TREASURES OF THE MAYA
Palenque, Bonampak, Yaxchilán, Tikal, & Copán

WITH MARY MILLER, DEAN OF YALE COLLEGE  JANUARY 3–12, 2013

Yale EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL
ASSOCIATION OF YALE ALUMNI
Thursday, January 3
**HOME & VILLAHERMOSA, MEXICO**
Fly to Villahermosa and check in to the Hilton Villahermosa. HILTON VILLAHERMOSA

Friday, January 4
**VILLAHERMOSA & PALENQUE**
Visit La Venta Park to see examples of Olmec sculpture, particularly the enormous stone heads iconic of this ancient civilization. Drive through the scenic countryside to the Hotel Chan Kah near Palenque. This evening enjoy a welcome reception and dinner.  
HOTEL CHAN KAH (B.L,R.D)

Saturday, January 5
**PALENQUE**
Spend a full day exploring Palenque, a center of art, religion, and astronomy in the seventh century A.D. The architecture and sculpture that developed here are unique in their stylistic beauty and technical perfection. The Temple of Inscriptions, built around A.D. 692, stands over a vaulted chamber containing the carved sarcophagus of a Maya lord who was buried with a mosaic jade mask and jewelry of pearls, jade, and conch shells. Also visit the complex of buildings that includes the Palace, the Temple of Inscriptions, the Temple of the Sun, the Temple of the Foliated Cross, and several others that are in partial or final stages of excavation.  
HOTEL CHAN KAH (B.L)

Sunday, January 6
**PALENQUE & BONAMPAK & FRONTERA COROZAL**
Drive into the rainforest to spend the afternoon at Bonampak. Rarely visited, Bonampak caused a world sensation more than 60 years ago when its discoverers found magnificent polychromed wall paintings (circa A.D. 800) that yielded a wealth of information about the life of the Maya. After lunch, continue to the hamlet of Frontera Corozal and the rustic Escudo Jaguar Hotel. HOTEL ESCUDO JAGUAR (B.L,D)

Monday, January 7
**FRONTERA COROZAL & TIKAL**
Today take a river trip to Yaxchilán (“place of green stones”), a site that is almost completely surrounded by a loop of the Rio Usumacinta. During the Classic period, Yaxchilán ranked with Palenque, Tikal, and Copán as one of the leading cultural and political...
centers of the central Maya lowland region. The well-preserved remains make it one of the most fascinating sites in Mexico with its impressive standing architecture, stelae, and more than 60 carved lintels. Cross the Usumacinta River into Guatemala and continue by motorcoach to the Hotel Camino Real Tikal, situated on the shore of Lake Petén Itzá.

**Tuesday, January 8**

**TIKAL**

The incomparable ancient metropolis of Tikal has been under excavation and reconstruction since the late 1950s. Hieroglyphic texts suggest that it served as a capital of the Maya civilization during the early classic period (A.D. 250 to A.D. 600). Located within a wildlife preserve, Tikal provides one of the best locations for viewing jungle wildlife and exotic birds such as macaws, toucans, and parrots. **HOTEL CAMINO REAL TIKAL (B,L,D)**

**Wednesday, January 9**

**TIKAL ➔ UAXACTUN (optional)**

After an optional early-morning bird-watching walk, return to Tikal to continue exploring the site’s magnificent temples and plazas. View treasures from the excavations at the Tikal Museum and the Lithic Museum. In the afternoon, join an optional excursion to Uaxactun, an ancient rival city located north of Tikal, or return to the hotel. **HOTEL CAMINO REAL TIKAL (B,L)**

In 1996, Dr. Miller conducted an extensive study of the Bonampak murals and wrote, “Perhaps no single artifact from the ancient New World offers as complex a view of pre-Hispanic society as do the Bonampak paintings. No other work features so many Maya engaged in the life of the court and rendered in such great detail, making the Bonampak murals an unparalleled resource for understanding ancient society.”

