Circumnavigation of Iceland

Cruising aboard the Exclusively Chartered, New Small Ship Five-Star Le Bellot

June 21 to 29, 2020

Round-Trip Air Included from Select Cities

RESERVE BY NOVEMBER 20, 2019
SAVE $1000 USD PER COUPLE
Dear Alumni and Friends,

Resting on the edge of the Arctic Circle, Iceland is a realm of astonishing beauty where nature reigns supreme. This otherworldly land of fire and ice is an ensemble of steaming fumaroles, bubbling mudpots, breathtaking waterfalls, venting geysers and calving glaciers.

Join us for this unforgettable exploration through Iceland’s seemingly endless variations of magnificent scenery and fascinating cultural heritage. During our specially designed, seven-night circumnavigation of this Nordic island nation, experience close encounters with Iceland’s primal landscapes and unique wildlife at the best time of year, when the Midnight Sun of the summer solstice melds into lingering twilight. Cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star Le Bellot—launching in 2020—able to cruise into small ports inaccessible to larger vessels and to alter course as ethereal waterways, rugged fjords and magisterial glaciers unfold before you.

Explore cosmopolitan Reykjavík, the world’s northernmost capital and a vibrant example of Iceland’s egalitarian society. Visit seldom-trod islands and coastal hamlets where the mythic lore and epic sagas of Iceland’s national identity are passed down through generations. Cruise into Siglufjörður, cross the Arctic Circle on Grimsey Island, touch ice fragments calved from Breiðamerkurjökull in UNESCO-designated Vatnajökull National Park and marvel at dramatic Goðafoss, the “Waterfall of the Gods.” Look for orcas and humpback whales as you cruise past Surtsey, one of Earth’s youngest islands and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Uncover the history of Iceland’s “Pompeii of the North” on fascinating Heimaey Island, where houses hemmed by hardened lava flow from Eldfell volcano are clustered beneath towering cliffs populated by multitudes of puffins, fulmars and guillemots.

Experience the awe-inspiring power of nature on this incomparable circumnavigation of Iceland. This program features included round-trip air from Toronto and select U.S. cities, or Low Air Add-Ons for an additional $200 USD per person from Chicago, Dallas and Minneapolis, or an additional $300 USD per person from Denver, Portland, San Francisco, Seattle and Vancouver.†† Make your reservation now while space and Early Booking Savings are still available!

Sincerely,

Guy Larocque
Executive Director, University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association

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Sunday, July 5
Depart the U.S.

Reykjavík, Iceland
Monday, July 6
Arrive in Reykjavík, a UNESCO Creative City of Literature. See the idyllic parks and botanical gardens of Laugardalur, where a geothermal, Olympic-sized outdoor swimming pool speaks to Iceland's seemingly endless supply of natural hot water. Continue to the impressive National Museum, where over 2000 artifacts—including the priceless 13th-century Valþjófsstaður church door—provide a comprehensive account of Iceland's history and culture. Visit Hallgrímskirkja church, whose distinct silhouette rises above Reykjavík's skyline. Continue to Reykjavík's old town center, a compact core of narrow streets lined with small, colorful houses, before boarding Le Bellot. (b,d)

Please note that the ship’s cruising pattern and direction are dependent on weather and sea conditions and are subject to change.

Vigur Island/Ísafjörður
Tuesday, July 7
Enjoy the morning cruise to the awe-inspiring, seldom-visited Westfjords peninsula. On verdant Vigur Island—home to a single farming family—observe Arctic terns, black guillemots, eiders and thousands of puffins in their natural habitat. See relics of Iceland's traditional farming heritage, including the nation's only windmill and a 200-year-old rowboat still used to ferry sheep to the mainland. Enjoy sweeping fjord views and keep watch for whales, dolphins and seals. Visit Iceland's smallest post office and savor coffee and cakes served by our hosts in their home, the picturesque 19th-century Viktoria House.

