



COMMONWEALTH  
CLUB TRAVEL

*EXPEDITION TO*  
**ANTARCTICA**

*Aboard the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star* **LE BORÉAL**

January 15 to 28, 2020





Dear Club Members,

“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 glimmering 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 with co-sponsors from Brown, Harvard and UCLA. 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!

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristina Nemeth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Kristina" and "Nemeth" being capitalized and prominent.

Kristina Nemeth  
Travel Director  
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# 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 travelers 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.*



## U.S.

Wednesday, January 15

Depart the U.S.

## 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. (R)

## Buenos Aires

Friday, January 17

Birthplace of the tango, Buenos Aires is a city of diverse and dynamic *barrios* (neighborhoods). See the colorful 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. (B)

## 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. (B,R,D)

## 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. (2B,2L,2D)

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 the captivating glacier-lined Lemaire Channel, first traversed in 1898 by Belgian explorer Adrien de Gerlache.*





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

## Cruising Antarctica

Tuesday, January 21 to  
Saturday, January 25

Cruise below the 60<sup>th</sup> 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 6000 feet. 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 Antarctica 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 seven majestic miles 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 Harbor**, named for an early 20<sup>th</sup>-century Scottish whaling boat. Surrounded by soaring glaciers and snow-covered mountains, this spectacular harbor is one of the most dramatic sights on your expedition. Here, make your first "continental landing" in Antarctica.

In **Paradise Harbor**, crystal cliffs of ice descend from sky-bent mountains into the iceberg-laden waters along the Antarctic Peninsula's western coast. Named by 19<sup>th</sup>-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.*

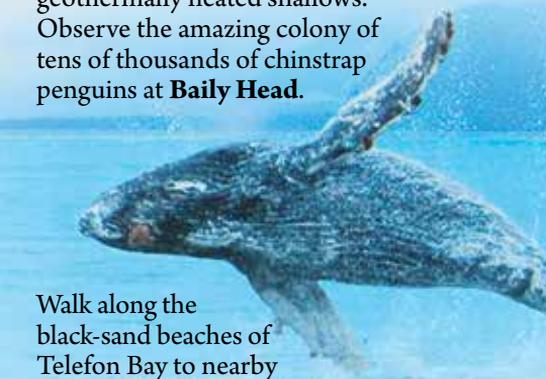




Your journey to Antarctica offers an unparalleled opportunity for up-close observations of chinstrap penguins and their behaviors in nature.

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 harbor 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. (SB,SL,1R,SD)

## 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 endangered albatross and the many different species

of petrels as you cruise across the Antarctic Convergence. (B,L,D)

## 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 the U.S. (B)

## U.S.

Tuesday, January 28

Arrive in the U.S.

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

## 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 two verdant miles of the Argentina-Brazil frontier, cascading from heights of 270 feet 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 MELIÁ 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.*



Piano Lounge



Dining Room



## 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 200 to 484 square feet, 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 theater, 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, and the ship has a medical center staffed with a doctor and nurse.

Stateroom with Balcony



Outdoor Dining





## Included

- ◆ Two nights in the Five-Star INTERCONTINENTAL BUENOS AIRES HOTEL
- ◆ Internal program airfare (round trip Buenos Aires/Ushuaia)
- ◆ Nine nights aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star, Ice-Class LE BORÉAL
- ◆ Cruise from Ushuaia, Argentina, cruising to Antarctica's Port Lockroy, Wiencke Island, Petermann Island, Lemaire Channel, Neko Harbor, Paradise Harbor, Deception Island and Half Moon Island; weather, ice and sea conditions permitting
- ◆ Meals as specified in the itinerary
- ◆ Complimentary alcohol and nonalcoholic beverages aboard ship
- ◆ Wi-Fi access aboard ship (conditions permitting)
- ◆ Souvenir polar-grade red parka
- ◆ 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
- ◆ 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

