

 **Commonwealth  
Club Travel**

*Changing Tides of History*  
CRUISING THE  
**Baltic Sea**

DENMARK ♦ POLAND ♦ ESTONIA ♦ ST. PETERSBURG ♦ FINLAND ♦ SWEDEN

Featuring Guest Speakers



**LECH WAŁĘSA**

Former President of Poland

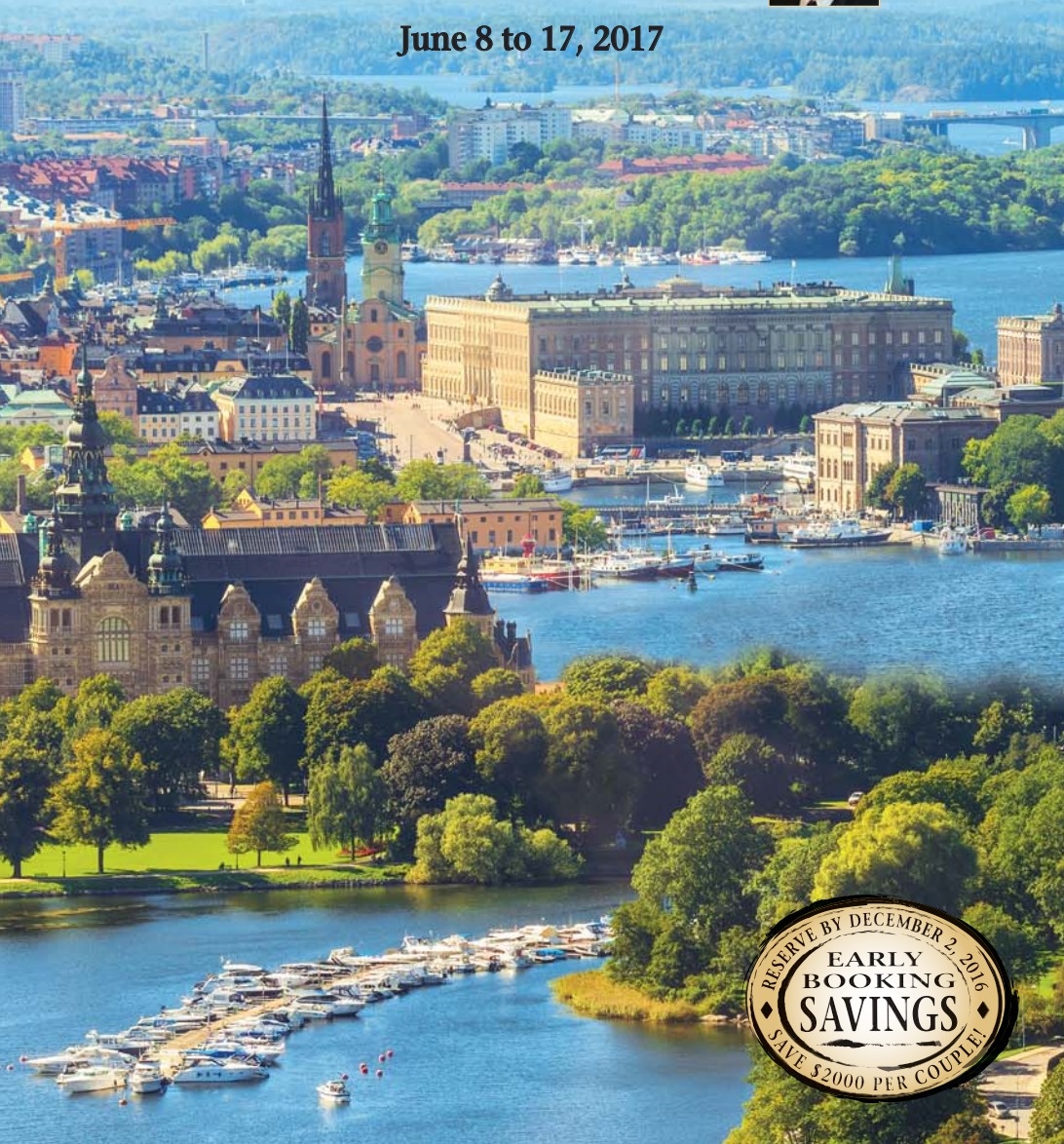
and

**SERGEI KHRUSHCHEV**

Son of Nikita Khrushchev



**June 8 to 17, 2017**





# Commonwealth Club Travel

Dear Club Members,

Explore the lands and legacies forged by centuries of Baltic history and hear firsthand from a participant in pivotal 20<sup>th</sup>-century moments—former President of Poland, Lech Wałęsa—and Sergei Khrushchev, the son of Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

