Alaska’s Glaciers
AND THE Inside Passage

Vancouver ♦ Ketchikan ♦ Petersburg
LeConte Bay ♦ Sitka ♦ Tracy Arm ♦ Juneau

A voyage aboard the Exclusively Chartered Small Ship
Five-Star LE SÉLÉAL

July 29 to August 5, 2020
Dear Council Traveler,

A land of pure, epic natural beauty, Alaska is the last great American frontier. Home to the highest peak in North America (Denali), the largest glacier in North America (Bering), king salmon that exceed 70 pounds and humpback whales 50 feet long, the 49th state defies hyperbole. Cruise between near vertical rock walls and cobalt-blue icebergs, discover snowcapped peaks, steep fjords and plunging waterfalls and prepare to be enchanted by a staggering array of wildlife on this exceptional cruise of Alaska’s glaciers and the Inside Passage.

This specially designed itinerary uniquely combines Five-Star accommodations with exploration-style travel as you cruise from Vancouver, British Columbia, to Juneau, Alaska, under the lingering glow of the long days of summer.

Exclusively chartered for this voyage, the Five-Star small ship La SOLÉAL is ideal for traversing narrow fjords and isolated coves inaccessible to larger ships while carefully navigating through the marine ecosystem. Experience the unforgettable scenery of southeastern Alaska and Northwestern Pacific Canada and thrilling wildlife up close, from observation decks, during small boat excursions and from the comfort of elegantly appointed Suites and Staterooms, most with a private balcony.

Every day of the cruise is a highlight. Explore Alaska’s picture-perfect small towns nudging up against a dramatic wilderness. Call at colorful Ketchikan, rich in Alaskan art and tradition; off-the-beaten-path Petersburg, the region’s “Little Norway”; and historic Sitka, a cultural fusion of Tlingit and Russian heritage. Cruise majestic Misty Fjords National Monument and Tracy Arm Fjord, a seascape of plunging waterfalls and serrated peaks, to the face of the monumental Dawes and South Sawyer Glaciers. Travel through the serene Inside Passage and into remote inlets in search of harbor seals, porpoises, sea lions and sea otters.

After taking this tour last year, I highly suggest adding time in cosmopolitan Vancouver for a Pre-Program Option to see British Columbia’s most vibrant city. For those that want to explore more of Alaska’s wildlife, complement your cruise with the Denali Post-Program Option, to see the tallest peak in North America and visit the former frontier trading post of Fairbanks.

This tour was one of my favorite experiences as you cruise along the best of Alaska’s legendary landscapes. This popular program is an excellent value with the finest accommodations and the ideal itinerary, so book now while space and Early Booking Savings are available. Other educational groups share this departure, so make your reservation today. Call (800) 942-5004 x 209 or x 217 (email: travel@wacphila.org).

Warm Regards,

Shoshana Altrichter, Vice President of Travel

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– Kaye Borrow, MA

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Exploring the Inside Passage

Shaped by the Ice Age and sheltered from the Pacific Ocean by one thousand miles of islands lining North America’s Pacific coast, the Inside Passage distills untamed Alaska with magnificent glaciers, snowcapped mountains and pristine wilderness. Stand on the deck of our Five-Star small ship as you cruise protected cliff-rimmed fjords and inlets of serene waters. Watch for wildlife—bald eagles, harbor seals, humpback whales and brown bears. Experience the thunderous calving of the Dawes and South Sawyer Glaciers, venture into narrow Tracy Arm and Endicott Arm and explore the Passage’s hidden treasure—seldom-visited Elfin Cove. Along the way, encounter the indigenous culture of the Tlingit, onion-domed churches built by Russian fur traders, quirky fishing villages, trading outposts settled by American pioneers and gold rush settlements built over a century ago.

Vancouver, British Columbia
Dynamic Vancouver, British Columbia’s largest city, is the cultural and financial heart of Canada’s Pacific Northwest.

Cruising the Inside Passage
Aboard our Five-Star ship, experience the Inside Passage, one of the most scenic waterways in the world, cruising amid countless islands, thickly blanketed forests, hidden bays and coves, sandy beaches and lofty waterfalls flowing from mountain cliffs. Be on deck to watch for cavorting sea lions and breaching orcas in the deep waters and look for Sitka black-tailed deer, mink and river otters roaming the shores and mountainsides.

Misty Fjords National Monument, Alaska
Enjoy the rare opportunity to cruise the glacier-sculpted inlets of Misty Fjords, an American treasure harboring awe-inspiring scenery and wildlife. Observe the running streams flowing through stands of evergreens, merging into mighty waterfalls plunging down 3000-foot-tall, near-vertical, granite-faced cliffs (weather and sea conditions permitting).

