

# European Coastal Civilizations

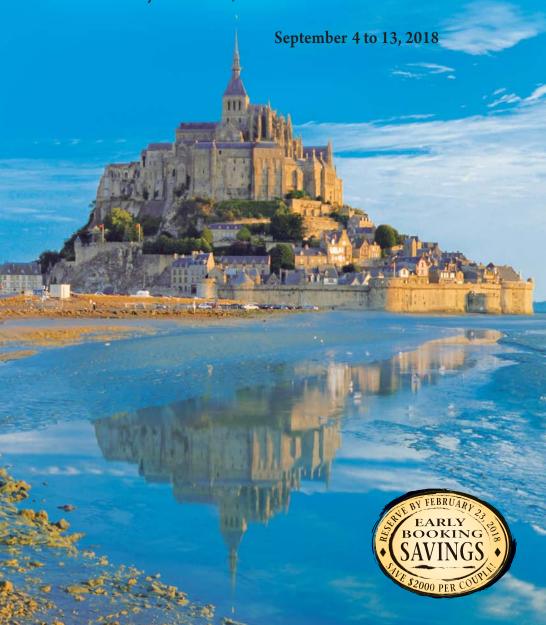
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**Guest Speaker** 

## **DWIGHT DAVID EISENHOWER II**

accompanies you to the Normandy Beaches

Exclusively Chartered, Newly Launched, Five-Star LE LAPÉROUSE



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#### Dear Alumnae and Friends:

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!

Sincerely,

Nancy B. Perez

Interim Executive Director

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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 Lapérouse. 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

Cover photo: Europe's highest tidal variations occur in the bay surrounding the Benedictine monastery of Mont-St-Michel. Photo this page: Remnants of "Beetle" pontoons used in the D-Day landings are still anchored off of Arromanches.





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



The iconic 16<sup>th</sup>-century Tower of Belém was built in the Tejo Estuary to protect the city of Lisbon.

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.

The Baroque cathedral of Santiago de Compostela safeguards the relics of St. James the Apostle.





#### Leixões for Oporto, Portugal Wednesday, September 12

Dock in Leixões and transfer to Oporto, a former Roman outpost and the center of the port wine trade since the 13<sup>th</sup> century. The city showcases great artistic and architectural treasures from the Moorish period, when Greek and Roman influences, along with tolerance between the Jewish and Christian faiths, created a coexistence of cultures in which disciplines like 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 and the neoclassical Stock Exchange with its intricately gilded Arabian Hall inspired by the famous Moorish Alhambra palace.

Attend the Captain's Farewell Reception this evening.

#### Lisbon/U.S.

# Thursday, September 13

Following breakfast this morning, disembark and continue on the Grande Lisbon Post-Cruise Option or transfer to the airport for your flight home.

# London's Enduring History Pre-Cruise Option • September 2 to 5



London

Experience stately London, where living history makes each successive visit more enjoyable than the last. Visit the Coat of Arms 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



Lisbon Coat of Arms

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 Doм Pedro PALACE HOTEL.

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# BlueEye-TheWorld'sFirstLuxuryUnderwaterObservatory

Exclusive to the Ponant fleet is the extraordinary **BueEy**(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 undersea 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.

#### Luxury Small Ship, Innovative Design

Le Lapérouse, 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 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.





#### 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

- Eight-night cruise from London, England, to Lisbon, Portugal.
- 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—theworld'sfirstluxury, 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.



# The Normandy Beaches

with Featured Guest Speaker

#### **David Eisenhower**

On June 6, 1944, Supreme Allied Commander Dwight D. Eisenhower gave the order for 133,000 Allied troops to land along a 50-mile stretch of heavily fortified French coastline. Supported by 7000 ships and 11,000 aircraft, by day's end the Allies had gained a foothold on the continent to begin their march to liberate Europe. Today the beaches of Normandy echo the historic events that unfolded on the shores so many years ago.

Pay tribute to the Allied Forces whose courageous D-Day invasion changed the course of World War II as you walk the historic beaches of Normandy in the company of Dwight David Eisenhower II, our expert historian who is personally familiar with one of the most powerful world leaders of the 20th century, his grandfather, General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower. In addition to accompanying you to the Normandy Beaches, David Eisenhower will present a dynamic lecture aboard the ship.

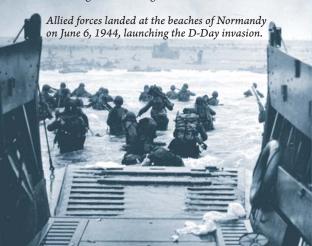


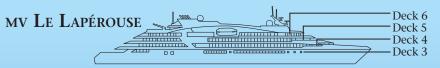
# DWIGHT DAVID EISENHOWER II is a noted historian of World War II and the Cold War. His 900-page best seller Eisenhower: At War 1943-1945,

published in 1986, was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in history. He is of the Foreign Policy Research Institute and

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.

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	Stateroom Category‡	LAND/CRUISE TARIFF excluding taxes* Per person, based on double occupancy	Early Booking Tariff* through Feb. 23, 2018	Tariff* after Feb. 23, 2018
	8	Picture window, single door onto private partial-wall balcony, shower. Deck 3, forward. (limited availability)	\$5195	\$6195
	7	Picture window, single door onto private partial-wall balcony, shower. Deck 3, midship.	\$5695	\$6695
	6	Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony, shower. Deck 4, forward.	\$6695	\$7695
	5	Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony, shower. Deck 4, midship.	\$7395	\$8395
	4	Expansive sliding glass door, <b>private balcony</b> , shower. <i>Decks 5 and 6, aft.</i> (limited availability)	\$7995	\$8995
	3	Expansive sliding glass door, <b>private balcony</b> , shower. <i>Deck 5, forward</i> . (limited availability)	\$8595	\$9595
	2	Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony, shower. Deck 5, midship.	\$8895	\$9895
	1	Expansive sliding glass door, <b>private balcony</b> , shower. Deck 6, midship.	\$9395	\$10395
	Deluxe Suite	Suite with expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, shower, sitting area with sofa. Decks 3, 4, 5 and 6. (limited availability)	\$10995	\$11995
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Bilbao's avant-garde Guggenheim Museum is wrapped in shining waves of titanium.

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