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EXpedition to
Antarctica

aboard the Exclusively Chartered Small Ship
Five-Star L’Austral

January 11 to 24, 2022

BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE!
No land/cruise cancellation fees for new bookings until 61 days prior to trip departure.
“Everything wears an aspect of unreality,” Ernest Shackleton wrote, “icebergs hang upside
down in the sky; the land appears as layers of silvery or golden cloud. Cloud-banks look like
land, icebergs masquerade as islands...” Be among the fortunate few to set foot on the
continent of Antarctica. During this extraordinary 14-day journey to the bottom of the
world, retrace sea lanes navigated by storied explorers Shackleton, Roald Amundsen and
Robert Falcon Scott, inspired to seek out “The White Continent.” See how spectacular
illuminations of this last frontier reveal the majesty and contrasts of its unique wilderness.
Watch as normal human scales and reference points disappear amidst the grandeur of
nature in its most pristine form, from extended sunrises that paint the icescape in soft
shades of pink to the lingering golden light of the austral summer, where humpback
whales, leopard seals and Adélie penguins swim among turquoise glaciers and
glimmering icebergs.

Cruise for nine nights aboard the exclusively chartered L’Austral—both Five-Star and
ice-class rated—and one of the ships within of the finest fleet plying Antarctic waters. All
accommodations afford ocean views and 95 percent feature private balconies. L’Austral’s
state-of-the-art technology and design set high standards in environmental protection and
comfort.

Your onboard team of naturalists will guide excursions aboard sturdy Zodiac craft as you
explore amid floating ice sculptures, intricate ecosystems and abundant wildlife species
that have adapted to the harshest weather conditions on Earth—including penguins and
seals that exhibit little or no fear of humans. A comprehensive schedule of exclusive and
specially arranged lectures will complete your optimal Antarctic adventure.

We invite you on this expedition of a lifetime—a once-in-a-lifetime Antarctica experience.
All excursions are included and complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are
served on board. This exceptional program provides the best Antarctic cruise value and
sells out quickly, so make your reservation today.

The safety and well-being of our travelers remains our highest priority. Cruise lines and some other providers of services (as well
as, potentially some countries) require all passengers traveling on our programs to present confirmation of a full COVID-19
vaccination, and, as well, passengers may have to produce evidence of a recent negative COVID test. All our staff are committed
to adhering to all health and safety protocols from the start of your trip to the end as directed by the United States Centers
for Disease Control and Prevention, overseas health officials as well as those protocols mandated by your cruise company (if
applicable) and other suppliers of services. Detailed protocol information tailored to your travel program will be mailed to you
along with additional pre-departure information.
Wildlife Conservation

The unique international Antarctic Treaty protects the wildlife and natural habitats of Antarctica and provides a guide for visitors to this great continent where no country has sovereignty. To protect the fragile Antarctic environment, all visitors will go ashore in small groups, so as not to crowd rookeries, disturb nesting sites or disrupt research. Visitors will be asked not to leave a trace of their presence, by not removing or leaving anything ashore.

U.S.
Tuesday, January 11
Depart the U.S.

Buenos Aires, Argentina
Wednesday, January 12
Arrive in cosmopolitan Buenos Aires and check into the Five-Star INTERCONTINENTAL BUENOS AIRES HOTEL, ideally located within walking distance of the Presidential Palace (Casa Rosada) and the fin-de-siècle Avenida de Mayo. This evening, attend the Welcome Reception.

Buenos Aires
Thursday, January 13
Birthplace of the tango, Buenos Aires is a city of diverse and dynamic barrios (neighborhoods). See the erstwhile Italian district of La Boca, Monserrat’s grand public buildings, historical Plaza de Mayo, Palermo’s lavish parks, Puerto Madero’s fashionable riverfront community and the authentic old quarter of San Telmo.

Discover the elaborate vaults and majestic mausoleums of Recoleta Cemetery, the final resting place of Argentina’s iconic former First Lady, Eva Perón.

Buenos Aires/Ushuaia
Friday, January 14
Fly to Ushuaia, the world’s southernmost city and the gateway to Antarctica. Embark L’ AUSTRAL this afternoon and cruise through storied Beagle Channel, named for the research vessel in which Charles Darwin surveyed the coast of South America from 1861 to 1865. Attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception this evening.

Cruising the Drake Passage
Saturday, January 15 and Sunday, January 16
Cross the legendary Drake Passage and watch for wandering albatrosses, diving petrels and breaching fins of humpback whales feeding from nutrient-rich waters formed by the Antarctic Convergence. Your expedition team of naturalists will present insightful lectures, preparing you for your first landing in Antarctica. During the evening, enjoy the lingering twilight of the Antarctic summer.

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

Cover photo: Expert-led Zodiac excursions offer up-close viewing of craggy crescent peaks, intricate ice floes and distinctive wildlife that thrives in the extreme conditions of this remote Antarctic landscape.

