Celtic Lands

May 1, 2027 - May 10, 2027

Program Overview

Embark on an enriching eight-night journey to explore Celtic culture in France, the island of Guernsey, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. Aboard the Le Laperouse, your exclusive, deluxe small ship, set sail from Honfleur, France, and cruise to Fairlie, Scotland, immersing yourself in the region's rich history and cultural landmarks. Visit the D-Day battlefields in Normandy and gain insights during educational discussions about one of the most pivotal military campaigns of the 20th century with Dwight David Eisenhower II. In Wales, choose between exploring the UNESCO-listed Caernarfon Castle or strolling through the stunning Bodnant Garden. Then, discover the energy of Dublin, view the legendary Book of Kells and take advantage of free time to make your own discoveries in the vibrant city. Continue to Tobermory on the Isle of Mull and walk in the footsteps of history on the sacred Isle of Iona in the Inner Hebrides, home to the revered Iona Abbey. The trip is further enriched by soul-stirring performances of traditional Welsh airs, as well as authentic Irish music, offering a deeper appreciation for the region's musical heritage. Enhance your journey with a Pre-Extension in Paris or a Post-Extension in Glasgow and Edinburgh.

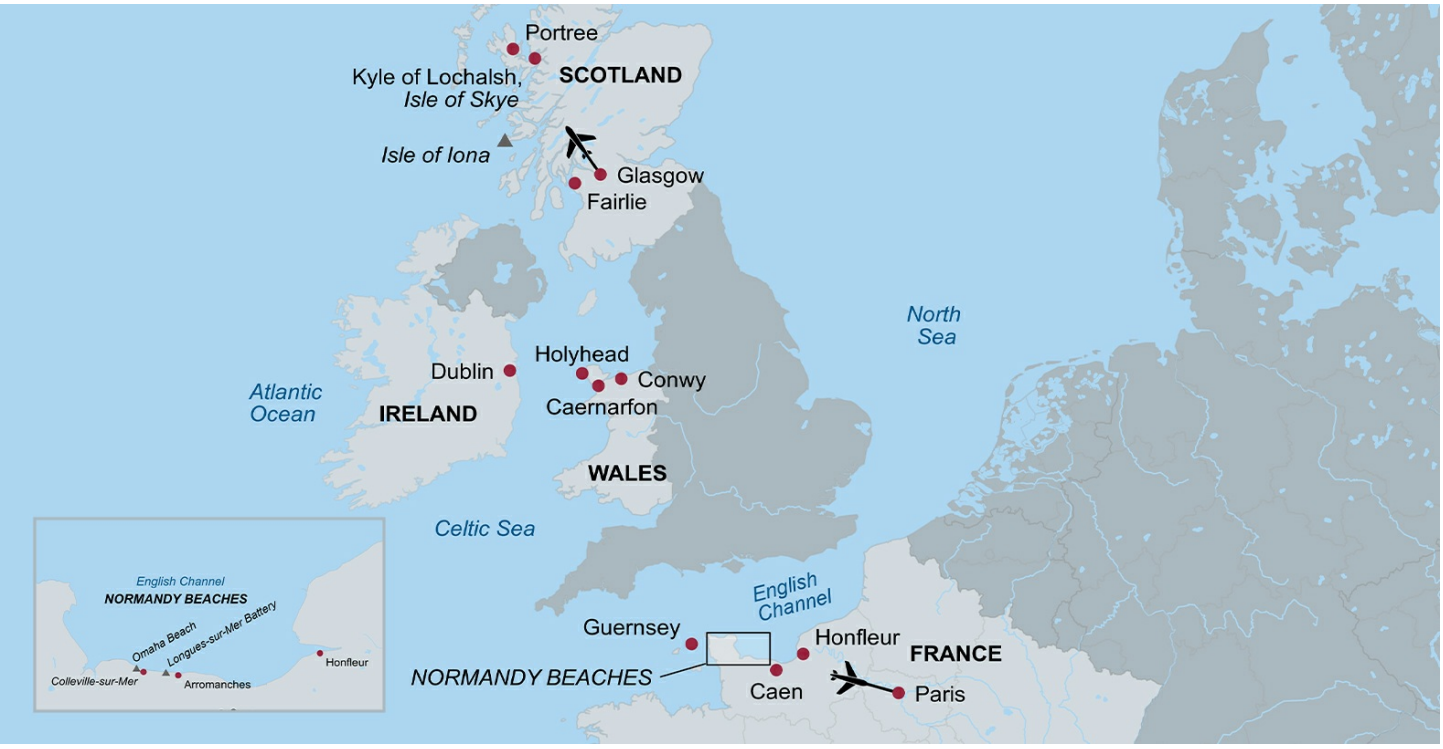
D-Day Landing

Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland

Abbey Ruins Flowers, Tresco, Isles of Scilly

Program Highlights

- Discover the Celtic legacy of France, Ireland, Wales and Scotland on an 8-night cruise from Honfleur, France, to Fairlie, Scotland, aboard the deluxe small ship Le Laperouse.
- Full-day Normandy excursion to Omaha beach and the Normandy American Cemetery.
- Featured Guest Speaker Dwight David Eisenhower II, grandson of President Dwight D. Eisenhower.
- Visits to the UNESCO World Heritage site Caernarfon Castle, Wales — and the Book of Kells, inscribed on the UNESCO Memory of the World Register.
- Included meals | 2 receptions, 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 8 dinners
- Paris and Giverny Pre-Tour Extension and Edinburgh and Glasgow Post-Tour Extension. (Available at additional cost.)



Day-by-Day Program Itinerary

- The Activity Level ratings indicate each excursion's physical expectations. To make the best personal choice, please evaluate each excursion's rating and your ability to meet the tour's physical demands.

Mild excursions involve:

- Walking for 1.5 hours or more over uneven terrain
- Walking on challenging surfaces: cobblestones, uneven paths and/or pavements
- Climbing stairs and hills and crossing rail tracks
- Ascending and descending narrow (and sometimes steep) gangplanks
- Stepping on and off motorcoaches with 3-6 steep steps

Moderate excursions could involve the above, plus:

- Walking for 3 hours for distances of a mile or more
- Walking on uneven terrain: narrow cobblestone streets, stone floors, and/or slippery surfaces. There may be several flights of stairs, some without railings

Active excursions could involve the above, plus:

