



Treasures of Northern Europe, Medieval to Modern

England to Denmark Aboard *Ocean Albatros*
with John Stomberg, Virginia Rice Kelsey 1961s
Director of the Hood Museum of Art at Dartmouth College

April 27 – May 7, 2024

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

SAIL from England to Scandinavia aboard the luxurious, brand-new *Ocean Albatros*, which has 95 comfortable staterooms and suites, all with unobstructed sea views and most with their own balconies, and more than a 50% lower carbon footprint than traditional expedition vessels

STEP ashore in northern Europe's most enchanting cities—including Bruges, Amsterdam, Hamburg, and Copenhagen, as well as sparkling, lesser-known gems such as the Hanseatic cities of Groningen, Holland, and Lübeck and Rostock in Germany

JOIN an art expert for an up-close look at the Van Eycks' revered, recently restored *Adoration of the Mystic Lamb (Ghent Altarpiece)*, now returned to its original home, St. Bavo's Cathedral in Ghent

TOUR museums exclusively opened for us, such as Amsterdam's Van Gogh Museum or The Hague's Mauritshuis, home to a cherished collection including Vermeer and Rembrandt masterpieces

EXPERIENCE the vibrant end of tulip season during an optional visit to Holland's magnificent Keukenhof Gardens, where a million flowering bulbs create a brilliant expanse of color

GAIN an insider's look at printmaking during a hands-on workshop at the GRID Grafisch Museum Groningen, an intriguing Dutch museum devoted to the history of graphic design

DELIGHT in a private rooftop lunch at Hamburg's glittering Elbphilharmonie concert hall, an architectural masterpiece with a distinctive wave-like glass exterior, with the opportunity to attend a performance

TRANSIT the 61-mile Kiel Canal, which connects the North Sea to the Baltic, during daylight hours and learn about the engineering involved to build the world's busiest artificial waterway

ATTEND an onboard chamber music concert by one of Europe's renowned quartets while in Belgium



Dear Alumni, Parents & Friends of Dartmouth,

In April 2024, set sail with us as we explore northern Europe's most cherished treasures. On an enriching luxury sea voyage from the south of England to Denmark, step ashore to experience French Normandy's medieval cathedrals, the charming canals of Bruges and Amsterdam, Hamburg's UNESCO-listed warehouses, Copenhagen's colorful streets, and so much more.

You will be among the first to sail aboard the new *Ocean Albatros*, a luxurious, technologically innovative ship. As you cruise, discover the lavish legacy of the medieval Hanseatic League, a group of merchant guilds and seaside towns who sought to protect their mutual commercial interests in the Baltic. In the 12th through 15th centuries, these powers amassed unprecedented wealth, paving the way for the Renaissance.

Follow Hanseatic trade routes from England to Denmark along the cliff-lined English Channel, the North Sea, and the Baltic. With expert guides at your side, step ashore in France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, and Denmark and go behind the scenes in picturesque coastal towns, opulent private houses, and splendid museums. Marvel at the vast history of France's Normandy region, from Norman *châteaux* to World War II history. In Belgium, stop in splendid Bruges and behold the Van Eyck brothers' *Adoration of the Mystic Lamb* in Ghent.

Experience Holland's colorful tulip season and go behind the scenes of museums such as Amsterdam's Van Gogh Museum. In Germany, join scholars to discover the sparkling Hanseatic cities of Hamburg and Lübeck. Then navigate the world's busiest artificial waterway, the scenic, 61-mile-long Kiel Canal connecting the North Sea to the Baltic. Conclude with a day in spectacular Copenhagen, Denmark.

Traveling with you will be **John Stomberg**, the Virginia Rice Kelsey 1961s Director of the Hood Museum of Art at Dartmouth College. Director Stomberg will share his expertise on art and architecture throughout the trip, with special attention to the history of Mont Saint-Michel—a tidal island off the French coast with a show-stopping medieval monastery— and late Gothic and Renaissance art in Belgium.

