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Voyage Under the Midnight Sun

ARCTIC EXPEDITION

Spitsbergen • Svalbard Archipelago

Aboard the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star L'AUSTRAL
June 9 to 19, 2020



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Dear Alumni and Fans,

Europe's last great wilderness, the extraordinary High Arctic lands of the Svalbard archipelago summon awe and adventure like few places on earth. Journey to 80 degrees North where the human impact is slight and magnificent ice formations exert a mythical pull on the imagination.

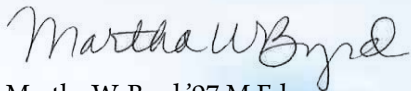
Follow in the footsteps of Vikings, explorers and scientists as you experience the Arctic's sublime landscapes at the best time of year, when the region is bathed in the magical light of the Midnight Sun. Join this once-in-a-lifetime, 11-day program and navigate pristine fjords, see stunning views of glimmering glaciers, land by Zodiac for ice walks and search for rare wildlife, including the King of the Arctic—the polar bear—walrus, whales, elusive Arctic foxes, reindeer and several species of seabirds.

Enjoy Five-Star accommodations aboard the Ice Class, eco-friendly L'AUSTRAL, the finest expedition ship to cruise these Arctic waters. The ship features 95% private balcony Staterooms along with spacious observation lounges and open-air decks conducive to optimum viewing and it is ideal for cruising fjords inaccessible to larger vessels. An expert Arctic Expedition Team will accompany you on board and during Zodiac excursions to explore the natural beauty of this untouched wilderness up close.

Discover your "true North" on this specially designed Arctic Expedition. Reserve now while Early Booking Savings and space are available!

For further information, please visit our website: alumni.asu.edu/travel. You can also contact ASU Travel & Tours at 480-965-4034 or email asutrans@asu.edu.

Sincerely,



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Assistant Vice President
Alumni Engagement and Impact Office

P.S. Your friends and family are welcome to join you on our tours, even if they're not ASU alumni!



What it's really like to be on "Top of the World"

Luminous glaciers, snow-covered mountainous landscapes, pristine fjords, massive sheets of ice, uniquely shaped icebergs and Arctic wildlife—these wondrous sights will unfold around you on this once-in-a-lifetime expedition into the untouched Arctic's remote Svalbard archipelago.

Be on the lookout for bearded seals and massive walrus resting on the ice and numerous species of whales; evanescent Arctic foxes; graceful Svalbard reindeer grazing on the Arctic's tundra; and Arctic terns and fulmar gliding to and from cliffs. Look for the King of the Arctic—the iconic polar bear—in its natural habitat, hunting seals and traveling over sea ice. The ethereal glow of the Midnight Sun will enhance the true beauty of this extraordinary archipelago as you follow in the footsteps of polar pioneers before you in their quest to reach the "Top of the World."



Native to the Arctic tundra biome, Arctic foxes use their acute hearing to locate prey precisely.

Longyearbyen, Svalbard, Norway

Your Arctic Expedition launches in the small mining town of Longyearbyen, the Norwegian Svalbard archipelago's capital, at 78 degrees North latitude. Approximately 650 miles from the North Pole, this glacial outpost—the northernmost capital territory in the world—is framed by a breathtaking backdrop of shimmering glaciers carved into deep fjords where whale sightings are common. Enjoy a glimpse of daily life in the Arctic at the Longyearbyen Culture House before embarking L'AUSTRAL.

Hornsund/Samarin Glacier

An expert naturalist-led excursion navigates slow-drifting ice by Zodiac in the pristine bay of Burgerbukta to reach the majestic Samarin Glacier. A walk along the glacier reveals magical icy realms. Look for bearded seals relaxing on floating icebergs and a variety of seabirds, including black-legged kittiwakes, little auks, king eiders and Brünnich's guillemots that transport nutrients to cliff tops,

