

Classic International Cruises

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Gothenburg - Gothenburg

26th April – 8th May 2012

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

OSTEND, Belgium

Saturday, 28th April

A – Bruges & Belgian Chocolates (Morning) – approx. 4 ¾ hrs.

Belgium's finest export product is undoubtedly chocolate. This tour will show you why its longstanding reputation is well deserved.

Bruges in French or Brugge in Flemish, is an exquisitely preserved medieval town. It had the good fortune to be linked with the sea by a navigable waterway and the city became a leading member of the Hanseatic League in the 13th century, when the town established Europe's first stock exchange. Upon arrival in Bruges a guided walk through the historical centre will introduce you to this beautiful, romantic city. During the walk, your guide will point out such major sights as the Market Square with its Guild houses, the Belfry Tower, and Burg Square. Burg Square is the focal point of ancient Bruges, on the left is the Provost House built in 1665 and across the square is a row of magnificent buildings. The Stadhuis, or Town Hall, dating from the 14th century, has a wonderfully ornate facade covered with statues and the Oude Griffie, the former Recorder's House from the 1530's, is ornamented with impressive windows. View the Chapel of the Holy Blood. Then, you will walk to a Belgian chocolatier's workshop to see firsthand how raw chocolate bars are made into the fine Belgian chocolates using only the freshest and best ingredients. At the end, there is some time to purchase some Belgian chocolates if you wish and pay a brief independent visit to the Chocolate Museum. Bruges is full of lace and chocolate shops, and your free time will allow you to search for the perfect souvenir. Your guide will lead you past the romantic Lake of Love and back to your coach for the drive back to the ship.

Subject to a minimum of 30 / maximum of 80 participants.

Flat and comfortable walking shoes recommended as there is walking over cobblestones.

Activity level: strenuous

This tour is not suitable for persons with walking difficulties and on wheelchair confined.

This tour will have an early departure from the ship.

This tour conflicts with Tour B and C.

B – Romantic Bruges Canals (Morning) – approx. 4 ½ hrs.

Bruges (or Brugge in Flemish) is an exquisitely preserved medieval town. This veritable jewel of a town beribboned with picturesque canals, came into its own in the Middle Ages as a port and became the chief market for the great Hanseatic League of mercantile cities. Undoubtedly it was an important banking centre as well. The general prosperity, visible in the opulence of the mansions and civic buildings, lasted until the end of the 15th century.

After a 30 minutes drive from the port, you arrive at Bruges where your guided walk will start.

Often called Die Scone or “the beautiful”, the charm of this lovely medieval city will capture you immediately. Smaller and more contained than many other old Flemish cities, Bruges gives the impression that you have stepped back in time.

Your guide will walk with you through the narrow, twisting cobbled streets, passing by picturesque scenes of ancient buildings, tree-lined canals and gabled facades. See the bustling marketplace, Belfry Tower, the Town Hall and the Chapel of the Holy Blood.

The highlight of this walking tour will undoubtedly be a 30-minutes canal tour. While sitting back in a small boat, you will enjoy this short canal boat ride along the serene waterways of this romantic historical city. As Bruges is full of lace and chocolate shops, your free time will allow you to search for the perfect souvenir. Your guide will lead you by the romantic “Lake of Love” back to your coach, that will bring you back to the ship.

Subject to a minimum of 30 / maximum of 240 participants.

Flat and comfortable walking shoes recommended as there is walking over cobblestones.

Activity level: strenuous

Boat capacity: maximum 30 persons.

This tour is not suitable for persons with walking difficulties and on wheelchair confined.

This tour will have an early departure from the ship.

This tour conflicts with Tour A and C.

C – Bruges on Your Own (Morning) – approx. 4 ½ hrs.

This excursion is organized for those guests who have visited Bruges already or who want to go shopping independently.

A local tour leader will assist you from the ship to the Walplein square of Bruges. He/she will stay there in a cafe to give you additional information about sights, shopping

Subject to a minimum of 30 participants.

Flat and comfortable walking shoes recommended as there is walking over cobblestones.

This tour is will not have an official guide but instead will have a local escort.

This tour is wheelchair friendly and recommended if there is an assistant to push the wheelchair!

This tour will have an early departure from the ship.

This tour conflicts with Tour A and B.

HONFLEUR, France

Sunday, 29th April

A – The Landing Beaches (Full day with lunch) – approx. 9 hrs.

Veterans or history enthusiasts of World War II will not want to miss this journey to the settings of great events that took place in Normandy during June 1944.

