

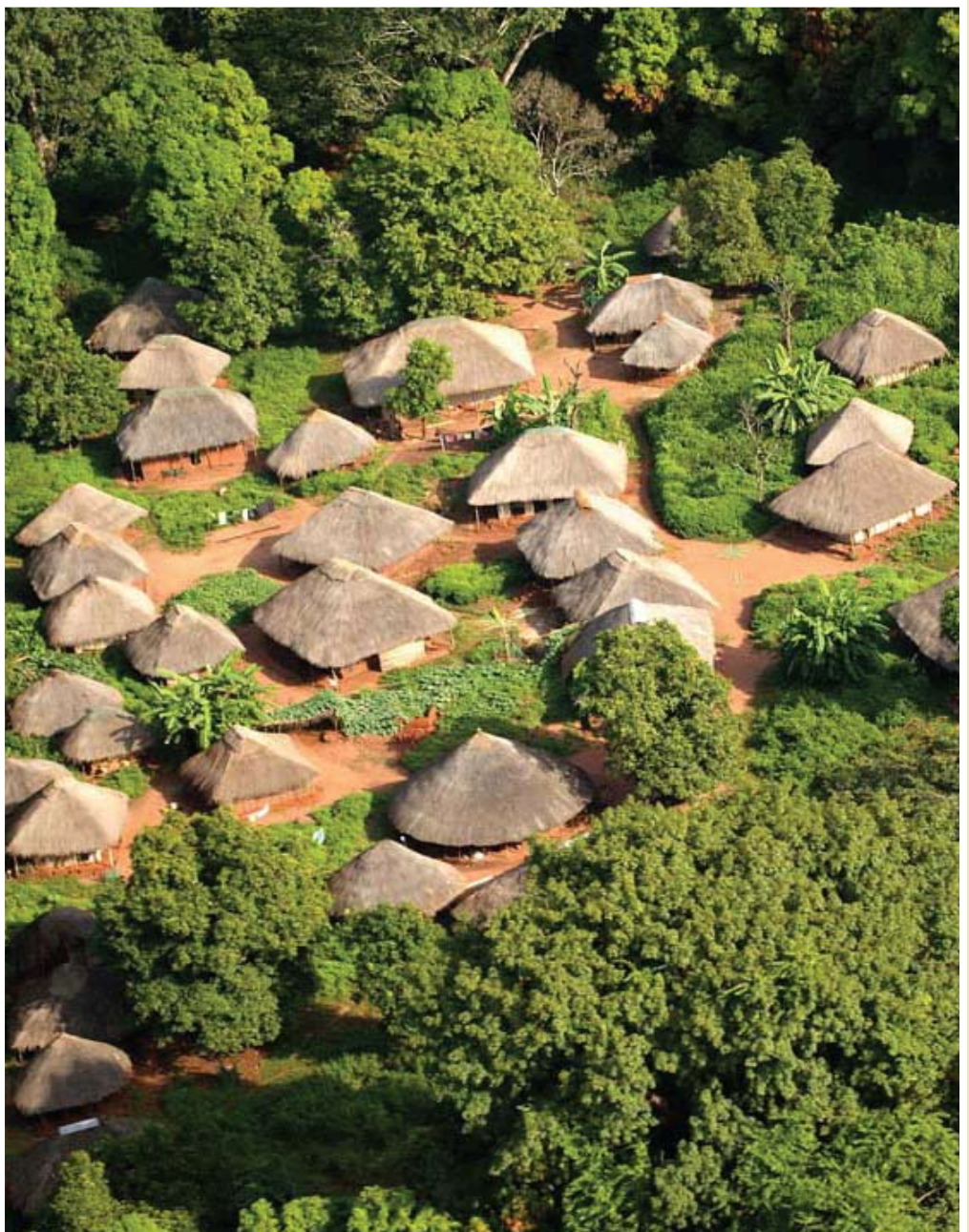
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INTO AFRICA

*A Voyage Exploring West Africa's
Traditional Cultures & Hidden Nature Reserves*

Aboard the 34-Guest Private Yacht *Callisto*



December 2011 - March 2012



Saltwater-dwelling hippos, Orango Island, Bijagós Archipelago

ONBOARD ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

On this voyage between Senegal and Sierra Leone, you will be introduced to a wondrous diversity of life in the rain forests, deserts, and river valleys we visit. You will also encounter a rich diversity of cultures as we move through countries and regions shaped by a variety of indigenous peoples, subjected to a variety of colonial powers, and pursuing a variety of social and political paths since independence. The special lecturers and onboard staff we have assembled are the ideal guides to help us understand the history and present circumstances of this part of West Africa.

