An Atlantic Odyssey: Bilbao to Normandy
Aboard the Sea Cloud II

May 26–June 5, 2019

Emily P. Bakemeier, PhD, Art History
Deputy Provost
Dear Yale Traveler

Sail aboard the elegant Sea Cloud II from Bilbao, Spain, to Caen, France, exploring the role of the Atlantic Ocean in the history and development of Europe. Trace the paths of the intrepid seafaring adventures of the early Celtic, Viking, and Basque sailors through the Age of Discovery and the epic world wars of more recent centuries.

During port calls along the Atlantic coasts of Spain and France, visit some of the landmark buildings of Europe, including Mont Saint-Michel and the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao; and explore significant World War II sites, including U-boat pens at the Keroman Submarine base in Lorient and the Normandy invasion beaches. Experience the picturesque charm of Brittany’s Finistere, the westernmost point of continental France, and the poignancy of World War II museums, dedicated to battles, and lives, won and lost. Throughout the voyage, enjoy an outstanding lecture program by Yale Deputy Provost Emily P. Bakemeier and sample the great food and wine for which Spain and France are celebrated: Basque tapas (pintxos), crepes in Brittany, and seafood and Calvados in Normandy. An optional post-trip extension commemorating the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy is also offered.

The 47-suite Sea Cloud II is one of the most luxurious vessels afloat, and we will be sharing this journey with travelers from Stanford and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Sign up now by mailing or faxing the completed reservation form to Yale Educational Travel, or make a secure reservation online at yaleedtravel.org/atlantic19. If you have questions, please call (203) 432-1952 or email edtravel@yale.edu.

Sincerely,

Lauren Summers
Senior Director, Alumni Lifelong Learning and Travel

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Upcoming Trips

New Zealand by Sea
November 29–December 12, 2018
Gordon Turnbull ’86 PhD
General Editor, Yale Boswell Editions

Egypt of the Pharaohs
March 21–April 3, 2019
Harold W. Attridge
Divinity

The Historic Rhine
May 6–19, 2019
Prof. Carlos Eire
History & Religious Studies

Shores of Iberia:
Portugal & Spain
May 16–29, 2019
Prof. K. David Jackson
Portuguese

Yale Study Leader

Emily P. Bakemeier has served as assistant provost, associate provost, deputy provost for the arts and humanities, deputy provost, and dean of faculty affairs of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences (FAS) in her nearly two decades at Yale. Currently she is deputy provost, with a broad-gauged portfolio that includes working closely with the School of Art, the Institute of Sacred Music, the Norfolk Summer Programs, the Yale Alumni Magazine, and the arts at Yale more generally. She is also responsible for specific aspects of faculty recruitment, retention, and retirement across the university. Currently a member of Dartmouth’s Board of Trustees, Emily graduated with an AB in English literature and art history from Dartmouth College and earned an MFA and PhD in art and archaeology from Princeton University. Her area of academic expertise is 16th- and 17th-century northern European art. After having concentrated her early work on seventeenth-century Dutch and Flemish painting and northern European architectural history, including landscape and garden architecture, Emily turned her attention and writing to French royal portraiture and iconography from the reign of Francois I (1515-1547) to that of Louis XIV (1661-1715).

Additional Lecturers

David Kennedy has been a member of the Stanford University faculty since 1967. Over the course of his long and esteemed academic career, the renowned historian has taught both undergraduate and graduate courses in American foreign policy, the comparative development of democracy in Europe and the U.S., the history of 20th-century United States, and American Literature. Professor Kennedy has lectured on American history around the globe and contributed his expertise to a broad swath of national media, from The Atlantic Monthly and The New York Times to the PBS NewsHour with Jim Lehrer and productions aired on C-SPAN and NPR.
Itinerary
MAY 26–JUNE 5, 2019
Note: Two days offer optional excursions from which to choose.

WELCOME PHONE CALL
Tuesday, May 14 (tentative)
Join the group at 4pm Eastern for a pre-trip welcome call with Professor Bakemeier in order to learn more about what to expect and to ask questions.

