Changing Tides of History: Cruising the Baltic Sea
on Le Dumont d’Urville
June 23-July 2, 2019
with Richard Thomas

Featuring Lech Wałęsa and Sergei Khrushchev
Peter the Great himself partially engineered the resplendent fountains and statues that adorn the opulent Grand Palace at Petrodvorets.

Explore the lands and legacies forged by centuries of Baltic history.

Hear and learn more firsthand from historic world leader, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and former President of Poland, Lech Wałęsa, and noted author and award-winning scholar Sergei Khrushchev, son of Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev. Experience the cultural rebirth of the Baltic States and imperial past of St. Petersburg, Russia, while cruising aboard the exclusively chartered, five-star, all-suite Le Dumont D’Urville, featuring only 92 ocean-view suites. In the tradition of ancient Viking mariners and medieval merchants, set forth from the cosmopolitan, royal Danish capital and seaport of Copenhagen to Sweden’s sophisticated and innovative capital city of Stockholm.

Spend two days docked in the heart of St. Petersburg, featuring visits to the Peter and Paul Fortress and the czarist palaces at Petrodvorets and Pushkin. Walk amid the well-preserved medieval Old Town of Tallinn, Estonia; tour the storied architecture of Helsinki, Finland. This exclusive travel program features a five-star accommodations, a specially arranged shore excursion in each port, and all meals.

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A LITTLE MORE TO IT
My walking shoes are laced up tight and I’m ready to keep up with my traveling companions. I look forward to getting to know them on the drives and walking tours we’ll take in the cities. A little mental and physical stimulation will do me good!

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Richard F. Thomas
is the George Martin Lane Professor of the Classics at Harvard University. He was educated at the University of Auckland (BA 1972, MA, 1973) and The University of Michigan (PhD 1977). His teaching and research interests are focused on Hellenistic Greek and Roman literature, intertextuality, translation and translation theory, the reception of classical literature, and the works of Bob Dylan. Publications include more than 100 articles and reviews and several books, most recently Why Bob Dylan Matters (2017). He has served as director of Undergraduate Studies, director of Graduate Studies, and chair in the Department of the Classics. He is co-chair of the seminar on The Civilizations of Ancient Greece and Rome, in Harvard’s Mahindra Humanities Center. He has also served as director of the American Philological Association and as trustee, director, and president of the Vergilian Society of America. Since 2001, he has been a trustee of the Loeb Classical Library, and is currently serving as editor of Harvard Studies in Classical Philology. On this program Richard will discuss the Vikings, the classical art of the Hermitage, and the raising of the Wasa, a 17th-century Swedish warship salvaged in 1961.
Schedule by Day

SUNDAY, JUNE 23
U.S.
Depart the U.S.

MONDAY, JUNE 24
Copenhagen, Denmark
Arrive in Copenhagen and embark the Five-Star Le Dumont D’Urville. (D)

TUESDAY, JUNE 25
Gdańsk, Poland
Once a flourishing Hanseatic League port, today Gdański showcases its architectural heritage in the meticulously restored, late Renaissance and Baroque patrician mansions in the Stare Miasto (Old Town). Stroll along the pedestrian-only Droga Królewska (the Royal Route) to see the iconic Neptune’s Fountain and the 14th-century Artus Court, a Gothic guildhall inspired by the ideals of Britain’s legendary King Arthur.

In 1980, shipyard workers led by Lech Wałęsa founded the Solidarity movement, the first independent trade union in Eastern Europe and the key factor in winning the Polish struggle against Communism. Visit the historic Lenin Shipyard, where the movement began, see its Monument to the Fallen Shipyard Workers and meet the leader of the Solidarity movement, former President of Poland and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Lech Wałęsa on board the ship this evening, where he will discuss his perspective on Solidarity, globalization and progress in the region. (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

Cruising the Baltic Sea
Spend the day at leisure cruising the Baltic Sea while enjoying a series of enriching lectures, including distinguished author and scholar Dr. Sergei Khrushchev. Enjoy the Captain’s Welcome Reception this evening. (B,L,R,D)

THURSDAY, JUNE 27
Tallinn, Estonia
Tallinn’s UNESCO World Heritage-designated Old Town largely escaped the ravages of World War II and has remained virtually unchanged for 600 years. During the walking tour, see the landmark Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, the 13th-century Church of St. Nicholas and Toompea Castle, the seat of Estonia’s Parliament.