Expedition Staff

Expedition Leader **PETER GRAHAM**'s many years of experience in the travel industry began when he left his native London and first went to sea, as an entertainer. Quickly rising to the position of Cruise Director, Peter spent several years in the cruise industry before returning to the theater in a number of productions, including in the West End, as well as on television and radio. He remained involved in the travel industry in a variety of capacities, including working as Expedition Leader on ships to some of the remotest places in the world. Peter has traveled to all seven continents and has led expeditions to West Africa aboard the *Corinthian II*, receiving high praise from participants for his knowledge of the region, his skills as a leader, and his charm.

Resident Naturalist **MARIUS BURGER** is based in Cape Town, South Africa. After 11 years as a research assistant with the Eastern Cape Nature Conservation, he worked as a herpetologist and faunal specialist with the South African Biodiversity Institute, the Animal Demography Unit, and on a number of Environmental Impact Assessment projects. Marius has collaborated with the Smithsonian Institution and WWF-USA in Gabon and the Central African Republic. The author of numerous books, articles, and papers dealing with natural history and conservation topics, he lectures widely and has been a presenter on a variety of television nature programs, including on National Geographic and BBC World.



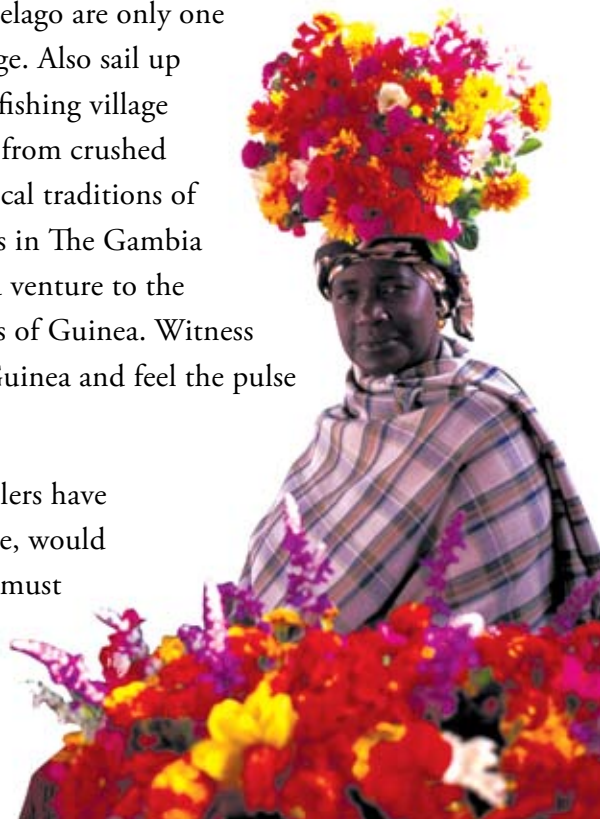
Even for a lifetime adventurer, the Bijagós Archipelago is one of the most obscure places in the world.

Few people outside anthropological or conservationist circles have ever heard of this tropical 88-island chain off the coast of Guinea-Bissau, in West Africa. A couple of years ago, a reporter for the *New York Times* found himself there and wrote that to spend time in “these verdant tropical specks...is to enter another world and another century, though it would be difficult to pinpoint exactly which ones.”

The inhabitants of the islands practice an animist religion. Nature is holy to them, and many places are considered sacred, much as they had been in prehistoric times when the Bijagós people settled the islands (believed to be around 9000 B.C.) Such beliefs have helped to preserve the rich biodiversity and abundant wildlife of the islands, which have been declared a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve. We will spend three days in this “undiscovered” archipelago, viewing the wildlife, including the rare saltwater hippos found only on Orango Island, and meet with the friendly Bijagós people and learn about their ancient culture and traditions.

