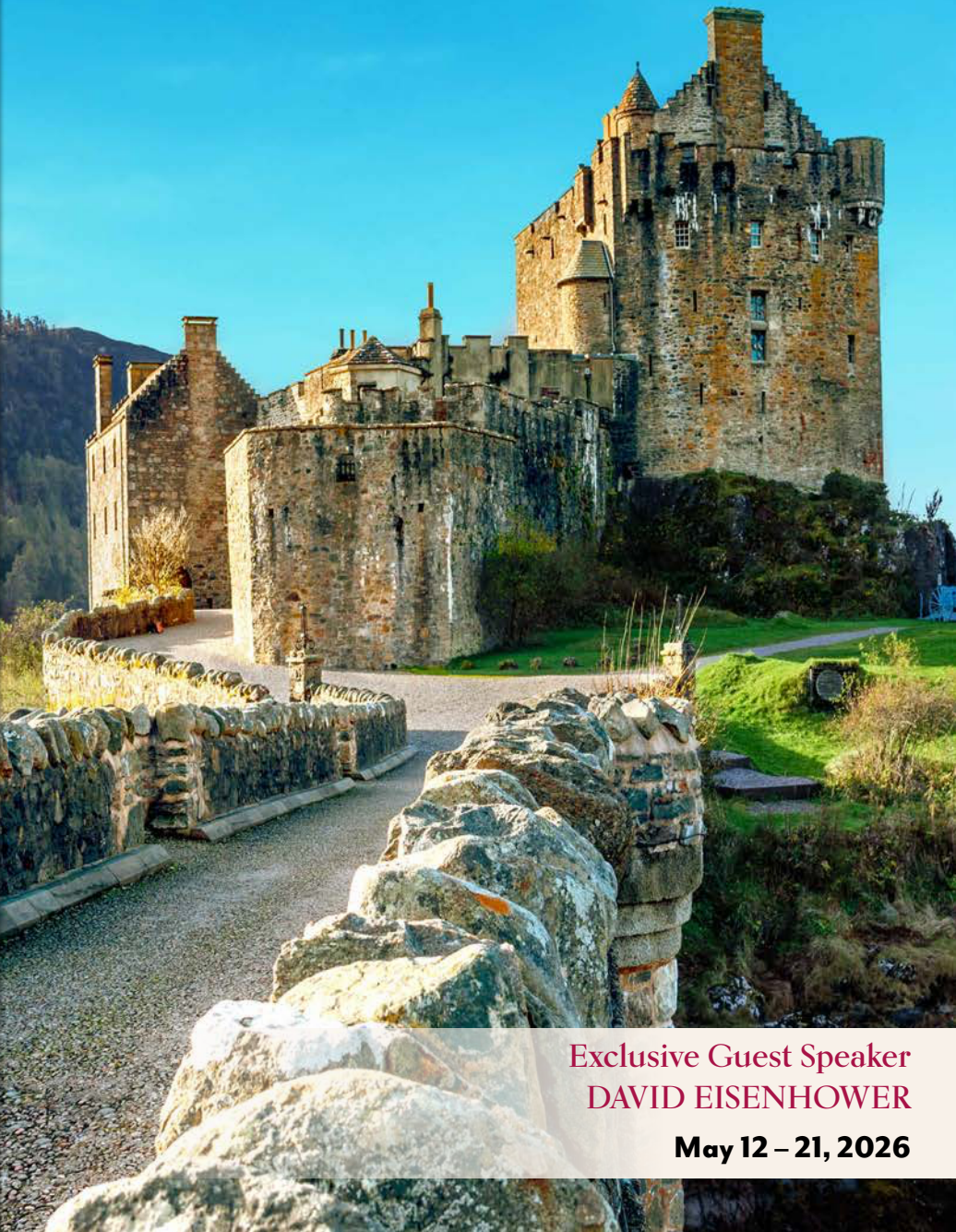


# Celtic Lands

FEATURING NORMANDY AND  
THE D-DAY BEACHES



Exclusive Guest Speaker  
**DAVID EISENHOWER**

**May 12 – 21, 2026**



Sail a path steeped in Celtic culture and World War II history during an eight-night cruise from Honfleur, France, to Fairlie, Scotland. Call at five countries — France, England, Wales, Ireland and Scotland — aboard the exclusively chartered *Exploris One*. During this remarkable journey, explore cultural landmarks and learn about the critical history of this storied region. Step on the shores of Normandy, accompanied by Dwight David Eisenhower II, historian and grandson of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, and visit significant World War II memorials and museums, including the Utah Beach Landing Museum. In Holyhead, Wales, choose to explore the UNESCO-listed Caernarfon Castle or the Victorian-era Bodnant Gardens. Gaze at the legendary Book of Kells at Dublin's Trinity College and stand in the shadow of Scotland's beloved Eilean Donan Castle. Along the way, delight in the contrast of landscapes: the rugged, windswept islands of Iona and Skye and colorful Tresco Abbey Gardens in the Isles of Scilly. Soul-stirring performances of Welsh airs and traditional Irish music and dancing complete your experience.

## Exclusive Highlights

- Uncover Celtic legacies on an eight-night cruise aboard the deluxe *Exploris One*.
- Two full-day Normandy excursions, including the historic Omaha and Utah beaches, Pointe de Hoc, the Normandy American Cemetery and Sainte-Mère-Église.
