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Explore cobalt-blue glaciers, towering mountains, untouched coastlines and abundant wildlife as they unfold around you in an immense panorama on this exceptional five-star cruise of Alaska’s glaciers and the Inside Passage—the last of the great American frontiers.

Exclusively chartered for this voyage, the five-star small ship Le SoLéaL is ideal for traversing narrow fjords and isolated coves inaccessible to larger ships, while carefully navigating through the marine ecosystem. Experience the unforgettable scenery of southeastern Alaska and Northwestern Pacific Canada and thrilling wildlife up-close—from observation decks, during Zodiac excursions, and from the comfort of elegantly appointed suites and staterooms, most with a private balcony.

Call at archetypal Alaskan towns, including historic Sitka, a cultural fusion of Tlingit and Russian heritage; off-the-beaten-path Petersburg, the region’s “Little Norway”; and colorful Ketchikan, rich in Alaskan art and tradition. Glide through the serene Inside Passage and into remote inlets in search of harbor seals, porpoises, sea lions, sea otters, and eagles. Cruise the majestic Misty Fjords and Tracy Arm Fjord, a seascape of plunging waterfalls and serrated peaks, to the face of the monumental Dawes and South Sawyer Glaciers.

Complement your cruise with the Denali Pre-Cruise and the Vancouver and Victoria Post-Cruise Options.

You will not want to miss the boundless splendor of Alaska. Book now while spaces are available.

Watch for migrating humpback whales frequenting Elfin Cove, teeming with halibut, salmon, and rockfish.

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A LITTLE MORE TO IT

This is a soft expedition-style itinerary. Passengers must be able to negotiate a steep gangway and get in and out of the Zodiacs from a shipboard platform with minimal assistance. Some walking along uneven and/or slippery terrain is to be expected. Walking excursions can cover distances of at least one mile and are approximately three hours in length. The ship may either dock in port or tender ashore by small boat or Zodiac inflatable landing craft. Tenders may involve a dry or a wet landing.

Study Leader

James (Jim) Engell
AB ’73, PhD ’78 is the Gurney Professor of English Literature and professor of comparative literature at Harvard University. He has taught at Harvard since 1978, chairing the Department of English from 2004 to 2010. The recipient of four faculty-wide teaching and advising awards, Jim offers courses on rhetoric and on the Enlightenment, romantic poetry, 18th-century studies, and environmental issues. He has also taught courses with colleagues in the Department of Economics and the Divinity School.

Jim began his studies leaning toward science, a path he continues today as a faculty associate of the Harvard University Center for the Environment. He has taught environmental seminars at Harvard, the National Humanities Center, and for a consortium of nine North American and Asian universities, including Harvard.

A Fellow of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, he served as president of the Association of Literary Scholars, Critics, and Writers and belongs to the Cambridge Scientific Club.

James will be joined by other scheduled guest speakers. Scheduled guest speakers may be altered due to circumstances beyond our control. See Terms & Conditions.
Encounter the cobalt-blue ice of calving glaciers while cruising through the waters of Tracy Arm Fjord.

**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.

**Saturdays, July 6**
**Home City/Juneau, Alaska**
Arrive in Juneau to embark Le Soleal. 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. *(d)*

**Sundays, July 7**
**Tracy Arm Fjord/South 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 cobalt-blue edge of Dawes Glacier aboard Zodiacs in the pristine Endicott Arm Fjord, and look for Arctic terns, pigeon guillemots and mountain goats. Attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception this evening. *(e,L,R,d)*

**Mondays, July 8**
**Point Adolphus/Inian Island/Elfin Cove**
From the vantage point of your small ship, search for humpback whales feeding in the nutrient-rich waters of Point Adolphus while cruising through Icy Strait to Inian Island, where unspoiled tidal waters teem with marine life. Aboard Zodiacs, 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. *(e,L,D)*

**Tuesdays, July 9**
**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 art form. Marvel at the priceless collection of icons in the onion-domed St. Michael’s Cathedral, North America’s first Russian Orthodox church. *(e,L,D)*

