Cruising the Baltic Sea
Denmark • Estonia • Russia • Finland • Sweden
Aboard the deluxe m.s. Le Boreal
with Professor Pegi Vail
July 3 to 11, 2010
Dear Columbian,

In the tradition of ancient Viking mariners and medieval Hanseatic merchants, sail under the glistening “White Nights” of the northern Baltic Sea. Travel with Professor Pegi Vail, fellow alumni and friends as we cruise aboard the M.S. Le Boreal. Launching in 2010, this deluxe vessel’s innovative design provides a unique opportunity to cruise into remote areas and dock in small ports rarely visited by even the most experienced travelers. From the medieval lanes of Tallinn, Estonia, to a free and vibrant St. Petersburg, Russia, observe these emerging countries’ rich traditions and newfound cultural vitality.

Stroll through Tallinn, the oldest capital in the Baltics. Dating from 1154, its history is visible in the 600-year-old spires and gables that comprise its distinctive skyline. Spend a morning in dynamic Helsinki, Finland. Enjoy three days in regal and enchanting St. Petersburg with specially arranged cultural enhancements. Visit the city’s first building, the Peter and Paul Fortress and its Cathedral. Enjoy an early-opening tour of the world-acclaimed State Hermitage Museum. Throughout the journey, your understanding of this rapidly changing region will be enhanced by a series of included and optional excursions led by expert guides and onboard lectures. To complement your cruise program, we invite you to join the special two-night Pre-Cruise Option in the historic port of Copenhagen and/or the two-night Stockholm Post-Cruise Option.

This ideal opportunity to experience the cultural rebirth of the Baltic States and the magnificent imperial riches of St. Petersburg while cruising under the romantic “White Nights of Summer” is sure to sell out quickly. Joining us will be like-minded travelers from our cosponsors including Northwestern University, Brown University and Tulane University. We urge you to make your reservation today, while Early Booking Savings are still available!

Sincerely,

Susan K. Feagin
Executive Vice President
Columbia University Office of Alumni and Development

Columbia Guest Lecturer: Professor Pegi Vail

Pegi Vail, Ph.D., is an Anthropologist, Filmmaker, Curator and Professor of Film and Culture at Columbia University. Her award-winning short documentary, “The Dodger’s Symphony” was broadcast on PBS/WNET and was screened in New York, at national museums and international festivals. Ms. Vail has curated and co-curated several film exhibitions, the most recent of which is “First Nations/First Features: A World Showcase of Indigenous Film & Media.” Professor Vail has also curated events at museums and cultural institutions through the popular urban storytelling collective, “The Moth” (themoth.com), an organization for which she was a founding board member. Professor Vail welcomes the opportunity to travel with alumni again and to share her knowledge and insights on this extraordinary voyage.

Please note that a minimum number of passengers is required to confirm faculty participation.
U.S.  
Saturday, July 3  
Depart from the U.S. for Copenhagen, Denmark.

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK  
Sunday, July 4  
Upon arrival, transfer to the deluxe M.S. Le Boreal.

CRUISING THE BALTIC SEA  
Monday, July 5  
Spend the day at leisure cruising the Baltic Sea. This evening, attend the Captain’s welcome reception.

TALLINN, ESTONIA  
Tuesday, July 6  
During the walking tour of the medieval heart of Tallinn, Toompea Hill, visit the Old Town, a designated UNESCO World Heritage site that has remained virtually unchanged for the past 600 years. Visit the Gothic-style Town Hall and see the landmark Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and the 13th-century Church of St. Nicholas. Enjoy leisure time in Tallinn before the ship departs this evening.

ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA  
Wednesday, July 7  
Arrive in the majestic city of St. Petersburg, founded by Peter the Great in 1703 as his “Window on the West.” Enjoy three days exploring this city’s legendary landmarks, scattered across more than 100 islands linked by six times as many bridges.
   
Set off along the main thoroughfare, Nevsky Prospect, lined with exquisite examples of Russian Baroque and Neoclassical architecture. See the important Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood (Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ) and the 19th-century St. Isaac’s Cathedral, whose striking golden dome is one of the glories of the city’s skyline. Tour the city’s first building, the Peter and Paul Fortress, constructed to defend Russia against invasion and to secure Russia’s access to the sea. The impressive Baroque Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul contains the tombs of Russia’s 32 czars, from Peter the Great to Nicholas II, the last of the Romanovs.
   
This evening, attend an optional ballet performance in the Hermitage Theater.

ST. PETERSBURG  
Thursday, July 8  
Begin your day with the specially arranged, early-opening tour of the incomparable State Hermitage Museum, the former czarist palace of Catherine the Great and one of the world’s greatest art repositories. Its spectacular collection is rivaled only by its ornate interiors.
   
