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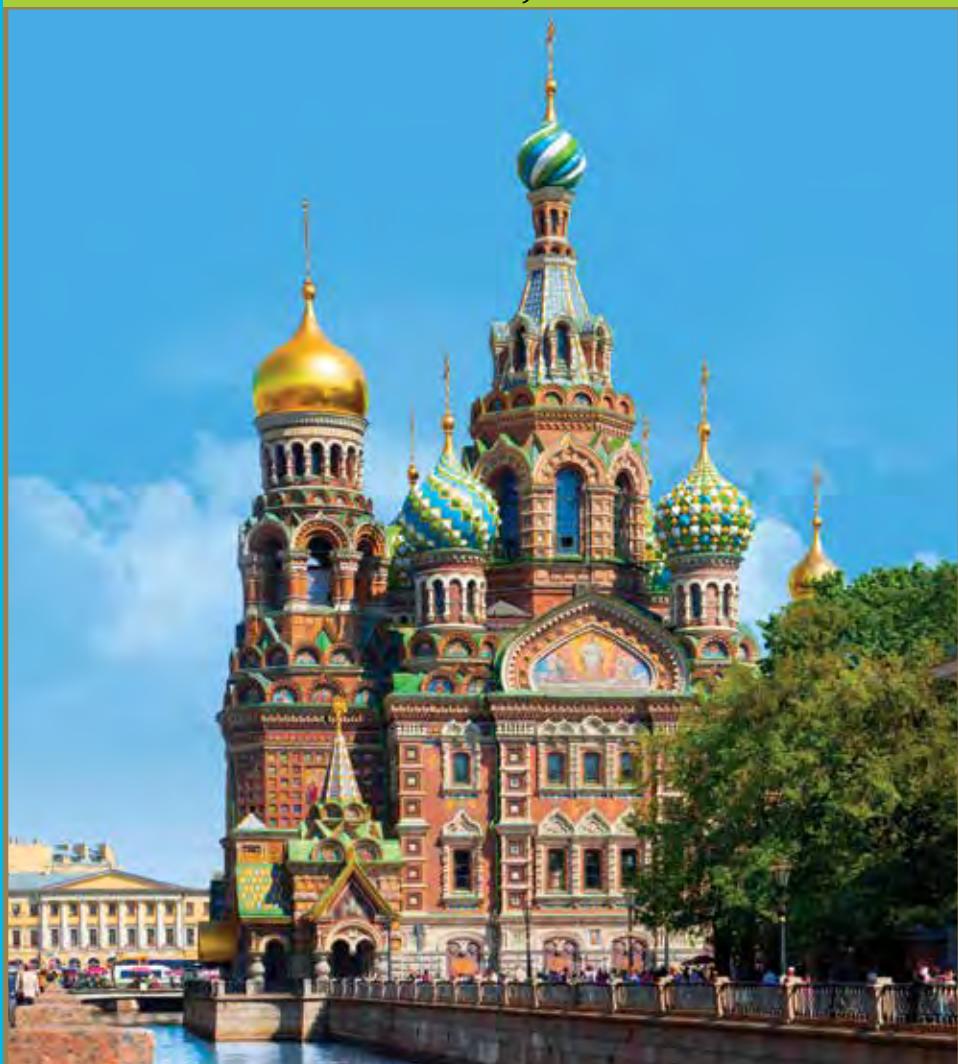
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CRUISING THE BALTIC SEA: CHANGING TIDES OF HISTORY

featuring **Lech Wałęsa**, *Former President of Poland*

John Cochran, *Former NBC Chief European Correspondent*

JUNE 20-29, 2014



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Dear Smithsonian Traveler,

We are pleased to offer this once-in-a-lifetime Baltic Sea cruise featuring enriching lectures by former President of Poland **Lech Wałęsa**, and John Cochran, the former NBC Chief European Correspondent who covered Mr. Wałęsa during the struggle of the Polish Solidarity movement. This unique journey features visits to five Baltic countries and Russia and seven UNESCO World Heritage sites.

