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June 4 to 14, 2024

Celtic Lands

80th

ANNIVERSARY

D-DAY & THE BATTLE OF NORMANDY

EXCLUSIVE GUEST SPEAKERS

DWIGHT DAVID EISENHOWER II

ALLEN PACKWOOD OBE

CELTIC LANDS

Commemorate the 80th-anniversary of D-Day on this epic journey that takes you from the storied coastline of Northern France to England's historic Portsmouth, and on to the soul-stirring lands and seas of the Celts. Our exclusive travel program takes you in the path of iconic World War II history. In France, step upon solemn shores of Utah and Omaha beaches steeped in victory and loss, where nearly 160,000 Allied land, air, and sea forces, led by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, stormed the Normandy beaches at 6:30 a.m. on June 6, 1944. In Portsmouth, United Kingdom, visit General Eisenhower's ground zero for Operation Overlord. Then, traverse Celtic lands to discover their bold legacy—enshrined in ancient castles, brochs, and menhirs, and recalled in picturesque towns where poetry and songs date to the Bronze Age and Gaelic is widely spoken. Dwight David Eisenhower II, grandson of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, joins us on a special anniversary tour with onboard lectures and guided walks through hallowed grounds, where an estimated 2,400 Allied soldiers died on a day the world will never forget. Pre- and post-extensions offer the opportunity to explore London, Edinburgh, and Glasgow in more depth.

Front cover: *Eilean Donan Castle, Loch Duich, Scotland*

This Page: *View from Caernarfon Castle, Wales*





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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Be enthralled by the storied coastlines of Northern France and England, and the rich traditions of Scotland, Wales, and Ireland, during this unforgettable 9-night voyage. Enjoy luxurious amenities aboard the exclusively chartered, 5-star, small ship LE DUMONT D'URVILLE, featuring only 92 suites and staterooms.

In remembrance of D-Day, cross the English Channel to visit the solemn shores of Normandy accompanied by Professor David Eisenhower, grandson of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, and visit significant World War II memorials and museums, including the Utah Beach D-Day Museum and Southwick House in Portsmouth. Allen Packwood OBE—an expert on British Prime Minister Winston Churchill—and Professor Eisenhower will join us for a portion of the cruise and share their exclusive insights on two of the most influential figures of the 20th century.

Then, call at ports inaccessible to larger vessels and visit the historical territories, villages, islands, and breathtaking landscapes entwined with the treasures of Celtic heritage. See iconic landmarks in Dublin, Ireland, and follow in the footsteps of medieval and modern day princes in North Wales. Discover Scotland's seldom-visited Inner Hebridean Islands and admire the ancient Highland landscape of Glencoe.

This extraordinary program will sell out quickly. Make your reservations now, as space is limited.

Sincerely,

Mo Cotton Kelly

Senior Vice President for Stakeholder Engagement and Chief Operating Officer
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GUEST SPEAKERS



PROFESSOR DAVID EISENHOWER

Grandson of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Professor 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.”



ALLEN PACKWOOD OBE

Director of the Churchill Archives Centre and a Fellow of Churchill College, Cambridge, England, Allen Packwood OBE, B.A., M. Phil. (Cantab), F. R. Hist. S., was co-curator of “Churchill and the Great Republic,” a Library of Congress exhibition, and of “Churchill: The Power of Words,” a display at the Morgan Library in New York. He is the author of *How Churchill Waged War*, has lectured extensively on Sir Winston Churchill, and organized a 2009 conference titled “The Cold War and its Legacy”—attended by senior representatives from China, Germany, Romania, the Russian Federation, and the U.S.

D-DAY AND NORMANDY BEACHES



Walk where Allied forces landed on D-Day in the company of **Professor David Eisenhower**. 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. Learn more about Winston Churchill's role in the D-Day operations from **Allen Packwood OBE**, who joins us on board to share his unique insight.

