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CRUISING THE BALTIC SEA
June 21 – July 2, 2013

FEATURING GUEST SPEAKERS

Mikhail Gorbachev
Lech Wałęsa

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Mikhail Gorbachev, former President of the Soviet Union (1985 - 1991) and one of the 20th century’s most pivotal leaders, ended the 50 years of nuclear brinkmanship known as the Cold War. During our private engagement, President Gorbachev will speak about the Soviet Union’s evolution into modern Russia and his introduction of glasnost and perestroika, catalysts for the inception of democracy in Russia and Eastern Europe. Gorbachev built an extraordinary relationship between the Soviet Union and the United States at that time, and in so doing was awarded the 1990 Nobel Peace Prize. Retired from politics, Gorbachev continues to strive toward achieving his global vision of peace through the Gorbachev Foundation, founded in 1992 and dedicated to addressing the challenges of the post-Cold War world, and Green Cross International, founded in 1993 with the mission of securing a just and sustainable future through global interdependence and shared responsibility in humanity’s relationship with nature.

Lech Wałęsa, former president of Poland, Polish hero and international symbol of the pursuit of freedom and democracy, will meet with our group in Gdansk to discuss his perspective on world progress through globalization. A worker in Gdansk’s Lenin Shipyard, Wałęsa emerged as a worldwide symbol of the resistance against Communism during the shipyard workers’ strike of 1980 and the establishment of the Solidarity labor movement. Although having won the right to form an independent union, Wałęsa and Solidarity were forced to continue their struggle against the Soviet-backed regime of General Jaruzelski, which jailed Wałęsa and imposed martial law in Poland. Wałęsa served as President of Poland from 1990 to 1995, and received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1983. Mr. Wałęsa is only the third foreign dignitary, after the Marquis de Lafayette and Winston Churchill, to address a joint session of the U.S. Congress.

Scheduled guest speakers may be altered due to circumstances beyond our control. See General Information section.
JOIN THIS ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR ENRICHING SPEECHES BY FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE SOVIET UNION MIKHAIL GORBACHEV AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF POLAND LECH WAŁĘSA during this specially designed Baltic Sea cruise. Explore one of the great regions of the world with visits to five Baltic capitals and six UNESCO World Heritage sites, and a cruise through Norway’s spectacular Oslo Fjord.

Aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star Small Ship M.S. Le Boréal, experience the cultural rebirth of the Baltic States and the imperial riches of St. Petersburg. In the tradition of ancient Viking mariners and medieval merchants, cruise under the glistening White Nights of summer from Norway’s beautiful and sophisticated capital city of Oslo to the exceptionally “green” and cosmopolitan Stockholm, Sweden. Discover the stunning architecture of Helsinki, Finland; spend two days in regal St. Petersburg, including a tour of the world-acclaimed State Hermitage Museum and visits to the Peter and Paul Fortress and the spectacular czarist palaces at Petrodvorets and Pushkin; enjoy the well-preserved medieval Old Town of Tallinn; and immerse yourself in the historic epicenter of the Solidarity movement in Gdańsk, Poland.

In the company of fellow Harvard alums and our co-sponsors, enjoy this comprehensive look at the diverse countries bordering the Baltic Sea, featuring an included shore excursion in each port led by expert, English-speaking guides. Make your reservation soon, as space sells quickly for this exceptional opportunity!

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FRIDAY, JUNE 21
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SATURDAY, JUNE 22
OSLO, NORWAY
Arrive and transfer to the deluxe RADISSON BLU SCANDINAVIA HOTEL.
The afternoon is at leisure.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23
OSLO/
MIKHAIL GORBACHEV
On a panoramic city tour of Norway’s capital, see City Hall, where the ceremony awarding the Nobel Peace Prize is held every December, and continue past the neoclassical Royal Palace to the impressive Vigeland Sculpture Park, the world’s largest sculpture park created by a single artist.

By exclusive arrangement, attend a presentation by former President of the Soviet Union and Nobel Peace Prize winner Mikhail Gorbachev this afternoon. Mr. Gorbachev will speak about the Soviet Union’s evolution into modern Russia, with time for questions.

This afternoon, transfer to the deluxe M.S. LE BORÉAL and depart Oslo. This evening, join the Captain for a special Welcome Reception and Dinner.

MONDAY, JUNE 24
COPENHAGEN, DENMARK
After lunch, enjoy a canal boat cruise through the heart of the city. See Christiansborg Palace, the Naval Church, the Old Stock Exchange and the famous statue of The Little Mermaid, immortalized by Denmark’s famous author, Hans Christian Andersen. Cruise by the 18th-century Battery Sixtus and the Fortress of Three Crowns before entering the canal of Christianshavn with its mixture of old, renovated warehouses, sailboats and houseboats.

