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EXPEDITION CRUISES

European Coastal Cruise: Portugal, Spain & France

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DAYS CITIES GUESTS (MAX)

This enriching voyage affords a whole new perspective on three of Europe's most celebrated destinations. Join A&K's acclaimed Expedition Team as you savor the wines of the Douro Valley and Bordeaux, go off the beaten path in Porto, browse the collections of the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao, visit Mont Saint-Michel and Santiago de Compostela, and reflect on Normandy's World War II legacy.

- ✦ Cruise for 10 days on an exclusive charter of Le Champlain
✦ Your small explorer ship affords access to Bordeaux, Brittany, Normandy and other places seldom visited by cruise ships
- ✦ Choose from a menu of included shore excursions spanning interests such as art, architecture, wine, cuisine and nature
✦ Private, curated tastings showcase the celebrated wines of Porto, Bordeaux and other renowned regions
- ✦ Retrace a portion of Galicia's hallowed Santiago de Compostela pilgrimage route
✦ Take in the best of Basque Country, including Bilbao's stunning Guggenheim Museum
- ✦ Step back in time in Mont Saint-Michel's hilltop fortress

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FROM - | 148 GUESTS



Day 1 | Arrive Porto, Portugal – Rendezvous on the Douro

At once moody and magnificent, Porto is a city of brutish good looks, set on the steep terraced banks of the Douro River. There are soaring bell towers, tiled train stations and baroque churches with gleaming gilded interiors that sparkle like the surface of the Douro.

🍷 LE CHAMPLAIN
🍴 DINNER

Day 2 | Porto - Tapas Paired With Port

Explore vibrant Cais da Ribeira, discovering its Stock Exchange Palace and St. Francis Church, followed by a port wine tasting at a famous riverside lodge. Or, see why this region is renowned among foodies the world over as you set out on a culinary tour of Porto's vibrant central market and beloved backstreet taverns.

🍷 LE CHAMPLAIN
🍴 BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

Day 3 | Santiago de Compostela, Spain – Hallowed Pilgrim's Trail

Santiago de Compostela is one of Christendom's most important places of pilgrimage — the terminus of the hallowed Camino de Santiago, a network of pilgrimage routes dating to the ninth century. Marked by narrow streets, majestic stone architecture and grand plazas paved with granite flagstones, Santiago de Compostela reflects a millennium's worth of journeys. Explore the city's cathedral and Old Town, followed by lunch with a Galician folklore dance performance. Alternatively, choose a hike to Cape Finisterre, the last stop on the Camino de Santiago. For another option, explore Santiago's bustling food market and restaurants, tasting local tapas, empanadas, cheeses and wines.

🍷 LE CHAMPLAIN
🍴 BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

Day 4 | At Sea – Relaxing in the Bay of Biscay

Unwind as you cruise eastward through the Bay of Biscay, enjoying the ship's amenities along the way. En route, the Expedition Team prepares you for tomorrow's shore excursion to Bilbao with a series of enriching presentations.

🍷 LE CHAMPLAIN
🍴 BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

Day 5 | Bilbao – Basque Country Renaissance

Arrive in Bilbao, a medieval city and proud Basque enclave that has transformed itself into a modern cultural crucible. Bilbao's skyscraper-filled downtown mixes in dashes of Gothic, Art Deco, Art Nouveau, Neo-Gothic and contemporary architecture. Most notable, though, is the curvaceous, titanium-clad Guggenheim Museum designed by Frank Gehry. Explore the museum's contemporary collections and outdoor installations to experience Bilbao's creative renaissance firsthand. Alternately, transfer to Guernica, a historic Basque city inextricably linked to the Spanish Civil War as immortalized in Picasso's namesake masterpiece, or take a drive through to the quaint fishing town of Bermeo.

🍷 LE CHAMPLAIN

🍴 BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

Day 6 | Bordeaux, France – Intoxicating Art de Vivre

Not all Bordeaux's pleasures come by the glass: a deal with a Chartrons antique dealer, the taste of a rum-sweet canelé, the 18th-century grandeur of the Place de la Bourse. But Bordeaux's rich, full-bodied heritage is hard to resist, be it on a bar's cobbled terrace or in any number of the region's world-beating vineyards. Explore Bordeaux's Old Town, the 13th-century Cathedral of Saint André and the immersive digital art exhibition of the Bassins de Lumières. Alternatively, delve into Bordeaux's rich wine heritage with a tour and tasting at a local estate. Or, visit the seaside resort town of Arcachon, where you experience its golden beaches, soak in its romantic Belle Époque atmosphere and savor a sampling of fresh local oysters renowned as some of Europe's finest.