Drive directly from Honfleur to Arromanches-les-Bains where memories will be evoked of “D-Day”, June 6, 1944, when the assault landing of the Allies took place on these shores. The Allied strategy will be revealed during your guided visit of the fascinating Landing Museum. Arromanches owes much of its fame to the “Mulberry” operation, the allied establishment of an artificial prefabricated port. Witness the remnants of these foundations, which served as critical elements of part of the Normandy invasion.

Proceed by motor coach to Port-en-Bessin where lunch is served at Mercure Omaha (or similar), a wonderful restaurant located in the heart of a sprawling golf course.

A profoundly moving experience awaits your visit to the American cemetery at Colleville St. Laurent where over 9,000 soldiers are laid to rest. Marble crosses stand aligned and at rest as they eternally gaze over Omaha Beach.

From Colleville, your coach will continue to Pointe du Hoc. Heavily fortified by the Germans, the Hoc Point served as an observation post. On June 6, 1944, American troops climbed the cliffs with rope ladders and triumphantly took over this important post.

With memories swirling in your mind of this important historic event, begin the relaxing journey back to Honfleur where the ship awaits your arrival.

A brief stop will be made in Honfleur for guests wishing to disembark for independent sightseeing. Remaining guests will be returned directly to the ship.

Subject to a minimum of 30 / maximum of 120 participants.

As this excursion involves walking over uneven surfaces, it is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties. It is recommended that guests dress in casual clothing and wear flat, comfortable shoes. The order of sights visited may vary.

This tour conflicts with Tour B, C and D.

B – Medieval Cities Bayeux & Caen (Full day with packed lunch) – approx. 8 hrs.

Your coach and your guide will invite you for a full day out through the Normandy.

Leaving the port of Honfleur you will drive to Bayeux for a visit of the cathedral ND of Bayeux, which was consecrated in 1077 by the Archbishop of Rouen and the Duke of Normandie. Also you will discover in Bayeux the “Tapestry of Queen Mathilda” an unique one in the world. Dated around 1066, this tapestry relates “the Battle of Hasting” between Harold of England and Guillaume of Normandy. The stake was the Crone of England. The visitor can read this masterpiece of embroidery like a book of images where the day to day is related : life at court, falcon hunt, vessels sailing to England, deals, battles, etc.. A real happiness.

After this historical visit you will continue your tour to Caen also named “Norman Athens” because of its community arts centre. The environment of Caen offers to the visitor a sweetness and a way of life quite comparable to its “bocage”, those small fields delimited by hedges and trees creating a pastoral scenery.

You will have some free time for your lunch in Caen before a visit of the town which relates in the same time the life of Guillaume (William the Conqueror), duke of Normandy. During a panoramic sightseeing tour you will get the castle from where you will discover the town of 100 belt towers. Afterwards you will pass by the “Abbaye aux Dames” (abbey for nuns). You will enjoy a stop at the “Abbaye aux Hommes” (abbey for monks) an impressive building of the 16th century where you will also find the town hall of Caen.

Before having time at leisure in the pedestrian street where are many shops, you will stop at the Saint Peter Church, a fabulous and remarkable monument built in the 12th century with some parts from the 14th, 15th and 16th century. The choir is a master piece of the Renaissance.

After this fabulous day-out in the past your coach will drive you back to Honfleur.

Subject to a minimum of 30 / maximum 130 participants.

Not suitable for persons who are wheelchair confined

Packed lunch content: sandwiches, boiled egg, crackers, cheese, dry cake, fruit and mineral water.

This tour conflicts with Tour A, C and D.

C – Rouen (Morning) – approx. 4 ½ hrs.

Rouen is one of France’s most historic cities with a wealth of beautiful churches, towers, fountains and houses to be discovered.

From Honfleur, your motor coach proceeds for approximately one and a half hours along the motorway toward the thriving port of Rouen. Founded at the lowest point where the Seine could

be bridged, Rouen has prospered through maritime trade and industrialization to become a rich and cultured city.

Proceed on foot to Vieux-Marché, the Old Market Square, where Joan of Arc was burned at the stake in 1431. Over 500 years later, she was named Patron Saint of France. The modern Joan of Arc Church, completed in 1979, includes a statue of her leaning against the church, facing the stake, plus stained glass from the 16th century.

Your approximately one and a half hour guided walking tour leads you down Rue du Gros-Horloge, the most evocative district of old Rouen. Once busy with tradespeople during the Middle Ages, it has successfully recaptured the original commercial role as a bustling pedestrian street with its large cobblestones and attractive 15th to 17th-century half-timbered houses. Admire the Gros-Horloge, the gilt Renaissance clock that indicates the time, day of the week and the phase of the moon, then view the Law Courts of Normandy's parliament and St. Maclou Church.

