A SUMMER SOJOURN IN SCANDINAVIA

A CELEBRATION OF WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY

ABOARD THE DELUXE L’AUSTRAL

June 19 - 29, 2016

THE WASHINGTON AND LEE TRAVELLER

WITH W&L PRESIDENT KENNETH P. RUSCIO
and LAMAR J. R. CECIL, KENAN PROFESSOR OF HISTORY, EMERITUS
Dear W&L Traveler,

To be in Scandinavia during the summer solstice is a truly magical experience. The lingering glow of the longest days of summer lends a special aura to landscapes and seascapes alike. Washington and Lee has tailored this journey from the Baltic Sea to the fjords of Norway—surely one of the loveliest cruise itineraries in the world—to take full advantage of these memorable days.

Among the highlights of our itinerary are Stockholm, the most beautiful of the Scandinavian capitals; the Swedish archipelago, the 30,000 islands that lead from Stockholm harbor to the Baltic Sea; and Copenhagen, where we’ll explore the castles and museums of this cosmopolitan and bustling city. Then it’s on to the spectacular fjord lands of Norway, where from Lysefjord in the south to Nordfjord in the north, we’ll behold these natural wonders in all their marvelous variety—crystal-clear fjords, alpine peaks, and stunning waterfalls. Along the way, we will discover Stavanger, Europe’s largest wooden city, and the 1,000-year-old Hopperstad Stave Church in Vik before ending our voyage in the colorfully ancient Hanseatic town of Bergen.

“Summer Sojourn in Scandinavia” will conclude Washington and Lee’s year-long celebration of its historic capital campaign, “Honor Our Past, Build Our Future.” W&L alumni, parents, and friends have responded generously to the call. President Kenneth P. Ruscio and his wife Kim will travel with us on this special voyage. Former Kenan professor of history and popular W&L Traveller lecturer Lamar Cecil will join us as well to enhance our understanding of the history of Scandinavia and this region of the Baltic Sea.

Our home for this journey is the five-star L’Austral, an elegant small ship that will make cruising the picturesque fjords, archipelagos, and shores of Scandinavia an experience in luxury and comfort. If you wish to cruise and explore one of Europe’s most beautiful and unspoiled regions in extraordinary style, do join fellow W&L travelers on this unforgettable journey.

Sincerely,

Rob Fure, Ph.D.
Director of the W&L Traveller
Not only is Edward Greig considered to be the greatest Norwegian composer of all time, as well as one of the most important romantic composers, he has also written music for the piano, voice and cello. Nicknamed “the Chopin of the North,” his style is characterized by a harmonious blend of lyricism and nationalism. Aboard L’Austral, we invite you to set sail in the footsteps of this musical genius, immersing yourself in the fascinating world of northern European romanticism, accompanied by the music of those who inspired them, from Mozart to Schubert, Chopin, Liszt, Dvorak and Tchaikovsky. And to introduce you to this wonderful music, PONANT has chosen to invite four renowned artists along on this Scandinavian cruise:

Karen Vourc’h, Soprano
Emmanuelle Bertrand, Cellist
Pascal Amoyel, Pianist
Florent Héau, Clarinettist

This wonderful group will accompany you to each port of call under the direction of, artistic director, lecturer and musicologist Alain Duault.
Sunday, June 26
STAVANGER
Located on a peninsula jutting into the North Sea, Stavanger is a prosperous center that in the 18th century boasted a fleet that sailed the world over, transporting cargoes of herring. Today its prosperity is tied to oil. Explore Stavanger's picturesque Old Town with its narrow streets and fine concentration of wooden structures. Some 170 houses from the 18th and early 19th century have been restored and protected. Visit the 12th-century Stavanger Domkirke, one of the best-preserved of Norway's medieval cathedrals, and the fascinating Norwegian Petroleum museum. (B,L,D)

Thursday, June 23
AT SEA (B,L,D)

Friday, June 24
COPENHAGEN, DENMARK
The historic capital of Denmark, Copenhagen is appreciated as a cultural hub for Scandinavia. With its beautiful parks, open squares, stately palaces and fine houses, the city Beckons visitors with its welcoming atmosphere. Our tour passes by Amalienborg Palace, home to the royal family, and visits Rosenborg Castle, displaying the crown jewels. Also visit the renowned classical and ancient art collections at the Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek. Afternoon at leisure, during which you may wish to visit Tivoli Gardens, before sailing for Norway. (B,L,D)

Saturday, June 25
LILLESAND, NORWAY | GRIMSTAD
Today we visit two of Norway's most charming villages. In Lillesand walk along welcoming streets of white-washed wooden buildings housing galleries, cafés and shops. The town is known for its summer profusion of roses and geraniums. In Grimstad visit the small museum dedicated to the playwright Henrik Ibsen who wrote his first drama, Catalina, here while working as a pharmacist's apprentice. (B,L,D)

Sunday, June 26
BERGEN | DISEMBARK | USA
Morning arrival in Bergen for disembarkation and transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)
Life aboard L'Austral is relaxed and refined, capturing the best of the French art of living well. Your comfort and well-being are the special responsibility of the impeccably trained staff, whose discreet yet attentive service has become legendary among discriminating travelers. Our goal is to make you feel as though you are sailing aboard your very own yacht.

