Circumnavigation of Iceland

Cruising aboard the Exclusively Chartered, New Small Ship Five-Star Le Bellot
Featuring UCLA Professor Andrea M. Ghez Department of Physics & Astronomy
July 5 - 13, 2020
Round-Trip Air Included from Select Cities

RESERVE BY NOVEMBER 20, 2019
SAVE $2,000 PER COUPLE
Dear UCLA Alumni and Friends,

Resting on the edge of the Arctic Circle, Iceland is a realm of astonishing beauty where nature reigns supreme. This otherworldly land of fire and ice is an ensemble of steaming fumaroles, bubbling mudpots, breathtaking waterfalls, venting geysers and calving glaciers.

Cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star Le Bellot—launching in 2020—able to cruise into small ports inaccessible to larger vessels and to alter course as ethereal waterways, rugged fjords and magisterial glaciers unfold before you.

Explore cosmopolitan Reykjavík, the world’s northernmost capital and a vibrant example of Iceland’s egalitarian society. Visit seldom-trodden islands and coastal hamlets where the mythic lore and epic sagas of Iceland’s national identity are passed down through generations. Cruise into Siglufjörður, cross the Arctic Circle on Grimsey Island, touch ice fragments calved from Breiðamerkurjökull in UNESCO-designated Vatnajökull National Park and marvel at dramatic Goðafoss, the “Waterfall of the Gods.” Look for orcas and humpback whales as you cruise past Surtsey, one of Earth’s youngest islands and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Uncover the history of Iceland’s “Pompeii of the North” on fascinating Heimaey Island, where houses hemmed by hardened lava flow from Eldfell volcano are clustered beneath towering cliffs populated by multitudes of puffins, fulmars and guillemots.

Experience the awe-inspiring power of nature on this incomparable circumnavigation of Iceland. This program features included round-trip air from Boston, New York-JFK, Newark, Toronto and Washington-Dulles, or Low Air Add-Ons for an additional $200 per person from Chicago, Dallas and Minneapolis, or an additional $300 per person from Denver, Portland, San Francisco, Seattle and Vancouver.‡†

Join world-renowned UCLA professor Andrea M. Ghez and fellow bruins on this cruise during the best time of the year, when the Midnight Sun of the summer solstice melds into lingering twilight. I have personally traveled on this tour if you have any questions. Make your reservation now while space and Early Booking Savings are still available!

Sincerely,

Christel Aragon
Director, Alumni Travel

For further information, please contact UCLA Alumni Travel at 310-206-0613 | travel.alumni.ucla.edu

Study Leader

Andrea M. Ghez, professor of Physics & Astronomy and Lauren B. Leichtman & Arthur E. Levine chair in Astrophysics, is one of the world’s leading experts in observational astrophysics and heads UCLA’s Galactic Center Group. Her ground-breaking work has provided the best evidence to date for the existence of supermassive black holes and has opened a new approach to understanding these exotic objects. She has received numerous honors and awards, including the Crafoord Prize in Astronomy from the Royal Swedish Academy of Science (she is the first woman to receive a Crafoord prize in any field), Bakerian Medal from the Royal Society of London, a MacArthur Fellowship, election to the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts & Sciences and the American Philosophical Society.

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U.S.
Sunday, Day 1
Depart the U.S.

Reykjavík, Iceland
Monday, Day 2
Arrive in Reykjavík, a UNESCO Creative City of Literature. See the idyllic parks and botanical gardens of Laugardalur, where a geothermal, Olympic-sized outdoor swimming pool speaks to Iceland’s seemingly endless supply of natural hot water. Continue to the superb National Museum, where over 2000 artifacts—including the priceless 13th-century Valþjófsstaður church door—provide a comprehensive account of Iceland’s history and culture. Visit Hallgrímskirkja church, whose distinct silhouette rises above Reykjavík’s skyline. Continue to Reykjavík’s old town center, a compact core of narrow streets lined with small, colorful houses, before boarding Le Bellot.

Please note that the ship’s cruising pattern and direction are dependent on weather and sea conditions and are subject to change.

Vigur Island/Ísafjörður
Tuesday, Day 3
Enjoy the morning cruise to the awe-inspiring, seldom-visited Westfjords peninsula. On verdant Vigur Island—home to one single farming family—observe Arctic terns, black guillemots, eiders and thousands of puffins in their natural habitat. See relics of Iceland’s traditional farming heritage, including the nation’s only windmill, built in 1840, sits on the serene seashore. where restored 19th-century fishermen’s huts and fishing equipment vividly depict the harsh reality of the lives of generations of Iceland’s fishermen. Tour Ísafjörður’s Westfjords Heritage Museum, where fishing and nautical exhibits, including tools from whaling days and evocative old photos, relate this remote outpost’s fascinating maritime history.

Attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception on board the ship this evening.

Siglufjörður/Grímsey Island/Arctic Circle
Wednesday, Day 4
Clinging to the foot of steep mountain walls at the entrance to a gorgeous fjord, charming Siglufjörður is one of Iceland’s most dramatically sited towns. Multicolored houses lead to a bustling harbor, the hub of the town’s fishing industry. Siglufjörður celebrates the glory days of herring fishing at the award-winning Herring Era Museum, which recreates the history of fish salting and oil processing during the early 20th century.

Photo this page: See gemlike Goðafoss, set among northern Iceland’s craggy lava fields and rich green pastures.

Cover photo: Touch the ice that has calved off of the luminously blue Breiðamerkurjökull glacier.
Enjoy a music-filled performance illustrating síldarsöltun (traditional herring salting process).

Return to the ship and cruise to Grímsey Island, which straddles the top of the world at 66 degrees north. Craggy coastal cliffs and basalt formations host dozens of species of seabirds, including puffins and auks. Visit Grímsey Church, built out of driftwood in 1867, and walk across the Arctic Circle, where the island is lush with grasses and mosses.

**Húsavík for Lake Mývatn**

**Thursday, Day 5**

Explore northern Iceland’s extraordinary natural landscapes, stopping at Námaskarð—a geothermal wonder of boiling, sulfurous mudpots—and the pseudocraters at Skútustaðir, formed when hot lava flowed across the wetlands over 2000 years ago. Walk among the surreal “dark castle” lava formations of Dimmuborgir and drive along the shores of cerulean-blue Lake Mývatn, a birder’s paradise harboring many rare migratory birds and 14 species of Iceland’s bountiful wild ducks.

Continue to Goðafoss, or “Waterfall of the Gods.” According to legend, this waterfall earned its name when an Icelandic lawspeaker threw wooden statues of Norse gods into its crashing waters, signifying his conversion to Christianity.

**Seyðisfjörður**

**Friday, Day 6**

Seyðisfjörður is a tranquil, 11-mile-long fjord that winds toward its eponymous town, a thriving artist’s community where colorful, chalet-style houses shelter beneath Mount Strandartindur and Mount Bjólfur (Beowulf).
Tour Reykjavík and see the church of Hallgrímskirkja, which mirrors natural basalt formations along Iceland’s southern coast.

Visit the sky-hued Blue Church and observe a specially arranged cultural and musical performance. Continue to the Technical Museum to learn more about the mechanical and architectural innovations that characterize this island nation, and enjoy light refreshments.

Djúpivogur for Jökulsárlón
Saturday, Day 7
Enjoy a full-day scenic excursion, with lunch, along Iceland’s east coast with stunning mountain views.

Board a specially designed small boat for a private cruise amid the luminous blue icebergs of Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon and touch the ice that has calved off the outlet tidewater glacier. These mesmerizing ice sculptures can spend up to five years floating in the 820-foot-deep lagoon before moving out to sea via Iceland’s shortest river.

Heimaey, Westman Islands/
Cruise along Surtsey Island
Sunday, Day 8
Arrive at Heimaey Island, part of the Vestmannaeyjar (Westman Islands) archipelago, and stop at Sprangan, the craggy cliff where young islanders learn the local pastime of rope swinging.

See the ruins of ancient Viking farmhouses dating from A.D. 650 in Herjólfsdalur Valley, observe Heimaey’s largest puffin colony from the headland of Stórhöfði and view a timbered stave church in scenic Skansinn. See imposing Mount Eldfell and tour the Eldheimar Museum, which chronicles the fateful volcanic activity of 1973 and its impact on the community.

This evening, cruise along the coast of Surtsey Island, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Created during volcanic activity between 1963 and 1967, it is one of the youngest and most fragile islands on Earth; scientists continually study the evolution of flora and fauna. Be on the lookout for graceful orcas that frequent the region.

Join your traveling companions for the Captain’s Farewell Reception this evening.

Reykjavík/U.S.
Monday, Day 9
Following breakfast, disembark and transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S.

Reykjavík and the
Golden Circle
Pre-Program Option
The captivating city of Reykjavík and its surrounding natural wonders provide you with a perfect introduction to Iceland. Visit the famous Blue Lagoon and rejuvenate in the warmth of its mineral-rich geothermal waters surrounded by black lava fields. Tour the legendary Golden Circle—UNESCO World Heritage-designated Pingvellir National Park, the thundering terraced cataract of Gullfoss and Strokkur, possibly the world’s most iconic fountain geyser. Take in the stunning panoramas from the futuristic glass dome of the Perlan Museum and discover its immersive exhibits on volcanoes, earthquakes and geothermal zones. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe HOTEL BORG.