Before re-boarding your motor coach for the return to Honfleur, time is allotted for independent investigation of the narrow, cobblestone streets and their delightful quaint shops.

A brief stop will be made in Honfleur for guests wishing to disembark for independent sightseeing. Remaining guests will be returned directly to your ship.

Subject to a minimum of 30 participants.

As this excursion involves strenuous walking over uneven and cobbled surfaces, it is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties.

This excursion is recommended for guests who are physically fit. It is recommended that guests dress in casual clothing and wear flat, comfortable walking or sports shoes.

This tour conflicts with Tour A, B and D.

D – Deauville & Pays D'Auge (Morning) – approx. 4 hrs.

Become acquainted with the international resort town of Deauville and the Pays d'Auge region of Normandy on this enlightening half-day program.

Proceed aboard your deluxe motor coach out of Honfleur and along the Côte Fleurie, "The Flowery Coast." Planted along the coast are chic resorts that burst into bloom every summer. Among them is world famous Deauville. The dazzling luxury of this vacation mecca was created by Duc de Morny in the 1860s. After a brief orientation tour from your coach, walk independently along famous "Planches" or simply enjoy a piping-hot cup of coffee or tea.

Your excursion continues as you journey inland to the lush Pays d'Auge region. Upon arrival in Breuil en Auge, the doors to the lovely slate-roofed Château du Breuil are opened to you for a guided visit of the bright copper-silled distillery.

The Château was built between the 16th-17th Centuries and has often been the home to noteworthy families over the years. The Calvados age in deep oak casks in the cellar of the castle where you will sample the delectable product before your drive back to Honfleur.

Subject to a minimum of 30 /maximum 90 participants.

Participants must be a minimum 18 years to participate in the tasting.

This tour conflicts with Tour A, B and C.

LE VERDON, France

Tuesday, 1st May

A – Médoc & Bordeaux on your Own (Full day with packed lunch) – approx. 8 ½ hrs.



You will depart from the pier to the Médoc vineyards, driving along the famous 'Route des Châteaux'. A photo stop will be made at Château Lafite Rothschild or Château Pichon Longueville or any other famous wine château.

The Médoc wine road or 'Route des Châteaux' located between the Gironde estuary and the Landes Forest, provides magnificent views of vine-covered gravelly rises as far as the eye can see. Médoc vineyards are orderly and well-kept almost to the point of fanaticism, and the region's famous chateaux produce wines that are nothing short of divine: Moulis, Listrac, St. Julien, St. Estèphe, Pauillac, Médoc, Haut Médoc, Margaux (with the celebrated château of the same name).

You will visit the cellars of a Classified Great Growth Château such as Giscours, Kirwan, Prieuré Lichine, Lascombes, Rauzan-Gassies, Lynch-Bages... among many others! You will be explained the techniques of wine making. After a visit of the Château cellars, you will enjoy a tasting of 2 wines from the estate.

From the château you will go to Bordeaux, city which has been officially included on the list of UNESCO World Heritage sites. This distinction recognizes the beauty and unity of style of Bordeaux's architectural heritage, which has developed harmoniously over the centuries and remained remarkably well-preserved. The Bordeaux World Heritage site is the largest urban entity to be so honoured. It covers 1,810 hectares, or half of the city, from the outer boulevards to the banks of the Garonne.

After a short panoramic tour of the city, you will enjoy free time for lunch, independent exploration and/or shopping.

In the middle of the afternoon you will be driven back to the ship (approx. 2hrs drive time).

Subject to a minimum of 30 participants / maximum of 120 participants.

Comfortable and flat walking shoes recommended as this tour involves walking some walking and few stairs at the wine cellar.

Tour not recommended for passengers with walking difficulties cause possible steps and stairs at wine Château and long free time on own.

Participants must be a minimum 18 years to participate in the tasting.

Packed lunch content: sandwiches, boiled egg, crackers, cheese, dry cake, fruit and mineral water.

Please note this tour conflicts with Tour B, C and transfer D.

B – Bordeaux on your Own (Full day packed lunch) – approx. 8 ½ hrs.



This transfer is designed for those who would like to explore Bordeaux on their own.

It consists of a 2-hours coach ride during which the guide will provide information of the region and Bordeaux and how to spend your day in such a beautiful city which has been officially included on the list of UNESCO World Heritage sites. This distinction recognizes the beauty and unity of style of Bordeaux's architectural heritage, which has developed harmoniously over the centuries and remained remarkably well-preserved. The Bordeaux World Heritage site is the largest urban entity to be so honoured. It covers 1,810 hectares, or half of the city, from the outer boulevards to the banks of the Garonne.

