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Scottish Isles and Norwegian Fjords

A voyage aboard the
Exclusively Chartered Small Ship
Five-Star Le Boréal

May 21 to 29, 2019

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Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends:

Across the length and breadth of Scotland and Norway lies an unsurpassed richness of natural beauty and archaeological heritage left from the age of the Vikings. Explore this fascinating land where the centuries-old Gaelic language is still spoken in the Scottish Highlands and where enigmatic stone monuments and ancient settlements stand in testimony of Viking and Celtic clans amongst the natural beauty of misty isles, wild glens, lochs and moors. Experience Norway’s stunning fjords and the remote gems of the North Atlantic on this journey to distant, idyllic islands along splendid coastlines.

Our specially designed itinerary follows the stepping stones of Nordic and Scottish civilizations during the best time of year, when the weather is mild and the days are long—a rare voyage accomplished only aboard a small ship cruising into smaller ports where larger vessels cannot venture. The exclusively chartered, Five-Star Le Boréal, which features only 110 deluxe Suites and Staterooms, is ideal for navigating the serene waterways of Scotland and Norway.

Cruise with Bucknell, National Trust, and North Carolina from charming Bergen, where rows of colorful, gabled houses on the historic Bryggen waterfront evoke the city’s past as a center of Hanseatic League trade, to dynamic Glasgow. Take one of the world’s most scenic train rides along Norway’s spectacular mountain landscape aboard the Flåm Railway. Sail into majestic fjords and admire the natural beauty of the Shetland Islands with their remarkable links to the distant past. Learn more about Viking history on the tradition-steeped Orkney Islands from the renowned archaeology expert, Nick Card, noted for his incredible commitment to researching the region. On this exceptional voyage, immerse yourself in the austere splendor of the Scottish Highlands in the hamlets of Glenfinnan and Glencoe, traverse the ancient shipping lanes of the Vikings and enjoy opportunities to visit up to five UNESCO World Heritage sites.

This popular travel program sells out quickly, so book now while space and Early Booking Savings are still available!

Warm regards from Hanover,

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Study Leader

Christopher MacEvitt, associate professor of religion, specializes in the history of medieval Christian communities. After studying Classics and Medieval Studies at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, he completed his PhD at Princeton University in the department of History. His courses explore both the ancient and medieval history of Christian communities, with particular interests in gender and identity. He recently published his first book, which examines the idea and practice of tolerance in the 12th-century crusader principalities in Syria and Palestine.
During the enigmatic Viking Age, which prevailed almost 300 years between the eighth and 11th centuries, the Men of the North were cast as fierce barbarians who plundered their way across the known world. They came from Norway to settle in Scotland around A.D. 800—in Jarlshof on the Shetland Islands and in the Hebrides, where over 100 villages still are known by their originally settled Norse names, solidifying the enduring historic link between Norway’s Vikings and Scotland’s clans. Some of Scotland’s best-known clans, the Clan Donald and Clan MacLeod, came from Norse ancestry, influencing the distinct dialects still spoken today on the Orkney and Shetland Islands.
The nuance and rich history of these two complex and deeply intertwined cultures await your discovery across these remote, verdant and storied lands.

U.S. Tuesday, May 21
Depart the U.S.

Bergen, Norway Wednesday, May 22
Arrive in Bergen, founded on a Viking settlement in 1070 and the Norwegian capital during the 12th and 13th centuries. Embark the Five-Star Le Boréal.

Bergen Thursday, May 23
From the 14th to mid-16th centuries, Bergen was an important part of the Hanseatic League’s trading empire. Walk Bergen’s Bryggen (the old wharf), a UNESCO World Heritage site, and see its characteristically colorful wooden homes. Stroll the grounds of Troldhaugen, the summer home of famed Norwegian composer, Edvard Grieg. Visit the reconstructed Fantoft Stavkirke, a traditional 12th-century wooden stave church, noted for its durable post and lintel construction.

Enjoy the afternoon at leisure in Bergen before the Captain’s Welcome Reception on board the ship this evening.

Cover photo: Nicknamed “the King of the Fjords” for its size and depth, Sognefjord showcases Norway’s spectacular natural beauty.

Photo this page: The 13th-century Eilean Donan castle stands proudly at the convergence of three great sea lochs.

