A WORLD AFFAIRS CRUISE IN
The Baltic
Aboard the Deluxe Le Dumont-d’Urville
August 3–13, 2020

FEATURING GUEST SPEAKERS
ADMIRAL JAMES STAVRIDIS, Former Supreme Allied Commander of NATO
ROBIN WRIGHT, Contributing Writer, The New Yorker
WILLIAM J. BURNS, Former Ambassador to Moscow
Dear W&L Alumni, Parents, and Friends,

Featuring lectures and discussions with former Supreme Allied Commander of NATO Admiral James Stavridis, former Ambassador to Russia and current President of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Bill Burns, and prominent journalist and author Robin Wright, this voyage offers an extraordinary opportunity to talk with leading thinkers and actors on the world stage about the current state of U.S. relations with the wider world.

These esteemed guests will come together aboard the brand-new small ship Le Dumont-d’Urville for a series of conversations on the current state of international relations. With our days dedicated to exploring the Baltic Sea, evenings will be spent listening to talks in the ship’s state-of-the-art theater or engaging in informal discussions over an elegant French meal in the restaurant.

There could be no more peaceful backdrop to these thoughtful discussions—the cities that ring the Baltic present a delightful blend of modern cosmopolitan life with centuries of rich history. Two full days are spent in St. Petersburg, where virtually the entire city is designated a UNESCO World Heritage site. Stockholm offers a chance to see the stunning Royal Palace. Helsinki is internationally recognized for its striking modern architecture, while Tallinn is one of the best-preserved medieval towns in all of Europe. On Gotland, a walking tour of the medieval town of Visby is followed by a specially-arranged private choral performance at the St. Clemens Church Ruin and a reception with canapes and sparkling wines.

Join Stavridis, Burns, and Wright in examining the world stage—as you travel one of the loveliest corners of the world—next summer. W&L’s faculty escort will be Rob Straughan, Dean of the School of Commerce, Economics, and Politics.

Sincerely,

Rob Fure, Ph.D., Director
Office of Lifelong Learning
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, among others, the American Marketing Association, the Society for Marketing Advances, and Emerald Group Publishing.

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ADMIRAL JAMES STAVRIDIS
Former Supreme Allied Commander of NATO, Chief International Security Analyst for NBC News

Admiral James Stavridis is an Operating Executive of The Carlyle Group, following five years as the 12th Dean of The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. A retired four-star officer in the U.S. Navy, he led the NATO Alliance in global operations from 2009-2013 as Supreme Allied Commander.

ROBIN WRIGHT
Contributing writer, New Yorker magazine, Fellow of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

A former correspondent for The Washington Post, CBS News, the Los Angeles Times, and The Sunday Times of London, Robin Wright has reported from more than 140 countries. Wright is the author of several books, including Dreams and Shadows: The Future of the Middle East.

WILLIAM J. BURNS
Former Ambassador to Moscow, President of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Ambassador Bill Burns retired from the U.S. Foreign Service in 2014 after a 33-year diplomatic career. He holds the highest rank in the Foreign Service and is only the second-serving career diplomat in history to become deputy secretary of state.
FLY FROM THE USA

Tuesday, August 4
STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN
Arrive in Stockholm and transfer to the deluxe Sheraton Stockholm (or similar). Meet fellow travelers for a welcome reception. (R)

Wednesday, August 5
STOCKHOLM | EMBARK
Our morning excursion visits Stockholm’s Gamla Stan (Old Town) which includes the City Hall, Storkyrkan, and Main Square. After a stop at the Royal Palace, visit the Vasa Museum, which features the 17th-century Vasa warship, rescued from the bottom of the sea after 333 years and lovingly restored. Transfer to the pier to embark Le Dumont-d’Urville and enjoy the views as we sail through the Stockholm Archipelago. (D)

Thursday, August 6
HELSENNI, FINLAND
Helsinki, Finland’s energetic capital, is internationally recognized for its striking architecture. Our excursion includes the subterranean Temppeliaukio Kirkko, or Rock Church, hewn from solid rock, and the Sibelius Memorial. Before we return to the ship, we visit colorful Market Square, featuring food, furs, and other local goods. (B,L,D)