During your way to Bordeaux, a photo stop will be made at Château Lafite Rothschild or Château Pichon Longueville or any other famous wine château.

Upon arrival and after a short panoramic tour of the city, you will have around 3h30 to explore the city, shop, and eat lunch before returning to the meeting place and taking the coach back to the ship.

Subject to a minimum of 30 participants.

Comfortable flat walking shoes are suggested.

Packed lunch content: sandwiches, boiled egg, crackers, cheese, dry cake, fruit and mineral water.

Please note this tour conflicts with Tour A, C and transfer D.

C – Médoc Vineyards (Morning) – approx. 4 hrs.

You will depart from the pier to the Médoc vineyards, driving along the famous 'Route des Châteaux'. A photo stop will be made at Château Lafite Rothschild or Château Pichon Longueville or any other famous wine château.

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After a visit of the Château cellars, you will enjoy a tasting of 2 wines from the estate.

After the visit you be driven back to the ship (approx. 1hour drive time).

Subject to a minimum of 30 participants / maximum of 120 participants.

Comfortable and flat walking shoes recommended. Few steps and stairs at the wine cellar.

Participants must be a minimum 18 years to participate in the tasting.

Please note this tour conflicts with Tour A, B and transfer D.

D – Transfer to Soulac-sur-Mer (Full day with packed lunch) – max. duration 8 ½ hrs.



Transfer from pier to the Town of Soulac-sur-Mer, located at about 8km, where you will have time at leisure to explore this seaside resort which has been a shining example of how tradition and modernity can work in harmony since the late 19th century.

Through the years, and thanks to much effort, Soulac has become the 'Pearl of the Silver Coast'. UNESCO's recent classification of the basilica Notre-Dame-de-la-Fin-des-Terres on the World Heritage List, confirms the importance of its architectural legacy. Soulac is a classified old village where nearly 500 villas have been built in neo-colonial style which makes the special charm of this village.

Right near to the transfer bus stop takes place every morning the typical market of Soulac. Within the pedestrian street going straight ahead to the beautiful seaside, you can find souvenir shops, banks, post-office, cafés and restaurants.

Subject to a minimum of 40 participants.

The ticket is valid for a return trip (ship – town of Soulac – ship).

Packed lunch content: sandwiches, boiled egg, crackers, cheese, dry cake, fruit and mineral water.

This transfer is not guided.

Please note this transfer conflicts with Tour A and B.

BILBAO, Spain

Wednesday, 2nd May

A – San Sebastian (Full day with packed lunch) – approx. 7 ½ hrs.

Discover San Sebastian, also called "The Pearl of Sea", a charming Belle Epoque resort

In San Sebastian, that was made popular by Queen Maria Cristina in the late 19th century and was popular among the Spanish nobleza ever since, you will see and pass by the Cathedral of the Buen Pastor, Town Hall, Gardens of Miramar, etc.

You will stop for lunch at the Old Quarter with its countless shops, bars and squares.

You will have a photo stop at Monte Igueldo offering spectacular views of the city and its oyster-shaped bay "La Concha".

Subject to a minimum of 30 participants.

This tour involves an extensive amount of walking; comfortable shoes recommended.

Packed lunch content: sandwiches, boiled egg, crackers, cheese, dry cake, fruit and mineral water.

Please note this tour conflicts with Tour B and C.

B – Guggenheim Museum & Bilbao (Morning) – approx. 5 hrs.

Visit the architecturally impressive and surprising Guggenheim Museum, a work of art in itself. On your way to the Museum, you will have a short panoramic tour of Bilbao and stop at Artxanda Hill, a viewpoint that offers spectacular views of the city and the Guggenheim Museum.

After your visit to the Guggenheim Museum you will enjoy a walk around the Old Quarter of Bilbao, the most popular area of the city, where you will see the Teatro Arriaga, el Arenal, the old stevedoring port and today one of the favourite promenades of the citizens of Bilbao, the San Nicholas Church, the Plaza Nueva, etc.

Afterwards, you will return to the port.

Subject to a minimum of 30 / maximum 120 participants.

This tour is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties as there is almost 3 hours of moderate walking inside the Museum and in the Old Quarter. Flat, some steps and cobblestone streets at the Old Quarter.

The Guggenheim Museum is a museum of contemporary art.

Each guide can give explanations inside the Guggenheim Museum to a maximum of 20 guests, therefore each coach may divide into two groups for the museum visit.

This tour conflicts with Tour A and C.

C – Guernica & the Biscaine Coast (Morning) – approx. 5 ½ hrs.

