



# ARCTIC EXPEDITION UNDER THE MIDNIGHT SUN

JUNE 9 TO 19, 2020  
JUNE 16 TO 26, 2020

- 1 Depart the U.S. or Canada
- 2 Arrive in **Paris, France**
- 3 Paris/Fly to Longyearbyen, **Spitsbergen**, Norway's Svalbard Islands/Embark L'AUSTRAL
- 4 Hornsund for Burgerbukta/**Samarin Glacier**
- 5 Bellsund for **Calypsobyen** and **Camp Millar**
- 6 Cruising the **Arctic Ice Pack/ Search for polar bears**
- 7 **Woodfjorden/Monaco Glacier**
- 8 **Raudfjorden for Smeerenburg**
- 9 **Ny-Ålesund/Kongsfjorden for King's Glacier**
- 10 Longyearbyen/Disembark ship/**Fly to Paris, France**
- 11 Paris/Return to the U.S. or Canada

*Cruise itinerary is subject to weather, ice and sea conditions and may be revised as necessary.*



FIVE-STAR, ICE-CLASS SHIP  
**L'AUSTRAL**

**EXCLUSIVELY CHARTERED**

## *Distinctively Gohagan*

- ◆ Unique, 11-day itinerary featuring an extraordinary seven-night Arctic cruise offered exclusively by Gohagan & Company, the polar cruise experts in the educational travel market.
- ◆ Cruise the shores of secluded Spitsbergen, the jewel of Norway's rarely visited Svalbard archipelago (slightly smaller than the state of West Virginia) and a dramatic island of sweeping contrasts and abundant wildlife.
- ◆ Ocean-view accommodations aboard a Five-Star expedition ship, most with a private balcony—simply the optimal Arctic cruising experience!
- ◆ Explore Spitsbergen's protected fjords, bays and shores, where glacial sheets meet alpine peaks, red sandstone mountains and the russet tundra.
- ◆ Cruise to seldom-seen areas in search of the polar bear, "King of the Arctic."
- ◆ Remarkable wildlife—whales, walruses, seals, Svalbard reindeer, Arctic foxes, northern fulmars and Arctic terns.
- ◆ Zodiac excursions led by an expedition team of naturalists with expertise spanning marine biology, ornithology, glaciology, conservation, history, photography, and lectures aboard ship on natural wonders and wildlife.
- ◆ Spontaneous opportunities for small ship to adjust course in order to maximize wildlife sightings.
- ◆ Includes flights round trip between Paris and Longyearbyen.
- ◆ Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages throughout the cruise and complimentary Wi-Fi aboard ship (satellite reception permitting).
- ◆ Best time of year to cruise the waters of Spitsbergen, under the midnight sun!
- ◆ Omaha Beach, Normandy/Rouen Pre-Expedition Option and Paris/Giverny Postlude Option.



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## Program Features



### IN PARIS, FRANCE

- ◆ Overnight accommodations in the deluxe, ideally located HILTON PARIS CHARLES DE GAULLE AIRPORT before and after the charter flights to/from Spitsbergen, with breakfast each morning.

Chartered flights between Paris and Longyearbyen, Svalbard Islands.

### ON BOARD THE EXCLUSIVELY CHARTERED, FIVE-STAR, ICE-CLASS L'AUSTRAL

- ◆ Nine 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).
- ◆ Exploration by **Zodiac landing craft**, accompanied by an expert naturalist from the expedition team.
- ◆ **Onboard expedition team of naturalists** who provide a series of lectures about local wildlife and landscapes.
- ◆ Cruise into secluded fjords and bays to **search for the elusive polar bear.**
- ◆ Zodiac cruise of sheltered **Burgerbukta**, where glacial-blue ice fronts snow-stripped cliffs.

- ◆ Shore excursion to remote **Samarin Glacier**, a dramatic landscape of incredible blue ice formations.
- ◆ Shore excursion to **Calypsobyen**, a former coal mining settlement to watch for Arctic foxes and terns.
- ◆ Shore excursion to **Camp Millar**, once a gold mining base, to spot grazing endemic Svalbard reindeer.
- ◆ Cruise of stunning **Woodfjorden**, where glacier-fronted shores lead to majestic alpine summits and red sandstone mountains.
- ◆ Cruise to **Monaco Glacier**, an actively calving ice sheet at the end of scenic Liefdefjorden.
- ◆ Walk along the shores of awe-inspiring **Raufjorden**.
- ◆ Excursion to historic **Smeerenburg**, "blubber town," a former whaling station to observe walrus resting on the shore.
- ◆ Walking tour of **Ny-Ålesund**, a research town and one of the world's northernmost year-round 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 local guides for included excursions.
- ◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- ◆ Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom aboard ship.
- ◆ 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.

*All Program Features are contingent upon final brochure pricing.*

### EXCLUSIVELY CHARTERED FIVE-STAR, ICE-CLASS SHIP MS L'AUSTRAL



- ◆ Only 110 Five-Star Suites and Staterooms
- ◆ Sophisticated French elegance
- ◆ 100% ocean-view accommodations
- ◆ Balconies in 95% of accommodations
- ◆ Naturalist-led daily excursions, lectures on natural wonders and wildlife
- ◆ Flexibility to alter course for optimal wildlife and icescape viewing
- ◆ Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages on board
- ◆ Complimentary Wi-Fi on board
- ◆ Certified "green" clean ship



### NORMANDY ♦ ROUEN PRE-EXPEDITION OPTION



### PARIS ♦ GIVERNY POSTLUDE OPTION