Itinerary

Vancouver • Victoria
Pre-Program Option

1 Depart home city/Arrive Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada/Embark Le Soléal
2 Cruising the Inside Passage
3 Misty Fjords National Monument, Alaska, U.S./Ketchikan
4 LeConte Bay/Petersburg
5 Sitka
6 Point Adolphus/Elfin Cove
7 Tracy Arm Fjord/Sawyer Glacier/Endicott Arm/Dawes Glacier
8 Juneau/Disembark ship/Return to home city

Denali National Park • Fairbanks
Post-Program Option

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

Photo this page: Admire Endicott Arm, dramatically marked by the rise of beautiful steep cirques and amphitheater-like valleys formed by glacial erosion.

Cover photo: Encounter the cobalt-blue ice of calving glaciers while cruising through Tracy Arm Fjord.
Ketchikan
Backed by the forested slopes of Deer Mountain, the fishing town of Ketchikan is the “salmon capital of the world.” Stroll the gold rush-era boardwalks of Creek Street and watch spawning salmon swimming upstream through the middle of town along the well-known “Salmon Ladder.” A rich profusion of Haida, Tlingit and Tsimshian arts harmonize the town’s cultural facets. See the art of Potlatch Totem Park, where a master craftsman demonstrates the ancient technique of hand-carving a totem pole.

LeConte Bay
Cruise to the mouth of LeConte Bay, where the protected waters form a natural refuge for harbor seals from predators. From aboard smaller expedition vessels, watch for mother seals and pups sunning themselves on icebergs. Listen for white thunder as LeConte Glacier—North America’s southernmost tidewater glacier—frequently calves icebergs.

Petersburg
Known as “the town that fish built” and settled along the peaceful Wrangell Narrows by late-19th-century Norwegian fishermen, the authentic village of Petersburg is filled with the traditional rosemåling design on its walkways, storefronts and architecture. Visit Main Street and the fascinating Clausen Museum, which forms a repository for the collective memory of the town’s former residents. At the historic Sons of Norway Hall, discover Norwegian folkloric traditions during a specially arranged song and dance presentation. Enjoy the exceptional vistas of Frederick Sound, summer home to a significant humpback whale population.

Observe indigenous brown bears catching wild salmon.

The capital of Russian America until 1867, Sitka is one of Alaska’s most alluring and historic towns.
Sitka
Nestled on the edge of Baranof Island, Sitka penetrates one of Alaska’s most stunning regions and proudly wears its indigenous and Russian history. The town flourished as a Russian fur trading hub until its 1867 transfer to the United States.

Visit the Alaska Raptor Center, Alaska’s foremost bald eagle habitat, where more than 100 injured eagles are rehabilitated and released each year. Explore the Tlingit culture while conversing with local artisans in Sitka National Historical Park, where trails are lined with totem poles, a lasting tribute to an ancient artform. Marvel at the collection of icons in St. Michael’s Cathedral, North America’s first Russian Orthodox church.

Point Adolphus/Elfin Cove
From the observation deck, search for humpback whales and orcas feeding in the nutrient-rich waters of Point Adolphus while cruising through Icy Strait, where tidal waters teem with marine life. Watch for sea lions and bald eagles drawn by the abundance of salmon. Go ashore to explore pristine Chichagof Island and visit the small fishing community of Elfin Cove. Situated across from Glacier Bay National Park and with only 20 permanent residents, this hamlet comes alive in summer, attracting fishing enthusiasts.

Tracy Arm Fjord/
South Sawyer Glacier/
Endicott Arm Fjord/Dawes Glacier
Cruise between near vertical rock walls into the deep and narrow fjord of Tracy Arm, where waterfalls cascade from bluffs, forests fade to sheer rock and icebergs glint in the sunlight. At the remote end of Tracy Arm, listen to ice calving off the soaring South Sawyer Glacier. Venture to the edge of Dawes Glacier aboard smaller expedition vessels in the Endicott Arm Fjord.

Juneau
The Alaskan state capital, accessible only by air or sea, Juneau is where The Call of the Wild author Jack London set forth to join the Klondike Gold Rush in 1897.

**Vancouver • Victoria**

**Pre-Program Option**

Surrounded by water on three sides, Vancouver is the coastal jewel of the Pacific Northwest. British Columbia’s largest city, Vancouver’s vibrant cosmopolitan atmosphere—rich in art and culture gleaned from the indigenous people of the Pacific Northwest and Alaska—forms a spectacular city. Visit Vancouver Island and famous Butchart Gardens. Tour elegant Victoria, a former British Empire port that still retains a charming English accent as well as wonderfully restored 19th-century architecture. In Vancouver, see historic Chinatown, famous Stanley Park and the 19th-century Gastown District, and explore the Public Market and artisans’ studios at Granville Island. Accommodations for two nights are in the deluxe Westin Bayshore Vancouver.

The Pre-Program Option is available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Discover Vancouver’s fascinating cultural diversity in the foothills of the North Shore Mountains.
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**Five-Star, State-of-the-Art Small Ship**
Join us aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star Le Soléal, 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” distinction.

