Celtic Lands
France • Ireland • Wales • Scotland

Featuring Guest Speakers
Dwight David Eisenhower II
accompanies you to the Normandy Beaches
and
Lord Charles Spencer-Churchill

A voyage aboard the
Exclusively Chartered Small Ship
Five-Star M.S. Le Boreal

May 20-29, 2015

D-Day Normandy
Land of Liberty
71st Anniversary
Howdy, Ags!

We extend a special invitation to you to join us for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to commemorate the 71st anniversary of the historic D-Day landings during this Celtic Lands voyage. By exclusive arrangement, walk the hallowed beaches of Normandy, France, with Dwight David Eisenhower II, grandson of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower, and meet Lord Charles Spencer-Churchill, cousin of British Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill. Both Professor Eisenhower and Lord Spencer-Churchill will join us for a portion of the cruise to lecture and share their personal insights about two of the most influential figures of the 20th century.

From the coast of France to the British Isles, our Celtic Lands itinerary explores the lands and seas traversed by the Iron Age tribes known as the Celts. Along the way, we will observe their enduring influence and the captivating historical legacies of more recent times. Their immeasurable contributions to the culture of Europe's civilizations are surrounded in mystery, legend and folklore, and rooted in a wealth of art, science and mythology.

Cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, five-star, small ship M.S. LE BORÉAL to explore cities, villages and islands that abound with living Celtic heritage, calling at ports accessible only to a small ship.

Journey from northern France and the beaches of Normandy through the English Channel and into the waters of the Celtic and Irish Seas to view the treasures of Celtic heritage in Dublin, Republic of Ireland, and follow in the footsteps of medieval and modern princes in North Wales. Our voyage calls on the seldom-visited, charming seaside town of Ayr, the birthplace of poet Robert Burns and home to the impressive 16th-century Culzean Castle—dubbed the “Scottish White House” when Dwight D. Eisenhower stayed there during his presidency. Continue on to admire the austere beauty of Scotland’s Highlands and cruise among its misty, legend-haunted Inner Hebridean Islands.

This extraordinary 71st anniversary D-Day commemoration and exclusive travel offering is an excellent value and is not available to the general public. We encourage you to reserve your spot now as capacity is limited, and year after year, this program sells out quickly!

Gig 'em!

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"No place overseas holds more significance for Americans and Canadians than the landing sites for the Normandy invasion on D-Day, June 6, 1944. Sharing the insights of my grandfather, Dwight Eisenhower, and walking these hallowed grounds where our allied troops, in his words, successfully assured ‘the elimination of Nazi tyranny ... and security for ourselves in a free world,’ was a personal highlight. This Celtic Lands travel program is indeed a cruise rich in history, set amid the breathtaking beauty of the British Isles and the Normandy coastlines."

–David Eisenhower,
June 2014
The Celts, whose civilization spanned two thousand years, had no written history, no written language and no prevailing ethnic unity. They never built an empire nor founded a centralized state, yet at the height of their power, in the third century B.C., the Celts’ domain extended from the Iberian Peninsula to the Black Sea and from the Mediterranean Sea to the North Sea. Today, the Celts are most associated with the heritage, cultural identity and national consciousness of Ireland, although their roots run deep in England, Wales, Scotland and Normandy, France, where Celtic dialects formed the original languages.
Guinness in a neighborhood pub or visit the National Museum of Ireland, one of the best repositories of Celtic treasures in the world.

Enjoy traditional Irish music and dance aboard the ship this evening.

Holyhead, Wales/Caernarfon Castle
Monday, May 25
From Holyhead, travel across the Isle of Anglesey and over the Menai Strait to North Wales, one of the cradles of Celtic culture. Here, the people hold fast to the old ways and Welsh remains their mother tongue.

Visit beautiful Bodnant Garden, one of the finest examples of 19th-century Victorian landscape artistry. Enjoy lunch in a local restaurant and listen to a stirring private choir performance of Welsh hymns.

Tour the imposing Caernarfon Castle, an impregnable 13th-century fortress built by Edward I of England as a defense against the marauding Welsh. Following tradition in place since 1301, Queen Elizabeth II invested the future heir to the British throne, her son Charles, as “Prince of Wales” at Caernarfon in 1969.

En route to the ship, view the beautiful, glacier-sculpted peaks and valleys of the Snowdonia Mountains in the distance.

