Tulane Alumni Travel

In the Wake of the Vikings

Scotland • Norway • Denmark

Scottish Highlands • Norway’s Southern Archipelago
Hebridean Islands • Orkney Islands • Shetland Islands

A voyage aboard the Exclusively Chartered Small Ship

Five-Star M.S. Le Boréal

May 28 to June 5, 2015
Dear Tulane Traveler:

Across the length and breadth of Scotland and Norway lies an unsurpassed richness of archaeological heritage left from the age of the Vikings and before, where ancient stone monuments and castles present an enigmatic and imposing face to the world. Explore this fascinating land of ruins and castles, Viking and Celtic clans, old-world villages and the spectacular natural features of misty isles, wild glens, lochs and moors. Hear Gaelic still spoken in the Scottish Highlands, where the history of the people that lived here for centuries cries out from the heather-covered hillsides. Experience these seldom-visited gems of the North Atlantic on a journey to the distant and mysterious islands along the idyllic seascapes and splendid coastlines of Scotland, Norway and Denmark.

This extremely rare and specially designed itinerary follows along the stepping-stones of Nordic and Scottish civilizations during the best time of year, when the weather is mild and days are long, a unique voyage accomplished only aboard a small ship accessing smaller ports where larger vessels cannot venture. The exclusively chartered, Five-Star M.S. LE BOREAL has only 120 deluxe Suites and Staterooms and provides all the luxury and sophistication of a fine hotel.

Cruise from Glasgow to Copenhagen, two great cultural capitals, with opportunities to visit two UNESCO World Heritage sites, several of the most remote islands of the North Atlantic and the incredible natural wonders of Scandinavia. Travel aboard The Jacobite steam train, better recognized as Harry Potter’s Hogwarts Express and “one of the great railway journeys of the world.” Tour the ancestral estate of Scotland’s largest clan on the remote Isle of Skye. Learn more about Viking history on the tradition-steeped Orkney Islands and admire the natural beauty of the Shetland Islands with their remarkable links to the distant past. Then, travel the ancient shipping lanes of the Vikings as you cross the North Sea to historic Bergen. En route to Copenhagen, cruise past picturesque settlements dotting the lovely Norwegian coastline and its scenic islands.

Join your fellow alumni for this exceptional small ship voyage of a lifetime and great value—all meals, excursions and accommodations are included. This popular program has sold out quickly in the past, so I encourage you to book now.

For Tulane,

James E. Stofan
Vice President for Alumni Relations

Please contact our tour operator, Thomas P. Gohagan & Company (1-800-922-3088), directly for any assistance with planning your trip.

http://tulane.edu/alumni/travel/
During the Viking Age, which began around the mid-eighth century and lasted almost three centuries, the Men of the North were cast as fierce barbarians who plundered their way across the known world. Viking depictions of Thor’s hammer and Odin’s ravens, symbols of their pagan gods, helped propagate through oral traditions their mythos as fearsome invaders in the world’s imagination for over a millennium. Yet hints of their legacy found in runic inscriptions offer a splendid pageant of history and show them as practical opportunists and traders with a heavy cultural emphasis on poetry, artistry and technology. Vikings were extraordinary mariners, setting their longships out to crisscross half the world and vastly extending its known boundaries, founding new colonies as far west as North America, as far south as North Africa and as far east as the Caspian Sea. They created a network of merchants and trade that linked directly to the Hanseatic League in Bergen, which immensely contributed to the development of the 15th-century economy on the Shetland and Orkney Islands. The Vikings’ many-sided achievements impressed themselves upon the non-Scandinavian world, and the complexity and nuances of their culture lie in wait of your rediscovery across their remote lands.

U.S.
Thursday, May 28
Depart the U.S.

Glasgow, Scotland
Friday, May 29
Arrive in Glasgow, a dynamic Scottish city where the indelible mark of Viking conquest still permeates the art and culture. Transfer to the M.S. Le Boreal and depart to the dulcet sounds of a traditional bagpiper.

