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Treasures of Northern Europe, Medieval to Modern

England to Denmark Aboard *Ocean Albatros*

with Dr. Daniel Vermeer, Associate Professor of the Practice of Energy & Environment

April 27 – May 7, 2024

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CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

SAIL from England to Scandinavia aboard the luxurious, brand-new *Ocean Albatros*, which has 95 comfortable staterooms and suites, all with unobstructed sea views and most with their own balconies, and more than a 50% lower carbon footprint than traditional expedition 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

JOIN an art expert for an up-close look at the Van Eycks' revered, recently restored *Adoration of the Mystic Lamb (Ghent Altarpiece)*, now returned to its original home, St. Bavo's Cathedral in Ghent

TOUR museums exclusively opened for us, such as Amsterdam's Van Gogh Museum or The Hague's Mauritshuis, home to a cherished collection including Vermeer and Rembrandt masterpieces

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

GAIN an insider's look at printmaking during a hands-on workshop at the GRID Grafisch Museum Groningen, an intriguing Dutch museum devoted to the history of graphic design

DELIGHT in a private rooftop lunch and attend a musical performance (*pending confirmation*) at Hamburg's glittering Elbphilharmonie concert hall, the Herzog & de Meuron-designed architectural masterpiece with a distinctive wave-like glass exterior

TRANSIT the 61-mile Kiel Canal, which connects the North Sea to the Baltic, during daylight hours and learn about the engineering involved to build the world's busiest artificial waterway

ATTEND an onboard chamber music concert by one of Europe's renowned quartets while in Belgium

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Dear Duke Travelers,

Long before the European Union, northern Europe's Hanseatic League set the model for peaceful relations across borders. In the 12th through 15th centuries, northern European merchant guilds and cities formed this alliance to protect their mutual commercial interests in the Baltic Sea region. These cities amassed unprecedented wealth, paving the way for the Renaissance.

In Spring 2024, join Duke Travels on a beautiful cruise as we discover the Hanseatic League's extravagant legacy in northern Europe. Duke Travels is pleased to work with Arrangements Abroad to offer this splendid itinerary. Be among the first to sail aboard the technologically innovative *Ocean Albatros*, a luxurious ship with more than a 50% lower carbon footprint than traditional expedition vessels. Follow Hanseatic trade routes from England to Denmark along the cliff-lined English Channel, the North Sea, and the Baltic.

In France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, and Denmark, step ashore in picturesque coastal towns and accompany expert guides behind the scenes of lavish public buildings, opulent private houses, and splendid museums. We are pleased to share that your Duke Leader for this journey will be **Dr. Daniel Vermeer**, Associate Professor of the Practice of Energy & Environment. He will offer his insights on how these coastal regions are addressing environmental sustainability and climate change.

From England, sail to French Normandy for inside looks at marvelous *châteaux*, medieval cathedrals, and World War II history. Behold jewel-like medieval architecture in charming Bruges, Belgium. During tulip season in Holland, discover millions of flowering bulbs at Keukenhof Gardens, experience the little-visited yet fascinating city of Groningen, and enjoy exclusive private tours of museums such as Amsterdam's Van Gogh Museum.

In Germany, go behind the scenes of Hamburg's UNESCO-listed district of brick warehouses or visit Lübeck, the incomparable "Queen City of the Hanseatic League." Then navigate the 61-mile-long Kiel Canal—the world's busiest artificial waterway, surpassing the Suez and Panama canals—connecting the North Sea to the Baltic. Call in the Hanseatic city of Rostock, the "Gateway to Scandinavia," and conclude with a day in spectacular Copenhagen.

Sailing its maiden voyage in June 2023, *Ocean Albatros* features 95 comfortable staterooms and suites. Call us at (919) 684-2988 for information or to hold space while you decide and to reserve conveniently over the phone.