**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.

**Elegant Suites and Staterooms—95% Include Private Balconies**
Each of the 110 ocean-view Staterooms and Suites range from 200 to 484 square feet, and most have a private balcony. All Five-Star accommodations feature individual climate control, two twin beds or one queen bed and a private bathroom with shower and luxury hotel-style amenities, including flat-screen television, a safe, a 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 can accommodate all passengers comfortably. Enjoy two lounges, a theater, library, Sun Deck with open-air bar, swimming pool, beauty salon, spa, Turkish bath-style steam room and fitness room. The ship has three elevators.

**World-Class Service**
The highly trained, English-speaking crew is personable and attentive, and the ship has a medical center staffed with a doctor and nurse.
Included Features

On Board the Exclusively Chartered Small Ship LE SOLEAL

◆ Eight-day voyage from Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, to Juneau, Alaska, U.S., through the magnificent Inside Passage.
◆ 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 access (conditions permitting).
◆ Six days cruising the protected British Columbian Inside Passage, one of the most spectacular coastal waterways in the world.
◆ Onboard naturalist guides to help identify the natural wonders and incredible wildlife of the Inside Passage.
◆ Cruise through dramatic Misty Fjords National Monument (weather and sea conditions permitting).
◆ Visit to Potlatch Totem Park in Ketchikan to experience indigenous Alaskan Tlingit culture.
◆ Naturalist-guided small boat excursion into LeConte Bay for a spectacular cruise among icebergs.
◆ Walking tour of the vibrant fishing village of Petersburg, Alaska’s “Little Norway,” including a visit to the Clausen Museum.
◆ Enjoy a specially arranged Norwegian folkloric presentation, accompanied by afternoon tea, at Petersburg’s historic Sons of Norway Hall.
◆ Visit to picturesque Sitka, once the “capital of Russian America,” to see St. Michael’s Cathedral and its priceless Russian Orthodox icons.
◆ Tour of the Alaska Raptor Center.
◆ Humpback whale watching near Point Adolphus.
◆ Visit to the remote fishing village of Elfin Cove on pristine Chichagof Island, with time at leisure.
◆ Scenic cruise into stunning Tracy Arm Fjord featuring the South Sawyer Glacier and an exploration boat excursion to Dawes Glacier.
◆ Harbor seal watching in Endicott Arm Fjord.

Always Included

◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ Experienced local guides for included excursions.
◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
◆ Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom and on excursions.
◆ Hospitality desk aboard ship.
◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
Denali National Park • Fairbanks
Post-Program Option

Join us on this exclusive, specially arranged and comprehensive postlude to discover more of Alaska’s natural wonders and its unfathomable scale.

Disembark in history-wrapped Juneau, the first town to be founded following Alaska’s purchase from Russia, and see the mighty Mendenhall Glacier, one of 38 glaciers leading to the Juneau Icefield. Fly to Anchorage for one night in a city successfully balancing the call of the wild with urban comforts.

Visit the headquarters of the famous Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race and travel from the frontier town of Talkeetna to Denali aboard a domed train offering stunning 360-degree views of Alaska’s vast and majestic landscape. Arrive at the pristine wilderness of Denali National Park, home to North America’s tallest peak at over 20,000 feet high. Spend two nights in a comfortable lodge just outside this splendid and unspoiled six-million-acre national park. Learn more about Denali’s ecosystem with your local guide assisting you in spotting and identifying the amazing wildlife—moose, bears, caribou, wolves, Dall sheep and raptors—in their protected natural habitat.

Spend two nights in fascinating Fairbanks, founded at the outbreak of gold rush fever, and visit the Museum of the North, the city’s crown jewel in style and substance. Cruise the fabled Chena and Tanana Rivers aboard a traditional sternwheeler and see the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, the largest and most expensive privately funded construction project ever undertaken.

The Post-Program Option is available at additional cost. Details will be provided in your reservation confirmation.

See Denali, formerly Mount McKinley, the centerpiece of its namesake national park, known for its undisturbed natural wilderness.
ALASKA’S GLACIERS AND THE INSIDE PASSAGE RESERVATION FORM

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Vancouver + Victoria Pre-Program Option and/or $200 per person
Denali National Park + Fairbanks Post-Program Option. By reserving and depositing
on this program, I/w 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 2020 Alaska’s Glaciers and the Inside Passage.

I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $____ to:

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All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer
by April 24, 2020.

DATUM: Le Soléal has been specially contracted for this program, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from
Taxes are an additional $420 per person and are subject to change.
Add $1000 for reservations made after December 20, 2019.
Singles are available in category 6 at $11195* and in category 4 at $13295* on or before December 20, 2019.

 preferred name (exactly as it appears on your passport) 

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

City State Zip Code

Telephone: (Home) (Mobile)

Email Address (Business)

I/We want you to book my/our air, at an additional cost to be advised,† from:

(fill in departure city)

Air from Juneau to Anchorage is an additional $325 per person and subject to change.

*Note: Airfare is subject to change and
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Be on deck to look for whales, bald eagles, bears, moose and sea lions while cruising the Inside Passage.