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

Guest Speaker
Dwight David Eisenhower II
accompanies you to the Normandy Beaches

Exclusively Chartered,
Newly Launched, Five-Star Le Lapérouse

Sept. 4-13, 2018
Howdy, Ags!

From the Celtic heritage of Brittany and the timeless, stately elegance of London, to the old-world sophistication of Portugal and the artistic riches of Spain's Basque country, a riveting canvas of influential European seaports awaits you along the shores of the Atlantic Ocean. We are delighted to present this exclusive, Five-Star, small ship itinerary featuring the captivating historical legacies and the enduring, yet dynamic, cultures of these European Coastal Civilizations.

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 production.

A highlight is sure to be your experience at the hallowed beaches of Normandy with special guest speaker Dwight David Eisenhower II, grandson of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces during World War II, where the course of world history was altered in 1944 with the historic D-Day landings.

On this extraordinary nine-day program, cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, state-of-the-art, Five-Star Le Lapérouse, launching in 2018—one of the first ships to launch in the brand new Ponant Explorers fleet. An elegant small ship able to sail into ports inaccessible to larger vessels, Le Lapérouse features the unique Blue Eye underwater observation lounge. Exclusive to the Ponant Explorers, the Blue Eye immerses you in the beauty of the ocean's ecosystems through advanced multimedia technology and subaquatic observation windows.

Spend one night aboard ship a stone's throw from the illustrious Tower Bridge in the heart of London before cruising down the River Thames; tour the Frank Gehry-designed Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao; and cruise Spain's ruggedly beautiful Costa Verde.

This popular program features an included cultural excursion in each port and is an excellent value. I encourage you to book now while space and Early Booking Savings are available!

Gig 'em!

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U.S.
Tuesday, September 4
Depart the U.S.

London, England
Wednesday, September 5
Arrive in London, an international center of culture and commerce, and embark the newly launched Five-Star LE LAPEROUSE. Attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception and dinner this evening and dock overnight on the River Thames across from the Tower of London.

Cruising the River Thames/English Channel
Thursday, September 6
Cruise down the River Thames this morning, a memorable passage possible only by small ship. Pass the soaring skyline of the Canary Wharf and historic maritime Greenwich en route to the Thames Barrier. Cruise 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.

Caen for Normandy Beaches, France
Friday, September 7
Dock in Caen and travel to the historic Normandy beaches. In the company of Dwight David Eisenhower II, walk where Allied forces landed on D-Day. Then, contemplate the solemn commemorative crosses and Stars of David in the American Military Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer overlooking Omaha Beach. Following lunch, continue to Arromanches to see the remnants of Mulberry Harbor, constructed to support Allied landings on the Normandy beaches. View a wraparound...
The iconic 16th-century Tower of Belém was built in the Tejo Estuary to protect the city of Lisbon.

short film documenting the D-Day campaign or choose to see the famous 230-foot-long Bayeux Tapestry, a visual chronicle of the Norman Conquest of 1066.

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

*Saturday, September 8*

The UNESCO World Heritage site of Mont-St-Michel is one of the most awe-inspiring sights in all of France—its soaring spires rise majestically from a tidal plain seemingly suspended above the sea. A pilgrimage site since the early eighth century, this fortified village began as a humble oratory and grew into an influential Benedictine monastery, becoming a renowned medieval center of learning. Experience the extraordinary beauty of its cloisters, refectory, stained-glass windows and the Abbaye du Mont-St-Michel, a three-story Gothic masterpiece.

**Cruising the French Coast**

*Sunday, September 9*

While cruising the dramatic west coast of France, attend an exclusive onboard lecture by Dwight David Eisenhower II.

**Santander for Bilbao, Spain**

*Monday, September 10*

From Santander transfer to dynamic and sophisticated Bilbao, surrounded by the verdant Basque Mountains. Stop in the historic old quarter and the promenade of El Arenal, a popular route for Bilbaínos’ evening leisurely strolls. Enjoy a guided tour of the Frank Gehry-designed Guggenheim Museum, renowned for its collection of modern and contemporary art.

**A Coruña for Santiago de Compostela**

*Tuesday, September 11*

Travel into the oak- and pine-forested hills of Galicia, one of Spain’s self-governed principalities. 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 was built to enshrine the tomb of St. James and is recognized for its Baroque façade, original medieval portico and Churrigueresque altar.
London’s Enduring History
Pre-Cruise Option • September 2 to 5
Experience stately London, where living history makes each successive visit more enjoyable than the last. Visit the medieval Tower of London, a UNESCO World Heritage site where Her Majesty’s Beefeaters guard the dazzling Crown Jewels. At the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Palace of Westminster, visit the magnificent Westminster Abbey and see iconic Big Ben. Tour the underground cabinet war rooms of Winston Churchill. Accommodations for two nights are in the elegant INTERCONTINENTAL PARK LANE HOTEL, steps away from storied Hyde Park.

Grande Lisboa
Post-Cruise Option • September 13 to 15
Lisbon’s charm exudes from its illustrious palaces, magnificent monuments and impressive architecture. See the UNESCO World Heritage site of the 16th-century Jerónimos Monastery and the Tower of Belém. Visit the charming village of Sintra, a UNESCO World Heritage site where the Moorish fort is the last remaining medieval royal palace in Portugal, and explore the picture-perfect coastal town of Cascais. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe DOM PEDRO PALACE HOTEL.

