

With **Andrew Shennan**,
Professor of History

WESTERN EUROPE'S HISTORIC COASTAL CITIES:

A Voyage from Iberia to the English Channel

May 10 - 21, 2025

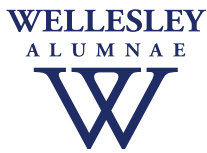


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COMMEMORATING THE **80th** ANNIVERSARY OF THE

END OF WORLD WAR II IN EUROPE

Aboard the New Expedition Cruise Ship *DIANA*



Dear Wellesley Alumna,

We are delighted to invite you to join recently retired Wellesley Provost, **Andrew Shennan**, Professor of History, on this voyage along Europe's Atlantic coast from Iberia to the English Channel, exploring ports that have long connected Western Europe to the wider world and that serve as repositories for some of its finest cultural and artistic achievements.

Beginning in Lisbon, sail northward to discover a carefully curated group of sites that represent important pieces of the European legacy, spanning the centuries from the medieval castles and cathedrals of Portugal and Spain to the beaches of Normandy. Among the places you will visit are four UNESCO World Heritage Sites—Lisbon's Jerónimos Monastery; the historic center of Oporto; the great Christian pilgrimage site of Santiago de Compostela; and the storied abbey/fortress of Mont-St.-Michel. To these justly famous monuments, we add Frank Gehry's Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, the pottery center of Quimper, and the Renaissance Château de Kerjean in Brittany.

You will be touring these sites in May 2025, exactly 80 years after the unconditional surrender of Germany to Allied Forces in May 1945. Professor Shennan, who has written extensively on France during and after WWII, will share his thoughts on the war and its legacy in a series of lectures and discussions as you visit sites in Brittany and Normandy—Roscoff, St. Malo, and the cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer—that continue to resonate with memories of that time.

Your vessel for this extraordinary journey, the Swan Hellenic *Diana*, is a state-of-the-art, new-generation expedition cruise ship, launched in early 2023. Accommodating only 192 guests in beautifully appointed staterooms and balcony suites, *Diana* features several lounges, a restaurant, outdoor café, spa, library and beauty salon, and is equipped with the latest safety and environmentally-friendly technology.

We hope you will be able to join Professor Shennan and fellow Wellesley alumnae and friends in May 2025 to explore *Western Europe's Historic Coastal Cities*.

Warm regards,

Kathryn Mackintosh '03
Executive Director
Wellesley College Alumnae Association

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WELLESLEY FACULTY

ANDREW SHENNAN

Professor of History



Andy Shennan recently retired as Provost and Dean of the College at Wellesley College. Professor Shennan served as Associate Dean of the College from 1999 to 2004, and from 2004 to 2009 as Dean of the College. In January 2010 he was appointed to the newly created post of Provost. In that capacity, he oversaw all the academic programs of the college as well as the college's libraries and technology services, and budgetary and strategic planning.

Professor Shennan is a graduate of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, where he received a double starred first in history. He also received his Ph.D. from Cambridge University. He held a Harkness Fellowship in the Department of Government at Harvard University and was a research fellow at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge before joining the Wellesley College faculty in 1988.

Professor Shennan's books include *Rethinking France: Plans for Renewal, 1940-1946* (Oxford University Press, 1989); *De Gaulle* (Longman, 1993); and *The Fall of France, 1940* (Longman, 2000). At Wellesley Professor Shennan has taught a range of courses in modern European history, with a particular emphasis on the 20th century, the history of modern France, and World War II. He was a founding director of Wellesley's International Relations program and the first director of the College's Summer School. In 1991 he was awarded the College's Pinanski Prize for Excellence in Teaching. He was a member of the last three presidential search committees, and in the summer of 2007 served briefly as acting president of the College.

When Professor Shennan steps down in June 2024 after twenty years as Wellesley's chief academic officer, he is returning to his faculty position in the History department.



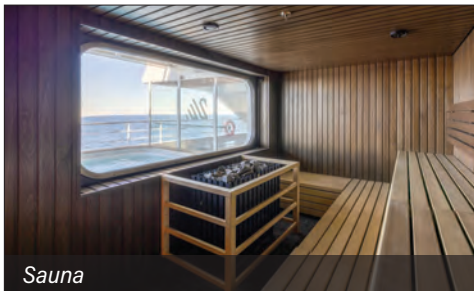
THE NEW 192-GUEST EXPEDITION CRUISE SHIP *DIANA*



Oceanview Stateroom



Balcony Suite



Sauna



Observation Lounge



Outdoor Café/Bar with swimming pool

Built in Finland, and launched in April 2023, Swan Hellenic's *Diana* is a new generation expedition cruise ship. Although at 12,100 tons the ship is large enough to accommodate more than 350 passengers, *Diana* will accommodate a maximum of 192 guests in 96 spacious staterooms and balcony suites. The low guest density results in one of the most generous indoor and outdoor space-to-guest ratios among cruise ships.