We are pleased to offer this wonderful opportunity to meet and attend enriching lectures by President Wałęsa, a historic world leader and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, and Dr. Khrushchev, a noted author and award-winning scholar, on this unique Baltic Sea voyage. One of the great cruise itineraries of the world, it features six Baltic countries and seven UNESCO World Heritage sites and is scheduled during the best time of year when you can experience the luminous “White Nights” of the summer solstice.

Experience the cultural rebirth of the Baltic States and imperial treasures of St. Petersburg, Russia, while cruising aboard the **exclusively chartered, Five-Star small ship** M.S. LE BORÉAL, which features only 110 deluxe Suites and Staterooms, and provides all the luxury and sophistication of a fine hotel. In the tradition of ancient Viking mariners and medieval merchants, set forth from Denmark’s sophisticated, innovative and exceptionally “green” capital city of Copenhagen to the cosmopolitan, royal Swedish capital of Stockholm. Immerse yourself in the historic epicenter of the Solidarity movement in Gdańsk, Poland; enjoy the well-preserved medieval Old Town of Tallinn, Estonia; and spend two days docked in the heart of regal St. Petersburg, with an early-opening tour of the world-acclaimed State Hermitage Museum and visits to the Peter and Paul Fortress and the spectacular czarist palaces at Petrodvorets and Pushkin. Walk amidst the stunning architecture of Helsinki, Finland; and tour the seldom-visited Hanseatic League town of Visby on Sweden’s Gotland Island. During the extraordinary Wonders of Norway pre-cruise option, visit the vibrant city of Bergen and travel through stunning fjordlands by private cruise and majestic mountains on one of the world’s most scenic train rides.

This comprehensive and exclusive travel offering features Five-Star accommodations, a specially arranged shore excursion in each port and all meals. We are sharing this trip with travelers from Dartmouth University, The National Trust for Historic Preservation and Smithsonian Journeys. I encourage you to book now, as capacity is limited and this popular program sells out quickly!

Best regards,



Kristina Nemeth  
Travel Director  
(415) 597-6720





*Hanseatic  
Cog Ship*

## U.S.

**Thursday, June 8**

Depart the U.S.

## Copenhagen, Denmark

**Friday, June 9**

Arrive in Copenhagen,

Denmark's vibrant world-class capital of great heritage and seafaring traditions, and embark the Five-Star M.S. LE BORÉAL. (D)

## Gdańsk, Poland/Lech Wałęsa

**Saturday, June 10**

Once a flourishing Hanseatic League port, today Gdańsk showcases its glorious architectural heritage in the meticulously restored, elegant patrician mansions featuring late Renaissance and Baroque façades in the *Stare Miasto* (Old Town). Stroll along the pedestrian-only *Droga Królewska* (the Royal Route) to see the iconic Neptune's Fountain and the 14<sup>th</sup>-century Artus Court, a Gothic guildhall inspired by the ideals of Britain's legendary King Arthur, which now houses a fascinating collection of Polish artifacts.

In 1980, shipyard 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. Visit the historic Lenin Shipyard, where the movement began, and its Monument to the Fallen Shipyard Workers. Enjoy time to explore Gdańsk's lovely Old Town at your own pace.

By special arrangement, meet the leader of the Solidarity movement, former President of Poland and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Lech Wałęsa, on board the ship this evening. 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

**Sunday, June 11**

Spend the day at leisure cruising the Baltic Sea while enjoying a series of enriching lectures.

