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European Coastal Civilizations

May 20 - 29, 2023

with James Salzman

Jeremiah Smith, Jr., Visiting Professor of Law



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Cathedral plaza in Santiago de Compostela, Spain

From the old-world sophistication of Portugal and the artistic

verve of Spain's Basque country to the Celtic heritage of northwestern France and the regal majesty of London, a riveting canvas of influential seaports awaits you along Europe's Atlantic coastline. Neoclassical palaces, medieval castles and Romanesque cathedrals illuminate the enduring cultural legacies of European Coastal Civilizations that have played a pivotal role in world history. This exclusive, five-star, small ship itinerary includes an excursion to the solemn shores of Normandy to honor and remember the historic D-Day invasion. Accompanying us to the Normandy beaches is special guest speaker David Eisenhower, grandson of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower—Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces during World War II.

The safety and well-being of our travelers remains our highest priority. Cruise lines and some other providers of services (as well as, potentially, some countries) require all passengers traveling on our programs to present confirmation of a full COVID-19 vaccination, and, as well, passengers may have to produce evidence of a recent negative COVID test. All our staff are committed to adhering to all health and safety protocols from the start of your trip to the end as directed by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, overseas health officials as well as those protocols mandated by your cruise company (if applicable) and other suppliers of services. Detailed protocol information tailored to your travel program will be mailed to you along with additional pre-departure information.

Activity Level 3:

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. Please be advised that the ship may either dock in port or tender ashore by small boat.

Study Leaders



James Salzman

is the Donald Bren Distinguished Professor of Environmental Law with joint

appointments at UCLA Law School and the University of California, Santa Barbara, School of Environment. He teaches every year at the Harvard Law School during its Winter Term – most recently as the Jeremiah Smith, Jr., Visiting Professor of Law. The first Harvard graduate to earn joint degrees in law and in engineering, he was awarded a Sheldon Fellowship upon graduation. One of the world's leading experts on drinking water and environmental markets, he regularly comments in the media on environmental issues. There have been over 110,000 downloads of his publications. An engaging lecturer, he was twice voted Professor of the Year by students at Duke University. His popular books, *Drinking Water: A History and Mine! How the Hidden Rules of Ownership Control Our Lives*, have been featured in the *New Yorker*, *Washington Post*, the *New York Times*, and *NPR's Weekend Edition*, among others.

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Schedule by Day

SATURDAY, MAY 20
AND SUNDAY, MAY 21

Home City/ Lisbon, Portugal

Depart your home city and arrive the next day in Lisbon, Portugal's enigmatic capital city, replete with world-class architecture, and embark the five-star LE CHAMPLAIN. (D)

MONDAY, MAY 22

Leixões for Oporto

Dock in Leixões and transfer to Oporto, a former Roman outpost and center of port wine trade since the 13th century. The cultural legacy of the Moors finds expression in Oporto's rich architectural details.

Explore Ribeira, Oporto's historical center, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its extraordinary architectural timeline and living history status.

Visit the Gothic Igreja de São Francisco, hailed for its lavish gold-plated Baroque interior, and the Neoclassical Palácio da Bolsa, home to the swirling arabesques and ornate stained glass of the gilded Arabian Hall, inspired by the Alhambra in Granada.

Attend the Captain's Welcome Reception and Dinner this evening. (B,L,R,D)

TUESDAY, MAY 23

A Coruña, Spain, for Santiago de Compostela

Visit Santiago de Compostela, a UNESCO

World Heritage Site, and stroll along medieval stone streets to the Praza do Obradoiro flanked by the glorious Romanesque cathedral. As a pilgrimage site since the Middle Ages, the cathedral enshrines the tomb of Saint James and is recognized for its intricately carved Baroque façade, original medieval portico, and glittering Churrigueresque altar. (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

Bilbao

The construction of Frank Gehry's titanium-clad Guggenheim Museum hailed the city's



Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain



Interior of Palácio da Bolsa, Oporto, Portugal

cultural renaissance as modernist marvels from Santiago Calatrava and Philippe Starck redefined the post-industrial skyline.

