Circumnavigation of Iceland

Cruising aboard the Exclusively Chartered Small Ship Five-Star Le Champlain

July 24 to August 1, 2019
Round-Trip Air Included from Select Cities

University of Maryland Alumni Association
Dear Alumni and Friends:

Join us for this unforgettable exploration through the untamed beauty of Iceland—a land of fire and ice, where glittering glaciers cap active and dormant volcanoes; Viking ruins coexist with rugged coastline, geothermal baths, mud pools and powerful waterfalls and geysers; and long-lasting daylight melds into the lingering twilight.

During our specially designed, seven-night circumnavigation of this Nordic island nation, experience dynamic contrasts that exist nowhere else on Earth and encounter Iceland’s remarkable scenery at close range. Cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, newly launched, Five-Star Le Champlain, able to cruise into small ports inaccessible to larger vessels and to alter course as the wild terrain, ethereal waterways and ever-changing landscapes—formed by mighty natural forces at work—unfold before you.

Look for orcas, humpback whales and migratory birds, including puffins and guillemots; admire steaming geysers and pristine coastal beauty; and touch ice fragments calved from Breiðamerkurjökull, one of Europe’s largest glaciers. Visit Grímsey Island, crossing into the Arctic Circle, and cruise past Surtsey, one of Earth’s youngest and most fragile islands and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Explore the majestic, rocky vista of a former lava lake and marvel at dramatic Goðafoss, the “Waterfall of the Gods.” Discover centuries of mythic lore and epic sagas forged from the land, old and new, and discover the enduring spirit of generations of coastal Icelanders—a close-knit community of people whose resilient character, resourcefulness and love of nature have kept them thriving here for centuries.

Don’t miss this must-see destination and exciting adventure, featuring included round-trip air from Boston, Montreal, 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. Enjoy the enchanting splendor and inspiring power of nature in Iceland—make your reservation while space and Early Booking Savings are still available!

Sincerely,

Amy Eichhorst
Executive Director

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*Included airfare and Low Air Add-Ons have limited availability and are not guaranteed.*
U.S. Day 1
Depart the U.S.

Reykjavík, Iceland
Day 2
Arrive in Reykjavík, the world’s northernmost capital. See the idyllic recreational sports area of Laugardalur, where geothermal water keeps an Olympic-sized outdoor swimming pool open year round. Continue to the National Museum for a comprehensive overview of Iceland’s history, culture and heritage. Visit the Lutheran church, Hallgrímskirkja, whose iconic silhouette ascends above Reykjavík’s skyline and whose ridged structure mirrors natural rock formations found on Iceland’s coast.

Pass by the charming houses of central Reykjavík before boarding Le CHAMPLAIN. Please note that the ship’s cruising pattern and direction are dependent on weather conditions and are subject to change.

Vigur Island/Ísafjörður
Day 3
Enjoy the morning cruise to the awe-inspiring Westfjords. On verdant Vigur Island—home to one single farming family and thousands of puffins, Arctic terns, red-footed black guillemots and eider ducks—observe the birds in their natural habitat and see Iceland’s only windmill, built in 1840 to grind imported wheat from Denmark. Visit the country’s smallest post office and enjoy coffee and cakes served by our hosts in their home, the well-preserved, 19th-century Viktoria House.

This afternoon, cruise up the dominant fjord, Ísafjarðardjúp (“ice fjord deep”), of this remote 14-million-year-old region, framed by a dramatic rise of rugged mountains. Near the town of Ísafjörður, visit the open-air Ósvör Maritime Museum, where restored, traditional, 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 to learn more about this remote outpost’s fascinating maritime history. Attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception on board the ship this evening.

Siglufjörður/Arctic Circle/Grímsey Island
Day 4
Bustling Siglufjörður is a small fishing hub built from the success of the herring industry. Visit the award-winning Herring Era Museum and enjoy a lively, music-filled performance, then sample traditional local herring and Icelandic schnapps.

Return to the ship and cruise to Grímsey Island, which straddles the Arctic Circle. Visit Grímsey Church, built out of driftwood in 1867. Cross the Arctic Circle, the top of the world, where the island is treeless but lush with grasses and mosses. See thriving populations of puffins and auks—waterbirds similar to penguins, but with the distinctive ability to fly.

Photo this page: Divine Goðafoss punctuates northern Iceland’s craggy lava fields and rich green pastures. Cover photo: From the luminously blue Breiðamerkurjökull glacier, ice calves into the vast Jökulsárlón lagoon.

