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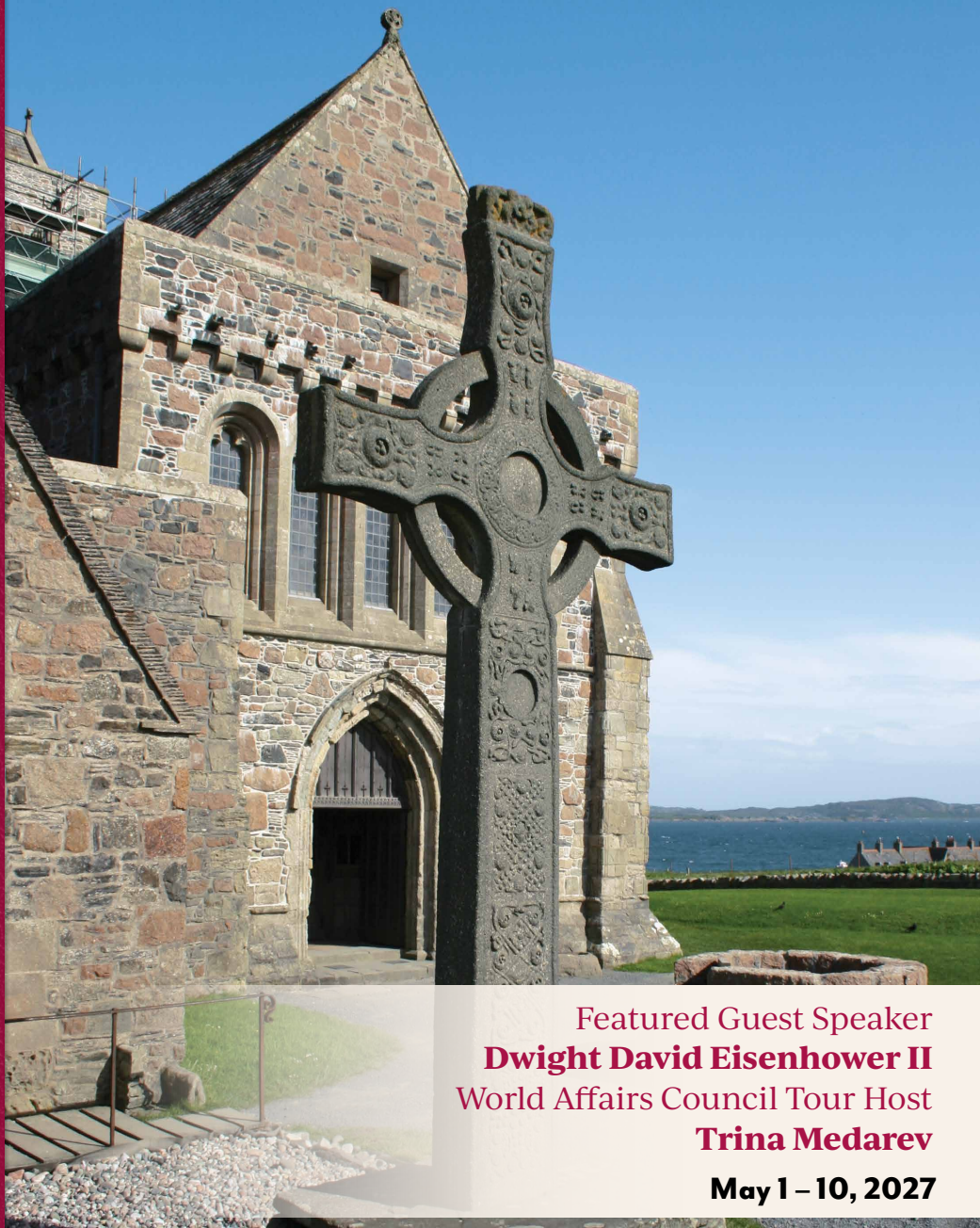
NORMANDY & THE D-DAY BEACHES



Featured Guest Speaker
Dwight David Eisenhower II
World Affairs Council Tour Host
Trina Medarev

May 1 – 10, 2027

Sail a path steeped in Celtic culture and World War II history during an eight-night cruise from Honfleur, France, to Fairlie, Scotland. Call at France, Wales, Ireland, the island of Guernsey, and Scotland. During this remarkable journey, explore cultural landmarks and learn about the region's critical history. Accompanied by Dwight David Eisenhower II, honor those who lost their lives and grasp the scale of the sacrifice and courage involved at significant D-Day sites. In Holyhead, choose to explore the UNESCO-listed Caernarfon Castle or stroll through the Victorian-era Bodnant Garden. In Dublin, your options include discovering highlights such as Trinity College and the legendary Book of Kells, the National Museum of Ireland, the stunning St. Patrick's Cathedral or the elegant Russborough House. Along the way, delight in the windswept islands of Scotland's Inner Hebrides. Soul-stirring Welsh airs and lively Irish music and dance provide a memorable finale to your journey.