This evening, attend the Captain's Welcome Reception. (B,L,R,D)

## Tallinn, Estonia

**Monday, June 12**

Having largely escaped the ravages of World War II, Tallinn's UNESCO World Heritage-designated Old Town has remained virtually unchanged for 600 years. During the walking tour, see Toompea Castle—the seat of



*Visby's medieval wall, constructed in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, stretches two miles in length around the town.*

Estonia's Parliament—the landmark Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and the 13<sup>th</sup>-century Church of St. Nicholas. Visit the medieval Town Hall, the only intact Gothic-style hall in Northern Europe. Enjoy time on your own to explore Tallinn's Old Town before returning to the ship. (B,L,D)

## St. Petersburg, Russia

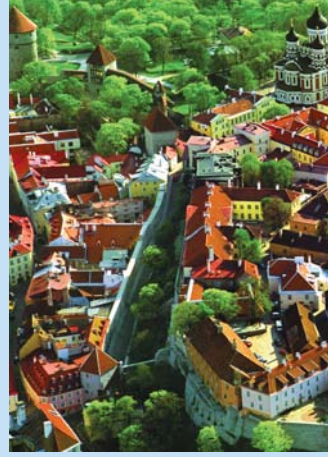
**Tuesday, June 13**

Peter the Great founded majestic St. Petersburg in 1703 as his "Window on the West."

Cover photo: *Spanning 14 small islands where shimmering Lake Mälaren meets one of the largest archipelagos in the Baltic Sea, Stockholm balances medieval and Renaissance architecture with modern urban design.*

Photo this page: *Peter the Great himself partially engineered the resplendent plexus of waterfalls, fountains and statues that adorn the foreground of the sumptuous Grand Palace at Petrodvorets.*





Tallinn, a hub of culture and commerce, is known for its 600-year-old spires and gables.

After cruising into the heart of the city, enjoy a specially arranged, early-entry guided tour of one of the world's greatest art repositories, the incomparable State Hermitage Museum. Former czarist palace of Catherine the Great and a UNESCO World Heritage site, its spectacular collections are rivaled only by the museum's lavish interior.

This afternoon's panoramic tour of the historic city center, a UNESCO World Heritage site, features legendary landmarks scattered across more than 100 islands and 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. See the ornate 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 19<sup>th</sup>-century St. Isaac's Cathedral, with a striking golden dome that is one of the glories of the city's skyline. Visit St. Petersburg's first building, the Peter and Paul Fortress, constructed to secure the country's access to the sea, and the impressive Baroque Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, containing the tombs of 32 czars, from Peter the Great to Nicholas II, the last of the Romanovs.

The evening is at leisure. An optional opportunity to attend a Russian folklore

show performed in the Nikolaevsky Art Center is offered. (B,L,D)

## St. Petersburg Wednesday, June 14

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 which is said to be the "Eighth Wonder of the World." Then, savor a lunch of traditional Russian specialties.

Enjoy a guided tour of the splendid parklands and extravagant UNESCO World Heritage-designated Grand Palace of Petrodvorets, commissioned by Peter the Great to rival the Palace of Versailles. The elaborately landscaped grounds feature magnificent formal gardens and cascading fountains. Return to St. Petersburg by hydrofoil, skimming over the Gulf of Finland. (B,L,D)

## Helsinki, Finland Thursday, June 15

Helsinki was named the World Design Capital in 2012 for its innovative use of design in stimulating an urban environment. Stand on deck as the ship approaches the city for the best view of the 18<sup>th</sup>-century maritime fortress of Suomenlinna, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

*The traditional fishing boats and colorful edifices along Copenhagen's Nyhavn canal retain the waterfront's authentic 18<sup>th</sup>-century maritime character.*





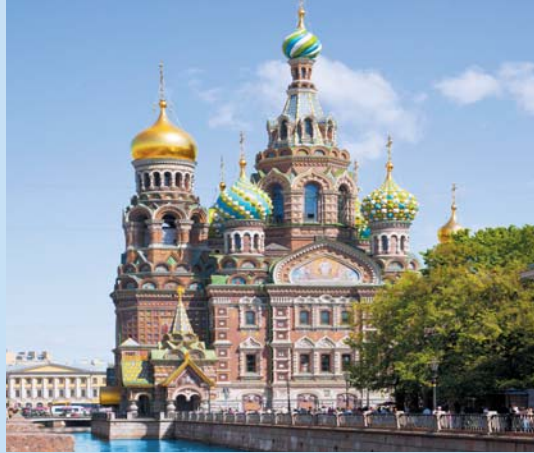
merce since the Hanseatic League, reflects its history in that define its picturesque skyline.

