Celtic Lands

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and

D-Day Remembered

75th Anniversary

Featuring Guest Speaker

Dwight David Eisenhower II

accompanying you to the Normandy Beaches

Aboard the

Exclusively Chartered Small Ship

Five-Star Le Champlain

April 27 to May 6, 2019

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Dear VMFA Members:

Experience the rich traditions and astonishing beauty of the British Isles and Northern France’s storied coastline during this unforgettable Celtic Lands voyage. During our specially designed itinerary, traverse the lands and seas of the ancient and influential Celts. In commemoration of the historic 75th anniversary of the D-Day Invasion, visit the solemn shores of Normandy with David Eisenhower, grandson of General and President Eisenhower.

Professor Eisenhower will join us for a portion of the cruise and share his exclusive insights on one of the most influential figures of the 20th century. While you cruise the waters of the Irish and Celtic Seas and cross the English Channel, enjoy the luxuries of the exclusively chartered, Five-Star, small ship Le CHAMPLAIN—featuring only 92 Suites and Staterooms, each with a private balcony, and the extraordinary Blue Eye, the world’s first multisensory underwater observation lounge—and explore cities, villages and islands that abound with Celtic heritage. Call at ports inaccessible to larger vessels, discover firsthand the bold influence left by the ancient Celts and visit the historic territories where their renowned culture remains.

Discover Scotland’s seldom-visited Inner Hebridean Islands and admire the austere landscapes of the United Kingdom. In North Wales, enjoy a privately arranged musical performance by the renowned Welsh Maelgwyn Choir. Stroll the rare and exquisite Tresco Gardens in the Scilly Isles, England, and in Dublin, Ireland, view treasures of Celtic heritage and revel in the lively delights of traditional Irish song and dance.

VMFA is proud to be sharing this departure with travelers from John Hopkins, Northwestern and Tufts Universities. This extraordinary visit to the pivotal D-Day beaches of Normandy—where Allied forces turned the tide of World War II—and the beautiful Celtic Lands of the British Isles is an exclusive program that will sell out quickly. Make your reservations now, as space is limited!

Sincerely,

Adele “Hutch” Livingston
VMFA Coordinator of Member Travel

VMFA Host

An avid traveler, Hutch has participated in more than 40 VMFA travel programs over the past 12 years, and has been the Coordinator of Member Travel since 2013. A former banker, she is a graduate of Randolph-Macon Woman’s College with a degree in economics. She loves people and loves connecting travelers to VMFA.

Cover photo: Duart Castle’s clifftop grounds offer breathtaking views out across the Sound of Mull.

Spread photo: The seaside town of Arromanches overlooks Mulberry “B,” the military code name for an artificial harbor created to land troops and equipment on D-Day.
of The U.S./London, England Saturday and Sunday, April 27 and 28
Depart the U.S. for London. On arrival, check into the deluxe Runnymede on Thames Hotel. Following an afternoon at leisure on Sunday, return to the hotel for dinner.

London Monday, April 29
Check out of the hotel and embark the Five-Star Le Champlain. Cruise down the River Thames, a memorable passage possible only by small ship. Later on board, Professor David Eisenhower will share captivating personal insights about his grandfather and “Operation Overlord,” the Allies’ code name for the military campaign that launched the D-Day airborne and amphibious invasion at Normandy.
This evening, attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception and Dinner on board the ship.

Caen for Utah Beach and Sainte-Mère-Église/ Cherbourg Wednesday, May 1
Begin your day at Pointe du Hoc to envision the heroic U.S. Army Second Ranger Battalion scaling this cliff promontory, and survey the serene English Channel.
After lunch, visit the Church of Angoville-au-Plain, an emergency aid station during D-Day, and view its modern stained-glass rendition of the American Airborne parachute drop; here, two brave U.S. Army medics treated wounded soldiers, using pews as makeshift beds.
Continue to Utah Beach, the westernmost shore of the five landing areas of the Normandy invasion. Visit the Utah Beach D-Day Museum for a chronological account of the landing retold through an immersive curation of artifacts, vehicles and oral histories.
Nearby Sainte-Mère-Église, the first French village to be liberated by American forces during World War II, is known for its great historical significance, including the famous story of American soldier John Steele, who caught his parachute on the church steeple and was forced to dangle limply for two hours before being taken as a German prisoner.