Exclusive Highlights

— Uncover Celtic legacies on an eight-night cruise aboard the deluxe *Le Lapérouse.*

— Full-day excursion that provides in-depth insight into the turning point of World War II.

— Featured Guest Speaker Dwight David Eisenhower II offers insightful lectures and accompanies excursions.

— Two UNESCO World Heritage sites: Caernarfon Castle and the Book of Kells.

— Authentic cultural experiences connect you with the destination.

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Cover: Iona Abbey, Scotland

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Dear Curious Traveler,

Be enthralled by the rich heritage and significant histories of France, Wales, Ireland, Scotland, and the island of Guernsey during this thoughtfully curated eight-night voyage aboard the exclusively chartered *Le Lapérouse*. An epic journey transports you from the solemn shores of Northern France to the soul-stirring lands of the Celts and on to Holyhead, Dublin and the Isles of Mull and Iona.

In the company of acclaimed historian Dwight David Eisenhower II, pay respects at meaningful World War II memorials and Normandy's landing beaches. Traverse Celtic lands, discovering their bold legacy enshrined in ancient castles and recalled in picturesque towns and breathtaking landscapes. Tour Dublin's legendary landmarks and follow in the footsteps of medieval princes in Holyhead. Explore Scotland's Inner Hebridean Isle of Iona, home to the sacred Iona Abbey, and visit the Isle of Mull in Tobermory. This immersive travel experience will leave you inspired!

Complement your journey with our Paris Pre-Tour extension and/or Post-Tour extension in Glasgow and Edinburgh. Reserve now while Extended Savings are still available.

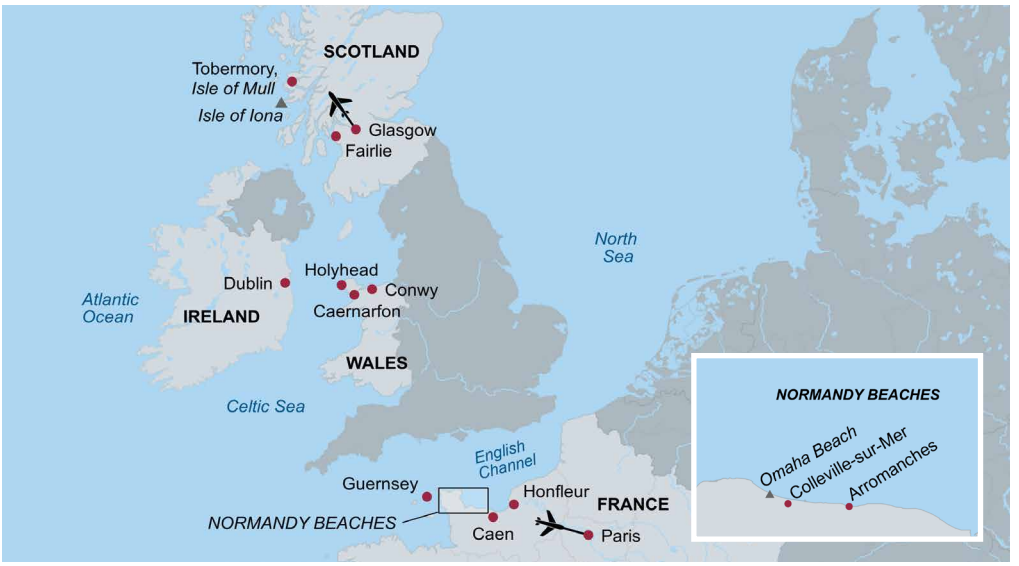
Other educational groups share this departure, so make your reservation today. Call (800) 942-5004 (email: travel@wacphila.org).

Warm Regards,

Andrew Haught, Director of Travel

Tour Host

Trina Medarev is the President & CEO of the World Affairs Council of Jacksonville, WACA's 2025 Council of the Year. Under her leadership, the Council has expanded its reach, hosting acclaimed speaker series, educational programs, and special events. Trina has been recognized as a Woman of Influence by the Jacksonville Business Journal and named the 2020 International Individual of the Year by the JAXUSA Partnership for support of international business growth in the Northeast Florida region. She has recently been selected as a member of Leadership Florida. With her passion for exploring and learning about the world around her, Trina relished leading the 2020 Israel: Land of Cultural Treasures Tour, the 2024 Classical Mediterranean Cruise, 2025 Scandinavia and the Baltic Sea, and, most recently, the 2026 tour of Cambodia, Vietnam & the Mekong River via the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia's acclaimed Travel the World program.