Our three days in the Bijagós Archipelago are only one of the highlights of this unique voyage. Also sail up Senegal’s Saloum River and visit the fishing village of Joal-Fadiout, entirely constructed from crushed seashells. Take in the exuberant musical traditions of Dakar, weave through riverine forests in The Gambia where colobus monkeys gambol, and venture to the gorgeous, isolated Soumba Waterfalls of Guinea. Witness the marvelous songs and dances of Guinea and feel the pulse of life in the region’s cities.

This is the West Africa that few travelers have experienced. Tourism, on a large scale, would destroy these authentic cultures. We must have a small footprint. And that’s only possible aboard a ship like the 34-guest yacht *Callisto*.





Dates

EMBARK	DISEMBARK
December 24, 2011	January 3, 2012
January 3, 2012	January 13, 2012*
January 23, 2012	February 2, 2012*
February 2, 2012	February 12, 2012
February 12, 2012	February 22, 2012*
March 4, 2012	March 14, 2012*

* Itinerary operates in the reverse, from Freetown to Dakar.



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Bijagós ceremonial dancer

Itinerary

Day 1 ■ DAKAR, Senegal | EMBARK

Arrive in Dakar, the dynamic capital of Senegal, and transfer to the port to board *Callisto*. Once a small settlement on the Cap Vert peninsula, Africa's westernmost point, Dakar has grown into a great metropolis that now occupies the entire peninsula and beyond. Spend the night aboard docked in Dakar. In the evening, enjoy a show of music and dance, for which Senegal is justly famous. (D)

Day 2 ■ DAKAR | GORÉE ISLAND | DAKAR

Spend the day exploring Dakar, starting with a short ferry ride to historic Gorée Island, which played a significant role in the Atlantic slave trade. First settled by Europeans in the 15th century, the island, with its narrow alleyways and colonial buildings, is now a UNESCO World Heritage site. Return to Dakar to visit the IFAN Museum of African Arts, one of West Africa's best, then explore the Marche Soumbédioune, a craft market with the best variety of artisan workmanship, and enjoy a specially arranged visit to a contemporary artist's studio. Sail in the evening. (B, L, D)

Day 3 ■ SALOUM RIVER | JOAL-FADIOUT

After sailing along Senegal's coast, *Callisto* will enter the Saloum River and anchor near the village of Djifere. Landing ashore on local motorized pirogues, drive to the fascinating fishing village of Fadiout, where the houses are built of crushed shells. After exploring Fadiout, cross the wooden bridge spanning



The waterways of Senegal's Joal-Fadiout

an estuary to Joal, the birthplace of the great Senegalese statesman, Sédhar Senghor, to watch the hauling-in of the colorful fishing boats. (B, L, D)

Day 4 ■ BANJUL, The Gambia

Founded by the British early in the 19th century, Banjul is the capital and commercial center of The Gambia. Disembark in the morning and drive to the Abuko Nature Reserve, one of the last surviving examples of tropical riverine forests in the country. Within its confines are about 300 species of birds, as well as red colobus and callithrix monkeys. Continue to the Makasutu Culture Forest, a private nature habitat with beautiful woodland and waterways. Enjoy lunch at the reserve. Return to Banjul to visit the National Museum, whose exhibits illustrate the history and culture of the country. (B, L, D)

Day 5 ■ BISSAU, Guinea-Bissau

Part of the Mali Empire from the 13th to 15th centuries, and a colony of Portugal from the beginning of the 16th century to 1974, when it gained independence, Guinea-Bissau is one of the smallest and least visited countries in West Africa. Explore Bissau, the country's friendly and peaceful capital, focusing on Bissau Velho (Old Bissau), whose streets are lined with houses dating from the colonial period. Also visit the Bandim Market, known for its good selection of strip-woven cloth, and the Centro Artístico Juvenil, where local artists specialize in wood carvings. (B, L, D)

