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Total Solar Eclipse Cruise & Exploration of Japan

July 15 – 29, 2009



Dear Princetonian:

July 22, 2009 provides a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to view a total solar eclipse over six minutes in duration. Princeton Journeys has secured a limited number of cabins on a vessel dedicated to maximizing this eclipse experience, and Professor of Astrophysical Sciences, Ed Turner, will be on hand to set the stage for this dramatic event.

After a brief tour of Beijing, China, board the *Costa Classica*, making ports of call in Cheju, South Korea, and Kagoshima, Japan, before arriving at the optimum eclipse viewing location, 24° 12.2" north, 144° 07.0" east. Alumni from MIT, along with MIT Professor of Physics, Edmund Bertschinger, who has a Ph.D. from Princeton, as well as members of the Harvard Museum of Natural History, join the Princeton group on board the ship.

Then disembark in Kobe, Japan, and travel as an exclusive Princeton group to Kyoto visiting many of the most famous temples and gardens, as well as being led off the beaten path to some of Ed Turner's favorite lesser known sites. Also, through Ed's personal connections a special private visit has been arranged to the Nobeyama National Astronomical Observatory, set in a beautiful mountainous resort area seldom visited by westerners. The program culminates with a few days touring in Tokyo.

This astronomical event, combined with a Princeton insider's tour of Japan, can not be repeated. Space on board this vessel is under high demand and is already filling quickly. So if you would like to participate in this unique phenomenon, prompt action is essential. To take advantage of this opportunity, contact the Princeton Journeys team right away at (609)258-8686 or email journeys@princeton.edu.

Sincerely,

Margaret M. Miller

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Director

Office of the Alumni Association of Princeton University



Princeton Study Leader

Edwin L. Turner is Professor of Astrophysical Sciences at Princeton University and is currently serving as the Chair of the Board of Governors of the Astrophysical Research Consortium (ARC). After receiving a S.B. in Physics at MIT ('71) and a Ph.D. in Astronomy from Caltech ('75), he spent brief periods at the Institute for Advanced Study and Harvard University before joining the Princeton faculty in 1978. He has carried out extensive astronomical observations at Mt. Palomar Observatory, Kitt Peak National Observatory, NRAO's Very Large Array, Apache Point Observatory, the National Astronomical Observatory of Japan's Subaru Telescope and with the Hubble Space Telescope. His sabbatical leaves have taken him to the National Astronomical Observatory of Japan and the University of Tokyo. His recent teaching activities at Princeton include courses in cosmology, in astrobology, and in media coverage of science.

Additional Faculty Aboard Ship

Edmund Bertschinger *84, Head of the Department of Physics at MIT, is a theoretical astrophysicist whose research interests focus in cosmology and relativistic astrophysics. He received his Ph.D. in Astrophysical Sciences from Princeton University in 1984. Ed is passionate about education, having received the Physics Department's Buechner Teaching Prize for his undergraduate and graduate classes in relativity. He also leads a research program studying the mysteries of dark energy and dark matter.

Highlights of this extraordinary adventure...

- Witness the longest total solar eclipse in a lifetime from the center line of the path of totality
- Experience an insider's look at Japan with Princeton Professor Ed Turner
- Cruise aboard the *Costa Classica* from China to Japan
- Visit the Nobeyama National Astronomical Observatory, a Princeton exclusive
- See Beijing's Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square
- Tour the highlights of Kyoto and Tokyo—from a placid Zen garden to a trendy shopping district

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The Golden Pavillion, Kyoto

Beijing

Tour the Forbidden City, the seat of power for the past two dynasties. This is a vast complex of ornately-roofed pavilions, courtyards, and opulent golden halls. Also see Tiananmen Square, the largest plaza in the world, site of Chairman Mao's tomb and the Great Hall of the People. Proceed to Tianjin and board the *Costa Classica*.

Japan

Visit lovely Nara's Todaiji Temple ("Great Eastern Temple"), one of Japan's most famous temples, housing its largest Buddha statue (Daibutsu). Also see the world's largest wooden building, originally built in 792 AD, and Nara Park, the Kasuga Taisha shrine and the Horyuji Temple.

The highlights of Kyoto include the simple serenity of the temple Ryoanji's Garden of Emptiness, perhaps the world's finest Zen garden. Experience the opulence of the famous gold-leafed Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion) and 17th-century Nijo Castle and its gardens. Make a special visit to the ancient Saihoji Temple, with more than 120 types of moss, resembling a beautiful green carpet, and visit Nanzenji, perhaps the most important Zen temple in the world. Also, see Sanjusangendo, a 12th-century temple with an incredible display of gilt carvings. Thirty three bays house 1001 statues of Kannon-Bosatsu, covered in gold leaf.

Ed Turner's special connections have opened Nobeyama National Astronomical Observatory exclusively for the Princeton group. Travel by Shirkansen (bullet train) and

Costa Classica

Elegant cabins, attention to detail and warm and relaxing colors make *Costa Classica* a very comfortable ship, and a passenger to staff ratio of just two to one ensures superb service. The theater, ballroom, and other meeting spaces are ideal for ship board lectures and entertainment. Several food and beverage outlets, both indoors and on deck provide dining options.