Oban/Fort William/Scottish Highlands/The Jacobite steam train
Saturday, May 30
Travel through the heart of the Highlands and see the picturesque Pass of Brander, Loch Awe—with views of the striking Kilchurn Castle—and Rannoch Moor, one of the last remaining wildernesses in Europe. Enjoy the splendor of majestic Glencoe and ride along the shores of Loch Linnhe en route to Fort William. After lunch, board The Jacobite steam train—immortalized as Hogwarts Express in the Harry Potter film series—for “one of the great railway journeys of the world” through awe-inspiring natural landscapes. Commencing in the shadow of Ben Nevis, the highest mountain in Great Britain, travel past Loch and River Morar to Mallaig near Loch Nevis, the deepest seawater loch in Europe. Along the way, visit Glenfinnan, where Bonnie Prince Charlie rallied Jacobite Highlanders against King George II in 1745.

Join the Captain for a Welcome Reception on board this evening.
Isle of Skye/Kyle of Lochalsh  
Sunday, May 31
Cruise the coastline of ethereal Isle of Skye, from where Bonnie Prince Charlie, against the odds and with the help of Flora MacDonald, was able to escape to France. Skye is home to some of Scotland’s most phenomenal geography, and the mist, shafts of sunlight and vivid rainbows congregate here in a dazzling array of colors that seem to make the glens greener and the sea bluer. Visit Armadale Castle’s spectacular 17th-century gardens and learn about the powerful reign of Clan Donald, Lords of the Isles until 1493. Then cross the Skye Bridge to Kyle of Lochalsh and visit the 13th-century Eilean Donan Castle, named for a sixth-century Irish saint; it now stands as one of the most recognizable castles in the world.

Kirkwall, Orkney Islands  
Monday, June 1
Seven hundred years before the pharaohs built Giza’s pyramids and Neolithic man raised Stonehenge, ancient inhabitants of this archipelago employed technological prowess centuries ahead of its time to erect the mysterious compound, Ness of Brodgar, which today rivals the scale of the fifth-century B.C. Athenian Acropolis, yet was constructed nearly three millennia earlier.

Visit the settlement of Skara Brae and the ceremonial Stones of Stenness. Archaeologists suggest these sites, along with the Ness of Brodgar, were inhabited by an early Orcadian culture alive with decorative arts and sophisticated craftsmanship—one whose innovations were carried back to the mainland and beyond by pilgrims and traders—making Orkney more than just a remote scatter of islands but rather a hub of Neolithic civilization.

Thousands of years later, the Vikings established the port town of Kirkwall on Orkney’s main island, leaving behind the towering 12th-century St. Magnus Cathedral. On board the ship later today, listen as a seanachaí weaves the traditional stories that have been handed down for generations by word of mouth at fireside hearths over the centuries in these remote isles.

Lerwick, Shetland Islands  
Tuesday, June 2
Explore the majestic Shetland Islands, declared a Global Geopark by UNESCO for their geologically diverse landscapes and seascapes.
carved and shaped by ice. Admire nature’s endlessly changing colors and textures, and listen for the clamor of gannets and puffins crowding the dramatic sheer rock cliffs. Though remote, these islands have a unique 6000-year-old culture, where Scotland meets Scandinavia at this North Atlantic crossroads and legacies linger in the archaeology, dialect and traditional music. From Lerwick, the capital of Shetland, journey to the island’s southernmost point to visit Jarlshof, a pending UNESCO World Heritage site and an extraordinary settlement revealing 5000 years of human history, including late Neolithic stone houses, a Bronze-Age village, an Iron-Age broch and wheelhouse, Norse longhouses, a medieval farmstead and a 16th-century laird’s house.