Discover the Biscaine Coast during this tour. First you will visit Bermeo, one of the most important fishing ports on the Cantabrian coastline, where you will go for a guided walking tour through this charming little town. You will also have some free time to explore the area at your leisure.

Passing by Urdaibai viewpoint, you will continue to Guernica, the former capital of the Basque country and ancient meeting place of local lords and kings. You will visit the Casa de Juntas, where the Basque Parliament convenes since 1979 and conclude your visit with some refreshments and an aperitif before returning to the pier.

Subject to a minimum of 30 participants.

This tour involves moderate walking in Bermeo and easy walking in Guernica, The Parliament cannot be visited if a session is in progress.

This tour conflicts with Tour A.

LA ROCHELLE, France

Thursday, 3rd May

A – La Rochelle City Tour (Morning) – approx. 3 ½ hrs.

Discover the town of La Rochelle with its picture postcard harbor; medieval fortifications and breathtaking skyline on your half-day excursion by air-conditioned motorcoach.

Begin with a scenic drive along the picturesque sea front of La Rochelle; la Corniche the elegant gardens of Le Mail, the Harbor and its two towers: St. Nicolas' Tower and Tour de la Chaine. In the Middle Ages; they were built to safely close off the harbor each night; today they are the town's dramatic emblems.

The Great Clock gives access to the Old District where your walking exploration will begin of medieval La Rochelle's old town with its ancient arcades that once sheltered the 16th century

craftsmen and streets paved with cobblestones brought over as ballast in ships sailing from Canada.

Along the way you will discover the wealth of architecture from many different periods: 15th and 16th century half-timbered houses; the splendid 18th century Hotel de la Bourse, the Law Court with its Corinthian façade and the Renaissance style house of Henry II. The imposing Town Hall features a Renaissance lodge in the courtyard and the monumental staircase.

You will have some free time to independently explore this interesting town.

The return journey takes you through the very fine gardens established on the site of the ancient ramparts. Before re boarding your ship you will pass the commercial harbor of La Pallice; once used as the submarine base during the Second World War.

Subject to a minimum of 30 participants.

Comfortable and flat walking shoes recommended.

This tour conflicts with Tour B and C.

B – Isle de Ré (Morning) – approx. 4 hrs.

Not far from the special cruise pier of La Rochelle, beautiful Ile de Ré is accessible by an elegantly constructed, arc-shaped bridge – three kilometers (nearly two miles) long. We will see the full charms of the island with its long beaches, maritime pine forests and typical villages: La Flotte, St Martin, St Clement, Ars, La Courade.

Our first stop will be to discover the charms of the port of St Martin de Ré, capital of the island and its fortifications. We proceed along the North Coast to the Phare Des Baleines. Large numbers of whales washed up on the shores of Saint-Clément-des-Baleines during the Roman period hence the name of the lighthouse (57 metres high). Guests have the possibility to climb up the 260 steps at their own cost. At its foot La Conche beach lies justly considered to be one of the most beautiful beaches of the island.

We return to the mainland by the south coastline passing via Ars en Ré and all the salt marshes, along La Courade and Le Bois-Plage viewed from the coach, before returning to the ship.

Subject to a minimum of 30 participants.

Comfortable and flat walking shoes recommended.

Total walking time approx. 45 min at St: Martin; guests have the choice to climb up the Whale Lighthouse, but there are 257 steps to negotiate.

This tour conflicts with Tour A and C.

C – The Green Venice (Morning) – approx. 4 hrs.

From La Rochelle your bus will drive you to Coulon, a small village situated on the right bank of the River “La Sèvre”. Located between Maillé and Niort, The “Green Venice” is one of the most astonishing site. Country of waterways and green silence, these wet marshes offer unique and original scenery.

Free time in Coulon before a drive to La Repentie where you will embark for an one-hour ride inside the “Green Venice” the Marshland of Poitou-Charentes. The Marshland is listed as an Regional Natural Park which is a mark of an exceptional inheritance of the main humid zone of the Atlantic Coast.

This part of France offers to its visitors a fabulous return to the nature as it was 3 centuries ago. When you will slide on the water, in a complete silence you might see ashen or crimson herons, plovers, swans, snipes and thousands of pewits resting in the land or hundreds of wild goose coming back from Spain (depending of the season). Without to see the depth because of duckweed on top of the river which forms a real emerald carpet, maybe the red hand will catch you ! The children are still afraid by this legend.

During your ride your boat will sail through tunnels made of ash trees and poplars, and the fields around which are properties of rich farmers they will remain the past when the rebels named “Chouans” decided to fight against the Republicans. From your seat you will also discover small little villages that belong to the fabulous landscape of “The Green Venice”.

