Changing Tides of History
Cruising the Baltic Sea

Sweden • Estonia • St. Petersburg • Finland • Denmark

Featuring Guest Speakers

Lech Wałęsa
Former President of Poland

and

Sergei Khrushchev
Son of Nikita Khrushchev

June 11 to 19, 2018

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Dear Fellow Columbian,

Travel with the Columbia Alumni Association (CAA) from June 11 – 19, 2018, and discover the lands and legacies forged by centuries of Baltic history. Hear firsthand from historic world leader, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and former President of Poland, Lech Wałęsa, and noted author and award-winning scholar Sergei Khrushchev, son of Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

In the tradition of ancient Viking mariners and medieval merchants, set forth from the cosmopolitan, royal Swedish capital of Stockholm to Denmark’s sophisticated, innovative and exceptionally “green” capital city of Copenhagen. Tour the well-preserved medieval Old Town of Tallinn, Estonia; and 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 czarist palaces at Petrodvorets and Pushkin. Walk amid the stunning architecture of Helsinki, Finland, explore Denmark’s idyllic island of Bornholm, and enjoy traditional Danish delicacies in the picturesque harbor town of Gudhjem. Experience the splendors of Stockholm during the pre-cruise option, and on the Wonders of Norway post-cruise option, visit the vibrant city of Bergen, cruise through stunning fjordlands and enjoy one of the world’s most scenic train rides.

Experience the cultural rebirth of the Baltic States and imperial treasures of St. Petersburg, Russia, while cruising aboard the specially chartered, Five-Star, all-Suite Star Breeze, featuring just 106 ocean-view Suites. One of the great cruise itineraries, this unique Baltic Sea voyage features five Baltic countries and six UNESCO World Heritage sites and is scheduled during the best time of year when you can experience the luminous “White Nights” of summer.

The CAA is a global network connecting Columbians of all schools to one another and to the intellectual and social fabric of Columbia University, even after graduation. It links over 330,000 alumni through more than 100 Regional Clubs and Shared Interest groups, online resources, and over 200 thought-provoking programs around the world. The CAA Travel Study Program is one of the benefits offered to Columbia alumni and is an opportunity to continue one’s Columbia education through new intellectual, cultural, and geographical horizons.

This comprehensive travel offering features Five-Star accommodations, a specially arranged shore excursion in each port and all meals. Shared with cosponsoring associations, capacity is limited and this program is sure to fill quickly! Please contact the Travel Study Program office at 866-325-8664 or travelstudy@columbia.edu for more details and to confirm your space today.

Sincerely,

Donna H. MacPhee ’89CC, P ’17CC
Vice President for Alumni Relations
President, Columbia Alumni Association

LUXURY
Our programs are classified in three categories: Value, Superior and Luxury
U.S.
Monday, June 11
Depart the U.S.

Stockholm, Sweden
Tuesday, June 12
Arrive in Sweden’s magnificent “Venice of the North” and embark the Five-Star STAR BREEZE. Be on deck as you cruise through the scenic Stockholm archipelago.

Tallinn, Estonia
Wednesday, June 13
Having largely escaped the ravages of World War II, Tallinn’s UNESCO World Heritage-designated Old Town has remained virtually unchanged for 600 years. During the walking tour, see Toompea Castle, the seat of Estonia’s Parliament; the landmark Alexander Nevsky Cathedral; and the 13th-century Church of St. Nicholas. Visit the medieval Town Hall, the only intact Gothic-style hall in Northern Europe. Enjoy time on your own to explore Tallinn’s Old Town before returning to the ship.

By special arrangement, enjoy an informative lecture with time for questions and answers by distinguished author and scholar Dr. Sergei Khrushchev.

Attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception this evening.

