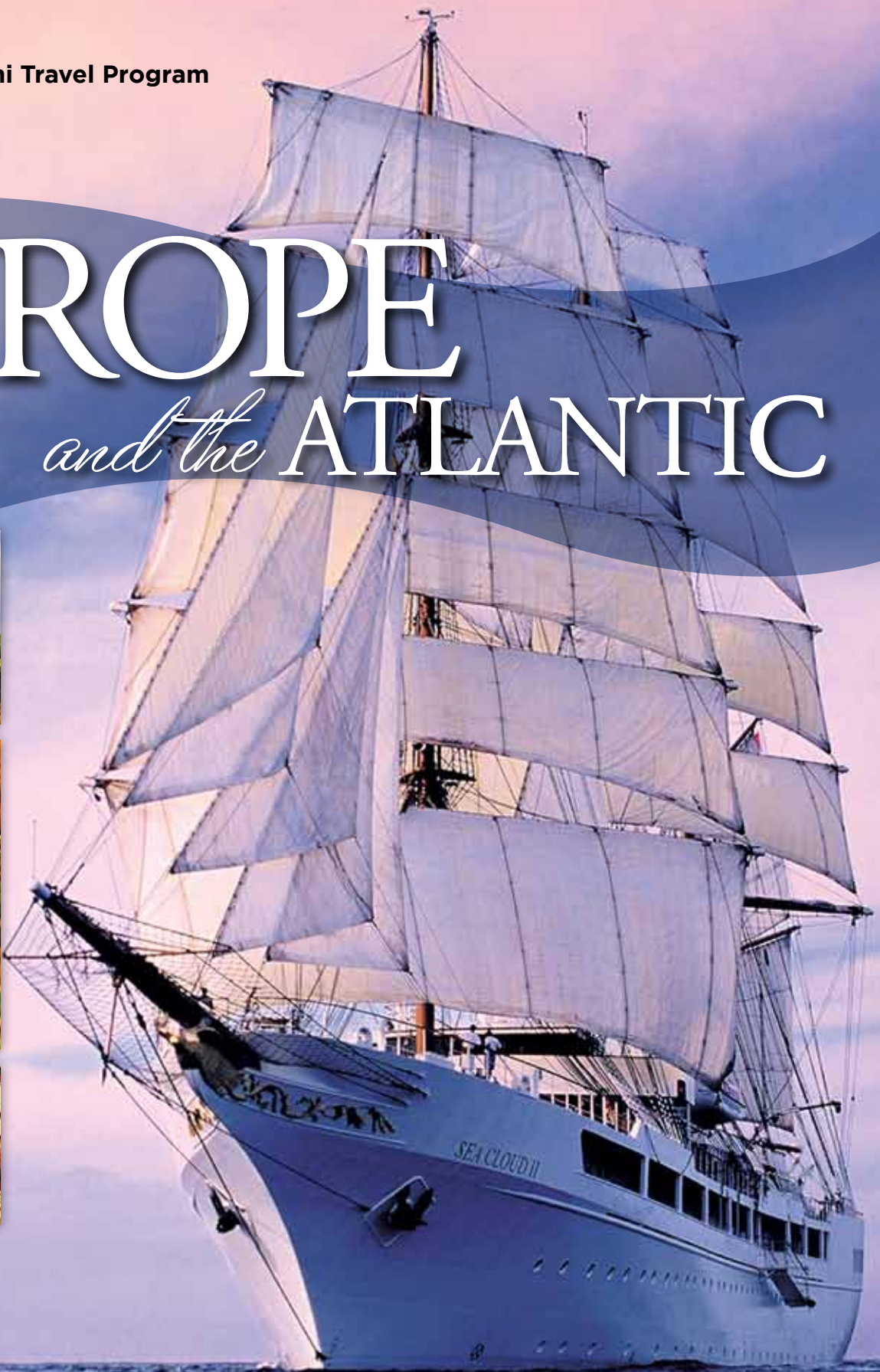




MIT Alumni Travel Program

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DUBLIN TO BILBAO ABOARD SEA CLOUD II

July 28-August 10, 2013

DEAR MIT ALUMNI AND FRIENDS,

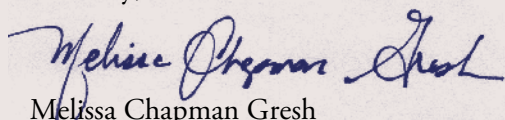
Explore the fascinating history of Europe's Atlantic coast with fellow alumni and friends on a 10-night cruise from Ireland to Spain aboard the elegant *Sea Cloud II*. This voyage is book-ended by two great maritime cities, Dublin and Bilbao, with port calls along the coasts of southern England, Normandy, the Aquitaine, and at the scenic harbor of La Rochelle.

