Circumnavigation of Iceland

Cruising aboard the
Exclusively Chartered, New Small Ship
Five-Star Le Bellot

June 21 to 29, 2020
Round-Trip Air Included from Select Cities
Dear Council Traveler,

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.

Join us for this unforgettable exploration through Iceland’s seemingly endless variations of magnificent scenery and fascinating cultural heritage. During our specially designed, seven-night circumnavigation of this Nordic island nation, experience close encounters with Iceland’s primal landscapes and unique wildlife at the best time of year, when the Midnight Sun of the summer solstice melds into lingering twilight. 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-trod 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 Grímsey 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. With a minimum group size, we expect to take Council travelers to Höfði in Reykjavík, where historic talks between Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev were held.

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.††

I took this tour in 2018 and it was one of my favorites! Other educational groups share this departure, so make your reservation now while space and Early Booking Savings are still available! Call (800) 942-5004 x 209 or x 217 (email: travel@wacphila.org).

Warm Regards,

Shoshana Altrichter, Vice President of Travel

Can’t travel at this time? Ask about the Council’s other programs with Gohagan & Company to the Arctic or the Adriatic Sea.

††Included Air and Low Air Add-Ons have limited availability and are not guaranteed.
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 impressive 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 a 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 and a 200-year-old rowboat still used to ferry sheep to the mainland. Enjoy sweeping fjord views and keep watch for whales, dolphins and seals.

Visit Iceland's smallest post office and savor coffee and cakes served by our hosts in their home, the picturesque 19th-century Viktoria House.

This afternoon, cruise up Ísafjarðardjúp, the dominant fjord of this remote 14-million-year-old region, framed by the dramatic rise of rugged mountains. Near the town of Ísafjörður, visit the open-air Ósvör Maritime Museum, where restored

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.

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.
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. 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 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 Bjölfur (Beowulf).

**Cruise Itinerary**

**AIR is Included**

from Boston, New York-JFK, Newark, Toronto and Washington-Dulles!!

Low Air Add-Ons are available from select cities.!!

Economy class, round-trip Reykjavik Included Air is available exclusively through Gohagan & Company. Gohagan & Company and the sponsoring association/organization have no control over availability or air schedule changes.

Walk for gregarious orcas in Iceland’s coastal waters.

Explore the sulfuric mudpots of Námaskarð, where the mineral-rich, desert-toned terrain appears almost Mars-like.
Tour Reykjavik 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 the imposing Eldfell volcano and tour the Eldheimar Museum, which chronicles its fateful activity of 1973 and the subsequent impact on the community.

This evening, cruise along the coast of Surtsey Island, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Created by 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 on board 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 Reykjavik and its surrounding natural wonders provide you with the 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, individual climate control and a private bathroom with shower and luxury hotel-style 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 is personable and attentive, and the ship has a medical center staffed with a doctor and a nurse.

‡‡Marine life viewing varies by location.

Exclusively chartered, New Five-Star MV Le Bellot
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, New Five-Star Small Ship LE BELLOT

- Seven-night cruise featuring a circumnavigation of Iceland round trip Reykjavík.
- 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 Reykjavík, 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 a herring salting demonstration.
- Crossing of the Arctic Circle (66°33' N) on Grímsey Island.
- Scenic excursions in northern Iceland to Goðafoss 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 home to 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.
**Taxes are an additional $455 per person and are subject to change.**

Singles are available in category 5 at $15295* and in category 2 at $17995* on or before January 17, 2020.

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**CIRCUMNAVIGATION of ICELAND RESERVATION FORM**

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**AIR/LAND/Cruise Tariff** excluding taxes*

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

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**Please make my/our reservation(s)** in category:

1st choice 2nd choice

- 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/our roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

**Please make my/our reservation(s):** Reykjavik and the Golden Circle Pre-Program Option

- Double at $1495 per person.
- Single at $2195 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

**Please make my/our air arrangements** *(choose one and fill in departure city):*

- Included economy-class flights from select cities listed above.
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**Signature as it appears on credit card**

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All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by March 18, 2020.
See puffins, nicknamed "little brothers of the north."

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