



Expedition to **ANTARCTICA**

Aboard the Deluxe M.S. LE BORÉAL
January 26 to February 8, 2016





Commonwealth Club Travel

Dear Club Members and Friends:

“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, and icebergs masquerade as islands.” Discover how normal human scales and reference points disappear amid the grandeur of nature in its most pristine form. From the long sunrises that paint the icescape in soft shades of pink and gold to the lingering light of the austral summer, humpback whales, leopard seals and Adélie penguins mingle amid glimmering turquoise glaciers and sparkling icebergs. Antarctica’s spectacular illuminations reveal the contrasts and marvels of the most unique place on Earth to those fortunate enough to visit.

Retrace the sea-lanes traveled by storied explorers Ernest Shackleton, Roald Amundsen and Robert Falcon Scott as they sought out the final frontier of “The White Continent” on this extraordinary 14-day program featuring a nine-night cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, state-of-the-art, Five-Star, ice-class M.S. LE BORÉAL (launched in 2010), one of the finest vessels plying Antarctic waters. The custom-crafted M.S. LE BORÉAL showcases private balconies in 95 percent of the all ocean-view, deluxe accommodations, encompasses a new generation of ship design and technology and sets the highest standards in elegance and comfort.

Your Antarctic experience will be enhanced by a comprehensive schedule of exclusive and specially arranged lectures. The onboard expedition team of expert naturalists will guide you on excursions aboard sturdy Zodiac craft to explore the intricate ecosystems and marvelous nuances of the abundant wildlife found ashore, especially penguins and seals, who are unafraid of humans.

This once-in-a-lifetime, comprehensive program is also the best Antarctic cruise value offered. It features the finest Five-Star accommodations available on an expedition ship, all excursions and all meals on board ship, and is simply an optimal cruising experience that has sold out quickly year after year. The space is limited to only 90 Staterooms. I urge you to place your reservation soon, while Early Booking Savings and space are available! We will be joined on this program by the University of California Berkeley, Dartmouth College, Harvard University, the Smithsonian and Yale University.

Best regards,



Kristina Nemeth
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Wildlife Conservation



The unique international Antarctic Treaty protects Antarctica's wildlife and its natural habitats and provides a guide for visitors to this great continent, where no country has sovereignty.

To protect the fragile Antarctic environment, all travelers will go ashore in small groups, so as not to over visit rookeries, disturb nesting sites or disrupt research. All visitors will be asked to take—and leave—nothing ashore.

U.S.

Tuesday, January 26

Depart the U.S.

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Wednesday, January 27

Arrive in cosmopolitan Buenos Aires and check into the deluxe PLAZA HOTEL BUENOS AIRES, overlooking the lovely Plaza San Martin park and adjacent to the chic boutique-lined Calle Florida. This evening, attend the Welcome Reception. (R)

Buenos Aires

Thursday, January 28

Buenos Aires, birthplace of the tango, is a city of diverse and dynamic *barrios* (neighborhoods). See the colorful La Boca district, Monserrat's grand public



The southern giant petrel spends most of its life at sea, yet often returns to the same nest annually.

buildings and historic Plaza de Mayo, Palermo's lavish parks, Puerto Madero's riverfront community and the charming old quarter of San Telmo. Visit the city's historic Recoleta Cemetery, famous for its ornate vaults and sculptures and as the final resting place of the legendary Evita Perón, the former First Lady of Argentina. (B)

Buenos Aires/Ushuaia

Friday, January 29

This morning, fly to remote Ushuaia, the world's southernmost city, the capital of Tierra del Fuego and the gateway to Antarctica, where you will embark M.S. LE BORÉAL. This afternoon, cruise through the Beagle Channel, named for the ship that carried Charles Darwin on his South American voyages. Attend the Captain's Welcome Reception this evening. (B,R,D)


Cover photo: Discover a magical world of stunning mountain vistas, abundant marine life and pristine seas on this journey of a lifetime.



Photo this page: Both captivating and entertaining, penguins are often the first to greet visitors on Antarctica's shores.





 UNESCO World Heritage Site
 Air Routing

Cruising Drake Passage

Saturday, January 30 to Sunday, January 31

Cross the legendary **Drake Passage**.