St. Petersburg, Russia
Thursday, June 14
Peter the Great founded majestic St. Petersburg in 1703 as his “Window on the West.” After cruising into the heart of the city, enjoy a panoramic tour of its historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage site, where legendary landmarks are scattered across more than 100 islands linked by more than three times as many bridges. St. Petersburg’s main thoroughfare, Nevsky Prospekt, showcases exquisite examples of Russian Baroque and neoclassical architecture. See the ornate Church of Our Savior on Spilled Blood (Church of the Resurrection of Christ), built on the site of Emperor Alexander II’s assassination, and the 19th-century St. Isaac’s Cathedral, with a striking golden dome that is one of the glories of the city’s skyline. Visit St. Petersburg’s first building, the Peter and Paul Fortress, constructed to secure the country’s access to the sea, and the impressive Baroque Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, containing the tombs of 32 czars, from Peter the Great to Nicholas II, the last of the Romanovs.

This afternoon, tour the incomparable State Hermitage Museum during specially arranged extended hours. One of the world’s greatest art repositories, the UNESCO World Heritage-designated museum was the former czarist palace of the Peter the Great himself partially engineered the resplendent plexus of waterfalls, fountains and statues that adorns the foreground of the opulent Grand Palace at Petrodvorets.

Cover photo: Spanning 14 small islands, where shimmering Lake Mälaren meets one of the largest archipelagos in the Baltic Sea, Stockholm balances medieval and Renaissance architecture with modern urban design.

Photo this page: Peter the Great himself partially engineered the resplendent plexus of waterfalls, fountains and statues that adorns the foreground of the opulent Grand Palace at Petrodvorets.
Catherine the Great. Its spectacular collections are rivaled only by its lavish interior.

**St. Petersburg**
**Friday, June 15**
This morning, visit the imperial compound of Pushkin and Catherine the Great’s elaborate rococo palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site, highlighted by a special visit to the extraordinary Amber Room, which is said to be the “Eighth Wonder of the World.” Then, savor a lunch of Russian specialties while enjoying a traditional Cossack dance performance.

Enjoy a guided tour of the splendid parklands and extravagant UNESCO World Heritage-designated Grand Palace of Petrodvorets, commissioned by Peter the Great to rival the Palace of Versailles. The elaborately landscaped grounds feature magnificent formal gardens and cascading fountains.

Return to St. Petersburg by hydrofoil, skimming over the Gulf of Finland.

**Helsinki, Finland**
**Saturday, June 16**
Helsinki was named the World Design Capital in 2012 for its innovative use of design in stimulating an urban environment. Stand on deck as the ship approaches the city for the best view of the 18th-century maritime fortress of Suomenlinna, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

On a panoramic city tour, see the stately Senate Square and the diplomatic quarter of Kaivopuisto. Visit the modernistic Temppeliaukio Church, or “Church of the Rock,” impressively hewn out of natural bedrock. Enjoy free time to explore Helsinki’s lively Market Square before reboarding the ship.

By special arrangement, meet the leader of the Solidarity movement, former President of Poland and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Lech Wałęsa on board the ship this evening. Mr. Wałęsa will discuss his perspective on Solidarity, globalization and progress in the region, with time for questions and answers.

**Cruising the Baltic Sea**
**Sunday, June 17**
Spend the day at leisure cruising the Baltic Sea while enjoying a series of enriching lectures.

**Gudhjem, Bornholm Island, Denmark**
**Monday, June 18**
Dramatic coastal cliffs and white sandy beaches front idyllic Bornholm, Denmark’s island jewel of the Baltic, where quaint seaside villages dot a scenic landscape of verdant forests and rolling countryside.

The traditional fishing boats and colorful edifices along Copenhagen’s Nyhavn canal retain the waterfront’s authentic 18th-century maritime character.
Explore the impressive ruins of the 13th-century Hammershus Slot, the largest medieval castle in Scandinavia, and visit one of the island’s iconic, round, whitewashed rundkirke (round churches), an outstanding contribution to Nordic medieval architecture, which also once served as fortresses. Enjoy a tasting of traditional smoked herring in Gudhjem (“God’s Home”), a picturesque harbor town of colorful, red-roofed, half-timbered houses and sloping cobblestone streets. Enjoy time at leisure before returning to the ship.

Attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception this evening.

Copenhagen/U.S.
Tuesday, June 19

Arrive in Copenhagen, Denmark’s vibrant world-class capital of great heritage and seafaring traditions. Disembark and continue on the Wonders of Norway Post-Cruise Option or depart for the U.S.

