Circumnavigation of Iceland

Cruising aboard the
All-Suite Small Ship
Five-Star STAR PRIDE

July 25 to August 2, 2018
Round-Trip Air Included from Select Cities
Dear Gator Traveler:

Join us for this once-in-a-lifetime 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, all-Suite Star Pride, with the ability to cruise into small ports inaccessible to larger vessels and to alter course 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.

Don’t miss this unforgettable adventure through the wonders of Iceland, featuring included round-trip air from Boston, New York-JFK, Newark and Washington-Dulles; or Low Air Add-Ons for an additional $200 per person from Chicago and Minneapolis or an additional $300 per person from Denver and Seattle. Make your reservation while space and Early Booking Savings are still available!

Sincerely,

Matthew M. Hodge, Ph.D.
Interim Executive Director for Alumni Relations
University of Florida

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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.

**U.S.**

**Wednesday, July 25**

Depart the U.S.

**Reykjavík, Iceland**

**Thursday, July 26**

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 picturesque houses of central Reykjavík before boarding the STAR PRIDE.

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

**Vigur Island/Ísafjörður**

**Friday, July 27**

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**

Saturday, July 28

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**

Sunday, July 29

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

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**AIR is Included**

from Boston, New York-JFK, Newark and Washington-Dulles!*†

Low Air Add-Ons are available from select cities.*

*Economy-class air is included round trip Reykjavík, available exclusively through Gohagan & Company in partnership with Icelandair. Gohagan & Company and the sponsoring association/organization have no control over availability or air schedule changes.

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*Námaskarð is known for its otherworldly terrain sculpted by sulfuric mud springs.
an Icelandic chieftain threw wooden statues of his Norse gods into its crashing waters, signifying his conversion to Christianity.

Seyðisfjörður
Monday, July 30
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
Tuesday, July 31
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.

Heimaey, Westman Islands/Cruise along Surtsey Island
Wednesday, August 1
Arrive at Heimaey Island, part of the Vestmannaeyjar (Westman Islands) archipelago, where the tall cliffs are inhabited by puffin, fulmar and guillemot bird species.

Tour the Eldheimar Museum, which chronicles the fateful volcanic activity of 1973 that created Mount Eldfell, and see the incredible formation, also known as “Fire Mountain,” and its lava fields that are still warm to the touch over 40 years after its last eruption.

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.
Thursday, August 2
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.
Five-Star, All-Suite, Small Ship
Enjoy intimate, Five-Star cruising at its finest aboard the Star Pride, renovated and relaunched in 2016. Among Travel + Leisure magazine’s “World’s Best,” this small ship can dock in ports inaccessible to larger vessels and celebrates traditional “sail aways” on deck.

With Our Compliments
A host of complimentary indulgences awaits you—flowers and fruit in your Suite to welcome you aboard, house wine with dinner, all alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages throughout the cruise and in your Suite minibar, specialty coffees and light snacks in the Yacht Club, and 24-hour room service. And, shipboard gratuities are included.

Life On Board
Offering educational presentations, panoramic views, nightly entertainment and quiet retreat, the ship’s tastefully appointed public areas include a large lounge, two bars, library with computers, spa, fitness center, casino and outdoor whirlpool and counter-current pool. The ship has two elevators.

Only 106 Spacious Luxury Suites
Ideal for private viewing of passing landscapes are the Classic Suites, each with a private, furnished veranda, and the French Balcony Suites, with an expansive sliding glass door and wooden railing. Ocean-View Suites have one picture window. Each of the Five-Star Suites features individual climate control, one queen bed or two twin beds, a private bathroom with shower (most with full bathtub), sitting area and luxurious amenities, including flat-screen television, Wi-Fi access, safe, walk-in closet, plush robes and slippers.

World-Class Dining
The elegant dining room serves contemporary international cuisine and accommodates all guests in a single seating. You may enjoy breakfast and lunch in the indoor-outdoor restaurant or reserve a table for alfresco evening dining.

Award-Winning Service
With a ratio of one crew member for every 1.5 guests, you will enjoy personal and attentive service. There is a physician and medical facility on board.
Included Features

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

On Board the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star, All-Suite STAR PRIDE

◆ Seven-night cruise featuring the circumnavigation of Iceland round-trip Reykjavik.
◆ Elegantly appointed, Five-Star Suite.
◆ Captain's Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
◆ Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise.
◆ All meals aboard ship.
◆ Opportunities for the ship to alter course 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 Súlurfjörður, including the award-winning Herring Era Museum, featuring lively music demonstrations and sampling of Icelandic delicacies including herring and schnapps.
◆ 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 Grímsey 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 ship personnel and local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
◆ Complimentary bottled water in your Suite 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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Impressive Gullfoss waterfall outside Reykjavik.

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.

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.

Greenland’s Ice Fjord and Glaciers

Post-Cruise Option

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Reykjavík and the Golden Circle

Pre-Cruise Option

Visit Ilulissat, the city of icebergs near Disko Bay.
Please make my/our reservation(s) in Suite Category:

1st choice ______  2nd choice ______

Double at $1495 per person. 

Double occupancy (two twin beds).

I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

Enclosed is my check(s) for $__________.

Check payable to Gohagan & Company.

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

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

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The participant and Gohagan are waiving the right to a trial by jury.

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RATES: Prices quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of printing and are subject to change at any time. On land and/or cruise programs, even after full payment, Gohagan reserves the right to increase the tour price in the event of any increase in costs due to changes in supplier costs, currency fluctuations or fuel or energy surcharges and all such increases are to be paid to Gohagan upon notice to the participant of such increases. On programs which include Gohagan purchased interstate or international airfares (which originates or returns to the United States), to increased costs will be passed on after final payment except for subsequently imposed governmental tax increases.

REGISTRATION: CST#: 2031688-40; NSTD#: 601 767 666; OSTD: TA 0905. BOUNDARY ARBITRATION: Any dispute concerning, relating or referring to this Agreement, the brochure or any other literature concerning the trip, or the trip itself will be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration pursuant to the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. Sections 1-16, either according to the then existing Commercial Rules of the American Arbitration Association (AAA) or pursuant to the Comprehensive Arbitration Rules & Procedures of the Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc. (JAMS). Such proceedings will be governed by substantive (but not procedural) Illinois law and will take place in Chicago, IL. 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. Please understand that by agreeing to these terms and conditions, the participant and Gohagan are waiving the right to a trial by jury.

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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