European Coastal Civilizations

Normandy Beaches • France • Guernsey • Spain • Portugal

Guest Speaker

Dwight David Eisenhower II
accompanies you to the Normandy Beaches

a voyage aboard the
Five-Star Small Ship M.S. L’Austral

April 27 to May 5, 2014
Dear Alumni and Friends:

Seventy years ago, on the morning of June 5, 1944, Supreme Allied Commander Dwight Eisenhower set into motion more than two million soldiers, 7,000 ships and 11,000 fighter planes deploying Operation Overlord, the secret Allied plan to liberate Europe. Eisenhower had the sole responsibility for this surprise invasion of Normandy, the largest amphibious assault ever attempted, that took place on June 6, 1944 — forever known as D-Day.

Join fellow alumni and friends for the opportunity of a lifetime to meet distinguished expert Dwight David Eisenhower II, Senior Research Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania, and grandson of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who will share his personal insights during an onboard lecture, and accompany you to the hallowed beaches of Normandy to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Allied Forces’ historic D-Day landings.

This one-of-a-kind small ship itinerary cruising aboard the state-of-the-art, five-star M.S. L’AUSTRAL features the captivating historical legacies and the enduring yet dynamic cultures of European coastal civilizations. From the old-world sophistication of Portugal to the artistic riches of Spain’s Basque Country, to the rugged beauty of France’s Côte Sauvage, and the United Kingdom’s charming Channel Islands, a riveting canvas of important yet seldom-visited seaports awaits you along Europe’s western coast.

Visit three UNESCO World Heritage sites, tour Oporto, the epicenter of world-famous port wine production, walk in the footsteps of ancient pilgrims on St. James Way in Santiago de Compostela, cruise Spain’s Costa Verde, and call at France’s spectacular Belle-Île-en-Mer and the UK’s Channel Island of Guernsey. There is a cultural excursion in each port, along with two exclusive C’est Bon! CULINARY TRADITIONS™ options celebrating traditional regional cuisine of these European coastal civilizations.

This is an extraordinary and exclusive opportunity and an excellent value. I encourage you to book now while space and Early Booking Savings are available!

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Regina Cross
Director of Alumni Travel
MSU Alumni Association

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Cover Photo: The seaside town of Arromanches served as part of the D-Day landing area code-named Gold Beach and became an assembly point for one of the Mulberry Harbor sites.
Leixões for Oporto
Tuesday, April 29
Dock in Leixões, northern Portugal’s principal port, and transfer to Oporto, a former Roman outpost and the hub of the country’s world-famous port wine trade since the 13th century. Its historic city center, Ribeira, a neighborhood of medieval streets lined with colorful Portuguese houses, is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Visit the Gothic Church of São Francisco and the neoclassical Stock Exchange, with its intricately gilded Arabian Hall inspired by the famous Moorish Alhambra. The city showcases great artistic and architectural treasures that remain from the Moorish period, when previous Greek and Roman influences along with Jewish and Christian life created a coexistence of cultures in which disciplines like algebra, medicine, optics, horticulture, art and architecture flourished.

During the first of two exclusive C’est Bon! Culinary Traditions™ options, enjoy a specially prepared lunch in Oporto’s oldest historical district, where a celebrity chef introduces you to traditional Portuguese specialties. Then, tour the cellars of a renowned port wine producer and enjoy a tasting among the seasoned oak casks.

Attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception and dinner this evening.

La Coruña for Santiago de Compostela
Wednesday, April 30
Today’s excursion travels into the oak and pine-forested hills of Galicia, one of Spain’s self-governed principalities influenced by its Roman, Germanic, Moorish and Castilian heritage and infused with an unexpected Celtic atmosphere. Golden-hued granite buildings grace its well-preserved capital, Santiago de Compostela, a UNESCO World Heritage site, where almost completely pedestrianized streets lead to the expansive Plaza del Obradoiro and the city’s grand Romanesque cathedral, a national monument, built to enshrine the tomb of St. James, who preached on the Iberian Peninsula. A pilgrimage destination since the Middle Ages, the church is recognized for its distinctive Baroque façade, original medieval portico and incomparable Churriguerean altar.
and the promenade of El Arenal, a popular route for Bilbainos’ evening paseos (leisurely strolls). Enjoy a guided architectural tour of the iconic Frank Gehry-designed Guggenheim Museum of Contemporary Art with time to stroll through the galleries of modern and contemporary art.

