

Eilean Donan Castle

Celtic Lands

10-day/8-night cruise from Honfleur, France, to Glasgow, Scotland, featuring guest speakers Dwight David Eisenhower II, grandson of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower, and Allen Packwood OBE, Director of Churchill Archives Centre

Departure: May 18 to 27, 2023



Discover the legacy of the Celts in Scotland, Ireland, Wales and France on this carefully curated itinerary. Enjoy two full-day excursions to the historic D-Day beaches of Normandy—each accompanied by acclaimed historians Dwight David Eisenhower II and Allen Packwood OBE, in Cherbourg, France. Continue your cruise to Dublin, Ireland, Wales and onward to the Isles of Iona and Tobermory before concluding in Glasgow, Scotland. Complement your journey with the Paris and Honfleur Pre-Program and/or the Edinburgh and Glasgow Post-Program Options.



10-Day/8-Night Itinerary

- 1 Depart the U.S. or Canada for Paris
- 2 Paris, France/Honfleur/Embark the ship—Transfer to Honfleur and embark the ship. Enjoy a presentation from Professor Dwight David Eisenhower II, who shares personal stories about his grandfather and Operation Overlord—the Allies' code name for the military campaign that launched the D-Day airborne and amphibious invasion at Normandy on June 6, 1944. Attend dinner on board this evening.
- 3 Caen for Arromanches and Omaha Beach—Drive to Longues-sur-Mer, where the coastal German artillery battery remains intact. Continue to Omaha Beach, where Allied forces landed on June 6, 1944, and walk the historic Normandy shores. Then, in the company of Professor Eisenhower, contemplate the solemn commemorative crosses and Stars of David in the American military cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer. Conclude your day with the Captain's Welcome Reception.
- 4 Cherbourg —Visit Pointe du Hoc and continue to the Church of Angoville-au-Plain to view its stained-glass rendition of the American Airborne parachute drop.

 Nearby, visit Utah Beach and the Utah Beach D-Day Museum. In Sainte-Mère-Èglise, one of the first French villages to be liberated by American forces during World War II, see its famous church, where American

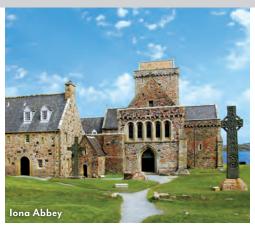
- soldier John Steele caught his parachute on the steeple and "played dead" for two hours before being taken prisoner.
- 5 Tresco, Isles of Scilly, United Kingdom—Visit the family-owned island of Tresco, famed for its 19th-century Tresco Abbey Gardens, built around the ruins of a Benedictine Abbey. Explore the garden's Valhalla Museum, home to an eclectic collection of 30 shipwrecked figureheads recovered across the Isles of Scilly.
- 6 Dublin, Ireland—Enjoy a panoramic tour of Dublin, featuring St. Patrick's and Christ Church cathedrals and grand O'Connell Street, lined with statues of Irish statesmen. Stroll through quadrangles of Trinity College, founded in 1592. Enjoy a traditional Irish music and dance presentation on board this evening.
- 7 Holyhead, Wales, for Caernarfon—From Holyhead, transfer across the quaint Isle of Anglesey and over the Menai Strait to North Wales, the cradle of Celtic culture, where Welsh remains the mother tongue. Visit beautiful Bodnant Garden and experience the grandeur of the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Caernarfon Castle, a 13th-century fortress built by Edward I of England as a defense against the marauding Welsh.
- 8 Isle of Iona/Tobermory, Isle of Mull—Visit the inner Hebridean Isle of Iona, the birthplace of Christianity in Scotland, to see its restored abbey and intricate Celtic

