Bucknell University Alumni Association

Iceland to Greenland
Voyage to the Arctic Circle

cruising aboard the
Five-Star M.S. L’Austral

August 2 to 14, 2014
Dear Bucknellian:

Travel with us to the very edge of civilization—Iceland and Greenland—where night and day meld under the midnight sun. Here, rugged, beautiful and ever-changing landscapes serve as a testament to the powerful forces that shape our planet and impact its climate. Discover lands with deep links to their ancient cultures, yet poised to make the most of modern innovations—simply unlike any other place on earth.

Retrace the sea lanes traveled by Viking and Norse explorers on this extraordinary Five-Star, ice-class, small-ship cruise aboard the finest vessel plying Arctic waters, the state-of-the-art M.S. L'Austral, featuring private balconies in 95 percent of all outside Staterooms.

Accompanying you on the cruise to enhance your Arctic experience is Harvard Study Leader Dr. James J. McCarthy, Agassiz Professor of Oceanography at Harvard, and Smithsonian Study Leader Dr. James R. Zimbelman, geologist with the Center for Earth and Planetary Studies, who will provide a series of lectures. In addition, an expedition team of expert naturalists will guide you on excursions aboard sturdy Zodiac craft to explore the intricate ecosystems and marvelous nuances of wildlife found ashore.

Join this rare opportunity to cruise from Reykjavik, Iceland, along Greenland's culturally rich western coast and into its breathtaking fjords. See extraordinary terrain, remote areas and small ports inaccessible to larger vessels and rarely visited by even the most experienced travelers. See the world-renowned geological marvels of Iceland's “Golden Circle.” Encounter Greenland's wondrous glaciers and icebergs at close range. Discover a nature-lover's paradise, home to colonies of sea birds, pods of whales that feed along the dramatic coastline of the world's largest island and magnificent Arctic scenery. Learn more about the first Norse settlers and their distinct traditions and great medieval sagas, along with native Inuit life as it has existed for centuries. Cross into the Arctic Circle, where this paradoxical frontier averages a surprising 60° Fahrenheit in the summer, perfect for exploring the seldom-seen top of the world.

This once-in-a-lifetime, comprehensive program is an excellent value featuring Five-Star ship accommodations with meals, an excursion in each port of call and naturalist-guided excursions along the rugged Greenland coastline by Zodiac landing craft, weather permitting. I urge you to place your reservation now, while Early Booking Savings and space are available, as this program sold out quickly in 2013.

'Ray Bucknell,

Katie Malague ‘94
President
Bucknell University Alumni Association
Despite Greenland's remote and harsh geography, there has been continuous life on the fringes of the polar ice cap since migrating clans crossed the Davis Strait from the American continent more than 5000 years ago.

Norse colonies established the first European links in A.D. 985 until disappearing in the 15th century. A flourishing whaling industry in the 16th century brought frequent mariners to the shores of Greenland, and a permanent link was established by the settlement of the Danish-Norwegian priest Hans Egede in 1721, forming the basis of Danish sovereignty for almost 300 years. The encroaching ice cap limited hospitable living conditions inland, but communities for commercial fishing sprang up along the coasts. In 1951, an American military base was established at Thule to help protect Greenland following the German occupation of Denmark during World War II. Today, Greenland's inhabitants are mostly a hardy mix of Inuits who lead a subsistence lifestyle and scientists conducting major research on the flow of seawater through the world's oceans and its dramatic effects on climate.

**U.S.**  
Saturday, August 2  
Depart from the U.S.

**Reykjavik, Iceland**  
Sunday, August 3  
This morning, arrive in Reykjavik, the world's northernmost capital, inhabited by one-half of the country's total population of 300,000. After breakfast, see the Olympic-sized geothermal pool and, on a guided tour of the National Museum, learn more about Iceland's cultural heritage from its pioneering settlement in A.D. 874 to the present. Continue to the charming old city before transferring to the M.S. L'Austral.

