Celtic Lands
Cruise from France to Scotland with Dwight David Eisenhower II & Celia Sandys
May 1 – 10, 2013 | Aboard the Deluxe m.s. Le Boréal
With Optional Extensions in Paris and Edinburgh

SAVE $1,000 PER PERSON WHEN YOU RESERVE BY OCTOBER 15, 2012!
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 bestseller, *Eisenhower: At War 1943-1945*, was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in history. 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.

Celia Sandys, granddaughter of Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill, is a Churchill historian, author, journalist, and speaker. Sandys has written five books about Churchill, combining historical research with anecdotes of the man she knew. The book *Chasing Churchill* (2003) is the basis for the 2007 PBS documentary featuring her grandfather's military and political travels and private journeys, including many on which she accompanied him.

Dwight Young, National Trust for Historic Preservation and AMNH Expeditions lecturer, has been actively involved in historic preservation for over 30 years. He joined the staff of the National Trust in 1977. He is the author of *Alternatives to Sprawl and Saving America’s Treasures*, as well as *Dear First Lady: Letters to the White House* and *Dear Mr. President: Letters to the Oval Office* from the files of the National Archives. Young has enriched countless educational tours to historic destinations all over the world through his love and knowledge of architecture and unique places.

Russell A. Peck, a nationally recognized scholar who focuses on the literature of Great Britain from the 13th through the 16th centuries, has been an influential teacher and innovative researcher at the University of Rochester for more than five decades.

Tillman Nechtman’s teaching and research interests focus on Britain and its empire. He has published widely on the cultural relationships between Britain and India in the 18th century as well as on the history of British imperialism at Gibraltar.
Expedition Highlights

We extend a special invitation to join us aboard the exclusively chartered five-star, small ship, M.S. Le Boreal, journeying in the wake of the Celtic peoples who contributed immeasurably to the development and culture of Europe’s civilizations. Sail from northern France and the beaches of Normandy into the waters of the Celtic and Irish Seas and view treasures of rich Celtic heritage in Dublin. Follow in the footsteps of medieval and modern princes in North Wales before admiring the austere beauty of Scotland’s Highlands and cruising among its misty, legend-haunted Hebridean and Orkney Islands.

Meet distinguished experts Dwight David Eisenhower II, University of Pennsylvania professor and grandson of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower, and Celia Sandys, Churchill historian and granddaughter of Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill. Joining us for a portion of the cruise, Ms. Sandys and Professor Eisenhower will lecture and share personal insights. Eisenhower will also accompany our visit to the hallowed beaches of Normandy, almost 70 years after Allied forces made their historic D-Day landings.

On exclusive guided tours, discover the ancient legacy of the Celts and their enduring influence in the 21st century. Explore cities, villages and islands that abound with Celtic heritage, calling at ports accessible only to a small ship. The Paris Pre-Cruise Option and Edinburgh Post-Cruise Option provide further enhancement to the itinerary.

Capacity is limited, so we urge you to make your reservation early.

Cruise Itinerary

MAY 1 & 2  DEPART HOME  → PARIS, FRANCE  → HONFLEUR (EMBARK)
Fly to Paris, France. On arrival, transfer to Honfleur and embark the ship. Sail tonight. M.S. Le Boreal (D)

MAY 3  CAEN  → NORMANDY BEACHES
From Caen, travel to the historic Normandy beaches. In the company of David Eisenhower, walk where Allied forces landed at the direction of his grandfather, on June 6, 1944, and visit the American Military Cemetery at St. Laurent, overlooking Omaha Beach.

Later, see remnants of Mulberry Harbor, constructed to support Allied landings at Gold Beach. You may choose to see the D-Day Museum or the famous 230-foot-long Bayeux Tapestry, a stunning visual chronicle of the Norman conquest of 1066.

This evening, attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception and dinner. M.S. Le Boreal (B,L,R,D)

MAY 4  CRUISING THE ENGLISH CHANNEL  → CELTIC AND IRISH SEAS
Today, Professor Eisenhower shares captivating details about his grandfather and provides fascinating insight on the ramifications of Operation Overlord, the Allies’ code name for the World War II military campaign that launched the D-Day airborne and amphibious assault on Normandy nearly 70 years ago. M.S. Le Boreal (B,L,D)

MAY 5  DUBLIN, IRELAND
Built astride the River Liffey, Ireland’s historic capital has retained its rich heritage of Georgian architecture while confidently playing a major role in the New Europe. Enjoy an overview tour of the city; stroll through stately Trinity College and view the incandescent illuminations of the ninth-century Book of Kells; visit the 13th-century St. Patrick’s Cathedral of Ireland.