Ayr, Scotland
Tuesday, May 26
Dock in the charming seaside town of Ayr, birthplace of Scotland’s favorite son, Robert Burns, Romantic Movement pioneer and poet, and lyricist of the perennial favorite, “Auld Lang Syne.”

Tour the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum, situated on 10 acres of beautiful countryside. It comprises the most comprehensive and important Burns collection in the world, including the cottage where he was born in 1759 and Brig O’ Doon, the bridge immortalized in his famous poem “Tam O’ Shanter.” Then, explore the impressive 16th-century Culzean Castle, a National Trust for Scotland property once owned by the ancient Scottish Clan Kennedy. Tour the museum dedicated to General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who visited the castle once during his presidency—when it was dubbed the “Scottish White House,” and later during his retirement, when he enjoyed painting and walking in Culzean’s peaceful, beautiful gardens.

Portree, Isle of Skye/Dunvegan
Wednesday, May 27
Go ashore at the sheltered port of Tobermory, where vividly painted houses nestle between the hills and the harbor.

Lord Charles Spencer-Churchill will present a lecture about his cousin, the legendary British Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill, this afternoon.

Tobermory, Isle of Mull/Isle of Iona
Thursday, May 28
Go ashore at the sheltered port of Tobermory on the Isle of Mull, where vividly painted houses are nestled between the hills and the harbor.
After free time, visit the 13th-century Duart Castle, the ancestral home of the Clan Maclean, and have lunch in the castle’s tea room.

Ferry across the Sound of Iona to the neighboring Hebridean Isle of Iona, birthplace of Scottish Christianity. In 563 A.D., the Irish monk Columba founded a monastery here, where scribes would spend their entire lives painstakingly copying and illuminating religious tracts and transcribing ancient Celtic sagas into written form, preserving a record of oral bardic tradition. In later years, Iona became the burial place of Scotland’s kings, including Duncan and Macbeth. At Iona Abbey, stroll through the serene, restored monastery and see the churchyard’s intricate Celtic crosses.

Glasgow/U.S.
Friday, May 29
Disembark and continue on the Glasgow and Edinburgh Post-Cruise Option or transfer to Glasgow Airport for your return flight to the U.S.
**Five-Star, Small Ship**

**M.S. Le Boréale**

**Small Ship, State-of-the-Art Design**

The highly acclaimed, exclusively chartered M.S. Le Boréale, launched in 2010, represents the newest generation of Five-Star small ships, featuring only 120 Suites and Staterooms and distinctive French sophistication.

**Spacious 100% Ocean-View Suites and Staterooms, 95% with Private Balconies**

Each air-conditioned, deluxe Stateroom and Suite (200 to 484 square feet) features a private bathroom with shower and luxurious Five-Star hotel amenities. Most accommodations have two twin beds that convert to one queen bed, individual climate control, satellite flat-screen television, wireless Internet access, safe, minibar, full-length closet, writing desk/dressing table, plush robes and slippers.

**Chic and Casual Dining**

International and regional cuisine is served in the stylish, spacious La Licorne dining room in single, unassigned seatings; alfresco in the casual La Boussole Restaurant; or from 24-hour room service. Continental and buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and a four-course dinner are served daily. Complimentary wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner.

**Spacious Public Areas/World-Class Service and Facilities**

Inviting and spacious public areas accommodate all passengers comfortably. Enjoy views from the Panoramic Lounge, nightly entertainment in the Main Lounge and lectures, cultural performances and film screenings in the state-of-the-art theater. There is a library, Internet salon, Sun Deck, swimming pool, beauty salon, spa, Turkish bath-style steam room, full range of fitness equipment and two elevators. The infirmary is staffed with a doctor and nurse. The highly trained, personable and English-speaking international crew provides attentive service.

**Respect for the Environment**

The state-of-the-art propulsion system and custom-built stabilizers provide an exceptionally smooth, quiet and comfortable voyage by minimizing vibration and engine noise. By design, the ship is energy efficient and environmentally protective of marine ecosystems, and it has been awarded the prestigious “Clean Ship” rating, an extreme rarity among ocean-cruising vessels. The ship has two tenders.
Acclaimed Guest Speakers

- Historian and professor, David Eisenhower, grandson of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower.
- Noted speaker and host of events at his ancestral home, Blenheim Palace, Lord Charles Spencer-Churchill, cousin of Sir Winston Churchill.