Eisenhower's lectures 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

Packwood's lectures will feature:

Churchill and D-Day

Churchill's role in the high-risk complexity of the D-Day operations

Churchill and the Two Republics: France and the U.S.

Churchill's world view as a leader and how it was influenced by France and the U.S.



INCLUDED FEATURES

- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if you purchased air through Gohagan & Company and 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.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Hospitality desk aboard the ship.
- ◆ Meals included as noted in the itinerary (B,L,R,D).





11-DAY/9-NIGHT ITINERARY

Depart Home City

Day 1

Depart home city for your flight to London.

London, United Kingdom

Day 2

Arrive and transfer to the 5-star INTERCONTINENTAL LONDON PARK LANE. A shuttle will be available to Windsor for those wishing to explore at leisure. (D)

Portsmouth, United Kingdom/Embark

Day 3

Take a guided visit to the Portsmouth D-Day Story museum. View the magnificent Overlord Embroidery, illustrating the history of Operation Overlord in 34 panels. Enjoy lunch at Portsmouth Guildhall with a lecture presentation by Andrew Roberts, author of *Churchill: Walking with Destiny*. Travel to Southwick House to explore Eisenhower's D-Day operation headquarters. Embark the LE DUMONT D'URVILLE. This evening, hear an informative presentation by Professor Dwight David Eisenhower II, who shares personal stories from his grandfather and Operation Overlord—the Allies' code name for the military campaign that launched the D-Day invasion at Normandy on June 6, 1944. (B,L,D)

Honfleur/Caen, France/Omaha Beach/Normandy

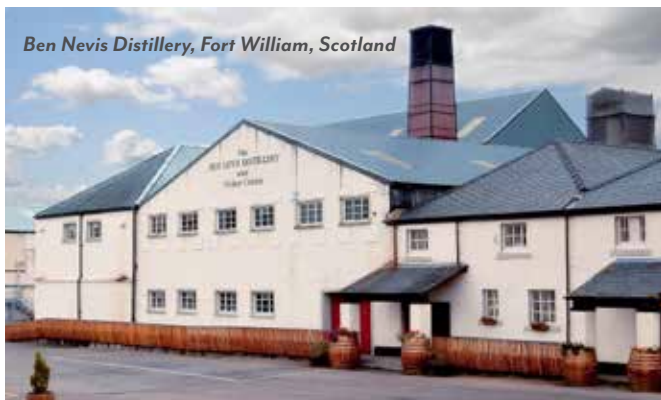
Day 4

Travel to Longues-sur-Mer, where the coastal German artillery battery and historic monument remains intact. Visit Omaha Beach, the code name for this section of the coast,

Cherbourg, France/Utah Beach/Sainte-Mère-Église/Pointe du Hoc

Day 5

Begin your full-day tour at Pointe du Hoc, a promontory with a 100-foot cliff overlooking the English Channel on the coast of Normandy. Hear how



where Allied forces landed, to walk the historic Normandy shores. At Colleville-sur-Mer, in the company of Professor Eisenhower, contemplate the solemn commemorative crosses and Stars of David in the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial. Canadian travelers can visit the Juno Beach and Bény-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery. Join your fellow travel companions for the Captain's Welcome Reception and Dinner this evening. (B,L,R,D)

the U.S. Army Ranger Assault Group scaled the cliffs to capture this critical Nazi stronghold. Visit the Utah Beach D-Day Museum, built on the very beach where the first American troops landed. In Sainte-Mère-Église, one of the first French villages to be liberated by American forces during World War II, see its famous church. (B,L,D)

Day at Sea

Day 6

The ship sails from Cherbourg to Dublin, Ireland. Enjoy amenities

Iona Abbey, Isle of Iona, Scotland



on board and lectures by our guest speakers. (B,L,D)

Dublin, Ireland

Day 7

Enjoy a guided tour of Dublin, including St. Patrick's and Christ Church cathedrals, Trinity College, the Book of Kells, and grand O'Connell Street, lined with statues of Irish statesmen. Explore more of Dublin during free time, and experience traditional Irish music and dance presentation by the Merry Ploughboys. (B,L,D)