- Special guest speaker Dwight David Eisenhower II offers insightful lectures and accompanies excursions.
- Witness two UNESCO World Heritage sites: Caernarfon Castle and the Book of Kells.
- Authentic cultural experiences connect you with the destination.



Above: Arromanches, France

Cover: Eilean Donan Castle, Scotland



## Dear Texas Ex:

Be enthralled by the rich heritage and significant histories of France, England, Wales, Ireland and Scotland during this thoughtfully curated 8-night voyage aboard the exclusively chartered, 5-star *Exploris One*. An epic journey transports you from the solemn shores of Northern France to the soul-stirring lands of the Celts and on to the Scilly Isles, Holyhead, Dublin and the Isles of Iona and Skye.

In the company of acclaimed historian Dwight David Eisenhower II, pay respects at meaningful World War II memorials and Normandy's landing beaches. Traverse Celtic lands, discovering their bold legacy enshrined in ancient castles and recalled in picturesque towns and breathtaking landscapes. Tour Dublin's legendary landmarks and follow in the footsteps of medieval princes in Holyhead. Explore Scotland's inner Hebridean Isle of Iona, home to the sacred Iona Abbey, followed by visits to Eilean Donan Castle and the beautiful Isle of Skye. This hand-crafted program will transform you!

Complement your journey with our Paris Pre-Tour extension and/or Post-Tour extension in Edinburgh and Glasgow. Reserve now while special savings are still available.

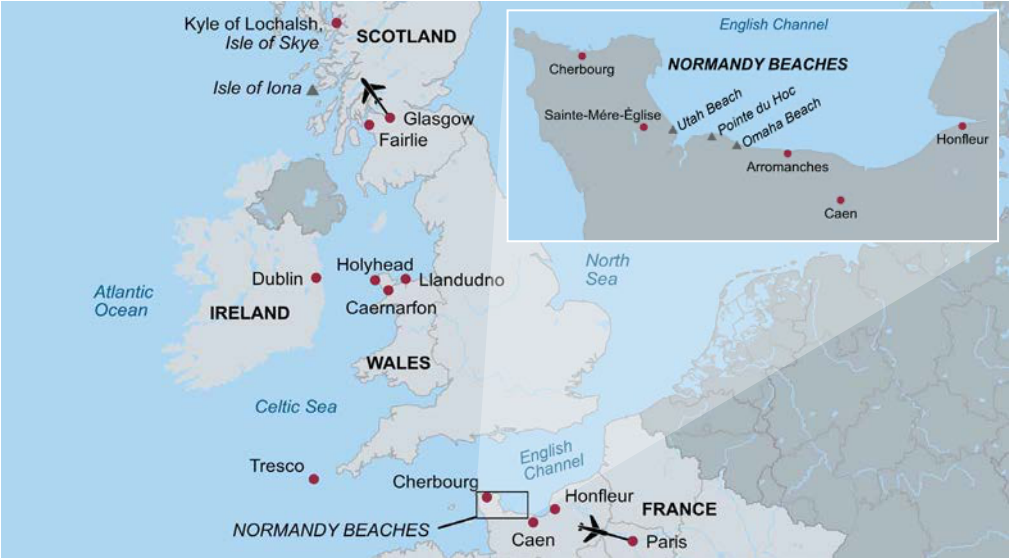
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Best regards,