Experience the cultural rebirth of the Baltic States and the imperial treasures of St. Petersburg, Russia, while cruising aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star small ship *M.S. LE BORÉAL*. In the tradition of ancient Viking mariners and medieval merchants, cruise during the glistening White Nights of summer from Denmark's beautiful and exceptionally "green" capital city of Copenhagen to the cosmopolitan and royal Swedish capital of Stockholm. Visit the historic epicenter of the Solidarity movement in Gdańsk, Poland; enjoy the well-preserved medieval Old Town of Tallinn, Estonia; spend two days in regal St. Petersburg, including a tour of the world-acclaimed State Hermitage Museum, visit the Peter and Paul Fortress and the spectacular czarist palaces at Petrodvorets and Pushkin; discover the stunning architecture of Helsinki, Finland; and tour the seldom-visited Hanseatic town of Visby, Sweden.

This comprehensive travel offering to the diverse countries bordering the Baltic Sea includes one shore excursion in each port and is an excellent value. I urge you to make your reservation soon, as space sold out quickly for 2013, and Early Booking Savings will only be available through April 30, 2014!

Sincerely,



Amy Kotkin
Director

TRAVEL WITH OUR EXPERT John Meffert

John Meffert, consultant for Heritage Conservation Services, has led trips for both Smithsonian



Journeys and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. He has served as the Director for the Trust's Southern Office from 1982-1988. John has delighted many tour groups with his lectures on historic architecture and looks forward to sharing his insights on preservation during this voyage.

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U.S.

Friday, June 20

Depart the U.S.

Copenhagen,

Denmark

*Hanseatic
Cog Ship*

Saturday, June 21

Arrive in Copenhagen and embark the Five-Star M.S. LE BORÉAL. This evening, attend the Captain's Welcome Reception and dinner. (R,D)

Gdańsk, Poland/Lech Wałęsa

Sunday, June 22

The historic city of Gdańsk features several examples of Poland's finest medieval and Renaissance architecture. Walk past elegant patrician mansions featuring late Renaissance and Baroque façades in the Old Town and see the famous Neptune's Fountain. Visit the 14th-century Artus Court, a meticulously restored Gothic guildhall that houses a fascinating collection of Polish art.

In 1980, workers led by Lech Wałęsa founded the Solidarity movement, the first independent trade union in Eastern Europe and the key factor in winning the Polish struggle against Communism. See the historic Lenin Shipyard and its Monument to the Fallen Shipyard Workers.

By special arrangement, meet the leader of the Solidarity movement, former President of Poland and Nobel Peace Prize winner Lech Wałęsa, on board the ship this afternoon. Mr. Wałęsa will discuss his perspective on Solidarity, globalization and progress in the region, with time for questions and answers. (B,L,D)

Cruising the Baltic Sea

Monday, June 23

Spend the day at leisure cruising the Baltic Sea and enjoying a series of enriching lectures. (B,L,D)

Cover photo: *The colorful Church of Our Savior on Spilled Blood features over 80,000 square feet of intricate mosaics.*

Photo this page: *Built on 14 small islands, Stockholm balances modern urban design with medieval and Renaissance structures and peaceful green space.*

Tallinn, Estonia

Tuesday, June 24

Having largely escaped the ravages of World War II, Tallinn's Old Town, now a UNESCO World Heritage site, has remained virtually unchanged for the past 600 years. During the walking tour, see Toompea Castle, the landmark Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and the 13th-century Church of St. Nicholas. Visit the medieval Town Hall, the only intact Gothic-style hall in Northern Europe. (B,L,D)

