## THOMAS P. GOHAGAN & COMPANY

## **CELTIC LANDS**

FEATURING DAVID EISENHOWER AND CELIA SANDYS (SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL'S GRANDDAUGHTER)

France/Ireland/Wales/Scotland

ABOARD THE EXCLUSIVELY CHARTERED, DELUXE M.S. LE BOREAL May 6 – 15. 2011

From approximately \$4995 plus air

### 150-175 WORD COPY

Discover the living heritage of the Celtic people on this eight-night cruise from the ancient Norman port of Honfleur, past the misty, legend-haunted islands of the Celtic and Irish Seas, to Scotland's historic capital of Edinburgh. By special arrangement, enjoy enriching lectures by esteemed political scientist and grandson of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, David Eisenhower, and by notable author and granddaughter of Sir Winston Churchhill, Celia Sandys. Aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe M.S. LE BOREAL, explore more than 4,000 years of history and hundreds of miles of austere natural beauty. Commemorate the fallen heroes of World War II at the D-Day landing beaches, admire the lavish artistry of the 9<sup>th</sup>-century *Book of Kells* in Dublin and visit the impregnable 700-year-old Caernarfon Castle. Drive through the breathtaking Snowdonia Mountains and find serenity in the stark beauty and solitude of Scotland's Inner Hebrides and Orkney Islands. Extend your journey with the two-night Pre-Cruise Option in Paris, "the City of Light," and/or the two-night Post-Cruise Option in Edinburgh, "the Athens of the North."

### 100 WORD COPY

Discover the living heritage of the Celtic people on this eight-night cruise from the ancient Norman port of Honfleur past the misty islands of the Celtic and Irish Seas, to Scotland's historic capital of Edinburgh aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe M.S. LE BOREAL. By special arrangement, enjoy enriching lectures by President Dwight D. Eisenhower's grandson and Sir Winston Churchhill's granddaughter. Walk along Normandy's D-Day landing beaches, see the 9<sup>th</sup>-century *Book of Kells* in Dublin and visit 700-year-old Caernarfon Castle. Drive through the breathtaking Snowdonia Mountains and admire the stark beauty of Scotland's Inner Hebrides and Orkney Islands. A Paris Pre-Cruise Option and an Edinburgh Post-Cruise Option are offered.

#### 50 WORD COPY

Discover the living heritage of the Celtic people on this eight-night cruise aboard the exclusively chartered M.S. LE BOREAL, with specially arranged lectures by President Dwight D. Eisenhower's grandson and Sir Winston Churchhill's granddaughter. Excursions include Normandy's D-Day beaches, Dublin's Trinity College, Wales' Caernarfon Castle and Scotland's Inner Hebrides and Orkney Islands. Paris Pre-Cruise and Edinburgh Post-Cruise Options.

#### **ITINERARY**

- Day Destination
- 1 Depart from the U.S.
- 2 Paris, France/Honfleur/Embark M.S. LE BOREAL
- 3 Caen, France (Normandy Beaches)
- 4 At Sea
- 5 Dublin, Ireland
- 6 Holyhead, Wales (Caernarfon)
- 7 Isle of Iona, Scotland/Tobermory, Isle of Mull
- 8 Portree, Isle of Skye
- 9 Kirkwall, Orkney Islands
- 10 Edinburgh/Disembark M.S. LE BOREAL/Return to the U.S.

## **Activity Level**

Moderately Active

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- ♦ Enjoy spacious and deluxe outside accommodations while traveling aboard the exceptional M.S. LE BOREAL, an intimate vessel that set unprecedented standards in elegance and comfort when it launched in 2010.
- ♦ Walk in the footsteps of such literary giants as Jonathan Swift, James Joyce and Sean O'Casey as your explore the exquisite cultural and architectural treasures of Dublin.
- ♦ Discover the origins of Scottish history on the Isle of Iona, where Celtic crosses mark the graves of Scotland's monarchs, including Duncan and Macbeth.
- ♦ Admire the impregnable walls of Edward I's 700-year-old Caernarfon Castle and the splendid beauty of the age-old Snowdonia Mountains in Wales.
- ♦ Visit historic Dunvegan Castle, seat of the MacLeods and repository of the Fairy Flag, in the lovely town of Portree on the Isle of Skye.
- ♦ Enjoy a rare opportunity to cruise with two famous historians:
  - H David Eisenhower, President Dwight D. Eisenhower's grandson, esteemed political scientist and historian of American history.
  - H Celia Sandys, Sir Winston Churchill's granddaughter, an internationally recognized author and speaker.

### M.S. LE BOREAL

The M.S. LE BOREAL has been specially engineered by the finest Italian shipbuilders to incorporate the latest in ship design and environmental technology, ensuring the ultimate cruise experience in safety and comfort.

Spacious accommodations—The ship can accommodate between 224 and 264 passengers in 112 to 132 exceptionally large staterooms and suites ranging in size from 200 square feet to 484 square feet. Ninety-five percent of the staterooms feature private balconies.