On a panoramic city tour, see the stately Senate Square and the diplomatic quarter of Kaivopuisto. Visit the modernistic TempPELLIAUKIO Church, or “Church of the Rock,” impressively hewn out of natural bedrock. Enjoy free time to explore Helsinki’s lively Market Square before reboarding the ship. (B,L,D)

## Visby, Gotland Island, Sweden Friday, June 16

Call at the Baltic island of Gotland, rich in Swedish history with abundant ancient sites and more than 100 medieval churches. The marvelous Old Town of Visby, the former Baltic center of the Hanseatic League, is a UNESCO World Heritage site and arguably the best preserved medieval city in Scandinavia. On the walking tour of this “city of roses,” see the 13<sup>th</sup>-century walls, the original medieval gates, towers and stone warehouses. Tour the iconic Cathedral of St. Mary and the Gotlands Historical Museum.

*Enjoy a phenomenal journey through the verdant, mountainous fjordlands of Norway aboard the Flåm Railway, named “one of the world’s most scenic train rides” by readers of Travel + Leisure magazine.*



St. Petersburg’s Church of the Resurrection of Christ is a showcase of neo-medieval Russian architecture.

Enjoy time at leisure before returning to the ship. This evening, attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception. (B,L,R,D)

## Stockholm/U.S. Saturday, June 17

Be on deck as you cruise through the scenic Stockholm archipelago, the gateway to Sweden’s magnificent “Venice of the North.” Disembark and continue on to explore the historic splendor and dramatic beauty of Stockholm on the post-cruise option or depart for the U.S. (B)

### Wonders of Norway Bergen • Fjords • Oslo • Copenhagen By Flåm Mountain Railway and Coastal Ferry Pre-Cruise Option

**\$2460 Double occupancy, \$3060 Single occupancy**  
Immerse yourself in majestic Norwegian landscapes and traditional Scandinavian culture on this unique and exclusive five-night journey from Bergen to Copenhagen. Tour the historic city of Bergen, including *Bryggen* (the old wharf), a UNESCO World Heritage site, and visit Troldhaugen, the home of famed composer Edvard Grieg. Travel on the legendary Flåm Railway, one of the “most scenic train rides in the world,” through pristine fjordlands, passing snowcapped mountains, cascading waterfalls and alpine lakes. Cruise by private ship on spectacular Nærøy Fjord, a UNESCO World Heritage site, see the highlights of vibrant Oslo and enjoy a panoramic tour of Copenhagen during an exclusively chartered cruise along the city’s idyllic canals. Accommodations are for four nights in comfortable hotels, including the historic STALHEIM HOTEL, and one night aboard an award-winning SEAWAYS ferry.

### Splendors of Stockholm A Royal and Nobel City Post-Cruise Option

**\$860 Double occupancy, \$1260 Single occupancy**  
One of the most handsome Scandinavian cities, Stockholm is a harmonious blend of medieval and modern architecture showcased on 14 small islands connected by more than 23 bridges. Visit the magnificent City Hall, the site of the annual Nobel Prize banquet. Walk through the *Gamla Stan* (Old Town) and visit the maritime museum built to house the *Vasa*, the only preserved 17<sup>th</sup>-century war ship in the world. Accommodations are for two nights in the ideally located SHERATON STOCKHOLM HOTEL.  
*Details will be included with your reservation confirmation.*



## FIVE-STAR, SMALL SHIP

### M.S. LE BORÉAL

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

The exclusively chartered M.S. LE BORÉAL represents the newest generation of Five-Star small ships, featuring only 110 Suites and Staterooms and distinctive French sophistication.