Days 6 - 8 ■ BIJAGÓS ARCHIPELAGO

Spend three days exploring the Bijagós Archipelago, a cluster of 88 pristine and seldom visited islands, of which only 23 are inhabited. The

islands have been settled since prehistoric times by the Bijagós people, a matriarchal society in which women choose their husbands, and the community is guided by female priests. Before the arrival of Europeans in the 15th century, the islands were vital in the trade routes along West Africa's coast and were known for their oceangoing canoes that could carry up to 70 people. Fiercely independent, the Bijagós navy defeated the Portuguese when they attempted to conquer the islands in 1535. In fact, the Portuguese were unable to take control of the archipelago until 1936. The 25,000 Bijagós who live on the islands today still practice their ancient traditions and speak their ethnic language, in addition to Portuguese. The islands contain an impressive biodiversity and abundant flora and fauna, in recognition of which they have been declared a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. The pristine nature of the islands has been preserved partly due to the Bijagós' animistic faith, which prohibits economic activities in the many sacred areas, including bans on permanent construction.

Our itinerary in the archipelago will be governed by the tides, which in some places can be up to 20 feet. We expect to visit several of the most important islands, including Orango, which is home to a rare species of saltwater-dwelling hippos; heavily-forested Canogo; and João Vieira, a breeding ground for marine turtles. In addition to discovering the natural riches of the islands, we will also have the opportunity to visit villages, meet the friendly Bijagós people, and learn about their traditions, which have remained unchanged through the centuries. There will be opportunities to swim in the crystalline waters and enjoy the pristine white-sand beaches. (B, L, D)

Day 9 ■ CONAKRY, Guinea | DUBRÉKA | CONAKRY

Playing a major role during the period of West Africa's powerful empires (13th to 18th centuries), and fought over by the Portuguese, British, and French, Guinea gained independence from France in 1958. A country of great diversity, Guinea is also rich in artistic traditions, especially music and dance. From Conakry, the country's capital, drive to Dubréka, a pretty town surrounded by mangrove swamps, which we will explore, including the beautiful Soumba Waterfalls. In the town, visit the Institut Supérieur des Arts, the country's national art school, as well as Tafory, an art center created by the painter Nabisco. (B, L, D)

Day 10 ■ FREETOWN, Sierra Leone

With its rich forests, nature reserves, and white-sand beaches, Sierra Leone is one of West Africa's most attractive destinations. In Freetown, explore the Sierra Leone Museum, housing a wonderful collection of masks, drums, and other artifacts; St. George's Cathedral, completed in 1828; and the city's colorful markets. Also visit the Regent Village, with its early 19th-century Krio-style houses, as well as the Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary, home to abandoned and rescued chimps, set in beautiful surroundings. Overnight aboard docked in Freetown. (B, L, D)

Day 11 ■ FREETOWN | DISEMBARK | BUNCE ISLAND | FREETOWN | FLY HOME

Disembark *Callisto* in the morning and take a local motorboat to travel up the mangrove-lined Sierra Leone River to Bunce Island, a small islet covered in jungle and dominated by a massive ruined fort, built by the British in 1670 as a slave trading post. Return to Freetown for lunch and time at leisure before transferring to the airport for the evening return flight to the U.S. Day rooms will be provided at the *Hotel Kimbima*. (B, L)



A Sparrow-weaver building an elaborately woven nest



Musicians in Dakar playing the stringed kora

Program Inclusions

- 10-night cruise aboard the 34-guest private yacht *Callisto*
- Day rooms in Freetown at the *Hotel Kimbima* or in Dakar at the *Hotel Pullman Dakar Teranga*
- 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
- Open bar aboard ship throughout the cruise
- Educational program of lectures and discussions by accompanying lecturers and expedition staff
- Professional Travel Dynamics International tour staff
- Complete pre-departure materials
- Baggage handling and transfers abroad on the designated program arrival and departure dates
- Port and embarkation taxes
- Gratuities to porters, guides, and drivers

NOT INCLUDED: Airfare; visa and passport fees (if applicable); 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 e-mail service; and gratuities to shipboard personnel

Your Ship for this Voyage, the 34-Guest **CALLISTO**



The most memorable voyages take place aboard a private yacht, where one is part of a small, select, sociable community. Cabins are appointed very comfortably. Public areas, whether indoors or out on deck, are warm, inviting places where friends meet for conversation, a drink, or to pass a pleasant hour with a good book. The cuisine is superb, and the service is considerate and congenial. This is the exceptional experience you'll enjoy aboard *Callisto*.