On the panoramic tour, see the famous Tivoli Gardens, Amalienborg Palace, the King’s Garden and Christiansborg’s Royal Library Garden and the lively Strøget pedestrian street.

TUESDAY, JUNE 25
CRUISING THE BALTIC SEA
Spend the day at leisure cruising the Baltic Sea and enjoying a series of enriching lectures.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26
GDANSK, POLAND/
LECH WAŁĘSA
The historic city of Gdańsk features several examples of Poland’s finest medieval and Renaissance architecture. Walk past elegant patrician mansions featuring late Renaissance and Baroque façades in the Old Town and see the famous Neptune’s Fountain. Visit the 14th-century Artus Court, a meticulously restored Gothic guildhall that houses a fascinating collection of Polish art.

In 1980, 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. See the historic Lenin Shipyard and its Monument to the Fallen Shipyard Workers.

By special arrangement, meet the leader of the Solidarity movement, former President of Poland and Nobel Peace Prize winner Lech Wałęsa on board the ship this afternoon. Mr. Wałęsa will discuss his perspective on Solidarity, globalization and progress in the region.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27
DAY AT SEA
Enjoy enriching lectures while cruising the Baltic Sea.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28
TALLINN, ESTONIA
Tallinn’s Old Town, now a UNESCO World Heritage site, has remained virtually unchanged for the past 600 years. During the walking tour, see Toompea Castle, the landmark Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and the 13th-century Church of St. Nicholas. Visit the medieval Town Hall, the only intact Gothic-style hall in Northern Europe.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29
ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA
Peter the Great founded the majestic city of St. Petersburg in 1703 as his “Window on the West.” Explore the city’s historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage site whose legendary landmarks are scattered across more than 100 islands linked by more than...
three times as many bridges. St. Petersburg’s main thoroughfare, Nevsky Prospekt, showcases exquisite examples of Russian Baroque and neoclassical architecture. On the morning tour, see the beautiful Church of Our Savior on Spilled Blood (Church of the Resurrection of Christ), built on the site of Emperor Alexander II’s assassination, and the 19th-century St. Isaac’s Cathedral, with a striking golden dome that is one of the glories of 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. See the impressive Baroque Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul, containing the tombs of 32 czars, from Peter the Great to Nicholas II, the last of the Romanovs.

This afternoon, by hydrofoil, skim over the Gulf of Finland to visit the splendid parklands and palace of Petrodvorets, a UNESCO World Heritage site, commissioned by Peter the Great to rival Versailles. The grounds are elaborately landscaped and include formal gardens, fountains and cascades, as well as the extravagant Grand Palace.

The evening is at leisure. Optional opportunities are offered to attend a ballet performance held in the Hermitage or Palace Theater, or a Russian folklore show performed in the Nikolaevsky Art Centre.

MONDAY, JULY 1

HELSDINKI, FINLAND

Helsinki was named the 2012 World Design Capital for its use of innovative design as an effective tool for social, cultural and economic development in the city. On the morning tour of Finland’s dynamic capital, see the old fortifications of Suomenlinna, a UNESCO World Heritage site, the stately Senate Square, lively Market Square and the diplomatic quarter of Kaivopuisto. Visit the modernistic Temppeliaukio Church, or “Church of the Rock,” impressively hewn out of natural bedrock, and visit Sibelius Park, where Eila Hiltunen’s remarkable sculpture honors Finland’s most beloved composer, Jean Sibelius. Then, enjoy a private concert in the prestigious Sibelius Academy.

This evening, join your travel companions for the Farewell Reception on board the ship.

TUESDAY, JULY 2

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MAY 15-26, 2013
Theodore & Victoria Bestor

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MAY 22-JUN 2, 2013
Patrice Hogemert

SPAIN & PORTUGAL: SHORES OF IBERIA (MALAGA TO BILBAO)
ON SEA CLOUD II
JUN 2-14, 2013
Verena & Tom Conley

CROATIA’S IDYLIC ISLANDS & DALMATIAN COAST ON CORINTHIAN
JUN 19-27, 2013
Peter Gubitz

SICILY BY SEA ON SEA CLOUD II SEP 21-29, 2013

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TREASURES OF THE MISSISSIPPI AND GULF COAST ON YORKTOWN
MAR 29-APR 8, 2013

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Robert Keely

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John Stewart

INDIA’S HOLY RIVER GANGES ON BENGAL GANGA
DEC 30, 2013-JAN 17, 2014
Diana Eck

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Gregory Nagy

FAMILY TURKEY
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John “Jay” Ellison

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JUN 26-JUL 7, 2013
Erez Manela

SPORTS EVENTS

THE MASTERS GOLF TOURNAMENT
APR 10-13, 2013

THE 139TH RUNNING OF THE KENTUCKY DERBY
MAY 2-5, 2013