Learn about the intrepid Phoenician, Celtic, Viking, and Basque seafarers who were among the first to sail far out into the vast Atlantic Ocean, and about the epic naval battles that followed. Explore the role the Atlantic Ocean played in the history and development of Europe, from the Golden Age of Exploration to the D-Day landings of World War II. Also enjoy artistic accomplishments that span the centuries, from prehistoric cave paintings such as those in the Dordogne to the great pilgrimage site of Mont Saint-Michel and the cutting-edge Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao. A comprehensive onboard lecture series will enhance our daily activities.

A cruise aboard the *Sea Cloud II*, one of the most elegant and luxurious vessels afloat, is unfailingly memorable. In the grand tradition of the world's finest sailing vessels, guests can experience the thrill of sailing beneath 30,000 square feet of billowing hand-set canvas (weather permitting). Throughout the cruise and ashore, sample the culinary diversity and acclaimed wines for which this part of the world is celebrated. We will be sharing this cruise with other educational travel programs (see Group Size section in General Information).

If you have any questions, or wish to make a reservation, please call the MIT Alumni Travel Program at 800-992-6749 or email us at compass@mit.edu. You may also contact the tour operator, Criterion Travel, at 888-328-2089.

Sincerely,


Melissa Chapman Gresh
Director, MIT Alumni Travel Program

P.S. Please visit our website at <http://alum.mit.edu/travel> for details and updates on all of our programs.



COLONEL KEVIN J. WEDDLE, RET., Professor of Military Theory and Strategy at the United States Army War College, is a veteran of Operations Desert Storm and Enduring Freedom. Col. Weddle has led groups of students to the battlefields and beaches near Normandy and has also led groups to World War I battlefield sites, as well as the battlefields of Waterloo, Agincourt, and Dunkirk. He received his Ph.D. from Princeton in history in 2003 and is the author of *Lincoln's Tragic Admiral: The Life of Samuel Francis Du Pont*.

Visit the picturesque Benedictine Abbey and the village that lies in the shadow of its walls at Mont Saint-Michel, a rocky islet buffeted by powerful tides between Normandy and Brittany. Also enjoy the “fruits of the vine” at a beautiful Bordeaux vineyard, the colorful market in Sarlat, and the fascinating Bayeux Tapestry, a unique historical chronicle (pictured on cover).



HOWARD NENNER is the Roe/Straut Professor Emeritus in the Humanities at Smith College, where he was a teaching member of the

history faculty from 1968 until his retirement in 2006. He received his L.L.B. from Columbia University (1959) and his Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley (1971) and practiced law in New York before entering academia. His research and writing have focused on the constitutional history of England, principally in the 17th century, with an outreach to legal history and the history of political thought.



KEN MOWBRAY is a paleo-anthropologist and research associate in the Division of Anthropology at the American Museum of Natural History.

