Vassar Travel Program
Educational Excursions for Alumnae/i, Family and Friends

ALASKA’S GLACIERS AND THE INSIDE PASSAGE
Juneau • Tracy Arm • Sitka • Le Conte Bay
Petersburg • Ketchikan • Vancouver

A voyage aboard the Exclusively Chartered Small Ship
Five-Star Le Soléal
with Vassar Host
Professor April M. Beisaw
July 6 to 13, 2019

RESERVE BY FEBRUARY 15, 2019
EARLY BOOKING SAVINGS
SAVE $2000 PER COUPLE
Dear Vassar Travelers:

I have always wanted to explore Alaska, so why not join me this summer? The Vassar Travel Program is pleased to offer this exceptional Five-Star cruise of southeastern Alaska and Vancouver. We will travel on the elegant small ship Le Soléal, which promises a smooth and quiet ride through narrow fjords and isolated coves that are inaccessible to larger ships. Le Soléal has observation decks, private balconies, and 10 Zodiac boats for watching wildlife, experiencing glaciers, and pondering sunsets. There is also Wi-Fi and room service for those times when you need a break from all the beauty.

The itinerary offers an excellent mixture of culture and nature! We start in Juneau, then experience some glaciers on our way to the “city” of Sitka. The history of Sitka is fascinating, with both Tlingit and Russian cultures shaping it long before it became part of the United States. From there we travel to Petersburg, a Norwegian fishing village, and the more densely populated “city” of Ketchikan, famous for its totem poles. Misty Fjords National Monument and the Inside Passage should provide opportunities to watch bears, whales, and mountain goats. There will be waterfalls! Our final stop is Vancouver, a city that I love to visit.

There are pre- and post-cruise options for those who want more time in Alaska or Vancouver. The pre-cruise option will bring you deep into Alaska’s Interior to explore Denali National Park, see the tallest peak in North America and visit the former frontier trading post of Fairbanks. The post-cruise option is great for getting to know the cosmopolitan side of Vancouver, British Columbia’s most vibrant city.

This travel program is an excellent value for the fine accommodations and the remarkable itinerary, so book now while space and Early Booking Savings are available. I’ll see you in Juneau this July!

Sincerely,

April M. Beisaw, PhD
Associate Professor of Anthropology
Vassar College

Faculty Host

April M. Beisaw is an Associate Professor of Anthropology at Vassar College. There she teaches courses on archaeology, Native American culture, and forensic anthropology. April is an expert on the identification of human and animal bones. She wrote most of her book Identifying and Interpreting Animal Bones: A Manual while cruising in the Caribbean. She is currently working on a new book, Taking Their Water for Our City: Archaeology of New York City’s Watershed Communities, which reveals the cultural costs of New York’s urban water system. This cruise may be exactly what she needs to get that book done.
Exploring the Inside Passage

Shaped by the Ice Age and sheltered from the Pacific Ocean by one thousand miles of islands lining North America's Pacific coast, the Inside Passage embodies untamed Alaska with magnificent glaciers, snowcapped mountains and a wilderness with more spectacular beauty than you could imagine. Stand on the deck of your Five-Star small ship as you cruise the protected coves and inlets of serene, deep blue waters. Watch for wildlife: bald eagles, harbor seals, humpback whales and brown bears. Experience the thunderous calving of the Dawes and South Sawyer Glaciers, venture into the heart of narrow Tracy Arm and Endicott Arm and explore the Passage’s hidden treasures—secluded Inian Island and seldom-visited Elfin Cove.

Along the way, encounter the indigenous culture of the Tlingit, onion-domed churches built by Russian fur traders, hearty fishing villages, trading outposts settled by American pioneers and the gold rush settlements built over a century ago.

Juneau, Alaska
The Alaskan state capital, accessible only by air or sea, picturesque Juneau is where The Call of the Wild author Jack London set forth to join the Klondike Gold Rush in 1897.