- crosses. Later, join Allen Packwood OBE on board the ship as he discusses the complexity of the D-Day operations and Sir Winston Churchill's role in its undertaking.
- **9 Kyle of Lochalsh**—Enjoy views of the Black and Red Cuillin mountain ranges at Sligachan and the heather-woven hills and rocky shorelines of Sleat, the "Garden of Skye." Visit 13th-century Eilean Donan Castle, magnificently sited at the entrance to Loch Duich. Conclude your evening with the Captain's Farewell Reception on board.
- 10 Glasgow, Scotland/Greenock/Disembark ship/ Return to the U.S. or Canada



Highlights

- Two full-day excursions to the D-Day beaches of Normandy with visits to Utah and Omaha Beaches, Sainte-Mére-Èglise, including a tour of the American military cemetery with Dwight David Eisenhower II, grandson of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower.
- City tour of Dublin.
- Visit to the Isle of Iona, featuring the historic Iona Abbey.
- Visit 13th-century Eilean Donan Castle and enjoy a scenic excursion across the Isle of Skye.









Featured guest speakers

<u>Dwight David Eisen</u>hower II and Allen Packwood OBE



Paris



EXCLUSIVELY CHARTERED FIVE-STAR, SMALL SHIP LE BELLOT

- Only 92 suites and staterooms, each with a private balcony.
- All meals included on board the ship, as well as alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages throughout the cruise.
- Blue Eye Underwater Observation Lounge.

PRE-PROGRAM OPTION Paris and Honfleur

This three-day exploration of the "City of Light" and Monet's cherished gardens in Giverny features a city tour of Paris, including Montmartre, and a visit to Monet's Gardens. Enjoy accommodations in the five-star INTERCONTINENTAL PARIS LE GRAND.

POST-PROGRAM OPTION Edinburgh and Glasgow

Explore two of Scotland's greatest cities and their histories of clans, medieval knights and royal and religious intrigue on this three-night itinerary. Visit Glasgow's 12th-century cathedral, the only medieval church in mainland Scotland to survive the reformation of 1560, and historical Edinburgh Castle. Accommodations in the five-star WALDORF ASTORIA EDINBURGH THE CALEDONIAN.

2023 DEPARTURE DATE: May 18

Category	LAND/CRUISE RATES excluding taxes	Early Booking Savings (if booked more than six months prior to departure)	Rate after Early Booking Savings
8	Deluxe stateroom with a picture window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. <i>Deck 3, midship.</i> (limited availability)	\$6,495	\$7,465
7	Prestige stateroom with a picture window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. <i>Deck 4, midship.</i>	\$6,995	\$8,045
6	Prestige stateroom with expansive sliding glass door, private balcony . Deck 5, midship and aft.	\$7,495	\$8,615
5	Prestige stateroom with expansive sliding glass door, private balcony . Deck 6, midship and aft.	\$7,995	\$9,195
4	Deluxe suite with expansive sliding glass door, private balcony . Deck 3, midship. (limited availability)	\$8,495	\$9,765
3	Deluxe suite with expansive sliding glass door, private balcony . Deck 4, midship. (limited availability)	\$8,995	\$10,345
2	$Deluxe \ suite \ with \ expansive \ sliding \ glass \ door, \textbf{private balcony}. \ \textit{Deck 5, midship}.$	\$9,495	\$10,915
1	Deluxe suite with expansive sliding glass door, private balcony . Deck 6, midship.	\$9,995	\$11,495
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)	\$10,995	\$12,645
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)	\$11,995	\$13,795
Privilege Suite	Large suite with expansive sliding glass door, larger private balcony , sitting area with sofa. <i>Decks</i> 5 and 6, aft. (limited availability)	\$12,895	\$14,825
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. <i>Deck 6, aft.</i> (limited availability)	\$13,995	\$16,095
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)	\$14,995	\$17,245

Single supplements apply across all categories at 160% of the per person double price.

Taxes are an additional \$515 per person.

LE BELLOT has been specially contracted for this program and the deck plan is available online or upon request from Gohagan & Company.

The Pre-Program and Post-Program Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided during the reservation process.