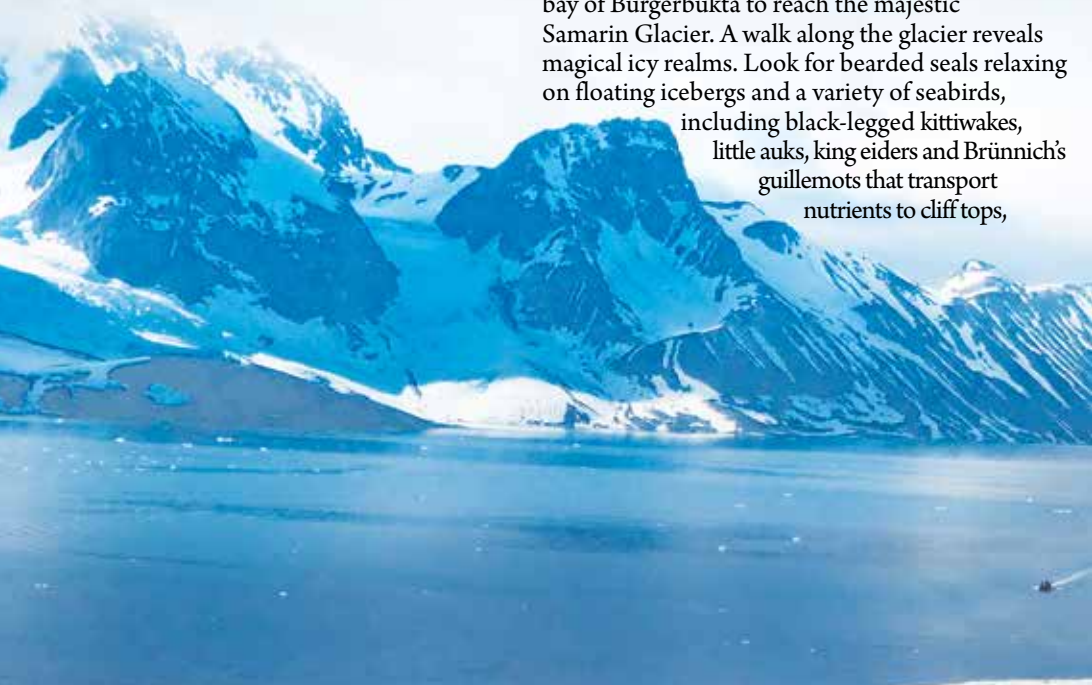


Photo this page: Join your expedition team on Zodiac excursions and guided Arctic walks.

Cover photo: Search for polar bears, exceptionally equipped for the Arctic with their protective coats, heat-absorbing skin and superb swimming skills.





..... Cruise Itinerary
 ✈ Air Routing

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◆ PARIS Pre-Expedition Option

- 1 Depart the U.S.
- 2 CHARLES DE GAULLE AIRPORT, PARIS, FRANCE
- 3 PARIS/Fly to LONGYEARBYEN, SPITSBERGEN, NORWAY'S SVALBARD ARCHIPELAGO/Embark L'Austral
- 4 HORNSUND/SAMARIN GLACIER
- 5 BELLSUND
- 6 Cruising the ARCTIC ICE PACK
- 7 WOODEFJORDEN/MONACO GLACIER
- 8 RAUDEFJORDEN for SMEERENBURG
- 9 NY-ÅLESUND/KONGSEFJORDEN for KING'S GLACIER
- 10 LONGYEARBYEN/Disembark ship/Fly to PARIS, FRANCE
- 11 CHARLES DE GAULLE AIRPORT, PARIS/Arrive in the U.S.

***Please note that the itinerary, wildlife sightings and the ship's cruising pattern, excursions and positionings are dependent on weather, ice and sea conditions and are subject to change.*

which provide vegetation for resident herbivores like reindeer, geese and ptarmigans. See miniature Arctic wildflowers coloring vast stretches of tundra where small deposits of soil give life to myriad plant species.

Bellsund

In the bell-shaped sound of Bellsund, surrounded by soaring, snow-covered peaks, anchor off Calypsobyen, part of



Watch for "Arctic Giants," enormous walrus weighing up to 1.5 tons.

Sør-Spitsbergen, Norway's largest national park. Scattered historic trappers' huts and redolent relics of a former coal mining settlement offer a glimpse into the region's industrialist history. Expert naturalists accompany you through Calypsobyen's intriguing ecosystem, where nimble Arctic foxes live.

Continue to Camp Millar, a former gold mining base where verdant land provides a favored grazing spot for the Svalbard reindeer. Look for curious reindeer and the resident colony of little auks, known for their superb diving skills.