Enjoy a phenomenal journey through the verdant, mountainous fjordlands of Norway aboard the Flåm Railway, first proposed in 1871.

Splendors of Stockholm
A Royal and Nobel City
Pre-Cruise Option

One of the most handsome Scandinavian cities, Stockholm is a harmonious blend of medieval and modern architecture showcased on 14 small islands connected 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 only preserved 17th-century war ship in the world. Accommodations are for two nights in the ideally located Sheraton Stockholm hotel.

Wonders of Norway
Copenhagen ● Oslo ● Fjords ● Bergen
By Flåm Mountain Railway and Coastal Ferry
Post-Cruise Option

Immerse yourself in majestic Norwegian landscapes and traditional Scandinavian culture on this unique and exclusive five-night journey from Copenhagen to Bergen. Enjoy an exclusively chartered cruise along Copenhagen’s idyllic canals, see the highlights of vibrant Oslo and cruise by private ship in spectacular Nærøy Fjord, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Travel on the legendary Flåm Railway, one of the most scenic train rides in the world, through pristine fjordlands, passing snowcapped mountains, cascading waterfalls and alpine lakes. Tour the historic city of Bergen, including Bryggen (the old wharf), a UNESCO World Heritage site, and visit Trolldhaugen, the home of famed composer Edvard Grieg. Accommodations are for four nights in comfortable hotels, including the historic Stalheim Hotel, and one night aboard an award-winning Seaways ferry.

Pre- and Post-Cruise Options are available at additional cost. Details will be included with your reservation confirmation.
**FIVE-STAR, ALL-SUITE SMALL SHIP**

**mv STAR BREEZE**

The exclusively chartered, Five-Star, all-Suite Star Breeze, relaunched in 2015 following multimillion-dollar refurbishments, offers intimate cruising at its finest and its fleet ranks high among *Travel + Leisure* magazine’s “World’s Best Cruise Lines.” This small ship can dock in ports inaccessible to larger vessels and celebrates traditional “sail aways” on deck.

Ideal for private viewing of passing landscapes and coastal areas are the six Classic and Owner’s Suites, each with a private, furnished veranda. The 36 French Balcony Suites have a floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door and wooden railing, and the ocean-view Suites have one picture window. Each of the Five-Star Suites features one queen bed (most convertible to two twin beds), a private bathroom with shower (most with full bathtub), luxurious European linens and amenities, individual climate control, flat-screen satellite television, Wi-Fi Internet access, safe, walk-in closet and ample drawer space, minibar, dressing table, hair dryer, lush robes and slippers. Complimentary welcome flowers and fruit are provided in each Suite upon arrival.

The elegant AmphorA dining room accommodates all guests at a single, unassigned seating, and an attentive staff serves fine contemporary international cuisine. Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are included throughout the cruise. Guests may enjoy indoor or outdoor dining in the Veranda restaurant for breakfast and lunch or reserve a table at Candles for alfresco evening dining. The Yacht Club offers complimentary specialty coffees and light snacks in between meals. Room service is also available 24 hours.

The inviting and spacious public areas are tastefully appointed and include a large lounge, where a program of enriching lectures is held; two bars; a comfortable library; computer center with Internet access; spa; fitness center; boutique; casino; outdoor whirlpool and counter-current pool. The ship has two elevators, and there is a medical facility on board staffed by a physician.

With a ratio of one crew member for every 1.5 guests, the English-speaking, award-winning crew provides personal and attentive service.
Acclaimed Guest Speakers

◆ Former Polish President and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Lech Wałęsa.
◆ Scholar and author Sergei Khrushchev, son of Soviet Union Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

