

THOMAS P. GOHAGAN & COMPANY

SCOTTISH ISLES AND NORWEGIAN FJORDS*

aboard the Exclusively Chartered Five-Star Small Ship M.S. LE BORÉAL

Featuring The Jacobite Steam Train and Norway's Flåm Railway

May 10 to 18, 2018

From \$5195 USD plus air

ITINERARY*

Scottish Highlands, Isle of Skye, Orkney Islands, Shetland Islands, Norwegian Fjords

Day Destination

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| 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/Kyle of Lochalsh |
| 4 | Kyle of Lochalsh/Portree, Isle of Skye |
| 5 | Kirkwall, Orkney Islands, for Ring of Brodgar and Skara Brae |
| 6 | Lerwick, Shetland Islands, for prehistoric site of Jarlshof |
| 7 | Cruising the Norwegian Fjords/Flåm Railway |
| 8 | Bergen, Norway |
| 9 | Bergen/Disembark ship/Return to the U.S. or Canada |

**Cruise itinerary is subject to change.*

Activity Level

Moderately Active

HIGHLIGHTS

- Uniquely designed, seven-night itinerary.
- Cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star small ship M.S. LE BORÉAL, with calls in ports inaccessible to larger vessels.
- Two incredible, specially arranged rail journeys—The Jacobite steam train (known as 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 Isle of Skye and the Orkney and Shetland Islands.
- See the Orkney Islands' Neolithic monuments—the Ring of Brodgar and Skara Brae, both UNESCO World Heritage sites—and the Shetland Islands' 5000-year-old prehistoric site of Jarlshof.
- Specially arranged lecture by the director and head archaeologist at the Ness of Brodgar archaeological site.

- Enjoy ample time in picturesque Bergen and tour Bryggen, its UNESCO World Heritage-designated Old Wharf.
- Cruise Norway's spectacular fjords.
- Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are served throughout the cruise; all meals are included aboard the ship.
- Complimentary Wi-Fi on board the ship.
- Audio headset is provided for each participant to enjoy clear narration from guides on all excursions.
- Edinburgh/Glasgow Pre-Cruise Option and Wonders of Norway/Copenhagen Post-Cruise Option.

FIVE-STAR SMALL SHIP M.S. LE BORÉAL

Small Ship, State-of-the-Art Design

The exclusively chartered M.S. LE BORÉAL launched the newest generation of Five-Star small ships, featuring only 110 Suites and Staterooms, distinctive French sophistication and complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship.

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 have two twin beds that convert into one queen bed. Enjoy accommodation amenities including individual climate control, satellite flat-screen television, 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. **Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are available throughout the cruise.** Continental and buffet breakfasts, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and a four-course dinner are served daily. **Wine is served with lunch and dinner.**

Spacious Public Areas/World-Class Service and Facilities

In keeping with the low passenger density, the public areas are spacious and inviting, and they can accommodate all passengers comfortably. Enjoy views from the Panoramic Lounge; nightly entertainment in the Main Lounge; and lectures, cultural performances or film screenings in the state-of-the-art theater. There is a library, Internet salon, Sun Deck with open-air bar, swimming pool, beauty salon, spa, Turkish bath-style steam room, full range of fitness equipment, two elevators and an infirmary staffed with a doctor and a 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**” designation due to its advanced eco-friendly features, a rarity among ocean-cruising vessels. The ship has two tenders.

INCLUDED FEATURES

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

- Seven-night voyage from Glasgow, Scotland, to Bergen, Norway, featuring port calls at Oban for The Jacobite steam train through the Scottish Highlands to Mallaig; Kyle of Lochalsh; Portree, Isle of Skye; Kirkwall, Orkney Islands; and Lerwick, Shetland Islands, Scotland; and cruising Norway’s Sognefjord to Flåm for the Flåm Railway.
- Elegantly appointed, **Five-Star** Suite or Stateroom, each with a private bathroom.
- Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- **Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are available throughout the cruise.**
- All meals—early continental breakfast, buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and dinner—throughout the cruise, featuring fine international and regional cuisine, served at single, unassigned seatings.
- **Wine is served with lunch and dinner.**
- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship.
- Full-day excursion into the **Scottish Highlands**, with lunch, featuring a specially arranged trip aboard **The Jacobite steam train** “one of the great railway journeys in the world.”
- Traditional Scottish storytelling and the distinctive melodies of Scotland’s iconic bagpipe.
- Excursion into the beautifully rugged landscape on the **Isle of Skye**, with a visit to the open-air Museum of Island Life.
- Scenic excursion to the UNESCO World Heritage sites of the **Orkney Islands’ Neolithic Ring of Brodgar** and 5000-year-old **Skara Brae**.
- Exclusive, specially arranged lecture by the director and head archaeologist of the Ness of Brodgar archaeological site.
- Time at leisure in medieval **Kirkwall**.
- Excursion to the 5000-year-old prehistoric site of **Jarlshof** on Scotland’s remote **Shetland Islands**.
- Spectacular cruise through the picturesque **Sognefjord**, Norway’s longest fjord.
- Round-trip train ride with stunning views on the **Flåm Railway**, named “one of the world’s most scenic train rides.”
- Visit to **Bryggen**, Bergen’s historic waterfront, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and a specially arranged tour of Troidhaugen, 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.
- Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom and on excursions.
- 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.

SCOTLAND'S CULTURAL CAPITALS

EDINBURGH ♦ GLASGOW PRE-CRUISE OPTION

Explore two of Scotland's great cities and their histories of fascinating clans, medieval knights and royal and religious intrigue. In Edinburgh, discover the historic Old Town, the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Royal Mile and iconic Edinburgh Castle; and tour 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, see George Square and the Tolbooth of Glasgow, Scotland's most remarkable building from the 17th century, and visit the captivating St. Mungo Museum. Admire the extensive collection of art and antiques during a visit to the impressive 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.

WONDERS OF NORWAY ♦ COPENHAGEN POST-CRUISE OPTION

Immerse yourself in majestic Norwegian landscapes and traditional Scandinavian culture on this unique and exclusive five-night journey featuring Stalheim, Oslo and Copenhagen. Experience the highlights of vibrant Oslo, including a visit to its stately City Hall, where the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony is held, and the impressive Opera House. Spend two nights in Copenhagen, Scandinavia's most cosmopolitan city and the capital of Denmark, an inviting and exuberant showcase of culture rooted in Viking ancestry, historical architecture and fabled literature. Enjoy an exclusively chartered cruise along Copenhagen's idyllic canals past Christiansborg Palace and the famous sculpture inspired by Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tale "The Little Mermaid." See Amalienborg Palace, the King's Gardens and the vivacious Tivoli Gardens. In the nearby town of Roskilde, visit its 12th-century Gothic cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and explore the Vikings' lives at sea in the fascinating Viking Ship Museum. Accommodations are for four nights in comfortable hotels, including the historic STALHEIM HOTEL, and one night aboard an award-winning Seaways ferry from Oslo to Copenhagen.

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