EXPEDITION TO
ANTARCTICA
Aboard the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star Le Boreal
January 15 to 28, 2020
Dear Alumni and Friends,

“Everything wears an aspect of unreality,” Ernest Shackleton wrote. “Icebergs hang upside down in the sky; the land appears as layers of silvery or golden cloud. Cloud-banks look like land, icebergs masquerade as islands...” Watch as normal human scales and reference points disappear amidst the grandeur of nature in its most pristine form, from extended sunrises that paint the icescape in soft shades of pink to the lingering golden light of the austral summer, where humpback whales, leopard seals and Adélie penguins swim among sparkling turquoise glaciers and glistening icebergs. Be among the fortunate few to set foot on the continent of Antarctica, and see how its spectacular illuminations reveal the majesty and contrasts of this unique wilderness during your extraordinary 14-day journey to the bottom of the world.

Retrace the sea lanes navigated by storied explorers Shackleton, Amundsen and Scott, inspired to seek out the final frontier of “The White Continent.” Cruise for nine nights aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star, ice-class Le Boréal, one of the finest vessels in Antarctic waters. With private balconies in 95 percent of its ocean-view accommodations and encompassing state-of-the-art ship design and technology, Le Boréal sets the very highest standards in elegance and comfort.

The onboard expedition team of naturalists will guide you on excursions aboard sturdy Zodiac craft to satisfy your appetite for exploration amid floating ice sculptures, intricate ecosystems and abundant wildlife, especially penguins and seals that exhibit little or no fear of humans. A comprehensive schedule of exclusive and specially arranged lectures will complete your optimal Antarctic expedition.

We invite you on this once-in-a-lifetime program. All excursions and complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are included on board and each day offers a unique, personal Antarctic experience. This program is the best Antarctic cruise value and sells out quickly year after year. Make your reservation now!

Sincerely,

Guy Larocque
Executive Director, University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association
Wildlife Conservation

The unique international Antarctic Treaty protects Antarctica’s wildlife and its natural habitats and provides a guide for visitors to this great continent, where no country has sovereignty.

To protect the fragile Antarctic environment, all travellers will go ashore in small groups, so as not to crowd rookeries, disturb nesting sites or disrupt research. Visitors will be asked not to remove or leave anything ashore.

Canada
Wednesday, January 15
Depart Canada.

Buenos Aires, Argentina
Thursday, January 16
Arrive in cosmopolitan Buenos Aires and check into the Five-Star INTERCONTINENTAL BUENOS AIRES HOTEL, ideally located within walking distance of the landmark Palace of the Argentine National Congress. This evening, attend the Welcome Reception.

Buenos Aires
Friday, January 17
Birthplace of the tango, Buenos Aires is a city of diverse and dynamic barrios (neighbourhoods). See the colourful La Boca district, Monserrat’s grand public buildings, historic Plaza de Mayo, Palermo’s lavish parks, Puerto Madero’s lively riverfront community and the charming old quarter of San Telmo.

Visit the city’s renowned Recoleta Cemetery; lined with ornate vaults and sculptures, this necropolis is the final resting place of Eva Perón, the legendary former First Lady of Argentina.

Buenos Aires/Ushuaia
Saturday, January 18
This morning, fly to Ushuaia, the world’s southernmost city, capital of Tierra del Fuego and the gateway to Antarctica. Embark LE BORÉAL this afternoon and cruise through storied Beagle Channel, named for the ship that carried Charles Darwin on his South American voyages.

Attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception this evening.

Cruising the Drake Passage
Sunday, January 19 to Monday, January 20
Cross the legendary Drake Passage and, upon reaching the Antarctic Convergence, watch for seabirds and breaching fins of humpback whales feeding on plankton and krill brought to the surface by cold Antarctic currents merging with the warmer waters of the South Pacific and Atlantic Oceans.

Your expedition team of naturalists will present insightful lectures, preparing you for your first landing in Antarctica. During the evening, enjoy the lingering twilight of the Antarctic summer.

Cover photo: Expert-led Zodiac excursions offer up-close viewing of craggy crescent peaks, intricate ice floes and fascinating wildlife that characterize the remote Antarctic landscape.

Photo this page: Enjoy the calm waters and the extraordinary surreal beauty of captivating glacier-lined Lemaire Channel, first traversed in 1898 by Belgian explorer Adrien de Gerlache.
Cruising Antarctica
Tuesday, January 21 to Saturday, January 25

Cruise below the 60th parallel south to the outer shores and islands of the Antarctic Peninsula, Earth’s last frontier. Here, explore some of the world’s most pristine wilderness, where towering mountains of ice and volcanic rock create precipitous coastlines and islands, and ever-changing patterns of ice stretch toward the boundless blue horizon. In this seemingly harsh environment, a vast array of marine wildlife flourishes, including millions of penguins, countless seabirds and thousands of seals and whales. An otherworldly topography of volcanoes and glaciers, populated with riveting wildlife and historic outposts, unfolds, completely immersing you in the irresistible nuances of Earth’s most inaccessible continent for the complete Antarctic experience.

