European Coastal Civilizations:
Lisbon to London’s Tower Bridge
on Le Dumont-d’Urville
April 27-May 6, 2020
with John Stewart
Join this unique itinerary, which captures the historical legacies and dynamic cultures of coastal Portugal, Spain, France, and England and commemorates the anniversary of the historic D-Day landings. Cruise for eight nights from Lisbon aboard Le Dumont-D’Urville, launched in 2019 and featuring private balconies for all of its 92 deluxe suites and staterooms. Visit three UNESCO World Heritage sites and enjoy a memorable cruise up the storied River Thames to London’s illustrious Tower Bridge.

Special guest speaker Dwight D. Eisenhower II, grandson of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower, accompanies you to the hallowed beaches of Normandy. Explore Oporto in Portugal’s renowned port wine country. Walk in the footsteps of ancient pilgrims on the Way of St. James in Santiago de Compostela. Observe the intriguing juxtaposition of old and new in Bilbao and visit the Guggenheim Museum. Tour Mont-St-Michel’s impressive abbey.

Remnants from D-Day are still visible at man-made Mulberry Harbor, including anchored “Beetle” pontoons.

Study Leader

John Stewart, a composer and music theorist, earned degrees from the New England Conservatory and Harvard University, where he studied with composers Earl Kim, Leon Kirchner, and Lukas Foss, among others. A composer of chamber, vocal, and orchestral music, Dr. Stewart taught at the New England Conservatory for many years before joining the faculty of Harvard University, where he taught courses in harmony, counterpoint, composition, and musicianship for over 25 years—until his retirement in 2008. While at Harvard he received both the Harvard Phi Beta Kappa Teaching Prize (1994) and the Joseph R. Levenson Memorial Teaching Award (2008). He was named a “Favorite Professor” of Harvard College class of 2009 (the 6th such designation in nine years), an honor that includes a farewell statement to graduating seniors in the Harvard Yearbook.

In fall 2009, Stewart was lured out of retirement for a two-year Visiting Professorship at the Frost School of Music, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida. Now happily re-retired, he divides his time between composing, painting, writing, gardening, hiking, and birding.

Trained as a classical pianist, Dr. Stewart has performed as a soloist and as a member of the Harvard University Piano Quartet, and has served on the faculties of the New England Conservatory, Harvard University, and the Frost School of Music. He was named a “Favorite Professor” of Harvard College class of 2009 (the 6th such designation in nine years), an honor that includes a farewell statement to graduating seniors in the Harvard Yearbook.

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Activity Level 3: 

A LITTLE MORE TO IT

Many of the cities and towns being visited were founded centuries ago, and the terrain is rugged. Therefore, a fair amount of walking along narrow cobblestone streets, stone floors or uneven and/or slippery terrain and climbing several flights of stairs (some without railings) is to be expected. Walking excursions often cover distances of at least one mile/1.6 km and are approximately three hours in length. The ship may either dock in port or tender ashore by small boat.
Schedule by Day

MONDAY, APRIL 27
U.S.
Depart the U.S.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28
Lisbon / Portugal
Arrive in Lisbon, Portugal's enigmatic capital city, replete with pastel-flushed buildings and world-class architecture, and embark the five-star Le Dumont-D'urville. Attend the Captain’s welcome reception and dinner this evening. (r,D)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29
Leixões for Oporto
Dock in Leixões and transfer to Oporto, a former Celtic hamlet (Cale) then Roman outpost and center of the port wine trade since the 13th century. The cultural legacy of El Andaluz—the huge swathe of Spain and Portugal occupied by the Moors from A.D. 711 to 1249—finds expression in Oporto’s rich architectural details, including famed azulejo tiles with Moorish geometric and floral motifs.

The city is indelibly influenced by Greek and Roman heritages, the Moorish period, and a coalescence of faiths, creating a culture of tolerance in which the disciplines of mathematics, medicine, optics, horticulture, art, and architecture flourished.

Fall under the spell of Ribeira, Oporto’s historic center, declared a World Heritage site for its extraordinary architectural timeline and living history status; for 2,000 years the cultural and commercial growth of Portus Cale (so named by the Romans) has been inextricably linked to the sea. Experience daily rituals unfolding along a tangle of medieval alleyways where splendid spires, Baroque domes, and neoclassical mansions form a timeless silhouette.