Space is limited on this special cruise, which is co-sponsored by The National Trust for Historic Preservation, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the alumni associations of Duke, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Tufts, the University of Chicago, the University of Mary Washington, Wingate, and Vanderbilt. We hope you join us on this unforgettable cruise celebrating the artistic and cultural treasures of northern Europe

Warm regards from Hanover,

Robin Albing TU'81
Executive Director, Lifelong Learning and
Advancement Special Projects

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Assistant Director, Lifelong Learning

TRAVELING WITH YOU



John Stomberg is the Virginia Rice Kelsey 1961s Director of the Hood Museum of Art at Dartmouth College. Before joining Dartmouth, he served as the Director of the Mount Holyoke College Art Museum and the Joseph Allen Skinner

Museum and held leadership positions at the Williams College Museum of Art and the Boston University Art Gallery. He received his B.A. from Georgetown University and his M.A. and Ph.D. in art history from Boston University. Stomberg focused on Northern European late Gothic art and architecture before turning to modern and contemporary American and global art.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 27: DEPARTURE

Depart for London on an overnight flight.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28: LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM / PORTSMOUTH / EMBARK OCEAN ALBATROS

Arrive this morning at Heathrow Airport and transfer to *Ocean Albatros* docked in Portsmouth. Enjoy lunch on board, followed by an afternoon at leisure to explore this new ship or learn about the Royal Navy's history on a visit to the Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. Savor dinner on board as you sail across the English Channel to Normandy in France.

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MONDAY, APRIL 29: OUISTREHAM, FRANCE / CAEN

From the port of Ouistreham, visit historic Caen, whose Norman treasures have survived the centuries. Continue to Bayeux and the Memorial Museum of the Battle of Normandy. Then visit the town's 11th-century cathedral, in which you will find the remarkable *Bayeux Tapestry*, one of the most renowned surviving works of medieval art. Stop at Malcolm Forbes's 17th-century *Château de Balleroy* to visit the *Musée des Ballons*, which houses Forbes's hot-air balloon collection, and enjoy a cocktail reception. As an alternative, you may visit Mont-Saint-Michel, a UNESCO-listed tidal island topped with a medieval monastery. As *Ocean Albatros* sails to Belgium, behold the chalky cliffs and the extraordinary rock formations of Les Falaises d'Étretat and the Manneporte, which Claude Monet captured in numerous paintings. Attend the captain's welcome reception and dinner this evening.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 30: OSTEND, BELGIUM / BRUGES / GHENT

After docking in Ostend, transfer to the perfectly preserved medieval city of Bruges for a walking tour. See some of Belgium's best art collections, including the Groeninge Museum, the Hans Memling collection at St. John's Hospital, and a sculpture by Michelangelo displayed in the Church of Our Lady. Continue to Ghent for an expert-led viewing of the Van Eycks' restored 15th-century masterpiece *The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb* in St. Bavo's Cathedral. Aboard *Ocean Albatros*, enjoy chamber music performed by one of Europe's renowned quartets.

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Bruges, Belgium



Ghent, Belgium



Mauritshuis, The Hague, Holland, photo by Ronald Tilleman

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1: SCHEVENINGEN, HOLLAND / AMSTERDAM OR KEUKENHOF & THE HAGUE

Dock in the seaside resort of Scheveningen near The Hague, and choose between two excursions. You may explore Amsterdam's canals and the famed Rijksmuseum, with its unrivaled collection of works by Dutch masters. Savor lunch aboard a private canal cruise, followed by a special opening of the Van Gogh Museum.

