



VANDERBILT
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**Treasures of Northern Europe,
Medieval to Modern**

England to Denmark Aboard *Ocean Albatros*

April 27 – May 7, 2024

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

SAIL from England to Scandinavia aboard the brand-new *Ocean Albatros*, which has more than a 50% lower carbon footprint than traditional expedition vessels

STEP ashore in northern Europe's most enchanting cities—including Bruges, Amsterdam, Hamburg, Berlin, and Copenhagen, as well as the sparkling, lesser-known Hanseatic cities of Groningen in Holland and Lübeck in Germany

EXPERIENCE Holland's tulip season at the magnificent Keukenhof Gardens and tour museums exclusively opened for us, such as Amsterdam's Van Gogh Museum or The Hague's Mauritshuis, home to masterpieces by Vermeer, Rembrandt, and others

DELIGHT in a private rooftop lunch and attend a performance (*pending confirmation*) at Hamburg's glittering Elbphilharmonie concert hall

EXPLORE Berlin featuring an inside look at Museum Island's ancient treasures and lunch atop the Reichstag, or join an exclusive tour of a majestic medieval island castle in little-known Schwerin, Germany

TRANSIT the 61-mile Kiel Canal, which connects the North Sea to the Baltic, during daylight hours, and learn about the engineering involved to build the world's busiest artificial waterway

DISCOVER why UNESCO has named Copenhagen its World Capital of Architecture, going behind the scenes at its extravagant, modern Opera House and the 17th-century Rosenborg Castle, which features 400 years of Denmark's royal treasures

ATTEND an onboard chamber music concert by one of Europe's renowned quartets while in Belgium



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Dear Vanderbilt Alumni and Friends,

Long before the European Union, northern Europe's medieval Hanseatic League set the model for peaceful relations across borders. In Spring 2024, join us on a beautiful cruise as we discover the Hanseatic League's extravagant legacy. We'll among the first to sail aboard the technologically innovative *Ocean Albatros*, following Hanseatic trade routes from England to Denmark along the cliff-lined English Channel, the North Sea, and the Baltic.

In France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, and Denmark, step ashore in picturesque towns and accompany experts behind the scenes of lavish public buildings, opulent private houses, and splendid museums. From England, sail to French Normandy for inside looks at the 11th-century Bayeux Cathedral, home to the legendary *Bayeux Tapestry*, and a museum honoring World War II's D-Day heroes. In charming Bruges, Belgium, behold jewel-like medieval architecture. Celebrate Holland's tulip season at the vast Keukenhof Gardens and enjoy exclusive private tours of museums such as Amsterdam's Van Gogh Museum.

In Germany, go behind the scenes of Hamburg's UNESCO-listed district of brick warehouses. Then navigate the 61-mile-long Kiel Canal—the world's busiest artificial waterway—connecting the North Sea to the Baltic. Step ashore for an expert-led inside look at Berlin's incredible Museum Island. Alternatively, visit romantic, little-known Schwerin, Germany, for a private tour of a 14th-century island castle. Conclude with a day in Copenhagen, UNESCO's current World Capital of Architecture, and have an inside look at the opulent, 17th-century Rosenborg Castle, home to four centuries of Denmark's royal treasures.

Space is limited on this special cruise, which is co-sponsored by The National Trust for Historic Preservation, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the alumni associations of Dartmouth, Duke, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Tufts, the University of Chicago, and the University of Mary Washington. We hope you join us on this unforgettable cruise exploring a momentous chapter in European history.

Sincerely,

Cary DeWitt Allyn
Director, Vanderbilt Travel Program



The Vanderbilt Travel Program strives to engage Vanderbilt alumni, parents and friends of all ages, keeping them connected with each other and Vanderbilt. Each carefully designed trip offers unparalleled educational opportunities, many with Vanderbilt professors, for an exclusive "beyond the classroom" experience.