Photo this page: Enjoy the calm waters and surreal beauty of captivating glacier-lined Lemaire Channel, first traversed in 1898 by Belgian explorer Adrien de Gerlache.
Cruising Antarctica
Monday, January 17 to Friday, January 21
Cruise below the 60th parallel south to the outer shores and islands of the Antarctic Peninsula, Earth’s last frontier. Here, explore some of the world’s most pristine wilderness, where towering mountains of ice and volcanic rock create precipitous coastlines and islands, and ever changing patterns of ice stretch toward the boundless blue horizon. In this seemingly harsh environment, a vast array of marine life flourishes, including millions of penguins, countless seabirds and thousands of seals and whales. An otherworldly topography of volcanoes and glaciers, populated with riveting wildlife and historic outposts unfolds, completely immersing you in the irresistible nuances of Earth’s most inaccessible continent for the complete Antarctic experience.

Journey through breathtaking, glacier-lined Neumayer Channel to rugged Goudier Island. Visit historic Port Lockroy, an intelligence post for British espionage during World War II converted to a scientific base in the 1950s. Nestled among serene mountain peaks as high as 6,000 feet, the surrounding grounds and islands are populated by blue-eyed shags and gentoo penguins. At the living museum known as “Base A,” gain insight into daily life at the former research station and mail a postcard with an Antarctica postmark from the official British Post Office.

Rocky Jouglia Point on Wiencke Island offers a rare opportunity to view the skeletal remains of an adult blue whale and to see populous colonies of gentoo penguins and kelp gulls that inhabit the entire region.

Call at Petermann Island, the southernmost point of your journey, where you can observe thriving rookeries of Adélie and gentoo penguins, blue-eyed seals, leopard seals and humpback whales. Flanked by sheer glacial cliffs between the Antarctic Peninsula and Booth Island, pass through the translucent waters of the seven-mile-long Lemaire Channel, known as the “Kodak Gap” for its breathtaking mountain scenery. Listen for the low rumbling of Rudolf Glacier as it calves colossal icebergs into Neko Harbor, named for an early-20th-century Scottish whaling boat. Surrounded by soaring glaciers and snow-covered mountains, this spectacular harbor is one of the most dramatic sights on your expedition. Here, make your continental landing in Antarctica.

In Paradise Harbor, crystal cliffs of ice descend from glaciated mountains into iceberg-laden waters along the Antarctic Peninsula’s western coast. Named by 19th-century whalers who sought shelter in its coves, it provides an ideal sanctuary for marine wildlife including humpback whales, crabeater seals and Cape petrels.

In contrast to sociable Adélie penguins, who congregate in large colonies, the bold, powerful and curious leopard seal cherishes solitude and independence for hunting and hiding.
The rim of a dormant volcano crater, Deception Island encircles the Port Foster caldera. The ship enters through Neptune’s Bellows, a sublime harbor ringed by snowcapped peaks and sheer cliffs. In Pendulum Cove, see steaming, geothermally heated shallows. Observe the astounding colony of over 100,000 pairs of chinstrap penguins at Baily Head. Walk along the black-sand beaches of Telefón Bay to nearby craters for firsthand insight into the pivotal volcanic activity that created the island and shaped the natural history of the region.

One of the smallest but most alluring of the South Shetland Islands, crescent-shaped Half Moon Island is known for its craggy volcanic rock formations and tranquil lagoons. It is also the site of Cámara Station, a base monitored by Argentine biologists studying regional wildlife. Observe the island’s colony of chinstrap penguins. Attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception Saturday evening.

Cruising the Antarctic Passage/Beagle Channel/Ushuaia, Argentina Saturday, January 22
Head back across the Antarctic Convergence and cross the Drake Passage. The crossing is completed with the rounding of Cape Horn, the graveyard of sailors and hundreds of ships that once battled the westerly winds. At Cape Horn, the ship will go east before turning north once more towards Beagle Channel back to Ushuaia.

Watch chinstrap penguins, eponymously named for the black band that circles their heads, as they gather in large breeding colonies for unparalleled up-close viewing.

Ushuaia/Buenos Aires Sunday, January 23
Disembark in Ushuaia and fly to Buenos Aires. Continue on the Iguazú Falls Post-Program Option or depart for the U.S.

U.S. Monday, January 24
Arrive in the U.S.

Iguazú Falls Post-Program Option*

The UNESCO World Heritage site of Iguazú Falls is among the world’s most spectacular natural wonders, situated in one of South America’s last remaining virgin rainforests. Spanning nearly two miles along the Argentinian border of Brazil, with more than 275 waterfalls cascading from heights of 270 feet, Iguazú Falls is three times as wide and nearly twice as high as Niagara Falls. Visit Parque das Aves jungle reserve, a nature lover’s paradise, home to more than 350 species of birds, 66 varieties of mammals and an outstanding array of reptiles, fish, butterflies and flora. This exclusive, three-night Post-Program Option features one night in the Five-Star InterContinental Buenos Aires Hotel and two nights in the Five-Star Meliá Iguazú Falls. Buenos Aires/Iguazú round-trip airfare is included.