A Private Yacht Experience

Callisto, accommodating just 34 guests, is ideal for our unique approach to cruising. Her small size allows visits to unspoiled ports, pristine beaches, and intimate coves and harbors that have been familiar to fishermen and other sailors of small craft for thousands of years, but which are inaccessible to large commercial cruise liners. The limited guest list assures a group large enough to bring together an interesting mix of travelers, but small enough to foster a genuine spirit of camaraderie.

Intimate Elegance

All 17 exterior cabins resemble guest rooms in a fine home—beautifully furnished, comfortably arranged, and complete with the amenities one would expect from a thoughtful host: large windows (portholes on Daphne Deck), generous storage space, climate control, mini-refrigerator, safe, telephone, TV, DVD/CD player, and marble bathroom with shower. The yacht's public areas, including an elegant restaurant surrounded by large picture windows, a spacious lounge and bar, and a library (with Internet access) surrounded by windows, are decorated with rich fabrics, handsome woodwork, gleaming brass, antiques, and fine works of art. The yacht also features a Jacuzzi, two broad decks for sunbathing, and a swimming platform. Wi-Fi is available throughout the ship.

Fine Dining

Callisto's hotel staff requisitions fresh provisions from many ports of call. You will enjoy menus of classic Continental fare prepared by expert European chefs. Meals are served at a single unassigned seating in the restaurant, or alfresco on the sun deck. Select fine wines are complimentary with lunch and dinner.

Join us aboard *Callisto* and discover for yourself the pleasure of exploring the world from a private yacht.

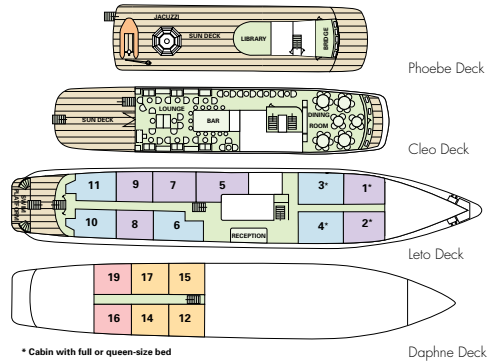


Typical Cabin



Lounge

DECK PLAN



CRUISE & LAND RATES

per person,
double occupancy

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	RATE
D	Outside cabins on Daphne Deck with portholes	US\$10,995
C	Outside cabins on Daphne Deck with portholes	US\$11,795
B	Outside cabins on Leto Deck with picture window	US\$12,995
A	Outside cabins on Leto Deck with two picture windows	US\$13,995

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: A limited number of singles are available in Categories B & C for an additional charge of \$2,495 to the per person, double occupancy rates.

PROGRAM FEATURES & HIGHLIGHTS

- Attend a private performance of Senegalese music on board ship.
- Visit historic Gorée Island in Senegal and Bunce Island in Sierra Leone and learn about their roles in the Atlantic slave trade.
- See The Gambia's rich diversity of birds and monkeys during visits to the forest, woodlands, and waterways in Abuko Nature Reserve and the privately owned Makasutu Culture Forest.
- Explore the culture and wildlife of the unspoiled Bijagós Archipelago of Guinea-Bissau, where traditions have remained unchanged for centuries.
- Enjoy colorful markets where artisans sell their wares, including wood carvings, batik fabrics, metalworks, and baskets.



GENERAL INFORMATION

PLEASE NOTE: ALL RATES ARE LISTED IN US DOLLARS.

PAYMENTS: A deposit of US\$1,000 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 or pay it by personal check. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure and must be by personal check only; credit cards are not accepted for final payment.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS: All cancellations are subject to a US\$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 recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance. Details will be sent upon registration.

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

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