**Reykjavik**  
Monday, August 4  
Visit the three most remarkable landmarks of south Iceland's "Golden Circle." Thingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is where settlers founded arguably the world's oldest parliament in A.D. 930. Then, observe the sheer force of Gullfoss, "the Golden Falls," and listen to the din of the magnificent 105-foot double cascade of crystal-clear glacial waters. Stroll through the dramatic rift valley where the Eurasian and North American continental plates are pulling apart and view the vast lava plain blooming with flowers. Visit the famous geothermal waterspouts of Geysir and neighboring Strokkur, which erupts every few minutes.

Photo this page: *Experience the grandeur of the Arctic's glaciers up-close aboard Zodiac excursion vessels.*

Cover photo: *The colorful houses of Ilulissat, the "Town of Icebergs," overlook the mouth of its eponymous icefjord, a UNESCO World Heritage site.*
Stop at the Hellisheiði Geothermal Power Plant to learn more about this natural resource providing low-cost heat and hot water. Attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception this evening.

Cruising the Denmark Strait
Tuesday, August 5
Sail across the Denmark Strait, where the cold East Greenland Current carries icebergs out of the Arctic into the Atlantic Ocean, lowering the salinity of the water to sustain important fishing grounds. Watch for white-beaked dolphins, humpback and minke whales and a fascinating array of sea birds from gannets, guillemots and fulmars to kittiwakes and razorbills. Throughout the cruise, your onboard expedition team will present insightful lectures about Greenland’s heritage, wildlife and geography.

Cruising Greenland
Wednesday, August 6, to Tuesday, August 12
Mysterious Greenland, the world’s largest island and one of the world’s last true wildernesses, is nearly covered by an ice cap that holds 10 percent of the world’s fresh water reserves. Crystal-blue glaciers wind down from the craggy slopes into the stunning ice-filled bays. The many forms of the giant tabular icebergs become living art, dazzling in the light and mysterious in the fog. Western Greenland features some of the most pristine and gorgeous scenery on Earth, and its dramatic fjords and soaring peaks have been described as a dream landscape. It was here that the Inuit people, nomadic hunters of Siberian descent who settled here 5000 years ago, scraped out an existence for themselves on the wild lands between the sea and the glaciers. The Inuits still form the largest part of Greenland’s population and live a very traditional way of life, including fishing by kayak and hunting by dogsled.

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

Cruise the waters of Cape Farewell, the southernmost extent of Greenland, flanked by the North Atlantic Ocean and the Labrador Sea. Viking explorers and Norse fisherman pursuing a better quality of life plied these waters centuries ago. Early Icelandic sagas describe how Vikings Leif Erikson, son of Erik the Red, and Bjarni Herjólfssson sailed west intending to reach Greenland but were blown off course at Cape Farewell and accidentally discovered what is now Newfoundland.

Cruise through breathtaking Prins Christian Sund. Accessible only by small ship, this 55-mile passage from east to west offers a chance to see large tabular icebergs, gulls, auks, seals, and possibly humpback whales. On this leg of the voyage, you will also have the opportunity to visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Thingvellir National Park, where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet.
west is a wondrous landscape of steep fjords, gleaming glaciers and cascading waterfalls. Explore the western coast of Greenland and its seemingly endless inlets and ice floes and watch for its unique marine wildlife.

Stop in the old Norse settlement of Narsaq. Then visit Nuuk, Greenland’s capital and one of the largest towns in the Arctic region with a population of 13,500. Located at the mouth of one of the largest fjords in the world and accessible only by sea or air, Nuuk has been populated since it was settled at the end of the 10th century by Erik the Red, the exiled Norse Chief. It was inhabited by the Norse for nearly 500 years until their settlements gradually disappeared, perhaps due to decreasing trade opportunities, temperatures and soil quality. Tour the National Museum, showcasing the lives of Inuit hunters and fishermen, and visit the old colonial town center.

Gain insight into the lives of French Polar Expeditions’ anthropological and geographic explorers of the 1950s at the Paul Emile Victor Base, Eqi Glacier. Admire the 300-foot-high glacier, which flows directly into the cold Arctic waters. On a mild hike above the bay, enjoy a panoramic view of one of the Arctic’s most spectacular sites, looking out toward Eqi Glacier and the immense polar ice cap. Here, the silence is broken only by the roaring and cracking of the ice as it moves.