Forever Duke,



Beth Ray-Schroeder '83
Senior Director, Duke Travels
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TRAVELING WITH YOU



Dr. Daniel Vermeer, founder and director of Duke University's Center for Energy, Development, and the Global Environment (EDGE), is a leader in advocating for business sustainability. He is Associate Professor of the Practice of Energy

& Environment at Fuqua School of Business and Nicholas School of the Environment, where he teaches sustainability, energy, and international business courses. He also works on sustainability challenges with leading companies and organizations, including Bank of America, GE, and The Nature Conservancy. His current research focuses on natural capital considerations in business decision-making, water risk and resilience, data and analytics for sustainable agriculture, and energy innovation in emerging markets. He completed his Ph.D. in Learning Sciences at Northwestern University. Currently, he lives in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, with his wife and two children.

Space is limited on this special cruise, which is co-sponsored by The National Trust for Historic Preservation, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the alumni associations of Dartmouth, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Tufts, the University of Chicago, the University of Mary Washington, and Vanderbilt.

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MONDAY, APRIL 29: OUISTREHAM, FRANCE / CAEN

From the port of Ouistreham, visit historic Caen, whose Norman treasures have survived the centuries. Continue to Bayeux 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 *Musée des Ballons*, which houses Forbes's hot-air balloon collection, and enjoy a cocktail reception. As an alternative, you may visit *Mont-Saint-Michel*, a UNESCO-listed tidal island topped with a medieval monastery. As *Ocean Albatros* sails to Belgium, behold the chalky cliffs and the extraordinary rock formations of *Les Falaises d'Étretat* and the *Manneporte*, which *Claude Monet* captured in numerous paintings. Attend the captain's welcome reception and dinner this evening. B,L,R,D

TUESDAY, APRIL 30: OSTEND, BELGIUM / BRUGES / GHENT

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 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

SATURDAY, APRIL 27: DEPARTURE

Depart for London on an overnight flight.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28: LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM / PORTSMOUTH / EMBARK OCEAN ALBATROS

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



Bruges, Belgium



Ghent, Belgium



Mauritshuis, The Hague, Holland, photo by Ronald Tilleman

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1: SCHEVENINGEN, HOLLAND / AMSTERDAM OR KEUKENHOF & THE HAGUE

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 the Keukenhof Gardens during tulip season. After lunch, visit The Hague and its 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 Mesdag’s vast 1881 panoramic canvas of Scheveningen. B,L,D

THURSDAY, MAY 2: DELFZIJL / GRONINGEN

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

FRIDAY, MAY 3: HAMBURG, GERMANY OR LÜBECK

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 district, 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

SATURDAY, MAY 4: BRUNSBÜTTEL / KIEL CANAL TRANSIT

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

SUNDAY, MAY 5: WARNEMÜNDE / ROSTOCK

Step off in Warnemünde, Germany, and venture to Rostock, known as the “Gateway to Scandinavia” during the height of the Hanseatic League. 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