- Walking on uneven terrain: sandy or rocky beaches and/or steep inclines
- Standing for 2 hours or more at a time, possibly without areas to sit
- Climbing 100 stairs or more
- Additional challenges, such as long jeep rides, bumpy boat rides or hikes

- Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives to active excursions may be available.

Day 1 | Depart Home City

Depart for Paris, France.

Day 2 | Paris, France | Honfleur | Embark

Arrive at Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport.

Transfer to Honfleur, your port of embarkation for your cruise. Get settled in your cabin aboard the Le Laperouse and get to know the ship. Join your group for a safety drill.

Enjoy dinner on the ship and gather with new friends to chat about the exciting journey ahead.

Day 3 | Caen | D-Day Sites

The ship arrives in Caen this morning for a day of exploring the sites of one of World War II's most significant battles, Operation Overlord.

Join Distinguished Guest Speaker Dwight David Eisenhower II, a noted historian and the grandson of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, for an insightful talk.

Normandy American Cemetery and Omaha Beach. In Colleville-sur-Mer, guest lecturer Professor Dwight D. Eisenhower II leads a guided walk through the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial. After, visit Omaha Beach, the six-mile stretch of beach assigned to U.S. troops. (Moderate)

Lunch will be served at a restaurant during the excursion. Join your group for a transfer to Arromanches, where you will have free time.

Welcome Reception and Dinner: Join your fellow travelers for a Captain's Welcome Reception and Dinner on board the ship this evening.

The ship departs Caen.

Day 4 | Guernsey, Channel Islands

Wake this morning to breakfast on board and a fantastic day of exploring Guernsey Island.

Join Dwight David Eisenhower II for another enriching talk.

Guernsey Island Tour. Embark on a memorable journey around Guernsey's breathtaking coastline, showcasing its natural beauty, history and cultural landmarks. Begin with a visit to the Little Chapel, one of the world's smallest churches, lovingly decorated with seashells, pebbles and colorful fragments of china. This charming, hand-built chapel offers a perfect photo opportunity and a glimpse into the island's unique religious heritage. Continue along the dramatic south coast, known for its rugged cliffs, scenic bays and panoramic sea views. A highlight of this section is Pleinmont Point, a windswept headland offering striking views of the Atlantic. It is also home to the Pleinmont

Observation Tower, a five-story concrete structure built by German forces during World War II. Between 1942 and 1945, this tower formed part of Hitler's Atlantic Wall — an extensive coastal defense system constructed during the Nazi occupation of the Channel Islands. Today, the tower stands as a stark reminder of Guernsey's wartime past and can sometimes be visited inside for a deeper historical experience. The experience concludes back in the island's charming capital, St Peter Port. (Moderate)

Dinner is served on the ship as we depart Guernsey.

