Expedition to Antarctica

aboard the Exclusively Chartered Small Ship

Five-Star L’Austral

January 17 to 30, 2023

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**14 Day Itinerary**

1. Depart the U.S. or Canada
2-3. Buenos Aires, Argentina (r,b)
4. Buenos Aires/Fly to Ushuaia/Embark L’AUSTRAL (b,r,d)
5-6. Cruising the Drake Passage (2b, 2l,2d)
7. Port Lockroy/Jougla Point (b,l,d)
8. Petermann Island/Lemaire Channel (b,l,d)
9. Neko Harbor/Paradise Harbor (b,l,d)
10. Deception Island/South Shetlands Islands Half Moon Island (b,l,r,d)
11. Cruising the Weddell Sea (b,l,d)
12. Cruising the Antarctic Convergence/Beagle Channel/Ushuaia, Argentina (b,l,d)
13. Ushuaia/Disembark ship/Fly to Buenos Aires/Depart for the U.S. or Canada (b)
14. Arrive in the U.S. or Canada

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**Wildlife Conservation**

The unique international Antarctic Treaty protects the wildlife and natural habitats of Antarctica and provides a guide for visitors to this continent where no country has sovereignty. To protect the fragile Antarctic environment, all visitors will go ashore in small groups, so as not to crowd rookeries, disturb nesting sites or disrupt research. Visitors will be asked not to leave a trace of their presence, by not removing or leaving anything ashore.

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**Your Expedition Team**
Seasoned naturalists, who have traveled extensively in the most remote regions of the world, accompany you as your Antarctic Expedition Team. Their areas of expertise include marine biology, ornithology, ecology, geology, glaciology, conservation and environmental education, history and photography. Collectively these experiences make them exceptionally well-suited to lead your Expedition to Antarctica. You will gain a unique insight on this majestic part of the world as they share their knowledge and answer questions.
Take in spectacular views of the Antarctic landscape, its unique wilderness.

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...” Be among the fortunate few to set foot on the continent of Antarctica. During this extraordinary 14-day journey to the bottom of the world, retrace sea lanes navigated by storied explorers Shackleton, Roald Amundsen and Robert Falcon Scott, inspired to seek out “The White Continent.” See how spectacular illuminations of this last frontier reveal the majesty and contrasts of its unique wilderness.

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 turquoise glaciers and glimmering icebergs.

Cruise for nine nights aboard the exclusively chartered L’Austral—both Five-Star and ice-class rated—and one of the ships within the finest fleet plying Antarctic waters. All accommodations afford ocean views and 95 percent feature private balconies. L’Austral’s state-of-the-art technology and design set high standards in environmental protection and comfort.

Your onboard team of naturalists will guide excursions aboard sturdy Zodiac craft as you explore amid floating ice sculptures, intricate ecosystems and abundant wildlife species that have adapted to the harshest weather conditions on Earth—including 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 adventure.

We invite you on this expedition of a lifetime with all excursions included and complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages served on board. This exclusive, expertly designed itinerary—co-sponsored with several educational organizations including National Trust for Historic Preservation; University of California, Los Angeles; and Washington University in St. Louis—provides the best Antarctic cruise value and sells out quickly, so make your reservation today.

Best regards,

Kristina Nemeth
Travel Director
(415) 597-6720

The safety and well-being of our travelers remains our highest priority. Cruise lines and some other providers of services (as well as, potentially, some countries) require all passengers traveling on our programs to present confirmation of a full COVID-19 vaccination, and, as well, passengers may have to produce evidence of a recent negative COVID test. All our staff are committed to adhering to all health and safety protocols from the start of your trip to the end as directed by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, overseas health officials as well as those protocols mandated by your cruise company (if applicable) and other suppliers of services. Detailed protocol information tailored to your travel program will be mailed to you along with additional pre-departure information.
Program Highlights

Antarctic Exploration

Legendary explorers and aviators ushered in the Heroic Age of Antarctic Exploration with gripping tales of their journeys, spearheading technological advances that laid the foundations for the mechanical age of discovery. Admiral Richard Evelyn Byrd accomplished the first flight over the South Pole during the U.S. expedition of 1928-30 utilizing groundbreaking navigational technology. His subsequent expeditions to Antarctica would greatly advance polar research and mapping of the continent. As one of the most remote regions left in the world, Antarctica retains the mystique of nature in its most pristine form.
**Day by Day Itinerary**

**U.S. or Canada**
**Day 1**
Depart home city.

**Buenos Aires, Argentina**
**Day 2**
Arrive in Buenos Aires and check into the Five-Star InterContinental Buenos Aires Hotel, located in the historical San Telmo neighborhood within walking distance of the landmark Palace of the Argentine National Congress. This evening, attend the Welcome Reception.

**Buenos Aires/Ushuaia**
**Day 4**
Fly to Ushuaia and embark the ship. This afternoon, cruise 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**
**Day 5 and Day 6**
Cross the Drake Passage and, upon reaching the Antarctic Convergence, watch for breaching humpback whales and seabirds feeding on plankton and krill. Your expedition team will prepare you for your first landing in Antarctica. During the evening, enjoy the twilight of the Antarctic summer.