Pursue independent interests this afternoon, or set out on the optional excursion to Petrodvorets, Peter the Great’s elegant summer estate and palace, a UNESCO World Heritage

Cover: In Stockholm’s most historic district, the charming Gamla Stan (Old Town), stately 17th-century palaces and cathedrals decorate the waterfront and line pedestrian walkways.

The focal point of Peter the Great’s summer palace is the marvelously beautiful Grand Cascade whose waters start at the Great Palace and flow down to the Gulf of Finland.
Admire the splendid Neoclassical and Contemporary architecture of Helsinki, Finland, the “White City of the North.”

site built to rival Versailles. Stroll through the Upper Park and its Baroque gardens, and, in the Lower Park, see the magnificent Grand Cascade and tour the ornate Great Palace. Return to St. Petersburg by hydrofoil. This evening, attend an optional Russian folklore show in the Nikolevsky Art Center.

**ST. PETERSBURG**

*Friday, July 9*

The morning is at leisure in St. Petersburg, or you can join the optional excursion to the imperial compound of Pushkin and Catherine Palace, built in an elaborate Rococo style in 1741 by Peter the Great’s daughter, Elizabeth I, in honor of her mother. The tour’s highlight is the extraordinary Amber Room, whose six tons of solid amber, deftly carved and framed in gold leaf, were the crown jewel of Russian art until 1941. The room was meticulously reconstructed to commemorate St. Petersburg’s 300th birthday in 2003.

**HELSEINKI, FINLAND**

*Saturday, July 10*

The panoramic tour of Finland’s dynamic capital features Helsinki’s stately Senate Square, lively Market Square, diplomatic quarter of Kaivopuisto and the old fortifications of Suomenlinna, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Next, visit Sibelius Park to view Eila Hiltunen’s remarkable sculpture the “White City of the North.” Stroll through Tallinn, a hub of European culture and con 600-year-old spires and gables of its skyline.

The colorful Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood (Church of the Resurrection of Christ) was built on the site where Alexander II was assassinated.
in honor of Finland’s most beloved composer, Jean Sibelius. Tour the modernistic Temppeliaukio Church, impressively hewn from solid rock and also known as the Church of the Rock. Enjoy a special private concert at the prestigious Sibelius Academy before returning to the ship. This evening, attend the Captain’s farewell reception.

**STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN/U.S.**

*Sunday, July 11*

Disembark the ship this morning and transfer to the airport for your flight home.

**INCLUDED FEATURES**

- Seven-night cruise from Copenhagen, Denmark, to Stockholm, Sweden, with port calls in Tallinn, Estonia; St. Petersburg, Russia; and Helsinki, Finland.
- Spacious and elegant outside accommodations with private bathroom and individual stateroom climate control.
- Captain’s welcome and farewell receptions.
- All meals—Continental breakfast, buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea, dinner and late-evening snack—throughout the cruise, featuring fine Continental and regional cuisine, served at a single, unassigned seating.
- House wine, beer, soft drinks, mineral water, coffee and tea with lunch and dinner.
- Walking tour of Tallinn’s historic medieval quarters, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- City tour of St. Petersburg, a UNESCO World Heritage site, featuring a visit to the Peter and Paul Fortress, the city’s oldest structure and final resting place for all of Russia’s czars.
- Specially arranged, early entry to the world-renowned State Hermitage Museum.
- Excursion in Helsinki, highlighted by a visit to Temppeliaukio Church and a private concert at the Sibelius Academy.

**ENHANCED TRAVEL SERVICES**

- All transfers and luggage handling abroad for all participants who have purchased their air tickets through Gohagan & Company and whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- A program of optional shore excursions, as outlined in the itinerary, will be available.
- All excursions (included and optional) and visits, as outlined in the itinerary, led by experienced, English-speaking local guides.
- Gratuities for local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- Experienced Travel Director to accompany you throughout the travel program.
- Hospitality desk aboard the ship.
- Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
- Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.
M.S. LE BOREAL

STATE-OF-THE-ART DESIGN
Introducing the deluxe M.S. LE BOREAL, custom-built in Italy to revolutionize small ship cruising. Featuring a new generation of ship design and technology, this ship will set unprecedented standards in elegance and comfort. The M.S. LE BOREAL is specially designed to fulfill the needs of the most discerning passengers who have cruised aboard the highly acclaimed M.S. LE DIAMANT.

120 EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS
The large Staterooms and Suites range in size from 200 to 398 square feet. Ninety-five percent feature private balconies, most with open railings and some with a partial half wall.

