European Coastal Civilizations

Lisbon • Oporto • Santiago de Compostela • Bilbao
Brittany • Normandy Beaches • River Thames to London

Guest Speaker

Dwight David Eisenhower II
accompanies you to the Normandy Beaches

April 30 to May 9, 2018

Exclusively Chartered Small Ship
Five-Star Le Boréal
Dear Carolina Alumni and Friends:

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

Visit three UNESCO World Heritage sites, including Oporto, the center of world-famous port wine production; Santiago de Compostela, where you will walk in the footsteps of medieval pilgrims to visit the tomb of St. James; and the magnificent Mont-St-Michel and its impressive abbey that appears to rise out of the sea.

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.

Cruise Spain’s ruggedly beautiful Costa Verde, tour the Frank Gehry-designed Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao and, in a grand finale, sail up the River Thames into the heart of London, where your ship will overnight a stone’s throw from the illustrious Tower Bridge.

This is an extraordinary and popular nine-day cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, state-of-the-art, Five-Star Le Boreal, an elegant small ship able to sail into ports inaccessible to larger vessels. It features an included cultural excursion in each port and is an excellent value. We encourage you to book this experience now while space and Early Booking Savings are available!

Yours at Carolina,

Douglas S. Dibbert ’70
President
The University of North Carolina
General Alumni Association
**U.S.**
Monday, April 30
Depart the U.S.

**Lisbon, Portugal**
Tuesday, May 1
Arrive in Lisbon and embark the Five-Star Le Boréal. Attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception and dinner this evening.

**Leixões for Oporto**
Wednesday, May 2
Dock in Leixões, northern Portugal’s principal port, and transfer to Oporto, a former Roman outpost and the center of the world-famous port wine trade since the 13th century. Oporto’s historic city center, Ribeira, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is a picturesque neighborhood of medieval streets lined with colorful houses where you will 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.

The city showcases great artistic and architectural treasures that remain from the Moorish period, when previous Greek and Roman influences, along with religious tolerance between the Jewish and Christian faiths, created a coexistence of cultures in which disciplines like mathematics, medicine, optics, horticulture, art and architecture flourished.

**A Coruña, Spain, for Santiago de Compostela**
Thursday, May 3
Travel into the oak and pine-forested hills of Galicia, one of Spain’s self-governed principalities, influenced by its Roman, Germanic, Moorish and Castilian heritages 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 medieval pedestrian stone streets lead to the expansive Plaza del Obradoiro and the city’s grand Romanesque cathedral.
Bay of Biscay
Atlantic Ocean
English Channel

A national monument and pilgrimage site since the Middle Ages, the cathedral was built to enshrine the tomb of St. James, who preached on the Iberian Peninsula, and is recognized for its distinctive Baroque façade, original medieval portico and incomparable Churrigueresque altar.

Santander for Bilbao
Friday, May 4
From Santander transfer to Bilbao, surrounded by the verdant Basque Mountains. Discover this dynamic and sophisticated city with a stop in the historic casco viejo (old quarter) and the promenade of El Arenal, a popular route for Bilbaínos’ evening paseos (leisurely strolls). Enjoy a guided tour of the iconic, Frank Gehry-designed Guggenheim Museum, renowned for its collection of modern and contemporary art.

Cruising the French Coast
Saturday, May 5
While cruising the dramatic west coast of France, attend an exclusive onboard lecture by historian and special guest speaker Dwight David Eisenhower II.

St. Malo, France, for Mont-St-Michel
Sunday, May 6
The UNESCO World Heritage site of Mont-St-Michel is one of the most awe-inspiring sights in all of France—its spectacular, 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 between the 12th and 13th centuries, 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 known as La Merveille (The Miracle) since the 12th century.