*The Post-Program Option is available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
EXCLUSIVELY CHARTERED, FIVE-STAR MS L'AUSTRAUL

Five-Star, State-of-the-Art Small Ship
Join us aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star L’Austral, 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” certification.

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 full breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner as 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 Five-Star Staterooms and Suites (up to 484 square feet), features an ocean view, and most have a private balcony. All accommodations feature individual climate control, two twin beds or one queen bed, a private bathroom with shower and luxury hotel-style hotel amenities, including a flat-screen television, a safe, a full-length closet, plush robes and slippers.

Life on Board
In addition to educational and cultural presentations, panoramic views, evening entertainment or peaceful retreat, the ship's spacious public areas comfortably accommodate all passengers. Enjoy the theater, two lounges, the Sun Deck with open-air bar, the library, the beauty salon, the spa, the Turkish bath-style steam room and the fitness room. The ship has three elevators and 10 Zodiacs.

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.
Included Features

In Buenos Aires, Argentina
♦ Two nights in the Five-Star INTERCONTINENTAL BUENOS AIRES HOTEL.
♦ Breakfast each morning.
♦ Welcome Reception.
♦ Panoramic city tour featuring the eclectic neighborhoods of Palermo, Monserrat, La Boca, Puerto Madero and San Telmo.
♦ Visit to historical Recoleta Cemetery, one of the world’s most beautiful necropoles.

On Board the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star, Ice-Class L’AUSTRAL
♦ Nine nights round trip Ushuaia, Argentina, cruising to Antarctica’s Goudier Island, Port Lockroy, Wiencke Island, Petermann Island, Lemaire Channel, Neko Harbor, Paradise Harbor, Deception Island and Half Moon Island; (weather, ice and ocean conditions permitting).
♦ Elegantly appointed, Five-Star, ocean-view Suite or Stateroom.
♦ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
♦ Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages throughout the cruise.
♦ All meals aboard ship.
♦ Complimentary Wi-Fi access (conditions permitting).
♦ Onboard expedition team of seasoned naturalists who provide a series of lectures on local wildlife and landscapes.
♦ Exploration by Zodiac landing craft, accompanied by an expedition team naturalist.
♦ Shore excursions to explore Antarctica’s captivating mystique and observe wildlife habitats, including prodigious penguin rookeries.
♦ Souvenir polar-grade red parka.
♦ Complimentary use of knee-high, thermally insulated boots.

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 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.

Note: Internal program air (round trip Buenos Aires/Ushuaia) is required and is purchased individually at an additional cost.
Your Expedition Team

Seasoned naturalists, who have traveled extensively in Antarctica and the most remote regions of the world, accompany you on board and on excursions as your Antarctic Expedition Team. Their areas of expertise span marine biology, ornithology, ecology, geology, glaciology, conservation and environmental education, history and photography. These collective experiences, along with a specialized interest in the world’s ecosystems, make them exceptionally well-suited to lead your Expedition to Antarctica. They will be by your side throughout the journey to answer questions and share their knowledge about this majestic part of the world.

The intrepid deeds of Europeans Roald Amundsen, Robert Falcon Scott and Ernest Shackleton; Americans Admiral Richard Evelyn Byrd and Lincoln Ellsworth; and Canadian Sir Charles Seymour Wright ushered in the Heroic Age of Antarctic Exploration with gripping personal tales of their journeys to the bottom of the world. These legendary explorers and aviators spearheaded technological advances that laid the foundations for the mechanical age of discovery. Byrd accomplished the first flight over the South Pole during the U.S. expedition of 1928-30 utilizing groundbreaking navigational technology. Byrd’s three subsequent expeditions to Antarctica would prove historic milestones in scientific polar research and mapping of the continent that remains largely uninhabited today. Expeditions to the end of the Earth continue to possess the same anticipation and mystique as they did more than a century ago.
**LAND/Cruise Tariff including taxes**

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Single supplements apply across all categories at 160% of the per person double price.*

Round-trip airfare Buenos Aires/Ushuaia (internal program air) is $395 per person additional and subject to change.

*Taxes are an additional $560 per person and are subject to change.

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**Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person:**

- Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $ as deposit.
- Make check(s) payable to Gohagan & Company.
- I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $ to:
  - American Express
  - Discover
  - MasterCard
  - Visa
- I/We request that you contact me/us via telephone or email for deposit via ACH or wire transfer.

**Other Information:**

- Please make my/our reservation(s): Category: 1st Choice 2nd Choice
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**Final Payment Due November 12, 2021:**

- Make check, ACH, wire transfer or credit card.
- Reservations made after November 12, 2021 require payment in full at time of booking.
- No land/cruise cancellation fees until 61 days prior to January 11, 2022!
airfare and associated local taxes, airport facility and security taxes and federal inspection fees. Sightseeing excursions; baggage charges on aircraft; local departure air/airport tax(es); trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; gratuities to ship and hotel personnel; optional and associated fees; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls and Internet access. These costs are not included in the category for those listed in this brochure.

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