Enjoy a guided tour of the Guggenheim's renowned art collection, and explore the Art Nouveau and Baroque jewels of Bilbao's historical Casco Viejo with a walk along the Paseo del Arenal. (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, MAY 25

Cruising the Bay of Biscay

Exclusive lectures on board the ship while cruising the Bay of Biscay. (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, MAY 26

Saint-Malo, France, for Mont-Saint-Michel

Rising from a tidal plain that appears to be suspended above the sea, the UNESCO World

Heritage-designated Mont-Saint-Michel is a sight of soaring spires isolated beyond a stretch of saltwater marsh. This fortified village began as



First Division US Army Memorial on Omaha D-day Beach Normandy, France

a humble oratory and became a renowned medieval center of learning. Cobblestone streets weave through the village, culminating in the Abbaye du Mont-Saint-Michel, a three-story Gothic masterpiece. Admire the serene cloisters, barrel-roofed réfectoire, and Gothic

Salle des Hôtes of the 13th-century La Merveille and the magnificent Église Abbatiale. (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, MAY 27

Caen for the Normandy Beaches

Dock in Caen and make the solemn pilgrimage to the historic Normandy beaches, site of the largest seaborne invasion in history.

Following lunch, continue to Arromanches to see the remnants of the Mulberry "A" harbor that was taken across the English Channel to support Allied landings on the Normandy beaches.

Opt to see the 230-foot-long Bayeux Tapestry, which chronicles the Norman Conquest of 1066, or continue to explore the region at leisure. (B,L,D)



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Step 3: Look for an **email confirmation** from Harvard Alumni Travels.

All bookings are conducted online only.

Find complete trip-specific terms and conditions on the trip web page (link above).

SUNDAY, MAY 28

Cruising the English Channel/ River Thames, London, England

This morning, attend an insightful lecture from Professor Eisenhower on board the ship.

Cruise the English Channel across the Strait of Dover and continue up the River Thames, a memorable passage possible only by small ship. See Britain’s history revealed as you

pass the towering skyline and take in 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—in view of Tower Bridge.

Attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception this evening.
(B,L,R,D)

MONDAY, MAY 29

London/ Home City

Following breakfast, disembark and continue on the London’s Enduring History Post-Program Option or transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B)



American Military Cemetery

Mont-Saint-Michel, France



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Old World Lisbon Pre-Program Option

Experience the cinematic streetscapes, medieval passageways, and timeless rituals of Lisbon—one of Europe’s most visually appealing capitals. Savor stunning Portuguese art on a walking tour of the Bairro Alto District; visit the fascinating National Coach Museum and Jerónimos Monastery; and stop by the captivating five-story fortress of Belém Tower. Enjoy breathtaking views on a scenic drive to Sintra, immortalized in English poetry by Lord Byron and noted for its natural beauty and resplendent palaces. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe Dom Pedro Lisboa.

Double Pricing: \$745

Single Pricing: \$995

London’s Enduring History Post-Program Option

Enhance your Athens experience with an immersion into this ancient city. Enjoy a full-day excursion to the mystical UNESCO World Heritage Site of Delphi and its Archaeological Museum. Explore Plaka, Athens’ oldest neighborhood, at leisure. At the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Acropolis, see the archaeological treasures in the Acropolis Museum and tour the perfectly proportioned Parthenon, a graceful example of Doric architecture. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe Grand Bretagne Athens Hotel.