This afternoon, cruise up Ísafjarðardjúp, the dominant fjord of this remote 14-million-year-old region, framed by the dramatic rise of rugged mountains. Near the town of Ísafjörður, visit the open-air Ósvör Maritime Museum, where restored 19th-century fishermen's huts and fishing equipment vividly depict the harsh reality of the lives of generations of Iceland's fishermen.

Attend the Captain's Welcome Reception this evening. (b,l,r,d)

Siglufjörður/Grímsey Island/Arctic Circle
Wednesday, July 8
Clinging to the foot of steep mountain walls at the entrance to a gorgeous fjord, charming Siglufjörður is one of Iceland's most dramatically sited towns. Multicolored houses lead to a bustling harbor, the hub of the town's fishing industry. Siglufjörður celebrates the glory days of herring fishing at the award-winning Herring Era Museum, which recreates the history of fish salting and oil processing during the early 20th century.

Explore Vigur Island, where Iceland’s only windmill, built in 1840, sits on the serene seashore.

Spot black guillemots resting on the shore and cliff faces.

Cover photo: Touch the ice that has calved off of the luminously blue Breiðamerkurjökull glacier.

Photo page: See gemlike Goðafoss, set among northern Iceland's craggy lava fields and rich green pastures.
Enjoy a music-filled performance illustrating síldarsöltun (traditional herring salting process).

Return to the ship and cruise to Grímsey Island, which straddles the top of the world at 66 degrees north. Craggy coastal cliffs and basalt formations host dozens of species of seabirds, including puffins and auks. Walk across the Arctic Circle, where the island is lush with vegetation. (b,l,d)

Húsvík for Lake Mývatn Thursday, July 9
Explore northern Iceland’s extraordinary natural landscapes, stopping at Námaskarð—a geothermal wonder of boiling, sulfurous mudpots—and the pseudocraters at Skútustaðir, formed when hot lava flowed across the wetlands over 2000 years ago.

Walk among the surreal “dark castle” lava formations of Dimmuborgir and drive along the shores of cerulean Lake Mývatn, a birder’s paradise harboring many rare migratory birds and 14 species of Iceland’s bountiful wild ducks.

Continue to Goðafoss, or “Waterfall of the Gods.” According to legend, this waterfall earned its name when an Icelandic lawspeaker threw wooden statues of Norse gods into its waters, signifying his conversion to Christianity. (b,l,d)

Seyðisfjörður Friday, July 10
Seyðisfjörður is a tranquil, 11-mile-long fjord that winds toward its eponymous town, a thriving artist’s community where colorful, chalet-style houses shelter beneath Mount Strandartindur and Mount Bjölfur (Beowulf).

Look for gregarious orcas in Iceland’s coastal waters.

Explore the sulfuric mudpots of Námaskarð, where the mineral-rich, desert-toned terrain appears almost Mars-like.
Tour Reykjavík and see the church of Hallgrímskirkja, which mirrors natural basalt formations along Iceland’s southern coast.

Visit the sky-hued Blue Church and observe a specially arranged cultural and musical performance. Continue to the Technical Museum to learn more about the mechanical and architectural innovations that characterize this island nation, and enjoy light refreshments. (b,l,d)

**Djúpivogur for Jökulsárlón**
Saturday, July 11
Enjoy a full-day scenic excursion, with lunch, along Iceland’s east coast with stunning mountain views.
Board a specially designed small boat for a private cruise amid the luminous blue icebergs of Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon and touch the ice that has calved off the outlet tidewater glacier. These mesmerizing ice sculptures can spend up to five years floating in the lagoon before moving out to sea via Iceland’s shortest river. (b,l,d)