**Thursday, January 10**

**TIKAL ➔ COPÁN, HONDURAS**

Fly to Copán by chartered aircraft and spend the afternoon at the recently excavated site of Sepulturas, residence of scribes, artists, and the elite of ancient Copán. **HOTEL MARINA (B,L)**

**Friday, January 11**

**COPÁN**

Spend a full day exploring the main site at Copán, with its elaborately carved sculptures and architecture, recently excavated tunnels, a hieroglyphic stairway, and a ball court. Also enjoy a guided visit to the highly acclaimed Sculpture Museum, which displays artifacts, altars, and sculpture removed from the ceremonial center and outlying areas. In the evening celebrate this adventure at a farewell reception and dinner. **HOTEL MARINA (B,L,R,D)**

**Saturday, January 12**

**COPÁN ➔ SAN PEDRO SULA ➔ HOME**

Transfer to San Pedro Sula airport and connect to flights home. (B)

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**PROGRAM RATES**

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**AIRFARE**

Domestic and international airfare from home to Villahermosa and return from San Pedro Sula is not included. The on-tour flight from Flores (Tikal) to Copán is included in the program cost.

**PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE**

- Educational program by Yale lecturer and local experts
- All accommodations and meals as outlined in the itinerary (B=breakfast, L=lunch, R=reception, D=dinner)
- All ground transportation and on-tour flight within program itinerary unless otherwise indicated
- All sightseeing as specified in the itinerary
- Pre-departure materials, including travel information
- Entrance fees, airport and hotel taxes, and gratuities to housekeeping, porters, escorts, drivers, and guides
- Welcome and farewell receptions
- Bottled water throughout the program
- Arrival and departure transfers for those traveling on the designated schedule
- Baggage handling for one checked piece and one carry-on piece per person
- Professional tour manager

**WHAT TO EXPECT**

The weather in early January will be pleasant, with average daytime temperatures in the 70s and little rain. This is a moderately active program that involves extended periods of walking on uneven terrain at archaeological sites. Participants should be fit and in active good health.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE**

- U.S. domestic or international airfare unless specified as included
- Passport and visa expenses
- Medical expenses and immunizations
- Arrival and departure transfers/baggage handling for those traveling independent of the designated schedule
Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour  ■ Excess baggage charges  ■ Travel and trip cancellation insurance  ■ Meals not specified in the itinerary; food and beverages not part of the included meals  ■ Personal items such as telephone and fax calls, laundry, room service, alcoholic or other beverages not specified as included  ■ Gratuities for non-group services

INSURANCE
Travel insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, medical problems, baggage loss and delay, etc., is highly recommended, and we hope that you will obtain it for this expedition. Trip cancellation policies that apply to this expedition are included in this brochure. Please be sure to carry the details of your travel insurance coverage with you on the program. Travelers are free to purchase the travel insurance of their choice. It is recommended that travelers clearly understand the difference between “primary” and “secondary” travel insurance.

SIZE
This program is limited to 32 participants.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS
To reserve space, please complete the reservation form and mail it with your check or credit card information to the address at the top of the form. You may also fax the form to (203) 432-0587 and your reservation will be held for five working days pending receipt of your check or credit card information. If you have questions, please call (203) 432-1952 or email margaret.carnright@yale.edu. Final payment deadline is September 6, 2012, 120 days before departure. NOTE: Please be advised there is currently a U.S. Department of State travel warning informing travelers of the security situation in Mexico. This warning was last updated on February 8, 2012. The areas visited in Mexico (Villa Hermosa, Palenque, Bonampak, and Yaxchilan) are not part of the travel warning. You can rest assured that the safety of our travelers is of the utmost importance to us and we continually monitor the political and safety situation within the destinations on this itinerary.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS
Upon payment of a $1,000 deposit per person, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be effective until they are received in writing and confirmed by the Association of Yale Alumni. Deposits are refundable (less a $250 per person administration fee) if written notice of cancellation is received within 30 days of reservation; after that, deposits are 100% non-refundable. Final payment is due September 6, 2012 (120 days prior to departure). Cancellations within 120 days of departure are 100% nonrefundable. For this reason we strongly urge participants to purchase trip cancellation insurance. If the program is cancelled by the Association of Yale Alumni or the tour operator, you will receive a full refund, without further obligation on our part. No refunds will be made for any part of this program on which you choose not to participate. Note: Neither the Association of Yale Alumni nor Criterion Travel, Inc., the tour operator, accepts liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in conjunction with this tour.

