European Coastal Civilizations

Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star Le Boréal

D-Day Remembered
Featuring Guest Speaker
Dwight David Eisenhower II
accompanying you to the Normandy Beaches

May 8 to 17, 2020

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

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Dear Alumni, Friends and Parents,

From the sophistication of Portugal to the regal majesty of London, a riveting canvas of influential seaports awaits you along Europe’s Atlantic coastline. Crafted over centuries, a panoply of neoclassical palaces, medieval castles and Romanesque cathedrals illuminate the enduring cultural legacies of European Coastal Civilizations that played substantial roles in world history. This exclusive itinerary includes an excursion to the solemn shores of Normandy in commemoration of the D-Day invasion. Joining us for a portion of the cruise to share distinctive insights and accompanying us 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 small ship cruising—stately ocean-view accommodations, enriching excursions and attentive, personal service.

Visit three UNESCO World Heritage sites, including the island monastery of Mont-St-Michel, the architectural riches of Santiago de Compostela and spirited Oporto, the center of world-famous port wine and exemplary Moorish-influenced architecture. Cruise Spain’s ruggedly beautiful Costa Verde, tour Frank Gehry’s visionary Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao and cruise up the River Thames to the illustrious Tower Bridge in the heart of London. This popular program, featuring an included cultural excursion in each port, provides excellent value and sells out every year, so we urge you to reserve now while space and Early Booking Savings are available!

Sincerely,

Dan Stypa
Associate Director of Alumni Programs

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“The Gohagan staff really nailed the logistics for our trip! Everything ran smoothly and seemingly effortlessly from our viewpoint. I was very impressed! The staff on the tour went out of their way to make sure we had everything we needed.”

— Rice alums, class of ’73 & ’74, on a recent Traveling Owls trip operated by Gohagan & Company.
U.S.
Friday, May 8
Depart the U.S.

Lisbon, Portugal
Saturday, May 9
Arrive in Lisbon, Portugal’s enigmatic 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
Sunday, May 10
Dock in Leixões and transfer to Oporto, a former Celtic hamlet (Cale) then Roman outpost and center of the port wine trade since the 13th century. The cultural legacy of El Andaluz—the huge swathe of Spain and Portugal occupied by the Moors from A.D. 711 to 1249—finds expression in Oporto’s rich architectural details, including famed azulejo tiles with Moorish geometric and floral motifs. The city is indelibly influenced by Greek and Roman heritages, the Moorish period and a coalescence of faiths, creating a culture of tolerance in which the disciplines of mathematics, medicine, optics, horticulture, art and architecture flourished.

Fall under the spell of Ribeira, Oporto’s historic center, declared a UNESCO World Heritage site for its extraordinary architectural timeline and living history status; for 2000 years the cultural and commercial growth of Portus Cale (so named by the Romans) has been inextricably linked to the sea. Experience daily rituals unfolding along a tangle of medieval alleyways where splendid spires, Baroque domes and neoclassical mansions form a timeless silhouette. Visit the Gothic Igreja de São Francisco, hailed for its lavish gold-plated Baroque interior, and the neoclassical Palacio de Bolso (Stock Exchange), where the swirling arabesques and ornate stained glass of the gilded Arabian Hall were inspired by the Alhambra Palace in Granada.

A Coruña for Santiago de Compostela, Spain
Monday, May 11
Travel into the oak- and pine-forested hills of Galicia, one of Spain’s 17 autonomous communities. Golden-hued granite...
buildings and magnificent arcaded squares grace Santiago de Compostela, a UNESCO World Heritage site and arguably Spain’s most beautiful city. Stroll along medieval pedestrian stone streets to the expansive Plaza del Obradoiro flanked by the glorious Romanesque cathedral. A pilgrimage site since the Middle Ages and the final stop on the Camino de Santiago trail, the cathedral enshrines the tomb of St. James and is recognized for its intricately carved Baroque façade, original medieval portico and glittering Churrigueresque altar.