🍷 LE CHAMPLAIN

🍴 BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

Day 7 | At Sea – Time to Unwind

Relish a day of relaxation aboard, perhaps enjoying some time in the spa or conversing with newfound friends. Your Expedition Team shares insights into your next destinations, Saint-Malo and Mont Saint-Michel.

🍷 LE CHAMPLAIN

🍴 BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

Day 8 | Saint-Malo – Gateway to Mont Saint-Michel

Arrive in Saint-Malo, a historic fortified port renowned for its walled battlements, idyllic beaches and regional gastronomy. Once ashore, explore the city's market, 15th-century buildings and Fort National. Alternatively, you might visit Mont Saint-Michel, a stunning village perched atop a tidal island. Here, wander its steep cobblestone streets and climb over 350 steps to reach its famed abbey. Or, visit Dinan, a walled Breton town renowned for its 14th century castle.

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🍴 BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

Day 9 | Honfleur – Normandy Reflections

Arrive in Honfleur, a quaint Norman port town with a rich maritime heritage dating to the 16th century. Stroll the narrow streets, taking in St. Catherine's Church and the Old Port. Or, you might travel to the D-Day landing site of Omaha Beach, as well as the Normandy American Cemetery and Visitors Center at Colleville-sur-Mer. Alternatively, embark on a culinary adventure in the countryside, sampling local cheeses, hard cider and Calvados.

🍷 LE CHAMPLAIN

🍴 BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

Day 10 | Depart London, England – the Voyage Ends

Disembark in Portsmouth and head to London for your return flight.

🍴 BREAKFAST

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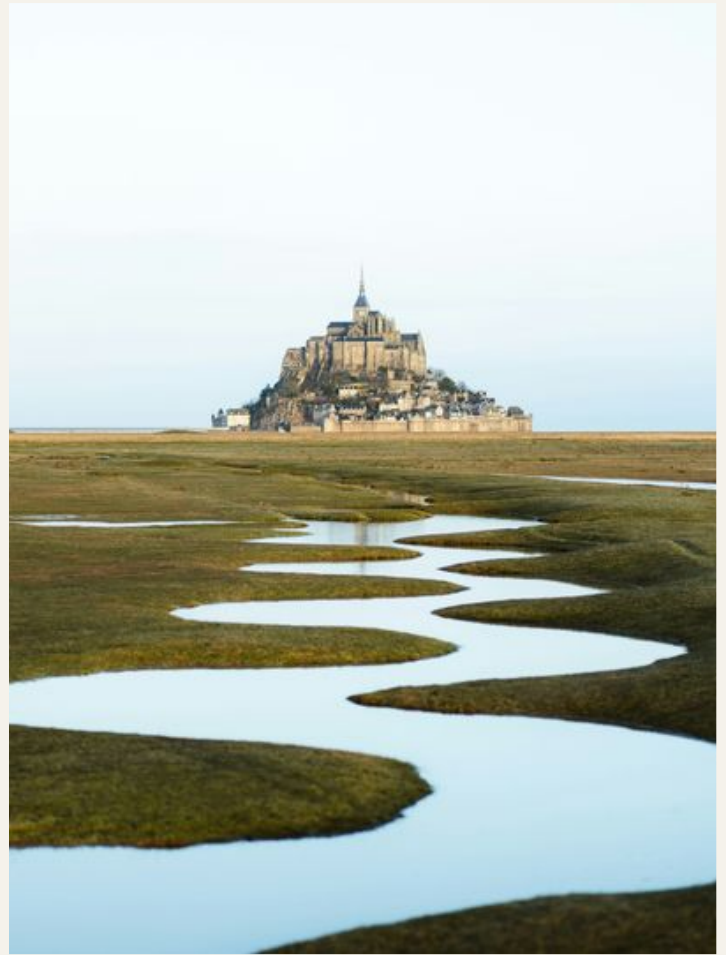
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Le Champlain

Chartered exclusively for A&K, your luxury expedition cruiser is specially configured to limit capacity to 148 total travellers (from a maximum of 184). The all-English-speaking ship staff is complemented by A&K's expert Expedition Team. All staterooms and suites feature a private balcony, and every suite offers complimentary butler service. The vessel also features multiple observation, lounge and dining areas, as well as a library, theater, outside heated pool, fitness center, spa, 24-hour medical facility with a certified doctor and a fleet of Zodiac boats for shore expeditions. A&K also includes complimentary wireless Internet and Traveller's Valet laundry service.