Day 5 | Day at Sea

As you cruise today, take advantage of the time at sea to enjoy the amenities of the ship. Pamper yourself with a massage or fit in a workout at the gym. Later, you might want to meet friends at the Grand Salon. Dwight David Eisenhower II will also present another engaging lecture today.

Day 6 | Holyhead, Wales

Arrive in Holyhead, Wales, this morning. Holyhead is a port town on Holy Island (Ynys Gybi), which is linked to the larger Isle of Anglesey in northwest Wales. Set off on your chosen excursion.

Traveler's Choice | Choose ONE of the following included excursions:

Caernarfon Castle. Tour the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Caernarfon Castle, a fortress built by Edward I of England as a defense against the Welsh, who were resisting English rule. Completed in 1330, 47 years after construction began, the castle is considered to be one of the finest examples of medieval architecture. (Moderate)

Bodnant Gardens. With 80 acres of formal gardens, woodland, and meadows featuring botanical collections from around the world, and exotic and rare plants and trees, Bodnant Gardens is a world-renowned horticultural gem. Tour the gardens, which feature five Italianate terraces, wildflower meadows, two ponds and much more. (Moderate)

This afternoon, listen to a performance by a Welsh choir before the ship departs Holyhead. Welsh choirs are unique because they reflect a national identity woven through song — blending community, language and emotion in a way few other choral traditions do.

Day 7 | Dublin, Ireland

Arrive in Dublin this morning. Dublin is a vibrant, walkable city known for its rich history, friendly locals and lively pub culture. From its Viking roots and Georgian architecture to its deep literary legacy and powerful revolutionary past, Dublin offers layers of culture and charm.

Dublin Exploration. Get acquainted with the vibrant city of Dublin. Admire the city's highlights, including St. Patrick's Cathedral. Visit Trinity College to see the legendary Book of Kells, a richly decorated medieval manuscript of the four Gospels of the New Testament, written in Latin and illustrated with intricate artwork. It is considered a masterpiece of Insular art — a unique style that developed in the British Isles after the departure of the Romans. (Moderate)

Return to the ship for lunch.

Free time: Explore Dublin at your leisure this afternoon. You can enjoy world-class museums, traditional Irish music, green spaces like Phoenix Park and cozy streets filled with stories. Whether you're after the "craic," a pint of Guinness, or a glimpse into Ireland’s soul, Dublin delivers a warm and unforgettable experience.

This evening, musicians and dancers will entertain you with traditional Irish music and dancing.

Dinner is served on board.

Day 8 | Tobermory, Isle of Mull

Nestled on the northeastern coast of the Isle of Mull, the charming town of Tobermory is known for its brightly painted harbor and rich maritime history. Founded in 1788 as a fishing port, it later became associated with legends of shipwrecks, including a Spanish galleon said to have sunk in its bay. Enjoy an excursion that showcases its dramatic coastal scenery and heritage.
Return to the ship for dinner.

Day 9 | Iona, Scotland

Enjoy breakfast on board this morning as the ship approaches Iona, an island in Scotland’s Inner Hebrides. Home to the historic Iona Abbey, founded by St. Columba in 563 A.D., it attracts pilgrims and history lovers alike. The island’s stunning natural beauty — turquoise waters, white sandy beaches and rolling hills — makes it feel timeless and remote. With no cars, little noise and a deep sense of calm, Iona offers a unique chance to reflect, explore ancient ruins and connect with nature and heritage.

After lunch, disembark for an excursion.

Iona. On this emerald-green, teardrop-shaped island, experience an in-depth visit to Iona Abbey, founded in the year 563 and considered the birthplace of Christianity in Scotland. It was the monks of Iona who spread Christian ideas across Scotland and the north. St. Martin's Cross — dated to the eighth century — still stands by the roadside, and a replica of St. John's Cross is found by the doorway of the abbey. (Moderate)

Farewell Reception and Dinner: Join your fellow travelers for a Captain’s Farewell Reception and Dinner on board the ship this evening.

