European Coastal Civilizations

Lisbon • Oporto • Santiago de Compostela • Bilbao
Brittany • Normandy Beaches • River Thames and London
and

D-Day Remembered
75th Anniversary

Featuring Guest Speaker
Dwight David Eisenhower II
accompanying you to the Normandy Beaches

Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star Le Champlain

April 20 to 29, 2019

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Dear Alumni & Friends:

From the old-world sophistication of Portugal and the artistic riches of Spain’s Basque country to the Celtic heritage of Brittany and the timeless elegance of London, a riveting canvas of influential seaports awaits you along Europe’s Atlantic coastline. This exclusive, Five-Star, small ship itinerary—including an excursion to the storied and solemn shores of Normandy in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the D-Day Invasion—features the captivating histories and enduring cultural legacies of these European Coastal Civilizations. Joining you for a portion of the cruise to share distinctive insights and accompanying you to the Normandy beaches is special guest speaker David Eisenhower, grandson of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower—Supreme Commander of the Allied forces during World War II.

Cruise for eight nights aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star Le Champlain, launching in 2018 and featuring only 92 Suites and Staterooms, each with private balcony, and the extraordinary Blue Eye, the world’s first multisensory underwater observation lounge. Dock in small ports of call inaccessible to larger vessels and enjoy the advantages of Five-Star, small ship cruising—stately ocean-view accommodations, enriching excursions and attentive, personal service.

Visit three UNESCO World Heritage sites, including the magnificent Mont-St-Michel and its impressive abbey that appears to rise out of the sea; Santiago de Compostela, where you will walk in the footsteps of medieval pilgrims to visit the tomb of St. James; and Oporto, the center of world-famous port wine and exemplary Moorish architecture. Cruise Spain’s ruggedly beautiful Costa Verde, tour the Frank Gehry-designed Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, and cruise up the River Thames to spend one night aboard ship a stone’s throw from the illustrious Tower Bridge in the heart of London. This popular program, featuring an included cultural excursion in each port, is an excellent value. Reserve now while space and Early Booking Savings are available!

Cordially,

Marguerite Ingalls Jones, A&S ’74, Bus ’88
Travel Program Director
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Remnants from D-Day are still visible at man-made Mulberry Harbor, including anchored “Beetle” pontoons.
U.S.
Saturday, April 20
Depart the U.S.

Lisbon, Portugal
Sunday, April 21
Arrive in Lisbon, Portugal’s coastal capital city, replete with pastel-flushed buildings and world-class architecture, and embark the Five-Star Le Champlain. Attend the Captain's Welcome Reception and Dinner this evening.

Leixões for Oporto
Monday, April 22
Dock in Leixões and transfer to Oporto, a former Roman outpost and the center of the port wine trade since the 13th century. The city is indelibly influenced by the Moorish period, when Greek and Roman heritages, along with a coalescence of faiths, created a culture of tolerance in which the disciplines of mathematics, medicine, optics, horticulture, art and architecture flourished.

Oporto’s historic city center, Ribeira, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is a picturesque neighborhood of medieval streets lined with colorful houses. Visit the Gothic Church of São Francisco, renowned for its elaborate gold-plated Baroque interior, and the neoclassical Stock Exchange, where the intricately gilded Arabian Hall, inspired by the famous Moorish Alhambra Palace, is characterized by its astonishingly ornate detailing.

A Coruña for
Santiago de Compostela, Spain
Tuesday, April 23
Travel into the oak- and pine-forested hills of Galicia, one of Spain’s self-governed communities. Golden-hued granite buildings grace its well-preserved capital, Santiago de Compostela, a UNESCO World Heritage site, where medieval pedestrian stone streets lead to the expansive Plaza del Obradoiro and the grand Romanesque cathedral. A pilgrimage site since the Middle Ages, the cathedral

Cover photo: Europe’s highest tidal variations occur in the bay surrounding the Benedictine monastery of Mont-St-Michel.

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enshrines the tomb of St. James and is recognized for its Baroque façade, original medieval portico and glittering Churrigueresque altar.

**Santander for Bilbao**

**Wednesday, April 24**

From Santander, transfer to dynamic and sophisticated Bilbao, encircled by the verdant Basque Mountains. The city is home to the Guggenheim Museum; built along the Nervión River and designed by architect Frank Gehry to echo a swell of undulating titanium waves, this structural feat is touted as a remarkable example of groundbreaking 20th-century architecture. Enjoy a guided tour of the museum’s renowned collection of modern and contemporary art. Explore the city’s historic old quarter and the promenade of El Arenal, a popular route for Bilbaínos’ evening leisurely strolls.

**Cruising the French Coast**

**Thursday, April 25**

While cruising the dramatic west coast of France, attend an exclusive lecture on board by **David Eisenhower**.

**St. Malo for Mont-St-Michel, France**

**Friday, April 26**

Rising from a tidal plain seemingly suspended above the sea, UNESCO World Heritage-designated Mont-St-Michel is a majestic sight of soaring spires isolated beyond a stretch of saltwater marsh. The seat of its namesake Benedictine monastery since the early eighth century, this fortified village began as a humble oratory and continued to grow in influence to become a renowned medieval center of learning. Narrow cobblestone streets weave through the village, culminating in the Abbaye du Mont-St-Michel, a three-story Gothic masterpiece. Admire the monastery’s tranquil cloisters, refectory and stained-glass windows.

