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LECH WAŁĘSA Former President of Poland Nobel Peace Prize Laureate



PAVEL PALAZHCHENKO Interpreter and Advisor for Mikhail Gorbachev

July 7 to 16, 2020





#### Dear Alumni and Fans,

We invite you to experience this opportunity to explore the lands and legacies forged by centuries of Baltic history. Hear and learn firsthand from historic world leader, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and former President of Poland Lech Wałęsa and interpreter and advisor for former Soviet Union President Mikhail Gorbachey, Pavel Palazhchenko.

This unique Baltic Sea voyage features six countries and seven UNESCO World Heritage sites. Our program is scheduled during the best time of year to experience the natural phenomenon of the luminous "White Nights."

Experience the cultural rebirth of the Baltic States and the imperial past of St. Petersburg, Russia, while cruising aboard the **exclusively chartered**, **Five-Star LE DUMONT-D'URVILLE**, launched in 2019 and featuring only 92 ocean-view Suites and Staterooms. In the tradition of ancient Viking mariners and medieval merchants, set forth from the cosmopolitan Swedish capital of Stockholm to Denmark's sophisticated capital city of Copenhagen. Spend two days docked in the heart of regal St. Petersburg, featuring visits to the world-acclaimed State Hermitage Museum, the Peter and Paul Fortress and the spectacular tsarist palaces in Pushkin and Peterhof. See the storied architecture of Helsinki, Finland; tour the well-preserved medieval Old Town of Tallinn, Estonia; explore the former Hanseatic League town of Visby on Sweden's Gotland Island; and immerse yourself in the legacy of the Solidarity movement in Gdańsk, Poland.

Experience the Splendors of Stockholm during the Pre-Program Option. On the Wonders of Norway Post-Program Option, visit the vibrant city of Bergen, cruise through stunning fjordlands and enjoy one of the world's most scenic train rides.

This exclusive travel program features a comprehensive itinerary, Five-Star accommodations, a specially arranged shore excursion in each port and world-class lectures. Book now, as capacity is limited and this popular program sells out quickly!

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Sincerely,

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Martha W. Byrd '97 M.Ed. Assistant Vice President Alumni Engagement and Impact Office

P.S. Your friends and family are welcome to join you on our tours, even if they're not ASU alumni!





**U.S.** Tuesday, July 7 Depart the U.S.

#### Stockholm, Sweden Wednesday, July 8

Hanseatic cog

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"Venice of the North," embark the Five-Star LE DUMONT-D'URVILLE and cruise through the scenic Stockholm archipelago.

#### Helsinki, Finland Thursday, July 9

On board the ship this morning, meet **Pavel Palazhchenko**, world-renowned interpreter who serves as advisor and interpreter for former Soviet Union President Mikhail Gorbachev, and enjoy his first of two educational lectures today.

Helsinki merges the influence of Classicism and the Finnish National Romantic Movement with Functionalism, establishing design as a permanent and significant component of the city. Cruise past the 18th-century maritime Fortress of Suomenlinna, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Enjoy a panoramic tour of the city's boulevards, overflowing with magnificent architecture, including Europe's greatest concentration of Art Nouveau buildings. See stately Senate Square, University of Helsinki, Helsinki Cathedral and the Parliament Building-paradigms of neoclassical style-along with the Modernist Finlandia Hall. Discover idyllic Sibelius Park, an artistic homage to Finland's most famed composer. Visit the subterranean Temppeliaukio Church, or "Church of the Rock," impressively hewn into solid natural bedrock in 1969.

Explore the lively Market Square with some time at leisure before reboarding the ship.

This evening, enjoy the second insightful lecture from Mr. Palazhchenko on board.

#### St. Petersburg, Russia Friday, July 10

Founded in 1703 as his "Window on the West," St. Petersburg is the fruition of Peter the Great's extraordinary vision. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage-designated palaces and gardens of Peterhof, commissioned by Peter the Great to rival the Palace of Versailles, and its elaborately landscaped grounds, encompassing two centuries of imperial style, executed to perfection. Return to the ship by hydrofoil.

