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Featuring Carleton College's Marv Savina

Mary Savina Charles L. Denison Professor of Geology

Eric Hillemann

and

Senior Associate in Archives

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#### Dear Carleton College Alumni and Friends,

In honor of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Carleton, and of former Carleton president and celebrated Antarctic explorer Laurence McKinley Gould, we are pleased to present this spectacular winter 2017 cruise to Antarctica, Earth's "last frontier." Accompanied by two Carleton program leaders—Senior Associate in Archives, Eric Hillemann, and Professor of Geology, Mary Savina ('72)—you will learn about Gould's life, his scientific achievements, and his adventures in Antarctica while exploring one of the most exhilarating landscapes this planet has to offer.

Experience "The White Continent" in its unspoiled state—fantastically shaped icebergs, turquoise glaciers, bustling penguin rookeries, and breaching whales—during the lingering light of the austral summer. Accompanied by the ship's expert expedition team of naturalists, board sturdy Zodiac craft for excursions ashore and observe the antics of Antarctica's abundant wildlife—penguins and seals, especially, are unafraid of human visitors. Hillemann, Savina, and the expedition team will provide a series of enriching lectures on this untouched wilderness and the history of its exploration.

You will cruise aboard the elegant, five-star, ice-class M.S. LE SOLÉAL, one of the finest vessels in Antarctic waters. By design, the ship is energy efficient, environmentally protective of marine ecosystems, and has been awarded the prestigious Clean Ship rating, an extreme rarity among ocean-cruising vessels. Spend two nights in the deluxe PLAZA HOTEL BUENOS AIRES, including a tour of the vibrant capital city. Choose to extend your journey with the exclusive three-night Iguazú Falls Post-Program Option.

We hope you will join fellow alumni and friends for what might be the single greatest travel experience of your life. Space aboard this ship in the Antarctic goes quickly, so we encourage you to contact the Alumni Adventures office now and take advantage of the Early Booking Savings! Sincerely,

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Robert D. Smulian, Class of '78 President, Carleton College Alumni Association

P.S. For more information on other Alumni Adventures, please visit go.carleton.edu/adventures.

Currently Carleton's Senior Associate in Archives, Eric Hillemann has been an archivist at Carleton College since 1990. His biography of former Carleton president and celebrated Antarctic explorer Laurence M. Gould was published in 2012 as *A Beacon So Bright: The Life of Laurence McKinley Gould.* Hillemann co-led a 2006 Alumni Adventures trip to Antarctica, while he was working on his Gould biography. Accompanying Hillemann on this adventure will be his wife, Claire Hill, who is the James L. Krusemark Professor of Law and founding director of the Institute for Law and Rationality at the University of Minnesota Law School.

Mary Savina ('72) is Charles L. Denison Professor of Geology at Carleton College, where she earned undergraduate degrees in history and geology. Her specialties—geoarchaeology, landscape history, and environmental geology—combine these interests nicely. Savina received the 2013 Undergraduate Research Mentor award, presented by the Geosciences division of the Council on Undergraduate Research. Although this trip will be Savina's first visit to South America and Antarctica, she has taken Carleton students and/or alums to Greece, New Zealand, Australia, Iceland, Alaska, and the deserts of the American Southwest.



# 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.

**Saturday, January 21** Depart the U.S.

#### Buenos Aires, Argentina Sunday, January 22

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

Monday, January 23 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.

The southern giant petrel spends most of its life at sea but is known to return to the same nest annually.

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.

#### Buenos Aires/Ushuaia Tuesday, January 24

This morning, fly to remote Ushuaia, the world's southernmost city, capital of Tierra del Fuego and the gateway to Antarctica. This afternoon, embark M.S. LE SOLÉAL 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 Wednesday, January 25 to Thursday, January 26

Cross the legendary **Drake Passage** and, upon reaching the Antarctic Convergence, watch for breaching fin, humpback and minke whales and seabirds feeding on

Cover photo: Naturalist-led Zodiac expeditions bring you up close to Adélie penguins and crabeater seals, bearty wildlife that make their home in remote Antarctica.

Photo this page: Majestic nature endures in "The White Continent," where an international treaty limits the number of visitors to sustain the pristine ecosystem.



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 Friday, January 27 to Tuesday, January 31

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.

Cruise through breathtaking, glacier-lined Neumayer 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 living museum known as "Base A" 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 to see populous colonies of gentoo penguins and kelp gulls. Call at Petermann Island, the southernmost point of your journey, and watch its thriving rookeries of Adélie and gentoo penguins and blue-eyed shags.

Flanked 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.

Listen for the low rumbling of Rudolf Glacier as it calves chunks of ice into Neko Harbor, named for an early 20<sup>th</sup>-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 **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.

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.

Named by 19<sup>th</sup>-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. 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.

## Ushuaia/Buenos Aires

Thursday, February 2 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.

#### U.S.

Friday, February 3 Arrive in the U.S.

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

#### Iguazú Falls Post-Program Option February 2 to 6

The UNESCO World Heritage site of Iguazú 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 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.

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.

Cruising Drake Passage/ Ushuaia, Argentina Wednesday, February 1 Relax and reflect on board as the ship turns north and crosses the Drake Passage.



### FIVE-STAR M.S. LE SOLÉAL Five-Star, Ice-Class Small Ship, State-of-the-Art Design

The highly acclaimed, exclusively chartered M.S. LE SOLÉAL, launched in 2013, represents the newest generation of **Five-Star small ships**, featuring only 90 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 484 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 L'Eclipse dining room in single, unassigned seatings; in the casual Pytheas 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**





Stateroom with Balcony



Dining Room



Lounge



Forward Observation Deck



#### 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 exclusively chartered, Five-Star, Ice-Class M.S. LE SOLÉAL

- Nine nights round trip Ushuaia, Argentina, cruising to Antarctica's Port Lockroy, Wiencke Island, Petermann Island, Lemaire Channel, Neko Harbor, Paradise Bay, Deception Island and Half Moon Island, 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 *4* purchased individually at an additional cost.

# Exploration Antarctica



Carleton College's Alumni Adventures *Expedition to Antarctica* honors the long connection with Antarctic exploration and

science of Carleton's fifth president, Laurence M. Gould, who had been chief scientist and second-in-command on the first Byrd Antarctic Expedition (1928-30). On that expedition, Gould led a six-man geographical party on an epic 1500-mile dog sledge journey from Little America to the Queen Maud Mountains and back. Later Gould became head of Carleton's Department of Geology and, from 1945-62, president of the College. In the late 1950s he also served as Director of the U.S. Antarctic Program for the International Geophysical Year.

Altogether Gould made seven trips to Antarctica, the last in 1979 when he was 83 years old and was considered the world's most eminent living Antarctican.

# 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.

M.S. LE SOLÉAL	Deck 6, Solstice
for the	Deck 5, Equinoxe Deck 4, Pégase
	Deck 3, Andromède

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Prestige Suite I	Two-room, ocean-view, expansive floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door onto large <b>private</b> <b>balcony</b> , two bathrooms: tub/shower and shower, large sitting area with sofa, two closets, writing desk and dressing table. <i>Deck 6, Solstice.</i> (limited availability)	\$15195	\$16195	
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Stand on the bow of M.S. LE SOLÉAL and watch Antarctica's drama unfold before you.

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