This sailing is specifically dedicated to viewing the eclipse. While the plan is to navigate to the coordinates for the longest duration, state-of-the-art weather instrumentation, and the ship's speed, make it possible to change plans if necessary to intersect the path of totality anywhere along a 1,500-mile range, almost assuring clear skies. There is plenty of open deck space for everyone on board to have ample viewing space. Furthermore, the ship's size, 722 feet in length, with a beam of 102 feet, equipped with hydraulic "fin" stabilizers, makes this a very stable viewing platform.

A shore excursion is included in Cheju, South Korea, a scenic resort island off the southern tip of the Korean Peninsula, noted for its numerous volcanoes and spectacular coastline. An additional shore excursion is specially arranged in Kagoshima, Japan, focusing on Iso Garden, the enormous grounds of a 17th-century villa, and a walk through a bamboo grove for exquisite views of the bay and Mt. Sakurajima, one of the world's most active volcanoes.

change to a mountain express train to beautiful Kiyosato, spend the night in a mountain inn, and explore a part of Japan few Americans see. Visit the spectacular Shosenkyo Gorge, where a raging torrent of water courses between steep rock walls.

In Tokyo visit the Imperial Palace, 7th-century Asakusa Kannon Temple, and the extensive Edo-Tokyo Museum, followed by an excursion to the trendy areas of Roppongi Hills and Omotesando.

Program Schedule

- July 15 Depart USA
- July 16 Arrive Beijing
- July 17 Depart Tianjin
- July 18 At Sea
- July 19 Cheju, South Korea
- July 20 Kagoshima, Japan
- July 21 At Sea
- July 22 Eclipse At Sea
- July 23 At Sea
- July 24 Kobe – Kyoto
- July 25 Kyoto
- July 26 Kiyosato
- July 27 Tokyo
- July 28 Tokyo
- July 29 USA

GENERAL INFORMATION

■ **PROGRAM COST EXCLUDES:** International airfare; transfers for those 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; inoculations; and passport and visa fees. ■ **HEALTH:** All participants must be in good health. This program is mildly active and involves walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs. Not all locations may 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 PAYMENTS:** Reservations will be accepted in order of receipt if accompanied by a completed reservation form and a deposit of \$1,500 per person. A second deposit of \$1,500 is due November 3, 2008, and must be paid by check. Final payment is due by January 15, 2009, and must be paid by check. If there is a significant change in the value of the dollar, a sharp rise in the cost of fuel or other unanticipated circumstance, there may be a slight increase in the cost of the program. ■ **CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS:** Refunds, less a cancellation fee of \$500 per person, will be made if we are notified on or before November 3, 2008. Following the second deposit, refunds, less a cancellation fee of \$1,750 per person, will be made if we are notified on or before January 15, 2009. No refunds will be granted after that date. All cancellations must be in writing. Trip cancellation/interruption, medical and baggage insurance are highly recommended and should be considered for your protection, and will be made available to you upon receipt of your initial deposit. ■ **TRAVEL INSURANCE:** As a service to its travelers, the Alumni Association of Princeton University automatically provides all Princeton

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PROGRAM INCLUDES

In Beijing:

- One night at the Peninsula Plaza Hotel
- Welcome dinner and breakfast
- Sightseeing excursion

Aboard Ship:

- All meals, with welcome and farewell receptions
- Shore excursions in Cheju and Kagoshima
- Eclipse lectures, discussions, and viewing advice
- Gratuities to shipboard staff
- Port taxes

In Japan:

- Two nights at the Okura Hotel, Kyoto
- One night at a mountain inn, Kiyosato
- Two nights at the Imperial Hotel, Tokyo
- Five breakfasts, three lunches, and three dinners
- Sightseeing and entrance fees, with gratuities to drivers and guides
- Travel by bullet train and deluxe motorcoach

Throughout the program:

- Siemer & Hand Tour manager and knowledgeable English-speaking guides
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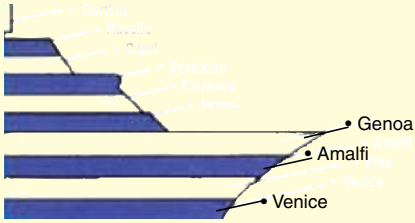
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- D category** cabins are inside on Amalfi Deck.
- C category** cabins are outside on Venice Deck, with a porthole.
- B category** cabins are outside on Amalfi Deck, with a porthole.
- A category** cabins are outside on Genoa Deck, with a porthole.

All inside cabins have two lower beds. Most outside cabins have two lower beds, but some have queen beds. Every category includes some cabins with a third berth that can fold out of the wall to make a triple cabin. All have a writing table and chair, private bathroom with shower and ample closet space. All are approximately 175 square feet.

PROGRAM PRICES

These rates are based on double occupancy. Single occupancy of a double cabin is 175% of the stated rates. Triple occupancy is \$3,695 in any category for the third person.

CATEGORY	RATES
E	\$ 7,795
D	\$ 8,295
C	\$ 8,995
B	\$ 9,795
A	\$ 9,995

RESERVATION FORM

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- MasterCard Visa Diners Club American Express Discover Card

Number	Expiration
Signature as it appears on credit card:	

I/We have read the General Information and understand and agree to the terms and conditions stated herein:

Signature(s)	Date
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