Caen for Normandy Beaches
Monday, May 7
Dock in Caen and travel through the scenic countryside to the historic Normandy beaches. In the company of Dwight David Eisenhower II, walk where Allied forces landed on June 6, 1944, under the direction of his distinguished grandfather, Supreme Allied Commander Dwight D. Eisenhower. Contemplate the solemn commemorative crosses and Stars of David in the American Military Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer overlooking Omaha Beach. Envision the heroic soldiers of the United States Army Second Ranger Battalion, who scaled the 100-foot sheer cliffs to capture German gun emplacements at Pointe du Hoc.
For centuries, oak casks of port wine have been transported on traditional flat-bottomed rabelos from the hills of the Upper Douro region to the port lodges of Oporto.

Following lunch, continue to Arromanches to see the remnants of Mulberry Harbor, constructed by the British to support Allied landings on the Normandy beaches. View an engaging wraparound short film documenting the D-Day campaign at the Arromanches 360 Circular Cinema; alternatively, you may choose to see the famous 230-foot-long Bayeux Tapestry, a stunning visual chronicle of the Norman Conquest of 1066.

Cruising the English Channel/River Thames/London, England Tuesday, May 8
Enjoy lectures this morning as the ship cruises the Strait of Dover, once a river valley separating England from the European continent and where the naval forces of Queen Elizabeth I delivered a fatal blow to the Spanish Armada in 1588.

Then cruise up the River Thames into the heart of London, a memorable passage possible only by small ship. Enjoy a cup of afternoon tea while passing the Thames Barrier; historic maritime Greenwich, where the Cutty Sark ship is moored and the prime meridian lies; and the soaring skyline of Canary Wharf. Be on deck as your voyage culminates in a dramatic approach to London’s iconic Tower Bridge.

Dock overnight on the River Thames across from the Tower of London and alongside the historic naval vessel **HMS Belfast**. Attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception this evening.

London/U.S. Wednesday, May 9
Following breakfast this morning, disembark and continue on the London’s Royal History Post-Cruise Option or transfer to the airport for your flight home.

**Grande Lisboa**

**Sintra • Cascais**

**Pre-Cruise Option • April 27 to May 1**

Lisbon’s charm exudes from its illustrious palaces, magnificent monuments and impressive architecture that link the city to its rich cultural heritage as a historic gateway for world exploration. See the UNESCO World Heritage site of the 16th-century Jerónimos Monastery and the Tower of Belém. Tour the sweeping art collection of the renowned Calouste Gulbenkian Museum. 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 three nights in the centrally located, deluxe **Dom Pedro Palace Hotel**.

**London’s Enduring History**

**Post-Cruise Option • May 9 to 11**

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

The Pre- and Post-Cruise Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
Small Ship, State-of-the-Art Design
The exclusively chartered Le Boréal launched the newest generation of Five-Star small ships, featuring only 110 Suites and Staterooms, distinctive French sophistication and complimentary onboard Wi-Fi.

Elegantly Appointed Suites and Staterooms, 95% with Private Balconies
Each air-conditioned deluxe Stateroom and Suite (200 to 484 square feet), features a private bathroom with shower, luxurious Five-Star hotel amenities and minibar with complimentary beverages; most have two twin beds that convert into one queen bed. Enjoy accommodation amenities including individual climate control, satellite flat-screen television, safe, 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 La Licorne dining room in single, unassigned seatings; alfresco in the casual La Boussole Restaurant; or from 24-hour room service. Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are available throughout the cruise. Continental and buffet breakfasts, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and a four-course dinner are served daily. Wine is served with lunch and dinner.

Spacious Public Areas/World-Class Service and Facilities
In keeping with the low passenger density, the public areas are spacious and inviting, and they can accommodate all passengers comfortably. Enjoy views from the Panoramic Lounge; nightly entertainment in the Main Lounge; and lectures, cultural performances or film screenings in the state-of-the-art theater. There is a library, Internet salon, Sun Deck with open-air bar, swimming pool, beauty salon, spa, Turkish bath-style steam room, full range of fitness equipment, two elevators and an infirmary staffed with a doctor and a 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 design, the ship is energy efficient and environmentally protective of marine ecosystems and has been awarded the prestigious “Clean Ship” designation due to its advanced eco-friendly features, a rarity among ocean-cruising vessels. The ship has two tenders.
Included Features

Acclaimed Guest Speaker

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On board the exclusively chartered Five-Star, small ship LE BORÉAL

◆ Eight-night cruise from Lisbon, Portugal, to London, England, with port calls at Leixões for Oporto, Portugal; A Coruña for Santiago de Compostela and Santander for Bilbao, Spain; and St. Malo for Mont-St-Michel, Caen for the Normandy Beaches, France; and a cruise up the River Thames to the Tower Bridge, London.