Included Features

On board the exclusively chartered, Five-Star M.S. Le Boréal

- Eight-night cruise from Honfleur, France, to Glasgow, Scotland, featuring port calls at Caen, France, for the Normandy beaches; Dublin, Ireland; Holyhead, Wales; Ayr, Scotland, and the Hebridean Islands: Skye for Dunvegan, Mull for Tobermory, and Iona.
- Spacious, Five-Star, 100% ocean-view Stateroom and Suite accommodations, each with a private bathroom.
- Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- All meals—continental breakfast, buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and dinner—throughout the cruise, featuring fine international and regional cuisine, served at single, unassigned seatings.
- Complimentary wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner.
- Full-day excursion to the historic beaches of Normandy, with lunch, including a visit to the American Military Cemetery and an opportunity to visit the D-Day Museum or the legendary Bayeux Tapestry.
- City tour of Dublin, featuring a specially arranged visit to Kilmainham Gaol and to Trinity College to see the iconic Book of Kells.
- Traditional Irish music, song and dance entertainment aboard ship while in Dublin.
- Visit to Caernarfon Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage site; 19th-century Bodnant Garden; and view of the magnificent Snowdonia Mountains in Wales.
- Choir performance and lunch in Betws-y-Coed, Wales.
- Excursion to the impressive 16th-century Culzean Castle, the former seat of the ancient Scottish Clan Kennedy, to visit the General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower Museum.
- Tour of Ayr’s unique Robert Burns Birthplace Museum.
- Isle of Skye excursion to the historic Clan MacLeod’s Dunvegan Castle.
- Scenic crossing to Tobermory, Isle of Mull, with excursion to Duart Castle, including lunch.
- Visit to the Isle of Iona, Scotland’s “cradle of Christianity,” featuring a visit to the historic Iona Abbey.

Enhanced Travel Services

- Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- Hospitality desk aboard ship.
- The services of experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the program.
- Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
- Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
Gain a unique and personal perspective on two of the most distinguished figures of the 20th century and World War II, Dwight D. Eisenhower and Sir Winston Churchill.

71st Anniversary D-Day Remembered
Featured Guest Speakers
Dwight David Eisenhower II
and
Lord Charles Spencer-Churchill

Attend dynamic lectures and enjoy informal discussions with relatives of and experts on two of the most powerful world leaders of the 20th century and World War II.

Dwight David Eisenhower II, grandson of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower, is a noted historian of World War II and the Cold War. His 1986, 900-page bestseller, *Eisenhower: At War 1943-1945*, was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in history.

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 lectures 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.

Lord Charles Spencer-Churchill, cousin of Sir Winston Churchill and brother of the current Duke of Marlborough, is a noted speaker and host of events at his ancestral home, Blenheim Palace, where Winston Churchill was born in 1874. Lord Charles was born in wartime London on July 13, 1940, and spent many of his formative years at Blenheim. During World War II, the lives of those who lived and worked at Blenheim changed forever. Members of staff were trained to be Air Raid Precaution wardens, windows were blacked out and roof beams were fire proofed. In 1952, Lord Charles left for the iconic campus of Eton College and later attended Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.

With his wife Elizabeth Jane Wyndham, Lord Charles has three children. His lectures will highlight:
- *Reflections of Winston Churchill*—a 50th anniversary commemoration; and
- *Churchill’s England*.

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

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## LAND/CRUISE TARIFF (per person, based on double occupancy)

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* M.S. Le Boreal has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

### CELTIC LANDS RESERVATION FORM

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Street Mailing Address (no P.O. Box number please)

City State Zip Code:

Telephone: (Home) (Mobile)

Email Address (Business)

Preferred Name(s) on Badge(s) Tour No. 043-05/20/15-104

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Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $__________ as deposit.

I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $__________ to: [ ] Visa [ ] MasterCard

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Signature as it appears on credit card

Please make my/our reservation(s) in Stateroom Category:

1st Choice [ ] 2nd Choice [ ]

- Double occupancy (two twin beds).
- Double occupancy (one queen bed).
- Single accommodations.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please make my/our reservation(s):

- Paris • Giverny Pre-Cruise Option
- Double at $1,095 per person.
- Single at $1,795 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

- Glasgow • Edinburgh Post-Cruise Option
- Double at $895 per person.
- Single at $1,295 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

- [ ] I/We want you to book my/our air from __________ (fill in departure city)

- [ ] I/We will book my/our own air arrangements.

Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

1. Additional cost to be advised.
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