See exquisite examples of Russian Baroque and neoclassical architecture along the main thoroughfare, Nevsky Prospekt, and view the iconic Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood (Church of the Resurrection of Christ), built on Emperor Alexander II's assassination site.



Visby's medieval wall, constructed in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, stretches two miles in length around the town.

Enjoy specially arranged entry and a guided tour of the spectacular State Hermitage Museum. One of the world's greatest art repositories, this UNESCO World Heritage-designated museum was founded by Catherine the Great in 1764. Its prestigious collections are rivaled only by the museum's lavish interior.

Cover photo: Spanning 14 small islands, where shimmering Lake Mälaren meets one of the largest archipelagos in the Baltic Sea, Stockholm preserves its splendid medieval and Renaissance architecture.

Photo this page: Peter the Great himself partially engineered the resplendent plexus of waterfalls, fountains and statues that adorn the foreground of the opulent Peterhof Palace.





Tallinn, a hub of culture and commer history in the 600-year-old spires and

#### St. Petersburg Saturday, July 11

Visit the elaborate Baroque Catherine Palace in the imperial town of Pushkin. This UNESCO World Heritage site, highlighted by the jewel-encrusted Amber Room, is said to be the 'Eighth Wonder of the World."

Savor a lunch of local Russian specialties and vodka while enjoying a traditional Cossack music performance.

Enjoy a panoramic tour of St. Petersburg's UNESCO World Heritage-inscribed historic center, where landmarks are scattered across over 40 islands and linked by more than 300 bridges. See the 19th-century St. Isaac's Cathedral, whose striking golden dome crowns the city's skyline.

Visit the Peter and Paul Fortress, constructed to secure the country's access to the sea, and the Baroque Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, where 32 tsarsfrom Peter the Great to Nicholas II, the last of the Romanovs-are interred.

#### Tallinn, Estonia Sunday, July 12

Tallinn's UNESCO World Heritage-designated Old Town has remained virtually unchanged for 600 years. See the landmark Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, the 13th-century Church of

St. Nicholas and Toompea Castle, the seat of Estonia's Parliament. Visit the intricate chambers of the medieval Town Hall, the only intact Gothic-style hall in Northern Europe, which dominates the Town Hall Square and its ring of pastel-hued buildings.

#### Visby, Gotland Island, Sweden Monday, July 13

Call at the Baltic island of Gotland, rich with Swedish history and abundant Viking and medieval sites. The UNESCO World Heritage-designated Old Town of Visby, the former Baltic center of the Hanseatic League, is one of the best preserved medieval cities in Scandinavia. On the walking tour through the cobbled streets of this "city of roses and ruins," see 13th-century walls and original medieval architecture, tour the Gotlands Historical Museum and view the striking interior of St. Mary's Cathedral.

#### Gdańsk, Poland Tuesday, July 14

A former flourishing Hanseatic League port, today Gdańsk proudly displays restored late Renaissance and Baroque patrician mansions in its Stare Miasto (Old Town). Stroll along the pedestrian-only Droga Królewska (Royal Route) and the Long Wharf to see the magnificent Neptune's Fountain and the 14th-century

Nyhavn retain the waterfront's authentic 18th-century maritime character.

The traditional fishing boats and colorful edifices along Copenhagen's quay of



ce since the prime of the Hanseatic League, reflects its gables that define its picturesque skyline.

Artus Court, a Gothic guildhall inspired by Britain's legendary King Arthur.

Visit the historic Gdańsk Shipyard, where Eastern Europe's first independent trade unionthe Solidarity movement—began in 1980, and see its Monument to the Fallen Shipyard Workers. Meet the leader of the Solidarity movement, former President of Poland and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Lech Wałęsa, on board the ship this evening, where he will present his perspective on Solidarity, globalization and progress in the region.

#### Cruising the Baltic Sea Wednesday, July 15

Spend the day at leisure cruising the Baltic Sea while enjoying a series of enriching lectures and the Captain's Farewell Reception this evening.