Flexible room configurations—LE BOREAL'S highly innovative flexible room configurations provide the unique ability to seamlessly transform 40 Deluxe Staterooms into 20 exquisite Prestige Suites using advanced technology that ensures that these reconfigurations are not discernable. These configurations enable a larger number of passengers to travel in the luxury of a 398-square-foot Prestige Suite, while affording the flexibility to accommodate more passengers when needed.

Elegant Dining Experience—International and local cuisine is served in the stylish, spacious Dining Room in single, unassigned seatings. Passengers may also enjoy dining alfresco in the casual indoor-outdoor Grill Restaurant or from 24-hour Room Service. Continental and buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea, a three-course dinner and a late-evening snack are served daily. House wine and beer are included with lunch and dinner. Bar service is available on the Sun Deck.

Exceptional public amenities—An exquisite state of the art theater equipped with a modern audio-visual system provides a perfect venue for lectures, film screenings and cultural performances. Additional facilities include the stylish 3,000-square-foot Main Lounge complete with dance floor

and the Panoramic lounge designed specifically to offer breathtaking views of passing scenery. The M.S. LE BOREAL also has a gift shop, library, beauty salon, laundry services, elevators and an infirmary.

Enhanced Internet services—The M.S. LE BOREAL will offer modern computer and Internet capabilities, including WiFi Internet access in each stateroom and an Internet Salon offering Internet access and computer stations for personal use.

World-class recreational facilities—Fitness and wellness areas include an inviting spa, Turkish bath-style steam room, swimming pool and full range of fitness equipment.

Advanced navigational and environmental technology—This 466-foot ship incorporates the latest "Cleanship" standards and will be constructed as fully operational expedition vessels featuring an advanced navigational system and the unique dynamic positioning system. It will be equipped with a fleet of sturdy Zodiac landing craft in addition to two large tenders, ideal for shore excursions.

#### INCLUDED FEATURES

Accompanying you on this cruise to provide specially arranged lectures and discussions: historian David Eisenhower, grandson of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, and author Celia Sandys, granddaughter of Sir Winston Churchill.

#### ON BOARD THE DELUXE M.S. LE BOREAL

- ♦ Eight-night cruise from Honfleur, France, to Edinburgh, Scotland. Port calls at Caen (Normandy Beaches), France; Dublin, Ireland; Holyhead, Wales; and the isles of Iona Tobermory, Portree and Kirkwall, Scotland.
- ♦ Spacious and elegant outside accommodations with private bathroom and individual stateroom climate control.

- ◆ Captain's welcome and farewell receptions.
- ♦ All meals—Continental breakfast, buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea, dinner and late-evening snack—throughout the cruise, featuring fine international and regional cuisine, served at single, unassigned seatings.
- ♦ House wine, beer, soft drinks, mineral water, coffee and tea served with lunch and dinner.
- ♦ Full-day excursion to **D-Day landing beaches** with lunch in a restaurant in Arromanches, including a visit to the D-Day Museum or the historic Bayeux Tapestry.
- ♦ Overview tour of **Dublin**, featuring the National Museum of Ireland and the *Book of Kells*.
- ♦ Visit to **Bodnant Garden** and **Caernarfon Castle**, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and a drive through the Snowdonia Mountains, Wales.
- ♦ Excursions to the **Inner Hebridean Isles** of Iona, Mull and Skye, and the **Orkney Islands** featuring the Abbey of Iona, Torosay Castle, Dunvegan Castle, Ring of Brodgar and Skara Brae.

#### ENHANCED TRAVEL SERVICES

- ♦ All transfers and luggage handling abroad for all participants who have purchased their air tickets through Gohagan & Company and whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ♦ All excursions and visits, as outlined in the itinerary, led by experienced, English-speaking local guides.
- Gratuities for local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- ♦ Experienced Travel Directors to accompany you throughout the travel program.
- ♦ Hospitality desk aboard the 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.

# PARIS PRE-CRUISE OPTION (30-60 WORD COPY)

Before your cruise, spend two nights in Paris, with first-class accommodations at the INTERCONTINENTAL PARIS-LE GRAND, located adjacent to the Opéra Garnier and near the Louvre. During a half-day orientation tour, view Notre Dame, the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe and admire the artistry of French, Dutch and Italian masters in the Musée Jacquemart-André, housed in an elegant former mansion. Time at leisure affords you opportunities to experience Paris' many delights on your own. Complete details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

# EDINBURGH POST-CRUISE OPTION (30-60 WORD COPY)

Continue your Celtic experience with an optional two-night stay in the SHERATON GRAND HOTEL, located on Festival Square, in view of imposing Edinburgh Castle. Program highlights include a tour of the castle and a guided visit to the Museum of Scotland, with exhibits chronicling 10,000 years of Scotlish history. Enjoy a walking tour featuring the city's rich heritage of Georgian and Neoclassical architecture. In 1995, UNESCO

included Edinburgh's Old and New Towns on its list of World Heritage sites. Complete details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.