Alternatively, see a million flowering bulbs at the Keukenhof Gardens during tulip season. After lunch, visit The Hague and its Mauritshuis museum, home to Vermeer's *Girl with a Pearl Earring*. Then see the Peace Palace, home to the International Court of Justice. All guests will meet in The Hague and visit Panorama Mesdag, a museum housing Hendrik Mesdag's vast 1881 panoramic canvas of Scheveningen. B,L,D

THURSDAY, MAY 2: DELFZIJL / GRONINGEN

Step ashore in Delfzijl, Holland, and transfer to Groningen, a virtual open-air museum. Discover the gems of its Grote Markt (Great Market Square), including the Gothic Martinikerk, a 13th-century church with beautiful frescoes and a baroque organ. As a contemporary contrast, tour the Groninger Museum, a futuristic structure showcasing modern and contemporary art. After lunch, learn about traditional printmaking at the GRID Grafisch Museum Groningen, where you will attend a specially arranged graphics art workshop. Garden lovers may choose to visit Hortus Haren, one of Holland's oldest botanical gardens, and the Museum De Buitenplaats, a botanical complex with flowery garden roofs. B,L,D

FRIDAY, MAY 3: HAMBURG, GERMANY OR LÜBECK

Dating back more than eight centuries, Hamburg's famous port was a vital link during the Hanseatic League. Experience the city's iconic, UNESCO-listed Speicherstadt district, the world's largest warehouse district, an ensemble of 19th- to early 20th-century brick and timber buildings on oak log foundations along the canals. Then have lunch on the rooftop of Hamburg's magical Elbphilharmonie concert hall, which features a glistening wave-like top soaring hundreds of feet into the sky. After free time, you may attend a musical performance at the Elbphilharmonie (pending schedules).

Alternatively, spend the day in Lübeck, the "Queen of the Hanseatic League." Visit the European Hansemuseum, which includes interactive displays on Hanseatic trade. Stroll around Lübeck's beautiful Old Town, stopping to see the Holstentor, the 15th-century Brick Gothic city gate. B,L,D

SATURDAY, MAY 4: BRUNSBÜTTEL / KIEL CANAL TRANSIT

Spend the day navigating the 61-mile-long Kiel Canal, which cuts across the Jutland Peninsula and connects the North Sea to the Baltic. While sailing, attend lectures and learn about the engineering involved to build the canal. B,L,D

SUNDAY, MAY 5: WARNEMÜNDE / ROSTOCK

Step off in Warnemünde, Germany, and venture to Rostock, known as the "Gateway to Scandinavia" during the height of the Hanseatic League. Discover this 800-year-old port city's maritime history at the Schiffbau und Schifffahrtsmuseum (Shipbuilding and Maritime Museum). Return to *Ocean Albatros* as we sail to Copenhagen. B,L,D

MONDAY, MAY 6: COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

In the spectacular Danish capital, shop along the Strøget, one of the world's longest pedestrian streets, and stroll along the quay of Nyhavn, with its rainbow of famous centuries-old townhouses. After lunch, continue to the Louisiana Museum of Modern Art and its impressive 20th-century collection, including several works by Henry Moore. Gather on board for the captain's farewell reception and dinner this evening. B,L,R,D

