Yale Educational Travel

GREAT LAKES SUMMER IDYLL
A Family Voyage
Aboard the 130-Guest Yorktown

June 22 - July 3, 2013
Yale Educational Travel

For Yale alumni, the journey of learning and continued cross-cultural interaction doesn’t end at graduation. This passion for engagement with the world is at the heart of Yale Educational Travel. We are committed to offering alumni a wide variety of travel programs, in-depth and illuminating experiences that incorporate the very best of Yale teaching.

THE PROGRAM

- Distinguished lecturers who will accompany the group and be available for informal discussion throughout the program.
- Travelers from the American Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, and National Trust for Historic Preservation will share this voyage.
- Younger guests (ages 7-21) are invited to travel at special rates and participate in the Young Explorers Program. The Program will lead groups of similarly aged children and young adults on a series of educational and recreational activities designed around their interests.
- Full program of excursions, as described in the itinerary.
- Fitness Level: Moderately Active — Activities include extensive walking on uneven surfaces at a moderate pace and stair climbing.

TO RESERVE TODAY

- Register online at www.YaleEdTravel.org/greatlakes13. Or fax the registration form to the AYA at (203) 432-0587. In either case we will hold your space for one week pending receipt of your payment.
- Make your deposit check payable to “Travel Dynamics International” and send it with your registration form to Yale Educational Travel, Box 209010, New Haven, CT 06520-9010. Or, you may charge your deposit. Include your AmEx, Discover, Visa, or MasterCard information with your registration form.
- Reservation contact: (203) 432-1952 or edtravel@yale.edu
For centuries, Native American tribes made their home along the shores of the St. Lawrence River and the Great Lakes. They hunted along its shores, pulled fish from its waters, and used these waterways as a highway into the interior of the vast wilderness that was America and Canada. The French explorer René-Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle, was the first European to sail into the Great Lakes. In 1679, aboard the ship Le Griffon, he sailed across the uncharted Lakes Erie, Huron, and Michigan in search of a water route through North America to the Pacific.

This is a voyage into an exciting world. You will never forget our passage through the Welland Canal: to make the travel between Lake Ontario to Lake Erie, the locks will lift (or lower) our ship, Yorktown, an astonishing 326.5 feet over the course of 27 miles. This man-made marvel is very near one of nature’s most majestic creations—Niagara Falls. The roar of the falls, the cloud of mist that hangs perpetually over the cataracts, the dramatic rock formations carved by a retreating glacier 10,000 years ago, make this one of the most evocative, most enchanting spots in North America.

A small ship such as Yorktown is the best way to see the St. Lawrence and the Great Lakes. From the deck of our ship, you can experience the same view of the waterways and the shoreline as the Indians saw from their canoes, and the first explorers saw from the decks of their wooden sailing ships.

One of the pleasures of this voyage is going ashore to explore the pristine wildlife habitat of Presque Isle, as well as the charming historic small towns along the shores of the lakes. Saugatuck and Charlevoix are classic American small towns, with fine examples of 19th-century architecture, and a host of shops, art galleries and restaurants lining their quaint streets. And to visit to Mackinac Island is to step back in time to the Victorian era—gingerbread trim on the front porches, lush cottage gardens, and travel by horse-drawn carriage.

This summer, join us aboard Yorktown for a grand nautical adventure into the heart of one of the most beautiful regions in North America.
Freedom to Explore
Most of the ports on our Great Lakes itineraries are off limits to foreign vessels, but because Yorktown flies the American flag, we can access small port towns that are the hidden gems of the inland seas. Nor are they accessible to mega cruise ships. Aboard Yorktown, you will travel with a small group of people who share your interests, who regard travel as a life-enriching experience. When we go on shore excursions, you are exploring with friends, not getting lost in a crowd of tourists. And at many of the ports we visit we offer a choice of excursions and options of other activities, such as kayaking, at no additional cost.

Seeking Out the Unexpected
When designing our itineraries, we always look for unexpected destinations. Lake Huron’s Presque Isle, for example, is a birder’s paradise that BirdWatching magazine has identified as one of the top ten birding spots in the country. We’ll be there during the shorebird and warbler migration, at a time when it is not unusual to see young herons in the lagoons, and bald eagles soaring overhead.