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 10
LeConte Bay/ Petersburg
Cruise into the mouth of LeConte Bay, where the protected waters form a natural refuge for harbor seals from predators. From aboard Zodiacs, watch for mother seals and pups sunning themselves on icebergs. This bay is the terminus of LeConte Glacier, North America’s southernmost tidewater glacier that frequently calves icebergs. 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. (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, JULY 11
Ketchikan/Misty Fjords National Monument
In the colorful fishing town of Ketchikan, “salmon capital of the world,” stroll the gold rush-era boardwalks of Creek Street and look 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.

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 spectacular waterfalls plunging down 3,000-foot-tall, near-vertical, granite-faced cliffs. (Weather and sea conditions permitting.) (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, JULY 12
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. Enjoy the Captain’s Farewell Reception. (B,L,R,D)

SATURDAY, JULY 13
Vancouver, British Columbia/Home City
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. (s)

What is Included:

- Enrichment program of lectures and discussions by James Engell and other guest speakers
- Seven-night cruise aboard the five-star Le Soleal
- Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages throughout the cruise
- Complimentary Wi-Fi on board the ship
- Naturalist-guided Zodiac excursion into LeConte Bay for a spectacular cruise among icebergs
- Scenic cruise into stunning Tracy Arm Fjord featuring the South Sawyer Glacier
- All activities, excursions, entrance fees, and meals per detailed itinerary
- Taxes and gratuities to ship personnel, guides, and drivers
- Complimentary bottled water in your suite or stateroom and during excursions
- Services of a tour manager throughout the program
- Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s)
- $200,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance
Visit Elfin Cove and look for ringed seals, also known as ice seals, at rest on rocks.

Stroll the gold rush-era boardwalks of Ketchikan’s Creek Street, and look for salmon swimming upstream.

Observe graceful brown bears catching wild salmon mid-stream—an iconic, Alaskan sight.

**Denali National Park • Fairbanks**

**PRE-CRUISE OPTION**

$2,895 per person, double occupancy

$3,695 per person, single occupancy

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.

**Vancouver • Victoria**

**POST-CRUISE OPTION**

$1,995 per person, double occupancy

$1,695 per person, single occupancy

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.

Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

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**Trip Sampling**

**LAND & RAIL**

**Village Life® in Dordogne**

MAY 16–24, 2019

Robert J. Kiely

**Village Life® around the Italian Lakes**

SEP 21–29, 2019

Sue Schopf

**CRUISES**

**Expedition to Antarctica on Le Boréal**

JAN 5–18, 2019

Joyce Chaplin

**A Cruise of the Panama Canal and Costa Rica on Le Champlain**

FEB 2–10, 2019

Don Pfister

**Cruising Tahiti & French Polynesia on Wind Spirit**

FEB 5–15, 2019

David Armitage

**RIVERS & LAKES**

**The Pride of South Africa, Botswana, Namibia & Zimbabwe**

MAR 14–30, 2019

Suzanne Blier

**Passage along the Danube River: Vienna to Black Sea on Amadeus Queen**

OCT 12–24, 2019

Thomas W. Simons Jr.
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. With advanced technology and the most environmentally responsible features built into its design and operations, the ship has earned the prestigious “clean ship” certification.

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 (satellite reception permitting), and 24-hour room service.

The stylish dining room and casual alfresco restaurant feature international cuisine and serve continental and buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea, and dinner in four courses or buffet. Wine is served at your table with lunch and dinner.

The 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.

Relax in your mini bar whilst enjoying the2 lounges, a theater, library, Sun Deck with open-air bar, beauty salon, spa, Turkish bath-style steam room, and fitness room. The ship has three elevators and 10 Zodiacs.

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

## Rates Per Person

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<td>PRESTIGE SUITE I, Two rooms, (Category 1) 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)</td>
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<td>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)</td>
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Taxes and gratuities to ship personnel are included.
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