#### Copenhagen, Denmark/U.S. Thursday, July 16

Arrive in colorful Copenhagen, Denmark's world-class capital. Disembark and continue on the Wonders of Norway Post-Program Option or transfer to the airport for your return flight home.

On the Post-Program Option, enjoy an incredible journey through the verdant, mountainous fjordlands of Norway aboard the Flåm Railway.





St. Petersburg's Church of the Resurrection of Christ is a showcase of neo-medieval Russian architecture.

## Splendors of Stockholm



A Royal Seaport and Capital City Extend your Baltic experience with the Pre-Program Option in handsome Stockholm, a harmonious blend of medieval. Renaissance and modern architecture showcased across 14 small islands connected

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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 world's only preserved

17th-century warship. Spend two nights in the ideally located SHERATON STOCKHOLM HOTEL.  $(\mathcal{A})$ 



#### Coastal Ferry and Flåm Mountain Railway



The Post-Program Option immerses you in majestic Norwegian landscapes and Scandinavian culture on this unique five-night journey from Copenhagen to Bergen. Enjoy an exclusively chartered cruise along Copenhagen's idyllic canals,

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the highlights of vibrant Oslo and

a private cruise into UNESCO World Heritage-designated Nærøyfjord. Travel through pristine fjordlands on the Flåm Railway, one of the world's most scenic train rides. Tour the historic city of Bergen, including Bryggen (the old wharf), a UNESCO World Heritage site, and visit Troldhaugen, the historic home of composer Edvard Grieg. Spend four nights in comfortable hotels, including the historic STALHEIM HOTEL, and one night aboard an award-winning SEAWAYS ferry.

Pre- and Post-Program Options are available at additional cost. Details will be included with your reservation confirmation.





#### Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star mv Le Dumont-d'Urville

#### Luxury Small Ship, Innovative Design

LE DUMONT-D'URVILLE, launched in 2019, ushers in a new generation of Five-Star small ships, combining revolutionary design and a new standard of luxury for unparalleled cruising. Dock in smaller ports inaccessible to larger ships, where authentic cultural experiences and majestic scenery await you.

#### *Blue Eye* – World's First Multisensory, Underwater Observation Lounge

View the beauty of marine life through the large, subaquatic windows and integrated digital screens providing live images from underwater cameras, and enjoy the sensory experience of listening to the ocean's unique underwater universe in the comfort of the exclusive **Blue** Eye lounge.\*

#### Life on Board

Enjoy sweeping views from the lounges which open to the outdoors—and lectures, cultural performances or film screenings in the state-of-the-art theater. Relax in the spa and sauna or the Sun Deck's infinity-style swimming pool. The ship has a beauty salon, fitness room and three elevators. Complimentary Wi-Fi access is available (conditions permitting).

## Elegant Suites and Staterooms, 100% with Private Balconies

Each of the 92 Five-Star Staterooms and Suites (up to 484 square feet) features a private balcony. Grand Deluxe Suites have a bay window and spacious private terrace. Accommodations offer two twin beds or one queen bed, individual climate control and private bathroom with a shower and luxury hotel-style amenities.

#### **Respect for the Environment**

A new addition to the Ponant "Clean Ship" fleet, an important distinction among ocean-cruising vessels, LE DUMONT-D'URVILLE is energy efficient and eco-friendly, protecting fragile marine ecosystems.

#### Chic and Casual Dining

Dine indoors or alfresco on international and regional cuisine served in the stylish, spacious indoor-outdoor restaurant, at the casual pool deck grill or from 24-hour room service. Daily meals include continental and buffet breakfasts, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and four-course dinner.

#### World-Class Service

The highly trained, English-speaking crew is personable and attentive, and the ship has a medical center staffed with a doctor and nurse.

\*Marine life viewing varies by location.



### **Included Features**

#### Acclaimed Guest Speakers

- Lech Wałęsa, former President of Poland and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate.
- Pavel Palazhchenko, Interpreter and Advisor for former Soviet Union President Mikhail Gorbachev.

