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Cruising the Baltic Sea and the Norwegian Fjords
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Aboard the deluxe M.S. Le Diamant

June 20 to July 2, 2007

Featuring a private meeting with Lech Walesa

With Columbia Professor Anders Stephanson

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Dear Fellow Columbian,

We are delighted to invite you to experience the magnificent beauty of Norway’s fjords and the cultural rebirth of the Baltic states on this special voyage during the height of summer’s spectacular White Nights. Join Columbia Professor and alumnus Anders Stephanson, fellow alumni, family, and friends on this program which offers a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to meet with Lech Walesa, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize and leader of the Solidarity movement. The movement’s struggle against Communist rule eventually toppled Soviet domination in all of the Baltic states and Eastern Europe.

This itinerary features accommodations aboard the deluxe M.S. LE DIAMANT, one of the world’s most celebrated small cruise ships. Refurbished in 2004, it offers a luxurious sanctuary with personalized service, fine cuisine and elegant amenities.

Embrace in majestic St. Petersburg, home to some of the finest museums and palaces in the world, before visiting the reborn Baltic states as they experience a post-Soviet renaissance. From the medieval lanes of Tallinn, Estonia, and Riga, Latvia, to the legacy of the Solidarity movement in Gdańsk, Poland, observe their rich traditions and newfound cultural vitality and see some of the most impressive medieval architecture in Europe. Call on the ports of Stockholm and Copenhagen and experience the charm and history of these Scandinavian capitals. Cruise the spectacular fjords of Norway and end your trip in the historic port of Bergen.

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. We invite you to join a special optional two-night Post-Program in the ancient Hanseatic city of Bergen, Norway.

The romantic White Nights of Summer, the deluxe M.S. LE DIAMANT, and a distinctive itinerary that includes a private meeting with Polish hero Lech Walesa, make this an ideal opportunity to experience the Baltic region’s rich cultural heritage and explore the setting of important historical events. We are privileged to be joined by alumni from Northwestern University, the University of Pennsylvania, and Brown University, among other leading institutions. This Baltic Sea program has sold out quickly in recent years, so we urge you to make your reservation now.

With best wishes from Morningside Heights,

Eric J. Furda ‘94TC
Vice President for Alumni Relations

Columbia Study Leader
Anders Stephanson, a native of Sweden and a Columbia alumnus, is the James P. Shenton Professor of History and the Columbia Core. Aside from the Core, Professor Stephanson initially taught US foreign relations but became interested in the more general framing of the United States in the world, especially its religious aspects. His Ph.D., however, featured a field in Scandinavian history and the long, great power period of Swedish hegemony in the Baltic. Among many other things, he has been the head of the History Department’s undergraduate program and also of the Columbia University Press faculty committee. Professor Stephanson’s publications include the award-winning George F. Kennan and the Art of Foreign Policy and Manifest Destiny: American Expansionism and the Empire of Right. He is working on a historiographical book on diplomatic history and a work tentatively entitled The United States as a Cold War. He received his B.A. from Gothenburg, B.Phil from Oxford, and Ph.D. from Columbia. Professor Stephanson looks forward to sharing his knowledge and insights with fellow alumni through formal lectures and informal discussions.

Please note that a minimum number of passengers is required to confirm faculty participation.
**U.S.**
Wednesday, June 20
Depart from the U.S. for St. Petersburg, Russia.

**St. Petersburg, Russia**
Thursday, June 21
Arrive in the marvelous city of St. Petersburg, founded by Peter the Great in 1703. Spend two and a half days exploring the city’s legendary landmarks, scattered across more than 100 islands linked by six times as many bridges. Upon arrival, transfer to the *M.S. Le Diamant*. This evening, join the Captain for a special welcome reception and dinner.

**St. Petersburg**
Friday, June 22
Enjoy a specially arranged early opening tour of the renowned Hermitage, a former czarist palace and one of the world’s greatest art museums. Its spectacular collection is rivaled only by its ornate interiors.

Following lunch, take a city tour featuring a drive along Nevsky Prospect, the city’s main thoroughfare, lined with exquisite examples of Russian baroque and neoclassical architecture. Tour the city’s first building, the Peter and Paul Fortress, which was constructed in 1703 to defend Russia against Swedish invasion and to secure Russia’s access to the sea. Its impressive baroque Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul contains the tombs of all of Russia’s czars, from Peter the Great to Nicholas II.

This evening attend an optional ballet performance in the historic Hermitage Theater or an optional Russian folklore show in the Nikolevsky Art Center.

**St. Petersburg**
Saturday, June 23
Explore St. Petersburg on your own today or join an optional excursion to the imperial compound of Pushkin and its Catherine Palace, an elaborate baroque edifice built in 1741 by Peter the Great’s daughter, Elizabeth I, in honor of her mother. The tour includes a visit to the extraordinary Amber Room, where six tons of amber, deftly carved and framed in gold leaf, were the crown jewel of Russian art until it was looted by the Nazis in 1941. The room was meticulously reconstructed to commemorate St. Petersburg’s 300th birthday in 2003. Or, you may join an optional excursion to Peter the Great’s grand summer estate at Petrodvorets. Lined with exquisite gilded fountains and white marble statues, its gardens are among the most spectacular in the world. Walk through the gardens and explore the Palace’s interior. The ship departs St. Petersburg this afternoon.

