Tufts University Travel-Learn

Treasures of Northern Europe, Medieval to Modern
England to Denmark Aboard Ocean Albatros
with Lewis Edgers, Professor Emeritus of Civil and Environmental Engineering

April 27 – May 7, 2024
SAIL from England to Scandinavia aboard the luxurious, brand-new Ocean Albatros, which has 95 comfortable staterooms and suites, all with unobstructed sea views and most with their own balconies, and more than a 50% lower carbon footprint than traditional expedition vessels.

STEP ashore in northern Europe’s most enchanting cities—including Bruges, Amsterdam, Hamburg, and Copenhagen, as well as sparkling, lesser-known gems such as the Hanseatic cities of Groningen, Holland, and Lübeck and Rostock in Germany.

JOIN an art expert for an up-close look at the Van Eycks’ revered, recently restored Adoration of the Mystic Lamb (Ghent Altarpiece), now returned to its original home, St. Bavo’s Cathedral in Ghent.

TOUR museums exclusively opened for us, such as Amsterdam’s Van Gogh Museum or The Hague’s Mauritshuis, home to a cherished collection including Vermeer and Rembrandt masterpieces.

EXPERIENCE the vibrant end of tulip season during an optional visit to Holland’s magnificent Keukenhof Gardens, where a million flowering bulbs create a brilliant expanse of color.

GAIN an insider’s look at printmaking during a hands-on workshop at the GRID Grafisch Museum Groningen, an intriguing Dutch museum devoted to the history of graphic design.

DELIGHT in a private rooftop lunch and attend a musical performance (pending confirmation) at Hamburg’s glittering Elbphilharmonie concert hall, the Herzog & de Meuron-designed architectural masterpiece with a distinctive wave-like glass exterior.

TRANSIT the 61-mile Kiel Canal, which connects the North Sea to the Baltic, during daylight hours, and learn about the engineering involved to build the world’s busiest artificial waterway.

ATTEND an onboard chamber music concert by one of Europe’s renowned quartets while in Belgium.
Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends of Tufts,

On an enriching luxury sea voyage from the south of England to Denmark, join Tufts to be among the first to sail aboard Ocean Albatros, a brand-new, state-of-the-art small ship. As you sail, step back in time to the height of Europe’s medieval Hanseatic League, an alliance of northern European merchant guilds and coastal cities that amassed unprecedented wealth, paving the way for the Renaissance.

Aboard Ocean Albatros, follow Hanseatic trade routes along the cliff-lined English Channel that so captivated Claude Monet and onward through the North Sea and the Baltic. In France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, and Denmark, step ashore in picturesque seaside towns and join expert guides to immerse yourself in the Hanseatic League’s extravagant legacy.

From England, sail to French Normandy for inside looks at marvelous châteaux, medieval cathedrals, and World War II history. In Belgium, stop in the medieval cities of Bruges and Ghent. During Holland’s vibrant tulip season, discover millions of flowering bulbs at Keukenhof Gardens and enjoy exclusive private tours of museums such as Amsterdam’s Van Gogh Museum.

In Germany, go behind the scenes of Hamburg’s UNESCO-listed district of brick warehouses or visit Lübeck, the incomparable “Queen City of the Hanseatic League.” Then navigate the 61-mile-long Kiel Canal—the world’s busiest artificial waterway—connecting the North Sea to the Baltic. We are thrilled to announce that Lewis Edgers, Professor Emeritus of Civil and Environmental Engineering, will be your Tufts faculty host on this journey, and he will share his insights on the unique engineering involved in the Kiel Canal’s construction. Afterwards, call in the Hanseatic city of Rostock, Germany, known as the “Gateway to Scandinavia,” and conclude with a day in spectacular Copenhagen.

Cruise in the company of members from The National Trust for Historic Preservation, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the alumni associations of Dartmouth, Duke, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, the University of Chicago, the University of Mary Washington, Vanderbilt and Wingate.

To reserve your cabin, call our tour partners at Arrangements Abroad at 212-514-8921 or 800-221-1944 or email them at trips@arrangementsabroad.com. We hope you join Tufts and friends old and new on this unforgettable sea voyage.

Warmly,

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TRAVELING WITH YOU

Lewis Edgers earned his BS in Civil Engineering at Tufts and his MS and PhD degrees at MIT. His research experiences include analyses for the Delta Works flood protection system in the Oosterschelde area in the Southwest of the Netherlands. Prof. Edgers has had a long association with the Norwegian Geotechnical Institute (NGI) where he has conducted research on offshore engineering. In recent years, he has focused on renewable energy, especially foundations for offshore wind turbines. He is a registered professional engineer and a Fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers. On this program, Prof. Edgers will discuss Northern European experiences with canals, land reclamation, and resiliency responses to climate change.
SATURDAY, APRIL 27: DEPARTURE
Depart for London on an overnight flight.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28: LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM / PORTSMOUTH / EMBARK OCEAN ALBATROS
Arrive this morning at Heathrow Airport and transfer to Ocean Albatros docked in Portsmouth. Enjoy lunch on board, followed by an afternoon at leisure to explore this new ship or learn about the Royal Navy’s history on a visit to the Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. Savor dinner on board as you sail across the English Channel to Normandy in France. L,D