Cuisine

The quality of food, its preparation, the social experience of a meal—all those things that make up the French art and science of gastronomy—are the objects of special care aboard the ships. Whether you are enjoying breakfast among friends, a sun-kissed lunch on one of the outside decks, or a delightful dinner in the elegant surroundings of the restaurants, the talented chefs showcase their expertise by bringing out the very best in local flavors.

Respect for the Environment

The health of our planet, and especially its oceans, is a critical concern for us. We have taken care to certify all of our vessels as “green ships,” employing the most eco-friendly technology available today. As environmentally responsible ship operators, we not only comply with existing regulations; we anticipate new ones. We continually seek to share industry best practices on matters ranging from increasing energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions to waste treatment and recycling.

SAFETY, COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

L'Austral is equipped with the latest communication, navigational, and safety equipment and meets or exceeds USPHS and U.S. Coast Guard rules. It is also outfitted with a technologically advanced stabilizing system to minimize the effects of rough conditions at sea. Three passenger elevators serve all six decks. And public amenities include an outdoor heated pool, a theater/lecture hall, a well-stocked library, and a full-service salon, steam room, spa, and fitness center.

Redefining Rest & Relaxation

All suites and staterooms face outside and measure from 226 to 581 square feet (including the balcony), and all but eight have a balcony. Features and amenities include a king-size bed or twin beds, mini-bar, safe, individually controlled heat/air-conditioning, flat-screen TV, in-house movies, iPod docking station, wireless Internet access, and telephone. Bathrooms come equipped with a shower (or shower/bathtub), hair dryer, French bath products, and bathrobes. Laundry services and 24-hour room service are available throughout.
3 Deluxe Staterooms with private balcony (200 sq. ft. + 43 sq. ft. private balcony)

28 Deluxe Staterooms (226 sq. ft.)

8 Superior Staterooms (398 sq. ft. + 86 sq. ft. private balcony)

UP TO 20 PRESTIGE SUITES
(398 sq. ft. + 86 sq. ft. private balcony)

UP TO 92 PRESTIGE STATEROOMS
(200 sq. ft. + 43 sq. ft. private balcony)

28 Deluxe Staterooms with private balcony (226 sq. ft.)

Owner’s Suite - 3 Deluxe Suites with private balcony - 20 Prestige Staterooms with private balcony (with 18 Prestige staterooms convertible into 9 Prestige suites)

Open-air Bar - Sun Deck

Gastronomic Restaurant - Marina

28 Deluxe staterooms with private balcony
8 Superior staterooms - Main Lounge - Shop - Reception desk - Excursion desk - Medical center

Superior Stateroom $5,990 -

Deluxe Stateroom $6,790 $9,490

Prestige Stateroom - Deck 4 $7,090 $9,990

Prestige Stateroom - Deck 5 $7,390 $10,590

Prestige Stateroom - Deck 6 $7,590 $10,990

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PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

Included
- 2 nights in Stockholm at the Sheraton Stockholm hotel, with breakfast daily
- Welcome cocktail reception in Stockholm
- Sightseeing in Stockholm as described
- 7-night cruise aboard the deluxe L'Austral
- Complete program of tours and excursions as described
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions aboard ship
- Captain's gala dinner
- All meals aboard ship including early riser's coffee & pastry, breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, and dinner
- Open bar aboard ship, including select wines
- 24-hour room service (special selection)
- Enrichment program of lectures and discussions by Professor Lamar Cecil and W&L President Kenneth P. Ruscio
- Professional tour manager and cruise staff
- Physician aboard ship
- Comprehensive pre-departure materials
- Baggage handling and airport transfers aboard on the designated program arrival and departure dates
- Port taxes and charges
- Gratuities to shipboard personnel, porters, guides, and drivers

Not Included
- Airfare
- Airport taxes
- Fuel surcharge
- Visas and/or passport fees and/or immigration reciprocity taxes (if applicable)
- Trip cancellation and baggage insurance
- Meals and beverages other than those specified above
- Personal expenses (such as telephone, Internet, laundry service, hair salon services, à la carte spa treatments, etc.)

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Compa"ngue du PONANT, PONANT Group USA, LLC, and PONANT USA, LLC are hereafter collectively referred to as "PONANT GROUP." Please read carefully the following terms and conditions, which constitute the sole, legally enforceable agreements between the passenger and PONANT GROUP and the tour's sponsoring organization.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: In order to secure a booking, the guest is required to pay 25% of total cruise price upon confirmation: The final 75% is due by April 19, 2016.