*Cover: Norway’s glacier-covered fjords offer Northern Europe’s most majestic scenery.*

*Copenhagen displays the Vikings’ legacy—a rich maritime character along the waterfront.*
TALLINN, ESTONIA  
*Sunday, June 24*
Having largely escaped the ravages of World War II, Tallinn’s Old Town has remained virtually unchanged for the past 600 years and has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage site. During the walking tour, visit the medieval Gothic-style Town Hall and Toomkirk, a magnificent 13th-century Lutheran cathedral believed to be Estonia’s oldest church. You will also see important landmarks in Tallinn, including the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and the 13th-century Church of St. Nicholas.

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN  
*Monday, June 25*
One of Scandinavia’s most handsome cities, cosmopolitan Stockholm is characterized by an attractive and harmonious mixture of modern and medieval structures built on 14 small islands scattered among open bays and narrow channels. Visit the City Hall, one of the great architectural works of the 20th century. In its expansive Blue Hall, the Nobel prizes are awarded each year. Continue with a leisurely stroll through the charming streets of Stockholm’s Old Town, known as the *Gamla Stan*. Following lunch, enjoy some free time to explore this stately city on your own.

RIGA, LATVIA  
*Tuesday, June 26*
Once a member of the Hanseatic League, Riga has been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site for its eclectic combination of national romantic, art nouveau, neo-Gothic, neo-baroque and ultramodern architecture. Attend a specially arranged recital performed on the organ of St. Peter’s Church. Enjoy a tour of Old Riga and see the Great Guild Hall Square, Riga Castle and several of Riga’s most artful buildings, including the Blackhead’s House, a magnificent 14th-century guildhouse destroyed in World War II. It was completely rebuilt with bricks donated by Riga’s citizens in honor of the city’s 800th anniversary in 2001.

KLAIPEDA, LITHUANIA  
*Wednesday, June 27*
Arrive in Klaipeda, a Hanseatic trading town founded in 1252, and transfer to the seaside resort of Palanga to visit the Amber Museum, housed in an old palace surrounded by a beautifully landscaped botanical park. Continue with a leisurely stroll along Palanga’s picturesque beaches.

GDAŃSK, POLAND  
*Thursday, June 28*
Arrive in Gdańsk, a historic city that boasts some of Poland’s finest medieval and Renaissance architecture. In 1980, Lenin Shipyard workers, led by Lech Walesa, founded the Solidarity movement—the first independent trade union in Eastern Europe and the key factor in the Polish struggle against Communism. Tour the historic yards, visit its museum detailing the history of the Solidarity movement.

Stroll through Stockholm’s Old Town, with its stately 17th-century atmosphere.
movement and see the Monument to the Shipyard Worker, raised in memory of a violent strike in 1970. Continue to the Old Town and visit the 14th-century Town Hall, a beautiful Gothic structure noted for its Dutch Mannerist interior. Beautifully restored after World War II, it is now the home of the Museum of the History of Gda´nsk.

By exclusive arrangement, enjoy a private visit on the ship with Lech Walesa. He will share his insights into the Solidarity movement, which played a seminal role in the pursuit of Polish democracy, and the collapse of Communism in Eastern Europe.

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK
Friday, June 29
Board a canal boat for a cruise this afternoon through the heart of Copenhagen. See Christiansborg Palace, the Naval Church, the Stock Exchange and the famous “Little Mermaid” statue, which honors the work of Denmark’s favorite author, Hans Christian Andersen. Disembark and pass by Tivoli Gardens, Amalienborg Palace and the King’s Garden en route to the famous Strøget pedestrian street.

KATTEGAT & SKAGERRAK STRAITS
Saturday, June 30
Sail in the wake of ancient Viking seafarers through the Kattegat and Skagerrak Straits en route to Norway.

CRUISING THE NORWEGIAN FJORDS
Sunday, July 1
Norway’s majestic fjords offer the most stunning coastal scenery in Europe. Cruise past traditional farmsteads and villages along the placid Sognefjord and Aurlandsfjord, flanked by soaring, snowcapped mountains plunging dramatically into the cobalt blue waters at their base. This evening, attend the Captain’s special farewell reception.

BERGEN/U.S.
Monday, July 2
Disembark the ship and transfer to the airport for your flight home.

BERGEN, NORWAY, POST-PROGRAM OPTION
Spend two nights in the Hanseatic town of Bergen, designated a UNESCO World Heritage site for its wonderful collection of colorful medieval houses in the historic Bryggen district. Complete details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

From Pushkin to Dostoevsky, authors, poets and artists across northern Europe have found inspiration in the soft, magical light of the White Nights.
The **M.S. Le Diamant** is a rare find—an oceangoing vessel providing deluxe accommodations and an intimate, casual ambiance. Previously known as the **M.S. Song of Flower**, the rechristened **M.S. Le Diamant** was attractively refurbished in 2004 and features the deluxe amenities and superior standards offered aboard a larger ship with the charm and enhanced navigability provided by a yacht.