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Bayeux Cathedral, France

SATURDAY, APRIL 27: DEPARTURE

Depart for London on an overnight flight.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28: LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM / PORTSMOUTH / EMBARK OCEAN ALBATROS

Arrive this morning at Heathrow Airport and transfer to *Ocean Albatros* docked in Portsmouth. Enjoy lunch on board, followed by an afternoon at leisure to explore this new ship or learn about the Royal Navy's history on a visit to the Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. Savor dinner on board as you sail across the English Channel to Normandy in France.

L,D

MONDAY, APRIL 29: OUISTREHAM, FRANCE / CAEN

From the port of Ouistreham, visit historic Caen, whose Norman treasures have survived the centuries. Continue to Bayeux and visit the town's 11th-century cathedral, where you will find the remarkable *Bayeux Tapestry*, one of the most renowned surviving works of medieval art. Stop at the Memorial Museum of the Battle of Normandy. As an alternative, you may visit Mont-Saint-Michel, a UNESCO-listed tidal island topped with a medieval monastery. As *Ocean Albatros* sails to Belgium, behold the chalky cliffs and the extraordinary rock formations of Les Falaises d'Étretat and the Manneporte, which Claude Monet captured in numerous paintings. Attend the captain's welcome reception and dinner this evening.

B,L,R,D

TUESDAY, APRIL 30: OSTEND, BELGIUM / BRUGES / GHENT

After docking in Ostend, transfer to the perfectly preserved medieval city of Bruges for a walking tour. See some of Belgium's best art collections, including the Groeninge Museum, the Hans Memling collection at St. John's Hospital, and a sculpture by Michelangelo displayed in the Church of Our Lady. Continue to Ghent for an expert-led viewing of the Van Eycks' restored 15th-century masterpiece *The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb* in St. Bavo's Cathedral. Aboard *Ocean Albatros*, enjoy chamber music performed by one of Europe's renowned quartets.

B,L,D



Bruges, Belgium



Ghent, Belgium



Mauritshuis, The Hague, Holland, photo by Ronald Tilleman

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1: SCHEVENINGEN, HOLLAND / AMSTERDAM OR KEUKENHOF & THE HAGUE

Dock in the seaside resort of Scheveningen near The Hague, and choose between two excursions. You may explore Amsterdam's canals and the famed Rijksmuseum, with its unrivaled collection of works by Dutch masters. Savor lunch aboard a private canal cruise, followed by a special opening of the Van Gogh Museum (*pending confirmation*).

Alternatively, see a million flowering bulbs at the Keukenhof Gardens during tulip season. After lunch, visit The Hague and its Mauritshuis museum, home to Vermeer's *Girl with a Pearl Earring*. Then see the Peace Palace, home to the International Court of Justice. All guests will meet in The Hague and visit Panorama Mesdag, a museum housing Hendrik Mesdag's vast 1881 panoramic canvas of Scheveningen. B,L,D

THURSDAY, MAY 2: DELFZIJL / GRONINGEN

Step ashore in Delfzijl, Holland, and transfer to Groningen, a virtual open-air museum. Discover the gems of its Grote Markt (Great Market Square), including the Gothic Martinikerk, a 13th-century church with beautiful frescoes and a baroque organ. As a contemporary contrast, tour the Groninger Museum, a futuristic structure showcasing modern and contemporary art. After lunch, learn about traditional printmaking at the GRID Grafisch Museum Groningen, where you will attend a specially arranged graphics art workshop. Garden lovers may choose to visit Hortus Haren, one of Holland's oldest botanical gardens, and the Museum De Buitenplaats, a botanical complex with flowery garden roofs. B,L,D

FRIDAY, MAY 3: HAMBURG, GERMANY OR LÜBECK

Hamburg's famous port was a vital link during the Hanseatic League. Experience the city's UNESCO-listed Speicherstadt, the world's largest warehouse district, an ensemble of 19th- to early 20th-century brick and timber buildings on oak log foundations along the canals. Then have lunch on the rooftop of Hamburg's magical Elbphilharmonie concert hall. After free time, attend a performance at the Elbphilharmonie (*pending schedules*).