Bergen, Norway/ Norway’s Southern Archipelago Wednesday, June 3

The city of Bergen was founded on an old Viking settlement in 1070 and has a proud history as an important part of the Hanseatic League’s trading empire from the 14th to mid-16th centuries. Enjoy a walking tour of Bergen’s Bryggen (the old wharf), a UNESCO World Heritage site, which still flaunts its colorfully characteristic wooden houses. See Troldhaugen, the summer home of Edvard Grieg, Norway’s most famous composer, and walk the grounds of his estate. And, visit the reconstructed Fantoft Stavkirke, a traditional 12th-century wooden Christian church noted for its elaborate architecture.

Though small, Shetland ponies are a strong breed, essential to farm work on the isles for centuries.

Cruising the North Sea Thursday, June 4

Spend the day at leisure cruising the North Sea and enjoying a series of lectures. This evening, attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception.

Copenhagen, Denmark/U.S. Friday, June 5

Arrive in Denmark, the spiritual and historic home of the Vikings and from whence sailed their intrepid predecessors—Angles, Saxons and Jutes. Disembark in Copenhagen and continue on the Post-Cruise Option to further explore the rich heritage of the Danish capital. Or, transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S.

The natural wonders of Norway’s waterways share the landscape with charming farms and fishing villages.
**FIVE-STAR, SMALL SHIP**

**M.S. LE BORÉAL**

**Small Ship, State-of-the-Art Design**

The highly acclaimed, exclusively chartered M.S. LE BORÉAL, launched in 2010, represents the newest generation of Five-Star small ships, featuring only 120 Suites and Staterooms and distinctive French sophistication.

**Spacious 100% Ocean-View 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. Most accommodations have two twin beds that convert to one queen bed, individual climate control, satellite flat-screen television, wireless internet access, safe, minibar, 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 relaxed La Boussole Restaurant; or from 24-hour room service. Continental and buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and a four-course dinner are served daily. Complimentary wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner.

**Spacious Public Areas/World-Class Service and Facilities**

Inviting and spacious public areas 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, personable and 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 minimizing vibration and engine noise. By design, the ship is energy efficient and environmentally protective of marine ecosystems, and it 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 Small Ship M.S. LE BORÉAL

◆ Seven-night voyage from Glasgow, Scotland, featuring port calls at Oban for The Jacobite steam train to Mallaig, Armadale on the Isle of Skye, Kyle of Lochalsh, Kirkwall in the Orkney Islands and Lerwick in the Shetland Islands, Scotland; and Bergen, Norway, to Copenhagen, Denmark.

◆ Spacious, Five-Star, ocean-view Suite or Stateroom accommodations, 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 wine and beer served with lunch and dinner.

◆ Full day excursion through the Scottish Highlands featuring a specially arranged trip aboard The Jacobite steam train, “one of the great railway journeys of the world.”

◆ Scenic excursion to visit Armadale Castle on the Isle of Skye and to Kyle of Lochalsh for iconic Eilean Donan Castle.

◆ Visit to the UNESCO World Heritage sites of the Orkney Islands’ Neolithic Ring of Brodgar and 5000-year-old Skara Brae and a walking tour of medieval Kirkwall, featuring the Viking-built St. Magnus Cathedral.

◆ Excursion to the 5000-year-old prehistoric site of Jarlshof on Scotland’s remote Shetland Islands.

◆ Visit to Bryggen, Bergen’s historic waterfront, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and a specially arranged tour of Troldhaugen, the home of composer Edvard Grieg.

◆ Cruise along Norway’s west coast and natural wonders.

◆ Traditional Scottish entertainment featuring storytelling and bagpiping.

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.

◆ The services of experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the program.

◆ Hospitality desk aboard ship.

◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.

◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
SCOTTISH TARTANS
Edinburgh • Glasgow
Pre-Cruise Option
Explore two of Scotland’s great cities and their histories of feuding warlords, medieval villains 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.

FROM THE VIKINGS TO THE DANES
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.