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Continental breakfast, buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and dinner are served daily in a single unassigned seating. The **Restaurant Iles de France** offers innovative Continental fare in a relaxed, inviting setting. Guests may reserve a table at **L’Escapade** restaurant for more intimate evening dining. Complimentary house wine, mineral water, coffee and tea are served at lunch and dinner.

The ship has three lounges. Nightly entertainment includes a cabaret and live music. Also on board the ship are a hair salon, boutique, library, masseuse and fitness center. A certified physician is on board. Two elevators serve all passenger decks. The **M.S. Le Diamant** is outfitted for cruising oceans and seas and meets the highest international environmental and safety standards.
LECH WALESA

We are honored to announce that by exclusive arrangement while in Gdaňsk, our group will have a private meeting with Lech Walesa, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, and leader of the Solidarity movement in its fight against Communism.

A worker in Gdaňsk's Lenin Shipyard, Walesa emerged as a worldwide symbol of the resistance against Communism during the shipyard workers’ strike of 1980 and the establishment of the Solidarity labor movement. Despite winning the right to form an independent union, Walesa and Solidarity were forced to continue their struggle against the Soviet-backed regime of General Jaruzelski, which jailed Walesa and imposed martial law in Poland in December, 1981.

In 1983, Walesa received the Nobel Peace Prize, a watershed moment widely considered to have been the first crack in the Iron Curtain of Soviet Communism that crumbled with the Berlin Wall in 1989. Only the third foreign dignitary, after the Marquis de Lafayette and Winston Churchill, to address a joint session of the U.S. Congress in 1989, Walesa served as President of Poland from 1990 to 1995.

We are indeed proud that this Polish hero and international symbol of the pursuit of freedom and democracy has agreed to meet with our group.

The 15th-century Gdaňsk Crane is the largest medieval port crane in Europe and symbolizes Poland’s glorious maritime heritage and seafaring traditions.

INCLUDED FEATURES

ABOARD THE M.S. LE DIAMANT

♦ Eleven-night cruise from St. Petersburg, Russia, to Bergen, Norway (including a passage through the Norwegian fjords), with calls at Tallinn, Estonia; Stockholm, Sweden; Riga, Latvia; Klaipeda, Lithuania; Gdaňsk, Poland; and Copenhagen, Denmark.

♦ Spacious and elegant outside accommodations with private bathroom facilities.

♦ Captain’s welcome and farewell receptions.

♦ All meals throughout the cruise, featuring savory Continental cuisine, served at single unassigned seatings.

♦ Complimentary house wine with lunch and dinner.

♦ Specially-arranged early entry tour of the world-renowned Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg.

♦ St. Petersburg city tour, featuring a tour of the Peter and Paul Fortress.

♦ Walking tour of Tallinn, Estonia’s historic and medieval quarters.

♦ Stockholm city tour, including City Hall and Gamla Stan.

♦ Architectural tour of Riga, Latvia.

♦ Tour of Palanga, Lithuania, including the Amber Museum.

♦ Tour of the historic Polish port of Gdaňsk.

♦ Private meeting with Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Lech Walesa, in Gdaňsk.

♦ Half-day Copenhagen city tour.

♦ Spectacular day cruising Norway’s scenic Sognefjord and Aurlandsfjord.

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☐ 1st Choice_____  2nd Choice_____

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☒ Double occupancy (two twin beds).
☒ Single accommodations.
☒ I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please contact me/us regarding:

☒ Flights New York/St. Petersburg with return Bergen/New York. Approximate economy airfare is $1500 per person, including taxes.
☒ Flights from

_________ (fill in departure city) to St. Petersburg, Russia, with return from Bergen, Norway.

☒ First Class    ☒ Business Class

☒ I/we will make my/our own air arrangements.

BERGEN POST-PROGRAM OPTION

Occupancy:

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8 Ocean-view with two portholes, shower. Jade Deck, forward.
8 Ocean-view with two portholes, shower. Jade Deck, mid-forward.
6 Ocean-view with two portholes, shower. Jade Deck, midship.
5 Ocean-view with picture window or portholes, shower only or shower and hip bath. Ruby, Emerald, Turquoise & Jade Decks.
4 Ocean-view with picture window, shower and hip bath. Ruby & Emerald Decks.
3 Ocean-view with picture window, shower and hip bath. Ruby Deck.
2 Two room suite with ocean-view, picture window, two rooms: bedroom and separate living room (with 2 sofa beds), two bathrooms: one with shower and one with hip bath, television and DVD in each room, (triple or quad accommodation). Private canapés each day between 6PM-7PM in cabin. Turquoise Deck.
1 Veranda suite with ocean-view, sliding glass door onto private veranda, full bathtub and shower. Private canapés each day between 6PM-7PM in cabin. Diamond Deck.

* Singles are available in category 6 at $11,595 and in category 5 at $12,395 on or before November 20, 2006. Add $500 for reservations made after November 20, 2006.

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