Explore Vigur Island, where Iceland’s only original windmill, built in 1840, surveys the serene sea.

See red-footed black guillemots resting on shore.
**Húsavík for Lake Mývatn**

Day 5

Explore northern Iceland’s extraordinary natural landscapes, stopping at Námaskarð, a field of boiling, sulfurous mud pots, and the pseudocraters at Skútustaðir, formed when hot lava flowed over the wetlands some 2300 years ago. Walk among the surreal lava formations of Dimmuborgir, the mythic source of Icelandic folklore, and drive along the shores of cerulean-blue Lake Mývatn, a birder’s paradise and a haven for many rare migratory birds and 14 species of Iceland’s bountiful wild ducks.

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

**Seyðisfjörður**

Day 6

Seyðisfjörður is a tranquil, 11-mile-long fjord that winds toward its eponymous town, where colorful, chalet-style houses shelter beneath Mounts Strandartindur and Bjólfur (Beowulf). Cascading from the heather-covered valley, the Fjarðará River runs through the center of town into the lagoon at the fjord’s head.

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 mechanics, communications and architectural innovations that characterize this island nation, and enjoy light refreshments.
Djúpivogur for Jökulsárlón
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 breathtaking icebergs of Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon, and actually touch the ice that has calved off the outlet tidewater glacier, Breiðamerkurjökull.

Heimaey, Westman Islands /
Cruise along Surtsey Island
Day 8
Arrive at Heimaey Island, part of the Vestmannaeyjar (Westman Islands) archipelago, where the tall cliffs are inhabited by puffins, fulmars, guillemots and other waterbirds.
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 lushly gullied Herjólfsdalur Valley; observe Heimaey’s largest puffin colony from the precipitous headland of Stórhöfði; and view a timbered stave church, modeled after the medieval Norse style, in scenic Skansinn.
See imposing Mount Eldfell, also known as “Fire Mountain,” where lava fields are still warm to the touch over 40 years after its last eruption, and tour the Eldheimar Museum, which chronicles the fateful volcanic activity of 1973 that created this incredible formation.
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 islands on Earth and one of the most fragile; scientists continue to carefully monitor and study the evolution of its flora and fauna. Be on the lookout for graceful orcas that frequent the region.
Join your traveling companions for the Captain’s Farewell Reception.

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

Reykjavík and the Golden Circle
Pre-Circumnavigation Option
The captivating city of Reykjavik and its surrounding natural wonders are the perfect introduction to Iceland. Visit the famous Blue Lagoon and rejuvenate in the warmth of its mineral-rich geothermal waters.
Tour the Golden Circle—the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Thingvellir National Park; the thundering Gullfoss waterfall; and Strokkur, a natural, erupting fountain geyser. See a breathtaking panorama from the Perlan Museum and explore the new exhibits, highlighting Iceland’s unique geology and culture. Accommodations are for two nights in the four-star Hotel Borg.

The Pre-Circumnavigation Option is available at additional cost. Details will be included with your reservation confirmation.
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Blue Eye – The World’s First Luxury Underwater Observatory!

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. Marine life viewing varies by location.

Luxury Small Ship, Innovative Design
Le Champlain, launched in 2018, ushers in 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 and where authentic cultural experiences and majestic scenery await you.

Respect for the Environment
The newest addition to the Ponant “clean ship” fleet, a prestigious certification among ocean-cruising vessels, Le Champlain is energy efficient and eco-friendly, protecting fragile marine ecosystems while providing a safe and comfortable voyage.

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.

92 Elegant Suites and Staterooms, 100% with Private Balconies
Each Five-Star Stateroom and Suite (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.

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. There is a beauty salon, fitness room and three elevators. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available throughout the ship.

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.
Included Features

◆ Round-trip air is included from Boston, Montreal, New York-JFK, Newark, Toronto and Washington-Dulles.4
◆ 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.4