#### Elegantly Appointed 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, luxurious Five-Star hotel amenities and minibar with complimentary beverages; most have two twin beds that convert into one queen bed. Enjoy accommodation amenities including individual climate control, satellite flat-screen television, wireless Internet access, safe, 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 dining room in single, unassigned seatings; alfresco in the casual indoor-outdoor restaurant; or from 24-hour room service.

Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are available throughout the cruise. Continental and buffet breakfasts, buffet lunch, afternoon tea, and a four-course dinner are served daily. Complimentary wine is served with lunch and dinner.

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

In keeping with the low passenger density, the public areas are spacious and inviting and can 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.

#### Respect for the Environment

The state-of-the-art propulsion system and custom-built stabilizers provide an exceptionally smooth, quiet and comfortable voyage. By design, the ship is energy efficient and environmentally protective of marine ecosystems and has been awarded the prestigious "Clean Ship" designation due to its advanced eco-friendly features, a rarity among ocean-cruising vessels. The ship has two tenders.



*Stateroom with Balcony*



*Dining Room*



*Lounge*



*Pool Deck*

## Included

- ◆ Exclusive lectures and presentations by Former Polish President and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Lech Wałęsa and scholar and author Sergei Khrushchev, son of Soviet Union Premier Nikita Khrushchev
- ◆ Eight nights aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star M.S. LE BORÉAL
- ◆ Cruise from Copenhagen, Denmark, to Stockholm, Sweden, featuring port calls at Gdańsk, Poland; Tallinn, Estonia; St. Petersburg, Russia; Helsinki, Finland; and Visby, Sweden
- ◆ Meals as specified in the itinerary
- ◆ Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are available throughout the cruise
- ◆ Captain's Welcome and Farewell Receptions
- ◆ All entrance fees and tours as described in the itinerary
- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s)
- ◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers
- ◆ Group visa for excursions in Russia
- ◆ Hospitality desk in the hotel and aboard ship
- ◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the program
- ◆ Pre-departure materials, including a reading list
- ◆ Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company

## Not Included

- ◆ International airfare
- ◆ Taxes of \$495 per person (subject to change)
- ◆ Gratuities to ship personnel (\$120 per person)
- ◆ Hotel staff gratuities (Pre-/Post-Cruise Options) (\$2 per person per day) and gratuities for activities on your own
- ◆ Passport and individual visa fees
- ◆ Meals and alcoholic beverages not listed as included
- ◆ Transfers and baggage handling to/from airport/hotel on day(s) of arrival and/or departure if you are arriving earlier or later than and/or departing earlier or later than the scheduled group transfer(s)
- ◆ Optional Russian Folklore Excursion available at additional cost
- ◆ Any overnight on land due to flight schedule(s)
- ◆ Personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls and Internet access
- ◆ Accident/sickness, trip cancellation and baggage insurance
- ◆ Baggage charges on aircraft; airfare and associated local taxes not listed as included
- ◆ Airport facility taxes and federal inspection fees not listed as included
- ◆ All other services not specifically mentioned in the "Included" section

Distinguished World Leader  
Nobel Peace Prize Laureate  
*Lech Wałęsa*

SOLIDARNOSC



By exclusive arrangement, Lech Wałęsa, former president of Poland (1990 to 1995), Polish hero and international icon in the pursuit of freedom and democracy, will meet with our group on board the M.S. LE BORÉAL. From his position as a marine electrician in Gdańsk's Lenin Shipyard, Mr. Wałęsa emerged as a world-renowned figure in the struggle against Communism during the 1980 shipyard workers' strike and the establishment of the Polish Solidarity labor movement. Despite winning the right to form an independent union, Mr. Wałęsa and Solidarity continued to confront the Soviet-backed regime of General Wojciech Jaruzelski, which jailed Mr. Wałęsa and imposed martial law in Poland in December 1981. Mr. Wałęsa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1983, a watershed moment widely considered to have been the first crack in the Soviet Union's Iron Curtain, which crumbled with the Berlin Wall in 1989. Mr. Wałęsa became the first foreign non-head of state to address a joint meeting of the U.S. Congress in 1989.

