Travel with The Met

April 27–May 7, 2024

Treasures of Northern Europe, Medieval to Modern: England to Denmark Aboard Ocean Albatros
with Rika Burnham, Lecturer
Dear Members and Friends of The Metropolitan Museum of Art,

In spring 2024, please join me aboard the brand-new small ship Ocean Albatros on a cruise of incredible scope and diversity. We will sail along historic trade routes to seaside towns in France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, and Denmark, exploring hidden treasures inside opulent public buildings, lavish private houses, and awe-inspiring museums that embody the rich legacy of the medieval Hanseatic League. As a longtime museum educator, I look forward to sharing with you a series of masterpieces through close looking, conversation, and transformative observation.

Our travels first take us through the cliff-lined English Channel to the North Sea and the Baltic, stopping along the way to immerse ourselves in the rich artistic heritage of Northern Europe. From England, we will set sail for France, marveling at the coastal rock formations of Normandy that inspired Claude Monet and joining experts at medieval châteaux. A highlight awaits in the Bayeux Cathedral, where we’ll have a private look at the famed Bayeux Tapestry, an iconic achievement of medieval art.

In the Low Countries, we’ll savor exclusive looks at Dutch and Flemish masterworks, sailing to Bruges for expert-led museum tours and visiting Ghent to see the Van Eyck brothers’ monumental altarpiece. During Holland’s tulip season, we’ll discover millions of flowering bulbs at Keukenhof Gardens and enjoy an exclusive private tour of Amsterdam’s Van Gogh Museum.

In Germany, we’ll experience Hanseatic towns such as Hamburg, where we'll dine atop the innovative Elbphilharmonie concert hall, with its distinctive wave-like roof. Then we’ll navigate the world’s busiest artificial waterway, the 61-mile-long Kiel Canal connecting the North Sea to the Baltic. Our voyage concludes in Denmark with a day in spectacular Copenhagen and a special tour of the city’s extraordinary Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, a crown jewel among Denmark’s esteemed cultural institutions.

We’ll sail in the company of members from The National Trust for Historic Preservation and the alumni associations of Dartmouth, Duke, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Tufts, the University of Mary Washington, Vanderbilt, and Wingate. I hope you will join us on this unforgettable sea voyage aboard the new Ocean Albatros.

Sincerely,

Rika Burnham
Lecturer
The Metropolitan Museum of Art

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**Trip Highlights**

— Sail from England to Scandinavia aboard the brand-new *Ocean Albatros*, which has 95 comfortable staterooms and suites and more than a 50% lower carbon footprint than traditional vessels

— Step ashore in northern Europe’s most enchanting cities—including Bruges, Amsterdam, Hamburg, and Copenhagen, as well as sparkling, lesser-known gems such as the Hanseatic cities of Groningen, Holland, and Lübeck and Rostock in Germany

— In Belgium and Holland, join art experts to view masterpieces at museums opened exclusively for us, such as Amsterdam’s Van Gogh Museum or The Hague’s Mauritshuis

— Experience the vibrant end of tulip season during an optional visit to Holland’s magnificent Keukenhof Gardens, where a million flowering bulbs create a brilliant expanse of color

— Delight in a private rooftop lunch and attend a musical performance (pending confirmation) at Hamburg’s glittering Elbphilharmonie concert hall and attend an onboard chamber music concert by one of Europe’s renowned quartets in Belgium

— Transit the 61-mile Kiel Canal, an engineering wonder that connects the North Sea to the Baltic, during daylight hours

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**Traveling with You**

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Photos clockwise from top right: Map of the region; Bruges, Belgium; *Hot Printing*, 1935-1936, template and hand press on paper, The GRID Grafisch Museum Groningen, Holland; Keukenhof Gardens, Holland; Mauritshuis, The Hague, Holland, photo by Ronald Tilleman; Lübeck, Germany. Front cover: Mont-Saint-Michel, France. Back cover: Copenhagen, Denmark (top); Groninger Museum, Holland (bottom).
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Departure
Saturday, April 27
Depart for London on an overnight flight.