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

◆ Seven-night cruise featuring the 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 throughout the ship.
◆ Blue Eye—the world’s first luxury, multisensory, underwater observatory.
◆ Opportunities for the ship to alter course as natural wonders unfold before your eyes.
◆ City tour of Reykjavík, featuring the National Museum.
◆ Visit to Vigur Island to observe the natural habitat of thousands of puffins, Arctic terns and eider ducks.
◆ Tour of charming Ísafjörður, one of Iceland’s oldest fishing stations, featuring the Westfjords Heritage Museum and Ósvör Maritime Museum.
◆ Visit to Sighlufjörður, including the award-winning Herring Era Museum, featuring lively music demonstrations and a sampling of Icelandic delicacies, including herring and schnapps.
◆ Crossing of the Arctic Circle (66°33’ N) on Grímsey Island.
◆ Scenic excursion to Godafoss Waterfall, Lake Mývatn, Dimmuborgir, Skútustaðir and the geothermal field of Námaskarð.
◆ Visit to Seyðisfjörður, including a performance at the Blue Church and a visit to the Technical Museum.
◆ Full-day excursion along Iceland’s east coast from Djúpivogur to the Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, highlighted by a private cruise among Jökulsárlón’s many spectacular icebergs.
◆ Visit to Heimaey Island for a tour of the Eldheimar Museum, and to see “Fire Mountain’s” lava fields and Herjólfsdalur Valley’s ancient Viking ruins and lava fields.
◆ Cruise along the coast of Surtsey Island, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

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 $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.

± Included airfare and Low Air Add-Ons have limited availability and are not guaranteed.
A land of unparalleled geological riches, Iceland is comprised of 4500 square miles of glaciers, 15 active volcanoes, 10,000 waterfalls and 800 hot springs. 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 as we know it continues to evolve, yet many of its landscapes remain nearly unchanged since the first Viking settlers saw them more than 1100 years ago.

During your circumnavigation, see volcanic craters and fissures; watch as bubbling hot springs send steam into the air against a backdrop of Mars-like terrain; encounter snowcapped mountains and black lava desert; and come upon pristine waterfalls, sparkling glaciers and volcanoes capped with ice. Along the coast, Iceland’s characteristic fjords—deep inlets cut into the coastline—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 the Earth’s history and progress, Iceland is a raw, primordial landscape hewn by the forces of fire and ice.
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CIRCUMNAVIGATION of ICELAND RESERVATION FORM

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Attn: Angela Dimopoulos
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Early Booking Tariff* through Nov. 30, 2018
Tariff* after Nov. 30, 2018

Stateroom
Category

Per person, based on double occupancy

8
Picture window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. Deck 3, forward. (limited availability)
$6495
$7495

7
Picture window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. Deck 3, midship.
$7495
$8495

6
Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 4, forward.
$8195
$9195

5
Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 4, midship.
$8895
$9895

4
Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony. Decks 5 and 6, aft. (limited availability)
$9395
$10395

3
Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 5, forward. (limited availability)
$9895
$10895

2
Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 5, midship.
$10295
$11295

1
Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 6, midship.
$10795
$11795

Deluxe
Suite

Suite with expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, sitting area with sofa. Decks 3, 4, 5 and 6. (limited availability)
$12195
$13195

Prestige
Suite

Two rooms, expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. Deck 5. (limited availability)
$13195
$14195

Prestige
Suite

Large Suite with expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, sitting area with sofa. Decks 5 and 6. (limited availability)
$13495
$14495

Grand Deluxe
Suite

Large two-room Suite, expansive sliding glass door, spacious private terrace, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional private powder room, sitting area with sofa. Decks 5 and 6. (limited availability)
$14695
$15695

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 private powder room, sitting area with sofa. Deck 6. (limited availability)
$14995
$15995

Note: Included airfare, Low Air Add-Ons from select cities listed above.†

Singles are available in category 5 at $15595* and in category 2 at $17995* on or before November 30, 2018.
Add $1000 for reservations made after November 30, 2018.

* Taxis are an additional $455 per person and are subject to change.
† Le Champlain has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from
Gehagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

AIR/LAND/CRUISE TARIFF

Please make my/our reservation(s) in Stateroom Category:
1st choice ______ 2nd choice ______

Please make my/our reservation(s) at another departure city at additional cost to be advised.±

Please make my/our reservation(s):

Rikjavik and the Golden Circle Pre-Circumnavigation Option
Double at $1495 per person.
Single at $2195 per person.
I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations at additional cost to be advised.±

Please make my/our air arrangements:

I will make my/our own air arrangements.

Please make my/our reservation(s):

Please contact me/us regarding an upgrade at additional cost to be advised.±

Note: Included airfare, Low Air Add-Ons and/or airfare are subject to change.
See Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement.

Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person and $200 per person.

Le Champlain and the Golden Circle Pre-Circumnavigation Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, I/we agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

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

Visa  MasterCard

Cabin Number: Exp. Date

Signature as it appears on credit card

All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by April 19, 2019.

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