The afternoon is at leisure. Walk along colorful Grafton Street, or savor a pint of Guinness in a typical neighborhood pub or visit the treasures of Celtic Heritage in the National Museum of Ireland. Depart this evening. M.S. Le Boreal (B,L,D)

MAY 6  HOLYHEAD, WALES  → CAERNARFON CASTLE
From Holyhead, travel across the Isle of Anglesey and over the Menai Strait. Here, in North Wales, one of the cradles of Celtic culture, the people hold fast to the old ways, and Welsh remains their mother tongue.

Visit beautiful Bodnant Garden, one of the finest examples of 19th-century Victorian landscape artistry. Enjoy lunch in a local restaurant and listen to a stirring private choir performance of Welsh hymns.

Tour the imposing Caernarfon Castle, an impregnable 13th-century fortress built by Edward I of England as a defense against the marauding Welsh. Heirs to the British throne have been invested with the title of “Prince of Wales” at Caernarfon since 1301, including the investiture of Charles as Prince of Wales by his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, in 1969.
En route to the ship, view the beautiful glacier-sculpted peaks and valleys of the Snowdonia Mountains. M.S. LE BORÉAL (B,L,D)

MAY 7  ISLE OF IONA  TOBERMORY, ISLE OF MULL
Go ashore on the Hebridean Isle of Iona, birthplace of Scottish Christianity. At the Abbey, see the churchyard’s intricate Celtic crosses and stroll through the serene, restored monastery.

Then, cross the Sound of Iona to the neighboring Isle of Mull to visit the 13th-century Duart Castle. Lunch will be provided at the castle. Continue to the sheltered port of Tobermory, where vividly painted houses are nestled between the hills and the harbor. After free time, reboard the ship and depart for Skye. M.S. LE BORÉAL (B,L,D)

MAY 8  PORTREE, ISLE OF SKYE
Skye, dubbed “the Winged Island” after its birdlike shape, is the largest and most scenic of the Inner Hebrides. Visit Dunvegan Castle, built atop a rocky promontory overlooking the sea. Tour Dunvegan’s richly appointed public rooms and view the Fairy Flag, a silken banner that legend claims to have had the power to save the clan from defeat on three occasions. View the castle’s lush gardens, ablaze with azaleas and rhododendrons.

Return to Portree by way of the island’s western shore and across its starkly beautiful interior land of rolling green moors.

This afternoon, cruise the Sound of Raasay, viewing Trotternish Peninsula’s craggy rock formations and rolling green moorland. M.S. LE BORÉAL (B,L,D)

MAY 9  KIRKWALL, ORKNEY ISLANDS
Explore the Orkney Islands’ Neolithic monuments, a designated UNESCO World Heritage site. View the Ring of Brodgar, whose stone monoliths were raised more than 3,500 years ago to chart the seasons. In Skara Brae, walk through a 5,000-year-old settlement built entirely of stone. Upon return to Kirkwall, visit the impressive, mid-12th-century St. Magnus Cathedral, the best-preserved medieval house of worship in Scotland.

Relax this afternoon while cruising the North Sea. Attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception this evening. M.S LE BORÉAL (B,L,R,D)

MAY 10  EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND (DISEMBARK)  RETURN HOME
Transfer to the airport and return to the U.S., or join the Post-Cruise Option. M.S. LE BORÉAL (B)

Optional Paris Pre-Cruise Extension — April 29 - May 2, 2013
Paris has been a thriving center of intellectual and artistic achievement for centuries, with influences from the Celtic peoples woven into the city’s rich heritage. Tour the private, 19th-century mansion and art collection of the Musée Jacquemart-André and see Paris’ famous landmarks. Continue to the Roman- and Celtic-influenced town of Rouen for a walking tour through the medieval streets where Joan of Arc came to her end. Accommodations are for two nights in Paris’ Five-Star InterContinental Paris Le Grand, located in the heart of Paris. (B)

Optional Edinburgh Post-Cruise Extension — May 10 - 12, 2013
Intertwined with Celtic history for almost a millennium, Scotland’s capital city, Edinburgh, is an exceptional conclusion to your cruise. Tour the brooding 12th-century Edinburgh Castle, visit the Museum of Scotland and see the city’s Neoclassical and Georgian architectural treasures. Accommodations are in a deluxe Roxburghe Hotel, centrally located on Festival Square near Edinburgh Castle, for two nights. (B)

About the m.s. Le Boréal
The deluxe m.s. LE BORÉAL is a new generation small ship of the highest quality. Ninety-five percent of the large, air-conditioned, ocean-view Staterooms and Suites feature private balconies. Continental and buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and a four-course dinner are served daily. Complimentary wine and beer are served with dinner. Enjoy views from the Panoramic Lounge, nightly entertainment in the Main Lounge, and lectures and cultural performances in the state-of-the-art theater. There is a library, Internet salon, Sun Deck, swimming pool, beauty salon, spa, steam room, full range of fitness equipment and two elevators. The ship company is proud of its Clean Ship standing, an extreme rarity among ocean-cruising vessels, as its commitment to energy efficiency and environmental protection of marine ecosystems is of paramount importance.
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