Immerse Yourself in the Rhythms of Daily Life
Time is precious, and that is one of the things this cruise gives you. Never will you be rushed from one site to another. On our cruises, you have the leisure to stop for lunch at a lakefront restaurant, or chat with an artist in a gallery. Most of the places we visit are small towns, where people move at a different pace than city-dwellers. This cruise gives you an opportunity to experience the unhurried rhythm of life along the lakes.

A Small Shipboard Community of Like-Minded Travelers
Meeting and mingling with your fellow guests is one of the greatest pleasures of the voyage. Our passengers tend to be well-traveled with out-of-the-ordinary life experiences and interesting stories to tell. They tend to be confident, outgoing, friendly. They enjoy exploring new places and making new friends. Aboard Yorktown, you are not an anonymous tourist lost in a crowd of strangers; you are a welcome member of a small shipboard community.

The Incredible St. Lawrence Seaway: Unique in the World
Opened to navigation in 1959, and built as a bi-national partnership between the U.S. and Canada, the St. Lawrence Seaway stretches for more than 2,500 miles from the Atlantic Ocean to Minnesota. The construction of the section of the Seaway between Montreal and Lake Ontario with its seven locks, as well as the Welland Canal, whose eight locks connect Lake Ontario with Lake Erie, is recognized as one of the greatest engineering feats in history. Together, the fifteen locks lift (or lower) ships by an amazing 570 feet above sea level, as high as a 60-story building.

On this cruise, Yorktown will navigate through both the Montreal/Lake Ontario sector and the Welland Canal, giving travelers the opportunity to marvel at this great engineering and technical achievement.
Our voyage is accompanied by an experienced team of lecturers and expert local guides who are intimately familiar with the destination. Through lectures and discussion, they will introduce you to the natural and cultural history of these shores.

**William Cogar** is a life-long student of naval history. He taught history at the U.S. Naval Academy, served as Vice President for Collections and Research at Mystic Seaport Museum in Mystic, Connecticut, and until his retirement in 2011, was President and CEO of The Mariners’ Museum in Newport News, Virginia.

**Adam Watson** is a post-doctorate fellow at the American Museum of Natural History in New York. His area of expertise is the complex Native American societies in pre-Columbian America, especially how they utilized the natural environment. Dr. Watson has conducted fieldwork in New Mexico, and in upstate New York.
Temu Nana is a native of Detroit, Michigan. He has traveled extensively throughout the world, including all parts of the United States and Canada. After graduating from the University of Michigan with a degree in Theatre Performance, he moved to New York and joined Travel Dynamics International, working for several years both in the office and in the field. On the Yorktown, Temu has led cruises along the mid-Atlantic, New England, and the Great Lakes.

### Young Explorers Program

*For Children and Young Adults Ages 7-21*

Experienced youth education counselors will lead groups of similarly aged children and young adults in the Young Explorers Program, a series of educational and recreational activities designed around their interests, including:

- A tour of *Yorktown* conducted by an officer, introducing basic information about the ship’s structure, nautical terms, and elementary navigation aids
- A fun and educational lesson on the history of Michilimackinac from its habitation by Ojibwe and Odawa tribes through the European discoveries and fur trade to the War of 1812
- A thrilling *Maid of the Mist* boat ride to the base of Niagara Falls
- A treasure hunt throughout *Yorktown*
- The opportunity to ride the massive sand dunes on the shore of Lake Michigan on specially-designed dune schooners
- An exciting wilderness excursion of Agawa Canyon on a historical train
The Eclectic Collections of the Henry Ford Museum

The Henry Ford Museum outside Detroit is a diverse collection—part American history museum, part tribute to American inventors. Among the artifacts the museum displays are the camp bed George Washington used during the American Revolution, the upholstered rocking chair in which Abraham Lincoln sat at Ford’s Theater, and the limousine in which John F. Kennedy was riding when he was assassinated. One of the premier attractions, Greenfield Village is a collection of historic buildings that tell the story of American ingenuity. Among the structures that were moved here are the Wright Brothers’ bicycle shop where they developed the first airplane, and Thomas Edison’s laboratory where he created the first light bulb.