Cruising the Arctic Ice Pack

Approach the Arctic Ice Pack at the approximate latitude of 80 degrees North. Survey expansive sea ice for the King of the Arctic—the vulnerable polar bear. The edges of pack ice, where currents and wind interact, are crucial for this apex

Listen for bearded seals' trilling and look for them sunning on the ice during June's molting season.





Be among the few to view expansive, breathtaking Arctic ice, the oldest of which appears the darkest blue.

predator's hunting as they search for seals within a melting and refreezing matrix of ice patches.

Keep a keen eye out for these solitary, well-adapted creatures, which are known to travel hundreds of miles from land on floating ice. Scan the cobalt-blue waters for endangered bowhead whales—among the longest surviving species in the world with a life span of up to 200 years—and social beluga whales.

Woodfjorden/Monaco Glacier

One of Svalbard's longest fjords, **Woodfjorden** carves its way 40 miles inland, linking the Liefde Fjord with the Arctic Ocean. Woodfjorden showcases the Arctic's contrasts—icy, glacier-fronted shores are juxtaposed against a ridge of deep-red Devonian sandstone. The mountains' high iron oxide content has fascinated geologists, suggesting that Svalbard might have once been located near the equator. This biologically rich biome supports ringed, bearded and harp seals, and walrus can be seen on the beaches. Cruise alongside the blue-striated walls of **Monaco Glacier**, a startlingly beautiful vision. Listen for the sound of tidewater glaciers cracking as they calve into the ocean.

Raudfjorden

Your expert naturalist guides lead an exploration of protected **Raudfjorden** amidst Svalbard poppies. Look for rare seabirds, such as pink-footed geese, black-legged kittiwakes and glaucous gulls.

Enjoy a Zodiac excursion to the formerly bustling, 17th-century Dutch whaling station of **Smeerenburg**, today a prized resting shore for walrus.

Ny-Ålesund

Discover the hub of scientific exploration, **Ny-Ålesund**, where 16 international

research stations function as both lab and living quarters for scientists affiliated with their country's polar research institute. A former coal mining facility founded in 1916, this remote outpost is a fluid boundary between civilization and nature and was the launching pad for legendary Arctic explorer Roald Amundsen.

An excursion by Zodiac through the inlet of **Kongsfjorden** takes you to the tidewater **Kongsbreen** (King's Glacier), a nesting ground for barnacle geese, common and king eiders, long-tailed ducks, purple sandpipers, Atlantic puffins and snow buntings.

EXPERT EXPEDITION TEAM

An Arctic Expedition Team of seasoned naturalists who have studied, researched and traveled extensively in the Arctic accompany you throughout your voyage. The team's collaborative efforts, experience, specialized knowledge in the Arctic's ecosystems and enthusiasm for sharing their expertise adds extraordinary depth and insight to your Arctic Expedition under the Midnight Sun.





Stateroom with Balcony



Le Coromandel Dining Room



EXCLUSIVELY CHARTERED, FIVE-STAR MS L'AUSTRAL

Five-Star, State-of-the-Art, Small Ship

Join us aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star L'AUSTRAL, 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" distinction.

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 cuisine and serve continental and buffet breakfasts, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and dinner as four courses or buffet. Wine is served at your table with lunch and dinner.

Elegant Suites and Staterooms— 95% Include Private Balconies

Each of the 110 ocean-view Staterooms and Suites range from 200 to 484 square feet, and most have a private balcony. All Five-Star accommodations feature individual climate control, two twin beds or one queen bed, a private bathroom with shower and luxurious hotel amenities, including flat-screen television, a safe, full-length closet, plush robes and slippers.

Life on Board

In addition to educational and cultural presentations, panoramic views, evening entertainment or peaceful retreat, the ship's spacious public areas comfortably accommodate all passengers. Enjoy a theater, two lounges, the Sun Deck with open-air bar, library, beauty salon, spa, Turkish bath-style steam room and fitness room. The ship has three elevators and 10 Zodiacs.

World-Class Service

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

Panoramic Lounge



Ship's Bow and Observation Deck



Included Features

In Paris, France

- ◆ One night each at the beginning and conclusion of your expedition in the deluxe HILTON PARIS CHARLES DE GAULLE AIRPORT HOTEL, with breakfast.