Double Pricing: \$995

Single Pricing: \$1,495



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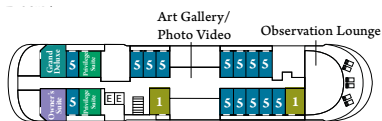
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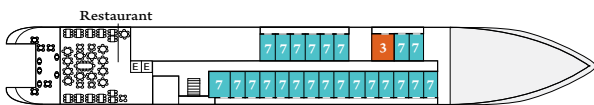


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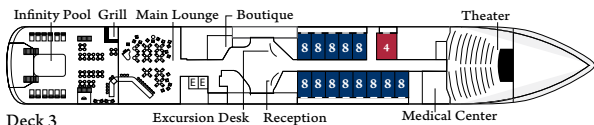
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- Modified accessible suites: Feature a queen-size bed (no twin option)
- Prestige Suites, Decks 5 and 6 capacities to be advised



Deck 5



Deck 4



Deck 3

Luxury Small Ship, Innovative Design: LE CHAMPLAIN ushers in a new generation of five-star small ships, combining revolutionary design and a new standard of luxury for unparalleled cruising. Dock in smaller ports inaccessible to larger ships and where authentic cultural experiences and majestic scenery await you.

Life on Board: Enjoy sweeping views from the lounges—which open to the outdoors—and lectures, cultural performances, or film screenings in the state-of-the-art theater. Relax in the spa or infinity-style swimming pool. The ship has a beauty salon, fitness room, and three elevators. Complimentary Wi-Fi access is available (conditions permitting).

Elegant Suites and Staterooms, 100% with Private Balconies: Each of the 92 staterooms and suites (up to 484 square feet) features a private balcony. Grand Deluxe Suites have a bay window and spacious private terrace. Accommodations offer two twin beds or one queen bed, individual climate control, private bathrooms with a shower, and luxury hotel-style amenities.

Respect for the Environment: A new addition to the Ponant “Clean Ship” fleet, an important certification among ocean-cruising vessels, LE CHAMPLAIN is energy efficient and eco-friendly, protecting fragile marine ecosystems.

Chic and Casual Dining: Dine indoors or alfresco on international and regional cuisine served in the stylish, spacious indoor-outdoor restaurant, at the casual pool deck grill or from 24-hour room service. Daily meals include breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, and four-course dinner.

World-Class Service: The highly trained, English-speaking crew are personable and attentive, and the ship has a medical center staffed with a doctor and a nurse.

Rates Per Person

BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY CATEGORY/DECK

CATEGORY 8 \$6,630

Deluxe stateroom with a picture window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. *Deck 3, midship.* (limited availability)

CATEGORY 7 \$7,130

Prestige stateroom with sliding glass door, **private balcony.** *Deck 4, midship.*

CATEGORY 6 \$7,630

Prestige stateroom with sliding glass door, **private balcony.** *Deck 5, midship and aft.*

CATEGORY 5 \$8,530

Prestige stateroom with sliding glass door, **private balcony.** *Deck 6, midship and aft.*

CATEGORY 4 \$9,530

Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, **private balcony.** *Deck 3, midship.* (limited availability)

CATEGORY 3 \$10,230

Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, **private balcony.** *Deck 4, midship.* (limited availability)

CATEGORY 2 \$11,130

Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, **private balcony.** *Deck 5, midship*

CATEGORY 1 \$12,030

Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, **private balcony.** *Deck 6, midship*

PRESTIGE SUITE II \$12,620

Two-room suite, expansive sliding glass door, **larger private balcony**, two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. *Deck 5, midship.* (limited availability)

PRESTIGE SUITE I \$13,330

Two-room suite, expansive sliding glass door, **larger private balcony**, two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. *Deck 6, midship.* (limited availability)

PRIVILEGE SUITE \$13,930

Large suite with expansive sliding glass door, **larger private balcony**, sitting area with sofa. *Decks 5 and 6, aft.* (limited availability)

GRAND DELUXE SUITE \$14,930

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. *Decks 5 and 6, aft.* (limited availability)

OWNER'S SUITE \$15,630

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 6, aft.* (limited availability)

Taxes and gratuities to ship personnel are included.