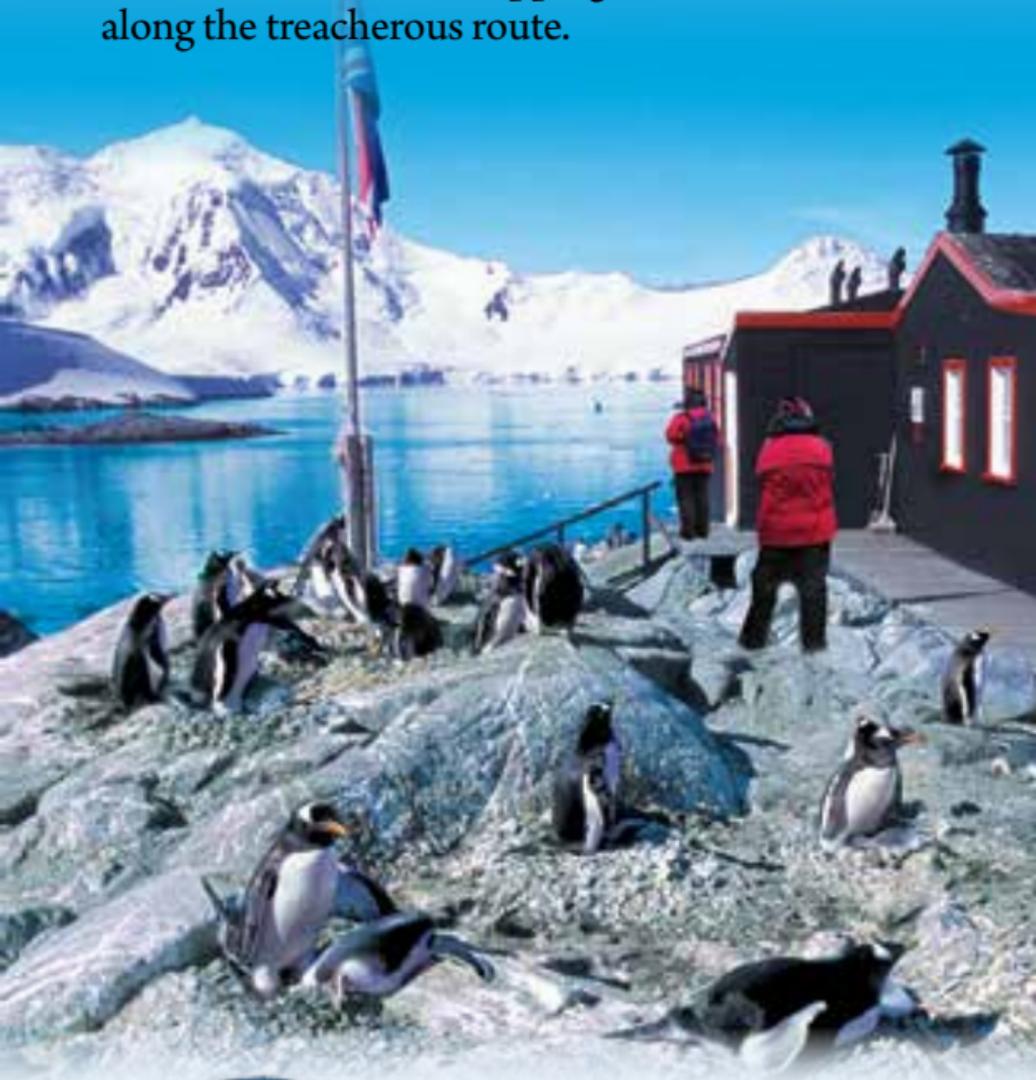
- ◆ International airfare
- ◆ Taxes of \$865 per person (subject to change)
- ◆ Gratuities to ship personnel (approximately \$15 per person per day)
- ◆ Hotel staff gratuities (\$1 to \$2 per person per day) and gratuities for activities on your own
- ◆ Passport and visa fees
- ◆ Meals and alcoholic 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