Guest Speaker  
*Sergei Khrushchev*

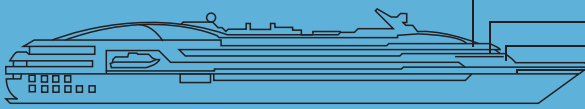
A distinguished author and scholar, Dr. Sergei Khrushchev is the son of former Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev (1957-1964) and a visiting professor of Slavic studies at Brown University, where he has also served as a senior fellow at the Watson Institute for International Studies. Dr. Khrushchev's research has focused on the history of the Cold War and the turning points in relations between the U.S. and the Soviet Union in the Khrushchev, Eisenhower and Kennedy eras; the history of Soviet missiles and space development, in which he played an active role; and the Soviet Union's transformation from centralized to decentralized government and market economy. He co-authored his father's memoirs, *The Time, the People, the Power* (1999), and translated them into English (2005-2007). Dr. Khrushchev is a popular commentator for the American media and the author of more than 350 books and articles, including *Khrushchev on Khrushchev* (1990), *Nikita Khrushchev: Crisis and Missiles* (1994) and *Nikita Khrushchev and the Creation of a Super Power* (2000).



*Scheduled guest speakers may be altered due to circumstances beyond our control. See Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement.*



# M.S. LE BORÉAL



- Deck 6, Le France
- Deck 5, Le Normandie
- Deck 4, Le Lafayette
- Deck 3, Le Champollion

Stateroom Category <sup>‡</sup>	LAND/CRUISE TARIFF <i>excluding taxes*</i> Per person, based on double occupancy	Early Booking Tariff* through Dec. 2, 2016	Tariff* after Dec. 2, 2016
8	Ocean-view, one large window, shower. <i>Deck 3, Le Champollion, forward.</i> (limited availability)	<b>\$6195</b>	<b>\$7195</b>
7	Ocean-view, small window and single door onto private, partial wall balcony, shower. <i>Deck 3, Le Champollion, aft.</i> (limited availability)	<b>\$7795</b>	<b>\$8795</b>
6	Ocean-view, small window and single door onto private, partial wall balcony, shower. <i>Deck 3, Le Champollion, midship.</i>	<b>\$8295</b>	<b>\$9295</b>
5	Ocean-view, expansive floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door onto private, partial wall balcony, shower. <i>Deck 4, Le Lafayette, forward.</i>	<b>\$8495</b>	<b>\$9495</b>
4	Ocean-view, expansive floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door onto <b>private balcony</b> , shower. <i>Deck 4, Le Lafayette, midship.</i>	<b>\$9195</b>	<b>\$10195</b>
3	Ocean-view, expansive floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door onto <b>private balcony</b> , shower. <i>Deck 5, Le Normandie, forward.</i>	<b>\$9395</b>	<b>\$10395</b>
2	Ocean-view, expansive floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door onto <b>private balcony</b> , shower or tub/shower. <i>Deck 5, Le Normandie, midship.</i>	<b>\$9995</b>	<b>\$10995</b>
1	Ocean-view, expansive floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door onto <b>private balcony</b> , shower or tub/shower. <i>Deck 6, Le France.</i>	<b>\$10195</b>	<b>\$11195</b>
Deluxe Suite	Ocean-view, expansive floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door onto <b>private balcony</b> , tub/shower and sitting area with sofa. <i>Deck 6, Le France.</i> (limited availability)	<b>\$10995</b>	<b>\$11995</b>
Prestige Suite II	Two-room, ocean-view, expansive floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door onto large <b>private balcony</b> , two bathrooms: tub/shower and shower, large sitting area with sofa, two closets, writing desk and dressing table. <i>Deck 5, Le Normandie.</i> (limited availability)	<b>\$11995</b>	<b>\$12995</b>
Prestige Suite I	Two-room, ocean-view, expansive floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door onto large <b>private balcony</b> , two bathrooms: tub/shower and shower, large sitting area with sofa, two closets, writing desk and dressing table. <i>Deck 6, Le France.</i> (limited availability)	<b>\$12995</b>	<b>\$13995</b>
Owner's Suite	Two-room, ocean-view, expansive floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors onto <b>two private balconies</b> , one and a half bathrooms, separate tub and shower, sitting room with sofa, table and four chairs and writing desk. <i>Deck 6, Le France.</i> (limited availability)	<b>\$14995</b>	<b>\$15995</b>

Singles are available in category 6 at \$15395\* and in category 4 at \$16895\* on or before December 2, 2016. Add \$1000 for reservations made after December 2, 2016.

