A voyage aboard the Deluxe Small Ship m.s. Le Boréal

May 21 to 29, 2014
Dear Traveler:

Across the length and breadth of Scotland and Norway lies an unsurpassed richness of archaeological heritage left from the age of the Vikings and before, where ancient stone monuments and castles present an enigmatic and imposing face to the world. Explore this fascinating land of ruins and castles, Viking and Celtic clans, and the spectacular natural features of misty isles, wild glens, lochs and moors. Hear Gaelic still spoken in the Highlands, where the history of the people that lived here for centuries cries out from the heather-covered hillsides. Experience the seldom-visited gems of the North Atlantic on a journey to the distant and mysterious islands along the idyllic seascapes and splendid coastlines of Scotland, Norway and Denmark.

This unusual itinerary follows along the stepping-stones of Nordic and Scottish civilizations during the best time of year, when the weather is mild and days are long, a unique voyage that can only be accomplished aboard a small ship that can access many of these smaller ports, where larger vessels cannot. The exclusively chartered, Five-Star M.S. LE BORÉAL has only 120 deluxe Suites and Staterooms and provides all the luxury and sophistication of a fine hotel. Cruise from Copenhagen to Glasgow, two great cultural capitals, with opportunities to visit two UNESCO World Heritage sites, some of the most remote islands of the North Atlantic and incredible natural wonders of Scandinavia. Cruise through some of the finest scenery Scandinavia has to offer, a highlight of which are its coastal wonders—waterways, islands and Norwegian fjords. Travel the ancient shipping lanes of the Vikings as you cross the North Sea from historic Bergen; admire the natural beauty of the Shetland Islands with their remarkable links to the ancient past; learn more about Viking history on the tradition-steeped Orkney Islands; marvel at the astonishing 5000-year-old Callanish Standing Stones, which are considerably older than Stonehenge, on the Isle of Lewis; and, tour an iconic medieval castle on the majestic and tranquil Isle of Skye.

Throughout our voyage, hear from several guest lecturers who illuminate the places we visit. Join your fellow members along with travelers from like-minded organizations such as the Smithsonian and the National Trust for Historic Preservation for this small ship voyage and great value—all meals, excursions and accommodations are included. I encourage you to book now while Early Booking Savings and space are available.

Best regards,

Kristina Nemeth
Travel Director
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During the Viking Age, which began around the mid-eighth century and lasted almost three centuries, the Men of the North were cast as fierce barbarians who plundered their way across the known world. Viking depictions of Thor’s hammer and Odin’s ravens, symbols of their pagan gods, helped propagate through oral traditions their mythos as fearsome invaders in the world’s imagination for over a millennium. Yet hints of their legacy found in runic inscriptions offer a splendid pageant of history and show them as practical opportunists and traders with a heavy cultural emphasis on poetry, artistry and technology. Vikings were extraordinary mariners, setting their long ships out to crisscross half the world and vastly extend its known boundaries, founding new colonies as far west as North America, as far south as North Africa and as far east as the Caspian Sea. They created a network of merchants and trade that linked directly to the Hanseatic League in Bergen, which immensely contributed to the development of the 15th-century economy on the Shetland and Orkney Islands. The many-sided achievements of their culture impressed themselves upon the non-Scandinavian world, and the complexity and nuances of their culture lie in wait of your rediscovery across their remote lands.

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

Copenhagen, Denmark
Thursday, May 22
Arrive in Denmark, the spiritual and historic home of the Vikings and from whence sailed their intrepid predecessors—Angles, Saxons and Jutes. Transfer to the Five-Star M.S. LE BORÉAL and depart for Norway. (D)

Cruising the Norwegian Fjords and North Sea
Friday, May 23
Norway’s fjords and islands offer some of the most stunning coastal scenery in Europe. Watch the light play off granite cliffs and pristine cobalt blue waters, while cruising past the inland waterways once plied by Viking longships, passing traditional farms and villages.

Join the Captain for a Welcome Reception on board this evening. (B,L,R,D)

Bergen, Norway
Saturday, May 24
The city of Bergen was founded on an old Viking settlement in 1070 and has a proud history as an important part of the Hanseatic League’s trading empire from the 14th to mid-16th centuries. Today Bergen’s Bryggen (the wharf) still flaunts its colorfully characteristic wooden houses, which are listed on UNESCO’s World Heritage list. Tour Troldhaugen, the summer home of Edvard Grieg, Norway’s most famous composer, and walk the grounds of his estate, where he composed many of his finest works. (B,L,D)
Lerwick, Shetland Islands
Sunday, May 25
Explore the majestic Shetland Islands, declared a Global Geopark by UNESCO for their geologically diverse landscapes and seascapes carved and shaped by ice. Admire nature’s endlessly changing colors and textures and listen for the clamor of gannets and puffins crowding the extraordinary cliffs. Though remote, these islands have a unique 6000-year-old culture, where Scotland meets Scandinavia at this North Atlantic crossroads and legacies linger in the archaeology, dialect and traditional music. From Lerwick, the capital of Shetland, journey to the southernmost point of the island to visit Jarlshof, a pending UNESCO World Heritage site and an extraordinary settlement 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. (B,L,D)