EXCLUSIVE DELUXE (LUXURY) SUITE AND STATEROOM AMENITIES
All Suites and the majority of the Staterooms feature two twin beds which can be converted into one queen-size bed, a private bathroom with shower (some with bathtub), international direct dial telephone, satellite flat screen television, DVD/CD, iPod dock with speakers, wireless Internet access, safe, minibar, full-length closets, writing desk/dressing table, hair dryer, duvet and plush terry cloth robes.

EXCEPTIONAL DINING EXPERIENCE/FLEXIBLE DINING OPTIONS
International and local cuisine is served in the stylish, spacious Dining Room in a single, unassigned seating; alfresco in the casual indoor-outdoor Grill Restaurant on Le France Deck, available at select times; or from 24-hour Room Service. Continental and buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea, a three-course dinner and a late-evening snack are served daily. Complimentary wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner. Additionally, bar service is available on the Sun Deck.

EXCEPTIONAL AND SPACIOUS PUBLIC AREAS
Inviting and spacious public areas have been designed to accommodate passenger numbers exceeding the ship’s capacity. The attractive 3,000-square-foot Le Club lounge, where nightly entertainment is showcased, is complete with a dance floor, while the Panoramic Lounge is designed to offer breathtaking views. The state-of-the-art theater is the perfect venue for lectures, cultural performances and film screenings. There is a library, casino, Internet salon offering computer stations and Internet access, beauty salon, elevator and infirmary.

WORLD-CLASS RECREATIONAL FACILITIES
Recreation, fitness and wellness facilities include a swimming pool, spa, Turkish bath-style steam room, full range of fitness equipment and open-air Sun Deck. The ship is equipped with Zodiac landing craft in addition to two large tenders.

PASSENGER AND ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY
The technologically superior electric propulsion system enables the ship to cruise with little vibration and significantly less engine noise to provide an exceptionally smooth, quiet and comfortable cruise. The ship operates using the latest “Cleanship” standards and the advanced navigational dynamic positioning system designed to prevent contact with environmentally sensitive seaboards.

UNMATCHED SERVICES
The highly trained English-speaking International Crew provides refined hospitality and attentive service to the most discerning passengers. There is a doctor and nurse aboard ship. Laundry services are available.
COPENHAGEN PRE-Cruise Option

Before your cruise, spend two nights in Denmark’s capital with accommodations in the deluxe Copenhagen Marriott Hotel. Enjoy Copenhagen’s beautiful architecture and stunning maritime setting during the canal cruise featuring the city’s most notable landmarks, and the panoramic tour into the heart of the city including Stroget, Copenhagen’s famous pedestrianized shopping street. Gain a unique perspective on Denmark’s royal heritage during an excursion to North Zealand to see Kronborg Castle, the setting for Shakespeare’s Hamlet and a UNESCO World Heritage site, and tour 17th-century Frederiksborg Castle, now the Danish National History Museum.

Complete details will be provided with your cruise reservation confirmation.

STOCKHOLM POST-Cruise Option

Extend your Baltic experience for two nights in Sweden’s capital and cultural epicenter with deluxe accommodations in the elegant and historic Grand Hotel Stockholm. Visit City Hall, site of the Nobel Prize Banquet since 1930, explore the historic Gamla Stan (Old Town) and see Viking artifacts in the Vasa Museum and the Museum of National Antiquities.

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Walk along Copenhagen’s historic waterfront, where the city’s centuries of maritime history still come to life.

Copenhagen Marriot Hotel

A landmark along the busy waterfront, the copper-roofed Grand Hotel Stockholm hosted the Nobel Prize Banquets from 1901 to 1929.

FUEL-EFFICIENT ELECTRIC SYSTEM

M.S. Le Boreal is proud to introduce the next generation of deluxe small ships, powered by the newly developed, highly fuel-efficient electric propulsion system that has previously been available only on larger vessels and featuring an advanced navigational system. M.S. Le Boreal meets the highest security standards.

Deluxe Small Ships

Stateroom

Open Air Lounge

Lobby

Theater
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Class:  Economy  Business  First

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CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS: Cancellations for all or any part of the trip will not be effective until received in writing in the offices of Columbia Alumni Travel Study Program. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply: reservation cancellations are subject to a $200 per person administrative fee from the time of booking through 120 days prior to departure; from 95 through 119 days prior to departure, $800 per person; from 60 through 94 days prior to departure, 50% of the published full regular tariff; cancellations 59 days or less prior to departure, a no-show, or early return from the trip will result in forfeiture of 100% of the published full regular tariff. In addition, any applicable airline cancellation fees and administrative fees will be assessed.

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We strongly recommend for your protection that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. Additional information on insurance options will be sent upon receipt of your reservation.

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