Spitsbergen • Svalbard Archipelago

Voyage Under the Midnight Sun

ARCTIC EXPEDITION

Aboard the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star L'AUSTRAL
June 14 to 24, 2019
Dear Friends,

In the spirit of our evolving summer tour tradition, I recommend to you this Arctic voyage as an experience of learning and wonder true to the Haverfordian ideal of adventurous discovery. Throughout this trip you will enjoy ample opportunity to engage in conversations that deepen old friendships and forge new ones, while drawing inspiration from insights offered by the extraordinary leader of the BiCo Environmental Studies Program, Helen White. Whether you have already seen in person the High Arctic’s pristine fjords, glimmering glaciers and noble wildlife, or this is your first journey there, I can think of no better guide to this part of the world than Helen, whose imagination and eloquence will add special brilliance to this luminous landscape.

Bon voyage!

Kimberly W. Benston
President, Haverford College

**Tour Highlights**

- Engage in the excitement and spirit of adventure to explore the unspoiled Arctic wilderness at the best time of year, under the Midnight Sun, on this once-in-a-lifetime program featuring the High Arctic’s extraordinary Svalbard archipelago.
- Enjoy Five-Star accommodations aboard the ice-class, eco-friendly L’Austral, the finest expedition ship to cruise these Arctic waters with Haverford Associate Professor Helen White.
- Navigate through pristine fjords, see stunning views of glaciers, land by Zodiac for Arctic walks on ice and discover abundant wildlife, including the King of the Arctic—the polar bear.

**Study Leader Helen White**

Helen White is an Associate Professor of Chemistry and Environmental Studies, Chair of Environmental Studies, and Director of the Koshland Integrated Natural Sciences Center at Haverford College. Her research interests examine the persistence of human-derived compounds in the marine environment and how chemical structure, physical associations and bioavailability determine their cycling and fate. Dr. White’s lab has contributed to the understanding of the impacts of petroleum from the 2010 BP Deepwater Horizon incident. White has received research grants from the National Science Foundation, Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative, American Chemical Society and the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine. White has received the Henry Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Award, the Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award and an Innovation in Teaching Award. After receiving her Masters in Chemistry from the University of Sussex, UK, she earned a Ph.D. in Chemical Oceanography from MIT and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. Before joining the Haverford faculty, Dr. White completed the Microbial Science Initiative Postdoctoral Fellowship at Harvard University.
What it’s really like to be on “Top of the World”

Luminous cobalt-blue glaciers; snow-covered, towering mountainous landscapes; pristine fjords; massive sheets of ice; incredible, uniquely shaped icebergs; and an abundance of 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 multiple species of whales, bearded seals and long-toothed walruses lazing on the ice; nimble Arctic foxes; graceful Svalbard reindeer grazing on the Arctic’s lush tundra; and Arctic terns and fulmar gliding to and from cliffs. Observe 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.”

Longyearbyen, Svalbard, Norway

Your Arctic Expedition launches in the small port town of Longyearbyen, the Norwegian Svalbard archipelago’s capital and, at 78 degrees North latitude, approximately 650 miles from the North Pole. Enjoy a glimpse of daily life here in the Longyearbyen Culture House before embarking L’Austral.

Hornsund/Samarin Glacier

An expert naturalist-led excursion navigates through slow-drifting ice by Zodiac in the pristine bay of Burgerbukta to reach the majestic Samarin Glacier. A walk along the glacier examines firsthand its dramatic terrain, frequented by seabirds such as black-legged kittiwakes and Brünnich’s guillemots. Discover the perfect snapshot of miniature Arctic wildflowers.

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

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.
Bellsund
In the bell-shaped sound of Bellsund, surrounded by soaring, snow-covered peaks, anchor off Calypsobyen, part of Sør-Spitsbergen, Norway’s largest national park. Relics of the former coal mining settlement offer a glimpse into its history. Expert naturalists accompany you through Calypsobyen’s intriguing ecosystem, where nimble Arctic foxes thrive.

Continue to Camp Millar, a former gold mining base and now a favored grazing spot for the Svalbard reindeer. Observe the graceful reindeer, their newborn calves and the large resident colony of auks.

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 polar bear. Ice habitats are crucial for this endangered mammal’s hunting and breeding.
Keep a keen eye out for these ivory-furred creatures and scan the cobalt-blue waters for bowhead and beluga whales, often spotted swimming in pods.

**Woodfjorden** showcases the Arctic’s contrasts—icy, glacier-fronted shores are juxtaposed against the surrounding red sandstone mountains. Cruise to the startlingly beautiful **Monaco Glacier** and listen for the sound of white thunder as the tidewater glaciers calve into the ocean.

Your expert naturalist guides lead an adventurous walk around 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 former bustling, 17th-century Dutch whaling station of **Smeerenburgbreen**, today a prized resting shore for long-toothed walruses.

Discover the hub of scientific exploration, **Ny-Ålesund**, one of the world’s northernmost settlements and host to 16 international research stations. In Ny-Ålesund, a popular refuge for ringed and bearded seals, observe these mammals resting in their natural habitats.

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

Left: Scan the fjords for humpback whales migrating to the Arctic’s cooler waters during the northern summer to give birth.

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**EXPERT EXPEDITION TEAM**

An Arctic Expedition Team of seasoned naturalists, who have studied and traveled extensively in the remote Arctic, accompany you throughout your voyage. The team’s collaborative efforts, experience, particular interest in the Arctic’s ecosystems and enthusiasm for sharing their knowledge make them exceptionally well-suited to lead your Arctic Expedition under the Midnight Sun.
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 prestigious “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 throughout the ship (satellite reception 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.