**Caen for Normandy Beaches**

**Saturday, April 27**

Dock in Caen and travel to the historic Normandy beaches. In the company of Professor Eisenhower, walk where Allied forces landed on D-Day.
At Pointe du Hoc, envision the heroic U.S. Army Second Ranger Battalion scaling this cliff promontory, and survey the serene English Channel. Then, contemplate the solemn commemorative crosses and Stars of David in the American Military Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer. Following lunch, continue to Arromanches to see the remnants of Mulberry Harbor, constructed by the British to support Allied landings on the Normandy beaches. View a wraparound short film documenting the D-Day campaign at the Arromanches 360 Circular Cinema, or choose to see the famous 230-foot-long Bayeux Tapestry, a visual chronicle of the Norman Conquest of 1066.

Cruising the English Channel/River Thames, London, England

Sunday, April 28
Sail the Strait of Dover and the English Channel, where the naval forces of Queen Elizabeth I delivered a fatal blow to the Spanish Armada in 1588. Cruise up the River Thames this morning, a memorable passage possible only by small ship. Pass the towering skyline of the Canary Wharf and historic maritime Greenwich. Dock in view of the Tower Bridge and attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception this evening.

London/U.S.
Monday, April 29
This morning, disembark and continue on London’s Enduring History Post-Cruise Option or transfer to the airport for your flight home.
Blue Eye – The World’s First Luxury Underwater Observatory

Exclusive to the Ponant fleet, the extraordinary Blue Eye multisensory underwater lounge evokes the mystique of subaquatic life in a luxurious, refined atmosphere. Marine life viewing varies by location.

Luxury Small Ship, Innovative Design
Le Champlain, launching in 2018, ushers in a new generation of Five-Star small ships, combining revolutionary design and a new standard of luxury for an unparalleled cruising experience. Dock in smaller ports inaccessible to larger ships and where authentic cultural experiences and majestic scenery await you.

Respect for the Environment
The newest addition to the Ponant “Clean Ship” fleet, a rare distinction among ocean-cruising vessels, Le Champlain is energy efficient and eco-friendly, protecting fragile marine ecosystems while providing a safe and comfortable voyage.

Chic and Casual Dining
Dine indoors or alfresco on international and regional cuisine served in the stylish, spacious indoor-outdoor restaurant, at the casual pool deck grill or from 24-hour room service. Daily meals include continental and buffet breakfasts, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and four-course dinner.

92 Elegant Suites and Staterooms, 100% with Private Balconies
Each Five-Star Stateroom and Suite (up to 484 square feet) features a private balcony. Grand Deluxe Suites have a bay window and spacious private terrace. Accommodations offer two twin beds or one queen bed, individual climate control and luxurious hotel amenities.

Life on Board
Enjoy sweeping views from the lounges, which open to the outdoors, and lectures, cultural performances or film screenings in the state-of-the-art theater. Relax in the spa and sauna or the Sun Deck’s infinity-style swimming pool. There is a beauty salon, fitness room and two elevators. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available throughout the ship.

World-Class Service
The highly trained, English-speaking crew are personable and attentive, and the ship has a medical center staffed with a doctor and nurse.
Included Features

Acclaimed Guest Speaker
David Eisenhower—grandson of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower—historian and professor at the University of Pennsylvania.

On Board the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star, Small Ship Le Champlain
- Eight-night cruise from Lisbon, Portugal to London, England, including the Normandy beaches to commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-Day.
- Elegantly appointed, Five-Star Suite or Stateroom.
- Captain's Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise.
- All meals aboard ship.
- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship.
- Blue Eye—the world's first luxury, multisensory, underwater observatory.
- Visit to Bilbao's iconic Guggenheim Museum.
- Walking tour of Bilbao's casco viejo (old quarter).
- Full-day excursion to the historic Normandy D-Day beaches, including a visit to the American Military Cemetery.
- An opportunity to watch a short film documenting the D-Day campaign at the Arromanches 360 Circular Cinema or to see the legendary Bayeux Tapestry, chronicling the Norman Conquest of 1066.
- Once-in-a-lifetime cruise on the River Thames into the heart of London, followed by an overnight on board ship docked near the Tower Bridge.

UNESCO World Heritage Site Highlights
- Excursion to Oporto, center of the port wine trade.
- Excursion to the revered pilgrimage site of Santiago de Compostela.
- Walking tour of Mont-St-Michel and a visit to its 11th-century Abbey.

Always Included
- Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom and on excursions.
- Hospitality desk aboard the ship.
- Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
- Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
- Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
Attend a dynamic lecture and enjoy informal discussions with an expert on one of the most powerful world leaders of the 20th century and World War II.

**Featured Guest Speaker**

**Dwight David Eisenhower II**

Grandson of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower, David Eisenhower is a noted historian of World War II and the Cold War. His 1986 bestseller, *Eisenhower: At War 1943-1945*, was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in history.

Eisenhower received a B.A. in history *cum laude* from Amherst College. Following graduation, he served in the United States Naval Reserve for three years as an officer on the *USS Albany*; shortly afterward, he earned his J.D. *cum laude* from The George Washington University Law School.

Today, Eisenhower is Senior Fellow of the Foreign Policy Research Institute and a Public Policy Fellow at the Annenberg School of Communication and the School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania, where he teaches “Communication and the Presidency.”

His lecture will feature:

- **Operation Overlord**—the concept, planning and personalities behind the D-Day invasion; and
- **Triumph and Tragedy**—big-picture consequences of the Allied forces Normandy landings.

Scheduled guest speakers may be altered due to circumstances beyond our control. See Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement.

On June 6, 1944, Allied forces launched the D-Day invasion, landing on the beaches of Normandy.
Note: A small portion of the cost of your trip supports the Johns Hopkins Alumni Travel Program.
Lisbon's Monument of the Discoveries surveys the Tagus River's port and celebrates the Age of Exploration.

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