Visit the medieval Town Hall, the only intact Gothic-style hall in Northern Europe. During leisure time, wander Tallinn’s incredibly preserved Old Town before returning to the ship. (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, JUNE 28
St. Petersburg, Russia
Founded in 1703 as his “Window on the West,” St. Petersburg is Peter the Great’s extraordinary vision. Cruise into the heart of the city for a specially arranged, early-entry guided tour of the incomparable State Hermitage Museum.

One of the world’s greatest art repositories, the UNESCO World Heritage-designated museum was the former czarist palace of Catherine the Great. Its prestigious collections are rivaled only by the museum’s lavish interior.

Enjoy the panoramic tour of the city’s UNESCO World Heritage-designated historic center, where landmarks are scattered across more than 40 islands linked by eight times as many bridges. See exquisite examples of Russian Baroque and neoclassical architecture along the main thoroughfare, Nevsky Prospekt; the ornate Church of Our Savior on Spilled Blood (Church of the Resurrection of Christ), built on the site of the assassination site of and Alexander II’s assassination site; and the 19th-century St. Isaac’s Cathedral, whose striking golden dome crowns the city’s skyline. Visit St. Petersburg’s first building, the Peter and Paul Fortress, constructed to secure the country’s access to the sea, and the Baroque Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, where 32 czars, from Peter the Great to Nicholas II, the last of the Romanovs, are interred.

This evening, choose to attend an optional Russian folklore show performed in the Nikolaevsky Art Center. (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, JUNE 29
St. Petersburg
Visit the imperial compound of Pushkin and Catherine Palace,

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an elaborate rococo UNESCO World Heritage site, highlighted by the jewel-encrusted Amber Room, said to be the “Eighth Wonder of the World.” Savor a lunch of Russian specialties while enjoying a traditional Cossack dance performance.

Tour the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Grand Palace of Petrodvorets, commissioned by Peter the Great to rival the Palace of Versailles, and its elaborately landscaped grounds, encompassing two centuries of imperial style, executed to perfection. (b,L,D)

SUNDAY, JUNE 30
Helsinki, Finland
The World Design Capital in 2012, Helsinki merges the influence of Classicism and the Finnish National Romantic Movement with contemporary Functionalist style. While approaching this “Daughter of the Baltic Sea,” view the 18th-century maritime fortress of Suomenlinna, a UNESCO World Heritage site. On a panoramic city tour, see the stately Senate Square and the diplomatic quarter of Kaivopuisto and visit the modernistic Temppeliaukio Church, or “Church of the Rock,” impressively hewn out of natural bedrock. (b,L,D)

TUESDAY, JULY 2
Stockholm/U.S.
Disembark in “Sweden’s “Venice of the North” and continue on the Splendors of Stockholm Post-Cruise Option or depart for the U.S. (e)

What is Included:

- Enrichment program of lectures and discussions by Harvard Study Leader Richard F. Thomas, Lech Wałęsa, Sergei Khrushchev, and other guest speakers
- Eight-night cruise aboard the five-star Le DUMONT D’URVILLE
- Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise
- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship
- Excursions to Peter the Great’s Petrodvorets and Catherine Palace in Pushkin
- Specially arranged, early entry to St. Petersburg’s world-renowned State Hermitage Museum
- All activities, excursions, entrance fees, and meals per detailed itinerary
- Taxes and gratuities to ship personnel, guides, and drivers
- Complimentary bottled water in your suite or stateroom and on excursions
- Services of a tour manager throughout the program
- Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s)
- $200,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance
Wonders of Norway
Bergen • Fjords • Oslo • Copenhagen
By Flåm Mountain Railway and Coastal Ferry

PRE-CRUISE OPTION
$2,795 per person, double occupancy
$3,695 per person, single occupancy

Immerse yourself in majestic Norwegian landscapes and Scandinavian culture on this unique five-night journey from Bergen to Copenhagen. Tour the historic city of Bergen, including Bryggen (the old wharf), a UNESCO World Heritage site, and visit Trolldhaugen, the home of famed composer Edvard Grieg. Travel through pristine fjordlands on the Flåm Railway, one of the most well-known, scenic train rides, passing snowcapped mountains and alpine lakes. Cruise by private ship in UNESCO World Heritage-designated Nærøyfjord, see the highlights of vibrant Oslo, and enjoy an exclusively chartered cruise along Copenhagen’s idyllic canals. Spend four nights in comfortable hotels, including the historic STALHEIM HOTEL, and one night aboard an award-winning SEAWAYS ferry.