St. Petersburg, Russia

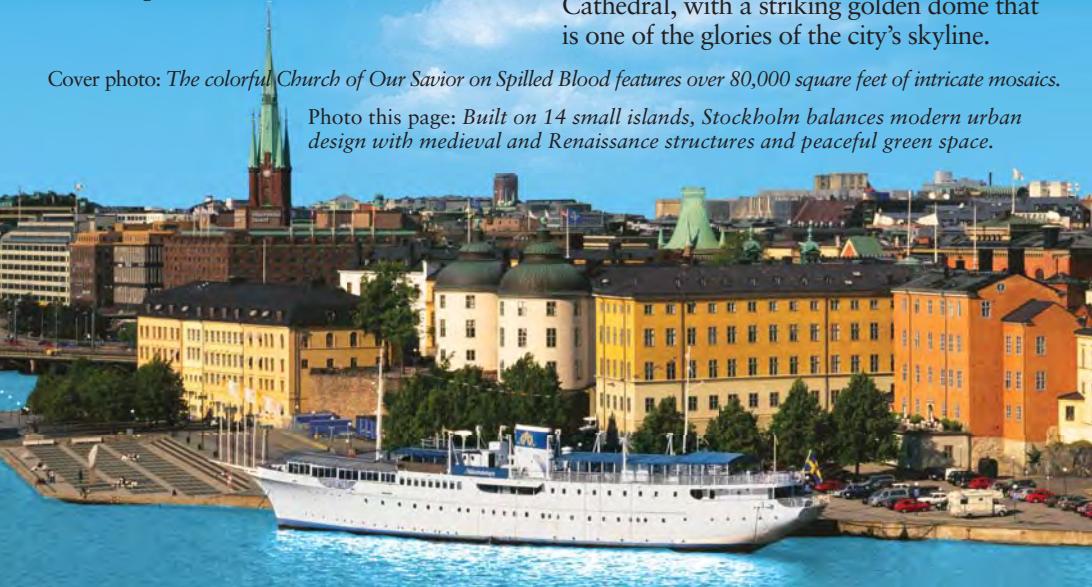
Wednesday, June 25

Peter the Great founded the majestic city of St. Petersburg in 1703 as his "Window on the West." Explore the city's historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage site whose legendary landmarks are scattered across more than 100 islands linked by more than three times as many bridges. St. Petersburg's main thoroughfare, Nevsky Prospekt, showcases exquisite examples of Russian Baroque and neoclassical architecture.



Admire the neoclassical and contemporary architecture of Helsinki, a fascinating journey through the centuries.

On the morning tour, see the beautiful Church of Our Savior on Spilled Blood (Church of the Resurrection of Christ), built on the site of Emperor Alexander II's assassination, and the 19th-century St. Isaac's Cathedral, with a striking golden dome that is one of the glories of the city's skyline.





This afternoon, visit the splendid parklands and palace of Petrodvorets, a UNESCO World Heritage site, commissioned by Peter the Great to rival Versailles. The grounds are elaborately landscaped and include formal gardens, fountains and cascades, as well as the extravagant Grand Palace.

Visit St. Petersburg's first building, the Peter and Paul Fortress, constructed to secure the country's access to the sea. See the impressive Baroque Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul, containing the tombs of 32 czars, from Peter the Great to Nicholas II, the last of the Romanovs.

Later, see one of the world's greatest art repositories on the tour of the incomparable State Hermitage Museum, former czarist palace of Catherine the Great and a UNESCO World Heritage site. The spectacular collection is rivaled only by the museum's ornate interior.

The evening is at leisure. Optional opportunities are offered to attend a ballet performance held in the Hermitage or Palace Theater, or a Russian folklore show performed in the Nikolaevsky Art Centre. (B,L,D)

St. Petersburg Thursday, June 26

This morning, visit the imperial compound of Pushkin and Catherine the Great's elaborate rococo palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site, highlighted by a special visit to the extraordinary Amber Room. Then, enjoy a lunch of traditional Russian specialties in a nearby restaurant.

The Vikings' legacy and the maritime character of a traditional Hanseatic city are showcased along Copenhagen's Nyhavn Waterfront.

By hydrofoil, skim over the Gulf of Finland to return to St. Petersburg. (B,L,D)



Tallinn, a hub of culture and commerce, retains its history in its 600-year-old spires and gables.