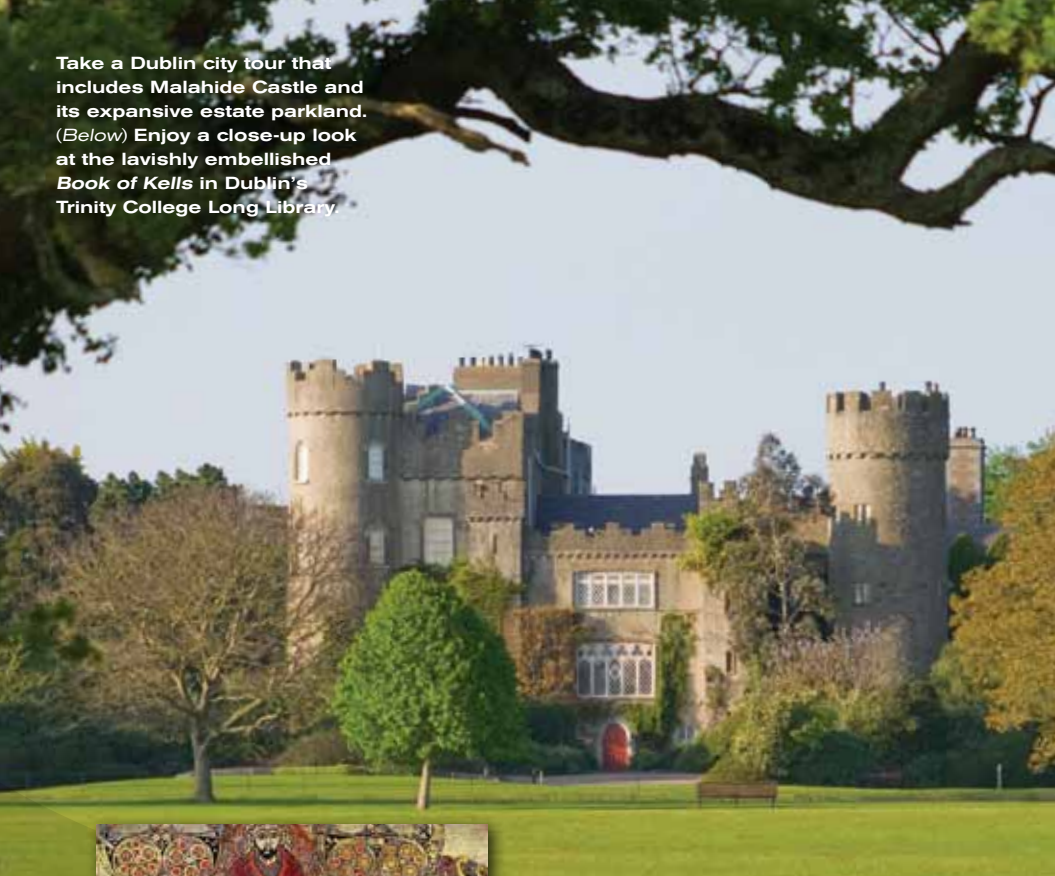
His research includes field work conducting paleontological and archaeological surveys and site excavations throughout Europe and Africa, and he has had the privilege of examining some of the world's greatest human fossil treasures, including a *Homo erectus* skull from Java dated to be at least two hundred thousand years old. His work has been published in *Primate*, *Anatomical Record*, *Athena Review*, and *Nature*.



ADAM TOOZE teaches modern history at Yale. He is English by birth, was raised in Germany, and taught for 13 years at the University of

Cambridge. He has published extensively on World War II, most notably his book *Wages of Destruction: The Making and Breaking of the Nazi Economy*. Prof. Tooze is currently finishing a book about the Atlantic world in the era of World War I, traversing the history, amongst others, of Britain, Ireland, France, and the United States. At Yale he serves as co-director of the Institute for Security Studies, where the history and future of the Atlantic alliance is one of his central preoccupations.

Take a Dublin city tour that includes Malahide Castle and its expansive estate parkland. (Below) Enjoy a close-up look at the lavishly embellished *Book of Kells* in Dublin's Trinity College Long Library.



Itinerary

Sunday–Monday, July 28–29

U.S. / DUBLIN, IRELAND

Depart the U.S. on an overnight flight to Dublin and transfer to the Four Seasons Hotel. Enjoy a welcome reception and dinner at Trinity College and a private viewing of the beautifully illuminated *Book of Kells* on display in Long Library. FOUR SEASONS HOTEL (R,D)

Tuesday, July 30

DUBLIN

Today choose between a Dublin city tour that includes the National Museum, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Malahide Castle,

and vibrant Grafton Street or an excursion to the Boyne Valley, to see the remarkable Neolithic burial tombs at Newgrange, which are older than the Giza pyramids. Embark the *Sea Cloud II* this afternoon.

SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D)

Wednesday, July 31

AT SEA

Enjoy a full day of cruising, with time to enjoy the ship's amenities and the lecture program. Weather permitting, watch the crew trim the sails by hand.

SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D)

Thursday, August 1

TRESCO, ISLES OF SCILLY, U.K.

Stop at Treco, the second largest of the Isles of Scilly off the coast of Cornwall. Visit Treco Abbey Gardens, established in the 19th century by the island's proprietor, Augustus Smith, and home to exotic plants from all over the world. Within the garden, the Valhalla collection contains ship figureheads, name boards, and decorative carvings that come from 19th-century merchant vessels or early steamships that were wrecked on the islands.

SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D)



Friday, August 2

DARTMOUTH

Explore the charming Devon port of Dartmouth, a historic naval town where American Forces practiced the D-Day landings before their assault on the Normandy coast during World War II. Also visit nearby Greenway, the former estate of Agatha Christie and her husband, Max Mallowan, and now a National Trust property. Greenway and its surroundings were described in several of Christie's novels, including *Five Little Pigs*, *Towards Zero*, and *Dead Man's Folly*. SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D)

Saturday, August 3

CHERBOURG, FRANCE

Call at Cherbourg, made famous by the movie *The Umbrellas of Cherbourg* and now known as Cherbourg-Octeville. Explore the Bayeux Tapestry Museum, home of one of the most famous historical chronicles in the world, the Bayeux Tapestry. Listed on UNESCO's Memory of the World Register, the tapestry is a 230-foot embroidered account of William, Duke of Normandy's conquest of England and provides a unique and rare insight into the medieval world. Enjoy free time at the local Saturday market in Bayeux, followed by lunch at a local restaurant. Continue



(Clockwise from left) Visit La Rochelle, a strategic French military port for centuries; the striking Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain; and Agatha Christie's peaceful summer home, Greenway, near Dartmouth, England.

to the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial, where the graves of 9,387 troops commemorate lives lost during the D-Day landings of World War II. From the cemetery's overlook, view Omaha Beach, a crucial Allied landing site during the Normandy invasion of June 1944. *SEA CLOUD II* (B,L,D)

Sunday, August 4

GRANVILLE

Today choose to visit either Mont Saint-Michel, a beautiful tidal island in Normandy that, along with its 8th-century monastery and bay, has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage site, or continue with an exploration of D-Day sites in Normandy, including the Peace Memorial Museum in Caen, which documents the events of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy; the original Pegasus Bridge, captured in a daring raid by the Allies; the beaches where British and Commonwealth forces landed on D-Day; and the German Military Cemetery at La Cambe. Enjoy lunch ashore with both options. *SEA CLOUD II* (B,L,D)

Monday, August 5

AT SEA

Enjoy the continuation of the lecture program and the pleasures of cruising in the Bay of Biscay. *SEA CLOUD II* (B,L,D)

Tuesday, August 6

LA ROCHELLE

Stroll along the medieval defensive towers of La Rochelle, a major seaport, the historic base of the Knights Templar and later the Huguenots, and the site of many naval battles. Also visit neighboring Île de Ré with its picturesque fishing ports.

SEA CLOUD II (B,L,D)

Wednesday, August 7

PAUILLAC

Today choose either a city tour of Bordeaux, including lunch and a premier vineyard visit with wine tasting, or an excursion to one of the prehistoric painted caves of the Dordogne and to the bustling and colorful Wednesday market in Sarlat, a beautifully restored medieval town. *SEA CLOUD II* (B,L,D)

Thursday, August 8

AT SEA

Take advantage of a final day at sea by relaxing, attending lecture presentations, and celebrating the journey at a farewell reception and dinner. *SEA CLOUD II* (B,L,D)

Friday, August 9

BILBAO, SPAIN

Bilbao is the capital of the province of Biscay in the Basque region of northern Spain.

Disembark the *Sea Cloud II* for a visit to Frank Gehry's iconic Guggenheim Bilbao Museum, a festive lunch of Basque-style tapas, and an afternoon tour of the Casco Viejo, the colorful medieval section of Bilbao that includes several historical churches, Mercado de la Ribera—the largest indoor food market in Europe, the Arriaga Theatre, and the Academy of the Basque Language.

SILKEN GRAN HOTEL DOMINE (B,L)

Saturday, August 10

BILBAO / HOME

Transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)



Normandy

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CATEGORY 6 CABIN



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LOUNGE



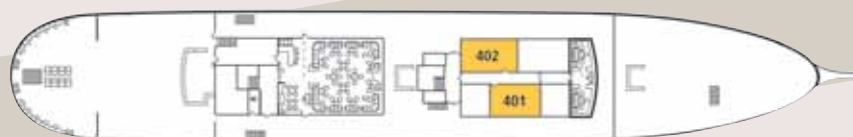
Sea Cloud II

Christened in 2001, the *Sea Cloud II* is perhaps the most luxurious three-masted sailing yacht on the seas today. The sister ship of Marjorie Merriweather Post's legendary *Sea Cloud*, she combines the seafaring elegance of a bygone era with the highest modern standards of