Llandudno, Wales/ Bodnant Garden/ Caernarfon Castle

Day 8

Visit the world-class Bodnant Garden, featuring 80 acres of formal gardens, woodland, and meadows from around the world. Venture into the Welsh countryside for lunch and an unforgettable Welsh Choir performance. Take in

the grandeur of the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Caernarfon Castle. Built by Edward I of England, this 13th-century fortress was built as a defense against the marauding Welsh. (B,L,D)

Isle of Iona, Scotland

Day 9

Visit the tiny inner Hebridean Isle of Iona, the birthplace of Christianity in Scotland and burial place of Scottish kings. Tour its restored abbey with intricate Celtic crosses, and marvel at the island's spectacular views. Later, join Allen Packwood on board the ship as he discusses the complexity of the D-Day operations and Sir Winston Churchill's role in its undertaking. (B,L,D)

Fort William/Glencoe

Day 10

Travel to the ancient Highland landscape of Glencoe on one of

Scotland's greatest scenic drives, known for its high peaks, secluded glens, and turbulent past. Explore the Visitor Center, nestled in a wooded glen, and relish dramatic views on a drive via the coastal district of Appin and the narrow mountain Pass of Brander. Enjoy a traditional whisky tasting at Ben Nevis Distillery and explore Fort William at leisure. Share highlights of your journey with fellow travelers at the Captain's Farewell Reception and Dinner this evening. (B,L,R,D)

Greenock/Disembark/ Return to Home City

Day 11

After breakfast, disembark and continue on the Post-Program Option or transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B)

St. Mère Église Church, France



Trinity College Library, Dublin, Ireland





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2024 DEPARTURE DATE: June 4 to 14 (Tour Begins: June 5)

Category	LAND/CRUISE RATES <i>excluding taxes, per person, based on double occupancy</i>	Early Booking Rate through Dec. 20, 2023	Rates after Dec. 20, 2023
8	Deluxe stateroom with a picture window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. Deck 3, midship. (limited availability)	\$7,195	\$7,995
7	Prestige stateroom with sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 4, midship.	\$7,915	\$8,795
6	Prestige stateroom with sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 5, midship and aft.	\$8,365	\$9,295
5	Prestige stateroom with sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 6, midship and aft.	\$9,085	\$10,095
4	Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 3, midship. (limited availability)	\$9,535	\$10,595
3	Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 4, midship. (limited availability)	\$9,985	\$11,095
2	Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 5, midship.	\$10,705	\$11,895
1	Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 6, midship.	\$11,425	\$12,695
Prestige Suite II	Two-room suite, expansive sliding glass door, larger private balcony, two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. Deck 5, midship. (limited availability)	\$12,325	\$13,695
Prestige Suite I	Two-room suite, expansive sliding glass door, larger private balcony, two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. Deck 6, midship. (limited availability)	\$13,225	\$14,695
Privilege Suite	Large suite with expansive sliding glass door, larger private balcony, sitting area with sofa. Decks 5 and 6, aft. (limited availability)	\$14,035	\$15,595
Grand Deluxe Suite	Extra-large, one-bedroom suite and separate sitting room with sofa, expansive sliding glass door, spacious private terrace, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath. Deck 6, aft. (limited availability)	\$15,025	\$16,695
Owner's Suite	Extra-large, one-bedroom suite and separate sitting room with sofa, expansive sliding glass door, spacious private terrace with outdoor jacuzzi, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath. Deck 5, aft. (limited availability)	\$17,365	\$19,295

Single supplements apply to categories 6, 7, & 8 at 160% of the per person double price and subject to availability. All other categories are at 200%.

Port taxes are an additional \$515 per person. Customers will be notified of any fuel surcharge fee prior to final payment. This fee will then be charged and collected by the vessel operating company while onboard.