Upon reaching the Antarctic Convergence, watch for breaching fin, humpback and minke whales and seabirds feeding on plankton and krill brought to the surface by the cold Antarctic currents merging with the warmer waters of the South Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. The expedition team of naturalists will present insightful lectures to prepare you for your first landing in Antarctica. (28,21,20)

Cruising Antarctica

Monday, February 1 to Friday, February 5

The ship cruises below the 60th parallel 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 lava create precipitous coastlines and islands, and constantly changing patterns of ice stretch as far as the eye can see. In this seemingly harsh environment, a vast array of marine wildlife flourishes, including millions of penguins, countless seabirds and thousands of seals and whales. From spectacular volcanic topography and majestic glaciers, to fascinating wildlife and historic outposts, this itinerary reveals the highlights of the region for the complete Antarctic experience.

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

Cruise through breathtaking, glacier-lined **Neumayer Channel** to **Port Lockroy**. Originally constructed in 1944 by an eight-man team as an intelligence post for British espionage during World War II, Port Lockroy was converted into a whaling station and scientific base in the 1950s. It is nestled among glistening mountain peaks as high as 6000 feet, and the surrounding grounds are populated by blue-eyed shags and gentoo penguins. Gain insight into the lives of past explorers at the British Antarctic Survey Museum and mail a postcard stamped with an Antarctica postmark from the official British Post Office.

Just beyond Port Lockroy, the rocky shores of **Jougla Point** on **Wiencke Island** offer a rare opportunity to view the skeletal remains of an adult blue whale, and see populous colonies of gentoo penguins and kelp gulls. Flanked by sheer cliffs of towering glaciers between the Antarctic Peninsula and Booth Island, **Lemaire Channel** offers views of seven majestic miles of mountains and wildlife combined with fascinating patterns of ice floes.

Call at **Petermann Island**, the southernmost point of your journey, and watch its thriving rookeries of Adélie and gentoo penguins and blue-eyed shags.

Listen for the low rumbling of Rudolf Glacier as it calves chunks of ice into **Neko Harbor**, named for an early 20th-century whaling boat. The harbor is surrounded by soaring glaciers and snow-covered mountains and is one of the most dramatic and spectacular sights in Antarctica. Here, make your first "continental landing" in Antarctica.



In contrast to sociable Adélie penguins, who congregate in large colonies, the leopard seal cherishes his solitude and independence.



A visit to Antarctica offers an unparalleled opportunity to get an up-close view of chinstrap penguins in their natural habitat.

In **Paradise Bay**, awesome cliffs of ice descend from the surrounding mountains into the floating iceberg-laden waters along the western coast of the Antarctic Peninsula. Named by 19th-century whalers who sought shelter in its coves, Paradise Bay is an ideal sanctuary for marine wildlife including humpback whales, crabeater seals and Cape petrels.

Deception Island is actually the rim of a massive dormant volcano crater that encircles a caldera known as Port Foster, where the ship enters through dramatic Neptune's Bellows,

a sublime harbor ringed by snowcapped peaks and sheer cliffs.

In **Pendulum Cove**, see the steaming, geothermally heated waters of the Antarctic. Observe the amazing colony of tens of thousands of chinstrap penguins at Baily Head. Then walk along the black sand beaches of Telefon Bay to nearby craters, which offer fascinating insight into the volcanic activity that created the island and played a pivotal role in the natural history of the region.

One of the smallest but most beautiful of the South Shetland Islands, **Half Moon Island** is a crescent-shaped isle 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. Here, observe the antics of the island's colony of chinstrap penguins and enjoy the lingering twilight of the Antarctic summer. Attend the Captain's Farewell Reception. (5B,5L,1R,5D)

Cruising Drake Passage **Saturday, February 6**

Relax and reflect on board as the ship turns north and crosses the Drake Passage.

Enjoy lively, informative discussions with the ship's naturalists. Watch for endangered albatross and the many different species of petrels as you cruise across the Antarctic Convergence. (B,L,D)

Ushuaia, Argentina/ Buenos Aires

Sunday, February 7

Disembark and fly to Buenos Aires. Continue on the Iguazú Falls Post-Program Option with an overnight stay in Buenos Aires, or depart for the U.S. (B)

U.S.

Monday, February 8

Arrive in the U.S.

Left: Weighing up to 50 tons, this breaching humpback whale migrates to Antarctic waters to feed during the austral summer.

Iguazú Falls Post-Program Option February 7 to 11

The UNESCO World Heritage site of Iguazú Falls, one of the most incredible wonders of nature along the Brazil-Argentina frontier, features more than 275 spectacular waterfalls cascading from heights of 270 feet through the breathtaking virgin rainforest.