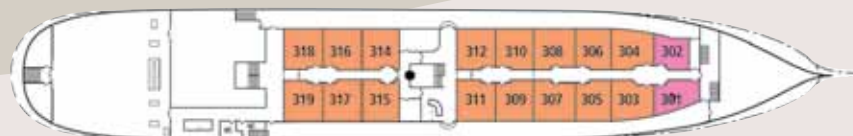
luxury. In the grand tradition of the world's finest sailing vessels, guests experience this marvelous ship under sail (weather permitting), as the skilled crew hand-sets more than 30,000 square feet of canvas. The *Sea Cloud II* offers an intimate setting of just 47 beautifully appointed cabins, gracious common areas, world-class service, and five-star dining. Note: There is no passenger elevator between decks.



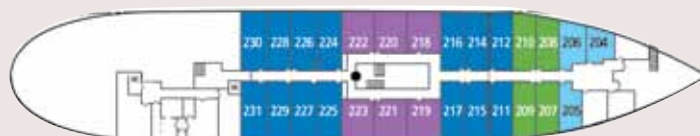
LIDO DECK



PROMENADE DECK



CABIN DECK



RATES

per person

	DOUBLE	SINGLE		DOUBLE	SINGLE
CATEGORY 1	\$9,495	\$11,795	CATEGORY 5	\$14,695	—
129 sq. ft., upper & lower twin beds, 2 portholes, shower			204 sq. ft., queen bed*, panorama windows, shower		
CATEGORY 2	\$11,695	\$17,595	CATEGORY 6	\$15,995	—
172 sq. ft., forward, twin beds*, 2 portholes, shower			247 sq. ft., twin beds*, panorama window, bath tub/shower combination		
CATEGORY 3	\$12,795	\$18,995	CATEGORY 7	\$17,795	—
172 sq. ft., midship, twin beds*, 2 portholes, shower			290 sq. ft., king bed*, panorama window, bath tub, separate shower		
CATEGORY 4	\$13,995	—			
204 sq. ft., twin beds*, 2 portholes, shower					

*In categories 2, 3, 4, and 6, twin beds can be kept separate or pushed together to form one larger bed, with the exception of cabins 224 and 226, where beds are fixed together as one larger bed. Note that queen and king beds in categories 5 and 7 are made up of two mattresses, side-by-side.

AIRFARE U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program cost. Round-trip, economy-class airfare from New York to Dublin with return from Bilbao is approximately \$1,300 as of October 2012 and is subject to change without notice. In order to give you as much flexibility as possible with the variety of air travel options, you are free to make your own air arrangements for this program.

General Information

PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE

A full program of briefings, lectures, and presentations by study leaders and local guides ■ All accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary, including 10 nights aboard the *Sea Cloud II* ■ All excursions, including entrance fees, as specified in the itinerary ■ Complimentary transfers on group arrival and departure days ■ Baggage handling ■ Gratuities to porters, guides, drivers, and ship's crew for all group activities ■ Port fees and embarkation taxes ■ House wine, beer, and soft drinks with all group lunches and dinners ■ Welcome and farewell receptions and dinners ■ Bottled water on excursions ■ Complete packet of pre-departure information ■ Professional tour manager throughout

WHAT TO EXPECT The pace of this program is moderately active, with up to two miles of walking each day, often on uneven terrain. Elevators and handrails on stairs often are unavailable. Participants will need to climb into and out of Zodiacs for some shore excursions (staff and crew members will be

on hand to assist). Participants must be in good health and able to keep up with the group without assistance from tour staff.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Trip cancellation/interruption, medical, emergency medical evacuation, and baggage insurance are highly recommended and should be considered for your protection. An application will be sent to confirmed participants.

RESPONSIBILITY A detailed statement of limitations and exclusions of liability of Criterion Travel (the tour operator) and the MIT Alumni Association for loss of property, injury, illness, or death will be provided to passengers upon enrollment and is available to prospective travelers upon request.

GROUP SIZE This program is limited to 76 participants, including travelers from MIT, Yale, Princeton, the American Museum of Natural History, and Smith College.

FUEL COSTS In today's oil market, it is difficult to predict fuel costs. Program rates are based upon the prevailing fuel rates at

the time of brochure printing. While we will do everything possible to maintain the program rates, if fuel costs increase significantly, it may be necessary to institute a fuel surcharge. In that case, we will notify participants in advance of departure.