Day 10 | Fairlie | Glasgow | Return to Home City

Following breakfast, disembark the ship in Fairlie and transfer to Glasgow Airport for your return flight home. Arrive in your home city and go through immigration and customs.

Those who have reserved the Glasgow and Edinburgh Post-Cruise Extension should refer to the separate extension itinerary for more information.

Travel Expert

Dwight David Eisenhower II | Featured Guest Speaker

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.”

Accommodations

Ponant - Le Laperouse (Explorer Series I) -

Le Lapérouse

Aboard Le Lapérouse, Ponant’s intimate yacht, you'll enjoy an exclusive, private atmosphere with just a limited number of guests. This beautifully designed ship sails to iconic ports and hidden harbors that only smaller vessels can reach, offering a unique blend of adventure and luxury. Eco-friendly and equipped with innovative technology, Le Lapérouse offers spacious lounges that open to the exterior, enhancing your connection to the sea. The 92 elegantly decorated cabins and suites feature light, calming tones, private balconies, and stunning views. A standout feature of this extraordinary yacht is The Blue Eye, an underwater lounge where you can immerse yourself in the marine world below. Sailing under the French flag, Le Lapérouse promises an intimate, sophisticated journey in an ethnic chic ambiance, offering both comfort and discovery at every turn.

Dates & Rates

Travel Dates: May 1, 2027 - May 10, 2027

All rates are in U.S. dollars per person, based on double occupancy, unless otherwise stated, and include taxes. The deposit is $2000 per person. The Final Payment is due at least 150 days prior to departure. Single accommodations are subject to availability.

The Optional Extension(s) is available at an additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

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Extended Savings of $1,000 per person are available when you book by January 11, 2027. This offer is available for new bookings only and cannot be combined with any other offer.

Double Occupancy Rates

Category	Description	Standard Rate	Discount Rate
J	Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft | Deck 3, mid.	**$9495.00**	**$8495.00**
I	Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft | Deck 4, mid.	**$9995.00**	**$8995.00**
H	Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft | Deck 5, mid.	**$10495.00**	**$9495.00**
G	Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft | Deck 6, mid.	**$10995.00**	**$9995.00**
F	Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft | Deck 5, mid & aft.	**$11495.00**	**$10495.00**
E	Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft | Deck 6, mid & aft.	**$11995.00**	**$10995.00**
D	Suite with large private balcony; bathroom with shower; walk-in closet; sitting area with sofa. 291sq ft | Deck 3, mid.	**$12995.00**	**$11995.00**

C	Suite with large private balcony; bathroom with shower; walk-in closet; sitting area with sofa. 291 sq ft | Deck 4, mid.	$13995.00	$12995.00
B	Suite with large private balcony; bathroom with shower; walk-in closet; sitting area with sofa. 291 sq ft | Deck 5, mid.	$14995.00	$13995.00
A	Suite with large private balcony; bathroom with shower; walk-in closet; sitting area with sofa. 291 sq ft | Deck 6, mid.	$15995.00	$14995.00
PV	Suite with larger private balcony; bathroom with shower; walk-in closet; sitting area with sofa. 344 sq ft | Decks 5 & 6, aft.	$16495.00	$15495.00
GS	Two-room suite with extra-large private terrace; bathroom with separate tub & shower; additional half bath; sitting area with sofa. 484 sq ft | Deck 6, aft.	$17995.00	$16995.00
OS	Two-room suite with oversized private terrace with outdoor Jacuzzi; bathroom with separate tub & shower; additional half bath; sitting area with sofa. 484 sq ft | Deck 5, aft.	$18495.00	$17495.00

Single Occupancy Rates

Category	Description	Standard Rate	Discount Rate
I	Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft | Deck 4, mid.	$15990.00	$14990.00
H	Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft | Deck 5, mid.	$16790.00	$15790.00
G	Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft | Deck 6, mid.	$17590.00	$16590.00
F	Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft | Deck 5, mid & aft.	$18390.00	$17390.00
J	Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft | Deck 3, mid.	$18990.00	$17990.00
E	Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft | Deck 6, mid & aft.	$19190.00	$18190.00