Featuring the latest advances in technology and engineering, *Diana* is among the world's first environmentally responsible ships. Equipped with hybrid engines and a unique water filtration system, *Diana* leaves a minimal footprint. For cruising in Polar regions, the ship meets the stringent requirements of the new Polar Code with its high PC5 Category A ice strengthened hull and other advanced features. A computer-controlled Dynamic Positioning System allows the ship to maintain position without anchoring. Operated by a complement of 135 experienced European officers and international crew members, *Diana* will

carry a fleet of Zodiacs, versatile landing boats, and kayaks. Powerful stabilizers provide a smooth ride.

Diana's interior spaces exude sophisticated elegance, with most rooms opening to panoramic views of the sea. All staterooms and suites face outside and are equipped with private facilities, climate control, TV, Wi-Fi and USB connections and other amenities. Of the ship's 96 staterooms, 76 have balconies. Public areas include a spacious observation lounge equipped with state-of-the-art facilities for lectures and presentations; a club lounge; a restaurant that accommodates all guests at one seating; an outdoor café/bar that surrounds the heated swimming pool; a wellness area with gym, spa, and sauna with an adjoining outdoor jacuzzi; library; beauty salon; and an infirmary that is attended by a full-time doctor and nurse. The ship also features expansive open-deck areas. Two elevators connect all decks. Attentive service is provided on a 24-hour basis. The outstanding cuisine is complemented by fine wines at lunch and dinner.

ITINERARY



Saturday, May 10, 2025
DEPART THE UNITED STATES

Sunday, May 11
LISBON, Portugal

Arrive in Lisbon and transfer to the *Avenida Palace Hotel* (or similar), our home for the night. Join fellow travelers this evening for a welcome dinner. (D)



Monday, May 12

LISBON/EMBARKATION

Following breakfast at the hotel, set off on a panoramic tour of Lisbon's highlights, including the Belém Quarter and the Jerónimos Monastery, a superb example of the Portuguese Manueline style of architecture and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Also see the Monument of Discoveries and historic Belém Tower, the point from which many Portuguese explorers, including Vasco da Gama, set sail. In the afternoon, transfer to the pier to embark *Diana* and set sail in early evening. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, May 13

LEIXOES (OPORTO)

Oporto, Portugal's second largest city, sits at the mouth of the Douro River, built on rocky tiers that cascade down to the river. Explore the city in the morning on a tour that includes its most interesting landmark sites, including the Ribeira, the quayside that has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The area around Oporto is world famous for the production of the eponymous port wine, and in the afternoon, we will visit one of the old wine lodges in nearby Vila Nova de Gaia to learn about this unique wine and enjoy a tasting. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, May 14

FERROL, Spain/SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Travel today to Santiago de Compostela, one of the most beautiful and historic medieval cities in Spain, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the third most important Christian pilgrimage site in the world, after Jerusalem and Rome. A guided tour of this remarkable town includes the Cathedral, the Townhall, and the Palace of Saint Jerome. (B,L,D)

Thursday, May 15

SANTANDER/SANTILLANA DEL MAR

Santillana del Mar is one of the best-preserved medieval towns in Western Europe, in part due to strict rules governing development first introduced in the 16th century. Established in the 8th century as a way station on the northern pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostela, it is built around the Church of Santa Juliana and contains some of the best examples of Romanesque architecture in Northwestern Spain. The historic quarter's cobblestone streets are lined with grand buildings, including the Renaissance Velarde Palace and the baroque Casa de Valdivielso. (B,L,D)

Friday, May 16

BILBAO

Bilbao, capital of the Spanish Basque country, is one of the most avant-garde cities in Europe. Its innovative architectural audacity presents a fascinating contrast to the traditions of its ancient built heritage. Begin with a tour through the narrow streets of Casco Viejo and its Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque architecture before a visit to the magnificent Guggenheim Museum, a unique construction of stone, glass and titanium, designed by the architect Frank Gehry and home to a collection of modern art and contemporary monumental sculpture. (B,L,D)