Friday, August 7
ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA | HERMITAGE | ST. ISAAC’S CATHEDRAL
In the morning visit the Hermitage Museum, formerly the Winter Palace of the czars. The museum houses one of the world’s greatest art collections, displaying masterpieces by da Vinci, Titian, Rubens, and Rembrandt, among others. In the afternoon, our focus turns to Russian art and architecture as we view the marvelous mosaics in the Church of Our Savior on Spilled Blood and the awe-inspiring and ornate St. Isaac’s Cathedral, fourth largest in the world. (B,L,D)

Saturday, August 8
ST. PETERSBURG | CATHERINE PALACE | PETER AND PAUL FORTRESS
This morning we travel to Tsarskoye Selo, a beautiful complex crowned by the ornate Rococo Catherine Palace, with its opulent interior, and surrounded by French and English gardens. In the afternoon, visit the birthplace of St. Petersburg, the Peter and Paul Fortress, including the State Museum of St. Petersburg History, and the Peter and Paul Cathedral, with the world’s tallest Orthodox bell tower. (B,L,D)

Sunday, August 9
TALLINN, ESTONIA
One of the best-preserved medieval towns in Europe, and capital of the republic of Estonia, Tallinn reveals a distinctive blend of German, Scandinavian, and Russian influences. A walking tour of the Old Town includes the massive Toompea Castle, begun around 1229; the 13th-century cathedral, renowned for its exquisite Baroque altar; the remains of the city walls; and several fine medieval merchants’ houses. (B,L,D)

Monday, August 10
VISBY, GOTLAND ISLAND, SWEDEN
On Gotland—the largest island in the Baltic Sea—enjoy a walking tour of the beautifully preserved medieval town of Visby, once a stronghold of the Hanseatic League. We will visit the Gotlands Fornsal Museum, dedicated to the display of Viking and Nordic artifacts, and will enjoy a specially-arranged private choral performance at the St. Clemens Church Ruin, followed by a reception with canapes and sparkling wines. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, August 11
AT SEA
Spend today attending lectures and discussions with our guest experts and enjoying the many amenities of Le Dumont-d’Urville. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, August 12
SZCZECIN, POLAND
Call in Szczecin, a major Polish port that was nearly destroyed during World War II. Explore the Castle of the Dukes of Pomerania, which was completely rebuilt and its interior restored following the war as a testament to the city’s resilience. We will visit the Cathedral of St. James, also rebuilt after almost complete wartime destruction, and end our discovery of the city at the Centre of Dialogue, which also serves as the National Museum in Szczecin. (B,L,D)

Thursday, August 13
COPENHAGEN, DENMARK | DISEMBARK (B)
PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

Included

• Pre-cruise hotel night in Stockholm with cocktail reception and breakfast
• 8-night cruise aboard the deluxe Le Dumont-d’Urville
• 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 with lunch and dinner
• Enrichment program of lectures and discussions by featured guests
• Excursions as noted in the itinerary
• Dedicated Tour Manager
• Comprehensive pre-departure materials
• Baggage handling and airport transfers abroad on the designated program arrival and departure dates
• Port taxes and charges
• Wi-Fi on board
• Gratuities to shipboard personnel, porters, guides, and drivers

Not included

Airfare; airport taxes; visa and passport fees and/or immigration reciprocity taxes (if applicable); luggage, cancellation, and accident insurance; medical and repatriation insurance; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, spa services and beverages other than those specified above.
The five-star Le Dumont-d’Urville is one in a series of six new luxury vessels commissioned by PONANT, making her maiden voyage in 2019. The state-of-the-art ship is equipped with the latest environmental preservation technology and combines PONANT’s understated elegance with a spirit of adventure. In keeping with our company philosophy, Le Dumont-d’Urville is a small-capacity ship—430 feet in length with just 92 staterooms and a crew of 110—and features Blue Eye, the world’s first multi-sensory underwater lounge.

FARES PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

All accommodations aboard Le Dumont-d’Urville 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 STATEROOMS** $6,990
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- **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.
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