The ancient Celts’ immeasurable contributions to Europe are rooted in a tradition of art, science and folkloric legend. This tribal civilization spanned two thousand years with a diversified domain extending from the Iberian Peninsula to the Black Sea and from the Mediterranean to the North Sea. Today, they are most associated with the cultural identity and consciousness of Ireland, although their roots run deep in England, Wales, Scotland and northern France—historic territories where traces of their influence remain and where Celtic dialects formed the original languages.
See Milestone 0, which marks the Road to Freedom’s commencement.

**Tresco, Scilly Isles, England**  
**Thursday, May 2**  
Visit the lush, 19th-century Tresco Abbey Gardens, weather permitting. Blooming with more than 6000 exotic plant species ranging in origin from Brazil to New Zealand, and built around the ruins of a Benedictine Abbey, this subtropical landscape is often compared to London’s Royal Botanic Garden as a “perennial Kew without the glass.” Meander among spires of indigo viper’s bugloss, broad-leaved tree ferns, flourishing aloes and bright pink South African suikerbos in this surprising, magical haven.

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The panoramic tour of the city highlights the landmark St. Patrick’s and Christ Church Cathedrals and grand O’Connell Street, lined with bronze and marble statues of Irish statesmen. Stroll through the stately quadrangles of Trinity College and view the incandescent illuminations of the ninth-century Book of Kells. The afternoon is at leisure to walk along colorful Grafton Street, savor a pint of Guinness in a neighborhood pub or visit the National Gallery of Ireland, one of the best repositories of Celtic treasures in the world.

On board the ship this evening, enjoy specially arranged, traditional Irish music and dance performed by a local band.

**Holyhead, Wales**  
**Saturday, May 4**  
From Holyhead, transfer across the diminutive Isle of Anglesey and over the Menai Strait to North Wales, cradle of Celtic culture, where Welsh remains the mother tongue.

Choose to visit beautiful Bodnant Garden, one of the finest examples of 19th-century Victorian landscape artistry, or tour the imposing UNESCO World Heritage-designated Caernarfon Castle, an impenetrable 13th-century
London
Pre-Program Option
Experience stately London, where living history makes each visit more enjoyable than the last. Enjoy a panoramic tour of London’s West End landmarks and visit the underground cabinet war rooms of Winston Churchill. Accommodations for two nights are in the ideally located, deluxe InterContinental London Park Lane.

Glasgow/Edinburgh
Post-Program Option

Pre- and Post-Program Options are available at additional cost. Details will be included with your reservation confirmation.
Blue Eye – The World’s First Luxury Underwater Observatory

Exclusive to the Ponant fleet, the extraordinary Blue Eye multisensory underwater lounge evokes the mystique of subaquatic life in a luxurious, refined atmosphere. Marine life viewing varies by location.

Luxury Small Ship, Innovative Design

Le Champlain, launching in 2018, ushers in a new generation of Five-Star small ships, combining revolutionary design and a new standard of luxury for an unparalleled cruising experience. Dock in smaller ports inaccessible to larger ships and where authentic cultural experiences and majestic scenery await you.

Respect for the Environment

The newest addition to the Ponant “Clean Ship” fleet, a rare distinction among ocean-cruising vessels, Le Champlain is energy efficient and eco-friendly, protecting fragile marine ecosystems while providing a safe and comfortable voyage.

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 continental and buffet breakfasts, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and four-course dinner.

92 Elegant Suites and Staterooms, 100% with Private Balconies

Each Five-Star Stateroom and Suite (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 and luxurious hotel amenities.

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 and sauna or the Sun Deck’s infinity-style swimming pool. There is a beauty salon, fitness room and two elevators. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available throughout the ship.

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.
Acclaimed Guest Speaker

David Eisenhower—grandson of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower, historian and professor at the University of Pennsylvania.

Included Features

London, England

- One night in the deluxe Runnymede on Thames Hotel, with breakfast and dinner.