Saturday, May 17

CONCARNEAU, France/QUIMPER

The port of Concarneau is our gateway to Quimper, the capital of the Cornouaille region and the center of the proudly Breton/Celtic



Honfleur harbor, Normandy, France



The World War II American Cemetery and Memorial overlooking Omaha Beach, Normandy, France

traditions of Brittany. A guided tour of the old town takes you through cobblestone streets lined with granite houses built by merchants who made their money through trade in the pottery for which Quimper is renowned and to the city's twin-spired Gothic cathedral, famous for its exquisite stained glass. Explore the lovely Breton Museum, displaying folk arts and crafts of the region, including a collection of over 300 pieces of Quimper pottery and stoneware from the 17th century to the present. (B,L,D)

Sunday, May 18

ROSCOFF

The port of Roscoff was at the height of its prosperity in the 19th century—earning considerable wealth from trade in linen cloth. This morning, enjoy a walking tour of the grand houses built by wealthy cloth merchants along the harbor and in the central square. Following lunch aboard ship, travel to nearby Saint-Pol-de-Léon to tour its ostentatiously Gothic Cathedral, and then continue to the town of Saint-Vougay and the lovingly restored 16th-century Renaissance Château de Kerjean. This 50-acre estate has preserved the characteristics of the manor houses and castles that at one time dominated the countryside in this region. (B,L,D)

Monday, May 19

ST. MALO/MONT-ST.-MICHEL

This morning, arrive at the medieval city of St. Malo, which was badly

damaged by Allied bombing in late summer 1944 as Allied Forces recaptured the town from the Germans. By 1960, however, St. Malo had been completely rebuilt by fiercely proud citizens. Today it is also our gateway to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Mont-St.-Michel. This great granite outcropping surrounded by low-lying marsh, a world-famous landmark and one of the architectural marvels of Western Europe, has served as a fortress, a monastery, a pilgrimage site, and a prison at various periods during its long and storied history. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, May 20

HONFLEUR

Honfleur sits on the banks of the estuary where the Seine River meets the English Channel. Its Old Harbor is extraordinarily picturesque and has been a favored subject of countless artists, including, perhaps most famously, Claude Monet. It is also our gateway to the beaches of Normandy and to Colleville-sur-Mer, home to the World War II Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial. The majority of the nearly 10,000 American soldiers killed at Omaha Beach are buried in this 170-acre cemetery on land given to the United States by France as a token of gratitude. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, May 21

