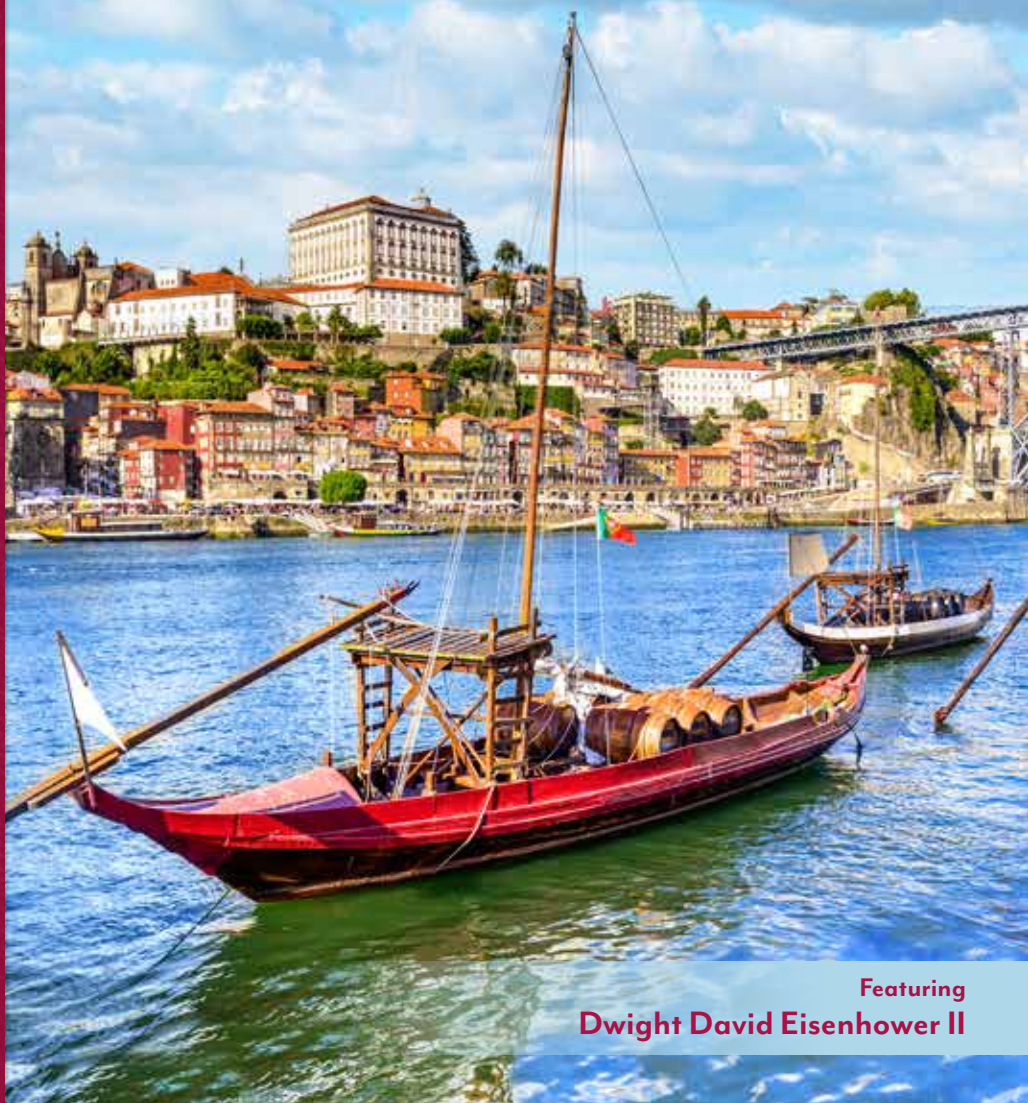




May 3 to 12, 2025

# European Coastal Cruise



Featuring  
**Dwight David Eisenhower II**

# Tapestry of Civilizations



Retrace a mystical pilgrimage, discover modern architectural marvels, ascend to the top of a Gothic medieval masterpiece and remember the fallen at the D-Day beaches of Normandy as you connect the past to the present on this eight-night, deluxe small ship itinerary. Cruise from Lisbon to London on a culinary and cultural odyssey that takes you to four countries — each offering a unique lens on the stories of European coastal civilizations that have played a pivotal role in world history. In Portugal, explore the ancient city of Porto, UNESCO-designated for its Romanesque monuments, and walk in the path of faithful pilgrims at Santiago de Compostela. Visit the iconic Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain, and marvel at the UNESCO-inscribed Mont-Saint-Michel, which appears to be suspended above the sea along the coast of France. Spend a poignant day learning about the World War II Battle of Normandy, walking the solemn beaches in the company of special guest speaker Dwight David Eisenhower II — grandson of President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Your journey concludes in England with a dramatic cruise up the River Thames. Savor the sights and sounds of London as you spend your final night docked within view of the iconic Tower Bridge — an experience you'll never forget.

