

Explore the World

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO ALUMNI TRAVEL PROGRAM 2017

SCOTTISH ISLES AND NORWEGIAN FJORDS*

THOMAS P. GOHAGAN & COMPANY

A voyage from Glasgow to Copenhagen Guest Speaker Archaeologist Nick Card and Featuring the Jacobite Steam Train and Norway's Flåm Railway Exclusively Chartered Five-Star Small Ship M.S LE BORÉAL

June 1 to 9, 2017

From approximately \$ 5,035 USD plus air

Join us for a unique, comprehensive, nine-day journey to Scotland's rarely visited Inner Hebridean, Orkney and Shetland Islands and Norway's majestic fjords, remote destinations forever linked by their Viking heritage. Cruise from Glasgow, Scotland, to Copenhagen, Denmark, aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star, small ship M.S. LE BORÉAL with 100% ocean-view Suite and Stateroom accommodations. Travel in the wake of early Viking explorers, cruising into ports accessible only by small ship amidst spectacular landscapes in this seafaring region steeped in history and cultural richness. Specially arranged excursions include two of the world's most scenic rail journeys—The Jacobite steam train through the famed Scottish Highlands and the Flåm Railway through Norway's stunning fjordlands. Also, visit Kirkwall in the Orkney Islands; prehistoric Jarlshof in the Shetland Islands; the UNESCO World heritage sites of Orkney's Neolithic Ring of Brodgar and Skara Brae, including a special presentation by local archaeologist and site director Professor Nick Card; and Bergen's picturesque Bryggen. An Edinburgh/Glasgow Pre-Cruise Option and Copenhagen Post-Cruise Option are offered.

ITINERARY*

Scottish Highlands, Norwegian Fjords, Hebridean Islands, Orkney Islands, Shetland Islands

Day Destination

- 1 Depart the U.S. or Canada
- 2 Glasgow, Scotland/Embark M.S. LE BORÉAL
- 3 Scottish Highlands/Oban/Fort William/The Jacobite steam train/Mallaig
- 4 Kirkwall, Orkney Islands, for Ring of Brodgar and Skara Brae
- 5 Lerwick, Shetland Islands, for prehistoric site of Jarlshof
- 6 Cruising the Norwegian Fjords/Flåm Railway
- 7 Bergen, Norway
- 8 Cruising the North Sea
- 9 Copenhagen, Denmark/Disembark ship/Return to the U.S. or Canada

**Cruise itinerary is subject to change.*

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Activity Level

Moderately Active

HIGHLIGHTS

- Uniquely designed, seven-night itinerary.
- Cruise aboard an exclusively chartered, Five-Star small ship calling at ports inaccessible to larger vessels.
- Two incredible, specially arranged rail journeys—The Jacobite steam train (Harry Potter’s Hogwarts™ Express) and Norway’s Flåm Railway, two of the world’s most scenic train rides.
- Explore Scotland’s fascinating and rarely visited Inner Hebridean, Orkney and Shetland Islands.
- See the Orkney Islands’ Neolithic monuments—the Ring of Brodgar and Skara Brae, both UNESCO World Heritage sites.
- Specially arranged lecture by Professor Nick Card, the director and head archaeologist at the Ness of Brodgar archaeological site.
- Experience the Shetland Islands’ 5000-year-old prehistoric site of Jarlshof.
- Enjoy ample time in picturesque Bergen and tour the Bryggen, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Cruise Norway’s spectacular fjords, including the Songefjord.
- Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are served throughout the cruise; all meals are included aboard the ship.
- Audio headset is provided for each participant to enjoy clear narration from guides on all excursions.
- Edinburgh/Glasgow Pre-Cruise Option and Copenhagen Post-Cruise Option.
- Opportunity to combine this cruise with *Celtic Lands* (Honfleur to Glasgow) or *Cruising the Baltic Sea* (Copenhagen to Stockholm).