PORTSMOUTH, England/DISEMBARK

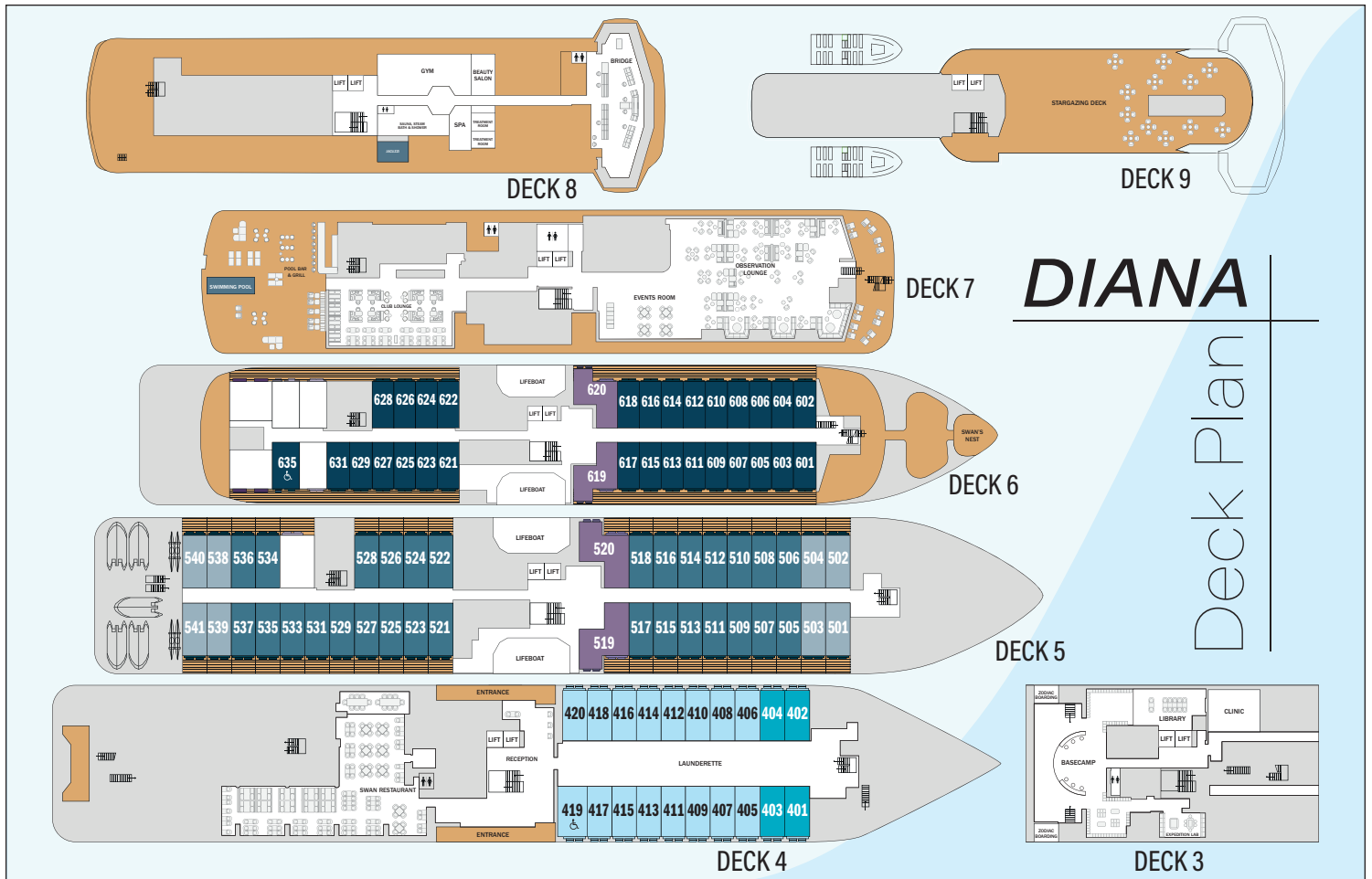
After breakfast aboard, disembark and transfer to the airport for flights homeward. (B)



Renaissance Château de Kerjean, Brittany, France



Guggenheim Museum, Bilbao, Spain



All accommodations aboard *Diana* are spacious staterooms and balcony suites. They are elegantly decorated, face outside, affording sea views, and include a queen-size bed that can be arranged as two twin beds, a spacious bathroom, mini-refrigerator, safe, ample closet space, climate control, telephone, TV, Wi-Fi, and USB connections, as well as other amenities.

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	RATES PER PERSON / DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
E	Oceanview staterooms with two large oval windows. 206 sq. ft. Deck 4. Staterooms 401-404.	\$8,990
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B	Suites with balcony & living room area. 300 sq. ft. Deck 5. Suites 505-518, 521-529, 531-537.	\$11,190
A	Suites with balcony and living room area. 300 sq. ft. Deck 6. Suites 601-618, 621-635.	\$11,890
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PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

The rates are all-inclusive. There are no hidden costs and no additional charges such as shore excursions or embarkation and port charges. Other than the international airfare and expenses of a personal nature, all else is included. Specifically, the rates include:

- One night at deluxe *Avenida Palace Hotel* (or similar) in Lisbon.
- Welcome dinner in Lisbon.
- Cruise aboard the Swan Hellenic *Diana*, as described in the itinerary.
- Airport/hotel/pier transfers and handling of luggage on arrival and departure dates.
- Lectures and discussions with Wellesley Provost, Andrew Shennan.
- Complete program of tours and excursions as mentioned in the itinerary with professional English-speaking guides.
- All meals aboard the ship, with a selection of wines, beer and soft drinks during lunch and dinner.
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions aboard the ship hosted by the captain.
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Faïences de Quimper pottery from Brittany.

REGISTRATION

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Enclosed is my check or credit card no. for \$ _____ (\$ 1,500 per person) as a deposit to hold _____ place(s) on **WESTERN EUROPE'S HISTORIC COASTAL CITIES**, May 10 - 21, 2025 with Wellesley College. I understand that final payment is due ninety (90) days prior to departure and is payable by check or credit card.

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ITINERARY: The itinerary, accommodations and arrangements are subject to change at the discretion of Thalassa Journeys.

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