University of Maryland Alumni Association

Scottish Isles and Norwegian Fjords

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

May 21 to 29, 2019
Dear Alumni 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 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!

Sincerely,

Amy Eichhorst
Executive Director

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Special Guest Lecturer

Nick Card is a senior projects manager at Orkney Research Centre for Archaeology and the site director of the excavation at the Ness of Brodgar. He has worked widely throughout Britain since earning an M.A. with honors from Glasgow University and first engaged in archaeological excavation on Orkney as a student. Falling in love with the islands, he permanently moved there over 25 years ago. Since the inscription of the Heart of Neolithic Orkney as a UNESCO World Heritage site, Nick has been heavily involved in research and fieldwork relating to its monuments. He has also managed projects for the Orkney Archaeological Trust and the Orkney Research Centre for Archaeology, and he is an Honorary Research Fellow at the Archaeology Institute in the University of the Highlands and Islands.
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.

**Scottish Clans and Norwegian Vikings**

### 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.

### 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.

**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.

This evening, the director and head archaeologist of the Ness of Brodgar site, Nick Card, will provide his keen insights about this impressive ancient compound that lies outside of Kirkwall. Mr. Card’s research and fieldwork are internationally regarded, both in the archaeology field and by the popular press. The Ness of Brodgar excavations were named the Current Archaeology Research Project of the Year in 2011 and were featured in a cover article of National Geographic in 2014.

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 ruins at Jarlshof evoke thousands of years of civilization, from the Neolithic to the Middle Ages.

Kirkwall, Orkney Islands
Sunday, May 26

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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.

Thousands of years later, the Vikings established the port town of Kirkwall on Orkney’s main island, leaving behind the towering 12th-century St. Magnus Cathedral, known as the “Light of the North.”

Hear the classically haunting sounds of a Scottish bagpiper as you reboard the ship. This evening, a Scottish storyteller weaves traditional tales that have been handed down by word of mouth for generations.

Indigenous Shetland ponies are a strong breed with heavy coats and a maximum height of only 44 inches.

Begin your day in bucolic Glenfinnan; view the viaduct immortalized by the Hogwarts™ Express 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
Disembark in Glasgow, where the indelible mark of Viking conquest still permeates the culture, and continue on the Post-Cruise Option or transfer to the airport for your return flight.

Enjoy a phenomenal journey through the fjordlands of Norway aboard the Flåm Railway, first proposed in 1871.
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
These elegant ocean-view accommodations range from 200 to 484 square feet, and most have a private balcony. Your Five-Star Suite or Stateroom features individual climate control, two twin beds or one queen bed, a private bathroom with shower, and luxurious hotel amenities, including flat-screen television, safe, 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 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.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom and on excursions.
- Hospitality desk aboard the ship.
- 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.
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.

Copenhagen’s Nyhavn waterfront showcases the Vikings’ legacy and the maritime character of a traditional Hanseatic city.
LAND/Cruise TARIFF excluding taxes*  
Per person, based on double occupancy

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Deluxe Suite

Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony, tub/shower, sitting area with sofa.
Deck 6, Le France. (limited availability)

$9595 $10595

Prestige Suite II

Two rooms, expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, two bathrooms: tub/shower and shower, large sitting area with sofa, two closets.
Deck 5, Le Normandie. (limited availability)

$10795 $11795

Prestige Suite I

Two rooms, expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, two bathrooms: tub/shower and shower, large sitting area with sofa, two closets.
Deck 6, Le France.

$11795 $12795

Owner’s Suite

Two rooms, expansive sliding glass doors, two private balconies, one and a half bathrooms, separate tub and shower, sitting room with sofa, table and four chairs.
Deck 6, Le France. (limited availability)

$12795 $13795

Singles are available in category 6 at $11695* and in category 4 at $13395* on or before September 28, 2018. Add $1000 for reservations made after September 28, 2018.

*Taxes are an additional $440 per person and are subject to change.

The 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.

SCOTTISH ISLES AND NORWEGIAN FJORDS RESERVATION FORM

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

Preferred Name(s) or Badge(s)  Tour No. 126-05/21/19-060

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.

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

Make checks payable to 2019 Scottish Isles and Norwegian fjords.

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

Visa  MasterCard

Card Number  Exp. Date

Signature as it appears on credit card

All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by February 15, 2019.

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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):

Wonders of Norway • Copenhagen Pre-Cruise Option

- Double at $2765 per person.
- Single at $3865 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

Scotland’s Cultural Capitals Post-Cruise Option

- Double at $1195 per person.
- Single at $1745 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

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

(fill in departure city)

- Economy Class
- Upgraded Economy
- Business Class
- First Class

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

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT: By depositing, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for him/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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