TUESDAY, MAY 7: COPENHAGEN / DISEMBARK / RETURN

Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for flights home. B

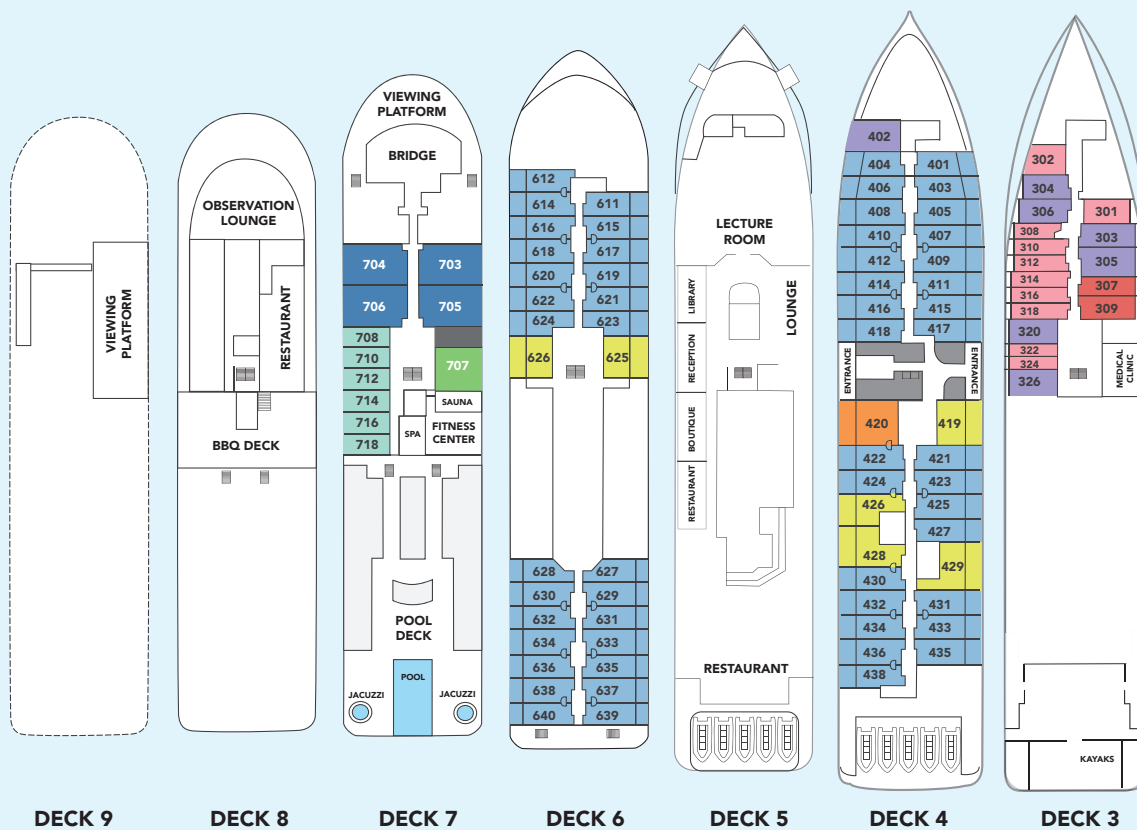
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Copenhagen, Denmark

OCEAN ALBATROS



Being unveiled in June 2023, *Ocean Albatros* holds 95 comfortable staterooms and suites, all with unobstructed sea views and most with their own balconies. *Ocean Albatros* offers two restaurants, a wellness area, a unique panorama sauna, an Albatros Nordic Bar, an open-deck dining facility, a modern lecture lounge, and other state-of-the-art amenities. The environmentally-friendly vessel emphasizes sustainability and will have more than a 50% lower carbon footprint than traditional expedition vessels.

CRUISE RATES

(Per Person)

Cabins	Decks	Double Rates	Single Rates
301, 302, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 322, 324	3	————	\$9,999
Single Stateroom with porthole, 140 sq. ft.			
303, 304, 305, 306, 320, 326, 402	3 & 4	\$6,999	\$10,999
Stateroom with porthole, 172 sq. ft.			
307, 309	3	\$7,999	\$11,999
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Stateroom with French balcony, 172 sq. ft.			
401, 403–412, 414–418, 421–425, 427, 430–436, 438, 611, 612, 614–624, 627–640	4 & 6	\$10,999	\$16,499
Stateroom with balcony, 237 sq. ft.			
419, 426, 428, 429, 625, 626	4 & 6	\$12,999	Inquire
Stateroom with balcony, 344 sq. ft.			
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Premium Junior Suite with balcony, 431 sq. ft.			
420	4	\$19,999	Inquire
Suite with balcony, 463 sq. ft.			

RATES INCLUDE

- Nine nights cabin accommodations aboard *Ocean Albatros* as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner). Bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; house wine during lunches and dinners
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Airport/pier/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Taxes, service, and portorage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers; customary shipboard gratuities

NOT INCLUDED IN RATES International airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than what is noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; excess baggage; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.



**DARTMOUTH ALUMNI TRAVEL
TREASURES OF NORTHERN EUROPE
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RESERVATION FORM**

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Back cover: The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb (detail), Ghent, Belgium (top)
and Groninger Museum, Holland (bottom)

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