Terms & Conditions

PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE U.S. domestic and international airfare ■ Passport and visa fees ■ Medical expenses and immunizations ■ Trip cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance ■ Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour ■ Excess-baggage charges ■ Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals ■ Alcohol or soft drinks except where indicated as included ■ Private transfers or transfers not on program arrival and departure days ■ Personal items such as room service; email, telephone, and fax charges; laundry; gratuities for non-group services; and other items of a personal nature

RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS A deposit of \$1,000

per person is required to confirm a reservation. You may reserve space immediately by calling the MIT Alumni Travel Program at 800-992-6749. Or you may send the completed reservation form with your deposit payment (check or credit card information) to the MIT Alumni Travel Program, 600 Memorial Drive, W98-2nd Floor, Cambridge, MA 02139. Final payment deadline is March 29, 2013, and can be made by check or credit card. All prices quoted in this brochure are based on tariffs, costs, and exchange rates of the United States dollar that were in effect at the time of publication.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS Refunds, less a cancellation fee of \$500 per person, will be made if Criterion Travel or the MIT Alumni Travel Program is notified on or before March 29, 2013, 120 days prior to departure. No refunds will be granted after that date. All cancellations must be in writing. Refunds cannot be made to passengers who do not complete the tour for any reason at all. Criterion Travel reserves the right, without penalty, to cancel the tour or to require any participant

to withdraw from a tour at any time at his/her own expense, when such action is determined by tour staff to be in the best interest of the health, safety, or general welfare of the tour group or the individual participant, and subject only to the requirement that the recoverable portion of the tour price that corresponds to the cost of unused services and accommodation be refunded, if any.

ITINERARY CHANGES The itinerary presented for this tour is subject to modification and change by the MIT Alumni Association (MITAA) and Criterion Travel (the tour operator). Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require the itinerary to be altered, MITAA and the tour operator reserve the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant.

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Reservation Form



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To reserve your space, please complete the form at right. Checks can be made payable to Criterion Travel. **Send the completed form to:**
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Cambridge, MA 02139

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PAYMENT

☐ Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (\$1,000 per person, payable to Criterion Travel), to hold _____ place(s) on Europe and the Atlantic. **OR**
☐ Charge my deposit to: ☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA ☐ Diners Club ☐ AmEx ☐ Discover

NAME ON CREDIT CARD CREDIT CARD NUMBER

CARDHOLDER SIGNATURE EXP DATE SECURITY CODE

SINGLE TRAVELERS

☐ I prefer to have single accommodations.
☐ I will share accommodations with _____
☐ I am willing to share with another participant (not guaranteed).
I am a ☐ Non-smoker / ☐ Smoker. *I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of March 29, 2013, I will pay the single rate.*

ACCOMMODATIONS

Cabin category preference: 1st _____ 2nd _____
Bed preference in hotels (not guaranteed): ☐ King/Queen ☐ Twins
Bed preference on ship: ☐ Twin beds joined as double ☐ Twins

☐ I/We have read the Terms & Conditions section of this brochure and understand and agree with them as stated herein.

SIGNATURE DATE

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A photograph of the Trinity College tower in Dublin, Ireland, featuring a large stone archway and a tall, ornate tower with a dome.

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Trinity College

A photograph of the Newgrange stone circle, a prehistoric monument in Ireland, featuring a large, circular stone wall with a grassy hill in the background.

Highlights

- Attend a private welcome reception and dinner at Dublin's Trinity College, with a private viewing of the ancient **BOOK OF KELLS** in the magnificent library.
- Visit **NORMANDY'S AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY**, which honors the troops who lost their lives during the D-Day landing of World War II.
- Enjoy a **10-NIGHT CRUISE** aboard the elegant three-masted sailing yacht *Sea Cloud II*.
- See masterpieces of the ancient world, including the **ICE AGE CAVE PAINTINGS** of the Dordogne, Neolithic-age **BURIAL TOMBS AT NEWGRANGE**, and the **BAYEUX TAPESTRY**, which chronicles the 1066 A.D. Norman invasion of England.
- Explore some of the great landmark buildings of Europe, including the magnificent abbey of **MONT SAINT-MICHEL** and Frank Gehry's **GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM IN BILBAO**.
- Sample regional cuisines and wines, including a **BORDEAUX TASTING** and a **BASQUE TAPAS** lunch.