USA | MONTREAL, Quebec, Canada | EMBARK
Fly to Montreal and embark Yorktown. (D)

Saturday, June 22, 2013

THE ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY
Navigate the St. Lawrence Seaway, a system of lakes, canals, and locks that provide a deepwater passage from the St. Lawrence River to Lake Ontario—and a fascinating glimpse of North America’s heartland. (B, L, D)

Sunday, June 23

KINGSTON, Ontario, Canada
Located at a strategic location, the junction of Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River, Kingston was founded in the 17th century by the French as a fur-trading settlement, becoming later an important British military post. Today, Kingston is one of Canada’s most charming and best-preserved cities, justly known for its many historic 19th-century buildings. Our exploration of the city will include its major landmarks, such as the Fort Henry National Historic Site, built in 1832; the Marine Museum of the Great Lakes, whose exhibits highlight the maritime history of the Great Lakes, and the Bellevue House, with its beautiful gardens. (B, L, D)

Monday, June 24

CRUISING LAKE ERIE | DETROIT, Michigan
Spend the day enjoying the lectures aboard and amenities of Yorktown as we sail to Detroit, where we arrive in the evening. (B, L, D)

Tuesday, June 25

PORT WELLER | WELLAND CANAL | NIAGARA FALLS | LAKE ERIE
Arrive this morning at Port Weller, from where Yorktown begins the dramatic passage from Lake Ontario to Lake Erie via the Welland Canal. A series of eight locks designed as a continuous flight of “stairs” lifts Yorktown 326.5 feet as it transits from Lake Ontario to Lake Erie. From the decks of the ship witness the mechanics of this engineering marvel, which took over 100 years to complete. Then disembark for an excursion to Niagara Falls, one of North America’s most spectacular natural wonders, where we’ll see both the American Falls and Horseshoe (Canadian) Falls. (B, L, D)

Wednesday, June 26

DETROIT | CRUISING LAKE HURON
In the morning, tour the Henry Ford Museum. A National Historic Landmark, the property houses a vast array of historic automobiles, machinery, furniture exhibits, and other Americana. In the afternoon, sail through Lake St. Clair and Lake Huron en route to Alpena. (B, L, D)

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Friday, June 28

ALPENA | PRESQUE ISLE | ALPENA

Arrive in Thunder Bay to call at the lovely town of Alpena, home to an outstanding maritime museum with displays on Great Lakes maritime history. Alternately, travel north to the small peninsula of Presque Isle, an untouched place of great beauty with two historic lighthouses. Pristine forests, numerous inland lakes, and 72 miles of Lake Huron shoreline on the central flyway make Presque Isle a birder’s paradise. (B, L, D)

Saturday, June 29

SAULT STE. MARIE | AGAWA CANYON, Ontario, Canada | SAULT STE. MARIE, Michigan, USA

Enter the scenic waterways of the North Channel, which lead to Sault Ste. Marie. Our full-day tour by train travels inland through the magnificent scenery of the Agawa Canyon. (B, L, D)

Sunday, June 30

MACKINAC ISLAND

Arrive in beautiful Mackinac Island, a Victorian-era haven where cars are forbidden and bicycles share the road with horse-drawn carriages. Explore this idyllic island and see the ancient limestone formations that were considered sacred by the Straits Indians; the impressive Fort Mackinac, built atop a high cliff by the British in 1780; and the landmark Victorian Grand Hotel. Also enjoy free time to stroll along streets lined with ginger-bread-trimmed buildings and browse in the charming shops. (B, L, D)

Monday, July 1

CHARLEVOIX

The tumbling hills of Michigan’s scenic northwest are blanketed with maple and spruce. Explore lovely Charlevoix including the unique “mushroom” houses built by local architect Earl Young. (B, L, D)
Tuesday, July 2