London, United Kingdom / Portsmouth / Embark Ocean Albatros
Sunday, April 28
Arrive this morning at Heathrow Airport and transfer to Ocean Albatros docked in Portsmouth. Enjoy lunch on board, followed by an afternoon at leisure to explore this new ship or learn about the Royal Navy’s history on a visit to the Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. Savor dinner on board as you sail across the English Channel to Normandy in France. L,D

Ouistreham, France / Caen
Monday, April 29
From the port of Ouistreham, visit historic Caen, whose Norman treasures have survived the centuries. Continue to Bayeaux and the Memorial Museum of the Battle of Normandy. Then visit the town’s 11th-century cathedral, in which you will find the remarkable Bayeux Tapestry, one of the most renowned surviving works of medieval art. Stop at Malcolm Forbes’s 17th-century Château de Balleroy to visit the tapestry collection at St. John’s Hospital, and a sculpture by Michelangelo displayed in the Church of Our Lady. Continue to Ghent for an expert-led viewing of the Van Eycks’ restored 15th-century masterpiece The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb in St. Bavo’s Cathedral. Aboard Ocean Albatros, enjoy chamber music performed by one of Europe’s renowned quartets. B, L, D

Ostend, Belgium / Bruges / Ghent
Tuesday, April 30
After docking in Ostend, transfer to the perfectly preserved medieval city of Bruges for a walking tour. See some of Belgium’s best art collections, including the Groeninge Museum, the Hans Memling collection at St. John’s Hospital, and a sculpture by Michelangelo displayed in the Church of Our Lady. Continue to Ghent for a private canal cruise, followed by a special opening of the Van Gogh Museum (pending confirmation). Alternatively, see a million flowering bulbs at Keukenhof Gardens during tulip season. After lunch, visit The Hague and the Mauritshuis museum, home to Vermeer’s Girl with a Pearl Earring. Then see the Peace Palace, home to the International Court of Justice. All guests will meet in The Hague on the rooftop of Hamburg’s magical Elbphilharmonie concert hall, which features a glistening wave-like top soaring hundreds of feet into the sky. After free time, you may attend a specially arranged graphics art workshop. Garden lovers may choose to visit Hortus Haren, one of Holland’s oldest botanical gardens, and the Museum De Buitenplaats, a botanical complex with flowery garden roofs. B, L, D

Delfzijl / Groningen
Thursday, May 2
Step ashore in Delfzijl, Holland, and transfer to Groningen, a virtual open-air museum. Discover the gems of its Grote Markt (Great Market Square), including the Gothic Martinikerk, a 13th-century church with beautiful frescoes and a baroque organ. As a contemporary contrast, tour the Groninger Museum, a futuristic structure showcasing modern and contemporary art. After lunch, learn about traditional printmaking at the GRID Grafisch Museum Groningen, where you will attend a specially arranged graphics art workshop. Garden lovers may choose to visit Hortus Haren, one of Holland’s oldest botanical gardens, and the Museum De Buitenplaats, a botanical complex with flowery garden roofs. B, L, D

Hamburg, Germany or Lübeck
Friday, May 3
Dating back more than eight centuries, Hamburg’s famous port was a vital link during the Hanseatic League. Experience the city’s iconic, UNESCO-listed Speicherstadt, the world’s largest warehouse district, an ensemble of 19th- to early 20th-century brick and timber buildings on oak log foundations along the canals. Then have lunch on the rooftop of Hamburg’s magical Elbphilharmonie concert hall, which features a glistening wave-like top soaring hundreds of feet into the sky. After free time, you may attend a musical performance at the Elbphilharmonie (pending schedules). Alternatively, spend the day in Lübeck, the “Queen of the Hanseatic League.” Visit the European Hansemuseum, which includes interactive displays on Hanseatic trade. Stroll around Lübeck’s beautiful Old Town, stopping to see the Holstentor, the 15th-century Brick Gothic city gate. B, L, D