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

- Seven-night cruise from London, England, to Glasgow, Scotland, including the Normandy beaches Utah and Omaha to commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-Day.
- Elegantly appointed, Five-Star Suite or Stateroom.
- Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions and Welcome Dinner.
- Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise.
- All meals aboard ship.
- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship.
- Blue Eye—the world’s first luxury, multisensory, underwater observatory.
- Two full-day excursions, with lunch, to the historic D-Day beaches of Normandy with visits to Utah and Omaha Beaches, Sainte-Mère-Église, and the American Military Cemetery.
- Viewing of a short film documenting the D-Day campaign at the Arromanches 360 Circular Cinema.
- Visit to the lush, 19th-century Tresco Abbey Gardens, weather permitting.
- City tour of Dublin, featuring a visit to Trinity College to see the legendary Book of Kells masterwork.
- Traditional Irish music and dance entertainment aboard ship while in Dublin.
- Visit to Caernarfon Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage site, OR 19th-century Bodnant Garden, with picturesque views of the magnificent Snowdonia Mountains in Wales.
- Private performance by the renowned Welsh Maelgwyn Choir.
- Panoramic tour of the Isle of Mull, featuring an excursion to Duart Castle, with a light lunch.
- Visit to the Isle of Iona featuring the historic Iona Abbey.

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.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom aboard ship and on excursions.
- Hospitality desk aboard ship and in the hotel.
- Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
- Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
- Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
Attend a dynamic lecture and enjoy informal discussions with an expert on one of the most powerful world leaders of the 20th century and World War II.

**Featured Guest Speaker**

*Dwight David Eisenhower II*

Grandson of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower, David Eisenhower is a noted historian of World War II and the Cold War. His 1986 bestseller, *Eisenhower: At War 1943-1945*, was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in history.

Eisenhower received a B.A. in history *cum laude* from Amherst College. Following graduation, he served in the United States Naval Reserve for three years as an officer on the USS Albany; shortly afterward, he earned his J.D. *cum laude* from The George Washington University Law School.

Today, Eisenhower is Senior Fellow of the Foreign Policy Research Institute and a Public Policy Fellow at the Annenberg School of Communication and the School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania, where he teaches “Communication and the Presidency.” His lecture will feature:

*Operation Overlord*—the concept, planning and personalities behind the D-Day invasion; and

*Triumph and Tragedy*—big-picture consequences of the Allied Forces Normandy landings.

Scheduled guest speakers may be altered due to circumstances beyond our control. See Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement.

On June 6, 1944, Allied forces launched the D-Day invasion, landing on the beaches of Normandy.
For additional information about joining the museum, please call 804-340-1519.

Requirement: VMFA travel opportunities are open to all members of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

Grand Deluxe

- Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony, shower. Deck 4, forward.
- Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony, shower. Deck 4, midship.
- Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony, shower. Decks 5 and 6, aft.
- Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony, shower. Deck 5, forward.
- Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony, shower. Deck 5, midship.
- Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony, shower. Deck 6, midship.

Deluxe Suite

- Suite with expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, shower, sitting area with sofa. Decks 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. (Limited availability).

Privilege Suite

- Large Suite with expansive sliding glass door, large private Balcony, shower, sitting area with sofa. Decks 5 and 6. (Limited availability).

Grand Deluxe Suite

- Large two-room Suite, expansive sliding glass door, spacious private terrace, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional private powder room, sitting area with sofa. Decks 5 and 6. (Limited availability).

Owner’s Suite


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City  State  Zip Code
Telephone: (Home)  (Mobile)
Email Address  (Business)

Preferred Name(s) on Badge(s)  Tour No. 043-04/27/19-346

Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person and $200 per person London Pre-Program Option and/or $200 per person Glasgow and Edinburgh Post-Program Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, I agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $ as deposit.

I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $ to: Visa  MasterCard

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Signature as it appears on credit card

All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by January 22, 2019.

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Taxes are an additional $525 per person and are subject to change.

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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):

- London Pre-Program Option
  - Double at $1095 per person.
  - Single at $1745 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).

- Glasgow + Edinburgh Post-Program Option
  - Double at $1195 per person.
  - Single at $1695 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).

1/ We want you to book my/our air, at an additional cost to be advised, from:

- flies into Geneva, out of Amsterdam.
- flies into Edinburgh, out of Amsterdam.
- flies into Glasgow, out of Amsterdam.

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

1/ We will make my/our own air arrangements.
Iona Abbey, Scotland’s holiest place since the sixth century A.D., is traditionally believed to be where the Book of Kells was created.

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If due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend an additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner’s risk.

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PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY:

Participants must be fully independent and mobile. Any condition of disability that would create a hazard for himself/herself or others for the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for himself/herself or other participants and accepts the terms contained in this Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement.

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