Flåm Railway/Cruising the Norwegian Fjords Friday, May 24
This morning, board the Flåm Railway for one of Travel + Leisure magazine’s most scenic train rides. This masterpiece of Norwegian engineering—the steepest standard-gauge railway track in Europe, ascending 2835 feet—opened to the public in 1940 and travels 13 dramatic miles through 20 tunnels to Myrdal’s mountaintop station. Watch as snowcapped mountains, cascading waterfalls—including the awe-inspiring Kjofossen—and intriguing hamlets unfold along this alpine branch of the world-renowned Bergen Line.
Norway’s fjords and islands offer some of Europe’s most picturesque coastal scenery, where sea mist and sunlight enhance the fjords’ deep blues and the landscape’s lush greens. Cruise the majestic Sognefjord, passing traditional farmsteads and villages flanked by soaring mountains.

Look for black guillemots along the coast of the Orkney Islands.
Lerwick, Shetland Islands, Scotland
Saturday, May 25
Explore the remote Shetland Islands, declared a Global Geopark by UNESCO for their geologically diverse landscapes and seascapes carved by prehistoric ice. Here, nature’s colors and textures endlessly shift and clamoring gannets and puffins crowd the dramatic rock cliffs.
Dock in Lerwick, Shetland’s capital, and journey to the island’s southernmost point, scanning the verdant landscape for Shetland’s famous ponies grazing on the grass-covered knolls.
Visit Jarlshof, a pending UNESCO World Heritage site revealing 5000 years of human history, including late Neolithic stone houses, a Bronze Age village, an Iron Age broch and wheelhouse, Norse longhouses, a medieval farmstead and a 16th-century laird’s house.

Kirkwall, Orkney Islands
Sunday, May 26
Nearly 1000 years before the pharaohs built Giza’s pyramids and over 500 years before Neolithic man raised Stonehenge, ancient inhabitants of this archipelago erected Ness of Brodgar, a mysterious compound rivaling the scale of the Acropolis, demonstrating advanced technological prowess. Walk among the nearby stone monoliths of the Ring of Brodgar, raised more than 4000 years ago to chart the seasons.

The chromatic wooden buildings of Bergen’s Bryggen (the old wharf), a UNESCO World Heritage site, harken back to the city’s historical role as one of northern Europe’s oldest trading ports.
See the ceremonial Stones of Stenness en route to the UNESCO World Heritage-designated settlement of Skara Brae. Archaeologists suggest these sites, along with the Ness of Brodgar, were inhabited by an early Orcadian culture known for decorative arts and sophisticated craftsmanship.

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Begin your day in bucolic Glenfinnan; view the viaduct immortalized in the Harry Potter film series, and see the Glenfinnan Monument, commemorating the Jacobite Highlanders that Bonnie Prince Charlie rallied against King George II in 1745. Depart for a photo-worthy stop on the Caledonian Canal at Neptune’s Staircase—the longest staircase lock in Britain. Travel along castle-dotted shores to Glencoe, what is considered Scotland’s most scenic glen, partially owned and preserved by the National Trust for Scotland.

Attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception this evening.

Glasgow/U.S. Wednesday, May 29
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Enjoy a phenomenal journey through the fjordlands of Norway aboard the Flåm Railway, first proposed in 1871.

Portree, Isle of Skye/Kyle of Lochalsh Monday, May 27
Arrive in the scenic capital of Portree, situated along the unforgettable coastline of ethereal Isle of Skye. Travel across heather-covered moors and through the starkly beautiful Cullin Mountains en route to Kyle of Lochalsh. Here, visit one of the world’s most iconic castles, the 13th-century Eilean Donan Castle, named for a sixth-century Irish saint.

Fort William/Scottish Highlands Tuesday, May 28
The legendary Scottish Highlands and their rugged scenery have inspired countless folktales with their magnetic and mysterious pull.
EXCLUSIVELY CHARTERED, FIVE-STAR MS LE BORÉAL

Five-Star, State of the Art, Small Ship
Join us aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star Le Boréal, where distinctive French sophistication meets innovative nautical design. The ship’s efficient electrical propulsion system and custom stabilizers provide an exceptionally smooth, quiet and comfortable voyage.

Respect for the Environment
With advanced eco-friendly features, the ship has been appointed the prestigious “Clean Ship” award—a rare distinction among ocean vessels.

With Our Compliments
Indulge in these complimentary onboard amenities—alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise and in your Suite or Stateroom minibar, Wi-Fi access throughout the ship and 24-hour room service.

