Changing Tides of History
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Baltic Sea
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Featuring Guest Speakers

LECH WAŁĘSA
Former President of Poland
and
SERGEI KHRUSHCHEV
Son of Nikita Khrushchev

June 8 to 17, 2017
Dear Villanova Traveler,

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

We are pleased to offer this once-in-a-lifetime 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. I encourage you to book now, as capacity is limited and this popular program sells out quickly!

For additional information, please feel free to contact our Alumni Association Travel Coordinator, Pat Gillin, at 1-800-Villanova (1-800-845-5266) or patricia.gillin@villanova.edu.

Best regards,

George R. Kolb ’84
Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations
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.

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 14th-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.

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.

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 Estonia’s Parliament—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. Enjoy time on your own to explore Tallinn’s Old Town before returning to the ship.

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.
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 19th-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.

**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.

**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 18th-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 18th-century maritime character.
On a panoramic city tour, see the stately Senate Square and the diplomatic quarter of Kaivopuisto. Visit the modernistic Temppeliaukio 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.

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 13th-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.

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.

Wonders of Norway
Bergen • Fjords • Oslo • Copenhagen
By Flåm Mountain Railway and Coastal Ferry
Pre-Cruise Option
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 Trolldhaugen, 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
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 17th-century war ship in the world. Accommodations are for two nights in the ideally located SHERATON STOCKHOLM HOTEL.

Pre- and Post-Cruise Options and the Optional Russian Folklore Excursion are available at additional cost. Details will be included with your reservation confirmation.
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Small Ship, State-of-the-Art Design
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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. Complementary 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.

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Acclaimed Guest Speakers
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Scholar and author Sergei Khrushchev, son of Soviet Union Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

Included Features
On board the exclusively chartered, Five-Star Small Ship M.S. LE BORÉAL
◆ Eight-night cruise from Copenhagen, Denmark, to Stockholm, Sweden, featuring port calls at Gdańsk, Poland; Tallinn, Estonia; St. Petersburg, Russia; Helsinki, Finland; and Visby, Sweden.
◆ Elegantly appointed, Five-Star Suite or Stateroom, each with a private bathroom.
◆ Captain's Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
◆ Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are available throughout the cruise.
◆ All meals—early continental breakfast, buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and dinner—throughout the cruise, featuring fine international and regional cuisine, served at single, unassigned seatings.
◆ Complementary wine is served with lunch and dinner.
◆ Tour of the storied port city of Gdańsk, including its historic Lenin Shipyard and Old Town.
◆ Walking tour of Tallinn's historic and medieval quarters, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
◆ Specially arranged, early entry to St. Petersburg's world-renowned State Hermitage Museum, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
◆ City tour of St. Petersburg, a UNESCO World Heritage site, featuring a visit to the impressive Peter and Paul Fortress.
◆ Excursion to two UNESCO World Heritage sites—Peter the Great's Petrodvorets and Catherine the Great's palace in Pushkin, featuring the acclaimed Amber Room—including a lunch of traditional Russian specialties.
◆ City tour of Helsinki featuring a visit to Temppeliaukio Church and a view of the old fortifications of the UNESCO World Heritage site of Suomenlinna.
◆ Walking tour of the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Visby, a historic former Hanseatic city on the island of Gotland.

Enhanced Travel Services
◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival/departure coincides with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced, English-speaking local guides.
◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
◆ Group visa is included for excursions in Russia.
◆ Complimentary bottled water in your Stateroom and on excursions.
◆ An optional cultural performance in St. Petersburg is available at additional cost.
◆ Hospitality desk aboard the ship.
◆ The services of experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the program.
◆ Complimentary use of a state-of-the-art audio headset for each participant during guided excursions.
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◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
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).
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