EXCLUSIVELY CHARTERED FIVE-STAR SMALL SHIP M.S. LE BORÉAL State-of-the-Art Design

The highly acclaimed M.S. LE BORÉAL (launched in 2010), represent the newest generation of Five-Star small ships, featuring only 110 Suites and Staterooms with distinctive French sophistication.

Elegantly Appointed Suites and Staterooms, 95% with Private Balconies

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

Chic and Casual Dining

International and regional cuisine is served in the stylish, spacious La Licorne dining room in single, unassigned seatings; alfresco in the casual La Boussole Restaurant; or from 24-hour room service. Continental and buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea, and a four-course dinner

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are served daily. Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are served throughout the cruise.

Spacious Public Areas/ World-Class Service and Facilities

In keeping with the low passenger density, the public areas are spacious and inviting and can 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 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 FEATURES

ON BOARD THE EXCLUSIVELY CHARTERED, FIVE-STAR M.S. LE BORÉAL

- ❶ Seven-night voyage from Glasgow, Scotland, to Copenhagen, Denmark, featuring port calls at Oban for The Jacobite steam train through the Scottish Highlands to Mallaig, Kirkwall, Orkney Islands, and Lerwick, Shetland Islands, Scotland; cruising the Norwegian fjords to Flåm for the Flåm Railway, and Bergen.
- ❷ Elegantly appointed, **Five-Star** Suite or Stateroom, each with a private bathroom.
- ❸ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- ❹ All meals—continental and buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and four-course dinner—throughout the cruise, featuring fine international and regional cuisine, served at single, unassigned seatings.
- ❺ Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are served throughout the cruise.
- ❻ Full-day excursion through the **Scottish Highlands** featuring a specially arranged trip aboard The **Jacobite steam train (Hogwarts™ Express)**, “one of the greatest railway journeys of the world,” including lunch.
- ❼ Traditional Scottish entertainment featuring storytelling and bagpiping.
- ❽ Scenic excursion to the UNESCO World Heritage sites of the **Orkney Islands’ Neolithic Ring of Brodgar** and 5000-year-old **Skara Brae**.
- ❾ Exclusive, specially arranged lecture by Professor Nick Card, the director and head archaeologist at the Ness of Brodgar archaeological site.
- ❿ Visit to medieval **Kirkwall**, featuring a tour of the Viking-built St. Magnus Cathedral.
- ⓫ Excursion to the 5000-year-old prehistoric site of **Jarlshof** on Scotland’s remote **Shetland Islands**.
- ⓬ Spectacular cruise through pristine **Sognefjord**, Norway’s longest fjord.
- ⓭ Round-trip ride through stunning fjordlands on the narrow gauge **Flåm Railway**, named “one of the world’s most scenic train routes” by *Travel + Leisure* readers.

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- Visit to **Bryggen**, Bergen's historic waterfront, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and a specially arranged tour of Trolldhaugen, the home of composer Edvard Grieg.

ENHANCED TRAVEL SERVICES

- Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced local guides.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- Hospitality desk aboard ship.
- The services of experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the program.
- Complimentary use of a state-of-the-art audio headset for each participant during guided excursions.
- Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
- Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.

EDINBURGH • GLASGOW PRE-CRUISE OPTION

Explore two of Scotland's great cities and their histories of feuding clans, medieval knaves and royal and religious intrigue. 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 Roman and Viking invasions. During a panoramic tour of Glasgow, walk through George Square, visit the St. Mungo Museum and see the Tolbooth of Glasgow, Scotland's most remarkable 17th-century building. Admire the extensive collection of art and antiquities during a visit to the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum. Accommodations for two nights are in the Five-Star WALDORF ASTORIA EDINBURGH - THE CALEDONIAN, located in Edinburgh's neoclassical New Town.

COPENHAGEN POST-CRUISE OPTION

Scandinavia's most cosmopolitan city and the capital of Denmark is an inviting and exuberant showcase of culture rooted in Viking ancestry, historical architecture and Hans Christian Andersen stories. 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.

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

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