

European Coastal Civilizations

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

75" ANNIVERSARY

Featuring Guest Speaker

DWIGHT DAVID EISENHOWER II

accompanying you to the Normandy Beaches

Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star LE BORÉAL

May 5 to 14, 2019





Dear Alumni and 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 Boréal**, featuring only 110 Suites and Staterooms. 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!

Sincerely,

Gwen D. Harrington

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Director of Travel Programs

Virginia Tech Alumni Association



U.S. Sunday, May 5 Depart the U.S.

Lisbon, Portugal Monday, May 6

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

Leixões for Oporto Tuesday, May 7

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 Wednesday, May 8

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.







From the iconic 16th-century Tower of Belém, in the Tejo Estuary, watchmen surveyed Lisbon's harbor.

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

Santander for Bilbao Thursday, May 9

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' leisurely evening strolls.

A famed pilgrimage site, the Santiago de Compostela Cathedral is an iconic jewel of medieval architecture.



Cruising the French Coast Friday, May 10

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



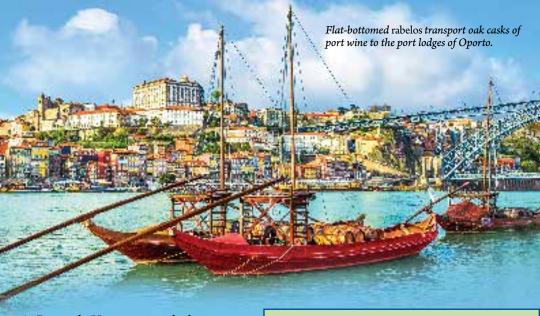
Bilbao's avant-garde Guggenheim Museum is wrapped in shining waves of titanium.

St. Malo for Mont-St-Michel, France Saturday, May 11

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 Sunday, May 12

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 Monday, May 13

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. Tuesday, May 14

Following breakfast this morning, disembark and continue on the London's Enduring History Post-Cruise Option or transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Grande Lisboa Pre-Cruise Option



Lisbon Coat of Arms

Resplendent palaces, magnificent churches and pastel-hued houses stand in testament to Lisbon's rich cultural heritage and quintessential charm. A historic gateway for world exploration and Portugal's intimate, welcoming

capital, Lisbon is the ideal prelude to your cruise. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage sites of 16th-century Jerónimos Monastery and the nearby forested village of Sintra, where the former Moorish fort is Portugal's last remaining medieval royal palace. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe DOM PEDRO PALACE HOTEL.



The Parliament, neighbored by 19th-century Big Ben, was strategically built on the Thames River in 1016.

London's Enduring History Post-Cruise Option



London Coat of Arms

Experience stately London, where tradition and modernity meet with living history to make each visit more enjoyable than the last. Visit the medieval Tower of London and the magnificent Westminster Abbey, both UNESCO World Heritage sites;

then tour the underground cabinet war rooms of Winston Churchill. Spend two nights in the elegant INTERCONTINENTAL PARK LANE HOTEL, steps away from storied Hyde Park.

The Pre- and Post-Cruise Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.







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Five-Star, Small Ship

Join us aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star LE BORÉAL, where distinctive French sophistication meets innovative nautical design. The ship's efficient electrical propulsion system and custom stabilizers provide an exceptionally smooth, quiet and comfortable voyage.

Respect for the Environment

With advanced eco-friendly features, the ship has been appointed the prestigious "Clean Ship" award—a rare distinction among ocean vessels.

With Our Compliments

Indulge in these complimentary on board amenities—alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise and in your Suite or Stateroom minibar, Wi-Fi access throughout the ship and 24-hour room service.

Chic and Casual Dining

The stylish dining room and casual alfresco restaurant feature international and regional cuisine and serve continental and buffet breakfasts, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and dinner in four courses or buffet. Wine is served at your table with lunch and dinner.

Only 110 Suites and Staterooms, 95% Including Private Balconies

These elegant ocean-view accommodations range from 200 to 484 square feet, and most have a private balcony. Your Five-Star Suite or Stateroom features individual climate control, two twin beds or one queen bed, a private bathroom with shower, and luxurious hotel amenities, including flat-screen television, safe, full-length closet, plush robes and slippers.

Life on Board

Whether you seek educational and cultural presentations, panoramic views, nightly entertainment or quiet retreat, the ship's spacious public areas can accommodate all passengers comfortably. Enjoy two lounges, a theater, library, Sun Deck with open-air bar, swimming pool, beauty salon, spa, Turkish bath-style steam room and fitness room. The ship has two elevators.

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 BORÉAL

- 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.
- 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.
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- Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom and on excursions.
- Hospitality desk aboard the ship.
- Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
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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."

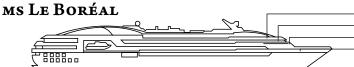
His lecture will feature:

- 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 alter<mark>ed due to circ</mark>umstances 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.





Deck 6, Le France Deck 5, Le Normandie Deck 4, Le Lafayette Deck 3, Le Champollion

Stateroom Category †	LAND/CRUISE TARIFF excluding taxes* Per person, based on double occupancy	Early Booking Tariff* through Sept. 4, 2018	Tariff* after Sept. 4, 2018
8	One large window. Deck 3, Le Champollion, forward. (limited availability)	\$5195	\$6195
7	Small window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. Deck 3, Le Champollion, aft. (limited availability)	\$6795	\$7795
6	Small window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. Deck 3, Le Champollion, midship.	\$7195	\$8195
5	Expansive sliding glass door, private, partial-wall balcony. Deck 4, Le Lafayette, forward.	\$7995	\$8995
4	Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 4, Le Lafayette, midship.	\$8195	\$9195
3	Expansive sliding glass door, private, partial-wall balcony. Deck 5, Le Normandie, forward.	\$8595	\$9595
2	Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony , shower or tub/shower. Deck 5, Le Normandie, midship.	\$8895	\$9895
1	Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony , shower or tub/shower. Deck 6, Le France.	\$9395	\$10395
Deluxe Suite	Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony , tub/shower, sitting area with sofa. Deck 6, Le France. (limited availability)	\$10995	\$11995
Prestige Suite II	Two rooms, expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony , two bathrooms: tub/shower and shower, large sitting area with sofa, two closets. <i>Deck 5, Le Normandie</i> . (limited availability)	\$12195	\$13195
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Owner's Suite	Two rooms, expansive sliding glass doors, two private balconies , one and a half bathrooms, separate tub and shower, sitting room with sofa, table and four chairs. Deck 6, Le France. (limited availability)	\$13695	\$14695

Singles are available in category 6 at \$12595* and in category 4 at \$14395* on or before September 4, 2018. Add \$1000 for reservations made after September 4, 2018.

*Taxes are an additional \$595 per person and are subject to change.

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Lisbon's Monument of the Discoveries surveys the Tagus River's port and celebrates the Age of Exploration.

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