Visit the Gothic Igreja de São Francisco, hailed for its lavish gold-plated Baroque interior, and the neoclassical Palacio de Bolso (Stock Exchange), where the swirling arabesques and ornate stained glass of the gilded Arabian Hall were inspired by the Alhambra Palace in Granada. (b,L,D)

THURSDAY, APRIL 30
A Coruña for Santiago de Compostela / Spain
Travel into the forested hills of Galicia, one of Spain’s 17 autonomous communities. Golden-hued granite buildings and arcaded squares grace Santiago de Compostela, a World Heritage site and arguably Spain’s most beautiful city.

Stroll along medieval pedestrian stone streets to the Plaza del Obradoiro flanked by the glorious Romanesque cathedral. A pilgrimage site since the Middle Ages and the final stop on the Camino de Santiago trail, the cathedral enshrines the tomb of St. James and is recognized for its intricately carved Baroque façade, original medieval portico, and Churrigueresque altar. (b,L,D)

FRIDAY, MAY 1
Santander for Bilbao
From Santander, transfer to dynamic Bilbao, encircled by the verdant Basque Mountains. The construction of Frank Gehry’s titanium-clad Guggenheim Museum in 1997 hailed the city’s cultural renaissance as modernist marvels from Santiago Calatrava and Philipe Starck redefined the post-industrial skyline.

Enjoy a guided tour of the Guggenheim’s renowned modern and contemporary art collection, explore the art nouveau and Baroque jewels of Bilbao’s historic Casco Viejo, and walk along the Paseo del Arenal, a promenade for Bilbaínos’ leisurely evening strolls. (b,L,D)

SATURDAY, MAY 2
Cruise the French Coast
While cruising the west coast of France, attend an exclusive lecture on board by David Eisenhower. (b,L,D)

SUNDAY, MAY 3
St. Malo for Mont-St-Michel / France
Rising from a tidal plain seemingly suspended above the sea, World Heritage-designated Mont-St-Michel is a sight of soaring spires isolated beyond a stretch of saltwater marsh.

This fortified village began as a humble oratory and became a renowned medieval center of learning. Narrow cobblestone streets weave through the village, culminating in the Abbaye du...
Mont-St-Michel, a three-story Gothic masterpiece. Admire the serene cloisters, barrel-roofed réfectoire (dining hall), and Gothic Salle des Hôtes (guest hall) of the 13th-century La Merveille and the magnificent Église Abbatiale (abbey church). (b,L,D)

MONDAY, MAY 4
Caen for Normandy Beaches
Dock in Caen and make the pilgrimage to the Normandy beaches, site of the largest seaborn invasion in history. In the company of Professor Eisenhower, walk where Allied forces landed on D-Day. At Pointe du Hoc, envision the U.S. Army Second Ranger Battalion and view the craters that remain from D-Day bombardments. Reflect on the commemorative crosses and Stars of David in the American Military Cemetery. Following lunch, continue to Arromanches to see the remnants of Mulberry Harbor, an artificial harbor taken across the English Channel to support Allied landings on the Normandy beaches. View a short documentary on the D-Day campaign or see the 230-foot-long Bayeux Tapestry, which chronicles the Norman Conquest of 1066. (b,L,D)

TUESDAY, MAY 5
Cruise the English Channel, London / England
Cruise the English Channel and up the River Thames, a passage possible only by small ship. Britain’s history is revealed as you take in the towering skyline of Canary Wharf and monumental views of Greenwich’s Observation Tower, the Tower of London, Norman Foster’s emerald-hued Gherkin and Renzo Piano’s sky-piercing Shard. Dock alongside HMS Belfast—whose guns fired some of the first shots on D-Day. Attend the Captain’s farewell reception this evening. (b,L,R,D)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6
London / U.S.
Following breakfast, disembark and continue on the London’s Enduring History Post-Cruise Option or transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (b)

What is Included:
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LAND & RAIL

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Overlooking a forested village, Sintra’s confection of turreted castles, mudéjar palaces, ancient hermitages and hills laced with exotic gardens has lured kings, queens, poets and composers since the Moorish occupation.
Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe Dom Pedro Lisboa.

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POST-CRUISE OPTION
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JAMES SALZMAN

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DANIEL DONOGHUE

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