Expedition to Antarctica

Aboard the Five-Star M.S. Le Lyrial
February 19 to March 5, 2017

Ohio University Alumni Association
Dear Alumni 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, icebergs masquerade as islands...” Discover how normal human scales and reference points disappear amidst the grandeur of nature in its most pristine form. From 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 among sparkling turquoise glaciers and glimmering icebergs. Antarctica’s spectacular illuminations reveal the mystique and contrasts 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 15-day program featuring a 10-night cruise aboard the state-of-the-art, Five-Star, ice-class M.S. LE LYRIAL (launched in 2015), one of the finest vessels plying Antarctic waters. The custom-crafted M.S. LE LYRIAL—limited to 100 Suites and Staterooms on this special expedition—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 have no fear of humans.

This once-in-a-lifetime, comprehensive program is the best Antarctic cruise value offered. It features the finest Five-Star accommodations available on any expedition ship, includes all excursions, all meals and complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages on board ship and is simply the optimal cruising experience that has sold out quickly year after year. I urge you to place your reservation soon, while Early Booking Savings and space are available!

Sincerely,

Your Ohio University Alumni Travel Team
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.
Sunday, February 19
Depart the U.S.

Buenos Aires, Argentina
Monday, February 20
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.

Buenos Aires
Tuesday, February 21
Birthplace of the tango, Buenos Aires is a city of diverse and dynamic barrios (neighborhoods). See the colorful La Boca district, Monserrat’s grand public buildings, historic Plaza de Mayo, Palermo’s lavish parks, Puerto Madero’s lively riverfront community and the charming old quarter of San Telmo.

Buenos Aires/ Ushuaia
Wednesday, February 22
This morning, fly to Ushuaia, the world’s southernmost city, capital of Tierra del Fuego and the gateway to Antarctica. This afternoon, embark M.S. LE LYRIAL and 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.

Cruising Drake Passage
Thursday, February 23 to Friday, February 24
Cross the legendary Drake Passage and, upon reaching the Antarctic Convergence, watch for breaching fin, humpback and minke whales and seabirds feeding on

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plankton and krill brought to the surface by cold Antarctic currents merging with warmer waters of the South Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. The expedition team of naturalist guides will present insightful lectures to prepare you for your first landing in Antarctica.

Cruising Antarctica
Saturday, February 25 to Wednesday, March 1

Cruise 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 ever-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 Earth’s most inaccessible continent 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.

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.

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.

Planked by sheer cliffs of towering glaciers between the Antarctic Peninsula and Booth Island, cruise through the Lemaire Channel, offering views of seven majestic miles of mountains and wildlife combined with fascinating patterns of ice floes. Call on Pleneau Island and marvel at stunning iceberg formations and countless friendly gentoo penguins whose uninhibited interactions with each other on the glacially smoothed rock terraces provide endless amusement.

Cruise into Booth Island’s historic Port Charcot, where Jean-Baptiste Charcot’s 1904 expedition wintered. On the rocky shore, see nesting gentoo penguins and look for chinstrap and Adélie penguins.

Continue through impressive Lemaire Channel to rugged Goudier Island. Visit Port Lockroy, originally constructed in 1944 by an eight-man team as an intelligence post for British espionage during World War II and 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 daily activities of past researchers at the

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.

Living museum known as “Base A” and mail a postcard stamped with an Antarctica postmark from the official British Post Office. Later, cruise through breathtaking, glacier-lined Neumayer Channel.

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.

Cruise the Weddell Sea and see the enormous tabular icebergs that have calved from the Larsen Ice Shelf. Be on deck to look for flourishing marine life, including the colony of friendly Adélie penguins, Weddell seals and wandering albatross.

Cruising Drake Passage/ Ushuaia, Argentina Thursday, March 2 to Friday, March 3 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 and past Cape Horn, the southernmost headland of South America and a milestone on world trade routes from the 18th century until the opening of the Panama Canal in 1914.

Attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception.

Ushuaia/Buenos Aires Saturday, March 4 Disembark and fly to Buenos Aires. Continue on the Iguazu Falls Post-Program Option with an overnight stay in Buenos Aires or depart for the U.S.

U.S. Sunday, March 5 Arrive in the U.S.

Left: Look for breaching humpback whales, who migrate to Antarctic waters to feed during the austral summer.

Iguazu Falls Post-Program Option March 4 to 8 The UNESCO World Heritage site of Iguazu Falls is one of the world’s most incredible natural wonders, where more than 275 spectacular waterfalls span nearly two dramatic miles of the Argentina-Brazil frontier. Walk the trails along the edges of these thundering falls and watch as they cascade from as high as 270 feet down verdant cliffs in one of South America’s last remaining virgin rainforests. Visit the lush Parque das Aves jungle reserve, a nature lover’s paradise, 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 Five-Star Sheraton Iguazu 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 Lyrial

Five-Star, Ice-Class Ship,
State-of-the-Art Design
The highly acclaimed M.S. Le Lyrial, launched in 2015, represents the newest generation of Five-Star small ships, featuring only 100 Suites and Staterooms and distinctive French sophistication.