DEPART U.S. / BILBAO, SPAIN
Sunday & Monday, May 26 & 27
Depart home on an overnight flight to Bilbao, Spain. This afternoon, take a panoramic coach tour of Bilbao, with a guided walk through Casco Viejo, the colorful medieval quarter of the city, noted for its elegant architecture and tiny pintxos (Basque tapas) bars. Gather for a special private welcome reception and dinner this evening at a historic country estate.
Gran Hotel Domine (R,D)

BILBAO (EMBARK)
Tuesday, May 28
In the last several decades, Bilbao, the hub of Spain’s Greater Basque region, has undertaken a vigorous social, economic, and aesthetic revitalization process, launched by the opening of the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao in 1997. Designed by award-winning architect Frank Gehry, this icon of 20th-century architecture contains some of the most intriguing artworks of our age. After time to explore the museum and its collections, enjoy a gourmet lunch, then transfer to Bilbao port to embark the Sea Cloud II late this afternoon. Sea Cloud II (B,L,D)

SAN SEBASTIAN
Wednesday, May 29
This morning call at the port of Paisajes for a morning walking tour of the Basque town of San Sebastian (Donostia in the Basque language), known for its sophisticated culinary scene and named a European Capital of Culture in 2016. Explore the city’s historic center and learn about Basque culinary traditions during tastings at a local pintxos (tapas) bar. This afternoon, enjoy a specially arranged visit to the pioneering Albaola Factory and Museum, where experts on maritime heritage and boatbuilding are constructing a replica of the 16th-century Basque whaling ship San Juan. Return to the ship and relax as the Sea Cloud II cruises to France. Gather this evening for a welcome dinner hosted by the captain. Sea Cloud II (B,L,D)

AT SEA
Thursday, May 30
Enjoy a full day at sea and the continuation of the educational program as the Sea Cloud II cruises along the coast of France. Weather permitting, marvel at the finely coordinated activities of the crew as they unfurl the sails.
Sea Cloud II (B,L,D)

LA PALLICE, FRANCE
Friday, May 31
From the port of La Pallice, choose between two morning excursion options. OPTION 1: Take a guided walking tour through the center of La Rochelle, a major seaport and the historic base of the Knights Templar and later the Huguenots. Stroll past the 14th-century stone defensive towers and stop for a guided tour of The Bunker, a museum focused on the wartime history of La Rochelle. OPTION 2: Visit charming Île de Ré, with its small fishing ports, historic lighthouses, and idyllic views of windmills, sand beaches, and salt pans. ALL: Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon of cruising.
Sea Cloud II (B,L,D)

LORIENT
Saturday, June 1
Arrive mid-morning in the port of Lorient, which grew to prominence in the 17th century, during the heyday of France’s trade with Africa and Asia under the French East India Company, or “Compagnie des Indes.” Learn about this period
of French maritime history during a guided tour of the Museum of the East Indies Company, housed in the Citadel of Port-Louis, then enjoy a private lunch at a historic chateau. Visit the nearby Keroman Submarine Base, where Grand Admiral Karl Donitz had enormous concrete bunkers built to shelter part of the German submarine fleet during World War II. Today, the K3 bunker is one of the few former U-boat structures open to the public. Sea Cloud II (B,L,D)

CAEN
Tuesday, June 4
After a final morning of cruising, arrive in Normandy for a choice of two afternoon excursion options. 

OPTION 1: Explore the lovely historic center of Bayeux, including a visit to 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.

OPTION 2: Learn about the air and sea fronts of the Allied invasion of Normandy in June 1944, with visits to the Airborne Museum in Sainte-Mère-Église, the first town to be liberated by American paratrooper divisions, and the Landing Museum at Utah Beach, where vivid displays immerse visitors in the story of D-Day. Gather this evening for a farewell reception and dinner on board. Sea Cloud II (B,L,D)

BREST
Sunday, June 2
Call this morning at Brest and explore the scenic coast of Brittany’s Finistère, the westernmost point of continental France, with its charming rural villages and elaborate parish churches of Saint-Thégonnec and Lampaul-Guimiliau, each boasting quaint and intricate carvings and stained glass designed to outdo neighboring parishes. Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon of cruising. Sea Cloud II (B,L,D)

SAINT-MALO
Monday, June 3
Disembark in the walled port city of Saint-Malo for a morning walking tour of this one-time haven for pirates. Return to the ship for lunch on board, then set out on an afternoon visit to the Abbey of 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. Sea Cloud II (B,L,D)

CAEN (DISSMBARK) / HOME
Wednesday, June 5
Disembark the Sea Cloud II this morning in Caen and transfer to Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport for flights home. (B)