Your Flying Longhorns Travel Team,  
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**Day 1 | May 12**

Depart your home city for an overnight flight to Paris, France.

**Day 2 | May 13** **D**

Paris, France | Honfleur | Embark Ship

Arrive in Paris, transfer to Honfleur and embark the deluxe *Exploris One*.

After settling in your cabin, take time to explore. Meet new friends during your first dinner as the ship departs for Caen.

**Day 3 | May 14** **B-L-R-D**

Caen | Longues-sur-Mer | Colleville-sur-Mer | Omaha Beach

Wake up in Caen this morning and enjoy a buffet breakfast before departing for a full day of exploration. Begin the day at Longues-sur-Mer to see the coastal German artillery battery and historical monument. Then, walk the landmark Normandy shores at Omaha Beach, the code name for this section of the coast where Allied forces landed. At the Normandy American Cemetery and

Memorial in Colleville-sur-Mer, join David Eisenhower to contemplate the solemn commemorative crosses and Stars of David. Canadian travelers can visit Juno Beach and the Bény-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery.

Return to the ship and gather for a Captain's Welcome Reception tonight.

**Day 4 | May 15** **B-L-D**

Caen | Pointe du Hoc | Catz | Angoville au Plain | Utah Beach | Sainte-Mère-Église | Cherbourg

Another enriching day of touring Normandy's poignant D-Day sites awaits. Start at Pointe du Hoc, a promontory

with a 100-foot cliff overlooking the English Channel on the coast of Normandy. Hear how the U.S. Army Ranger Assault Group scaled the cliffs to capture this critical Nazi stronghold.

Relax over lunch at the Normandy Victory Museum in Catz before continuing to the Church of Angoville au Plain, which two U.S. Army medics used to treat both American and German injured soldiers. Next, visit the Utah Beach Landing Museum for a comprehensive look at the D-Day battle from planning to execution. Wrap up the day at Sainte-Mère-Église, said to be the first town liberated by







Allied troops on D-Day.

Learn about the events of that day and see key landmarks.

Meet the ship in Cherbourg and sit down to dinner as the ship cruises to the Isles of Scilly.

#### **Day 5 | May 16**

**B-L-D**

Tresco, Scilly Isles, England

Join David Eisenhower for an insightful lecture this morning.

Later, set off to discover the lovely Tresco Abbey Gardens. Though it is just 28 miles off the Cornwall coast, its unique climate makes it the ideal location for tropical and subtropical plants, such as succulents, palm trees, king



*Tresco, Scilly Isles*

protea and more. You may also see colorful golden pheasants and red squirrels during your garden visit.

Gather with friends new and old for dinner this evening.

#### **Day 6 | May 17**

**B-L-D**

Holyhead, Wales

Arrive in Holyhead and savor a hearty lunch before setting off on your chosen excursion. You can select to visit the UNESCO-listed medieval Caernarfon Castle or treat your senses to the world-famous Bodnant Gardens, a haven of glorious colors and lily ponds.

A Welsh choir provides tonight's entertainment.

