

The cost of \$78 for members and \$81 for non-members includes transportation in a 47-passenger bus and the exhibit entry fee. Lunch will be on your own. The cost is based on a minimal participation of 15 people. Cancellation with full refund must be received by the treasurer in writing before the deadline for payments. Substitutes are allowed.



Excursion on March 6, 2010

8:00 a.m. Depart Holiday Inn Crossroads at Staples Mill Rd. and Bishop Rd., just north of Broad St.

10:00 a.m. Arrive at National Geographic Society to tour the exhibit *Terra Cotta Warriors* at 10:30 a.m.

12:45 p.m. Drive to the National Gallery of Art.

Lunch on your own.

Afternoon on your own to visit the National Gallery or other nearby museums on the Mall.

4:00 p.m. Depart for Richmond.

6:00 p.m. Approximate arrival time at Holiday Inn Crossroads.

***The Mediterranean Society
of America, Inc.***

announces an
Excursion to

**The National Geographic
Society's Exhibit of
The**

"Terra Cotta Warriors"

Washington, D.C.



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Reservation

**National Geographic Society's
Exhibit of the Terra Cotta Warriors
March 6, 2010**

Please reserve the following place(s) for the excursion on March 6, 2010:

_____ place(s) at \$78.00 each for members of the Mediterranean Society.

_____ place(s) at \$81.00 each for non-members.

TOTAL ENCLOSED

\$ _____

NAME(s)

ADDRESS

PHONE:

(____) _____

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The reservation deadline is February 18, 2010. Please mail this form and your check, payable to the **Mediterranean Society**, to:

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**National Geographic Society's
Exhibition of the Terra Cotta
Warriors**

More than 2000 years ago Emperor Qin Shihuangdi rode forth with vast armies and conquered the immense territories surrounding his Qin state. This unification of the "Warring States" gave rise to the formation of China.

Preparations for the construction of the First Emperor's tomb began early, shortly after he became King of Qin, and were left uncompleted when he died. Though the tomb mound was visible aboveground, no written record of the terracotta figures survived.

In 1974, farmers digging a well were startled to discover an intact terra cotta head. From there archaeologists began to uncover an astonishing scene -- a cavernous vault containing an entire army of warriors meant to guard the Emperor as he made his journey to the afterlife.

More than 1,000 life-sized terra cotta figures, complete with armor, chariots and horses were found standing in imposing battle-ready formation. Later diggings revealed servants, musicians, acrobats, and animals.

An estimated 7,000 figures are yet to be exhumed from the dusty depths of this sprawling tomb complex.

The exhibition consists of more than 100 objects, the largest display of terra cotta figures and tomb artifacts ever to travel to the U.S.

This description is taken verbatim from the exhibition websites produced by the National Geographic Society and Atlanta's High Museum of Art.

See

www.nationalgeographic.com/terracottawarriors/
and www.terracottawarriorexhibit.com
for more information. See also www.high.org.