\*Taxes are an additional \$495 per person and are subject to change.

<sup>‡</sup>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.

## CRUISING THE BALTIC SEA RESERVATION FORM

Send to: **Commonwealth Club Travel**  
 P.O. Box 194210  
 San Francisco, CA 94119

Fax to: (415) 597-6729  
 or call: (415) 597-6720

---

Title Full Name (exactly as it appears on your passport)

---

Title Full Name (exactly as it appears on your passport)

---

Street Mailing Address (no P.O. Box number please) \_\_\_\_\_

---

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

---

Telephone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Mobile) \_\_\_\_\_

---

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ (Business) \_\_\_\_\_

---

Preferred Name(s) on Badge(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Tour No. 034-06/08/17-252

Program reservations require a deposit of \$800 per person and \$200 per person Wonders of Norway Pre-Cruise Option and/or \$200 per person Splendors of Stockholm 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.  
Make checks payable to **Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.**
- I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to:
  - Visa  MasterCard

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

---

Signature as it appears on credit card \_\_\_\_\_

**All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by March 3, 2017.**

**We require membership to the Commonwealth Club to travel with us. Please check one:**

- I am a current member of the Commonwealth Club.
- Please renew my membership with the credit card information provided here.
- I will visit [commonwealthclub.org/membership](http://commonwealthclub.org/membership) to sign up for a membership.

**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).

**Please make my/our reservation(s):**

**Wonders of Norway Pre-Cruise Option**

- Double at \$2460 per person.
- Single at \$3060 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

**Splendors of Stockholm**

**Post-Cruise Option**

- Double at \$860 per person.
- Single at \$1260 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).
- I/We want you to book my/our air from \_\_\_\_\_

(fill in departure city)

to Copenhagen, Denmark, with return from Stockholm, Sweden, at an additional cost to be advised.<sup>‡</sup>

- Economy Class  Upgraded Economy
- Business Class  First Class

<sup>‡</sup>Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

- I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.



*Finland's waterfront capital city of Helsinki showcases elegant Jugendstil architecture along its picturesque harbor.*

## RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND BINDING ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

**RESPONSIBILITY:** The Commonwealth Club and Thomas P. Gohagan & Company and its and their employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors or trustees, successors, and assigns (collectively "Gohagan"), do not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip including, for example, lodging facilities, airline, vessel, or other transportation companies, guides or guide services, local ground operators, providers or organizers 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 of any such person or entity or of 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, bites from or attacks by 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 or access to medical attention 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. The right is reserved to decline to accept as a trip participant, or remove from a trip, without refund, 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, leaders or third parties, or who Gohagan determines to 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 liable for any loss of any kind as a result of any such changes. Ship schedules, port calls, hours of arrival and departure, sightseeing events, special programs and guest lecture series (if applicable), are subject to change or cancellation. Gohagan reserves the right to substitute motorcoach transportation using hotels, inns or lodges for cruise accommodations if necessary due to weather, water conditions or levels, other events of force majeure, mechanical or other conditions beyond the control of Gohagan. Gohagan is not responsible therefor and is not required to compensate passengers under these circumstances. Gohagan may cancel a trip (or an option) for any reason whatsoever; if so, its sole responsibility is to refund monies paid by the participant to it. Gohagan, however, is not required under these circumstances to refund the cost of any purchased travel insurance. Gohagan is not required to cancel any trip for any reason including without limitation, United States Department of State, World Health Organization or other Warnings or Advisories of any kind. Gohagan is not responsible for penalties assessed by air carriers resulting from operational and/or itinerary changes, even if Gohagan makes the flight arrangements or cancels the trip. Gohagan reserves the right to substitute vessels, hotels or attractions of a similar category for those listed in this brochure.