Front cover: *Traditional rabello boat on Duoro River, Porto, Portugal.*

This page: *Aerial view of Arromanches, Normandy, France.*





Dear DU Alumni, Family, and Friends,

From the old-world sophistication of Portugal and the artistic verve of Spain's Basque country to the historic D-Day beaches of Normandy, France, and the regal majesty of London, a riveting canvas of influential seaports awaits you on this deluxe, small ship itinerary. Cruise to four European coastal nations — Portugal, Spain, France and England — aboard the exclusively chartered, **World Traveller**, featuring only 95 suites and staterooms. Dock in small ports of call inaccessible to larger vessels and enjoy luxurious, ocean-view accommodations, globally inspired cuisine and attentive, personal service.

Visit three UNESCO World Heritage sites, including ancient Porto, the sacred Santiago de Compostela and the magnificent island monastery of Mont-Saint-Michel. Savor the Basque culinary delights of Bilbao, where you may also choose to tour Frank Gehry's visionary Guggenheim Museum. Walk the hallowed D-Day beaches of Normandy with special guest speaker Dwight David Eisenhower II, grandson of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower, and cruise up the River Thames to spend one night on the ship a mere stone's throw from Tower Bridge in the heart of London.

This amazing program features at least one included excursion in each port with options to customize your journey at no extra cost with a choice of activities. We urge you to reserve now while space and early booking savings are available.

With gratitude,

Sarah Doody

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For more information about this program, call Gohagan & Company at (800) 922-3088 and ask for the passenger care advocate handling the program.

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## GUEST SPEAKER



### Dwight David Eisenhower II

Grandson of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Dwight David Eisenhower II is a noted historian of World War II and the Cold War. His 1986 bestseller, *Eisenhower: At War 1943–1945*, was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in

History. Eisenhower received a B.A. in history cum laude from Amherst College. Following graduation, he served in the United States Naval Reserve for three years as an officer on the USS Albany; shortly afterward, he earned his J.D. cum laude from The George Washington University Law School. Today, Eisenhower is Senior Fellow of the Foreign Policy Research Institute and a Public Policy Fellow at the Annenberg School of Communication and the School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania, where he teaches “Communication and the Presidency.”

His lectures will feature:

#### ***Operation Overlord***

The concept, planning and personalities behind the D-Day invasion

#### ***Triumph and Tragedy***

Big-picture consequences of the Allied forces’ Normandy landings



# A Mystical Pilgrimage



*Bronze Statues at Monte del Gozo pointing the way to Santiago de Compostela (right)*



The mystical story of Santiago de Compostela begins in the ninth century when a hermit named Pelagius reported seeing a field of stars that led him to an ancient tomb containing three bodies — that of Saint James the Great, one of Jesus' apostles, and two of his followers. It is believed that the body of Saint James (also known as Santiago, the patron saint of Spain) was carried to the coast after his death in 44 A.D. and put in a stone boat that was guided by angels to Padrón and then transported to the tomb that Pelagius would be miraculously called to more than 800 years later. Christian pilgrims soon began following the Camino de Santiago pathway to repent for their sins and visit the tomb at Santiago de Compostela. Today, this UNESCO-designated site is one of the most sacred pilgrimage destinations in the world. Your Santiago de Compostela excursion includes a tour of the old town and a visit to the hallowed sanctuary of the martyred saint. Marvel at the Romanesque and Baroque styles on its interior and see the silver urn that contains Saint James' ashes.



*Follow the Camino de Santiago*

## INCLUDED FEATURES

- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if you purchased air through Gohagan & Company and your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
- ◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- ◆ Complimentary bottled water in your suite or stateroom and on excursions.
- ◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
- ◆ Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
- ◆ Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
- ◆ Hospitality desk aboard the ship.
- ◆ Meals included as noted in the itinerary (B,L,R,D).



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## 2025 | 10-DAY/9-NIGHT ITINERARY

### Depart Home City

#### Day 1 | May 3

Depart your home city on an overnight flight to Portugal.