Chic and Casual Dining
The stylish dining room and casual alfresco restaurant feature international and regional cuisine and serve continental and buffet breakfasts, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and dinner in four courses or buffet. Wine is served at your table with lunch and dinner.

Only 110 Suites and Staterooms, 95% Including Private Balconies
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Life on Board
Whether you seek educational and cultural presentations, panoramic views, nightly entertainment or quiet retreat, the ship’s spacious public areas can accommodate all passengers comfortably. Enjoy two lounges, a theater, library, Sun Deck with open-air bar, swimming pool, beauty salon, spa, Turkish bath-style steam room and fitness room. The ship has three elevators.

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 nurse.
Included Features

On Board the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star, Small Ship Le BoréaL

◆ Seven-night voyage from Bergen, Norway, to Glasgow, Scotland, featuring a cruise of Norway’s fjords.
◆ Elegantly appointed, Five-Star Suite or Stateroom.
◆ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
◆ Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise.
◆ All meals aboard ship.
◆ Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship.
◆ Visit to Bryggen, Bergen’s historic waterfront—a UNESCO World Heritage site—and a specially arranged tour of Troldhaugen, the home of composer Edvard Grieg.
◆ Round-trip journey with stunning views on the Flåm Railway, one of the world’s most scenic train rides.
◆ Spectacular cruise through the picturesque Sognefjord, Norway’s longest fjord.
◆ Excursion to the 5000-year-old prehistoric site of Jarlshof on Scotland’s remote Shetland Islands, UNESCO Global Geopark.
◆ Exclusive, specially arranged lecture by esteemed expert Nick Card, the director and head archaeologist of the Ness of Brodgar archaeological site.
◆ Scenic excursion to the UNESCO World Heritage sites of the Orkney Islands’ Neolithic Ring of Brodgar and 5000-year-old Skara Brae.
◆ Visit to medieval Kirkwall to see St. Magnus Cathedral.
◆ Scenic excursion across the Isle of Skye to visit iconic 13th-century Eilean Donan Castle.
◆ Excursion through the Scottish Highlands, featuring Glencoe, Scotland’s most scenic glen, and the bucolic village of Glenfinnan.
◆ Traditional Scottish storytelling and the distinctive melodies of Scotland’s iconic bagpipe.

Always Included

◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ Experienced, English-speaking, local guides for included excursions.
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Scotland’s Cultural Capitals
Glasgow • Edinburgh
This special Post-Cruise Option explores two of Scotland’s great cities and their histories of fascinating clans, medieval knights and royal and religious intrigue. During your tour of Glasgow, visit the 12th-century cathedral, the only surviving medieval church in mainland Scotland, and the captivating St. Mungo Museum. In Edinburgh, discover the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Old Town and New Town and explore the Edinburgh Castle. Spend two nights in the ideally located, Five-Star Waldorf Astoria Edinburgh - The Caledonian.

Wonders of Norway
Copenhagen • Fjordlands • Stalheim • Oslo
By Bergen Railway and Coastal Ferry
Immerse yourself in majestic Norwegian landscapes and traditional Scandinavian culture on this unique and exclusive five-night Pre-Cruise Option. In the Danish town of Roskilde, visit its 12th-century, Gothic-style cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and explore the fascinating Viking Ship Museum. Enjoy an exclusively chartered cruise along Copenhagen’s idyllic canals to see Christiansborg and Amalienborg Palaces and view the “Little Mermaid” statue. In vibrant Oslo, visit the stately Opera House and the unique Vigeland Sculpture Park. Experience the majesty of the Norwegian highlands and ride through the stunning scenery of Europe’s highest mountain plateau on the Bergen Railway. Accommodations are for four nights in comfortable hotels and one night aboard an award-winning SeaWays ferry from Copenhagen to Oslo.

The Pre- and Post-Cruise Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Standing guard over Scotland’s historic capital, Edinburgh Castle served as a royal residence from the ninth to 16th centuries.

Copenhagen’s Nyhavn waterfront showcases the Vikings’ legacy and the maritime character of a traditional Hanseatic city.
Taxes are an additional $440 per person and are subject to change. Add $1000 for reservations made after September 28, 2018.

Singles are available in category 6 at $11695* and in category 4 at $13395* on or before September 28, 2018.

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Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person and $200 per person Wonders of Norway • Copenhagen Pre-Cruise Option and/or $200 per person Scotland’s Cultural Capitals Post-Cruise Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, I/we agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.
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