#### **Day 7 | May 18**

**B-L-D**

Dublin, Ireland

Get acquainted with friendly Dublin. Admire the city's sights and highlights, including St. Patrick's Cathedral. Visit Trinity College to see the legendary Book of Kells, the beautiful, illuminated manuscript created by medieval monks.

Take advantage of time at leisure to make your own discoveries in Dublin. Perhaps visit a local pub for a pint or stroll down George's Street.

Enjoy an engaging performance of traditional Irish music and dancing before dinner.

*Trinity College Library, Dublin, Ireland*





Iona Abbey, Isle of Iona, Scotland

**Day 8 | May 19**      **B-L-D**

Iona, Scotland

Dig into a satisfying breakfast as the ship approaches Iona in Scotland’s Inner Hebrides. Gain insight into a sacred and enduring symbol of worship at Iona Abbey, founded in the year 563 and considered the birthplace of Christianity in Scotland. The monks of Iona spread Christian ideas across Scotland and the north. St. Martin’s Cross still stands by the roadside, and a replica of St. John’s Cross is found by the doorway.

**Day 9 | May 20**      **B-L-R-D**

Kyle of Lochalsh

Today’s excursion showcases Eilean Donan Castle, one of Scotland’s most celebrated fortresses. Eilean Donan sits at the confluence of Loch Alsh, Loch Long and Loch Duich on a tiny tidal island. Cross a stone bridge and admire the view. The original castle lay in ruins after the Jacobite Rising of 1719 until a British army officer purchased it in 1911. He reopened it to visitors in 1932 after a years-long restoration project. After lunch on the ship, join a scenic tour of the Isle of Skye.

See the Cuillin, a range of starkly beautiful mountains with jagged peaks. Upon arrival in Portree, enjoy free time to explore the island’s charming main town.

Celebrate your adventure at tonight’s Captain’s Farewell Reception, followed by dinner.

**Day 10 | May 21**      **B**

Fairlie | Disembark Ship | Return to home city

This morning, the ship arrives in Fairlie. After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your return flight home.

*Note: This itinerary is subject to change due to local conditions.*

**Exclusive Guest Speaker**  
**DWIGHT DAVID EISENHOWER II**

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.”





## PRE-TOUR EXTENSION



### Paris, France

**May 10 to 13** (Program Begins: May 11)

Begin your Celtic journey with two nights in chic Paris. Stay in the heart of the city and spend time enjoying Paris' alluring culture and timeless ambience. An enriching city tour showcases the city's iconic landmarks and an insightful excursion to Giverny, Monet's beautiful country home, reveals where he created many of his famous masterpieces. Accommodations are in the *InterContinental Paris Le Grand*.

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

**Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$2,375**

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

## POST-TOUR EXTENSION



### Glasgow and Edinburgh

**May 21 to 24** (Program Ends: May 24)

Explore two of Scotland's greatest cities and their histories of clans, medieval knights, and royal and religious intrigue on this four-day itinerary. Visit Edinburgh Castle and view the Crown Jewels of Scotland. See Glasgow's 12th-century cathedral, Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum and St. Mungo Museum. Accommodations are in the 5-star *Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa*.

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

**Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$2,295**

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## INCLUDED FEATURES



- 8-night cruise from Honfleur, France, to Fairlie, Scotland, aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe *Exploris One*.
- Captain's Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- Included Meals | 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 8 dinners.
- Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are available throughout the cruise.
- Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Director accompanies you throughout the program. (1 for every 40 guests).
- Expert lecturers and local guides enrich your experience with their knowledge and insight.
- Spend two full days exploring Normandy, including visits to the historic Omaha and Utah beaches, Sainte-Mère-Église and the Normandy American Cemetery.
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**2026 DEPARTURE DATE | May 12 to 21 | Tour Begins: May 13**