### Lisbon, Portugal/Embark World Traveller

#### Day 2 | May 4

Arrive in Lisbon and transfer to a group hospitality room and enjoy lunch on your own. Later this afternoon, embark the deluxe **World Traveller**. (D)

### Leixões for Porto

#### Day 3 | May 5

Dock in Leixões and transfer to Porto, a former Roman outpost and center of port wine trade since the 13th century. The cultural legacy of the Moors finds expression in Porto's rich architectural details.

Enjoy a guided walking tour of medieval Ribeira, Porto's historical center, declared a UNESCO World Heritage site for its living history status.

After lunch you may choose from one of two included activities. You may opt to taste some of Porto's famous port wine with cheese at a local winery. A second option is a tour of its medieval monuments, including the 19th-century Stock Exchange Palace — a grand building with British Neoclassical and Palladian influences. Inside you will find elaborate paintings, sculptures and décor of the period.

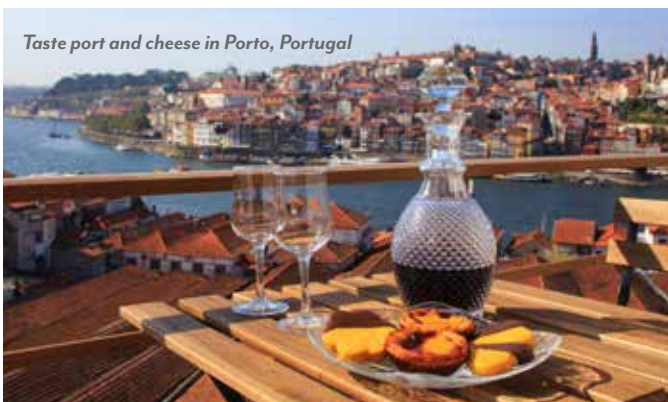
Attend the Captain's Welcome Reception this evening. (B,L,R,D)

### A Coruña, Spain, for Santiago de Compostela

#### Day 4 | May 6

Visit the UNESCO World Heritage site of Santiago de Compostela and stroll

Santiago Calatrava and Philippe Starck redefined the post-industrial skyline. An afternoon excursion in the city will give you two options for included activities. Take a panoramic tour of Bilbao, then choose between touring the Guggenheim's renowned art



along medieval stone streets to the Praza do Obradoiro square — flanked by the glorious Romanesque cathedral. As a pilgrimage site since the Middle Ages, the cathedral enshrines the tomb of Saint James and is recognized for its carved Baroque façade, original medieval portico and Churrigueresque altar. (B,L,D)

### Santander for Bilbao

#### Day 5 | May 7

Frank Gehry's titanium-clad Guggenheim Museum hailed Bilbao's cultural renaissance as modernist marvels from

collection or enjoy a Basque cooking demonstration. Conclude the day with a guided visit to the old quarter, followed by time at leisure. (B,L,D)

### Cruising the Bay of Biscay

#### Day 6 | May 8

Enjoy a lecture by Professor David Eisenhower on the ship while cruising the Bay of Biscay. (B,L,D)

### Saint-Malo, France, for Mont-Saint-Michel

#### Day 7 | May 9

Rising from a tidal plain that appears to be suspended above the sea, the UNESCO World



*Interior of the Stock Exchange Palace, Porto, Portugal*

Heritage-designated Mont-Saint-Michel is a sight of soaring spires isolated beyond a stretch of saltwater marsh.

This fortified village began as a humble oratory and became a renowned medieval center of learning. Cobblestone streets weave through the village, culminating in the Abbaye du Mont-Saint-Michel, a three-story Gothic masterpiece. Admire the serene cloisters, barrel-roofed réfectoire and Salle des Hôtes of the 13th-century La Merveille and the magnificent Église Abbatiale. (B,L,D)

### Caen for the Normandy Beaches

#### **Day 8 | May 10**

Travel to Caen and make the solemn pilgrimage with Professor David Eisenhower to the historic Normandy beaches,

site of the largest seaborne invasion in history.

After lunch, opt to continue to Arromanches to see the remnants of the Mulberry “A” harbor that was taken across the English Channel to support Allied landings on the Normandy beaches or choose to see the 230-foot-long Bayeux Tapestry, which chronicles the Norman Conquest of 1066. (B,L,D)

### Cruising the English Channel/River Thames, London, England

#### **Day 9 | May 11**

Attend a lecture on board this morning as you cruise the English Channel across the Strait of Dover and continue up the River Thames, a memorable passage possible only by small ship.

See Britain’s history revealed as you pass the towering skyline and take in monumental views of Greenwich’s Observation Tower, the Tower of London, Norman Foster’s emerald-hued Gherkin and Renzo Piano’s sky-piercing Shard.