Walk among the Argentine Falls and admire magnificent panoramic views of Devil's Gorge, the highest of the falls. The lush jungle setting of Parque das Aves is a nature lover's paradise as it is home to more than 350 species of birds, 66 varieties of mammals and a mind-boggling array of reptiles, fish, butterflies and flora. This exclusive three-night Post-Program Option features one night of accommodations in the deluxe PLAZA HOTEL BUENOS AIRES and two nights in the deluxe SHERATON IGUAZÚ RESORT & SPA. Buenos Aires round-trip airfare is included.

Post-Program Option is available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.



FIVE-STAR M.S. LE BORÉAL

Five-Star, Ice-Class Ship, State-of-the-Art Design

The highly acclaimed, exclusively chartered M.S. LE BORÉAL, launched in 2010, represents the newest generation of **Five-Star small ships**, featuring only 110 Suites and Staterooms and distinctive French sophistication.

Spacious 100% Ocean-View Suites and Staterooms, 95% with Private Balconies

Each **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 is served in the stylish, spacious La Licorne dining room in single, unassigned seatings; in the casual La Boussole 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.



Stateroom with Balcony



Dining Room



Lounge



Forward Observation Deck



Included

- ◆ Exclusive lectures and presentations by the study leaders and onboard team of naturalists
- ◆ Two nights in the deluxe PLAZA HOTEL BUENOS AIRES
- ◆ Nine nights aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star, ice-class M.S. LE BORÉAL
- ◆ Cruise round trip Ushuaia, Argentina, cruising to Antarctica's Port Lockroy, Wiencke Island, Lemaire Channel, Petermann Island, Neko Harbor, Paradise Bay, Deception Island and Half Moon Island, conditions permitting
- ◆ Meals as specified in the itinerary, with complimentary wine and beer served at lunch and dinner on the ship
- ◆ Captain's Welcome and Farewell Receptions aboard ship and Welcome Reception in the hotel
- ◆ Souvenir polar-grade red parka to wear.
- ◆ All entrance fees and tours as described in the itinerary
- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s)
- ◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers
- ◆ Hospitality desk in the hotel and aboard ship
- ◆ Pre-departure materials, including a reading list
- ◆ Experienced team of Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the program
- ◆ Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company

Not Included

- ◆ International airfare
- ◆ Taxes of \$865 per person (subject to change)
- ◆ Round-trip airfare Buenos Aires/Ushuaia
- ◆ Ship and hotel staff gratuities and gratuities for activities on your own
- ◆ Passport and visa fees
- ◆ Local U.S./Argentina reciprocal entry fee(s)
- ◆ Meals and alcoholic beverages not listed as included
- ◆ Transfers and baggage handling to/from airport/hotel on day(s) of arrival and/or departure if you are arriving earlier or later than and/or departing earlier or later than the scheduled group transfer(s)
- ◆ Any overnight on land due to flight schedule(s)
- ◆ Personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls and Internet access
- ◆ Accident/sickness, trip cancellation and baggage insurance
- ◆ Baggage charges on aircraft; airfare and associated local taxes not listed as included
- ◆ Airport facility taxes and federal inspection fees not listed as included
- ◆ All other services not specifically mentioned in the "Included" section



Exploration of Antarctica

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, legendary explorers of Antarctica, have long been recounted in gripping personal tales and history books. Admiral Byrd, scion of a distinguished Virginia family, led the U.S. Antarctic expedition (1928-30) and made the first overflight of the South Pole (1929). Byrd later led three additional expeditions to Antarctica and named a large portion of the continent Marie Byrd Land after his wife.

Another American prominent in the exploration of the South Polar region was Lincoln Ellsworth. This Chicago native made the first flight across Antarctica (1935). In the course of his journey, he discovered the mountain range with the continent's highest peaks, later named Ellsworth Mountains in his honor.



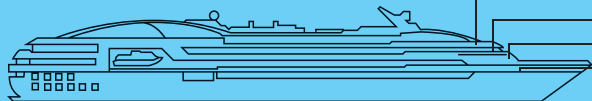
Your Expedition Team

Seasoned naturalists, who have studied and traveled extensively in Antarctica and the most remote regions of the world, will accompany you aboard the M.S. LE BORÉAL as your Antarctic Expedition Team.

Their areas of expertise span marine biology, ornithology, ecology, geology, glaciology, conservation and environmental education, history and photography.

The team's collaborative efforts, experience, particular interest in the world's ecosystems and enthusiasm for sharing their knowledge make them exceptionally well-suited to lead your Expedition to Antarctica.