Helsinki, Finland Friday, June 27

Helsinki was named the 2012 World Design Capital for its use of innovative design as an effective tool for social, cultural and economic development in the city. On the morning tour of Finland's dynamic capital, see the old fortifications of Suomenlinna, a UNESCO World Heritage site, the stately Senate Square, lively Market Square and the diplomatic quarter of Kaivopuisto. Visit the modernistic Tempeliaukio Church, or "Church of





Admire the fountains and statues of the Grand Cascade at Petrodvorets, Peter the Great's summer palace.

the Rock,” impressively hewn out of natural bedrock, and visit Sibelius Park, where Eila Hiltunen’s remarkable sculpture honors Finland’s most beloved composer, Jean Sibelius. Then, enjoy a private concert in the prestigious Sibelius Academy. (B,L,D)

Visby, Sweden

Saturday, June 28

Call at the Baltic island of Gotland, ancient home of the Goths and one of Sweden’s richest historical areas with more than 100 medieval churches and numerous prehistoric sites. Walk through Visby’s marvelous Old Town, “city of roses.” This former Hanseatic city gained UNESCO World Heritage status for its well-preserved 13th-century walls, medieval gates and original towers. See houses built during the Middle Ages, the iconic towers of the Cathedral of St. Mary (the only of Visby’s old churches still in use today) and the small but spectacular botanical gardens that have drawn garden enthusiasts since 1855. This evening, attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception. (B,L,R,D)

Stockholm/U.S.

Sunday, June 29

Arrive in Stockholm, often referred to as one of the world’s most attractive cities. Disembark and continue on the Post-Cruise Option to explore the historic splendor and dramatic beauty of Stockholm. Or, depart for the U.S. (B)

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

The picturesque town of Visby flourished as a Hanseatic center from the 12th to 14th centuries.



Wonders of Norway Pre-Cruise Option

This unique five-night journey from Bergen “Across the Roof of Norway” features the snowcapped mountains, cascading waterfalls, alpine lakes and spectacular fjordland as seen from aboard the Bergen Line, Northern Europe’s highest railroad, and the Flåm Railway, a modern engineering marvel. Tour the city of Bergen, including Bryggen, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Enjoy an overnight in the historic HOTEL STALHEIM and a scenic cruise on Sognefjord and Nærøey Fjord, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Following an Oslo city tour, embark the PEARL SEAWAYS ferry and disembark in Copenhagen the next morning for a scenic cruise along the city’s idyllic canals. Accommodations are for four nights in comfortable hotels and one night aboard the PEARL SEAWAYS ferry.



Stockholm, Sweden Post-Cruise Option

One of the most handsome Scandinavian cities, Stockholm is a harmonious mixture of medieval and modern structures built on 14 small islands. Visit the City Hall, a 20th-century architectural masterpiece, where the majority of Nobel Prizes are awarded. Walk through the historic Old Town and visit the Vasa Museum. Accommodations are for two nights in a deluxe hotel.



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Chic and Casual Dining

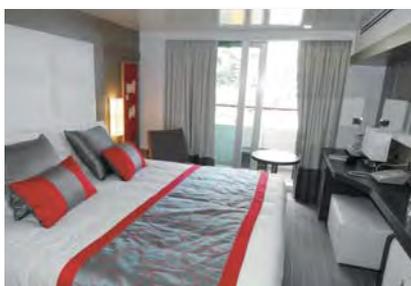
International and regional cuisine are served in the stylish, spacious La Licorne dining room in single, unassigned seatings; alfresco in the casual indoor-outdoor La Boussole Restaurant; or from 24-hour room service. Continental and buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and a four-course dinner are served daily. Complimentary wine and beer are served with dinner; beer is served with lunch.

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 and personable, English-speaking, international crew provides attentive service.

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Stateroom with Balcony



Dining Room



Lounge



Pool Deck

What is Included

- ◆ Eight-night cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star M.S. LE BORÉAL
- ◆ Expertise of guest speakers, study leader, Travel Directors and local guides throughout the tour
- ◆ All accommodations (based on double occupancy)
- ◆ Meals including special Welcome and Farewell Receptions, as noted in the itinerary
- ◆ All sightseeing and visits as noted in the itinerary
- ◆ Pre-tour information including a reading list
- ◆ Gratuities to guides and drivers
- ◆ All on-tour transportation unless otherwise noted
- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad for all participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s)
- ◆ Emergency evacuation insurance (up to \$50,000) and access to emergency assistance service

What is Not Included

- ◆ Taxes and passport and visa fees
- ◆ Personal items such as wines, liquors, à la carte orders, meals other than specified
- ◆ Gratuities to ship and hotel staff
- ◆ Expenses incurred by our tour operators in making travel arrangements in conjunction with the tour
- ◆ Airfare and air and departure taxes
- ◆ Other items not specifically mentioned as included

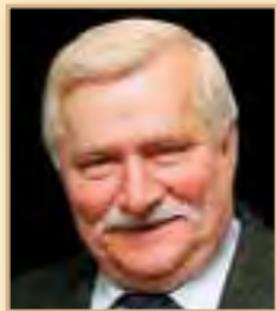
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Also, go to our website for full **Terms & Conditions** for this tour.