Alternatively, explore Lübeck, the "Queen of the Hanseatic League." Visit the European Hansemuseum and stroll around Lübeck's beautiful Old Town, stopping to see the Holstentor, the 15th-century Brick Gothic city gate. B,L,D

SATURDAY, MAY 4: BRUNSBÜTTEL / KIEL CANAL TRANSIT

Spend the day navigating the Kiel Canal, which cuts across the Jutland Peninsula and connects the North Sea to the Baltic. While sailing, attend lectures and learn about the canal's engineering. B,L,D

SUNDAY, MAY 5: TRAVEMÜNDE / BERLIN OR SCHWERIN / WARNEMÜNDE

Transfer from Travemünde, Germany, to Berlin for an expert-led look at notable landmarks and lunch atop the Reichstag. Discover Egyptian and Greek treasures in the restored Neues Museum, including the famous bust of Nefertiti. Then take an inside look at the Humboldt Forum, a museum inside the reconstructed 15th-century Berlin Palace.

Alternatively, visit the romantic town of Schwerin. On an island in shimmering Lake Schwerin, join an expert guide amid lush gardens at the medieval Schwerin Castle. In its museum, discover medieval art, 17th-century Dutch and Flemish paintings, and a large collection of works by Marcel Duchamp. Then marvel at the towering Gothic cathedral in Schwerin's charming Old Town. Rejoin *Ocean Albatros* in Warnemünde and sail to Copenhagen. B,L,D

MONDAY, MAY 6: COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

Discover why UNESCO named the Danish capital its World Capital of Architecture. Shop along the Strøget, one of the world's longest pedestrian streets. Walk in the footsteps of Hans Christian Andersen along the waterfront Nyhavn district, with its rainbow of famous centuries-old townhouses. After lunch, enjoy an inside look at the Copenhagen Opera House, one of the world's most expensive and modern concert halls, with its auditorium adorned with 105,000 sheets of 24-carat gold leaf. Then go behind the scenes at the 17th-century Rosenborg Castle, originally Christian IV's summer residence, featuring 400 years of gardens and royal treasures, including Denmark's Crown Jewels. Gather on board for the captain's farewell reception and dinner this evening. B,L,R,D

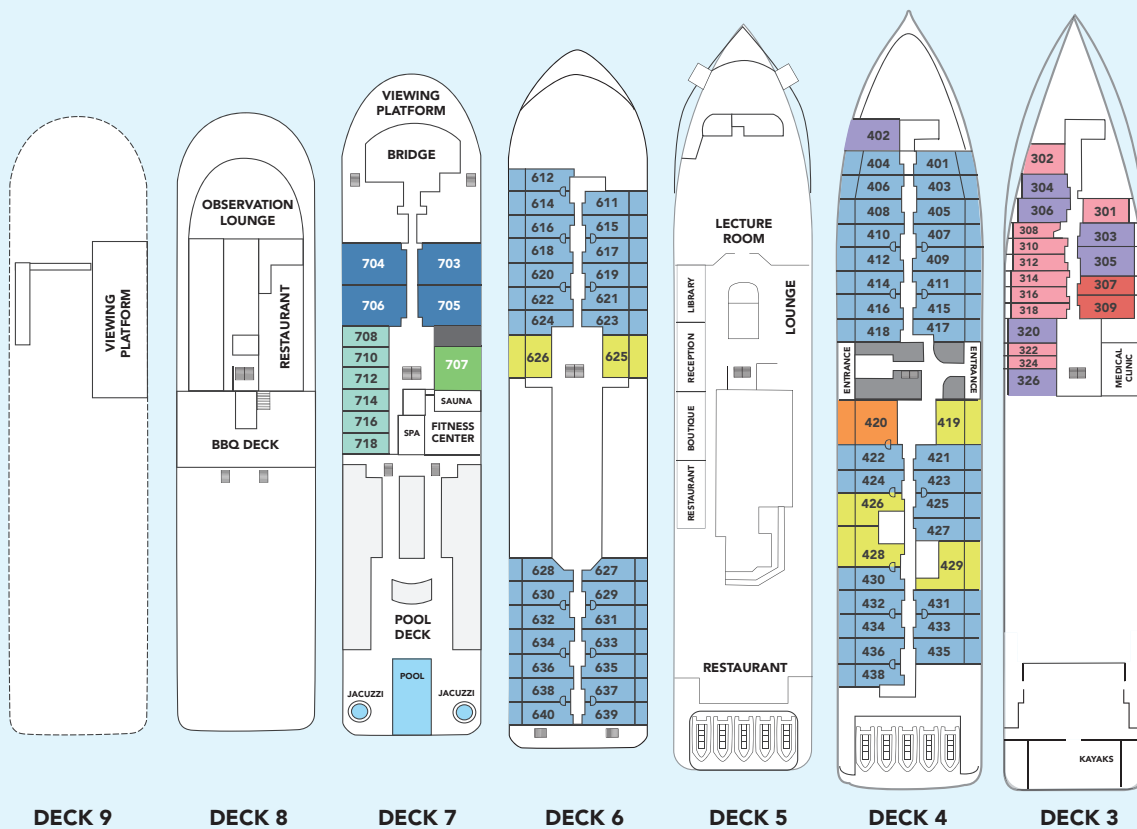
TUESDAY, MAY 7: COPENHAGEN / DISEMBARK / RETURN

Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for flights home. B

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OCEAN ALBATROS



The four-star, expedition-style *Ocean Albatros* has a casual, comfortable ambiance and holds 95 staterooms and suites, all with unobstructed sea views and most with their own balconies. *Ocean Albatros* offers two restaurants, a wellness area, a unique panorama sauna, an Albatros Nordic Bar, an open-deck dining facility, a modern lecture lounge, and other state-of-the-art amenities. The environmentally friendly vessel emphasizes sustainability and will have more than a 50% lower carbon footprint than traditional expedition vessels.

CRUISE RATES

(Per Person)

Cabins

Cabins	Decks	Double Rates	Single Rates
301, 302, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 322, 324 Single Stateroom with porthole, 140 sq. ft.	3	————	\$9,999
303, 304, 305, 306, 320, 326, 402 Stateroom with porthole, 172 sq. ft.	3 & 4	\$6,999	\$10,999
307, 309 Stateroom with porthole, 215 sq. ft.	3	\$7,999	\$11,999
708, 710, 712, 714, 716, 718 Stateroom with French balcony, 172 sq. ft.	7	\$8,999	\$13,499
401, 403–412, 414–418, 421–425, 427, 430–436, 438, 611, 612, 614–624, 627–640 Stateroom with balcony, 237 sq. ft.	4 & 6	\$10,999	\$16,499
419, 426, 428, 429, 625, 626 Stateroom with balcony, 344 sq. ft.	4 & 6	\$12,999	Inquire
707 Junior Suite with French balcony, 388 sq. ft.	7	\$16,999	Inquire
703–706 Premium Junior Suite with balcony, 431 sq. ft.	7	\$17,999	Inquire
420 Suite with balcony, 463 sq. ft.	4	\$19,999	Inquire

RATES INCLUDE

- Nine nights cabin accommodations aboard *Ocean Albatros* as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner). Bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; house wine during lunches and dinners
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Airport/pier/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Taxes, service, and portage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers; customary shipboard gratuities

NOT INCLUDED IN RATES International airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than what is noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; excess baggage; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.



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RESERVATION FORM**

To reserve a place, please contact The Vanderbilt Travel Office at 615-322-3673 or complete and return this form with your deposit of \$1,000 per person (of which \$500 is non-refundable for administrative fees), payable to *Arrangements Abroad*. Mail to: Arrangements Abroad, 260 West 39th Street, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10018-4424.

Name(s) in full as on passport(s). Please print. Class/Parent Year

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Address

City State Zip

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ACCOMMODATIONS

Ocean Albatros cabin preference (1) _____ (2) _____

I wish to share a room/cabin with

FORM OF PAYMENT

- Enclosed is my check (payable to *Arrangements Abroad*)
- Debit card Credit card

Name on debit/credit card

Debit/credit card number

3- or 4-digit security code Expiration date

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Back cover: The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb (detail), Ghent, Belgium (top)
and Groninger Museum, Holland (bottom).

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