M.S. LE BORÉAL



Deck 6, Le France
 Deck 5, Le Normandie
 Deck 4, Le Lafayette
 Deck 3, Le Champollion

LAND/CRUISE TARIFF (per person, based on double occupancy)

| Stateroom Category* | Description- Staterooms range from 200 to 484 sq. ft. and most have two twin beds that convert to make one queen bed. All feature a private bathroom and individual climate control. | Early Booking Price through May 29, 2015 | Regular Price after May 29, 2015 |
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| 8 | Ocean-view, one large window, shower. Deck 3, Le Champollion, forward. (limited availability) | \$8995 | \$9995 |
| 7 | Ocean-view, small window and single door onto private, partial wall balcony, shower. Deck 3, Le Champollion, aft. (limited availability) | \$9995 | \$10995 |
| 6 | Ocean-view, small window and single door onto private, partial wall balcony, shower. Deck 3, Le Champollion, midship. | \$11295 | \$12295 |
| 5 | Ocean-view, expansive floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door onto private, partial wall balcony, shower. Deck 4, Le Lafayette, forward. | \$11795 | \$12795 |
| 4 | Ocean-view, expansive floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door onto private balcony, shower. Deck 4, Le Lafayette, midship. | \$12595 | \$13595 |
| 3 | Ocean-view, expansive floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door onto private balcony, shower. Deck 5, Le Normandie, forward. | \$12695 | \$13695 |
| 2 | Ocean-view, expansive floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door onto private balcony, shower or tub/shower. Deck 5, Le Normandie, midship. | \$12995 | \$13995 |
| 1 | Ocean-view, expansive floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door onto private balcony, shower or tub/shower. Deck 6, Le France. | \$13395 | \$14395 |
| Deluxe Suite | Ocean-view, expansive floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door onto private balcony, tub/shower and sitting area with sofa. Deck 6, Le France. (limited availability) | \$13695 | \$14695 |
| Prestige Suite II | Two-room, ocean-view, expansive floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door onto large private balcony, two bathrooms: tub/shower and shower, large sitting area with sofa, two closets, writing desk and dressing table. Deck 5, Le Normandie. (limited availability) | \$13995 | \$14995 |
| Prestige Suite I | Two-room, ocean-view, expansive floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door onto large private balcony, two bathrooms: tub/shower and shower, large sitting area with sofa, two closets, writing desk and dressing table. Deck 6, Le France. (limited availability) | \$14595 | \$15595 |

◆ An Owner's Suite (Deck 6, Le France) is available upon request at a cost to be advised, on a first-come first-served basis.

◆ Singles are available in category 6 at \$20995 and in category 4 at \$22995 on or before May 29, 2015. Add \$1000 for reservations made after May 29, 2015.

◆ Taxes are an additional \$865 per person and are subject to change.

◆ Round-trip airfare Buenos Aires/Ushuaia (internal program air) is \$850 per person additional and subject to change.

*M.S. LE BORÉAL 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.

EXPEDITION TO ANTARCTICA RESERVATION FORM

Send to: **The Commonwealth Club**
 Attn: Travel Department
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Title Full Name (exactly as it appears on your passport)

Title Full Name (exactly as it appears on your passport)

Street Mailing Address (no P.O. Box number please)

City State ZIP Code

Telephone: (Home) (Mobile)

Email Address (Business)

Preferred Name(s) on Badge(s) Tour No. 028-01/26/16-252

Program reservations require a deposit of \$800 per person and \$200 per person Iguazú Falls Post-Program 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.

Enclosed is my/our check(s) for \$_____ as deposit.

Make checks payable to **Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.**

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

Visa MasterCard

Card Number Exp. Date

Signature as it appears on credit card

All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by October 23, 2015.

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):

Iguazú Falls Post-Cruise Option

Jungle View Rooms:

- Double at \$1995 per person.
 Single at \$2595 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).

Falls View Rooms:

- Double at \$2195 per person.
 Single at \$2795 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 Buenos Aires, Argentina, at additional cost to be advised.‡

Class: Economy Business First

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

I/we will make my/our own air arrangements.



Stand on the bow of the M.S. LE BORÉAL and watch Antarctica's drama unfold before you.

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DISCOUNTED RESERVATIONS: Discounts apply only to those reservations received in the offices of The Commonwealth Club in writing, accompanied by the required deposit, by May 29, 2015. In the event a "discounted" reservation must be cancelled, no "replacement" reservation can be substituted at the discounted rate. A "replacement" reservation is a new reservation and can be substituted only at the full-fare tariff. Cancellation penalties may apply.

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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 contained in this Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement.

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