Distinguished World Leader



Lech Wałęsa



By exclusive arrangement, Lech Wałęsa, former president of Poland, Polish hero and international symbol of the pursuit of freedom and democracy, will meet with our group in Gdańsk. A worker in Gdańsk's Lenin Shipyard, Wałęsa emerged as a worldwide symbol of the resistance against Communism during the shipyard workers' strike of 1980 and the establishment of the Solidarity labor movement. Despite winning the right to form an independent union, Wałęsa and Solidarity were forced to continue their struggle against the Soviet-backed regime of General Jaruzelski, which jailed Wałęsa and imposed martial law in Poland in December 1981. In 1983, Wałęsa received the Nobel Peace Prize, a watershed moment widely considered to have been the first crack in the Soviet Union's Iron Curtain that crumbled with the Berlin Wall in 1989. Wałęsa during his tenure as President of Poland (1990 to 1995) has been only the third foreign dignitary, after the Marquis de Lafayette and Winston Churchill, to address a joint session of the U.S. Congress (1989).



Guest Speaker

John Cochran

Former White House correspondent John Cochran has enjoyed a distinguished career in journalism and broadcasting.

He spent 17 years with ABC News followed by 21 years with NBC during which time he was NBC's Chief European Correspondent during the struggle of the Solidarity Union in Poland. After the Communist crackdown of the media (December 1981) when Wałęsa was put under house arrest, Cochran smuggled videotaped reports out of Poland. A decade later while on honeymoon in London with his bride Barbara Stubbs Cochran, then President Wałęsa of Poland granted Cochran the only interview by an American TV correspondent during a scheduled visit by President George H.W. Bush to Poland; they both flew to Warsaw to do the interview. Barbara Stubbs Cochran was the executive producer of NBC's "Meet the Press," former CBS bureau chief in Washington and an alumna of Columbia University. Barbara will be joining John on our cruise.

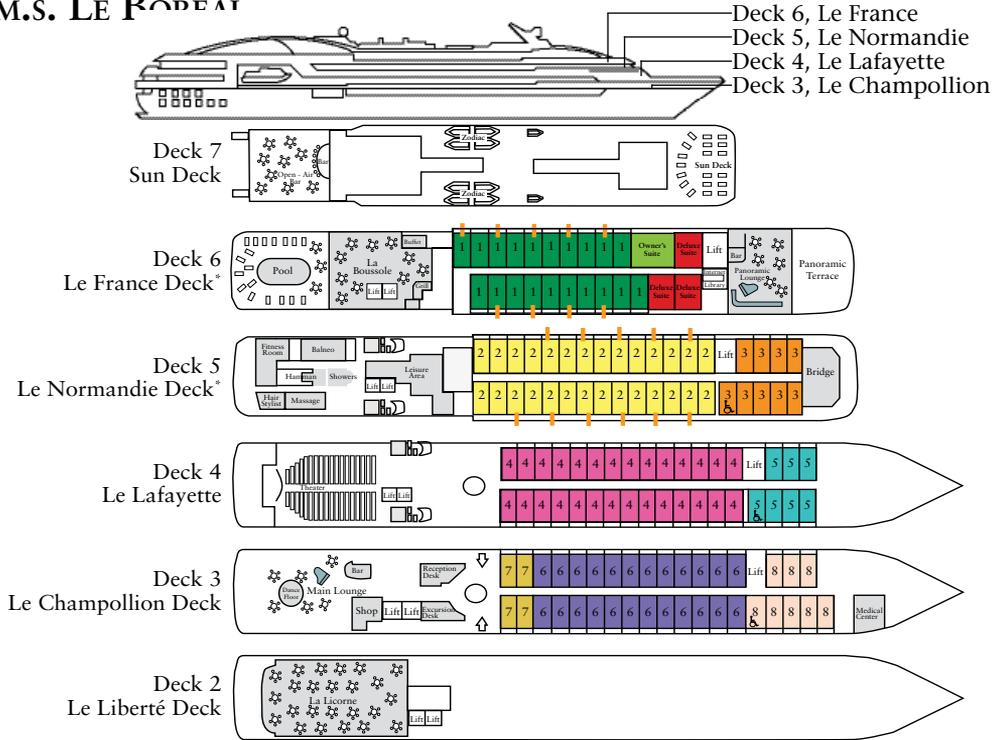
Cochran has won three Emmy awards and the Peabody and Alfred I. duPont awards. A native of Montgomery, Alabama, he is an alumnus of the University of Alabama and received a master's degree from the University of Iowa.

