THE WASHINGTON AND LEE TRAVELLER
presents

A World Affairs Cruise in the Baltic
Aboard the deluxe Le Jacques-Cartier

July 15-25, 2021

FEATURING GUEST SPEAKERS

ROBIN WRIGHT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER, THE NEW YORKER

AMBASSADOR DOUGLAS LUTE
FORMER US AMBASSADOR TO NATO

JANE HOLL LUTE
SPECIAL ADVISOR TO THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL

AND VERY SPECIAL GUEST LECH WAłęSA, FORMER PRESIDENT OF POLAND
Dear W&L Alumni, Parents, and Friends,

I believe that next summer will be a time of reunion, of coming together with a renewed appreciation for exploring the world. And the brand-new, luxury ship Le Jacques-Cartier is an ideal meeting place for the W&L family. With a capacity for just 184 guests, this small yacht is the perfect means to escape to a quieter, slower-paced, and astonishingly beautiful corner of the world—the Baltic Sea.

Joined by three distinguished speakers, this World Affairs Cruise in the Baltic offers an opportunity to talk with leading thinkers about the current state of US relations with the wider world. Our itinerary provides a serene backdrop to these thoughtful discussions. Stockholm offers a chance to see the stunning Royal Palace. Virtually the entire city of St. Petersburg is designated a UNESCO World Heritage site. Helsinki is recognized for its modern architecture, while Tallinn is a perfectly-preserved medieval town. On Gotland, a walking tour of photogenic Visby and a visit to the Gotland Museum may be the unexpected highlight of our journey. Szczecin, a major Polish port nearly destroyed during WWII and completely rebuilt, is a bold testament to the resilience of the human spirit. Here, we will be joined for a presentation aboard by former President of Poland and Nobel Peace Prize-winner Lech Wałęsa.

I hope you will accept this special invitation to reunite, relax, and reevaluate our place within the larger global context.

Sincerely,

Rob Fure, Ph.D., Director
Office of Lifelong Learning
**Very Special Guest**

**Lech Wałęsa** is the legendary leader of the “Solidarity” movement and the author of its victory in 1989 over the communist regime in Poland. In recognition of his efforts, Wałęsa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1983, and he eventually served as President of Poland from 1990 to 1995.

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**W&L Host and Faculty**

**Rob Straughan** serves as the Crawford Family Dean of W&L’s Williams School of Commerce. Rob joined the Business Administration faculty at W&L in 2000 and assumed his current position in 2015. He teaches classes on international business and marketing strategy, including two spring courses that take students to Copenhagen each year. His research and teaching interests include sustainable business strategy and cross-cultural consumption. He has published or presented dozens of research studies, and his work has been recognized with various awards from the American Marketing Association, the Society for Marketing Advances, and Emerald Group Publishing.

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**Featured Speakers**

**Robin Wright** has been a contributing writer to *The New Yorker* since 1988. A former correspondent for *The Washington Post*, CBS News, and the *Los Angeles Times*, she has reported from more than 140 countries. Ms. Wright is the author of *Rock the Casbah: Rage and Rebellion Across the Islamic World*.

**Ambassador Douglas Lute** served as the US Ambassador to NATO from 2013-17. In 2007 President Bush named him Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor, and in 2009 he was the senior White House official retained by President Barack Obama, serving a total of six years in the White House.

**Jane Holl Lute** serves as Special Advisor to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, where she has held several positions in peacekeeping and peace building. She served as Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security from 2009-13 and on the National Security Council under Presidents George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton.
Le Jacques-Cartier

The five-star Le Jacques-Cartier, launched in 2020, is a state-of-the-art luxury vessel purpose-built for expeditions and equipped with environmentally-friendly technology. In keeping with our company philosophy, she is a small-capacity ship—430 feet in length with just 92 staterooms (all with balconies) and a crew of 110—and features Blue Eye, the world’s first underwater lounge. Amenities include a spa, gym, infinity pool, two restaurants, and a modular marina platform that allows easy access to Zodiacs and water sports. Le Jacques-Cartier carries the “Clean Ship” label, which certifies minimal environmental disruption, a rare distinction among ocean vessels.
A World Affairs Cruise in the Baltic

Fly from the USA

Thursday, July 15, 2021

Friday, July 16

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN
Arrive and transfer to our hotel. Join fellow travelers for a reception. (R)

Saturday, July 17

STOCKHOLM | EMBARK
Visit the Vasa Museum, which features the 17th-century Vasa warship, the Royal Palace and Gamla Stan (Old Town). Join a guided tour of City Hall, site of the annual Nobel Prize banquet. (B,D)

Sunday, July 18

HELSEINKI, FINLAND
Our excursion includes the subterranean Temppeliaukio Kirkko, or Rock Church; the Sibelius Memorial; and Market Square. (B,L,D)