Basque cuisine is a ritual of love passed down through the generations. During the second C'est Bon! CULINARY TRADITIONS™ optional excursion, sample a variety of traditional Basque pintxos, or tapas, in a 16th-century caserio (country house) located in an idyllic setting just outside of Bilbao.

Belle-Île-en-Mer, France  
Friday, May 2

This afternoon, anchor at Belle-Île-en-Mer, France’s “Beautiful Island,” off the coast of Brittany. Much of the island’s current population is descended from repatriated Acadian colonists who returned to France from Acadia (Nova Scotia) in the mid 18th century. See the charming island community of Le Palais and visit the 18th-century Vauban Citadel, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Admire the unique beauty of the island’s stunning Côte Sauvage on a panoramic tour, highlighting the “wild coast” that has inspired artists from the time of Romans and medieval monks to the more modern French Impressionist Claude Monet as well as author Alexandre Dumas in his adventures of The Three Musketeers.

Guernsey, Channel Islands, U.K.  
Saturday, May 3

An English outpost located off the coast of France, Guernsey is a fascinating mosaic of fishing villages, greenhouses and fields dotted with its well-known chestnut-brown-and-white dairy cows. The island’s distinct culture is a delightful amalgam of English tradition and French lifestyle. Its capital, St. Peter Port, is an old Regency town distinguished by granite buildings and wrought-iron garden railings. It was here that Victor Hugo lived in exile from 1855 until 1870 and wrote Les Misérables. See the remnants of Germany’s occupation (1940 to 1945) of the Channel Islands, a launching point for invading Great Britain during
World War II. Visit a historic site exhibiting the vestiges of the German Occupation and see Fort Hommet, the permanent fortifications constructed to keep a German foothold on Europe, on the drive along the coastal road to Vazon Bay.

Join the Captain on board the ship for a Farewell Reception this evening.

Caen, France, for Normandy Beaches
Sunday, May 4
Dock in Caen and enjoy historian David Eisenhower’s exclusive onboard lecture. Travel through the scenic countryside to the historic Normandy Beaches. In the company of David Eisenhower, walk where Allied forces landed almost 70 years ago under the direction of his famous grandfather, Supreme Allied Commander, Dwight D. Eisenhower, on June 6, 1944. Step respectfully among the solemn crosses and Stars of David in the American Military Cemetery at St. Laurent, overlooking Omaha Beach. Envision the brave American rangers who scaled 200-foot heights to capture German gun emplacements at Pointe du Hoc.

See remnants of Mulberry Harbor, constructed to support Allied landings, and then view exhibits chronicling the campaign at the D-Day Museum. Alternatively, you may choose to see the famous 230-foot-long Bayeux Tapestry, a stunning visual chronicle of the Norman conquest of 1066.

Honfleur, France/U.S.
Monday, May 5
Disembark the ship in Honfleur and continue on the Post-Cruise Option or to Paris for your return flight to the U.S.

Since the early 1200s, the formidable Castle Cornet has stood guard over the town and harbor of St. Peter Port on the island of Guernsey.

Lisbon Pre-Cruise Option
Lisbon’s charm exudes from its renovated palaces, magnificent churches and an impressive castle that link the city to its rich cultural heritage.

A historic gateway for world exploration and Portugal’s intimate, welcoming capital, Lisbon is the ideal prelude to your cruise. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Jerónimos Monastery, a magnificent 16th-century monument, and the nearby sleepy village of Sintra, where the former Moorish fort is the last remaining medieval royal palace in Portugal. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe Dom Pedro Palace Hotel, located near the Estrela Gardens and the 18th-century Basílica da Estrela.

Paris/Giverny Post-Cruise Option
Enjoy a walking tour of Honfleur’s medieval old town before continuing to Giverny for a visit to Claude Monet’s garden and house, where he painted many of his iconic masterpieces. Transfer to Paris, the “City of Light,” for two nights, including breakfast, in the Five-Star InterContinental Paris Le Grand Hotel, ideally located adjacent to the Opéra Garnier and a short walk to the Louvre.

Pre- and Post-Cruise Options and Optional Excursions are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

The delightful harbor of Honfleur has inspired artists from the time of French Impressionists Boudin and Monet to the present.
**Five-Star m.s. L’Austral**

**Small Ship, State-of-the-Art Design**
The highly acclaimed m.s. L’Austral, launched in 2011, represents the newest generation of Five-Star small ships, featuring only 120 staterooms and distinctive French sophistication.