Tracy Arm Fjord/Sawyer Glacier/Endicott Arm Fjord/Dawes Glacier
Cruise into the deep, narrow fjord of Tracy Arm, where waterfalls cascade from dramatic bluffs, spruce and hemlock forests fade to grooved sheer rock and icebergs glint in the sunlight. At the remote end of Tracy Arm, listen to ice calving off South Sawyer Glacier and watch as the ice becomes floating platforms for hundreds of harbor seals. Venture to the colbalt-blue edge of Dawes Glacier aboard Zodiaks in the pristine Endicott Arm Fjord, and look for Arctic terns, pigeon guillemots and mountain goats.

Point Adolphus/Inian Island/Elfin Cove
From the vantage point of your small ship, search for humpback whales feeding in the waters of Tracy Arm Fjord.

I T I N E R A R Y

DENALI NATIONAL PARK • FAIRBANKS

Pre-Cruise Option

Day
1 Depart home city/Arrive JUNEAU, ALASKA, U.S./Embark Le SOLÉAL
2 TRACY ARM FJORD/SAWYER GLACIER/ENDICOTT ARM FJORD/DAWES GLACIER
3 POINT ADOLPHUS/INIAN ISLAND/ELFIN COVE
4 SITKA
5 LeCONTE BAY/PETERSBURG
6 KETCHIKAN/MISTY FJORDS NATIONAL MONUMENT
7 CRUISING THE INSIDE PASSAGE
8 VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA/Disembark ship/Return to home city

POST-Cruise OPTION

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

Photo this page: Admire Endicott Arm, dramatically marked by the rise of beautiful steep cirques and amphitheater-like valleys formed by glacial erosion.

Cover photo: Encounter the cobalt blue ice of calving glaciers while cruising through the waters of Tracy Arm Fjord.
nutrient-rich waters of Point Adolphus while cruising through Icy Strait to Inian Island, where unspoiled tidal waters teem with marine life. Aboard Zodiaks, watch for sea lions hunting and bald eagles swooping, drawn by the abundance of salmon. Explore pristine Chichagof Island, where you will go ashore to visit the small fishing community of Elfin Cove. With only 20 permanent residents and situated across from Glacier Bay National Park, this hamlet comes alive in summer, attracting commercial and sport fishing enthusiasts.

Walk along the boardwalks, surrounded by the Tongass National Forest’s majestic conifers and the scent of cedar and spruce.

**Sitka**
Nestled on the edge of Baranof Island, stunning Sitka is laden with the art and history of its aboriginal and Russian past. First settled by the Kiks.ádi clan of the Tlingit, the town flourished as a Russian fur trading hub until its 1867 transfer to the United States. Visit the Alaska Raptor Center, Alaska’s foremost bald eagle habitat, where more than 100 injured eagles are rehabilitated and released into the wild each year.

Explore the rich Tlingit culture while conversing with local artisans in Sitka National Historical Park, where trails are lined with towering totem poles, a lasting memorial to an ancient artform. Marvel at the priceless collection of icons in the onion-domed St. Michael’s Cathedral, North America’s first Russian Orthodox church.

**LeConte Bay**
Cruise into the mouth of LeConte Bay, where the protected waters form a natural refuge for harbor seals from predators. From aboard Zodiaks, watch for mother seals and pups sunning themselves on icebergs.

Watch for migrating humpback whales frequenting Elfin Cove, teeming with halibut, salmon and rockfish.
This bay is the terminus of LeConte Glacier, North America’s southernmost tidewater glacier that frequently calves icebergs.

**Petersburg**
Known as “the town that fish built” and settled along the peaceful Wrangell Narrows by late-19th-century Norwegian fishermen, the charming village of Petersburg is filled with the traditional rosemåling design on its walkways, storefronts, and architecture. Enjoy exceptional vistas of Frederick Sound, summer home to a significant humpback whale population.

**Ketchikan**
In the colorful fishing town of Ketchikan, “salmon capital of the world,” stroll the gold rush-era boardwalks of Creek Street and watch for spawning salmon swimming upstream through the middle of town along the well-known “Salmon Ladder.” See the fascinating art of Potlatch Totem Park, where a master craftsman demonstrates the ancient technique of hand-carving a totem pole.

**Misty Fjords National Monument**
Enjoy the rare opportunity to cruise the serene glacier-sculpted inlets of Misty Fjords, an American treasure harboring awe-inspiring scenery and wildlife. Observe the running streams flowing through stands of evergreens that merge into mighty waterfalls plunging down 3000-foot-tall, near-vertical, granite-faced cliffs. (Weather and sea conditions permitting.)