The Pre- and Post-Cruise Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
Luxury Small Ship, Innovative Design


Respect for the Environment

The newest addition to the Ponant “Clean Ship” fleet, a rare designation among ocean-cruising vessels, the ship 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. The Owner's and Grand Deluxe Suites each have a bay window and a 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 an infirmary staffed with a doctor and a nurse.

BlueEye – The World’s First Luxury Underwater Observatory

Exclusive to the Ponant fleet is the extraordinary BlueEye, a multisensory underwater observation lounge that incorporates bionic and biomimetic technology to immerse you in the beauty of the ocean’s ecosystem. Observe marine life through the large subaquatic windows and on digital screens projecting underwater activity in real time, while specially designed hydrophones echo the ocean’s ebb and flow and relay the sounds and senses beneath the water’s surface. *Wildlife viewing varies by location.*
Included Features

Acclaimed Guest Speaker
Historian Dwight David Eisenhower II, grandson of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower, will provide two lectures and accompany you to the Normandy Beaches.

On Board the Exclusively Chartered Five-Star, Small Ship Le LAPÉROUSE
✦ 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, including wine served at your table with lunch and dinner.
✦ Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship.
✦ BlueEye—the world’s first luxury, multisensory, underwater observatory.
✦ Once-in-a-lifetime cruise on the River Thames from the heart of London, following an overnight on board ship docked near the Tower Bridge.

Expert-Guided Excursions
✦ 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, with lunch.
✦ Visit to Bilbao’s iconic Guggenheim Museum.
✦ Walking tour of Bilbao’s casco viejo (old quarter).

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

Enhanced Travel Services
✦ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
✦ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced local guides.
✦ 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.
Allied forces landed at the beaches of Normandy on June 6, 1944, launching the D-Day invasion.
**LAND/Cruise Tariff** excluding taxes*  
Per person, based on double occupancy

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**Deluxe Suite**  
Suite with expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, shower, sitting area with sofa. Decks 3, 4, 5 and 6. (limited availability)  
$10,995 $11,995

**Prestige Suite**  
Large Suite, expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, two bathrooms with showers, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. Deck 5. (limited availability)  
$11,995 $12,995

**Privilege Suite**  
Large two-room Suite, expansive sliding glass door, spacious private terrace, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional private powder room, sitting area with sofa. Decks 5 and 6. (limited availability)  
$12,295 $13,295

**Grand Deluxe Suite**  
Large two-room Suite, expansive sliding glass door, spacious private terrace with outdoor Jacuzzi, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional private powder room, sitting area with sofa. Deck 6. (limited availability)  
$13,395 $14,395

**Owner’s Suite**  
Large two-room Suite, expansive sliding glass door, private balcony, shower, Deck 4. midship.  
$13,695 $14,695

Singles are available in category 5 at $12,695* and in category 2 at $14,695* on or before February 23, 2018. Add $1,000 for reservations made after February 23, 2018.

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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):  
London’s Enduring History Pre-Cruise Option  
- Double at $1,145 per person  
- Single at $1,845 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)  

Grande Lisboa Post-Cruise Option  
- Double at $595 per person  
- Single at $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)  

- I/We want to book my/our air at an additional cost to be advised‡ from:  

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**European Coastal Civilizations Reservation Form**

**Send to:** Traveling Aggies  
505 George Bush Drive  
College Station, TX 77840  
(979) 845-7514 or (800) 633-7514  
Fax: (979) 845-9263

Title  
Full Name (exactly as it appears on your passport)  
Class Year

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. 095-09/04/18-104

Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person and $200 per person London’s Enduring History Pre-Cruise Option and/or $200 per person Grande Lisboa Post-Cruise Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, I/we agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

- Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $__________ as deposit.  
- Make checks payable to 2018 European Coastal Civilizations.  
- 1/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $__________ to:  
  - Visa  
  - MasterCard

Card Number  
Exp. Date

Signature as it appears on credit card

All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by June 1, 2018.

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*Taxes are an additional $595 per person and are subject to change.  
Add $1,000 for reservations made after February 23, 2018.

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MV LE LAPÉROUSE  
Le Lapérouse 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.
RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND BINDING ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

RESPONSIBILITY: Thomas P. Gohagan & Company, the sponsoring associations/organizations, and its and their employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors or trustees, successors, and assigns (collectively “Gohagan”), do not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip including, for example, lodging facilities, airline, vehicle, or other transportation companies, guided activities, local guides, local restaurants and all other entities not specifically mentioned in the "Included Features" section of the brochure; transfers and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner's risk. The right to require participants to spend an additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own transportation. If due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, you are not able to arrive on time and for any reason, with or without notice, and Gohagan shall be entitled to or does provide goods or services for your trip including, for example, lodging facilities, airline, vehicle, or other transportation companies, guided activities, local guides, local restaurants and all other entities. If due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, you are not able to arrive on time and for any reason, with or without notice, and Gohagan shall be entitled to

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

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations for all or any part of the trip including Pre/Post Program(s) reservation(s) will not be effective until received by Gohagan in writing, accompanied by the required deposit, by February 23, 2018. In the event a "discounted" reservation must be cancelled, no "replacement" reservation can be substituted at the discounted rate. A "replacement" reservation is a new reservation and can be substituted only at the full-fare tariff. Cancellation penalties may apply.