Scheveningen, Holland / Amsterdam or Keukenhof & The Hague
Wednesday, May 1
Dock in the seaside resort of Scheveningen near The Hague, and choose between two excursions. You may explore Amsterdam’s canals and the famed Rijksmuseum, with its unrivaled collection of works by Dutch masters. Savor lunch aboard a private canal cruise, followed by a special opening of the Van Gogh Museum (pending confirmation). Alternatively, see a million flowering bulbs at Keukenhof Gardens during tulip season. After lunch, visit The Hague and the Mauritshuis museum, home to Vermeer’s Girl with a Pearl Earring. Then see the Peace Palace, home to the International Court of Justice. All guests will meet in The Hague and visit Panorama Mesdag, a museum housing Hendrik Mestdag’s vast 1881 panoramic canvas of Scheveningen. B, L, D

Brunsbüttel / Kiel Canal Transit
Saturday, May 4
Spend the day navigating the 61-mile-long Kiel Canal, which cuts across the Jutland Peninsula and connects the North Sea to the Baltic. While sailing, attend lectures and learn about the engineering involved to build the canal. B, L, D

Les Falaises d’Étretat, France
**Accommodations**

Ocean Albatros

**cabin preference (1) (2)**

I wish to share a cabin with [Name]

**Form of Payment**

- Enclosed is my check (payable to Arrangements Abroad)
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**Warnemünde / Rostock**

Sunday, May 5

Step off in Warnemünde, Germany, and venture to Rostock, known as the “Gateway to Scandinavia” during the height of the Hanseatic League and distinguished by its 13th- and 14th-century red-brick buildings. Discover this 800-year-old port city’s maritime history at the Schiffbau und Schifffahrtsmuseum (Shipbuilding and Maritime Museum). Return to Ocean Albatros as we sail to Copenhagen. B, L, D

**Copenhagen, Denmark**

Monday, May 6

In the spectacular Danish capital, shop along the Strøget, one of the world’s longest pedestrian streets, and stroll along the quay of Nyhavn, with its rainbow of famous centuries-old townhouses. After lunch, continue to the Louisiana Museum of Modern Art and its impressive 20th-century collection, including several works by Henry Moore. Gather on board for the captain’s farewell reception and dinner this evening. B, L, D

**Copenhagen / Disembark / Return**

Tuesday, May 21

Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for flights home. B

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This itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Arrangements Abroad. For complete details, please carefully read the terms and conditions at [www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms](http://www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms).

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Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Copenhagen, Denmark

The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb (detail), Ghent, Belgium

Ghent, Belgium
Rates Include

— Nine nights cabin accommodations aboard Ocean Albatros as per itinerary
— Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner). Bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; house wine during lunches and dinners
— Enrichment program of lectures and talks
— Escorted sightseeing by private motorcoach; entrance fees for included visit
— Airport/pier/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
— Taxes, service, and porterage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers; customary shipboard gratuities

Not included in rates
International airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than what is noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; excess baggage; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

Ocean Albatros
Being unveiled in June 2023, Ocean Albatros holds 95 comfortable staterooms and suites, all with unobstructed sea views and most with their own balconies. Ocean Albatros offers two restaurants, a wellness area, a unique panorama sauna, an Albatros Nordic Bar, an open-deck dining facility, a modern lecture lounge, and other state-of-the-art amenities. The environmentally friendly vessel emphasizes sustainability and will have more than a 50% lower carbon footprint than traditional expedition vessels.

Cruise Rates

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Single Stateroom with porthole, 140 sq. ft.
Stateroom with porthole, 172 sq. ft.
Stateroom with porthole, 215 sq. ft.
Stateroom with French balcony, 172 sq. ft.
Stateroom with balcony, 237 sq. ft.
Stateroom with balcony, 344 sq. ft.
Junior Suite with French balcony, 388 sq. ft.
Premium Junior Suite with balcony, 431 sq. ft.
Suites with balcony, 463 sq. ft.
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