Category	Description	Standard Rate	Special Savings Rate*
F	SINGLE ONLY   Stateroom with two portholes; lounge area with desk; bathroom with shower. 155 sq ft   Deck 3, mid..	\$14,892	\$13,892
E	Stateroom with picture window; lounge area with desk; bathroom with shower. 190 sq ft   Deck 3, fwd.	\$9,495	\$8,495
D	Stateroom with picture window; lounge area with desk; bathroom with shower. 190 sq ft   Deck 3, mid.	\$9,995	\$8,995
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B	Stateroom with large picture window; lounge area with desk; bathroom with shower. 190 sq ft   Deck 4, mid.300 sq ft   Deck 6, mid.	\$11,595	\$10,595
A	Stateroom with French balcony with floor-to-ceiling sliding doors; lounge area with desk; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft   Deck 5, mid & fwd.	\$12,595	\$11,595
DS	Suite with two French balconies with floor-to-ceiling sliding doors; separate living room with sitting area; dressing room; bathroom with shower & separate bathtub. 420 sq ft   Deck 5, mid & fwd.	\$14,095	\$13,095
NS	Suite with large balcony with floor-to-ceiling sliding doors; lounge area with desk; bathroom with shower & separate bathtub. 400 sq ft   Deck 7, fwd.	\$15,095	\$14,095
GS	Suite with large balcony with floor-to-ceiling sliding doors; separate living room with sitting area; dressing room; bathroom with shower & separate bathtub. 615 sq ft   Deck 7, fwd.	\$17,095	\$16,095
OS	Suite with large balcony with two floor-to-ceiling sliding doors; large, separate living room with sitting area; large dressing room; spacious bathroom with shower & separate bathtub. 725 sq ft   Deck 7, mid.	\$19,595	\$18,595

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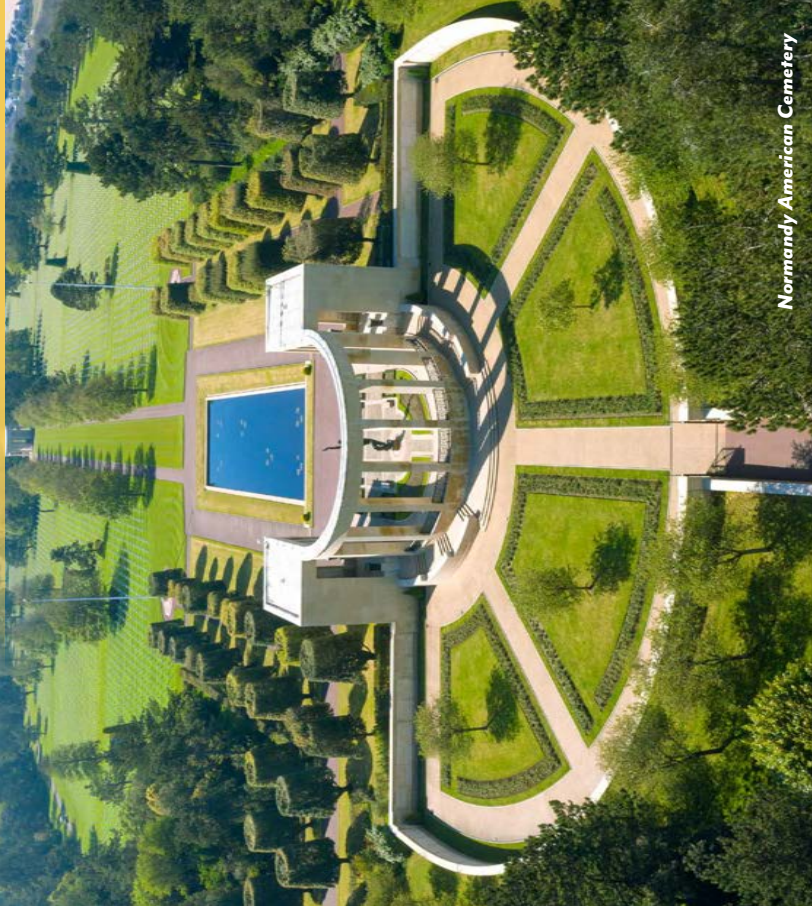
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*Normandy American Cemetery*

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