Dock overnight alongside a famous D-Day-era warship in view of the Tower Bridge and admire the evening views. Attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception this evening. (B,L,D,R)

### London/Disembark ship/Return to Home City

#### **Day 10 | May 12**

Following breakfast, disembark and continue to the London Post-Tour Extension or transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B,L,D)



*Thames River, London*



## World Traveller

This newly constructed small ship, an intimate yacht appointed in retro-chic elegance, is able to dock in smaller ports inaccessible to larger ships. Each of the 95 deluxe suites and staterooms (up to 465 square feet) features a stunning ocean view, and most include a private balcony. All accommodations in your private haven at sea offer a queen-sized bed that can be separated into two twin beds, a private bathroom with spa shower, and luxury hotel-style amenities — including bath products from L’Occitane. Complimentary alcoholic/nonalcoholic beverages and Wi-Fi access are available throughout the cruise. All meals aboard ship are included, featuring culinary adventures that rival your discoveries ashore.



### 2025 DEPARTURE DATE

May 3 to May 12

(Embarkation: May 4)

Category-Description		Standard Rate	Early Booking \$1,000 Savings*
8	Stateroom with panoramic ocean view picture window. Deck 3.	\$7,890	\$6,890
7	Stateroom with <b>private balcony</b> and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5, forward.	\$9,190	\$8,190
6	Stateroom with <b>private balcony</b> and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5, midship.	\$10,090	\$9,090
5	Stateroom with <b>private balcony</b> and sitting area with sofa. Deck 6, midship.	\$10,990	\$9,990
4	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling <b>Juliet-style balcony</b> and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5, aft.	\$11,990	\$10,990
3	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling <b>Juliet-style balcony</b> and sitting area with sofa. Deck 6, aft.	\$12,890	\$11,890
2	Stateroom with balcony. Deck 6.	\$14,090	\$13,090
1	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling <b>Juliet-style balcony</b> and interior sitting area. Deck 6.	\$15,090	\$14,090
Journey Suite 2	Suite with <b>large private balcony</b> and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5.	\$16,190	\$15,190
Journey Suite 1	Suite with <b>large private balcony</b> and sitting area with sofa. Deck 6.	\$17,290	\$16,290
Discovery Suite	Suite with <b>larger private balcony</b> and separate living room with sofa. Deck 5.	\$18,390	\$17,390
Navigator Suite 2	Extra-large, one-bedroom Suite and separate living room with sofa and floor-to-ceiling ocean view, <b>large private balcony</b> , bathroom has a tub and two sinks. Deck 5.	\$19,490	\$18,490
Navigator Suite 1	Extra-large, one-bedroom Suite and separate living room with sofa and floor-to-ceiling ocean view, <b>large private balcony</b> , bathroom has a tub and two sinks. Deck 6.	\$20,490	\$19,490

**\*Early Booking Savings of \$1,000 are available when you book by 10/22/24 and pay in full at time of booking. If you pay only your deposit by early booking date, you still save \$500 per person.**

All rates are per person, based on double occupancy, including taxes.  
Single supplements apply to categories 6, 7, & 8 at 160% of the per person double price and subject to availability.  
All other categories are at 200%.

Port taxes in the amount of \$195 per person are included in the above prices. Deck plans available upon request.

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## PRE-TOUR EXTENSION

### Lisbon

**May 1 to May 4, 2025** (Program Begins: May 2)

Experience the cinematic streetscapes, medieval passageways and timeless rituals of Lisbon — one of Europe’s most visually appealing capitals that was famously known as the “city of spies” during World War II. Discover the best of the city on a walking tour, followed by an afternoon at leisure and an authentic Fado dinner experience. Savor breathtaking views on a scenic drive to Sintra, immortalized in English poetry by Lord Byron and noted for its natural beauty and resplendent palaces. Accommodations are for two nights in the **Corinthia Lisbon**, a deluxe hotel in the heart of the city.

**Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$1,095**

**Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$1,395**



## POST-TOUR EXTENSION

### London

**May 12 to May 14, 2025** (Program Ends: May 14)

Explore the storied history and vibrant modernity of London, a compelling city that continues to rewrite its narrative and make each visit more enjoyable than the last. See the legendary Tower of London and Westminster Abbey, both UNESCO World Heritage sites, on a city tour. Visit the Imperial War Museum and step into Churchill’s Cabinet War Room — a secret World War II bunker where the Prime Minister and his staff charted a course to victory. Spend two nights in the deluxe **InterContinental London Park Lane** hotel.

**Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$1,495**

**Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$1,895**

*Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.*

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