and is staffed by friendly and experienced American officers and crew. With a draft of only nine feet, it is able to maneuver in secluded waterways and visit small ports that are inaccessible to larger vessels. And *Yorktown's* American registry makes it possible to operate domestic itineraries unavailable to foreign-flag ships. The ship's cuisine, served in a dining room large enough to accommodate all guests at once, emphasizes American regional culinary traditions.

Life aboard Yorktown

Life aboard *Yorktown* is relaxed and informal, and dress is always casual. Guests discover soon after settling in that the ship's design fosters a sense of community and shared enterprise. Most cabins have large picture windows, and each is furnished with comfortable beds, a writing desk, ample storage, a clock/radio/CD player, and has a private bathroom. But you will want to spend most of your time in one of *Yorktown's* inviting common areas. The Lounge, never more than two decks away (*Yorktown* has no elevator), is the hub of shipboard activity—the place to read, to converse with fellow travelers, to attend lectures and concerts, to enjoy a cocktail as the pianist performs on the ship's Steinway piano, or simply to enjoy the passing scene. The Sun Deck affords similar opportunities to read and relax in the open air.

DECK PLAN



**Book by October 30, 2013
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CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	EARLY BOOKING RATES IF BOOKED BY OCT. 30, 2013*	FULL BROCHURE RATES IF BOOKED AFTER OCT. 30, 2013
E	Outside cabins with two lower beds, two portholes, and private bathroom. Cabins M11-M17	\$3,995	\$4,995
D	Outside cabins with two lower beds, two windows, and private bathroom. Cabins L43-L48	\$4,695	\$5,695
C	Outside cabins with two lower beds, two windows, and private bathroom. Cabins P49-P76	\$5,495	\$6,495
B	Outside cabins with two lower beds, picture window, and private bathroom. Cabins M18-M26	\$6,195	\$7,195
A	Outside cabins with two lower beds, picture window, and private bathroom. Cabins L29-L42	\$6,995	\$7,995
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S	Superior outside cabins with walk-out balcony, full-size bed, private bathroom, and mini-refrigerator. Cabins S77-S80	\$8,395	\$9,395

PORT TAXES & CHARGES: \$250 per person

SINGLE RATES: A limited number of cabins for solo travelers are available in Category C - A at a supplement of \$1,295.

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Enclosed is my deposit for \$_____ (\$750 per person
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its terms.***

SIGNATURE DATE

SIGNATURE DATE

GENERAL INFORMATION

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: A deposit of \$750 per person is required to reserve your space on the tour. For your convenience, you may charge your deposit to your American Express, Visa, Discover, or MasterCard. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Credit cards are not accepted for final payment. However, personal checks are accepted for both deposits and final payment.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS: All cancellations are subject to a \$300 per person fee. Cancellations received 61-90 days prior to departure will be assessed a penalty equal to 50% of the total program cost per person. Cancellations received within 60 days of departure are subject to 100% cancellation penalties.

INSURANCE: We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident. Baggage insurance is also recommended. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement.

ITINERARY: The itinerary, accommodations, and arrangements are subject to change at the discretion of Travel Dynamics International Ltd.

RESPONSIBILITY: Please read carefully the following terms and conditions, which constitute the sole, legally enforceable agreements between the passenger and Travel Dynamics International Ltd. and the tour's sponsoring organization. The passenger is also advised to review his/her separate ticket passage contract with the vessel's owner/operator, which will constitute the sole, legally enforceable terms of carriage for this cruise and is available on request from Travel Dynamics International Ltd. Travel Dynamics International Ltd. and the tour's sponsoring organization act solely as agents for the passenger with respect to all transportation, hotel and other tour arrangements. In that capacity, we exercise all reasonable care possible to ensure the passenger's safety and satisfaction, but, we neither assume nor bear any responsibility or liability for any injury, death, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity arising in connection with the services of any ship, airplane, train, automobile, motor coach, carriage or other conveyance, or the actions of any third-party, involved in carrying the passenger or in affecting these tours. We are not responsible for damages, additional expenses, or any other losses due to cancellation, delay or other changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, civil disturbances, acts or threats of terrorism, travel warnings or bans, termination or suspension of war risks or other carrier insurance, quarantine, acts of God or other causes beyond our control. All such losses must be borne by the passenger, and our rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. In the event of cancellation, delay or rescheduling mandated by any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the passenger shall have the option of accepting in lieu of the original tour such rescheduled tour or other substituted tour(s) as may be offered by us, or else, receiving a refund of as much of such advance tour expenditures as we are able to recover on the passenger's behalf from carriers, third-party tour vendors, etc., but, we shall not have any obligation or liability to the passenger beyond the foregoing. We reserve the right to make alterations to the tour's itinerary and to substitute hotels, ships, or lecturers if this is required. We reserve the right to cancel, delay, or reschedule any tour prior to departure, and, so long as this is not due to any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the passenger shall be entitled to a full refund of all monies paid to that point if he/she so desires. No refund shall be made for any unused portion of any tour. By forwarding their deposit(s), the passenger certifies that he/she and/or their dependents, minors or others covered thereby do not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that could create a hazard for them or other passengers. We reserve the right to decline to accept or to decline to retain any person as a member of any tour should such person's health, condition or actions adversely affect or threaten the welfare or safety of other passengers or impede the tour. Baggage or valuables brought on the tour shall be transported, handled or stored at the passenger's risk entirely, and, we shall bear no liability or responsibility for any damage or other loss thereto. Passenger tickets are not transferable and are not subject to alteration by the passenger. No suit shall be maintainable against the carrier, or vessel, for any losses, accidents, damages to person, property, personal injury (including death or other types of bodily injury) of the passengers, unless written notice of the claim, with full particulars, is delivered to the carrier or its agents at its office at the port of sailing or at the port of termination within six months from the day when such incident occurred. In no event shall any such suit or any claim against the carrier or vessel for any losses, accidents, damages to person, property, personal injury (including death or other types of bodily injury) of the passenger be maintainable unless such suit is commenced within one year from the day when the incident causing such losses, accidents, damages to person, property, personal injury (including death or other types of bodily injury) of the passenger occurs, notwithstanding any provision of law of any state or country to the contrary. Resolution of any disputes arising hereunder shall be brought within the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, pursuant to the applicable general maritime law, and applying the applicable general maritime law and Federal maritime statutes.

RATES: Tour costs are based upon current airfares, tariffs, and currency values. While we do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change.

FUEL SUPPLEMENT: Travel Dynamics International Ltd. reserves the right to charge a fuel supplement, without prior notice, if the NYMEX oil price exceeds \$85 per barrel. This supplement may be charged even if the cruise fare has been paid in full.

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Along the coast of St. Thomas