Day 1 | May 1

Depart your home city for an overnight flight to Paris, France.

Day 2 | May 2 **D**

Paris, France | Honfleur | Embark

Arrive in Paris, transfer to Honfleur and embark the deluxe *Le Lapérouse*.

After settling in your cabin, take time to explore. Meet new friends during your first dinner.

Day 3 | May 3 **B-L-R-D**

Honfleur | Arromanches | Longues-sur-Mer | Colleville-sur-Mer | Omaha Beach | Caen

Disembark to explore the sites of one of the most pivotal campaigns of World War II.

Join Featured Guest Speaker Dwight David Eisenhower II for an insightful talk about the importance of Arromanches, and enjoy free time to explore the area at your own pace. Travel to Longues-sur-Mer to see the well-preserved coastal German artillery battery positioned between Omaha and Gold landing beaches and ideally located for the Germans to fight Allied forces coming ashore. In Colleville-sur-Mer, Professor Eisenhower leads a walk through the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial, reminding visitors of the human cost of war and the importance of preserving peace. Next, stand on Omaha Beach, the six-mile stretch of beach that became the deadliest and most intense battlefield of the invasion. Today's excursion brings the reality of D-Day to life and highlights why the lessons of D-Day — courage, sacrifice, and cooperation — are still important today.

Omaha Beach

Day 4 | May 4 **B-L-D**

Guernsey, Channel Islands

Join David Eisenhower for another insightful lecture this morning. After lunch, enjoy a memorable journey that showcases Guernsey's breath-taking coastline, history, and cultural landmarks. Begin at the Little Chapel, one of the world's smallest churches, lovingly decorated with sea-shells, pebbles, and colorful fragments of china. This charming, hand-built chapel offers a glimpse into the island's unique religious heritage. Continue along the dramatic south coast, known for its rugged cliffs, scenic bays, and panoramic sea views.

Caernarfon Castle

A highlight of this section is Pleinmont Point, a windswept headland offering views of the Atlantic. It is also home to the Pleinmont Observation Tower, a concrete structure built by German forces during World War II. Between 1942 and 1945, this tower formed part of Hitler's Atlantic Wall — an extensive coastal defense system constructed during the Nazi occupation of the Channel Islands. The tower stands as a stark reminder of Guernsey's wartime past. The experience concludes in St Peter Port.

St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin

Day 5 | May 5 **B-L-D**

Day at Sea

Cruising between Guernsey and Holyhead offers a scenic journey across the Irish Sea and English Channel, blending rugged Welsh coastlines with the tranquil charm of the Channel Islands.

Day 6 | May 6 **B-L-D**

Holyhead, Wales

Arrive in Holyhead after breakfast and set off on your chosen excursion. Select to visit the UNESCO-listed medieval Caernarfon Castle, built in the late 13th century by Edward I, or treat your senses to the world-famous Bodnant Gardens, a haven of glorious colors and lily ponds set in the Conway Valley.

Back on board tonight, listen to a traditional Welsh choir tonight, a moving experience, as rich harmonies and voices fill the air with centuries-old musical heritage.

Day 7 | May 7 **B-L-D**

Dublin, Ireland

Disembark to discover friendly Dublin with your selected Traveler's Choice excursion. Explore the city's sights, including Trinity College to see the legendary Book of Kells, the illuminated manuscript created by medieval monks.

Bodnant Gardens

Tobermory

You may also opt to visit the National Museum of Ireland, where fascinating exhibits bring Ireland's rich history and heritage to life or visit the stunning architectural landmark of St. Patrick's Cathedral, including a stop at Teeling Distillery to learn about whiskey-making traditions. A final option is to experience the elegance of Russborough House, a magnificent Palladian mansion set in the countryside, where you will enjoy an engaging falconry display.

Before dinner, enjoy a performance of traditional Irish music and dancing, a living tradition tied to community and heritage. Both Irish music and dance have been passed down through generations.

Day 8 | May 8 **B-L-D**

Tobermory, Isle of Mull, Scotland

Nestled on the northeastern coast of the Isle of Mull, the charming town of Tobermory is known for its brightly painted harbor and maritime history. Founded in 1788 as a fishing port, it later became associated with legends of shipwrecks, including a Spanish galleon said to have sunk in its bay. Enjoy an excursion that showcases its coastal scenery and heritage.