The Pre-Program Option is available at additional cost. Details will be included with your reservation confirmation.
Luxury Small Ship, Innovative Design

Le Bellot, launching in 2020, represents a new generation of Five-Star small ships, combining revolutionary design and a new standard of luxury for unparalleled cruising. Dock in smaller ports inaccessible to larger ships where authentic cultural experiences and majestic scenery await you.

Blue Eye – World’s First Multisensory, Underwater Observation Lounge

Introducing the extraordinary Blue Eye, the world’s first multisensory, underwater Observation Lounge. View the beauty of marine life through the large, subaquatic windows and integrated digital screens providing live images from underwater cameras, and enjoy the sensory experience of listening to the ocean’s unique underwater universe in the comfort of the exclusive Blue Eye lounge.

Life on Board

Enjoy sweeping views from the lounges—which open to the outdoors—and lectures, cultural performances or film screenings in the state-of-the-art theater. Relax in the spa and sauna or the Sun Deck’s infinity-style swimming pool. The ship has a beauty salon, a fitness room and three elevators. Complimentary Wi-Fi access is available (conditions permitting).

Elegant Suites and Staterooms, 100% with Private Balconies

Each of the 92 Five-Star Staterooms and Suites (up to 484 square feet) features a private balcony. Grand Deluxe Suites have a bay window and spacious private terrace. Accommodations offer two twin beds or one queen bed, private bathroom with shower, individual climate control and luxurious hotel amenities.

Chic and Casual Dining

Dine indoors or alfresco on international and regional cuisine served in the stylish, spacious indoor-outdoor restaurant, at the casual pool deck grill or from 24-hour room service. Daily meals include continental and buffet breakfasts, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and four-course dinner.

Respect for the Environment

A state-of-the-art addition to the Ponant “Clean Ship” fleet, an important certification among ocean-cruising vessels, Le Bellot is energy efficient and eco-friendly, protecting fragile marine ecosystems.

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.

‡‡Marine life viewing varies by location.
Included Features

◆ Round-trip economy-class air is included from Boston, New York-JFK, Newark, Toronto and Washington-Dulles.†

◆ Low Air Add-Ons are available for $200 per person from Chicago, Dallas and Minneapolis, and for $300 per person from Denver, Portland, San Francisco, Seattle and Vancouver.†

On Board the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star Small Ship Le Bellot

◆ Seven-night cruise featuring the circumnavigation of Iceland round trip Reykjavik.

◆ 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 (conditions permitting).

◆ Blue Eye—the world’s first luxury, multisensory, underwater Observation Lounge.

◆ Opportunities for the ship to alter course as natural wonders unfold before your eyes.

◆ City tour of Reykjavik, featuring visits to the lauded National Museum and Hallgrímskirkja church.

◆ Visit to Vigur Island to observe the natural habitat of Arctic terns, eiders and thousands of puffins and to tour the island’s preserved agricultural relics.

◆ Tour of charming Ísafjörður, one of Iceland’s oldest fishing stations, featuring the Westfjords Heritage Museum and Ósvör Maritime Museum.

◆ Excursion to the dramatically sited town of Siglufjörður, including a visit to the award-winning Herring Era Museum, featuring lively music and herringsalt demonstrations.

◆ Crossing of the Arctic Circle (66°33’ N) on Grímsey Island.

◆ Scenic excursions in northern Iceland to Godafoss Waterfall, Lake Mývatn, Dimmuborgir, Skútustaðir and the geothermal field of Námaskarð.

◆ Visit to Seyðisfjörður, including a performance in the Blue Church and a tour of the Technical Museum.

◆ Full-day excursion along Iceland’s east coast from the 16th-century port town of Djúpivogur to the Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon in UNESCO World Heritage-designated Vatnajökull National Park, with a private cruise among Jökulsárlón’s icebergs.

◆ Tour of Heimaey Island, including the Eldheimar Museum, the lava fields of “Fire Mountain” and Herjólfsdalur Valley’s ancient Viking ruins.

◆ Cruise along the coast of Surtsey Island, named a UNESCO World Heritage site for its ecological significance.

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 and on excursions.

◆ Hospitality desk aboard the ship.

◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.

◆ Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.

◆ Automatic $25,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.

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A land of unparalleled geological riches, Iceland is comprised of 4500 square miles of glaciers, 30 active volcanic systems, 800 hot springs and over 10,000 waterfalls. Born of the monumental forces unleashed during the movement of the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates and carved out by formidable glaciers and incredible waterfalls, the land is a combination of intense natural energy and veritable calm. The topography of Iceland continues to evolve, yet many of its landscapes remain nearly unchanged since the first Viking settlers laid eyes on them more than 1100 years ago.