**Heimaey, Westman Islands/Cruise along Surtsey Island**
Sunday, July 12
Arrive at Heimaey Island, part of the Vestmannaeyjar (Westman Islands) archipelago, and stop at Sprangan, the craggy cliff where young islanders learn the local pastime of rope swinging.
See the ruins of ancient Viking farmhouses dating from A.D. 650 in Herjólfsdalur Valley, observe Heimaey’s largest puffin colony from the headland of Stórhöfði and view a timbered stave church in scenic Skansinn. See the imposing Eldfell volcano and tour the Eldheimar Museum, which chronicles its fateful activity of 1973 and the subsequent impact on the community.
This evening, cruise along the coast of Surtsey Island, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Created by volcanic activity between 1963 and 1967, it is one of the youngest and most fragile islands on Earth; scientists continually study the evolution of flora and fauna. Be on the lookout for graceful orcas that frequent the region.
Join your traveling companions for the Captain’s Farewell Reception this evening. (b,l,r,d)

**Reykjavík/U.S.**
Monday, July 13
Following breakfast, disembark and transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S. (b)

The captivating city of Reykjavík and its surrounding natural wonders provide you with the perfect introduction to Iceland. Visit the famous Blue Lagoon and rejuvenate in the warmth of its mineral-rich geothermal waters surrounded by black lava fields. Tour the legendary Golden Circle—UNESCO World Heritage-designated Pingvellir National Park, the thundering terraced cataract of Gullfoss and Strokkur, possibly the world’s most iconic fountain geyser. Take in the stunning panoramas from the futuristic glass dome of the Perlan Museum and discover its immersive exhibits on volcanoes, earthquakes and geothermal zones. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe Hotel Borg.
The Pre-Program Option is available at additional cost. Details will be included with your reservation confirmation.
Luxury Small Ship, Innovative Design

Le Bellot, launching in 2020, represents a new generation of Five-Star small ships, combining revolutionary design and a new standard of luxury for unparalleled cruising. Dock in smaller ports inaccessible to larger ships where authentic cultural experiences and majestic scenery await you.

Blue Eye – World's First Multisensory, Underwater Observation Lounge

Introducing the extraordinary Blue Eye, the world’s first multisensory, underwater Observation Lounge. View the beauty of marine life‡‡ through the large, subaquatic windows and integrated digital screens providing live images from underwater cameras, and enjoy the sensory experience of listening to the ocean's unique underwater universe in the comfort of the exclusive Blue Eye lounge.

Life on Board

Enjoy sweeping views from the lounges—which open to the outdoors—and lectures, cultural performances or film screenings in the state-of-the-art theater. Relax in the spa and sauna or the Sun Deck’s infinity-style swimming pool. The ship has a beauty salon, a fitness room and three elevators. Complimentary Wi-Fi access is available (conditions permitting).

Elegant Suites and Staterooms, 100% with Private Balconies

Each of the 92 Five-Star Staterooms and Suites (up to 484 square feet) features a private balcony. Grand Deluxe Suites have a bay window and spacious private terrace. Accommodations offer two twin beds or one queen bed, individual climate control and a private bathroom with a shower and luxury hotel-style amenities.

Chic and Casual Dining

Dine indoors or alfresco on international and regional cuisine served in the stylish, spacious indoor-outdoor restaurant, at the casual pool deck grill or from 24-hour room service. Daily meals include continental and buffet breakfasts, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and four-course dinner.

Respect for the Environment

A state-of-the-art addition to the Ponant “Clean Ship” fleet, an important certification among ocean-cruising vessels, Le Bellot is energy efficient and eco-friendly, protecting fragile marine ecosystems.

World-Class Service

The highly trained, English-speaking crew is personable and attentive, and the ship has a medical center staffed with a doctor and a nurse.