◆ Elegantly appointed, Five-Star Suite or Stateroom, each with a private bathroom.

◆ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.

◆ Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are available throughout the cruise.

◆ All meals—early continental breakfast, buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and dinner—throughout the cruise, featuring fine international and regional cuisine, served at single, unassigned seatings.

◆ Wine is served with lunch and 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.

◆ Walking tour of Mont-St-Michel and a visit to its 11th-century Abbey, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

◆ Full-day excursion to the historic Normandy D-Day beaches, including a visit to a military cemetery and an opportunity to watch a short film documenting the D-Day campaign at the Arromanches 360 Circular Cinema overlooking Gold Beach, where British troops constructed Mulberry Harbor, or to see the legendary Bayeux Tapestry, chronicling the Norman Conquest of 1066, with lunch.

◆ Once-in-a-lifetime cruise up the River Thames into the heart of London, with overnight on board ship docked near the Tower Bridge.

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 and transfers.

◆ Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom and on excursions.

◆ Hospitality desk aboard the ship.

◆ The services of experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the program.

◆ Complimentary use of a state-of-the-art audio headset for each participant during guided excursions.

◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.

◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
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**Featured Guest Speaker**

David Eisenhower

There can be no more fitting way to pay tribute to the Allied Forces, whose courageous D-Day invasion changed the course of World War II, than to walk on the historic beaches of Normandy liberated by American, Canadian and British forces. It is a privilege to have David Eisenhower, our expert historian who is personally familiar with one of the most powerful world leaders of the 20th century and World War II, present a dynamic lecture and accompany this profound visit to the beaches of Normandy.

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 900-page best seller Eisenhower: At War 1943-1945, published in 1986, 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

In a pivotal moment in the history and 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 7000 ships and 11,000 aircraft and by day’s end had gained the Allies a foothold on the continent to begin their march to free Europe. A portal to the region that altered the new world order, the beaches of Normandy honor the great history that unfolded on these shores so many years ago.

Scheduled guest speakers may be altered due to circumstances beyond our control. See Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement.

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Please make my/our reservation(s) in Stateroom Category:
1st Choice ____ 2nd Choice ____
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): Grande Lisboa Pre-Cruise Option
- Double at $895 per person.
- Single at $495 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).

London’s Enduring History Post-Cruise Option
- Double at $1095 per person.
- Single at $595 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).

Please make my/our reservation(s):
- £13995 per person.
- £14995 per person.
- I / We want you to book my/our air from _________.

Membership Requirement: Tour participants who are not members of the General Alumni Association must join ($50 for singles, $60 for couples). Please pay by separate check made payable to the General Alumni Association and mail with this reservation form.

I understand that reservations will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. I accept the conditions as stated in this brochure and submit my reservation as indicated. I understand that the balance is due January 25, 2018.

Signature: ___________________________ Date ____________

I am requesting _______ reservation(s), and have enclosed my checks for $________ as deposit ($800 per person and $200 per person Grande Lisboa Pre-Cruise Option and $200 per person London’s Enduring History Post-Cruise Option). Please make deposit checks payable to Thomas P. Gohagan & Company and mail with this form to General Alumni Association, The University of North Carolina, George Watts Hall Alumni Center, P.O. Box 660, Chapel Hill, NC 27514-0660, (877) 962-3980.

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Card Number: ___________________________ Exp. Date: ___________________________

Signature as it appears on credit card ______

Date: ____________

All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by January 25, 2018.

EUROPEAN COASTAL CIVILIZATIONS RESERVATION FORM
**Bilbao's avant-garde Guggenheim Museum is perhaps the 20th century's most audacious architecture, wrapped in shining waves of titanium.**

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