MONDAY, APRIL 29: OUISTREHAM, FRANCE / CAEN
From the port of Ouistreham, visit historic Caen, whose Norman treasures have survived the centuries. Continue to Bayeaux and the Memorial Museum of the Battle of Normandy. Then visit the town’s 11th-century cathedral, in which you will find the remarkable Bayeux Tapestry, one of the most renowned surviving works of medieval art. Stop at Malcolm Forbes’s 17th-century Château de Balleroy to visit the Musée des Ballons, which houses Forbes’s hot-air balloon collection, and enjoy a cocktail reception. As an alternative, you may visit Mont-Saint-Michel, a UNESCO-listed tidal island topped with a medieval monastery. As Ocean Albatros sails to Belgium, behold the chalky cliffs and the extraordinary rock formations of Les Falaises d’Étretat and the Manneporte, which Claude Monet captured in numerous paintings. Attend the captain’s welcome reception and dinner this evening. B,L,R,D

TUESDAY, APRIL 30: OSTEND, BELGIUM / BRUGES / GHENT
After docking in Ostend, transfer to the perfectly preserved medieval city of Bruges for a walking tour. See some of Belgium’s best art collections, including the Groeninge Museum, the Hans Memling collection at St. John’s Hospital, and a sculpture by Michelangelo displayed in the Church of Our Lady. Continue to Ghent for an expert-led viewing of the Van Eycks’ restored 15th-century masterpiece The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb in St. Bavo’s Cathedral. Aboard Ocean Albatros, enjoy chamber music performed by one of Europe’s renowned quartets. B,L,D
WEDNESDAY, MAY 1: SCHEVENINGEN, HOLLAND / AMSTERDAM OR KEUKENHOF & THE HAGUE
Dock in the seaside resort of Scheveningen near The Hague, and choose between two excursions. You may explore Amsterdam’s canals and the famed Rijksmuseum, with its unrivaled collection of works by Dutch masters. Savor lunch aboard a private canal cruise, followed by a special opening of the Van Gogh Museum (pending confirmation).
Alternatively, see a million flowering bulbs at the Keukenhof Gardens during tulip season. After lunch, visit The Hague and its Mauritshuis museum, home to Vermeer’s Girl with a Pearl Earring. Then see the Peace Palace, home to the International Court of Justice. All guests will meet in The Hague and visit Panorama Mesdag, a museum housing Hendrik Mesdag’s vast 1881 panoramic canvas of Scheveningen.

THURSDAY, MAY 2: DELFZIJL / GRONINGEN
Step ashore in Delfzijl, Holland, and transfer to Groningen, a virtual open-air museum. Discover the gems of its Grote Markt (Great Market Square), including the Gothic Martinikerk, a 13th-century church with beautiful frescoes and a baroque organ. As a contemporary contrast, tour the Groninger Museum, a futuristic structure showcasing modern and contemporary art. After lunch, learn about traditional printmaking at the GRID Grafisch Museum Groningen, where you will attend a specially arranged graphics art workshop. Garden lovers may choose to visit Hortus Haren, one of Holland’s oldest botanical gardens, and the Museum De Buitenplaats, a botanical complex with flowery garden roofs.

FRIDAY, MAY 3: HAMBURG, GERMANY OR LÜBECK
Dating back more than eight centuries, Hamburg’s famous port was a vital link during the Hanseatic League. Experience the city’s iconic, UNESCO-listed Speicherstadt district, the world’s largest warehouse district, an ensemble of 19th- to early 20th-century brick and timber buildings on oak log foundations along the canals. Then have lunch on the rooftop of Hamburg’s magical Elbphilharmonie concert hall, which features a glistening wave-like top soaring hundreds of feet into the sky. After free time, you may attend a musical performance at the Elbphilharmonie (pending schedules).

SATURDAY, MAY 4: BRUNSBÜTTEL / KIEL CANAL TRANSIT
Spend the day navigating the 61-mile-long Kiel Canal, which cuts across the Jutland Peninsula and connects the North Sea to the Baltic. While sailing, attend lectures and learn about the engineering involved to build the canal.

SUNDAY, MAY 5: WARNEMÜNDE / ROstock
Step off in Warnemünde, Germany, and venture to Rostock, known as the “Gateway to Scandinavia” during the height of the Hanseatic League. Discover this 800-year-old port city’s maritime history at the Schiffbau und Schifffahrtsmuseum (Shipbuilding and Maritime Museum). Return to Ocean Albatros as we sail to Copenhagen.

MONDAY, MAY 6: COPENHAGEN, DENMARK
In the spectacular Danish capital, shop along the Strøget, one of the world’s longest pedestrian streets, and stroll along the quay of Nyhavn, with its rainbow of famous centuries-old townhouses. After lunch, continue to the Louisiana Museum of Modern Art and its impressive 20th-century collection, including several works by Henry Moore. Gather on board for the captain’s farewell reception and dinner this evening.

TUESDAY, MAY 7: COPENHAGEN / DISEMBARK / RETURN
Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for flights home.

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