Circumnavigation of Iceland
Cruising aboard the Exclusively Chartered Small Ship Five-Star Le Soleal
July 9 to 17, 2018 Round-Trip Air Included from Select Cities'
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Dear Duke Alumni and Friends:

Join us for this exceptional exploration of Iceland—a land of incredible natural wonder, where glittering glaciers cap simmering volcanoes, ancient Viking ruins exist alongside the latest in geothermal technology and prolonged daylight melds into the lingering twilight.

During our specially designed seven-night circumnavigation of this Nordic island nation, experience an ever-changing landscape of unimaginable scenery that exists nowhere else on Earth and encounter Iceland’s wondrous sights at close range. Cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star, small ship Le SOLÉAL, featuring only 110 Suites and Staterooms, with the ability to cruise into small ports inaccessible to larger vessels and to alter course and launch its Zodiac excursion vessels as a kaleidoscope of wild, ethereal landscapes and mystery unfold before you.

Look for rare migratory birds, orcas and humpback whales; admire steaming geysers, rugged coastline and pristine beauty; and touch ice fragments calved from one of Europe’s largest glaciers. Visit Grímsey Island, crossing into the Arctic Circle, and cruise up close to Surtsey, one of Earth’s youngest 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 upon the land, and learn more about the enduring spirit of generations of coastal Icelanders—a warm and friendly people whose love of nature, respect of resources and resilient character have kept them thriving here for centuries.

Enjoy a spectacular expedition and the wonders of Iceland! As the Duke group grows in size, a Duke host will be engaged to join you and bring a uniquely Duke perspective to the tour, in addition to leaders from our partner institutions on this cruise. This trip also features round-trip air from select cities with the potential for Low Air add-ons from others. Please contact us with your interest, as these programs—especially the limited air availability—often sell out long before the Early Booking Date.

Forever Duke,

Beth Ray-Schroeder ’83
Director, Duke Alumni Travels

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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 at the same time carved out by majestic glaciers, 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 have hardly changed since the first Viking settlers saw it 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, powerful waterfalls and the deep freeze of mammoth ice caps. Along the coast, Iceland’s characteristic fjords—deep inlets cut into the coastline—chronicle the pathways of its glaciers. All of these natural wonders are in constant flux, as glaciers calve and shift and new mountains emerge from volcanic lava flow. The result is a startlingly beautiful portrait of Earth in process—a raw, primordial landscape hewn by the forces of fire and ice.

**Reykjavík, Iceland**

**Tuesday, July 10**

This morning, 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 Pearl, Reykjavík’s remarkable landmark glass dome built atop six 10-story hot water tanks, and admire a captivating view across the city from the dome’s observation deck. Tour the National Museum for a comprehensive overview of Iceland’s history, culture and heritage. Visit the iconic Hallgrímskirkja, a towering Lutheran church and the tallest building in Reykjavík. Pass by the colorful, picturesque houses of central Reykjavik before boarding Le Soléal.

**Please note that the ship’s cruising pattern and direction are dependent on weather conditions and are subject to change.**

**Vigur Island/Ísafjörður**

**Wednesday, July 11**

Enjoy the morning cruise to the awe-inspiring Westfjords. On charming Vigur Island—home to one single farming family and thousands of puffins, Arctic terns, black guillemots and eider ducks—observe the birds in their natural habitat and see Iceland’s only windmill, built in 1840. Visit the country’s smallest post office and enjoy coffee and cakes served by our hosts in their well-preserved, 19th-century house.

This afternoon, cruise up the dominant fjord of this remote 14-million-year-old region, Ísafjörður’s Djúp (“deep”), defined by 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 coastal art and culture and
the fascinating maritime history of this remote outpost.

Attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception on board the ship this evening.

**Siglufjörður/Arctic Circle/Grímsey Island**

**Thursday, July 12**

Picturesque Siglufjörður is a small, historic 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 for the unforgettable cruise past the mountains of Eyjafjörður, Iceland’s longest fjord, to Grímsey Island and visit Grímsey Church, built out of driftwood in 1867. Officially 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—their black and white coloring is similar to a penguin’s, but auks have the distinctive ability to fly and to dive into the water.

**Húsavík for Lake Mývatn**

**Friday, July 13**

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

Continue to Godafoss, “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**

**Saturday, July 14**

Seyðisfjörður is a tranquil, 11-mile-long fjord that winds toward the charming, eponymous town, where well-preserved, colorful, chalet-style houses shelter beneath Mounts Strandartindur and Bjólfur (Beowulf in English). The glittering Fjarðará River cascades down from the verdant valley and runs through the center of town into the lagoon at the head of the fjord. Visit the town’s iconic Blue Church and observe a specially arranged cultural and musical performance. Continue to the Technical Museum to learn how technological advancements in mechanics, communication and architecture have shaped this island nation and enjoy light refreshments.

**Djúpivogur for Jökulsárlón**

**Sunday, July 15**

Enjoy a full-day scenic excursion along Iceland’s east coast from Djúpivogur to the Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon. Enjoy a panoramic tour of historic Höfn, a small fishing village known for its stunning mountain views, including lunch.