Cruise through breathtaking, glacier-lined Neumayer Channel to rugged Goudier Island. Visit Port Lockroy nestled among serene mountain peaks as high as 1829 metres. The port was originally constructed in 1944 by an eight-man team as an intelligence post for British espionage during World War II and was converted into a whaling station and scientific base in the 1950s; its surrounding grounds are populated by blue-eyed shags and gentoo penguins. Gain insight into the daily activities of past researchers at the living museum known as “Base A” and mail a postcard stamped with an Antarctic postmark from the official British Post Office. Rocky Jougla Point on Wiencke Island offers a rare opportunity to view the skeletal remains of an adult blue whale and to see populous colonies of gentoo penguins and kelp gulls that inhabit the entire region.

Call at Petermann Island, the southernmost point of your journey, and watch its thriving rookeries of Adélie and gentoo penguins and blue-eyed shags. Flanked by sheer cliffs of towering glaciers between the Antarctic Peninsula and Booth Island, cruise through the Lemaire Channel, where eleven majestic kilometres of mountains and interweaving patterns of ice floes brim with wildlife. Listen for the low rumbling of Rudolf Glacier as it calves slabs of ice into Neko Harbour, named for an early-20th-century Scottish whaling boat. Surrounded by soaring glaciers and snow-covered mountains, this spectacular harbour is one of the most dramatic sights on your expedition. Here, make your first “continental landing” in Antarctica.

In Paradise Harbour, crystal cliffs of ice descend from sky-bent mountains into the iceberg-laden waters along the Antarctic Peninsula’s western coast. Named by 19th-century whalers who sought shelter in contrast to sociable Adélie penguins, who congregate in large colonies, the bold, powerful and curious leopard seal cherishes solitude and independence for hunting and hiding.
in its coves, it is an ideal sanctuary for marine wildlife including humpback whales, crabeater seals and Cape petrels. **Deception Island**, actually the rim of a dormant volcano crater, encircles the **Port Foster caldera**. The ship enters through Neptune's Bellows, a sublime harbour ringed by snowcapped peaks and sheer cliffs. In **Pendulum Cove**, see steaming, geothermally heated shallows. Observe the amazing colony of tens of thousands of chinstrap penguins at **Baily Head**.

Walk along the black-sand beaches of **Telefon Bay** to nearby craters for firsthand insight into the pivotal volcanic activity that created the island and shaped the natural history of the region.

One of the smallest but most beautiful of the South Shetland Islands, crescent-shaped **Half Moon Island** is known for its craggy volcanic rock formations and tranquil lagoons. It is also the site of **Cámara Station**, a base monitored by Argentine biologists studying regional wildlife. Here, observe the antics of the island’s colony of chinstrap penguins.

Reflect on board as the ship turns north, and attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception this evening.

**Cruising the Drake Passage/ Ushuaia, Argentina**

**Sunday, January 26**

Cross the Drake Passage and enjoy lively, informative discussions with the ship’s naturalists. Watch for the endangered albatross and the many different species of petrels as you cruise across the Antarctic Convergence.

**Ushuaia/Buenos Aires**

**Monday, January 27**

Disembark in Ushuaia and fly to Buenos Aires. Continue on the Iguazú Falls Post-Program Option with an overnight stay in Buenos Aires or depart for Canada.

**Canada**

**Tuesday, January 28**

Arrive in Canada.

Left: **Look for humpback whales, who migrate to Antarctic waters to feed during the austral summer.**

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**Iguazú Falls Post-Program Option**

The UNESCO World Heritage site of Iguazú Falls is one of the world’s most incredible natural wonders, where more than 275 spectacular waterfalls span nearly three verdant kilometres of the Argentina-Brazil frontier, cascading from heights of 82 metres throughout one of South America’s last remaining virgin rain forests. Visit the lush Parque das Aves jungle reserve, a nature lover’s paradise, home to more than 350 species of birds, 66 varieties of mammals and an outstanding array of reptiles, fish, butterflies and flora. This exclusive three-night Post-Program Option features one night in the Five-Star InterContinental Buenos Aires Hotel and two nights in the Five-Star MELLÁ IGUAZÚ FALLS. Buenos Aires/Iguazú round-trip airfare is included.

The Post-Program Option is available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
EXCLUSIVELY CHARTERED, FIVE-STAR MS LE BORÉAL

Five-Star, State-of-the-Art, Small Ship
Join us aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star Le Boréal, where distinctive French sophistication meets innovative nautical design. The ship’s efficient electrical propulsion system and custom stabilizers provide an exceptionally smooth, quiet and comfortable voyage.