Before the end of your excursion your boatman will impress you with local fire-eaters But is it again a legend?

You will drive to your ship.

Subject to a minimum of 30 / maximum 200 participants.

Comfortable and flat walking shoes recommended.

Boat captains speak limited English.

This tour conflicts with Tour A and B.

BREST, France

Friday, 4th May

A – Quimper (Morning) – approx. 4 hrs.

Setting out from the pier, journey for approximately one hour by air-conditioned motor coach to Quimper; the ancient capital of Cornouaille. Having a distinctly Breton character; Quimper gets its name from kemper; a Breton word which means the confluence of two rivers; at both the Steir and Odet flow through this relaxed; cathedral city. Your guided walking tour begins with an exploration of the twin-spires St. Corenthin's Cathedral.

Dominating the skyline of Quimper; the Cathedral's construction began in 1240 and ended in the 15th Century. It was not until 1856 that the two spires were added; symbolizing wealth and the originality of Gothic art in Brittany. The Cathedral itself is the earliest Gothic building in Lower Brittany and has a strong Norman influence. Witness the vibrant stained-glass windows; dating from the 15th-19th Centuries.

The city itself, once completely walled has retained the aspect of a fortified town with a covered way and watchtower; dating from the 15th and 16th Centuries.

Since 1690; Quimper is famous also for its production of faience; elegant hand-painted pottery which often features decorative flowers and animals; framed by blue and yellow borders. Originally created as wedding presents and heirlooms; faience is now exported to collectors worldwide.

In this traditional setting discover independently the fine houses and handicrafts for approximately one hours before returning directly to the ship by motor coach.

Subject to a minimum of 30 participants.

Comfortable Shoes recommended.

Moderate to strenuous walking over uneven and cobblestone ground-tour not suitable for persons who are wheelchair confined.

Please note this tour conflicts with Tour B and C.

B – Locronan (Morning) – approx. 4 hrs.

Departure from pier and drive to Locronan.

Locronan is a little town, which once prospered from the manufacture of sail clothes. Traces of its Golden age are to be found in its granite houses built during the Renaissance, old well, large church and pretty chapel.

Walking guided visit of Locronan: Saint Ronan church and the Penity Chapel form a harmonious ensemble. The 15c. Church is remarkable for its unity of style and stone vaulting. The decoration of the pulpit relates the life of saint Ronan and the 15c. stained glasses depict scenes of the passion.

After the visit, leisure time will be allowed to discover the fine houses and the craft workshops.

Drive back from Locronan to Brest.

Subject to a minimum of 30 / maximum 66 participants.

Comfortable Shoes recommended.

Walking at convenience - This tour is not suitable for handicapped persons - Cobblestones streets in Locronan

Please note this tour conflicts with Tour A and C.

C – Mythical Coast (Morning) – approx. 4 hrs.

Departure from the pier

Drive to PLOUGUERNAU where the highest lighthouse in Europe is found. The drive continues along the Abers Coast, past golden sandy beaches and ever-changing landscapes. Since the 5th century this Leon country has held secrets and memories of Welsh and Irish immigrants, on their way to Christianise Brittany. Local people imagination has made it the Coast of Legends.

The legends and abers trail invites you to discover the peculiar coastline : a mixture of small capes, rocky islets and large estuaries (abers). Travelling along the Coast of Legends, you may find yourself following the footsteps of Saint Pol Aurelien.

Just before reaching the little harbour of PORSALL, you will see the ABER WRAC'H and the ABER BENOIT and the charm of their deeply indented coastline.

Next the rocky promontory of the SAINT MATHIEU POINT will come into sight. There, the ruins of Saint Mathieu Abbey stand proudly. The beauty of this site will cast a spell on and you will have time to wander around the site.

Drive back to Brest

Subject to a minimum of 30 participants.

Comfortable Shoes recommended.

Walking at convenience - This tour is not suitable for handicapped persons - please note that there is 10 minutes walking at Pointe St Mathieu to reach the lighthouse.

Please note this tour conflicts with Tour A and B.

ST MALO, France

Sunday, 5th May

A – Mont Saint Michel (Full day with packed lunch) – approx. 7 ½ hrs.

Mont St. Michel is considered one of the great religious sites in all of Europe, and often compared to St. Peter's, Chartres and Durham. First built following the appearance of Archangel Michael to the Bishop of Avranches, the abbey is constructed at the summit of an immense granite precipice 250 feet above the sea - a monument to the heyday of Norman power and influence in the world. Mont St Michel makes its strongest impression when seen from a distance, on the approach from a 5-mile long causeway at Pontorson where Mont St. Michel joins the mainland.