Included Features

On board the exclusively chartered, Five-Star, all-Suite, small ship Star Breeze

◆ Seven-night cruise from Stockholm, Sweden, to Copenhagen, Denmark, featuring port calls at Tallinn, Estonia; St. Petersburg, Russia; Helsinki, Finland; and Gudhjem, Bornholm Island, Denmark.
◆ Spacious, Five-Star, ocean-view, all-Suite accommodations, each with a private bathroom and individual climate control.
◆ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
◆ All meals—breakfast, lunch and dinner—featuring fine international cuisine, served at single, unassigned seatings.
◆ Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are available throughout the cruise.
◆ Walking tour of Tallinn’s historic and medieval quarters, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
◆ City tour of St. Petersburg, a UNESCO World Heritage site, featuring a visit to the impressive Peter and Paul Fortress.
◆ Visit to St. Petersburg’s world-renowned State Hermitage Museum, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with specially arranged extended hours.
◆ Excursion to two UNESCO World Heritage sites—Peter the Great’s Petrodvorets and Catherine the Great’s Palace in Pushkin, featuring the acclaimed Amber Room—including a lunch of traditional Russian specialties.
◆ City tour of Helsinki featuring a visit to Temppeliaukio Church and a view of the old fortifications of the UNESCO World Heritage site of Suomenlinna.
◆ Tour of picturesque Bornholm Island, featuring visits to one of the Danish island’s iconic round churches and to the impressive ruins of Scandinavia’s largest medieval castle.

Enhanced Travel Services

◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced, English-speaking local guides.
◆ Gratuities to shipboard personnel and local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
◆ Group visa is included for excursions in Russia.
◆ Complimentary bottled water in your Suite and on excursions.
◆ Hospitality desk aboard the ship.
◆ The services of experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the program.
◆ Complimentary use of a state-of-the-art audio headset for each participant during guided excursions.
◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
By exclusive arrangement, Lech Wałęsa, former 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 the Star Breeze. From his position as a marine electrician in Gdansk’s Lenin 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. Despite 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. Mr. Wałęsa became the first foreign non-head of state to address a joint meeting of the U.S. Congress in 1989.

Sergei Khrushchev
Noted Author and Award-Winning Scholar

A distinguished author and scholar, Dr. Sergei Khrushchev is the son of former Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev (1957-1964) and a former visiting professor of Slavic studies at Brown University, where he also served as a senior fellow at the Watson Institute for International Studies. Dr. Khrushchev’s research has focused on the history of the Cold War and the turning points in relations between the U.S. and the Soviet Union in the Khrushchev, Eisenhower and Kennedy eras; the history of Soviet missiles and space development, in which he played an active role; and the Soviet Union’s transformation from centralized to decentralized government and market economy. He co-authored his father’s memoirs, The Time, the People, the Power (1999), and translated them into English (2005-2007). Dr. Khrushchev is a popular commentator for the American media and the author of more than 350 books and articles, including Khrushchev on Khrushchev (1990), Nikita Khrushchev: Crisis and Missiles (1994) and Nikita Khrushchev and the Creation of a Super Power (2000).
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**Preferred Name(s) on Badge(s):**
**Tour No. 034-06/11/18-021**

Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person and $200 per person Splendors of Stockholm Pre-Cruise Option and/or $200 per person Wonders of Norway Post-Cruise Option.

- Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $________ as deposit.
- Make checks payable to 2018 Cruising the Baltic Sea.
- I/we authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $________ to:
  - Visa
  - MasterCard

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**Signature as it appears on credit card**

**ALL FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by March 8, 2018.**

By forwarding the deposit for this travel program, I/we acknowledge that I/we have read and accept the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement in this brochure.

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1. **Note:** Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.
2. **Star Breeze** has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.
Finland’s waterfront capital city of Helsinki showcases elegant Jugendstil architecture along its picturesque bay.

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If due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend an additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner’s risk. The right is reserved to decline to accept as a trip participant, or remove from a trip, without refund, any person Gohagan judges to be incapable of meeting the rigors and requirements of participating in the activities, or who is abusive to other trip participants, leaders or third parties, or who Gohagan determines to be responsible for any damage to person or property in connection with the provision of any goods or services whether resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God or force majeure, acts of government, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind or the threat thereof, sickness, illness, epidemics or the threat thereof, the lack of availability of or access to medical attention or the quality thereof, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, mechanical or other failure of airplanes, vessels, or other means of transportation, or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely or safely.

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