PAYMENT INFORMATION
Enclosed is my check for $ _____________ ($1,000 per person), to reserve _______ place(s) on Treasures of the Maya. OR Charge the deposit to my credit card: VISA / MC / AMEX (circle one)

To reserve today, fax this form to Yale Educational Travel at (203) 432-0587 to hold your space for one week, pending receipt of your deposit or credit card instructions. Please make your deposit check payable to Criterion Travel and mail it with this registration form to: Association of Yale Alumni, Box 209010, New Haven, CT 06520-9010.

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SINGLE TRAVELERS: I understand that there is a supplemental charge for single accommodations. If this is a reservation for one person, please indicate:

☐ I prefer to have single accommodations. OR ☐ I plan to share accommodations with:

☐ I’d like to know about roommates. I am a ☐ Smoker / ☐ Non-smoker. I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment date, I will pay the single rate.

☐ I/We have read the tour information section of the brochure and agree to the Terms and Conditions stated therein.

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Dear Yale Traveler,

THE MAYA, A MESOAMERICAN CIVILIZATION noted for the only known, fully developed, written language of the pre-Columbian Americas, also made remarkable advances in art, architecture, and mathematical and astronomical systems. Join Mary Miller, Dean of Yale College, Sterling Professor of History of Art, and an expert on the art of the ancient New World, for an in-depth exploration of Maya artistic and archaeological treasures in Mexico, Guatemala, and Honduras.

Explore three of the most spectacular Maya ceremonial centers—Palenque, Tikal, and Copán, a UNESCO World Heritage site—and two more remote sites—Bonampak, extensively studied by Dr. Miller and renowned for its magnificent polychromed wall paintings, and Yaxchilán (“place of green stones”), with its well-preserved monuments, stelae, and carved lintels. Also discover the rich natural world of the Maya, including the Petén rainforests filled with chattering monkeys and wildly colorful birds.

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Sincerely,

Judith Cushingham, Director
Yale Educational Travel

Make a secure reservation online today at www.YaleEdTravel.org/Maya13.

YALE FACULTY

MARY MILLER, Sterling Professor of History of Art, became Dean of Yale College on December 1, 2008, after serving as master of Saybrook College for nearly a decade. A specialist in the art of the ancient New World, Miller curated “The Courtly Art of the Ancient Maya” at the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C., and the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco in 2004. For that exhibition, she wrote the catalogue of the same title with Simon Martin, senior epigrapher at the University of Pennsylvania Museum. In 2009, her essay “Shaped Time” on George Kubler, one of the foremost scholars on Pre-Columbian American and Ibero-American art, appeared in Art Journal; her book, The Aztec Calendar Stone, co-edited with Khristaan Villela, was published in 2010. Among her other books are The Murals of Bonampak, The Blood of Kings (with Linda Schele), The Art of Mesoamerica, Maya Art and Architecture, The Gods and Symbols of Ancient Mexico and the Maya (with Karl Taube), and A Pre-Columbian World (co-edited with Jeffrey Quilter). For her work on ancient Mexico and the Maya, Miller has won national recognition including a Guggenheim Fellowship. Miller earned her A.B. from Princeton in 1975 and her Ph.D. from Yale in 1981, joining the faculty that year.

FRONT COVER PHOTOS:
“The Prisoner” carving (large) at the Palenque archaeological site (inset).

BACK COVER PHOTOS:
Toucan (top) at the Tikal archaeological site (bottom).
Highlights

Explore three of the most important and impressive Maya sites in the world, Palenque, Tikal, and Copán, in the company of renowned Maya scholar Mary Miller.

Observe the brilliant polychromed murals of Bonampak, which caused a sensation when they were discovered in the 1940s and continue to astonish visitors.

Journey by river to Yaxchilán ("place of green stones"), an ancient city almost completely encircled by a loop of the Usumacintla River.

Delight in the rich natural world of the Maya in the Petén Rainforests, filled with howler monkeys, toucans, parrots, and numerous other exotic species.