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PRE-PROGRAM OPTION

London

June 3 to 6, 2024 (Tour Begins: June 4)

Take an immersive, half-day London City Tour to see the iconic West End landmarks of London, including Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, and Piccadilly Circus. Also, visit the Churchill Museum to walk in his footsteps through the underground maze of rooms in the wartime bunker, such as the War Cabinet Room and the Map Room, which has remained intact as it was at war's end. Accommodations are in the 5-star INTERCONTINENTAL LONDON PARK LANE.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: **\$1,865**

Price per person, based on single occupancy: **\$2,965**



POST-PROGRAM OPTION

Glasgow and Edinburgh

June 14 to 17, 2024 (Tour Ends: June 17)

Explore 2 of Scotland's greatest cities and their histories of clans, medieval knights, and royal and religious intrigue on this 4-day itinerary. See the sites of Trossachs and visit Stirling Castle, home of the Stuart kings. See Glasgow's 12th-century cathedral and visit the Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum. Visit Edinburgh Castle and view the Crown Jewels of Scotland. Accommodations are in the five-star SHERATON GRAND HOTEL & SPA.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: **\$1,755**

Price per person, based on single occupancy: **\$2,195**

Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

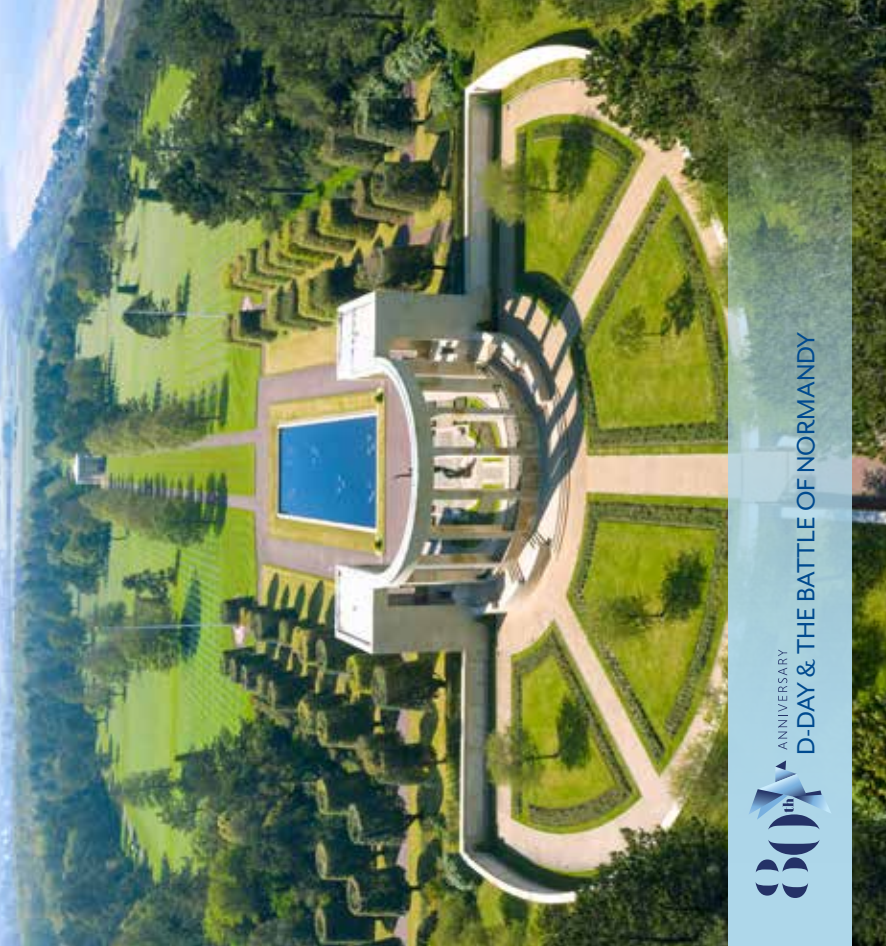
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