**Port Lockroy/ Jougla Point**
**Day 7**
Visit Port Lockroy, built as a British intelligence port during World War II, then converted into a whaling station and scientific base. Observe the daily activities of past researchers at the living museum known as “Base A” and mail a postcard with an Antarctica postmark from the official British Post Office.

Jougla Point on Wiencke Island offers a rare opportunity to view the skeletal remains of an adult blue whale and view populous colonies of gentoo penguins and kelp gulls that inhabit the region.

**Petermann Island/ Lemaire Channel**
**Day 8**
Call at Petermann Island and watch its rookeries of Adélie and gentoo penguins and blue-eye shags.

Flanked by towering glacial cliffs between the Antarctic Peninsula and Booth Island, cruise through the Lemaire Channel, where seven miles of mountains and interweaving patterns of ice floes brim with wildlife.

**Neko Harbor/ Paradise Harbor**
**Day 9**
Listen for the low rumbling of Rudolf Glacier as it calves slabs of ice into Neko Harbor for a continental landing. Surrounded by soaring glaciers and snow-covered mountains, this spectacular harbor is one of the most dramatic sights on your expedition.

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 19th-century whalers who sought shelter in its coves, it is an ideal sanctuary for marine wildlife including humpback whales, crabeater seals, and Cape petrels.

**Deception Island, South Shetland Islands/ Half Moon Island**
**Day 10**
Deception Island encircles the Port Foster caldera. In Pendulum Cove, see the geothermically heated shallows.

The crescent-shaped Half Moon Island is known for its volcanic rock formations and tranquil lagoons. It houses Cámara Station, a base monitored by Argentine biologists studying regional wildlife. Here, observe the island’s colony of chinstrap penguins.

Attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception.
Day at Wendell Sea  
**Day 11**  
Cruise below the 60th parallel south to the outer shores of the Antarctic Peninsula, Earth’s last frontier. Witness towering mountains of ice and volcanic rock create precipitous coastlines and islands. 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 historic outposts, captures the nuance of Earth’s most inaccessible continent for the complete Antarctic experience.

### Cruising the Antarctic Convergence/Beagle Channel/Ushuaia, Argentina  
**Day 12**  
Cross the Antarctic Convergence and the Drake Passage. The crossing is completed with the rounding of Cape Horn; the graveyard of hundreds of ships that once battled the westerly winds. Here, the ship will go East then turn north toward Beagle Channel back to Ushuaia.

### Ushuaia/Buenos Aires  
**Day 13**  
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 home city.

### U.S. or Canada  
**Day 14**  
Arrive in home city.

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### Always Included with Gohagan & Company

- Experienced English speaking guides for included excursions.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions.
- Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom and on excursions.
- Hospitality desk aboard the ship.

- Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
- Transfers (including gratuities) and luggage handling abroad for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
- Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.

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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. Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages and Wi-Fi access are available throughout the cruise. All meals aboard ship are included.

Elegant Suites and Staterooms—95% Include Private Balconies
Each of the 110 Five-Star Staterooms and Suites (up to 484 square feet) features an ocean view and most have a private balcony. All accommodations feature individual climate control, two twin beds or one queen bed, a private bathroom with shower and luxury hotel-style hotel amenities, including a flat-screen television, a safe, a full-length closet, plush robes and slippers.

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Deluxe Suite
Expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, tub/shower, sitting area with sofa. Deck 6, Mahé. (limited availability)

Prestige Suite I
Two rooms, expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, two bathrooms: tub/shower and shower, large sitting area with sofa, two closets. Deck 6, Mahé. (limited availability)

Prestige Suite II
Two rooms, expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, two bathrooms: tub/shower and shower, large sitting area with sofa, two closets. Deck 6, Mahé. (limited availability)

Owner's Suite
One bedroom, sitting room with sofa, table and four chairs, expansive sliding glass doors, larger private balcony, one and a half bathrooms, separate tub and shower. Deck 6, Mahé. (limited availability)

Single supplements apply across all categories at 160% of the per person double price.

Round-trip airfare Buenos Aires/Ushuaia (internal program air) is an additional $765 per person. Taxes are an additional $580 per person.

L’AUSTRAL has been specially contracted for this program and the deck plan is available online or at request from Gohagan & Company.
Post-Program Option

Iguazú Falls
January 29 to February 2, 2023

The UNESCO World Heritage site of Iguazú Falls, among the world’s most spectacular natural wonders, is situated in one of South America’s last remaining virgin rainforests. Spanning nearly two miles along the Argentinian border of Brazil, with more than 275 waterfalls cascading from heights of 270 feet, Iguazú Falls is three times as wide and nearly twice as high as Niagara Falls. Visit 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.

Price per person, based on double occupancy:
- Jungle View $1695
- Falls View $1795

Price per person, based on single occupancy:
- Jungle View $2195
- Falls View $2395

Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
Reservation Form

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Please make my/our reservation(s):

Category: 1st Choice __________ 2nd Choice __________

- Double (two twin beds).
- Double (one queen bed).
- Single accommodations.

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Jungle View
- Double $1695 per person.
- Single $2195 per person.

Falls View
- Double $1795 per person.
- Single $2395 per person.

I/We want you to book my/our air from:

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

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- Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $__________.
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Signature as it appears on credit card

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Final payment due October 14, 2022; make by check, ACH or credit card. Reservations made after October 14, 2022, require payment in full at time of booking. No cancellation fees until 95 days prior to January 17, 2023!

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