‡‡Marine life viewing varies by location.
Included

- Round-trip air from select gateways’ with Low Air Add-Ons available at additional cost††
- Seven nights aboard the exclusively chartered, new Five-Star Le Bellot
- Cruise round trip Reykjavík, Iceland, featuring port calls at Vigur Island, Siglufjörður, Grímsey Island, Húsavík for Lake Mývatn, Seyðisfjörður, Djúpivogur for Jökulsárlón and Heimaey, Westman Islands.
- Meals as specified in the itinerary
- Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the program
- Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions
- All entrance fees and tours as described in the itinerary
- Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s)
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers
- Hospitality desk in the hotel and aboard ship
- Complimentary bottled water in your accommodations and on excursions
- Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions
- Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the program
- Pre-departure materials, including a reading list
- Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company

Not Included

- Taxes of $455 per person (subject to change)
- Gratuities to ship personnel ($105 per person recommended)
- Hotel staff gratuities (Pre-Program Option – $2 per person per day recommended) and gratuities for activities on your own
- Passport and visa fees
- Meals and alcoholic beverages not listed as included
- Transfers and baggage handling to/from airport/hotel on day(s) of arrival and/or departure if you are arriving earlier or later than and/or departing earlier or later than the scheduled group transfer(s)
- Any overnight on land due to flight schedule(s)
- Personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls and Internet access (unless otherwise specified)
- Accident/sickness, trip cancellation and baggage insurance
- Baggage charges on aircraft; airfare and associated local taxes not listed as included
- Airport facility taxes and federal inspection fees not listed as included
- All other services not specifically mentioned in the “Included” section

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A land of unparalleled geological riches, Iceland is home to 11,600 square kilometres of glaciers, 30 active volcanic systems, 800 hot springs and over 10,000 waterfalls. Born of the monumental forces unleashed during the movement of the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates and carved out by formidable glaciers and incredible waterfalls, the land is a combination of intense natural energy and veritable calm. The topography of Iceland continues to evolve, yet many of its landscapes remain nearly unchanged since the first Viking settlers laid eyes on them more than 1100 years ago.

During your circumnavigation, see volcanic craters and fissures, watch as bubbling hot springs erupt steam into the air against a backdrop of Mars-like terrain, encounter pristine waterfalls and black lava deserts, and witness the stoic majesty of mountains capped with snow and volcanoes slumbering beneath sheets of ice. Along the coast, Iceland’s characteristic fjords chronicle the powerful path of the glaciers. Enjoy these natural wonders, in constant flux as glaciers calve and shift and new mountains emerge from volcanic lava flow. A startlingly beautiful portrait of Earth’s history and progress, Iceland is a primordial landscape hewn by the forces of fire and ice.

Explore “Diamond Beach” along Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, where glistening ice formations contrast the slaty sand.

Encounter the majesty of Strokkur, a fountain geyser that jets hot water toward the sky every six to eight minutes, on the Reykjavík and the Golden Circle Pre-Program Option.
**CIRCUMNAVIGATION of ICELAND RESERVATION FORM**

Send to: 2020 Circumnavigation of Iceland University of Saskatchewan c/o Gohagan & Company 209 South LaSalle Street, Suite 500 Chicago, Illinois 60604-1446

For more information, please call Gohagan & Company at (800) 922-3088.

**AIR/LAND/CRUISE TARIFF** excluding taxes*

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Deluxe Suite

- Suite with expansive sliding glass door, **large private balcony,** sitting area with sofa. Decks 3, 4, 5 and 6. (limited availability) $12495 $13495

Prestige Suite

- Two rooms, expansive sliding glass door, **large private balcony,** two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. Deck 5. (limited availability) $13495 $14495

Privilege Suite

- Large Suite with expansive sliding glass door, **large private balcony,** sitting area with sofa. Decks 5 and 6. (limited availability) $13795 $14795

Grand Deluxe Suite

- Extra-large, two-room Suite, expansive sliding glass door, **spacious private terrace,** full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath, sitting area with sofa. Deck 6. (limited availability) $14995 $15995

Owner’s Suite

- Extra-large, two-room Suite, expansive sliding glass door, **spacious private terrace** with outdoor Jacuzzi, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath, sitting area with sofa. Deck 5. (limited availability) $15295 $16295

Singles are available in category 5 at $15295 USD* and in category 2 at $17995 USD* on or before November 20, 2019. Add $1000 USD for reservations made after November 20, 2019.

