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D-Day Remembered

Featuring Guest Speakers

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accompanying you to the Normandy Beaches

and

Allen Packwood
Director of Churchill Archives Centre at Cambridge

aboard the
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June 7 - 16, 2020

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Dear UCLA Alumni and Friends,

Experience the rich traditions, wild beauty and archaeological treasures of the British Isles and Northern France’s storied coastline throughout this unforgettable Celtic Lands voyage. During our specially designed itinerary, traverse the soul-stirring lands and seas of the influential Celts and discover first-hand their bold legacy, enshrined in Iron-Age duns, brochs and menhirs, and recalled in picturesque towns where poetry and songs date to the Bronze Age and Gaelic is widely spoken.

In commemoration of the anniversary of D-Day, visit the solemn shores of Normandy accompanied by David Eisenhower, grandson of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Professor Eisenhower and Allen Packwood—an expert on British Prime Minister Winston Churchill—will join us for a portion of the cruise and share their exclusive insights on two of the most influential figures of the 20th century.

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 Boréal—featuring only 110 suites and staterooms. Call at ports inaccessible to larger vessels and visit the historic territories, villages, islands and breathtaking landscapes entwined with the treasures of Celtic heritage.

Discover Scotland’s seldom-visited Inner Hebridean Islands and admire the austere landscapes of the United Kingdom steeped in local lore and natural splendor. Stroll amid the rare subtropical flora at the exquisite Tresco Abbey Gardens, the jewel of England’s unspoiled Isles of Scilly. In Dublin, Ireland, view treasures of Celtic heritage and revel in the lively delights of traditional Irish song and dance. In North Wales, follow in the footsteps of medieval and modern day princes and enjoy a privately arranged musical performance by the renowned Welsh Maelgwn Choir.

This extraordinary visit to the pivotal D-Day beaches of Normandy and the beautiful Celtic Lands of the British Isles is an exclusive program that sells out quickly every year. Make your reservations now, as space is limited!

Sincerely,

Christel Aragon
Director, Alumni Travel

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Cover photo: Admire Eilean Donan, one of the world’s most evocative castles, steeped in Jacobite history.
Photo this page: Remnants from D-Day are still visible at man-made Mulberry Harbor, including anchored “Beetle” pontoons.
U.S.
Sunday, June 7
Depart the U.S.
Paris, France/Honfleur
Monday, June 8
On arrival, transfer to Honfleur and embark the Five-Star Le Boréal.
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. Enjoy dinner on board the ship this evening.
Caen for Omaha Beach and Arromanches
Tuesday, June 9
Drive to Longues-sur-Mer, where the coastal German artillery battery remains intact. Continue to Omaha Beach, where Allied forces landed on June 6, 1944, and walk the historic Normandy shores. Then, in the company of Professor Eisenhower, contemplate the solemn commemorative crosses and Stars of David in the American Military Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer.
Following lunch, travel to Arromanches and view a wraparound short film documenting the D-Day campaign at the Arromanches 360 Circular Cinema or choose to see the world’s most famous embroidery, the 230-foot-long Bayeux Tapestry, a graphic chronicle of the Norman Conquest of 1066.
This evening, attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception and Dinner.
Caen/Pointe du Hoc/Utah Beach/Sainte-Mère-Église and Cherbourg
Wednesday, June 10
Visit Pointe du Hoc to envision the heroic U.S. Army Second Ranger Battalion scaling this cliff promontory, and survey the serene English Channel.
Continue to the Church of Angoville-au-Plain, an emergency aid station on D-Day, and view its modern stained-glass rendition of the American Airborne parachute drop. Nearby, visit Utah Beach, the westernmost shore of the five landing areas of the Normandy invasion, and the Utah Beach D-Day Museum for a chronological account of the landing retold through an immersive curation of artifacts and oral histories.
In Sainte-Mère-Église, one of the first French villages to be liberated by American forces during World War II, see its famous church, where American soldier John Steele caught his parachute on the steeple and “played dead” for two hours before being taken prisoner. Reboard the ship in Cherbourg.
Tresco, Isles of Scilly, England
Thursday, June 11
Visit the family-owned island of Tresco, famed for its 19th-century Tresco Abbey Gardens, weather permitting.

The ancient Celts’ immeasurable contributions to Europe are rooted in a tradition of art, science and folkloric legend. This ancestral civilization spanned two thousand years, with a diversified domain extending from the Iberian Peninsula to the Black Sea and from the Mediterranean Sea to the North Sea. Today they are most associated with the cultural identity and consciousness of Ireland, although their roots also run deep in England, Wales, Scotland and northern France—historic territories where traces of Celtic influence remain.
Blooming with more than 6000 exotic plant species, this subtropical landscape is built around the ruins of a Benedictine Abbey. Walk among spires of indigo viper’s bugloss, broad-leafed tree ferns, flourishing aloes and bright pink South African suikerbos. Visit the garden’s Valhalla Museum, home to an eclectic collection of 60 shipwrecked figureheads recovered across the Isles of Scilly.

**Holyhead, Wales**
**Friday, June 12**
From Holyhead, transfer across the diminutive Isle of Anglesey and over the Menai Strait to North Wales, the cradle of Celtic culture, where Welsh remains the mother tongue.
Visit beautiful Bodnant Garden, one of the finest examples of 19th-century Victorian landscape artistry, framed by the magnificent peaks of Snowdonia. Enjoy lunch in a local restaurant followed by a private choir performance of Welsh hymns. Experience the grandeur of the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Caernarfon Castle, an impenetrable 13th-century fortress built by Edward I of England as a defense against the marauding Welsh.