Santander for Bilbao
Tuesday, May 12
From Santander, transfer to dynamic and exuberant Bilbao, encircled by the verdant Basque Mountains. The construction of Frank Gehry’s titanium-clad Guggenheim Museum in 1997 hailed the city’s cultural renaissance as modernist marvels from Santiago Calatrava and Philipe Starck redefined the post-industrial skyline. Enjoy a guided tour of the Guggenheim’s renowned modern and contemporary art collection, explore the art nouveau and Baroque jewels of Bilbao’s historic Casco Viejo and walk along the Paseo del Arenal, a promenade for Bilbainos’ leisurely evening strolls.

Cruising the French Coast
Wednesday, May 13
While cruising the west coast of France, attend an exclusive lecture on board by David Eisenhower.

St. Malo for Mont-St-Michel, France
Thursday, May 14
Rising from a tidal plain seemingly suspended above the sea, UNESCO World Heritage-designated Mont-St-Michel is a 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 became 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 serene cloisters, barrel-roofed réfectoire (dining hall) and Gothic Salle des Hôtes (guest hall) of the 13th-century La Merveille and the magnificent Église Abbatiale (abbey church) with a transept that rests on solid rock.
Caen for Normandy Beaches
Friday, May 15
Dock in Caen and make the solemn pilgrimage to the historic Normandy beaches, site of the largest seaborn invasion in history. 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 view the craters that remain from D-Day bombardments. Survey the serene English Channel and reflect on the 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, an artificial harbor taken across the English Channel to support Allied landings on the Normandy beaches. View a short documentary on the D-Day campaign or see the 230-foot-long Bayeux Tapestry, which chronicles the Norman Conquest of 1066.

Cruising the English Channel/River Thames, London, England
Saturday, May 16
Cruise the English Channel across the Strait of Dover and continue up the River Thames, a memorable passage possible only by small ship. Britain’s history is revealed as you pass the towering skyline of Canary Wharf and take in monumental views of Greenwich’s Observation Tower, the Tower of London, Norman Foster’s emerald-hued Guerkin and Renzo Piano’s sky-piercing Shard. Dock alongside HMS Belfast—whose guns fired some of the first shots on D-Day—in view of Tower Bridge. Attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception this evening.

London/U.S.
Sunday, May 17
Following breakfast, disembark and continue on the London’s Enduring History Post-Cruise Option or transfer to the airport for your return flight home.

Old World Lisbon
Pre-Cruise Option
One of Europe’s most visually appealing capitals, Lisbon seduces with its cinematic streetscapes, medieval passageways and timeless rituals. The legacy of Roman, Visigoth, Moorish and Christian rule is reflected in a cache of palaces, castles and churches crowning Lisbon’s trademark hills. Overlording a forested village, Sintra’s confection of turreted castles, mudéjar palaces, ancient hermitages and hills laced with exotic gardens has lured kings, queens, poets and composers since the Moorish occupation. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe Dom Pedro Lisboa.

London’s Enduring History
Post-Cruise Option
Experience the formidable history and vibrant modernity of London, a compelling city that continues to rewrite its narrative and make each visit more enjoyable than the last. Spend two nights in the elegant InterContinental London Park Lane, 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.
Five-Star, State-of-the-Art, 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 technology and the most environmentally responsible features built into its design and operations, the ship has earned the important “Clean Ship” distinction.

With Our Compliments
Indulge in these complimentary onboard amenities—alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise and in your Suite or Stateroom minibar, Wi-Fi access (conditions permitting) 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.

Elegant Suites and Staterooms—95% Include Private Balconies
Each of the 110 ocean-view Staterooms and Suites range from 200 to 484 square feet and most have a private balcony. All Five-Star accommodations feature individual climate control, two twin beds or one queen bed, a private bathroom with shower and luxurious hotel amenities, including flat-screen television, a 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 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
◆ 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 (conditions permitting).
◆ Excursion to Oporto, a UNESCO World Heritage site and center of the port wine trade.
◆ Excursion to the revered pilgrimage destination of Santiago de Compostela, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
◆ Walking tour of UNESCO-designated Mont-St-Michel and a visit to its 11th-century Abbey.
◆ 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 up the River Thames into the heart of London, followed by an overnight on board the ship docked near Tower Bridge.

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;
- **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.
LE BORÉAL has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Rice Alumni & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

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