Included meals indicated each day as B,L,R,D = Breakfast, Lunch, Reception, Dinner

Optional Post-Tour Extension
75TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY IN NORMANDY
June 5–7, 2019
Commemorate the 75th anniversary of World War II’s D-Day landings with visits to Pointe du Hoc, a strategic promontory overlooking the English Channel; the German Cemetery at La Cambe; the Atlantic Wall sites of Arromanches; and Longues-sur-Mer. On June 6, visit the Normandy-American Cemetery and Memorial, where the graves of 9,387 troops commemorate lives lost during the D-Day landings, and walk on the crucial Allied landing site of Omaha Beach.

Additional details and pricing will be sent to confirmed participants.

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Sea Cloud II

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**Program Rates, per person**

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Note: Cabins in categories 2, 3, and 6 are equipped with two mattresses that can be configured as either one or two beds. Queen and king beds in categories 4, 5, and 7 are comprised of two mattresses, fixed side-by-side.

**What is Included:**
- Educational program of lectures and discussions with Yale study leader Emily P. Bakemeier and other expert lecturers
- All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary
- Airport transfers on group arrival and departure days
- Baggage handling
- Gratuities to porters, wait staff, guides, drivers, and shipboard personnel
- Port charges
- Entrance fees
- Welcome and farewell wine receptions
- House wine, beer, and soft drinks with all group lunches and dinners
- Bottled water on motor coaches
- Professional tour manager
- Emergency medical evacuation services with UHC Global Assistance

**What is Not Included:**
- U.S. domestic and international airfare
- Passport and visa expenses
- Medical expenses and immunizations
- Airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure days
- Travel insurance
- Deviations from the scheduled tour
- Excess-baggage charges
- Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted
- Laundry or dry cleaning
- Room service
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- Telephone, fax, Internet, and email charges
- Gratuities for non-group services and other items of a personal nature

**Itinerary Changes and Cost Adjustments:**

The itinerary as presented is subject to modification by Yale Educational Travel and the tour operator, should unforeseen world events and conditions require such alterations for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant. Program rates are based upon current taxes, tariffs, fuel prices, currency values, and a minimum number of participants, and are subject to change (e.g., should fuel prices increase). If there are significant changes, we will notify participants in advance of departure.

**Air Arrangements:** Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., can provide airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at (877) 376-1754. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice. Please note: U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Round-trip economy-class airfare from New York to Bilbao, Spain, with return from Paris, is approximately $690 per person as of August 2018 and is subject to change without notice.

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Yale Educational Travel, Association of Yale Alumni, P.O. Box 209010, New Haven, CT 06520-9010 or fax the completed form to (203) 432-0587. Deposits may be charged to a credit card. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt. Final payment is due January 26, 2019.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS:

All cancellations must be in writing to Yale Educational Travel. Refunds, less a cancellation fee of $300 per person, are made if we are notified in writing on or before January 26, 2019. No refunds are made after that date. There are no refunds for unused meals, accommodations, or other trip features.

WHAT TO EXPECT: The climate in the Bay of Biscay and the English Channel at this time of year is generally mild, with average temperatures in the 60s and 70s and occasional rain. Seas can be choppy, particularly in the Bay of Biscay. The pace of this trip is moderately active, with up to two miles of walking each day, often on cobbled streets and uneven terrain. Elevators and handrails on stairs often are unavailable. Participants must be in good health and able to keep up with the group without assistance from tour staff.

INSURANCE: Yale Educational Travel highly recommends the purchase of trip cancellation insurance. If participants purchase trip insurance, and we hope that they do, participants are free to purchase the insurance of their choice. Most travel insurance must be purchased within 7-10 days of paying a deposit in order to include certain provisions including pre-existing conditions.

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**Emily P. Bakemeier**  
*PhD, Art History; Deputy Provost*

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**Savor Basque pintxos (tapas)** in Bilbao and San Sebastian, a gourmet lunch at a historic French chateau near Lorient, crepes in Brittany, and fresh seafood and Calvados in Normandy.

**Discover some of Europe’s landmark buildings**, including Frank Gehry’s Guggenheim Museum Bilbao and the abbey of Mont Saint-Michel, since the 8th century the seat of the monastery from which it draws its name.