**Spacious 100% Ocean-View Suites and Staterooms, 95% with Private Balconies**
Each large, air-conditioned deluxe suite and stateroom (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 Le Coromandel dining room in single, unassigned seatings; alfresco in the casual indoor-outdoor Le Rodrigues 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 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 and personable, 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. The ship is in “Clean Ship” standing, an extreme rarity among ocean cruising vessels, showcasing the paramount importance of, and commitment to, energy efficiency and environmental protection of marine ecosystems. The ship has two tenders.
Acclaimed Guest Speaker

Historian Dwight David Eisenhower II, grandson of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower will provide a lecture and accompany you to the Beaches of Normandy.

Included Features

On board the Five-Star, small ship M.S. L’AUSTRAL

◆ Seven-night cruise from Lisbon, Portugal, to Honfleur, France, with port calls at Leixões for Oporto, Portugal; La Coruña for Santiago de Compostela, Santander for Bilbao, Spain; Belle-Île-en-Mer, France; Guernsey, Channel Islands, United Kingdom; and Caen, France for Normandy.

◆ Spacious, Five-Star, 100% ocean-view stateroom or 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 served with dinner.

◆ Excursion to Oporto, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

◆ Excursion to Santiago de Compostela, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

◆ Visit to Bilbao’s iconic Guggenheim Museum.

◆ Panoramic tour of Belle-Île-en-Mer with its citadel, one of Vauban’s UNESCO World Heritage site fortifications.

◆ Tour of Guernsey including a visit to one of the World War II sites.

◆ Full-day excursion to the Normandy Beaches during the 70th anniversary of the D-Day Landings, including visits to the American Cemetery and the D-Day Museum or the historic Bayeux Tapestry. Lunch is included.

Enhanced Travel Services

◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose 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.

◆ Two exclusive C’EST BON CULINARY TRADITIONS™ optional excursions are available at additional cost.

◆ Hospitality desk aboard the M.S. L’AUSTRAL.

◆ The services of an experienced team of 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.
There can be no more fitting way to mark the 70th anniversary of the Allied Forces D-Day invasion than to walk on the Normandy Beaches liberated by American and Allied forces. Attend a dynamic lecture and be accompanied to the beaches by our expert historian, intimately familiar with one 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 best seller, Eisenhower: At War 1943-1945, was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in history. David 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.”

The Normandy Beaches
Pivotal in the history and to the culture of Europe’s Atlantic coastal regions, on June 6, 1944, Supreme Allied Commander Dwight Eisenhower gave the order for 133,000 Allied troops to land along a 50-mile stretch of heavily-fortified French coastline. The invasion, known as Operation Overlord, was supported by 7,000 ships and 11,000 aircraft, and by day’s end, the Allies gained a foothold on the continent to begin their march to free Europe. A portal to the region that altered the new world order, Normandy brings history to life.

Scheduled guest speakers may be altered due to circumstances beyond our control. See Terms and Conditions.
**LAND/Cruise Tariff** (per person, based on double occupancy)

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*An Owner's Suite (Deck 6, Mahé) is available upon request at a cost to be advised, on a first-come, first-served basis.*

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1. **Title**
2. **Full Name (exactly as it appears on your passport)**
3. **Class Year**

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

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**Telephone:** (Home) (Business)

**Email Address** (Mobile)

**Preferred Name(s) on Badge(s)**

**Tour No.** 095-04/27/14-063

Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person plus $200 per person Lisbon Pre-Cruise Option and/or $200 per person Paris/Giverny Post-Cruise Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, I/we accept and agree to the Terms and Conditions.

- Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $_________ as deposit.
- Make checks payable to 2014 European Coastal Civilizations.
- I/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 January 22, 2014.

We strongly suggest purchasing travel insurance. Travel insurance information will be sent to you with your confirmation letter from the MSU Alumni Association.

**NOTE:** Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

**Please make my/our reservation(s):**

- **On 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).**

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- **Please make my/our reservation(s):**
  - Lisbon Pre-Cruise Option
    - Double at $595 per person.
    - Single at $795 per person.
  - Paris/Giverny Post-Cruise Option
    - Double at $875 per person.
    - Single at $1475 per person.

- **I/We want you to book my/our air from**
  - (fill in departure city)
  - to Lisbon, Portugal, with return from Paris, France, at additional cost to be advised.†

- **Economy Class**
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