D	Suite with large private balcony; bathroom with shower; walk-in closet; sitting area with sofa. 291sq ft | Deck 3, mid.	**$25990.00**	**$24990.00**
C	Suite with large private balcony; bathroom with shower; walk-in closet; sitting area with sofa. 291 sq ft | Deck 4, mid.	**$27990.00**	**$26990.00**
B	Suite with large private balcony; bathroom with shower; walk-in closet; sitting area with sofa. 291 sq ft | Deck 5, mid.	**$29990.00**	**$28990.00**
A	Suite with large private balcony; bathroom with shower; walk-in closet; sitting area with sofa. 291 sq ft | Deck 6, mid.	**$31990.00**	**$30990.00**
PV	Suite with larger private balcony; bathroom with shower; walk-in closet; sitting area with sofa. 344 sq ft | Decks 5 & 6, aft.	**$32990.00**	**$31990.00**
GS	Two-room suite with extra-large private terrace; bathroom with separate tub & shower; additional half bath; sitting area with sofa. 484 sq ft | Deck 6, aft.	**$35990.00**	**$34990.00**
OS	Two-room suite with oversized private terrace with outdoor Jacuzzi; bathroom with separate tub & shower; additional half bath; sitting area with sofa. 484 sq ft | Deck 5, aft.	**$36990.00**	**$35990.00**

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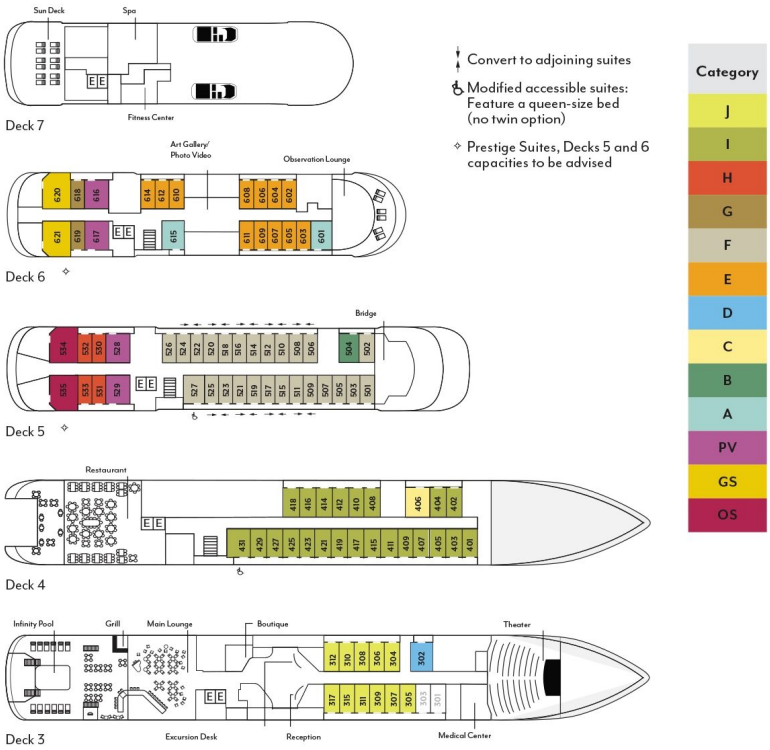

Pre / Post - Program

Paris and Giverny

Start your journey with a Paris pre-cruise extension before your Celtic adventure. Stay centrally at the Sofitel Le Scribe Paris Opéra and enjoy a panoramic city tour featuring iconic sights like the Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower and Place de la Concorde. Experience a memorable excursion to Monet's home, gardens and workshop in Giverny, complete with a delicious lunch at a local restaurant. Your extension concludes with a transfer to Honfleur to begin the main program. An exclusive hospitality desk at the hotel will be available to help you make the most of your free time in Paris.

Glasgow and Edinburgh

Extend your Celtic adventure with a post-cruise adventure in the vibrant cities of Glasgow and Edinburgh. After disembarking, head to Glasgow to explore the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum and the St. Mungo Museum of Religious Life and Art, dedicated to the city's patron saint and offering a fascinating look at global religions. Then, continue to Edinburgh, Scotland's historic capital, for a guided city tour of the old town, followed by plenty of free time to discover the city at your own pace. Enjoy exclusive access to a hospitality desk at your accommodation, the Edinburgh Sheraton, to help you make the most of your stay.

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