Monday, July 19

ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA | CATHERINE PALACE | PETER AND PAUL FORTRESS
Travel to Catherine Palace, a beautiful complex. Visit the Peter and Paul Fortress, including the State Museum of St. Petersburg History, and the Peter and Paul Cathedral. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, July 20

ST. PETERSBURG | HERMITAGE | CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR ON SPIPPLED BLOOD | ST. ISAAC’S CATHEDRAL
Visit the Hermitage Museum, displaying masterpieces by da Vinci, Titian, Rubens, and Rembrandt. View the mosaics in the Church of Our Savior on Spilled Blood and St. Isaac’s Cathedral. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, July 21

TALLINN, ESTONIA
Walk through Tallinn’s Old Town and see Toompea Castle, and visit the “My Free Country” exhibit at Maarjamäe Palace and the Memorial to the Victims of Communism. (B,L,D)

Thursday, July 22

VISBY, GOTLAND, SWEDEN
A tour of Visby includes a walk past the 12th-century Powder Tower, and visits to Gallow Hill and the Gotlands Museum, showcasing 8000 years of local history. (B,L,D)

Friday, July 23

AT SEA (B,L,D)

Saturday, July 24

SZCZECIN, POLAND
Explore the Castle of the Dukes of Pomerania, which was completely rebuilt and restored following WWII, the Cathedral of St. James, and the Centre of Dialogue. Back on board, join Lech Wałęsa for a presentation. (B,L,D)

Sunday, July 25

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK | DISEMBARK | FLY TO THE USA (B)

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HIGHLIGHTS

+ Onboard discussions with three leading thinkers on the state of US relations vis-à-vis the world.
+ A presentation and discussion aboard the ship with former President of Poland and Nobel Peace Prize-winner Lech Wałęsa while in Szczecin.
+ An exploration of 20th-century Estonian history, from the Liberation War and Soviet occupation through the restoration of independence.
+ UNESCO World Heritage sites: Old Town Tallinn; the Historic Center of Saint Petersburg; and the Hanseatic Town of Visby.
+ Spend two full days exploring St. Petersburg, Russia’s elegant imperial capital, in depth.
+ Call at four vibrant Baltic capitals on one cruise.
YOUR CRUISE INCLUDES

- Pre-cruise hotel night in Stockholm with cocktail reception and breakfast.
- 8-night cruise aboard the deluxe *Le Jacques-Cartier* in a stateroom or suite featuring a private balcony.
- Conversations on World Affairs on board with Robin Wright, Ambassador Douglas Lute, and Jane Holl Lute.
- Presentation on board by Lech Wałęsa.
- Complete program of tours as described.
- All meals aboard ship including early riser’s coffee & pastry, breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, and dinner.
- Complimentary open bar aboard ship; select wines served with lunch and dinner.
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions.
- 24-hour room service; Unlimited WiFi.
- Airport/hotel/pier transfers and handling of luggage.
- Gratuities to shipboard personnel, porters, guides, and drivers.
- Port taxes & charges; Pre-departure materials.
LE JACQUES-CARTIER DECK PLAN

FARES PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

All accommodations aboard Le Jacques-Cartier are outside staterooms and suites, and feature a private balcony. All cabins include a bedroom with either two twin-size beds or a queen-size bed, mini-bar, safe, spacious closets, climate control, telephone, WiFi access, TV with movies on demand, iPod player, and private bathroom with fine amenities.

- DELUXE STATEROOM $6,990
- PRESTIGE STATEROOMS, DECK 4 $7,650
- PRESTIGE STATEROOMS, DECK 5 $7,960
- PRESTIGE STATEROOMS, DECK 6 $8,190
- DELUXE SUITES $10,100
- PRESTIGE SUITES, DECK 5 $12,420
- PRESTIGE SUITES, DECK 6 $12,870
- PRIVILEGE SUITES $13,350
- GRAND DELUXE SUITES $14,350
- OWNER’S SUITE $14,900

Single occupancy staterooms are available in Prestige Staterooms at the following rates: $9,455 (Deck 4); $9,735 (Deck 5); $10,035 (Deck 6); and Deluxe Staterooms at a rate of $8,865. Subject to availability.
TERMS & CONDITIONS

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• From February 8, 2021 up to 91 days prior departure: 10% of full fare
• 90-41 days prior departure: 50% of full fare
• Within 60 days prior to departure: 100% of full fare

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INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS/LIMIT OF LIABILITY: The passenger agrees that PONANT GROUP and Washington and Lee University acts as agents and/or trustees for any person, ground and maritime agents and subcontractors, who provide any service forming, or in connection with, any part of the cruise. Transportation services to the port of departure, and is payable by check or credit card.

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Prestige Stateroom - Deck 5
Prestige Stateroom - Deck 6
Deluxe Suite
Prestige Suite - Deck 5
Prestige Suite - Deck 6
Privilege Suite
Grand Deluxe Suite
Owner's Suite

Each participant must sign below:
I/We have read the “Terms & Conditions” section and agree to its terms.

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