# Exploration of Antarctica

The intrepid deeds of Europeans Roald Amundsen, Robert Falcon Scott and Ernest Shackleton; Americans Admiral Richard Evelyn Byrd and Lincoln Ellsworth; and Canadian Sir Charles Seymour Wright, legendary explorers of Antarctica, have long been recounted in gripping personal tales and history books. Admiral Byrd led the U.S. Antarctic expedition (1928-30) and made the first flight over the South Pole (1929). Byrd later led three additional expeditions to Antarctica, milestones in scientific polar research and mapping of the continent.

Lincoln Ellsworth, a Chicago native, made the first trans-Antarctica flight in 1935 discovering the continent's highest peaks, the mountain range later named Ellsworth Mountains in his honor. In 2018, American Colin O'Brady daringly became the first person to cross Antarctica solo, unsupported and unaided. He traveled across the West Antarctic ice sheet from the Ronne Ice Shelf to the Ross Ice Shelf, stopping at the South Pole along the treacherous route.



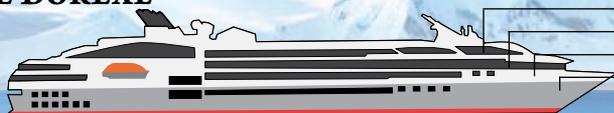
## YOUR EXPEDITION

### TEAM

Seasoned naturalists, who have studied and traveled 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.

# MS LE BORÉAL



Deck 6, Le France  
Deck 5, Le Normandie  
Deck 4, Le Lafayette  
Deck 3, Le Champollion

Stateroom Category <sup>†</sup>	LAND/CRUISE TARIFF <i>excluding taxes*</i> Per person, based on double occupancy	Early Booking Tariff <sup>†</sup> through August 13, 2019	Tariff <sup>†</sup> after August 13, 2019
8	One large window. Deck 3, Le Champollion, forward. (limited availability)	\$10890	\$11890
7	Small window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. Deck 3, Le Champollion, aft. (limited availability)	\$12290	\$13290
6	Small window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. Deck 3, Le Champollion, midship.	\$13490	\$14490
5	Expansive sliding glass door, private, partial-wall balcony. Deck 4, Le Lafayette, forward. (limited availability)	\$13890	\$14890
4	Expansive sliding glass door, <b>private balcony</b> . Deck 4, Le Lafayette, midship.	\$14890	\$15890
3	Expansive sliding glass door, private, partial-wall balcony. Deck 5, Le Normandie, forward.	\$15190	\$16190
2	Expansive sliding glass door, <b>private balcony</b> , shower or tub/shower. Deck 5, Le Normandie, midship.	\$15690	\$16690
1	Expansive sliding glass door, <b>private balcony</b> , shower or tub/shower. Deck 6, Le France.	\$15890	\$16890
<b>Deluxe Suite</b>	Expansive sliding glass door, <b>large private balcony</b> , tub/shower, sitting area with sofa. Deck 6, Le France. (limited availability)	\$16590	\$17590
<b>Prestige Suite II</b>	Two rooms, expansive sliding glass door, <b>large private balcony</b> , two bathrooms: tub/shower and shower, large sitting area with sofa, two closets. Deck 5, Le Normandie. (limited availability)	\$16890	\$17890
<b>Prestige Suite I</b>	Two rooms, expansive sliding glass door, <b>large private balcony</b> , two bathrooms: tub/shower and shower, large sitting area with sofa, two closets. Deck 6, Le France. (limited availability)	\$17490	\$18490
<b>Owner's Suite</b>	Two rooms, expansive sliding glass doors, <b>larger private balcony</b> , one and a half bathrooms, separate tub and shower, sitting room with sofa, table and four chairs. Deck 6, Le France. (limited availability)	\$18390	\$19390

Singles are available in category 6 at \$22790\* and in category 4 at \$25390\* on or before August 13, 2019. Add \$1000 for reservations made after August 13, 2019.

