# CHANGING TIDES OF HISTORY CRUISING THE BALTIC SEA\*

THOMAS P. GOHAGAN & COMPANY

Featuring Guest Speakers Lech Walęsa, Former President of Poland, and Dr. Sergei N. Khrushchev, son of Nikita Khrushchev
Exclusively Chartered Five-Star Small Ship M.S LE BORÉAL
June 8 to 17, 2017
From approximately \$6285 USD plus air

Experience the cultural rebirth of the Baltic states, the magnificent imperial riches of St. Petersburg and the luminous "White Nights of Summer" on this remarkable six-country, eightnight Baltic Sea cruise. Enjoy a rare opportunity to hear enriching presentations by former President of Poland Lech Wałęsa and noted author and scholar Sergei N. Khrushchev, son of Nikita Khrushchev, former Premier of the U.S.S.R. Cruise the Baltic Sea aboard the exclusively chartered Five-Star M.S. LE BORÉAL, carrying only 110 passengers from Copenhagen, Denmark, to Stockholm, Sweden, with an excursion included in every port. Immerse yourself in the cultural renaissance of Gdańsk, Poland; revel in the medieval charms of Tallinn, Estonia, and Visby, Sweden, both UNESCO World Heritage sites; and discover the stunning architecture of cosmopolitan Helsinki, Finland. Enjoy two days exploring regal St. Petersburg, including a specially arranged early entry into the world-acclaimed State Hermitage Museum, a visit to Peter and Paul Fortress and an excursion to Catherine's Palace and Petrodvorets, two UNESCO World Heritage sites. Wonders of Norway Pre-Cruise and Splendors of Stockholm Post-Cruise Options.

#### ITINERARY\*

## Denmark, Poland, Estonia, St. Petersburg, Finland, Sweden

Day Destination

- 1 Depart the U.S. or Canada
- 2 Copenhagen, Denmark/Embark M.S. LE BORÉAL
- 3 Gdańsk, Poland
- 4 Cruising the Baltic Sea
- 5 Tallinn, Estonia
- 6 St. Petersburg, Russia
- 7 St. Petersburg
- 8 Helsinki, Finland
- 9 Visby, Gotland, Sweden
- 10 Stockholm/Disembark ship/Return to the U.S. or Canada

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## **Activity Level**

Moderately Active

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

A rare private opportunity featuring LECH WAŁĘSA, former President of Poland and Leader of Poland's Solidarity Movement

and

SEGEI KHRUSHCHEV, son of Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, noted author and award-winning scholar

- Enriching individual presentations with time for questions and answers.
- Tremendous once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and excellent value.
- Exclusively chartered, Five-Star small ship.
- Spectacular eight-night, six-country uniquely designed itinerary on the Baltic Sea, featuring Denmark, Poland, Estonia, Russia, Finland and Sweden.
- Visit seven UNESCO World Heritage sites.
- A shore excursion included in every port—Gdańsk, Tallinn, St. Petersburg, Helsinki and Visby.
- Two full days docked in the heart of St. Petersburg.
- Visits to Peter the Great's Petrodyorets and Catherine the Great's Palace in Pushkin.
- Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are served throughout the cruise; all meals are included aboard ship.
- Audio headset provided for each participant to enjoy clear narration from guides on all excursions.
- Opportunity to combine this cruise with *In the Wake of the Vikings* (Glasgow to Copenhagen).

# 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, represents the newest generation of Five-Star small ships, featuring only 110 Suites and Staterooms and 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, 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-

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course dinner 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, each 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. Each ship has two tenders.

#### **INCLUDED FEATURES**

- The Leader of the Solidarity Movement, former President of Poland and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Lech Wałęsa, will have a private meeting with our passengers aboard the M.S. LE BORÉAL in historic Gdańsk.
- Scholar and author Sergei Khrushchev, son of Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, will meet our passengers and give a specially arranged presentation aboard the M.S. LE BORÉAL.

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

- Eight-night cruise from Copenhagen, Denmark, to Stockholm, Sweden, with port calls at Gdańsk, Poland; Tallinn, Estonia; St. Petersburg, Russia; Helsinki, Finland; and Visby, Gotland, Sweden.
- Elegantly appointed, **Five-Star** Suite or Stateroom, each with a private bathroom.
- Captain's Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- All meals—continental breakfast, buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and dinner—throughout the cruise, featuring fine international and regional cuisine, served at single, unassigned seatings.
- Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages served throughout the cruise.
- Tour of the historic port city of **Gdańsk**, including its notable Lenin Shipyard and Old Town.
- Walking tour of Tallinn's historic and medieval quarters, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Specially arranged early entry to St. Petersburg's world-renowned **State Hermitage Museum**, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- City tour of **St. Petersburg**, a UNESCO World Heritage site, featuring a visit to the Peter and Paul Fortress.

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- Excursion to two UNESCO World Heritage sites—Peter the Great's **Petrodvorets** and Catherine the Great's Palace in **Pushkin**, featuring the acclaimed Amber Room—including a lunch of traditional Russian specialties.
- City tour of **Helsinki** including the old fortifications of the UNESCO World Heritage designated Suomenlinna and a visit to Temppeliaukio Church.
- Walking tour of the UNESCO World Heritage site and historic former Hanseatic city of **Visby** on the island of Gotland.

#### 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.
- An optional Russian folklore show in the Nikolaevsky Art Center is available at additional cost.
- 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.

# WONDERS OF NORWAY BERGEN • FJORDS • OSLO • COPENHAGEN BY MOUNTAIN RAILWAY AND COASTAL FERRY PRE-CRUISE OPTION

Immerse yourself in majestic Norwegian landscapes and traditional Scandinavian culture on this unique and exclusive four-night journey from Bergen to Copenhagen. Tour the historic city of Bergen, including Bryggen (the old wharf), a UNESCO World Heritage site, and visit Troldhaugen, the home of famed composer Edvard Grieg. Travel on the Flåm Railway, named one of the "most scenic train rides in the world" by *Travel + Leisure* readers, through pristine fjordlands, passing snowcapped mountains, cascading waterfalls and alpine lakes. Cruise by private ship on spectacular Nærøy Fjord, a UNESCO World Heritage site, see the highlights of vibrant Oslo and enjoy a panoramic tour of Copenhagen during an exclusively chartered cruise along the city's idyllic canals. Accommodations are for four nights in comfortable hotels, including the historic STALHEIM HOTEL, and one night aboard the CROWN SEAWAYS ferry.

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# SPLENDORS OF STOCKHOLM A ROYAL AND NOBEL CITY POST-CRUISE OPTION

One of the most handsome Scandinavian cities, Stockholm is a harmonious blend of medieval and modern architecture showcased on 14 small islands connected by more than 23 bridges. Visit the magnificent City Hall, the site of the annual Nobel Prize banquet. Walk through the historic *Gamla Stan* (Old Town) and visit the maritime museum built to house the *Vasa*, the only preserved

17<sup>th</sup>-century war ship in the world. Accommodations are for two nights in the ideally located SHERATON STOCKHOLM HOTEL.

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

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