**ELIGIBILITY:** We require membership to the Commonwealth Club to travel with us. People who live outside of the Bay Area may purchase a national membership. To learn about membership types and to purchase a membership, visit [commonwealthclub.org/membership](http://commonwealthclub.org/membership) or call (415) 597-6720.

**AIRFARE:** Airfare is subject to change and availability and, depending on the fare basis, likely is nonrefundable. Your airline ticket constitutes a contract between you and the airline, even if purchased through Gohagan.

**LUGGAGE:** Luggage allowance policies are set by the airlines and may change without prior notice.

**PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY:** All programs require physical independence and mobility. Any physical or mental condition that may require special medical attention or physical assistance (for example, the need for a wheelchair) must be reported in writing when you make your reservation. Travelers must be able to embark or disembark motorcoaches alone or with minimal assistance from your traveling companion and climb stairs and step over raised thresholds without assistance. Travelers requiring assistance must travel with a companion who will be responsible for handling equipment.

**DISCOUNTED RESERVATIONS:** Discounts apply only to those reservations received in the offices of The Commonwealth Club in writing, accompanied by the required deposit, by December 2, 2016. In the event a "discounted" reservation must be cancelled, no "replacement" reservation can be substituted at the discounted rate. A "replacement" reservation is a new reservation and can be substituted only at the full-fare tariff. Cancellation penalties may apply.

PRSR STD  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Gohagan &  
Company

Commonwealth Club Travel  
P.O. Box 194210  
San Francisco, CA 94119  
(415) 597-6720 [www.commonwealthclub.org/travel](http://www.commonwealthclub.org/travel)

**CANCELLATIONS:** Cancellations for all or any part of the trip including Pre/Post Program(s) reservation(s) will not be effective until received in writing in the offices of The Commonwealth Club. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply: reservation cancellation(s) are subject to a \$200 (\$50 Pre/Post Program(s)) per person administrative fee from the time of booking through 120 days prior to departure; from 95 through 119 days prior to departure, \$800 (\$200 Pre/Post Program(s)) per person; from 60 through 94 days prior to departure, 50% of the published full regular tariffs; cancellations 59 days or less prior to departure, a "no-show," or early return from the trip will result in forfeiture of 100% of the published full regular tariffs. In addition, any applicable airline cancellation fees, optional excursion cancellation fees and administrative fees may apply.

**TRIP INSURANCE:** 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. Information about trip insurance will be sent with your confirmation.

**RATES:** Prices quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of printing and are subject to change at any time. On land and/or cruise programs, even after full payment, Gohagan reserves the right to increase the tour price in the event of cost increases due to changes in supplier costs, currency fluctuations or fuel or energy surcharges and all such increases are to be paid to Gohagan upon notice to the tour participant of such increases. On programs which include Gohagan purchased interstate or international air (which originates or returns to the United States), no increased costs will be passed on after final payment except for subsequently imposed governmental tax increases.

**REGISTRATION:** Commonwealth Club CST#: 2096889-40; Gohagan CST#: 2031868-40, WST#: 601 767 666, OST#: TA 0905.

**BINDING ARBITRATION:** Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating in any way to this Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement, the brochure, or any other information relating in any way to the trip, or to the trip itself, shall be settled solely and exclusively by binding arbitration in Chicago, Illinois, in accordance with the commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association then existent. In any such proceeding, the substantive, but not procedural law of Illinois will apply. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable.

**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.

*Photo Credits:* Alamy, Aurora Photos USA, Deposit Photo, Estock Photo, Mauritius Images; all images are rights managed and cannot be used without permission.



**THOMAS P. GOHAGAN & COMPANY**  
209 South LaSalle Street  
Suite 500  
Chicago, Illinois 60604-1446  
(312) 609-1140 or (800) 922-3088  
<http://www.gohagantravel.com>

© Thomas P. Gohagan & Company