Kirkwall, Orkney Islands
Monday, May 26
Experience the mystique of the Orkney Islands, remote islands ringed with red sandstone shimmering in the sea mist. Kirkwall, founded around 1035, is noted for having Britain’s most northerly cathedral, the 12th-century Viking-built St. Magnus Cathedral. Enjoy the gentle rolling landscape of the Neolithic heartland of Orkney, designated a UNESCO World Heritage site for its wealth of prehistoric archaeology. Pass the standing stones of Stenness and stop at the Ring of Brodgar, a huge semicircle of stones dating back to 3000 B.C. Continue to the 5000-year-old village of Skara Brae, a settlement built of stone that was only rediscovered in 1850 when a great storm wiped away its veil of sand. See Scapa Flow, one of the world’s largest natural harbors, first used by the Vikings and later made famous for its role in both world wars.

Enjoy a tasting of authentic Scotch whisky during a tour of the award-winning Highland Park Distillery, believed to be founded in 1798 by the notorious smuggler Magnus Eunson.

During afternoon tea on board the ship, listen to a seanachai tell traditional stories that have been handed down by fireside hearths over the centuries in these remote isles. (B,L,D)
Stornoway, Isle of Lewis
Tuesday, May 27
On the northwest coast of the Isle of Lewis, in the “necklace” of the Outer Hebrides Islands, walk amongst the mysterious standing stones of Callanish (or Calanais in Gaelic), undoubtedly the ancient jewel of the British Isles, and learn more about the ingenuity of this astronomical structure, which accurately aligns the equinoctial sunset and the Pleiades while charting the lunar cycle. Travel along the beautiful west coast of the island, a spectacular blend of rugged mountains, peat moors, pristine beaches, flower-speckled machair grazing land and barren rocky landscapes. Visit the site of Dun Carloway, a Pictish broch, built as a defensible residence around the last century B.C. Explore the restored Gearrannan Blackhouse Village settlement, with dramatic views of the Atlantic coast, and listen for Gaelic being spoken as you view displays of traditional crofting activities such as weaving or butter-making. (B,L,D)

Kyle of Lochalsh/Isle of Skye
Wednesday, May 28
Anchor in the Kyle of Lochalsh, tender ashore and visit Eilean Donan Castle, named for the sixth-century Irish saint who founded the first community on the island. Constructed in the 13th century and destroyed during the Jacobite rising before being completely rebuilt in the 1930s, it now stands as one of the most iconic and recognizable castles in the world. At the ruins of Armadale Castle, stroll through a spectacular array of flora in the 17th-century gardens and learn about the powerful reign of Clan Donald, Lords of the Isles until 1493, during a tour of the Museum of the Isles. The Isle of Skye is home to some of Scotland’s most phenomenal geography, and the mist, shafts of sunlight and vivid rainbows congregate here in a dazzling array of colors that seem to make the glens greener and the sea bluer. This afternoon, sail the coastline of romantic and ethereal Skye, from where Bonnie Prince Charlie, against the odds and with the help of Flora MacDonald, was able to escape to France. Attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception this evening. (B,L,R,D)

Glasgow, Scotland/U.S.
Thursday, May 29
Arrive in Glasgow, a dynamic Scottish city where the indelible mark of Viking conquest still permeates the art and culture. Disembark and continue on the Post-Cruise Option to further explore the rich heritage of the Men of the North in Glasgow and Edinburgh. Or, depart for the U.S. (B)

Norway’s most breathtaking scenery lies in its western fjords, where the mountains meet the sea.
FIVE-STAR M.S. LE BORÉAL

Small Ship, State-of-the-Art Design
The highly acclaimed, exclusively chartered M.S. LE BORÉAL, launched in 2010, represents the newest generation of Five-Star small ships, featuring only 120 Suites and Staterooms and distinctive French sophistication.

Spacious 100% Ocean-View Suites and Staterooms, 95% with Private Balconies
Each large, air-conditioned deluxe Stateroom and Suite (200 to 484 square feet) features a private bathroom with shower and luxurious Five-Star hotel amenities. Most accommodations have two twin beds that convert to one queen bed, individual climate control, satellite flat-screen television, wireless Internet access, safe, minibar, full-length closet, writing desk/dressing table, plush robes and slippers.

Chic and Casual Dining
International and regional cuisine are served in the stylish, spacious La Licorne dining room in single, unassigned seatings; alfresco in the casual indoor-outdoor La Boussole Restaurant; or from 24-hour room service. Continental and buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and a four-course dinner are served daily. Complimentary wine and beer are served with dinner.

Spacious Public Areas/World-Class Service and Facilities
Inviting and spacious public areas accommodate all passengers comfortably. Enjoy views from the Panoramic Lounge, nightly entertainment in the Main Lounge, and lectures, cultural performances and film screenings in the state-of-the-art theater. There is a library, Internet salon, Sun Deck, swimming pool, beauty salon, spa, Turkish bath-style steam room, full range of fitness equipment and two elevators. The infirmary is staffed with a doctor and nurse. The highly trained and personable, English-speaking, international crew provides attentive service.