**Dublin, Ireland**
**Saturday, June 13**
Built astride the River Liffey, Ireland’s historic capital has retained its rich heritage of Georgian architecture. 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, founded in 1592, and view the ninth-century Book of Kells, the world’s most famous medieval manuscript. Your afternoon is at leisure.
On board the ship this evening, enjoy specially arranged, traditional Irish music and dance performed by The Merry Ploughboys.

**Isle of Iona, Scotland/Tobermory, Isle of Mull**
**Sunday, June 14**
Visit the Hebridean Isle of Iona, the birthplace of Christianity in Scotland. In A.D. 563, the Irish monk Columba founded a monastery here, where scribes would spend their lives painstakingly copying religious tracts and transcribing ancient Celtic sagas.
Stroll through the serene, restored abbey and see the churchyard’s intricate Celtic crosses. Steeped in Viking myth and Celtic lore, the Isle of Mull is a land of extraordinary beauty, with pink granite cliffs, white-sand beaches and clear, blue waters. The island’s mysterious moors are studded with Iron-Age duns, brochs and menhirs that recall the Hebridean Island’s rich prehistory. Go ashore at the photogenic port of Tobermory, the island’s capital, where brightly painted houses, cafés and boutiques are nestled between woodland-fringed hills and the boat-filled harbor. Enjoy time at leisure. Later, join Allen Packwood on board the ship as he discusses the complexity of the D-Day operations and Sir Winston Churchill’s role in its undertaking.

Kyle of Lochalsh
Monday, June 15
Enjoy sweeping views of the Black and Red Cuillin mountain ranges at Sligachan and the heather-woven hills and rocky shorelines of Sleat, the “Garden of Skye.” Visit the 13th-century Eilean Donan Castle, named for a sixth-century Irish saint. Magnificently sited at the entrance to Loch Duich, the castle was built in 1214 to defend against attack from the Danes. Today, the castle is home to a small museum that displays Jacobite relics. This evening, attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception on board the ship.

Glasgow, Scotland/U.S.
Tuesday, June 16
Following breakfast, continue on to the Edinburgh and Glasgow Post-Cruise Option or transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S.

Explore two of Scotland’s greatest cities and their histories of fascinating clans, medieval knights and royal and religious intrigue on this Post-Cruise Option. Visit Glasgow’s 12th-century cathedral, the only medieval church in mainland Scotland to survive the reformation of 1560, and the historic Edinburgh Castle. Spend two nights in the Five-Star Waldorf Astoria Edinburgh The Caledonian.

Edinburgh • Glasgow
Explore Edward I’s impressive Caernarfon Castle, the mightiest link in his Iron Ring of fortresses across North Wales. During this Pre-Cruise Option, experience the “City of Light,” lovely Honfleur and Monet’s cherished gardens in nearby Giverny. Enjoy a panoramic tour of Paris, renowned for its historic and aesthetic influence, and a walking tour of fascinating Montmartre. Enjoy a visit to Monet’s Gardens—an exquisite living canvas—in charming Giverny. Tour the Impressionist Master’s house and admire his lily pond and iconic Japanese bridge. Spend two nights in the Five-Star InterContinental Paris Le Grand.

Paris • Giverny
Pre- and Post-Cruise Options are available at additional cost. Details will be included with your reservation confirmation.
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 technology and the most environmentally responsible features built into its design and operations, the ship has earned the important “Clean Ship” distinction.

With Our Compliments
Indulge in these complimentary on board amenities—alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise and in your Suite or Stateroom minibar, Wi-Fi access (conditions permitting) 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.

Elegant Suites and Staterooms—95% Include Private Balconies
Each of the 110 ocean-view Staterooms and Suites range from 200 to 484 square feet, and most have a private balcony. All Five-Star accommodations feature individual climate control, two twin beds or one queen bed and a private bathroom with shower and luxurious hotel amenities, including flat-screen television, a safe, a full-length closet, plush robes and slippers.

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 two 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.
Acclaimed Guest Speakers

- **David Eisenhower**—grandson of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower, historian and professor at the University of Pennsylvania.
- **Allen Packwood**—Sir Winston Churchill expert, Director of the Churchill Archives Centre and a Fellow of Churchill College, Cambridge, England.

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- 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 access (conditions permitting).
- An opportunity to watch a short film documenting the D-Day campaign at the Arromanches 360 Circular Cinema or to see the legendary Bayeux Tapestry, chronicling the Norman Conquest of 1066.
- Two full-day excursions, with lunch, to the D-Day beaches of Normandy with visits to Utah and Omaha Beaches, Sainte-Mère-Église and the American Military Cemetery.
- Visit to the lush, 19th-century Tresco Abbey Gardens, weather permitting.
- Traditional Irish music and dance entertainment aboard ship while in Dublin.
- City tour of Dublin, featuring a visit to Trinity College to see the legendary Book of Kells.
- Private performance by the renowned Welsh Maelgwn Choir and lunch in the Victorian seaside town of Llandudno.
- Visit to Caernarfon Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and 19th-century Bodnant Garden, with picturesque views of the magnificent Snowdonia Mountains in Wales.
- Visit to the Isle of Iona featuring the historic Iona Abbey.
- Leisure time in the 18th-century port town of Tobermory, Isle of Mull.
- Visit to 13th-century Eilean Donan Castle and a scenic excursion across the Isle of Skye.

**Always Included**

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Attend dynamic lectures and enjoy informal discussions with experts on two of the most powerful world leaders of the 20th century and World War II.

**Featured Guest Speakers**

**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 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 lectures 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.

**Allen Packwood**


◆ **Churchill and D-Day** — Churchill’s role in the high-risk complexity of the D-Day operations; and

◆ **Churchill and the Two Republics: France and the U.S.** — Churchill’s worldview as a leader and how it was influenced by the U.S. and France.

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On June 6, 1944, Allied forces launched the D-Day invasion, landing on the beaches of Normandy.
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