Day 9 | May 9 **B-L-R-D**

Iona

Dig into breakfast as the ship approaches Iona in Scotland's Inner Hebrides. Gain insight into a sacred, enduring symbol of worship at Iona Abbey, considered the birthplace of Christianity in Scotland. The monks of Iona spread Christian ideas across Scotland and the north. Over the years, the abbey endured Viking raids and periods of decline. It was later restored and remains an active place of worship today. St. Martin's Cross still stands by the roadside.

Celebrate at a Farewell Reception and Dinner tonight.

Day 10 | May 10 **B**

Fairlie | Disembark | Return to Home City

Arrive in Fairlie. After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flights home.

Note: This itinerary is subject to change due to local conditions.

Dwight David Eisenhower II

Featured Guest Speaker

His 1986 bestseller, "Eisenhower: At War 1943–1945," was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in History. Eisenhower received a B.A. in history cum laude from Amherst College. Following graduation, he served in the United States Naval Reserve for three years as an officer on the USS Albany; shortly afterward, he earned his J.D. cum laude from The George Washington University Law School. Today, Eisenhower is Senior Fellow of the Foreign Policy Research Institute and a Public Policy Fellow at the Annenberg School of Communication and the School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania, where he teaches "Communication and the Presidency."

PRE-TOUR EXTENSION

Paris

April 29 to May 2 (Program Begins: April 30)

Begin your Celtic journey with two nights in chic Paris. Stay in the heart of the city and enjoy Paris' alluring culture and timeless ambience. An enriching city tour showcases Paris' iconic landmarks, such as the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame. Plus, join an insightful excursion to Giverny, Monet's beautiful country home, where he created many of his famous masterpieces. Settle in to elegant accommodations at the *Sofitel Le Scribe Paris Opéra.*

$1,795 double occupancy | $2,695 single occupancy

Prices are per person. Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

POST-TOUR EXTENSION

Glasgow & Edinburgh

May 10 to 13 (Program Ends: May 13)

Explore two of Scotland's great cities and their histories of clans, medieval knights, and royal and religious intrigue on this three-night discovery. See Glasgow's 12th-century cathedral, the only mainland Scottish cathedral to have survived the Reformation largely intact, and St. Mungo Museum. Enjoy a panoramic tour of Edinburgh and free time. Accommodations are in the *Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa.*

$1,695 double occupancy | $2,495 single occupancy

Prices are per person. Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

INCLUDED FEATURES

— 8-night cruise from Honfleur, France, to Fairlie, Scotland, aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe *Le Lapérouse*.

— Welcome and Farewell Receptions.

— Included Meals | 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 8 dinners.

— Complimentary nonpremium liquor, house wine, beer, nonalcoholic beverages and minibar service throughout the cruise.

— Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Director accompanies you throughout the program. (1 for every 40 guests).

— Expert lecturers and local guides enrich your experience with their knowledge and insight.

— A full day exploring Normandy, including visits to the historic Omaha Beach and the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial.

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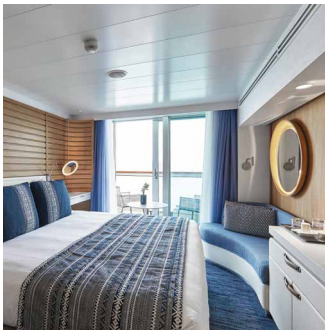

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OS	Two-room suite with oversized private terrace with outdoor Jacuzzi; bathroom with separate tub & shower; additional half bath; sitting area with sofa. 484 sq ft | Deck 5, aft.	$18,495	**$17,495**
GS	Two-room suite with extra-large private terrace; bathroom with separate tub & shower; additional half bath; sitting area with sofa. 484 sq ft | Deck 6, aft.	$17,995	**$16,995**
PV	Suite with larger private balcony; bathroom with shower; walk-in closet; sitting area with sofa. 344 sq ft | Decks 5 & 6, aft.	$16,495	**$15,495**
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E	Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft | Deck 6, mid & aft.	$11,995	**$10,995**
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I	Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft | Deck 4, mid.	$9,995	**$8,995**
J	Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft | Deck 3, mid.	$9,495	**$8,495**

All suites and staterooms are ocean-view and feature: two twin beds or one queen bed; an elegant private bath with L'occitane products, a walk-in glass shower with rain head, body jets and a handheld shower; a wardrobe; flat-screen TV with state-of-the-art infotainment system; terrycloth robes and slippers; Egyptian cotton linens, duvet and pillow menu; Nespresso coffee; teas; personalized bar service; private climate control; personal safe and hair dryer.

All rates are in U.S. dollars, per person, based on double occupancy, including taxes (unless otherwise stated).

2027 DEPARTURE DATE | **May 1 to 10** | Tour Begins: May 2

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