Elegantly Appointed Suites and Staterooms, 95% with Private Balconies
Each air-conditioned deluxe Stateroom and Suite (200 to 592 square feet) features a private bathroom with shower, luxurious Five-Star hotel amenities and minibar with complimentary beverages; most feature two twin beds that convert into one queen bed. All accommodations have individual climate control, satellite flat-screen television, wireless Internet access, safe, full-length closet, writing desk/dressing table, hair dryer, plush robes and slippers.

Chic and Casual Dining
International and regional cuisine is served in the stylish, spacious Le Céleste dining room in single, unassigned seatings; in the casual La Comète Restaurant; or from 24-hour room service. Continental and buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and a four-course dinner are served daily. Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are served throughout the cruise.

Spacious Public Areas/
World-Class Service and Facilities
In keeping with the low passenger density, the public areas are spacious and inviting and can accommodate all passengers comfortably. Enjoy sweeping 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 suite, Sun Deck, swimming pool, beauty salon, spa, Turkish bath-style steam room, a full range of fitness equipment and two elevators. The infirmary is staffed with a doctor and nurse. The highly trained international crew provides personable and 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 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

In Buenos Aires, Argentina
◆ Two nights in the deluxe PLAZA HOTEL BUENOS AIRES and breakfast each morning.
◆ Welcome Reception.
◆ City tour featuring the popular neighborhoods of Palermo, Monserrat, La Boca, Puerto Madero and San Telmo and a visit to the historic Recoleta Cemetery.

On board the Five-Star, Ice-Class M.S. LE LYRIAL
◆ Ten nights round trip Ushuaia, Argentina, cruising to Antarctica’s Neko Harbor, Paradise Bay, Pleneau Island, Port Charcot, Port Lockroy, Deception Island and the Weddell Sea, weather, ice and sea conditions permitting.
◆ Elegantly appointed, Five-Star, ocean-view Suite or Stateroom accommodations, each with a private bathroom.
◆ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
◆ 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 alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are served throughout the cruise.
◆ Exploration by Zodiac landing craft, accompanied by an expert naturalist guide from the expedition team.
◆ Shore excursions to explore Antarctica’s diverse wildlife habitats, including major penguin rookeries.
◆ Onboard expedition team of naturalists who provide a series of lectures about local wildlife and topography.
◆ Souvenir polar-grade red parka to wear.

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 experienced local guides and expedition team.
◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
◆ Hospitality desk in the hotel and aboard ship.
◆ The services of experienced 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.

Note: Internal program air (round trip Buenos Aires/Ushuaia) is required and is purchased individually at an additional cost.
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, accompany you on board 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.
LAND/Cruise Tariff (per person, based on double occupancy)

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<td>Two-room, ocean-view, expansive floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door onto large private balcony, bathtub and separate shower, large dressing and sitting areas, sofa, writing desk and dressing table. Deck 6, Lyra, midship. (Limited availability)</td>
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* M.S. Le Lyrial has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request.

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EXPEDITION TO ANTARCTICA RESERVATION FORM

Send to: Ohio University Alumni Association
52 University Terrace
Athens, OH 45701
Tel: (740) 593-4300

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

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. 028-02/19/17-082 (fill in departure city)

Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person and $200 per person Iguazu 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.

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 November 16, 2016.

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

I/We want you to book my/our air from (in departure city) and from Buenos Aires, Argentina, at additional cost to be advised.

Class Economy Business First

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):

- I am reserving as a single but prefer 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).

- I/We want you to book my/our air from any city.

I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.
RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND BINDING ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

RESPONSIBILITY: Thomas P. Gohagan & Company, the sponsoring association, organization, sponsor, and their respective employees, agents, insurers, servants, agents, assigns, contractors, subcontractors, and employees, and their respective employees, agents, insurers, servants, agents, assigns, contractors, subcontractors, and employees, is not responsible for any injury, loss, death, inconvenience, delay, damage to person or property in connection with the provision of any goods or services whether resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God or force majeure, acts of government, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, strikes or lockouts, riot or civil disturbance, or any other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind or the operation of any machinery, vehicles, equipment, aircraft, vessels, trains, automobiles, buses, or other conveyance, whether publicly available or privately owned; or to the extent of any negligence or failure of, or any act or omission by, any person or entity or of any other contractor. As a result, Gohagan is not liable for any negligent willful act or failure to act of any such person or entity or of any other thing, whether public or private.

In addition and without limitation, Gohagan is not responsible for any injury, loss, death, inconvenience, delay, damage to person or property in connection with the provision of any goods or services whether resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God or force majeure, acts of government, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, strikes or lockouts, riot or civil disturbance, or any other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind or the operation of any machinery, vehicles, equipment, aircraft, vessels, trains, automobiles, buses, or other conveyance, whether publicly available or privately owned; or to the extent of any negligence or failure of, or any act or omission by, any person or entity or of any other contractor. As a result, Gohagan is not liable for any negligent willful act or failure to act of any such person or entity or of any other thing, whether public or private.