**Cruising the Inside Passage**
Aboard our Five-Star ship, experience the fabled Inside Passage, one of the most scenic waterways in the world, cruising amidst countless islands, thickly blanketed forests, hidden bays and coves, sandy beaches and lofty waterfalls flowing from mountain cliffs. Be on deck to watch for cavorting sea lions and breaching orcas in the deep waters and brown bears, Sitka black-tailed deer, mountain goats, beavers, mink, foxes and river otters roaming the shores and mountainsides.

**Vancouver, British Columbia**
Dynamic Vancouver, British Columbia’s largest city, is the cultural and financial heart of Canada’s Pacific Northwest. Disembark and continue on the Vancouver and Victoria Post-Cruise Option or to your return flight home.

**Vancouver • Victoria Post-Cruise Option**
Surrounded by water on three sides, Vancouver is the coastal jewel of the Pacific Northwest. British Columbia’s largest city, Vancouver’s vibrant cosmopolitan atmosphere—rich in art and culture gleaned from the indigenous people of the Pacific Northwest and Alaska—forms a spectacular city. Visit Vancouver Island and Butchart Gardens. Tour elegant Victoria, a former British Empire port that still retains a charming English accent as well as wonderfully restored 19th-century architecture. In Vancouver, see historic Chinatown, famous Stanley Park and the 19th-century Gastown District, and then explore the Public Market and native artisans’ studios at Granville Island. Accommodations for two nights are in the deluxe Westin Bayshore Hotel.

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

Discover Vancouver’s fascinating cultural diversity in the foothills of the North Shore Mountains.
Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star ms Le Soléal

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 technology and the most environmentally responsible features built into its design and operations, the ship has earned the prestigious “clean ship” certification.

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.

Only 110 Suites and Staterooms, 95% Include Private Balconies
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 three elevators and 10 Zodiacs.

World-Class Service
The highly trained, English-speaking crew are personable and attentive, and the ship has a medical center staffed with a doctor and nurse.
Included Features

On Board the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star, Small Ship LE SOLÉAL

◆ Eight-day voyage from Juneau, Alaska, U.S., to Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, through the magnificent Inside Passage.

◆ 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.

◆ Six days cruising the protected British Columbian Inside Passage one of the most spectacular coastal waterways in the world.

◆ Onboard naturalist guides to help identify the natural wonders and incredible wildlife of the Inside Passage.

◆ Scenic cruise into stunning Tracy Arm Fjord featuring the South Sawyer Glacier.

◆ Zodiac excursion to the tidal Dawes Glacier and seal watching in Endicott Arm Fjord.

◆ Humpback whale watching near Point Adolphus.

◆ Zodiac excursion through the marine-life-rich waters of captivating, Inian Island.

◆ Visit to the remote fishing village of Elfin Cove on pristine Chichagof Island, with time at leisure.

◆ Visit to picturesque Sitka, once the “capital of Russian America,” to see St. Michael’s Cathedral and its priceless Russian Orthodox icons and to tour the Alaska Raptor.

◆ Naturalist-guided Zodiac excursion into LeConte Bay for a spectacular cruise among icebergs.

◆ Visit to the vibrant fishing village of Petersburg, Alaska’s “Little Norway.”

◆ Tour of historic Ketchikan, “salmon capital of the world,” and famous gold rush-era Creek Street.

◆ Visit to Potlatch Totem Park in Ketchikan to experience indigenous Alaskan Tlingit culture.

◆ Cruise through dramatic Misty Fjords National Monument. (Weather and sea conditions permitting.)

Always Included

◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).

◆ Experienced local guides for included excursions.

◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.

◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.

◆ Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom and on excursions.

◆ Hospitality desk aboard ship.

◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
Join us on this exclusive, specially arranged and comprehensive prelude to explore Alaska’s Interior. Experience fully what Alaska has to offer on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to further explore America’s amazing last frontier.

Spend two nights in the frontier city of Fairbanks, founded upon the outbreak of gold-rush fever at the turn of the 20th century. Cruise the fabled Chena and Tanana Rivers aboard a traditional sternwheeler, see the extensive Trans-Alaska Pipeline and visit the galleries of the University of Alaska’s Museum of the North.