Then, board a small boat for a private cruise amid breathtaking icebergs and actually touch the ice that has calved off the outlet tidewater glacier, Breidamerkurjökull. Stop at the precipitous headland of Stórhöfði to observe Heimaey’s largest puffin colony and see the ruins of ancient Viking farmhouses dating from A.D. 650.

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 are carefully monitoring the evolution of its flora and fauna. 

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

**Reykjavík/U.S.**

**Tuesday, July 17**

Disembark and transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S. or continue on the Greenland’s Ice Fjord and Glaciers Post-Cruise Option.
Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star, State-of-the-Art, Small Ship

Join us aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star Le Soléal, 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 eco-friendly features, the ship has been awarded the prestigious “Clean Ship” designation, a rarity among ocean vessels.

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 throughout the ship and 24-hour room service.

Chic and Casual Dining

The stylish dining room and casual alfresco restaurant feature international and regional cuisine and serve continental and buffet breakfasts, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and dinner in four courses or buffet. Wine is served at your table with lunch and dinner.

Five-Star ms Le Soléal

Only 110 Suites and Staterooms

These elegant ocean-view accommodations range from 200 to 484 square feet, and most have a private balcony. Your Five-Star Suite or Stateroom features individual climate control, two twin beds or one queen bed, a private bathroom with shower and luxurious hotel amenities, including flat-screen television, safe, full-length closet, plush robes and slippers.

Life on Board

Whether you seek educational and cultural presentations, panoramic views, nightly entertainment or quiet retreat, the ship’s spacious public areas can accommodate all passengers comfortably. Enjoy two lounges, a theater, library, Sun Deck with open-air bar, swimming pool, beauty salon, spa, Turkish bath-style steam room and fitness room. The ship has two elevators.

World-Class Service

The highly trained, English-speaking crew are personable and attentive, and the ship has an infirmary staffed with a doctor and nurse.
Included Features

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

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

◆ Seven-night cruise featuring the circumnavigation of Iceland round-trip Reykjavik.
◆ 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.
◆ Opportunities for the ship to alter course and launch Zodiac excursion vessels as natural wonders unfold before your eyes.
◆ City tour of Reykjavik, featuring the Pearl and 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 Sívúlfljót, including the award-winning Herring Era Museum, featuring lively music demonstrations and sampling of Icelandic delicacies including herring and schnaps.
◆ Visit to Seyðisfjörður, including a performance at the Blue Church and a stop at the Technical Museum.
◆ Scenic excursion to Goðafoss Waterfall, Lake Mývatn, Dimmuborgir, Skútustaðir and the geothermal field of Námaskarð.
◆ Crossing of the Arctic Circle (66°33’ N) on Grimsey Island.
◆ Full-day excursion along Iceland’s east coast from Djúpivogur to the Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon, highlighted by a private cruise amongst Jökulsárlón’s many spectacular icebergs.
◆ Visit to Heimaey Island for a tour of the Eldheimar Museum, and see “Fire Mountain,” ancient Viking ruins and lava fields.
◆ Cruise along the coast of Surtsey Island, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Enhanced Travel Services

◆ Transfers and luggage handling if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ Low Air Add-Ons are available for $200 per person from Chicago and Minneapolis and for $300 per person from Denver and Seattle. ±
◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced local guides.
◆ 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.

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Travel to the very edge of civilization and discover the enigmatic country of Greenland to round out your experience in the North Atlantic. Fly from Reykjavík to the beautiful harbor town of Ilulissat on the west coast of Greenland, located 220 miles north of the Arctic Circle. Experience the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Ilulissat Ice Fjord, and enjoy panoramic views of Ilulissat’s picturesque coastline as your private boat cruises through Disko Bay and amongst the majesty of Greenland’s awe-inspiring icebergs—an unforgettable sight. Accommodations are for two nights in the comfortable Hotel Arctic, ideally located along the Ilulissat Ice Fjord and overlooking the bay, and for one night in the four-star Icelandair Hotel Reykjavík Natura.

The Pre-Cruise and Post-Cruise Options are available at additional cost. Details will be included with your reservation confirmation.

**Greenland’s Ice Fjord and Glaciers Post-Cruise Option**

The captivating city of Reykjavík, along with its surrounding natural wonders, is the perfect introduction to your Circumnavigation of Iceland. Visit the famous Blue Lagoon, with time to rejuvenate in its mineral-rich geothermal waters. Tour the Golden Circle—the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Thingvellir National Park, where settlers founded arguably the world’s oldest parliament in A.D. 930; the thundering Gullfoss waterfall; and Strokkur, a phenomenal natural fountain geyser. See the breathtaking panoramic view from the Perlan Museum and explore its new exhibits, highlighting Iceland’s unique geology and culture. Accommodations are for two nights in a four-star hotel.

**Reykjavík and the Golden Circle Pre-Cruise Option**

Visit Ilulissat, the city of icebergs near Disko Bay. See impressive Gullfoss waterfall outside Reykjavík.
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Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person and $200 per person to Reserve Your Vacation Pattern and the Golden Circle Pre-Cruise Option and/or $200 per person for Reykjavik and the Golden Circle Pre-Cruise Option. By reserving and paying on your reservation, we agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

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Make checks payable to Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.

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All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by April 5, 2018.

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Arctic puffins are a common sight throughout Grimsay Island.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND BINDING ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

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