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Please make my/our reservation(s) in category:

1st choice ______ 2nd choice ______

- Double occupancy (two twin beds).
- Double occupancy (one queen bed).
- Single accommodations.
- 1st choice ______
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my/our roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please make my/our reservation(s):

- Reykjavik and the Golden Circle Pre-Program Option
- Double at $1495 USD per person.
- Single at $2195 USD per person.
- 1st choice ______
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

Please make my/our air arrangements** (choose one and fill in departure city):

- Included economy-class flights from select cities listed above.
- Low Air Add-Ons are available for $200 USD per person from Chicago, Dallas and Minneapolis, and $300 USD per person from Denver, Portland, San Francisco, Seattle and Vancouver.
- Upgrade at additional cost to be advised.
- 1st choice ______
- I will make my/our own air arrangements.

* Taxes are an additional $455 USD per person and are subject to change.

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* Special contract for this program, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

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Title Full Name (exactly as it appears on your passport) Class Year

Street Mailing Address (no P.O. Box number please)

City Province Postal Code

Telephone: (Home) (Mobile)

Email Address (Business)

Preferred Name(s) on Badge(s) Program No. 107-06/21-20-425

Program reservations require a deposit of $900 USD per person and $200 USD per person Reykjavik and the Golden Circle Pre-Program Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, I/We agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

Enclosed is my/our cheque(s) for $ ______ as deposit.

I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $ ______ to: Visa MasterCard

Card Number Exp. Date

Signature as it appears on credit card

All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by cheque, wire transfer or credit card by March 18, 2020.

Please contact Gohagan & Company at (800) 922-3088 with questions regarding this program. If you have questions regarding the U of S Alumni Travel Program or you no longer wish to receive U of S Alumni Travel information, please contact Alumni Relations at (800) 699-1907 or local (306) 966-5186.
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In addition and without limitation, Gohagan is not responsible for any injury, loss, death, inconvenience, delay, or damage to person or property in connection with the provision of any goods or services whether resulting from, but not limited to, Gohagan's own force majeure, acts of government, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or riot, acts from or by attacks by animals, insects or pests, strikes or other labour activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind or the threat thereof, sickness, illness, epidemics or the threat thereof, the lack of availability of or access to medical attention or the quality thereof, overbooking or downsizing of accommodations, mechanical or other failure of airplanes, vessels, or other means of transportation, or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely or safely.

If due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend an additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner's risk. The right is reserved to decline to accept as a program participant, or remove from a program, without refund, any person Gohagan judges to be incapable of meeting the rigours and requirements of participating in the activities, or who is abusive to other program participants, leaders or third parties, or who Gohagan determines to detract from the enjoyment of the program by others. Specific room/cabin assignments are not guaranteed.

Gohagan reserves the right to change the itinerary or program features at any time due to the reason stated above or for any other reason. In the event of cost increases due to changes in supplier costs, currency fluctuations or the threat thereof, sickness, illness, epidemics or the threat thereof, the lack of availability of or access to medical attention or the quality thereof, overbooking or downsizing of accommodations, mechanical or other failure of airplanes, vessels, or other means of transportation, or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely or safely.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations of all or any part of the program or Pre-Program Cancellations: Once submitted, flight itineraries and/or travel dates on all deposited bookings can be changed for a $300 per-person-airfare change fee for the round-trip flight to/from Reykjavik, plus any applicable change fees connecting flights, service charges and/or supplier fees. Included Air, however, is not guaranteed to be available on any such change. Unused upgrades and business class may be available at additional cost. 

RATES: Prices quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of printing and subject to change. Included Air and Low Air Add-Ons are binding. Changes in supplier costs, currency fluctuations or the threat thereof, sickness, illness, epidemics or the threat thereof, the lack of availability of or access to medical attention or the quality thereof, overbooking or downsizing of accommodations, mechanical or other failure of airplanes, vessels, or other means of transportation, or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely or safely.

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