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**

- Shore excursion to remote Samarain 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 Raudfjorden.
- Excursion to historic Smeerenburg, “blubber town,” a former whaling station to observe walruses resting on the shore.
- Walking tour of Ny-Alesund, a research town and one of the world’s northernmost year-round communities.
- Zodiac cruise of spectacular Kongfjorden, a fertile environment for birds and bearded seals, to stunning King’s Glacier.
- Souvenir polar-grade red parka.

**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-striped cliffs.

**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.

**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**

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