 Traverse through rolling green tundra amid mountains, gorges and spruce forests to the pristine wilderness of Denali National Park, home to North America’s tallest peak at over 20,000 feet high. Spend two nights in a comfortable lodge just outside this splendid and unspoiled six-million-acre national park. Learn more about Denali’s ecosystem and answer the call of the wilderness here, with an expert from the Murie Science and Learning Center who will guide and assist you in spotting and identifying the amazing wildlife—moose, bears, caribou, wolves, Dall sheep and raptors—in their protected natural habitat.

Enjoy the scenery aboard a domed train offering stunning 360-degree views of the majestic landscape. Continue to Anchorage for one night in this city that balances the call of the wild with urban comforts, stopping for a visit to the home of the famous Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race Headquarters. Then, fly to Juneau and visit the mighty Mendenhall Glacier, one of 38 glaciers leading to the Juneau Icefield.

The Pre-Cruise Option is available at additional cost. Details will be provided in your reservation confirmation.
LAND/Cruise Tariff excluding taxes*  
Per person, based on double occupancy

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Deluxe Suite
Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony, sitting area with sofa.
Deck 6, Solstice. (Limited availability)
$9595 $10595

Prestige Suite II
Two rooms, expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, two bathrooms: tub/shower and shower, large sitting area with sofa, two closets. Deck 5, Equinoxe. (Limited availability)
$9995 $10995

Prestige Suite I
Two rooms, expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, two bathrooms: tub/shower and shower, large sitting area with sofa, two closets. Deck 6, Solstice. (Limited availability)
$10495 $11495

Owner's Suite
Two rooms, expansive sliding glass doors, large private balcony, one and a half bathrooms, separate tub and shower, sitting room with sofa, table and four chairs. Deck 6, Solstice. (Limited availability)
$10995 $11995

Singles are available in category 6 at $11195* and in category 4 at $13295* on or before February 15, 2019.
Add $1000 for reservations made after February 15, 2019.

*Taxes are an additional $420 per person and are subject to change.

Le Soléal 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.

ALASKA'S GLACIERS AND THE INSIDE PASSAGE RESERVATION FORM

Send to: Gohagan & Company
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(312) 609-1140

Title  Full Name (exactly as it appears on your passport)  Class Year
Title  Full Name (exactly as it appears on your passport)  Class Year
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. 001-07/06/19-172

Program reservations require a deposit of $600 per person and $200 per person Denali National Park • Fairbanks Pre-Cruise Option and/or $200 per person Vancouver • Victoria Post-Cruise 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 2019 Alaska’s Glaciers and the Inside Passage.

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 April 2, 2019.

The undersigned has read the tour itinerary and recognizes and accepts any risk inherent therein. The undersigned also understands and hereby agrees for and on behalf of his/her dependents, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns to abide by the conditions set forth in the terms and conditions listed in this brochure and to release and hold harmless Vassar College and any of its officers, trustees, agents, licensees, or representatives, from any and all liability for delays, injuries, or death or for the loss of or damage to his/her property however occurring during any portion of, or in relation to, the tour.

Each Participant Must Sign:

Signature  Date  Signature  Date
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On programs which include pre/post transfers, airfare is subject to change and availability and, depending on the fare basis, likely is nonrefundable. Your airline ticket constitutes a mandatory required deposit, by February 15, 2019

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations for all or any part of the trip including Pre/Post Program(s) reservation(s) will not be effective until received in writing in the offices of Gohagan. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply: reservation cancellation(s) are subject to a $200 ($50 Pre/Post Program(s)) per person administrative fee from the time of booking through 120 days prior to departure; from 95 through 119 days prior to departure, $600 ($200 Pre/Post Program(s)) per person; from 60 through 94 days prior to departure, 50% of the published full regular tariffs; cancellations 59 days or less prior to departure, a no-show, or early return from the trip will result in forfeiture of 100% of the published full regular tariffs. In addition, any applicable airline cancellation fees, optional excursion cancellation fees and administrative fees may apply.

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Be on deck while cruising the spectacular Inside Passage.

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