During your circumnavigation, see volcanic craters and fissures, watch as bubbling hot springs erupt steam into the air against a backdrop of Mars-like terrain, encounter pristine waterfalls and black lava deserts, and witness the stoic majesty of mountains capped with snow and volcanoes slumbering beneath sheets of ice. Along the coast, Iceland’s characteristic fjords chronicle the powerful path of the glaciers. Enjoy these natural wonders, in constant flux as glaciers calve and shift and new mountains emerge from volcanic lava flow. A startlingly beautiful portrait of Earth’s history and progress, Iceland is a primordial landscape hewn by the forces of fire and ice.

Explore “Diamond Beach” along Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, where glistening ice formations contrast the slaty sand. 

Encounter the majesty of Strokkur, a fountain geyser that jets hot water toward the sky every six to eight minutes, on the Reykjavík and the Golden Circle Pre-Program Option.
The document contains information about a travel program for Circumnavigation of Iceland. It includes details on cabin categories, prices, and booking information. Here is a structured representation of the key points:

**Cabin Categories and Prices**
- **Deluxe Suite**: Suite with expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, sitting area with sofa. Decks 3, 4, 5, and 6. $12,495 (limited availability)
- **Prestige Suite**: Large Suite with expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, sitting area with sofa. Decks 5 and 6. $13,495 (limited availability)
- **Privilege Suite**: Large two-room Suite, expansive sliding glass door, spacious private terrace, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bathroom, sitting area with sofa. Deck 6. $14,995 (limited availability)
- **Owner’s Suite**: Large two-room Suite, expansive sliding glass door, spacious private terrace with outdoor Jacuzzi, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bathroom, sitting area with sofa. Deck 5. $15,295 (limited availability)

**Additional Information**
- Single accommodations are available in category 5 at $15,295 and in category 2 at $17,995 on or before November 20, 2019.
- Add $1,000 for reservations made after November 20, 2019.
- **Pre-Program Option**: Reykjavík and the Golden Circle. Please make my/our reservation(s): Single at $2,195 per person. Double at $1,495 per person.

**Booking Details**
- **UCLA Alumni Association**: Travel is a benefit of the UCLA Alumni Association. Life Membership is not currently available for purchase.
- **Reservation Form**: Please contact me/us regarding an upgrade at additional cost.**

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**CIRCUMNAVIGATION of ICELAND RESERVATION FORM**

**Title**
- Full Name (exactly as it appears on your passport)
- Date of Birth

**Street Mailing Address**
- No P.O. Box number please

**City**
- State
- ZIP +4

**Telephone**
- (Home)
- (Mobile)

**Email Address**
- Home
- Business (FAX)

**Prefered Name(s) on Badge(s)**
- Program No. 107-07/05/20-013

**Please make my/our reservation(s) in category:**
- 1st choice [ ]
- 2nd choice [ ]

**Please make my/our air arrangement(s)**
- (choose one and fill in departure city):
- Included economy-class flights from select cities listed above.
- Low Air Add-Ons are available for $200 per person from Chicago, Dallas, and Minneapolis, and $300 per person from Denver, Portland, San Francisco, Seattle and Vancouver.

**Please make my/our reservation(s):**
- Reykjavik and the Golden Circle Pre-Program Option
- Double at $1,495 per person.
- Single at $2,195 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

**Additional Information**
- UCLA Alumni Travel is a benefit of the UCLA Alumni Association.
- Taxes are an additional $455 per person and are subject to change.
- All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by April 1, 2020.
See puffins, nicknamed “little brothers of the north.”

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Pre-Program must be in writing and for purposes of determining cancellation fees

or Advisories of any kind. Gohagan is not responsible for penalties assessed

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the participant and Gohagan are waiving the right to a trial by jury.

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AND BINDING ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

Your acceptance of this contract is evidence of your agreement to Gohagan’s General Terms and Conditions of Travel, Terms of Use and Privacy Policy. A “replacement” reservation is a new reservation and can be substituted only at the

PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY:

the participant must be able to embark or disembark unassisted when you make your reservation. Travelers requiring assistance must travel with a companion who will be responsible for handling equipment.

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

We strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation insurance on the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement.

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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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PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY: All programs require physical independence and mobility. Any physical or mental condition that may require special medical attention or physical assistance (for example, the need for a wheelchair) must be reported in writing to Gohagan when you make your reservation. Travelers must be able to embark or disembark motorcoaches alone or with minimal assistance from your traveling companion and climb stairs and step over raised thresholds without assistance. Travelers requiring assistance must travel with a companion who will be responsible for handling equipment.

DISCOUNT RATES: Discounts apply only to those reservations received in the offices of Gohagan in writing, accompanied by the required deposit, by November 20, 2019. In the event a “discounted” reservation must be cancelled, the non-refundable “Reservation” can be substituted at the discounted rate. A "replacement" reservation is a new reservation and can be substituted only at the full fare. Additional penalties may apply.

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