Scheduled guest speakers may be altered due to circumstances beyond our control. See Terms and Conditions.

CRUISING THE BALTIC SEA HIGHLIGHTS

- Special guest speakers Lech Wałęsa, Leader of Poland's Solidarity Movement and former President of Poland, and John Cochran, former ABC Chief White House Correspondent and former NBC Chief European Correspondent.
- Cruise for eight nights aboard the Five-Star, small ship M.S. LE BORÉAL.
- Two days in St. Petersburg, including Petrodvorets and Catherine Palace.
- Beautiful Visby, a UNESCO World Heritage site seldom visited by American travelers.

M.S. LE BORÉAL



*Prestige Suites I and II, capacities to be advised.
 † Indicates one fixed Queen bed

Land/Cruise Tariff (per person, based on double occupancy)			
Stateroom Category*	Description - Staterooms range from 200 to 484 sq. ft. and most have two twin beds that convert to make one queen bed. All feature a private bathroom and individual climate control.	Early Booking Price through April 30, 2014	Regular Price after April 30, 2014
8	Ocean-view, one large window, shower. Deck 3, Le Champollion, forward. (limited availability)	\$5,995	\$6,995
7	Ocean-view, small window and door onto private, partial wall balcony, shower. Deck 3, Le Champollion, aft. (limited availability)	\$7,595	\$8,595
6	Ocean-view, small window and door onto private, partial wall balcony, shower. Deck 3, Le Champollion, midship.	\$7,995	\$8,995
5	Ocean-view, sliding glass door onto private, partial wall balcony, shower. Deck 4, Le Lafayette, forward.	\$8,195	\$9,195
4	Ocean-view, sliding glass door onto private balcony, shower. Deck 4, Le Lafayette, midship.	\$8,795	\$9,795
3	Ocean-view, sliding glass door onto private, partial wall balcony, shower. Deck 5, Le Normandie, forward.	\$9,195	\$10,195
2	Ocean-view, sliding glass door onto private balcony, shower or tub/shower. Deck 5, Le Normandie, midship.	\$9,595	\$10,595
1	Ocean-view, sliding glass door onto private balcony, shower or tub/shower. Deck 6, Le France.	\$9,995	\$10,995
Deluxe Suite	Ocean-view, sliding glass door onto private balcony, tub/shower and sitting area with sofa. Deck 6, Le France. (limited availability)	\$10,695	\$11,695
Prestige Suite II	Two-room, ocean-view, sliding glass door onto large private balcony, two bathrooms: tub/shower and shower, large sitting area with sofa, two closets, writing desk and dressing table. Deck 5, Le Normandie. (limited availability)	\$11,695	\$12,695
Prestige Suite I	Two-room, ocean-view, sliding glass door onto large private balcony, two bathrooms: tub/shower and shower, large sitting area with sofa, two closets, writing desk and dressing table. Deck 6, Le France. (limited availability)	\$12,695	\$13,695
♦ Singles are available in category 6 at \$15,095 and in category 4 at \$17,495 on or before April 30, 2014. Add \$1000 for reservations made after April 30, 2014.			
♦ Taxes are an additional \$528 per person and are subject to change.			
*M.S. LE BORÉAL has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.			

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