Respect for the Environment
With advanced technology and the most environmentally responsible features built into its design and operations, the ship has earned the important “clean ship” certification.

With Our Compliments
Indulge in these complimentary onboard amenities—alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise and in your Suite or Stateroom minibar, Wi-Fi access (conditions permitting) and 24-hour room service.

Chic and Casual Dining
The stylish dining room and casual alfresco restaurant feature international and regional cuisine and serve continental and buffet breakfasts, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and dinner in four courses or buffet. Wine is served at your table with lunch and dinner.

Only 110 Suites and Staterooms—95% Include Private Balconies
These elegant ocean-view accommodations range from 19 to 45 square metres, and most have a private balcony. Your Five-Star Suite or Stateroom features individual climate control, two twin beds or one queen bed, a private bathroom with shower and luxurious hotel amenities, including flat-screen television, safe, full-length closet, plush robes and slippers.

Life on Board
Whether you seek educational and cultural presentations, panoramic views, nightly entertainment or quiet retreat, the ship’s spacious public areas accommodate all passengers comfortably. Enjoy two lounges, a theatre, library, Sun Deck with open-air bar, swimming pool (conditions permitting), beauty salon, spa, Turkish bath-style steam room and fitness room. The ship has two elevators and 10 Zodiacs.

World-Class Service
The highly trained, English-speaking crew are personable and attentive; the ship has a medical centre staffed with a doctor and nurse.
Included Features

In Buenos Aires, Argentina
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- Two nights in the Five-Star InterContinental Buenos Aires Hotel.
- Breakfast each morning.
- Welcome Reception.
- City tour featuring the popular neighbourhoods of Palermo, Monserrat, La Boca, Puerto Madero and San Telmo and a visit to the historic Recoleta Cemetery.

On Board the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star, Ice-Class Le Boréal
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- Nine nights round trip Ushuaia, Argentina, cruising to Antarctica’s Port Lockroy, Wiencke Island, Petermann Island, Lemaire Channel, Neko Harbour, Paradise Harbour, Deception Island and Half Moon Island; weather, ice and sea conditions permitting.
- Elegantly appointed, Five-Star, ocean-view Suite or Stateroom.
- Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages throughout the cruise.
- All meals aboard ship.
- Complimentary Wi-Fi access (conditions permitting).
- Exploration by Zodiac landing craft, accompanied by an expert naturalist from the expedition team.
- Shore excursions to explore Antarctica’s innate wildlife habitats, including major penguin rookeries.
- Onboard expedition team of naturalists who provide a series of lectures on the local wildlife and landscapes.
- Souvenir polar-grade red parka.

Always Included
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- Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- Experienced English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom and on excursions.
- Hospitality desk in the hotel and aboard ship.
- Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
- Automatic $250,000 USD flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.

Note: Internal program air (round trip Buenos Aires/Ushuaia) is required and is purchased individually at an additional cost.
The intrepid deeds of such famed European explorers of Antarctica as Roald Amundsen, Robert Falcon Scott and Ernest Shackleton have long been recounted in gripping personal tales and history books. Canadians too played a significant role in the exploration of Antarctica, particularly Sir Charles Seymour Wright. A physicist on Scott’s ill-fated expedition to “The White Continent,” Wright conducted pioneering research that shaped the modern science of glaciology. Wright was one of the last people to see Scott alive and later navigated the search party that recovered him and two other members of his South Pole crew. A dedicated scientist, Wright went on to lead the team responsible for the early development of radar. Wright retired from the British military in 1947, but subsequent scientific research brought him back to the Antarctic, and he finally reached the South Pole in 1960.

Your Expedition Team
Seasoned naturalists, who have studied and travelled extensively in Antarctica and the most remote regions of the world, accompany you on board and on excursions as your Antarctic Expedition Team. Their areas of expertise span marine biology, ornithology, ecology, geology, glaciology, conservation and environmental education, history and photography. The team’s collaborative efforts, experience and particular interest in the world’s ecosystems and enthusiasm for sharing their knowledge make them exceptionally well-suited to lead your Expedition to Antarctica.
## LAND/Cruise Tariff excluding taxes* In U.S. dollars, per person, based on double occupancy

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Singles are available in category 6 at $21895 usd* and in category 4 at $24495 usd* on or before June 17, 2019. Add $1000 usd for reservations made after June 17, 2019.

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**EXPEDITION TO ANTARCTICA RESERVATION FORM**

**Send to:** 2020 Expedition to Antarctica
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C/O Gohagan & Company
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For more information, please call Gohagan & Company at (800) 922-3088.

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**Program reservations require a deposit of $800 usd per person and $200 usd per person Iguazu Falls Post-Program Option. By reserving and deposting 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.
- Make cheques payable to Gohagan & Company.
- 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 October 11, 2019.**

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Please contact Gohagan Travel at 1-800-922-3088 with questions regarding this tour. 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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