Once at the abbey, your visit by foot involves numerous stairs and steep paths - yet you are rewarded with magnificent views at every juncture.

Free time is afforded to stroll the labyrinth of streets, browse the shops, and take in this magnificent architectural achievement.

Following your exploration of the mount, return to the ship along the coastal road passing small towns and traditional fishing harbours along the way.

Subject to a minimum of 30 participants.

This tour involves an extensive amount of walking; comfortable shoes recommended.

Inside the abbey, proper attire is required (no shorts or bare shoulders); flash photography is not permitted.

Due to its great popularity; large crowds of visitors must be expected at the site: Tour requires heavy walking; uphill and downhill and on cobblestones. To reach the very top takes climbing between 197-350 steps...

The parking for coaches is situated at 700m from the public shuttle buses area. Large motor coaches are not allowed to enter Le Mont St Michel anymore. Guests must be prepared to walk about 700m (approx

20-30 min walk) from parking lot to public shuttle buses pick-up area. Public shuttle buses will be operated every 4-5 minutes. It takes approx 6-7 minutes to go to downhill Mont St Michel. Guests might need to wait (waiting time will depend on the tourist crowds) before entering a public shuttle bus. Note that this may affect the tour timing. Same thing for the return from Le Mont St Michel to parking lot. Packed lunch content: sandwiches, boiled egg, crackers, cheese, dry cake, fruit and mineral water.
Please note this tour conflicts with Tour B.

B – Dinan & Dinard (Morning) – approx. 4 hrs.

Leaving Saint Malo, the "Corsair's City," this tour takes you up the Rance River to Brittany's finest jewel--Dinan, a medieval city which provides art, culture, and history. With more than a thousand years of history behind it, this charming town will entice you with many treasures.

Visit the ramparts, the Basilica Saint Sauveur, and then stroll the old streets lined with half-timbered houses and old mansions. Discover the world of the Middle Ages as it is living again through the traditional skills of the craftsmen of Dinan.

Then following down the river, you will reach Dinard, a seaside resort on the Rance Estuary. This elegant town offers you the charm of la Belle Époque with very special houses and mansions whose architecture recalls the "Marine' style." Delights of Dinard are the coastline with enormous villas perched on top of the cliffs and the Promenade du Clair de Lune where, sheltered from the winds, there is an amazing variety of Mediterranean vegetation. A true Breton Riviera!

On the return to Saint Malo, you will pass by the Rance tidal power scheme, a power station unique in Europe. It is a modern version of the old tide mill and has an outstanding view over the Rance Estuary. Then you will arrive at the port of Saint-Malo.

Subject to a minimum of 30 participants.

Easy walking but not recommended for people wheelchair confined.

Please note this tour conflicts with Tour A.

GENERAL INFORMATION & CONDITIONS

To enhance the enjoyment of your cruise, we have created a programme of optional shore excursions designed to show you the highlights of each of our ports of call. Our Shore Excursions Manager will be pleased to assist you with your choice of tours to help you make the most of your time ashore.

HOW TO BOOK

BOOKING ON BOARD

Just complete the booking form with your tour selections and hand it in at the Shore Excursions Desk in the Reception area. Opening hours and details of the times when bookings close will be featured in the daily programme.

PAYMENT

Payments are debited to your shipboard account and the Shore Excursion Manager will ask you to sign your agreement that the tours to be charged are correct and will then issue your tickets accordingly.

EXCURSION TIMINGS

The duration times shown on the booking form are approximate. Please consult the daily programme, which will direct you to assemble in the Main Lounge fifteen minutes prior to a tour's scheduled departure. A member of staff will escort each group of participants to the quayside and the coaches at the appropriate time.

All excursions are subject to a minimum and maximum number of participants.

In ports where both morning and afternoon excursions have been proposed, the timings have, wherever possible, been arranged so passengers may, if they wish, take advantage of more than one excursion per day. Lunchtime is scheduled in advance, but passengers selecting two half-day excursions should be aware its duration may be limited.

EXCURSION PRICES

The prices include transport and entrance fees, meals, drinks and guides where indicated, according to the published itinerary. Teenagers between the ages of 12 to 18 years will be charged full adult prices. Children under 12 years of age are entitled to 30% discount on the half-day and full day tours. Children under two years old are not deemed to be occupying a seat and will therefore not be charged for the tours and do not require a ticket.

REFUNDS

Excursions may be cancelled or modified depending on the number of guests participating. Most excursions require a minimum number of guests to operate. If the minimum is not met, excursions may be cancelled by the Tour Operator and full refund will be issued. It should be noted that excursions operate rain or shine.