#### On Board the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star Small Ship

- LE DUMONT-D'URVILLE
- Eight-night cruise from Stockholm, Sweden, to Copenhagen, Denmark.
- Elegantly appointed, Five-Star Suite or Stateroom.
- Captain's Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise.
- All meals aboard ship.
- Complimentary Wi-Fi access (conditions permitting).
- City tour of Helsinki, featuring a visit to the subterranean Temppeliaukio Church.
- Tour of the storied port city of Gdańsk, the cradle of the Solidarity movement, including its historic Gdańsk Shipyard and Old Town.

#### UNESCO World Heritage Site Highlights

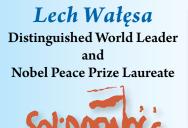
- View of the 18<sup>th</sup>-century Fortress of Suomenlinna in Helsinki.
- Specially arranged entry to St. Petersburg's world-renowned State Hermitage Museum.
- City tour of St. Petersburg, featuring a visit to the impressive Peter and Paul Fortress.
- Excursions to Peterhof and to Catherine Palace in Pushkin, featuring the acclaimed Amber Room, including a lunch of traditional Russian specialties.
- Walking tour of Tallinn's Old Town and 11<sup>th</sup>-century Town Hall Square.
- Walking tour of **Visby**, a historic former Hanseatic city on the island of Gotland.



#### Always Included

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- Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
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- Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
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By exclusive arrangement, Lech Wałęsaformer 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 LE DUMONT-D'URVILLE. From his position as a marine electrician in Gdańsk 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. Even after 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. That same year, Mr. Wałęsa became the first foreign non-head of government to address a joint meeting of the U.S. Congress.

## Pavel Palazhchenko

Interpreter and Advisor for former Soviet Union President Mikhail Gorbachev

Principal English interpreter for former Soviet Union President



Mikhail Gorbachev and former Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, Pavel Palazhchenko remains one of the world's leading interpreters. Mr. Palazhchenko participated in all U.S.-Soviet summit talks leading to the end of the Cold War and eventually became the head of the press office of the International Foundation for Socio-Economic and Political Studies (or The Gorbachev Foundation), where he has also functioned as an analyst, spokesperson, interpreter and translator. He is the author of a personal and political memoir, My Years with Gorbachev and Shevardnadze: The Memoir of a Soviet Interpreter. Graduating from the Maurice Thorez Moscow Institute of Foreign Languages (Moscow State Linguistic University) in 1972, he has published three Russian-English dictionaries providing information, insight and cultural observation on the linguistic twists and turns of the English and Russian languages.

#### MV LE DUMONT-D'URVILLE

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Category <sup>+</sup>	LAND/CRUISE TARIFF excluding taxes* Per person, based on double occupancy	Early Booking Tariff* through Dec. 5, 2019	Tariff* after Dec. 5, 2019	
8	Picture window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. Deck 3, forward. (limited availability)	\$6795	\$7795	
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5	Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 4, midship.	\$9295	\$10295	
4	Expansive sliding glass door, <b>private balcony</b> . <i>Decks 5 and 6, aft.</i> (limited availability)	\$9895	\$10895	
3	Expansive sliding glass door, <b>private balcony</b> . <i>Deck 5, forward</i> . (limited availability)	\$10395	\$11395	
2	Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 5, midship.	\$10795	\$11795	
1	Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 6, midship.	\$11295	\$12295	
Deluxe Suite	Suite with expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, sitting area with sofa. Decks 3, 4, 5 and 6. (limited availability)	\$12695	\$13695	
Prestige Suite	Two rooms, expansive sliding glass door, <b>large private balcony</b> , two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. <i>Deck 5</i> . (limited availability)	\$13695	\$14695	
Privilege Suite	Large Suite with expansive sliding glass door, <b>large private balcony</b> , sitting area with sofa. <i>Decks 5 and 6</i> . (limited availability)	\$13995	\$14995	
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Finland's capital city of Helsinki showcases elegant Jugendstil architecture along its picturesque harbor.

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