Standing guard over Scotland’s historic capital, Edinburgh Castle served as a royal residence from the ninth to 16th centuries.

The Vikings’ legacy and the maritime character of a traditional Hanseatic city are showcased along Copenhagen’s Nyhavn waterfront.
**LAND/Cruise Tariff** (per person, based on double occupancy)

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* An Owner’s Suite (Deck 6, Le France) is available upon request at a cost to be advised, on a first-come-first-served basis.

**IN THE WAKE OF THE VIKINGS Reservation Form**

Send to: Thomas P. Gohagan & Company
209 South LaSalle Street, Suite 500
Chicago, Illinois 60604-1446

For more information, call the Tulane Office of Alumni Relations at 1-877-4TULANE or Gohagan & Company at 1-800-922-3088.

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Preferred Name(s) on Badge(s) | Tour No. 126-05/28/15-106

Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person and $200 per person in Edinburgh • Glasgow Pre-Cruise Option and/or $200 per person Copenhagen Post-Cruise Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, I/we agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $______ as deposit.
Makes checks payable to 2015 In the Wake of the Vikings.

I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $______ to: 

- Visa
- MasterCard

Card Number  

Signature as it appears on credit card

All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by February 20, 2015.

Please make my/our reservation(s) in Stateroom Category:

1st Choice  2nd Choice

- Double occupancy (two twin beds)
- Double occupancy (one queen bed)
- Single accommodations.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).
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- Edinburgh • Glasgow Pre-Cruise Option
- Double at $895 per person.
- Single at $1195 per person.
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I/We want you to book my/our air from

( fill in departure city) to Glasgow, Scotland, with return from Copenhagen, Denmark, at additional cost to be advised. 

Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.
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RESPONSIBILITY: Thomas P. Gohagan & Company, the sponsoring associations/organizations, and its and their employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, agents, assignees (collectively “Gohagan”), do not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip including, but not limited to, airlines, transportation companies, guides or guide services, local ground operators, providers of optional excursions, food service or entertainment providers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors.

As a result, Gohagan is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act by any such person or entity or by any other third party.

In addition and without limitation, Gohagan is not responsible for any injury, loss, death, inconvenience, delay, or damage to person or property in connection with the provision of any goods or services whether resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God or force majeure, acts of government, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, losses by or attacks from animals, insects or pests, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind or the threat thereof, sickness, illness, epidemics or the threat thereof, the lack of availability of transportation or the condition or the quality thereof, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, mechanical or other failure of airplanes, vessels, or other means of transportation, or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely or safely.

If due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend an additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner’s risk.

You are the right to decline to accept as a trip participant, a person removed from a trip, without notice, any person Gohagan judges to be incapable of meeting the rigors and requirements of participating in the activities, or who is abusive to other trip participants, to the extent that their presence would detract from the enjoyment of the trip by others. Specific room/cabin assignments are within the sole discretion of the hotel or cruise line.

Gohagan reserves the right to change the itinerary or trip features at any time and for any reason, with or without notice, and Gohagan shall not be responsible for any incidental or consequential charges resulting from such changes, even if Gohagan makes the flight arrangements or cancels any applicable airline cancellation fees, optional excursion cancellation fees and associated administrative fees may apply.

TRIP INSURANCE: Because our cancellation policies are strictly enforced, we strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. Trip cancellation insurance is available for comprehensive coverage of such expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident, and damaged or lost luggage.

We will send you an application upon receipt of your reservation.

REGISTRATION: All persons or groups registered for travel must complete and sign the Registration Form and the Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement. All participants, leaders or third parties, or who Gohagan determines to be incapable of meeting the rigors and requirements of the trip, are an assumption of risk and liability, and liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement. All participants, leaders or third parties, or who Gohagan determines to be incapable of meeting the rigors and requirements of the trip, are

Acceptance of Contract: By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants and accepts the terms contained in this Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement.

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