Respect for the Environment
The state-of-the-art propulsion system and custom-built stabilizers provide an exceptionally smooth, quiet and comfortable voyage by minimizing vibration and engine noise. By design, the ship is energy efficient and environmentally protective of marine ecosystems and has been awarded the prestigious “Clean Ship” rating, an extreme rarity among ocean-cruising vessels. The ship has two tenders.
Included

◆ Exclusive lectures and presentations
◆ Seven nights aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star M.S. LE BORÉAL
◆ Cruise from Copenhagen, Denmark to Glasgow, Scotland (Spacious, Five-Star, ocean-view accommodations with private bathroom)
◆ All entrance fees and tours as described in the itinerary
◆ Meals, as specified in the itinerary, with complimentary beer served with lunch and complimentary wine and beer served with dinner on the ship
◆ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions
◆ All transfers and luggage handling abroad for all participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s)
◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined in the itinerary, with experienced local guides
◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers
◆ Experienced team of Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the travel program
◆ Hospitality desk aboard the ship
◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information
◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company

Not Included

◆ International airfare
◆ Taxes of $462 per person (subject to change)
◆ Ship gratuities of approximately $100 per person
◆ Hotel staff gratuities and gratuities for activities on your own
◆ Optional sightseeing excursions
◆ Passport and visa fees
◆ Meals and alcoholic beverages not listed as included
◆ Transfers and baggage handling to/from airport/hotel on day(s) of arrival and/or departure if you are arriving earlier or later than and/or departing earlier or later than the scheduled group transfer(s)
◆ Any overnight on land due to flight schedule(s)
◆ Personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls and Internet access
◆ Accident/sickness, trip cancellation and baggage insurance
◆ Baggage charges on aircraft; airfare and associated local taxes not listed as included
◆ Airport facility taxes and federal inspection fees not listed as included
◆ All other services not specifically mentioned in the “Included” section
HOME TO THE MEN OF THE NORTH
Copenhagen Pre-Cruise Option

Scandinavia’s most cosmopolitan city and the capital of Denmark is an inviting and exuberant showcase of culture rooted in Viking ancestry, Hans Christian Andersen stories and historical architecture. See Amalienborg Palace and Tivoli Gardens and cruise the 400-year-old canals past Christiansborg Palace, the King’s Palace and gardens. In the nearby town of Roskilde visit its ancient cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and explore the Vikings’ life at sea in the fascinating Viking Ship Museum. Accommodations for two nights are in the centrally located, deluxe COPENHAGEN MARRIOTT HOTEL. (B)

SCOTTISH HIGHLIGHTS
Edinburgh ♦ Glasgow
Post-Cruise Option

Explore Scotland’s two great cities and their histories of feuding warlords, medieval villains and royal and religious intrigue. During a panoramic tour of Glasgow, walk through George Square, visit the city Chambers and the Tolbooth of Glasgow, Scotland’s most remarkable 17th-century building. See the extensive collection of art and antiquities during a visit to the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum. In Edinburgh, discover the historic Old Town, Royal Mile and iconic Edinburgh Castle and visit the Museum of Scotland for a glimpse of the nation’s formative years from the Bronze Age to Viking and Roman invasions. Accommodations for two nights are in the deluxe CROWN PLAZA EDINBURGH - THE ROXBURGHE located in the heart of Edinburgh’s New Town. (2B,1L)

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

The Vikings’ legacy and the maritime character of a traditional Hanseatic city are showcased along Copenhagen’s Nyhavn Waterfront.
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<td>Two-room, ocean-view, expansive floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door onto large private balcony, two bathrooms: tub/shower and shower, large sitting area with sofa, two closets, writing desk and dressing table, Deck 5, Le Normandie. (limited availability)</td>
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* An Owner’s Suite (Deck 6, Le France) is available upon request at a cost to be advised, on a first-come first-served basis.

**M.S. LE BORÉAL** has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

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**Tour No.** 126-05/21/14-252

Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person and $200 per person Copenhagen Pre-Cruise Option and/or $200 per person Scottish Highlights Post-Cruise Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, you agree to accept and agree to the Terms and Conditions.

- Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $________ as deposit.
- Make checks payable to Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.
- I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $________ to:
- Visa
- MasterCard

**Card Number**

**Exp. Date**

Signature as it appears on credit card

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Please make my/our reservation(s) in Stateroom Category:

1st Choice _______ 2nd Choice _______

- Double occupancy (two twin beds)
- Double occupancy (one queen bed)
- Single accommodations
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please make my/our reservation(s):

- Copenhagen Pre-Cruise Option
- Double at $895 per person
- Single at $1395 per person
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed)

- Scottish Highlights Post-Cruise Option
- Double at $795 per person
- Single at $1095 per person
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- I/We want you to book my/our air from

*Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

- I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.
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