SAUGATUCK

Arrive in Saugatuck, nestled off the shores of Lake Michigan and Kalamazoo Lake. Originally a lumber town, Saugatuck eventually became known for its fruit production, especially its peaches. In the early 1900s Saugatuck was a prime summer destination for Chicago urbanites. Today, it is known for its historic buildings and churches, unique shops, and many art galleries, which you will have an opportunity to explore. Also enjoy a scenic ride through the coastal dunes on specially designed dune schooners. (B, L, D)

Wednesday, July 3

CHICAGO, Illinois | DISEMBARK | FLY HOME

Disembark in Chicago following breakfast. (B)
Serene Mackinac Island

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The **Yorktown**

The *Yorktown* is the perfect vessel for relaxed and convivial exploration of America’s great coastal waterways. Built in Florida in 1988 specifically for coastal cruising and certified by the U. S. Coast Guard, the *Yorktown* flies the American flag and is staffed by friendly and experienced American officers and crew. With a draft of only 9 feet, the *Yorktown* 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. Accommodating only 130 guests in 65 exterior cabins, the *Yorktown* enjoys an atmosphere of warm and relaxed informality that endears it to repeat and new guests alike.

**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. Your cabin is the perfect place for peace and quiet and for private rest and reflection. 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 unobstructed views of the passing scene. The Sun Deck affords similar opportunities to read and relax, with the added virtue of open air.

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Bathrooms are appointed with fine toiletries

Relaxing on Yorktown’s Sun Deck

Yorktown’s spacious Lounge is surrounded by windows

Navigating the St. Lawrence Seaway

Most cabins feature a picture window

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Cruise aboard the 130-guest *Yorktown*

Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions aboard ship

All meals aboard ship, including house wine, beer, and soft drinks with lunch and dinner

Complete program of tours and excursions

Enrichment program of lectures and discussions by accompanying study leaders

Professional Travel Dynamics International tour staff

Complete pre-departure materials

Gratuities to guides and drivers

**NOT INCLUDED:** Airfare; port and embarkation taxes; transfers; luggage and trip cancellation insurance; alcoholic beverages other than wine and beer with lunch and dinner; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, faxes, and Internet service; and gratuities to shipboard personnel

**AIRFARE:** Airfare is not included in the Cruise and Land Rates. Please contact your preferred airline, travel agent, or the Travel Dynamics International air desk operated by Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc. (VWTI) for airfare information and to reserve flights. Consultants are available Monday – Friday from 9:00 am – 5:30 pm (EST) toll-free at 1-877-711-9896. Please have your tour code (13615) and dates handy for reference.

### CRUISE AND LAND RATES

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<td>Outside cabins with two lower beds that can convert to a queen bed, picture window, and private bathroom. Cabins L27, L28, P59*, P60 (P59's two lower beds cannot be converted.)</td>
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<td>Superior outside cabins with walk-out balcony, full-size bed, private bathroom, and mini-refrigerator. Cabins S77-S80</td>
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**PORT TAXES & CHARGES:** $240 per person

**SINGLE RATES**

A limited number of cabins for solo travelers are available in Category C-A at a supplement of $1,395.

### SPECIAL CHILD & YOUNG ADULT RATES  per child or young adult, ages 7 - 21

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**PORT CHARGES $125**
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. No cancellation is valid until received in writing in the office of the Association of Yale Alumni.

INSURANCE: We strongly recommend the purchase of travel insurance. In the event you must cancel your participation on this program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. Please note: Most insurance companies will include pre-existing conditions only if one purchases travel insurance within a short window of time after paying a trip deposit.

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

RESPONSIBILITY: Please read carefully the following terms and conditions, which constitute the sole, legally enforceable agreements between the passenger and Travel Dynamics International, Yale University (and AYA) the Association of Yale Alumni (hereafter referred to as "tour's sponsoring organization". The passenger is also advised to review the separate ticket/passage contract with the vessel's owner/operator, which will constitute the sole, legally enforceable terms of carriage for this tour and is available on request from Travel Dynamics International. Travel Dynamics International 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 travel arrangements or 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 tour 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.

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