Board small boats for an unforgettable coastal tour of Ilulissat. Enjoy the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to navigate around the towering icebergs that have calved from the glacier in the Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO World Heritage site that stretches from the Greenland ice sheet to Disko Bay. You can take an optional excursion on a helicopter to see the icefjord and ice cap from a spectacular aerial perspective.

Join your traveling companions for the Captain’s Farewell Reception.

Kangerlussuaq/
Reykjavik, Iceland
Wednesday, August 13
Disembark in Kangerlussuaq, a former American Air Force base during the Cold War, before flying to Reykjavik to overnight in a four-star hotel.

Reykjavik/Depart for U.S.
Thursday, August 14
Following breakfast in the hotel, transfer to the airport and return to the U.S.

Enjoy this rare opportunity to watch for humpback whales, one of the elusive gentle giants of the Arctic.
State-of-the-Art Design
The highly acclaimed m.s. L'Austral, launched in 2011, represents the newest generation of Five-Star small ships, featuring only 120 Suites and Staterooms and distinctive French sophistication.

Spacious 100% Ocean-View Suites and Staterooms, 95% with Private Balconies
Each large, air-conditioned deluxe Stateroom and Suite (200 to 484 square feet) features a private bathroom with shower and luxurious Five-Star hotel amenities. Most accommodations have two twin beds that convert to one queen bed, individual climate control, satellite flat-screen television, wireless Internet access, safe, minibar, full-length closet, writing desk/dressing table, plush robes and slippers.

Chic and Casual Dining
International and regional cuisine are served in the stylish, spacious Le Coromandel dining room in single, unassigned seatings; alfresco in the casual indoor-outdoor Le Rodrigues Restaurant; or from 24-hour room service. Continental and buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and a four-course dinner are served daily. Complimentary wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner.

Spacious Public Areas/
World-Class Service and Facilities
Inviting and spacious public areas accommodate all passengers comfortably. Enjoy views from the Panoramic Lounge, nightly entertainment in the Main Lounge, and lectures, cultural performances and film screenings in the state-of-the-art theater. There is a library, Internet salon, Sun Deck, swimming pool, beauty salon, spa, Turkish bath-style steam room, full range of fitness equipment and two elevators. The infirmary is staffed with a doctor and nurse. The highly trained and personable, English-speaking, international crew provides attentive service.

Respect for the Environment
The state-of-the-art propulsion system and custom-built stabilizers provide an exceptionally smooth, quiet and comfortable voyage by minimizing vibration and engine noise. By design, the ship is energy efficient and environmentally protective of marine ecosystems and has been awarded the prestigious “Clean Ship” rating, an extreme rarity among ocean-cruising vessels. The ship has 10 Zodiacs.
Included Features

Exclusive series of educational lectures.

On board the Five-Star m.s. L’AUSTRAL
◆ Ten-night cruise from Reykjavik, Iceland, to Kangerlussuaq, Greenland, with port calls at Narsaq, Nuuk, Eqi Glacier and Ilulissat, Greenland, and excursions by Zodiac landing craft, weather and ice conditions permitting.
◆ Spacious, Five-Star, ocean-view Suite and Stateroom accommodations, each with a private bathroom.
◆ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
◆ Private reception.
◆ All meals—continental breakfast, buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and dinner—throughout the cruise, featuring fine international and regional cuisine, served at single, unassigned seatings.
◆ Complimentary wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner.
◆ Tour of Reykjavik, Iceland, featuring the National Museum and the old city.
◆ Excursion to Thingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site, to view the rift valley, stunning Gullfoss waterfall and the spouting geysers of Strokkur and Geysir.
◆ Scenic cruise through magnificent Prins Christian Sund.
◆ Visit to Narsaq, founded in A.D. 985 by the Vikings and steeped in Inuit and Norse history.
◆ Visit to Nuuk, “the Cape,” located at the mouth of the spectacular Godthaab Fjord.
◆ Rare opportunity to cross the Arctic Circle and cruise beyond the 66°33’N latitude.
◆ Marvel at the ice calving from glaciers at Eqi.
◆ Visit to Ilulissat, “Town of Icebergs” and home to the UNESCO World Heritage site Ilulissat Icefjord.
◆ Cruise in striking Disko Bay, to see towering icebergs and look for minke and fin whales.
◆ Visit to Kangerlussuaq, “the Big Fjord,” Greenland’s air hub and a former U.S. military base.