Only 110 Suites and Staterooms—95% Include Private Balconies

Elegant ocean-view accommodations range from 200 to 484 square feet, and most have a private balcony. Each 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, 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 two lounges, a theater, library, the Sun Deck with open-air bar, 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.
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.

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

- Seven nights round trip Longyearbyen, Svalbard, Norway, cruising through the Arctic’s majestic glacial landscapes.
- 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 throughout the ship (satellite reception permitting).
- Onboard expedition team of naturalists, who provide a series of lectures about local wildlife and landscapes.
- Exploration by Zodiac landing craft, accompanied by an expert naturalist from the expedition team.
- Cruise into secluded fjords and bays to search for the endangered King of the Arctic, the polar bear.
- Zodiac cruise of the sheltered bay of Burgerbukta, where glacial-blue ice fronts snow-striped cliffs.
- Zodiac excursion to remote Samarin Glacier, a dramatic landscape of incredible cobalt-blue ice.
- Zodiac excursion to Calypsobyen, a former coal mining settlement, to look for Arctic foxes and terns in the lush tundra.
- Zodiac excursion to Camp Millar, once a gold mining base, to spot grazing endemic Svalbard reindeer.
- Cruise of stunning Woodfjorden, where the Arctic’s contrasts unfold in a panorama of glacier-fronted shores, majestic glacial summits and red sandstone mountains.
- Cruise to Monaco Glacier, an actively calving ice sheet located within scenic Liefdefjorden.
- Arctic nature walk along the shores of awe-inspiring Raudfjorden.
- Excursion to historic Smeerenburgbreen, a former whaling station, to observe resting walruses on shore.
- Discover Ny-Ålesund, an important research town and one of the world’s northernmost communities.
- 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 Director at your service.
- Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
Normandy
Historic Legacies and Artistic Treasures
Pre-Expedition Option

Commemorate the 75th anniversary year of the Allied forces’ World War II D-Day Invasion during a once-in-a-lifetime visit to historic Normandy. Walk the hallowed grounds where American, Canadian and British forces landed; contemplate the solemn crosses and Stars of David in the American Military Cemetery overlooking Omaha Beach; see German emplacements at Pointe du Hoc and the engineered British “Mulberry Harbor” remnants at Gold Beach. Tour charming Honfleur, an inspiration to Impressionists such as Monet and Boudin, and in Rouen, view stunning stained-glass windows at Joan of Arc Church and the impressive Gothic architecture of the Notre Dame de Rouen Cathedral. Spend three nights in the deluxe HOTEL DE BOURGHEROULDE—ideally located in the heart of Rouen.

Paris • Giverny
Postlude Option

Experience the “City of Light” and Monet’s cherished gardens in nearby Giverny. Enjoy a panoramic tour of Paris, renowned for its historic and aesthetic influence, and see its most noted landmarks. Visit the Louvre, the world’s largest museum, for a guided tour. Enjoy a full-day excursion to Monet’s Gardens—an exquisite living canvas—in charming Giverny. Visit the Impressionist Master’s house and admire his lily pond and iconic Japanese bridge. Spend three nights in the deluxe, ideally located HOTEL SCRIBE PARIS OPÉRA.

The Pre-Expedition and Postlude Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

See the remaining infrastructure of Mulberry “B,” the artificial harbor WWII Allied forces created to land troops and supplies on D-Day in Arromanches, France.
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See the remaining infrastructure of Mulberry “B,” the artificial

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T axes are an additional $495 per person and are subject to change.

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

Email Address

Telephone: (Home)

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For logistics questions, contact Gohagan & Company at (800) 922-3088 or sgoddard@haverford.edu.

I agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

I/we authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $__________ to:

Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $__________ as deposit.

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

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Please make my/our reservation(s):

Normandy Pre-Expedition Option

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).

Paris - Giverny Postlude Option

Double at $1795 per person.

Single at $2645 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).

1. We want you to book my/our air, at additional cost to be advised, from:

2. Yes, please send me an ARCTIC EXPEDITION RESERVATION FORM.

Giverny Postlude Option.

ARCTIC EXPEDITION RESERVATION FORM

Send to: Gohagan & Company

209 South LaSalle Street, Suite 500

Chicago, Illinois 60604-1446

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Deluxe Suite

Two rooms, expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, sitting area with sofa. Deck 6, Mahé. (limited availability) $13695

Premiere Suite II

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

Premiere Suite I

Two rooms, expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, two bathrooms with showers, large sitting area with sofa, two closets. Deck 6, Mahé. (limited availability) $14995

Owner’s Suite

Two rooms, expansive sliding glass doors, large private balcony, one and a half bathrooms, separate tub and shower, sitting room with sofa, table and four chairs. Deck 6, Mahé. (limited availability) $15595

Singles are available in category 6 at $15795 and in category 4 at $18195 on or before October 26, 2018. Add $1000 for reservations made after October 26, 2018.

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

*Taxes are an additional $495 per person and are subject to change.

'L'AUSTRAL 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.

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LS L'Austral

Deck 6, Mahé
Deck 5, Bengale
Deck 4, Chandernagor
Deck 3, Calicut

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Early Booking Tariff* through Oct. 26, 2018 $6995

Tariff* after Oct. 26, 2018 $7995

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1. We will make our own air arrangements.

2. Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.
On the lookout for walruses resting on ice floes drifting on the deep-blue waters.

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