Round-trip airfare Buenos Aires/Ushuaia (internal program air) is included.

\*Taxes are an additional \$865 per person and are subject to change.

<sup>†</sup>LE BORÉAL has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

## EXPEDITION TO ANTARCTICA RESERVATION FORM

Send to: Commonwealth Club Travel  
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San Francisco, CA 94105

Fax to:  
**(415) 597-6729**  
or call:  
**(415) 597-6720**

Please make my/our reservation(s) in Stateroom Category:

1st Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please make my/our reservation(s): **Iguazú Falls Post-Program Option**

**Jungle-View Rooms:**

- Double at \$2295 per person.
- Single at \$2995 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

**Falls-View Rooms:**

- Double at \$2445 per person.
- Single at \$3245 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

- I/We want you to book my/our air, at additional cost to be advised,<sup>†</sup> from:

(fill in departure city)

- Economy Class
- Upgraded Economy
- Business Class
- First Class

<sup>†</sup>Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

- I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.

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

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

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

City State ZIP Code

Telephone: (Home) (Mobile)

Email Address (Business)

Preferred Name(s) on Badge(s) Tour No. 028-01/15/20-252

Program reservations require a deposit of \$800 per person and \$200 per person Iguazú Falls Post-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 check(s) for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as deposit.  
Make checks 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 check or wire transfer by October 11, 2019.**

**We require membership to the Commonwealth Club to travel with us. Please check one:**

- I am a current member of the Commonwealth Club.
- Please sign me up/renew my membership with the credit card information provided here.
- I will visit commonwealth.club.org/membership to sign up for a membership.



*Stand on the bow of your Five-Star ship and watch Antarctica's drama unfold before you.*

## RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND BINDING ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

**RESPONSIBILITY:** The Commonwealth Club and Gohagan & Company and its 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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**ELIGIBILITY:** We require membership to the Commonwealth Club to travel with us. People who live outside of the Bay Area may purchase a national membership. To learn about membership types and to purchase a membership, visit [commonwealthclub.org/membership](http://commonwealthclub.org/membership) or call (415) 597-6720.

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**DISCOUNTED RESERVATIONS:** Discounts apply only to those reservations received in the offices of The Commonwealth Club in writing, accompanied by the required deposit, by **August 13, 2019**. In the event a "discounted" reservation must be cancelled, no "replacement" reservation can be substituted at the discounted rate. A "replacement" reservation is a new reservation and can be substituted only at the full-fare tariff. Cancellation penalties may apply.

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**CANCELLATIONS:** Cancellations for all or any part of the trip including Pre/Post Program(s) reservation(s) will not be effective until received in writing in the offices of The Commonwealth Club. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply: reservation cancellation(s) are subject to a \$200 (\$50 Pre/Post Program(s)) per person administrative fee from the time of booking through 120 days prior to departure; from 95 through 119 days prior to departure, \$800 (\$200 Pre/Post Program(s)) per person; from 60 through 94 days prior to departure, 70% of the published full regular tariffs; cancellations 59 days or less prior to departure, a "no-show", or early return from the trip will result in forfeiture of 100% of the published full regular tariffs. In addition, any applicable airline cancellation fees, optional excursion cancellation fees and administrative fees may apply.

**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. Information about trip insurance will be sent with your confirmation.

**RATES:** Prices quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of printing and are subject to change at any time. On land and/or cruise programs, even after full payment, Gohagan reserves the right to increase the tour price in the event of cost increases due to changes in supplier costs, currency fluctuations or fuel or energy surcharges and all such increases are to be paid to Gohagan upon notice to the tour participant of such increases. On programs which include Gohagan purchased interstate or international air (which originates or returns to the United States), no increased costs will be passed on after final payment except for subsequently imposed governmental tax increases.

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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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