We regret that we are unable to refund the cost of tours which are cancelled by passengers after bookings close, unless the cancellation is for medical reasons duly certified by the Ship's Doctor. Please note that no refund is payable in respect of meals not taken on board ship.

VIDEO AND CAMERA FEES

Whenever available information about video cameras and camera fees will be conveyed. We cannot be held responsible if passengers are required to pay fees we were not been informed about.

PASSENGERS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

Passengers under 18 years of age will not be able to participate in shore excursions unless accompanied by a parent or responsible adult.

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We recommend that you wear appropriate clothing and flat, comfortable shoes, as some walking will be necessary to gain full enjoyment from the excursion programme. When visiting churches and other religious sites, conservative dress will be required. When visiting the mosques and some temples shoes must be taken off, we recommend that you bring along some thick socks. When going ashore we suggest that you do not wear expensive jewellery or carry more cash and credit cards than necessary.

PASSENGERS WITH SPECIAL MOBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Please note that access on certain forms of transport and entrance to some attractions, visitor sites and venues may be restricted. Should you have any concerns whatsoever about the suitability of any of our tours, we strongly advise you to discuss it with the Shore Excursion Manager prior the reservation of the tours.

Guest requiring the use of a wheelchair on excursions must be accompanied by an able bodied companion to assist and must provide their own collapsible chair.

SMOKING

For the comfort of all passengers, smoking is not permitted aboard tour coaches.

RESTORATION WORK

Please note that restoration work on certain buildings or sights in a port of call may involve the use of scaffolding and/or screens, which may impair the view.

GUIDES SPEAKING SPECIFIC LANGUAGES

In order to guarantee a guide speaking a specific language (if available), a minimum of 20 participants per excursion is required.

Please note that in certain ports it is difficult to find guides speaking Swedish or Norwegian language and in a considerable number of ports only guiding in English is available. In these circumstances and whenever possible a staff member will escort the group in order to translate.

TRANSPORTATION

Guests should consider that standards of transportation vary considerably throughout the world. Air-conditioned motor coaches are not available in many areas. In some destinations, local buses are the best available. Guests wishing to join the tours with their fellow travellers should leave the ship together, as this will help the shore excursion staff to allocate sufficient space in the same vehicle. Passengers who leave during a tour, for which transportation is included, must thereafter provide for their own transportation and services at their own expense. Passengers who do not join these pre-arranged shore excursions must rely on whatever transportation is available in each port.

LIABILITY

The provisions in these Terms and Conditions presented herewith govern the company liability towards passengers in respect of Shore Excursions. Participation by a passenger in Shore Excursions is upon such passenger's acceptance of the present terms and conditions. Participation may also be subject to the independent tour operators' own terms and conditions.

Shore Excursions are performed by independent local Shore Excursion providers. The company acts only as an agent for such independent Shore Excursion operators and does not provide or supply the excursion services. We will exercise reasonable care and skill in selecting the excursion providers and require them to comply with all relevant local, national and/or international standards and legislation.

The health, safety and comfort of our passengers is paramount. We therefore require all Shore Excursion providers to have insurance and to have and to adhere to their own safety management rules and systems. The company shall have no liability for claims of loss, damage, injury, or death under any circumstances whatsoever arising out of passenger(s) participating in excursions and/or activities operated by independent Shore Excursion providers. The company assumes no responsibility or liability for any goods purchased while participating in a Shore Excursion.

INSURANCE

The company recommends that you obtain insurance protection before leaving home against loss or damage to baggage and personal effects, trip cancellation and emergency evacuations, accidental death or injury, illness and medical expenses sustained or incurred in connection with your voyage. We cannot assume liability for baggage or other personal effects lost or damaged while those items are in the custody of an airline, hotel or other service providers. For further information, should you require, please consult with your travel agent.

IMPORTANT NOTES

For the safety and assurance of passengers, all the tours are operated under the management of responsible and experienced local agents. Only the authorized Shore Excursion Manager on board is permitted to arrange or accept payment for such excursions or act as an excursion agent during the cruise.

Passengers are cautioned not to leave anything behind or unattended during the tour, especially items such as identity documents, cash, debit or credit cards, medicines, valuables, cameras, mobile phones, coats, umbrellas or other items, and are reminded that the Company is not liable for any loss of, or damage to any baggage or other property which occurs ashore, for any reason whatsoever.

The information represents the shore excursion plans and intentions at the time (August 2011). Subsequent events may cause us unavoidably to change our plans, which could affect the published itineraries and/or fares. In the event of such changes or alterations, wherever possible you will be advised in advance, and thus all information must be considered as subject to alteration.