Chartered round-trip airfare Paris, France/
Longyearbyen, Svalbard, Norway
(internal program air).

On Board the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star, Ice Class L'AUSTRAL

- ◆ Seven-night cruise round trip Longyearbyen, Svalbard, Norway.
- ◆ Elegantly appointed, Five-Star Suite or Stateroom.
- ◆ Captain's Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- ◆ Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise.
- ◆ All meals aboard ship.
- ◆ Complimentary Wi-Fi access (conditions permitting).
- ◆ Onboard expedition team of naturalists, who provide a series of briefings about local wildlife and geology.
- ◆ Exploration by Zodiac landing craft, accompanied by an expert naturalist from the expedition team.
- ◆ Zodiac cruise of the sheltered bay of Burgerbukta, where glacial-blue ice fronts snow-striped cliffs.
- ◆ Zodiac excursion to the remote Samarin Glacier, a dramatic landscape of incredible sapphire-blue ice.
- ◆ Zodiac excursion to Calypsobyen, a former coal mining settlement.
- ◆ Zodiac excursion to Camp Millar, once a gold mining base, to look for grazing endemic Svalbard reindeer.
- ◆ Cruise of stunning Woodfjorden, where the Arctic's contrasts unfold in a dramatic panorama.
- ◆ Cruise to Monaco Glacier, an actively calving ice sheet located within scenic Liefdefjorden.
- ◆ Arctic nature walk along the shores of Raudfjorden.
- ◆ Excursion to historic Smeerenburg, a former whaling station, to look for walrus resting on shore.
- ◆ Explore the world's northernmost year-round community at Ny-Ålesund, an important international polar research station.
- ◆ Zodiac cruise of spectacular Kongsfjorden, a fertile environment for birds and bearded seals, to stunning King's Glacier.
- ◆ Souvenir polar-grade red parka.



Always Included

- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ Experienced, English-speaking naturalists and 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 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.



Paris's Palais de Chaillot and Eiffel Tower reflect the city's magnificent architectural accomplishments.

Paris Pre-Expedition Option

Renowned for its historic and aesthetic influence, Paris is a truly magnificent city worthy of every superlative. Enjoy a panoramic tour of the “City of Light” and see its most notable landmarks, including the Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower, Place de la Concorde and Place Vendôme.

Visit the Louvre, the world's largest museum, for a guided tour, and the Musée Jacquemart-André, a gorgeous 19th-century mansion brimming with fine art and decorative treasures, including Botticelli's *Virgin and Child*. Tour Montmartre, the city's artistic *quartier* where market squares and crooked streets lead to the spectacular French-Byzantine basilica of Sacré Cœur. Visit historic Place du Tertre, the original artists' square ever since Renoir, Degas and Picasso called this lofty village home. Trace the history of the district at the Musée de Montmartre, which includes works by Toulouse-Lautrec. Stroll through the Renoir Gardens which afford views of Clos Montmartre, Paris's only working vineyard. Spend two nights in the deluxe, ideally located WESTIN PARIS VENDOME.

The Pre-Expedition Option is available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

The Arc de Triomphe is an iconic national symbol standing at the center of Place Charles de Gaulle in the heart of Paris.





Be on the lookout for walrus lazing near the shore of the deep-blue Arctic waters.

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RESPONSIBILITY: Gohagan & Company, the sponsoring associations/organizations, and its and their employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors or trustees, successors, and assigns (collectively "Gohagan"), do not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip including, for example, lodging facilities, airline, vessel, or other transportation companies, guides or guide services, local ground operators, providers or organizers of optional excursions, food service or entertainment providers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, Gohagan is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such person or entity or of any other third party.

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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 trip participant, or remove from a trip, without refund, any person Gohagan judges to be incapable of meeting the rigors and requirements of participating in the activities, or who is abusive to other trip participants, leaders or third parties, or who Gohagan determines to detract from the enjoyment of the trip by others. Specific room/cabin assignments are within the sole discretion of the hotel or cruise line.

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TRIP INSURANCE: We strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. Trip cancellation insurance is available for comprehensive coverage of such expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident, and damaged or lost luggage. We will send you an application upon receipt of your reservation.

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT: By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants and accepts the terms contained in this Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement.

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