Splendors of Stockholm
A Royal Seaport and Capital City

POST-CRUISE OPTION
$995 per person, double occupancy
$1,395 per person, single occupancy

Handsome Stockholm is a harmonious blend of medieval and present day architecture showcased across 14 small islands connected by more than 23 bridges. Visit the magnificent City Hall, the site of the annual Nobel Prize banquet. Walk through the Gamla Stan (Old Town) and visit the maritime museum built to house the Vasa, the world’s only preserved 17th-century warship. Spend two nights in the ideally located SHERATON STOCKHOLM HOTEL.

Lech Wałęsa
Distinguished World Leader and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

By exclusive arrangement, Lech Wałęsa, former president of Poland (1990 to 1995), Polish hero and international icon in the pursuit of freedom and democracy, will meet with our group on board the LE DUMONT D’URVILLE. From his position as a marine electrician in Gdarks’ Lenin Shipyard, Mr. Wałęsa emerged as a world-renowned figure in the struggle against Communism during the 1980 shipyard workers’ strike and the establishment of the Polish Solidarity labor movement. Despite winning the right to form an independent union, Mr. Wałęsa and Solidarity continued to confront the Soviet-backed regime of General Wojciech Jaruzelski, which jailed Mr. Wałęsa and imposed martial law in Poland in December 1981. Mr. Wałęsa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1983, a watershed moment widely considered to have been the first crack in the Soviet Union’s Iron Curtain, which crumbled with the Berlin Wall in 1989. Mr. Wałęsa became the first foreign non-head of state to address a joint meeting of the U.S. Congress in 1989.

Sergei Khrushchev
Noted Author and Award-Winning Scholar

A distinguished author and scholar, Dr. Sergei Khrushchev is the son of former Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev (1957-1964) and a former visiting professor of Slavic studies at Brown University, where he also served as a senior fellow at the Watson Institute for International Studies. Dr. Khrushchev’s research has focused on the history of the Cold War and the turning points in relations between the U.S. and the Soviet Union in the Khrushchev, Eisenhower and Kennedy eras; the history of Soviet missiles and space development, in which he played an active role; and the Soviet Union’s transformation from centralized to decentralized government and market economy. He co-authored his father’s memoirs, The Time, the People, the Power (1999), and translated them into English (2005-2007). Dr. Khrushchev is a popular commentator for the American media and the author of more than 350 books and articles, including Khrushchev on Khrushchev (1990), Nikita Khrushchev: Crisis and Missiles (1994) and Nikita Khrushchev and the Creation of a Super Power (2000).

A sampling of 2019 Harvard Alumni Travels

LAND & RAIL

Village Life® in Dordogne
MAY 16–24, 2019
Robert J. Kiely

Village Life® around the Italian Lakes
SEP 21–29, 2019
Sue Schopf

CRUISES

A Cruise of the Panama Canal and Costa Rica on Le Champlain
FEB 2–10, 2019
Don Pfister

Cruising Tahiti & French Polynesia on Wind Spirit
FEB 5–15, 2019
David Armitage

RIVERS & LAKES

The Pride of South Africa, Botswana, Namibia & Zimbabwe
MAR 14–30, 2019
Suzanne Blier

Passage along the Danube River: Vienna to Black Sea on Amadeus Queen
OCT 12–24, 2019
Thomas W. Simons Jr.
Luxury Small Ship, Innovative Design: The exclusively chartered, five-star Le Dumont d’Urville, launching in 2019, provides an unparalleled cruising experience. The 92 elegant, ocean-view staterooms and suites range from 205 to 484 square feet and feature a private balcony, individual climate control, two twin beds or one queen bed, a private bathroom, and luxurious hotel amenities. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available throughout the ship.

Blue Eye – The World’s First Luxury Underwater Observatory!

Introducing the extraordinary Blue Eye, the world’s first multisensory, underwater observation lounge. View the beauty of marine life through the large, subaquatic windows and integrated digital screens providing live images from underwater cameras and enjoy the sensory experience of listening to the ocean’s unique underwater universe in the comfort of the exclusive Blue Eye lounge. Marine life viewing varies by location.

Rates Per Person

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<td>DELUXE SUITE</td>
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<td>OWNER’S SUITE</td>
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Taxes and gratuities to ship personnel are included.
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