In Reykjavik
◆ One night in a centrally located, four-star hotel.
◆ Two breakfasts.

Enhanced Travel Services
◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with expedition team and experienced local guides.
◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
◆ Optional excursions are available at additional cost.
◆ Hospitality desk in the hotel and aboard ship.
◆ The services of an experienced team of Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the program.
◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
Geysers amid Iceland’s vast lava fields spout scalding water and steam hundreds of feet into the air.

Iceland Pre-Program Option

Iceland is an island of unparalleled geological riches and home to some of the most diverse phenomena on Earth—4500 square miles of glaciers, 30 active volcanoes, 10,000 waterfalls, 800 hot springs. Born by the monumental forces unleashed in the movement of the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates, and at the same time carved out by majestic, slow-moving glaciers, the land is a combination of intense energy and total calm. The country of Iceland as we know it continues to take shape, yet parts have hardly changed since the first Viking settlers saw it more than 1100 years ago.

The Reykjavik area coastline is characterized by rugged peninsulas, coves, straits and islands, but the world’s northernmost capital of a sovereign state, said to have been established around A.D. 870, is a technologically advanced center that dominates the culture, economy, government, finances and industry of the country. Perched along the cold waters of the North Atlantic Ocean, Reykjavik is the perfect gateway to Iceland and Greenland. Enjoy breakfast at the famous Blue Lagoon with time to rejuvenate in its famous geothermal seawater, and an included excursion featuring sites important to Iceland’s history and renowned sagas. Accommodations for one night are in the four-star HOTEL BORG.

Your Expedition Team

The expedition team aboard the M.S. L’AUSTRAL are seasoned experts and naturalists who have studied and traveled extensively in the most remote regions of the world. Their expertise spans marine biology, ornithology, ecology, geology, glaciology, conservation and environmental education, history and photography. The team’s collaborative efforts, experience, enthusiasm for sharing their knowledge and a particular interest in the world’s ecosystems make them exceptionally well-suited to lead your expedition from Iceland to Greenland.

The Pre-Program Option is available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
LAND/Cruise Tariff (per person, based on double occupancy)

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* M.S. L’Austral has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

ICELAND TO GREENLAND RESERVATION FORM

Send to: Thomas P. Gohagan & Company
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Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person and $200 per person Iceland Pre-Program Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, you accept and agree to the Terms and Conditions.

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

- Visa
- MasterCard

Card Number
Exp. Date

Signature as it appears on credit card

Please make my/our reservation(s) in Stateroom 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 roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please make my/our reservation(s):
- Iceland Pre-Program Option
  - Double at $645 per person.
  - Single at $745 per person.

I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

I/We want you to book my/our air from ______ (fill in departure city) to and from Reykjavik, Iceland, at additional cost to be advised.

- Economy Class
- Business Class
- First Class

Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

- I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.
Discover the sheer power and beauty of nature at Iceland’s Gullfoss, the “Golden Waterfall.”

CONTRACT: TERMS & CONDITIONS AND ARBITRATION CLAUSE

IMPORTANT, READ CAREFULLY.

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In the event of death, injury, accident or disease, and in connection with any illness or accident, and damaged or lost luggage. We will send you an application upon receipt of your reservation.

TRIP INSURANCE: Because our cancellation policies are strictly enforced, we strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. Trip cancellation insurance is available through Thomas P. Gohagan & Company and others for comprehensive coverage of such expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident, and damaged or lost luggage. We will send you an application upon receipt of your reservation.

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By forwarding of deposit, the arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable.

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT: By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for him/ herself or other participants and accepts the terms and conditions of this contract.

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