CANCELLATION, MODIFICATION PENALTIES & REFUNDS: All cancellations or modifications must be confirmed in writing. Any and all guests not reporting for departure or prevented from reporting for departure or waiving for any reason whatsoever the benefit of services included in the program cannot claim any refund. PONANT GROUP shall not be required to refund any monies to any guests who must leave the cruise prematurely for any reason, nor shall PONANT GROUP be held responsible for any costs, fees, damages or causes of action which result from the transportation expenses incurred by guests’ early departure.

For any deposited or fully paid bookings, cancellation penalties will be assessed as noted below. These cancellation penalties are applicable on all services booked with PONANT GROUP.

- For cancellations received within 8 months of departure, by October 21, 2013, no cancellation penalty applies
- From October 22, 2015 up to 91 days prior to departure: 10% of full fare
- 90-61 days prior to departure: 25% of full fare
- 60-46 days prior to departure: 50% of full fare
- 45-31 days prior to departure: 75% of full fare
- Less than 30 days prior to departure: 100% of full fare.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Passengers shall be responsible for subscribing to cancellation/luggage/assistance/repatriation/medical insurance.

ITINERARY PONANT GROUP reserves the right to withdraw and/or cancel a sailing to make changes in the itinerary whenever, in its sole judgment, or in the judgment of the vessel owner or operator, conditions warrant it.

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS/UNIT OF LIABILITY: The passenger agrees that PONANT GROUP acts as agent and/or trustee for any Independent Contractor(s) or Unit of Liability. The passenger further agrees that PONANT GROUP acts as agent and/or trustee for any Independent Contractor(s) or Unit of Liability.

PONANT GROUP shall not be held liable for bodily injury to, or death of, passengers, or for loss of, or damage to luggage or other personal belongings, unless it is proved that the carrier has infringed statutory obligations or that it or one of its employees or agents has committed gross negligence. Moreover, in the event the liability of PONANT GROUP is incurred, such liability is limited (details available upon request).

PONANT GROUP shall in any case not be liable for failure of an improper performance when the same is due to or caused by the fault of the passenger; the unforeseeable or unavoidable fault of a third party, unconnected with the provision of any services to be provided under the contract, unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond the control of PONANT GROUP, an event of Force Majeure such as a war, threat of war, riots, civil commotion, acts of God, terrorist activities, natural and nuclear disaster, fire, technical problems with transport, closure of ports, strikes and any industrial action, or any other event beyond the control of PONANT GROUP.

TAXES: Rates are subject to change, and are subject to change. The conditions are, amongst others, the cost of transport and fuel, relevant duties and taxes for the proposed operation (port taxes, embarkation and disembarkation taxes, entrance costs to tourist sites), currency exchange rates relevant to the pricing of these programs. PONANT GROUP reserves the right within the legal limits of applicable laws to vary the prices if necessary. All variation of the cost of transport, fuel, taxes, duties and visa costs will be passed on within the voyage cost. Additionally, any surcharge levied will be increased to include an amount to cover agent’s commission. Any change in fare cannot be imposed less than 60 days prior to departure. For the crucinerate x day rate, daily surcharge, if any, will be calculated based on:

Shall vary if fuel cost changes, with fuel variation:

Ship capacity **

(*): MGO FOB Rotterdam 0,1% in US$  **: L'Austral, Le Boreal, Le Lyrial, Le Soceal 20%  (**): L'Austral, Le Boreal, Le Soceal, Le Lyrial: 244 passengers

JURISDICTION: These terms & conditions are subject to and interpreted according to International regulations and concern the transportation of passengers and their luggage from the time of boarding the ship to the moment of disembarking, as well as at ports of departure, destination, or stopover. PONANT GROUP shall incur no liability outside this period of time. Without prejudice to required legal regulations, any actions related either to the interpretation, or execution of this agreement shall be brought before the competent courts of Marseille-France.

PONANT GROUP is not responsible for omissions, printing and/or presentation errors and reserves the right to make corrections as required.

REGISTRATION

Enclosed is my check or credit card no. for 2.5% of the program rate as a deposit to hold _____ place(s) on “A Summer Sojourn in Scandinavia. I understand that final payment is due April 19, 2016.

Please make check payable to: PONANT and mail to: The W&L Traveller, Office of Special Programs 204 West Washington St Washington and Lee University Lexington, VA 24450

Telephone: (540) 458-8723  
Fax: (540) 458-8478  
E-mail: spclprog@wlu.edu

☐ AmEx  ☐ Visa  ☐ MasterCard

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Please select cabin category in order of preference (1st, 2nd & 3rd choice):

☐ Single Stateroom

☐ Deluxe Stateroom w/balcony

☐ Prestige Stateroom w/balcony - Deck 4

☐ Prestige Stateroom w/balcony - Deck 5

☐ Deluxe Suite w/balcony

☐ Prestige Suite w/balcony - Deck 5

☐ Prestige Suite w/balcony - Deck 6

☐ Twin Beds  ☐ Double Bed

☐ Single Occupancy  ☐ Share (cannot be guaranteed)

Dr./Mr./Mrs./Ms. First Last

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Address

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Each participant must sign below:

I/We have read the “Terms & Conditions” section and agree to its terms.

Signature

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