MONDAY, MAY 6: COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

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,R,D

TUESDAY, MAY 7: COPENHAGEN / DISEMBARK / RETURN

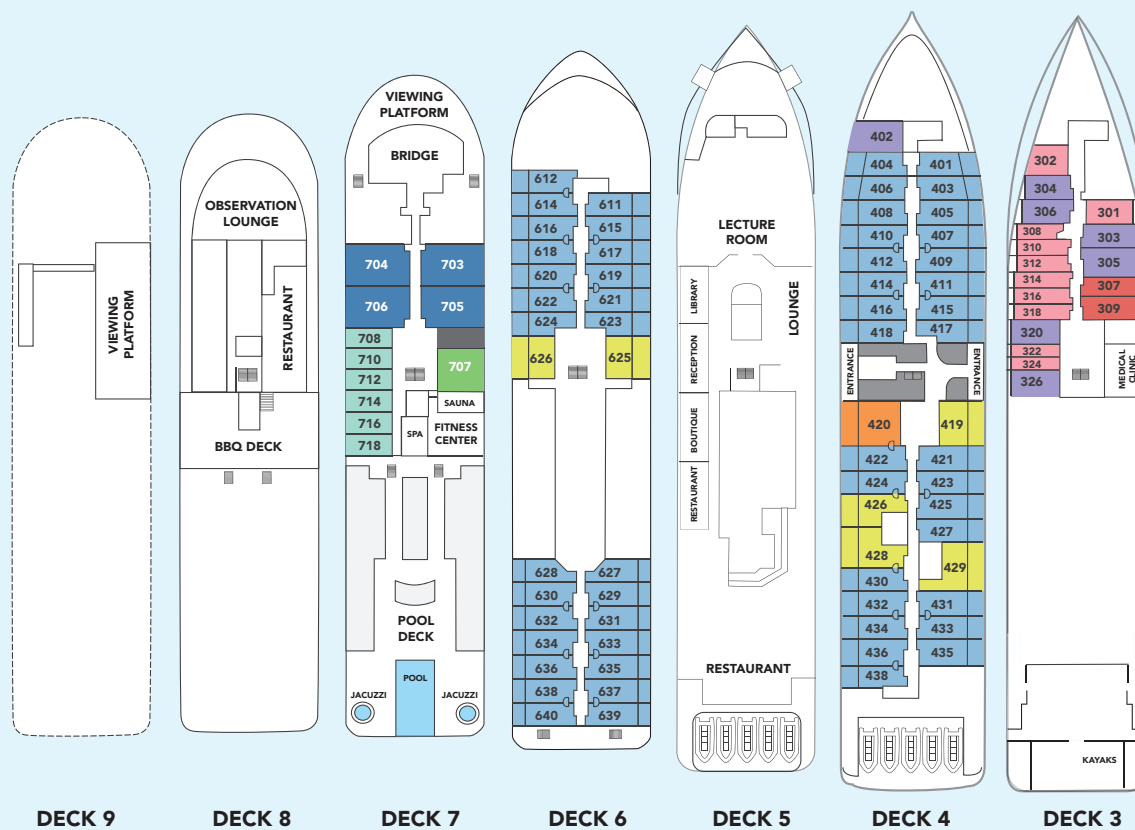
Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for flights home. B

The itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of Duke Travels and Arrangements Abroad. For complete details, please carefully read the terms and conditions at <http://www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms>

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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

(Per Person)

Cabins	Decks	Double Rates	Single Rates
301, 302, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 322, 324 Single Stateroom with porthole, 140 sq. ft.	3	————	\$9,999
303, 304, 305, 306, 320, 326, 402 Stateroom with porthole, 172 sq. ft.	3 & 4	\$6,999	\$10,999
307, 309 Stateroom with porthole, 215 sq. ft.	3	\$7,999	\$11,999
708, 710, 712, 714, 716, 718 Stateroom with French balcony, 172 sq. ft.	7	\$8,999	\$13,499
401, 403–412, 414–418, 421–425, 427, 430–436, 438, 611, 612, 614–624, 627–640 Stateroom with balcony, 237 sq. ft.	4 & 6	\$10,999	\$16,499
419, 426, 428, 429, 625, 626 Stateroom with balcony, 344 sq. ft.	4 & 6	\$12,999	Inquire
707 Junior Suite with French balcony, 388 sq. ft.	7	\$16,999	Inquire
703–706 Premium Junior Suite with balcony, 431 sq. ft.	7	\$17,999	Inquire
420 Suite with balcony, 463 sq. ft.	4	\$19,999	Inquire

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, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Airport/pier/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Taxes, service, and portorage 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.



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RESERVATION FORM**

To reserve a place, please contact Duke Travels at (919) 684-2988 or duketravels@duke.edu; or complete and return this form with your deposit of \$1,000 per person (of which \$500 is non-refundable for administrative fees) by mail with a check payable to *Arrangements Abroad* to: Duke Travels, Box 90572, Durham, NC 27708-0572. If you mail in your reservation, please give Duke Travels a call, so that space can be held.

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ACCOMMODATIONS

Ocean Albatros cabin preference (1) _____ (2) _____

I wish to share a room/cabin with

FORM OF PAYMENT

Enclosed is my check (payable to *Arrangements Abroad*)

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Back cover: The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb (detail), Ghent, Belgium (top) and
Groninger Museum, Holland (bottom).

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