Alaska’s Glaciers and the Inside Passage
on Le SOLÉAL
July 29-August 5, 2020
with Harvey V. Fineberg and Mary Elizabeth Wilson
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 distills untamed Alaska with magnificent glaciers, snowcapped mountains and pristine wilderness. Stand on the deck of your Five-Star small ship as you cruise protected cliff-rimmed fjords and inlets of serene waters. Watch for wildlife: bald eagles, harbor seals and humpback whales. Experience the thunderous calving of the Dawes and South Sawyer Glaciers, venture into narrow Tracy Arm and Endicott Arm and explore the Passage’s hidden treasures—seldom-visited Elfin Cove. Along the way, encounter the indigenous culture of the Tlingit, onion-domed churches built by Russian fur traders, quirky fishing villages, trading outposts settled by American pioneers and gold rush settlements built over a century ago.

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A LITTLE MORE TO IT
This is a soft expedition-style itinerary involving cruising excursions by Zodiac inflatable craft to enhance your wildlife viewing. Passengers must be able to negotiate a steep gangway and get in and out of the Zoegers from a shipboard platform with minimal assistance. During shore excursions—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. Please be advised that the ship may either dock in port or tender ashore by small boat or Zodiac inflatable landing craft!
Schedule by Day

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

Home City / Vancouver, British Columbia

Arrive in dynamic Vancouver today and board Le Soléal. British Columbia’s largest city, it is the cultural and financial heart of Canada’s Pacific Northwest.

THURSDAY, JULY 30

Cruising the Inside Passage

Aboard the five-star Le Soléal, experience the Inside Passage, one of the most scenic waterways in the world. Cruise amidst countless islands, thickly blanketed forests, hidden bays and coves, sandy beaches, and lofty waterfalls falling from mountain cliffs.

FRIDAY, JULY 31

Ketchikan, Alaska

Backed by the forested slopes of Deer Mountain, the fishing town of Ketchikan is the “salmon capital of the world.” Stroll the gold rush-era boardwalks of Creek Street and watch spawning salmon swimming upstream through the middle of town along the well-known “Salmon Ladder.”

A rich profusion of native Haida, Tlingit and Tsimshian arts harmonize the town’s cultural facets. See the 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 glacier-sculpted inlets of Misty Fjord, an American treasure harboring awe-inspiring scenery and wildlife. Observe the running streams flowing through stands of evergreens, merging into mighty waterfalls plunging down 3000-foot-tall, near-vertical, granite-faced cliffs. (Weather and sea conditions permitting.) (B,L,R,D)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

LeConte Bay / Petersburg, Alaska

Cruise to the mouth of LeConte Bay, where the protected waters form a natural refuge for harbor seals from predators. From aboard smaller expedition vessels, watch for mother seals and pups sunning themselves on icebergs. Listen for white thunder as LeConte Glacier—North America’s southernmost tidewater glacier—frequently calves icebergs.

Known as “the town that fish built” and settled along the peaceful Wrangell Narrows by late-19th century Norwegian fishermen, the authentic village of Petersburg presents traditional rosemål design along its walkways, on storefronts and in its architecture. Visit Main Street and the fascinating Clausen Museum, which forms a repository for the collective memory of the town’s former residents.

At the historic Sons of Norway Hall, discover Norwegian folkloric traditions during a specially arranged song and dance presentation.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

Sitka

Nestled on the edge of Baranof Island, Sitka penetrates one of Alaska’s most stunning regions and proudly wears its aboriginal and Russian history. The town flourished as a Russian fur trading hub until its 1867 transfer to the U.S. Marvel at the collection of icons in St. Michael’s Cathedral, North America’s first Russian Orthodox church.

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What is Included:

- Enrichment program of lectures and discussions by Harvard Study Leaders Harvey Fineberg and Mary Wilson
- Eight-day voyage aboard the five-star Le Soléal
- Complimentary alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages throughout the cruise
- Complimentary Wi-Fi on board the ship
- Naturalist-guided Zodiac excursion to 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 an experience 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 the Alaska Raptor Center, Alaska’s foremost bald eagle habitat, where more than 100 injured eagles are rehabilitated and released each year.

Explore the Tlingit culture while conversing with local artisans in Sitka National Historical Park, where trails are lined with totem poles, a lasting memorial to an ancient artform.

MONDAY, AUGUST 3
Point Adolphus/Elfin Cove, Alaska

From the observation deck, search for humpback whales and orcas feeding in the nutrient-rich waters of Point Adolphus while cruising through Icy Strait, where tidal waters teem with marine life. Watch for sea lions and bald eagles drawn by the abundance of salmon. Go ashore to explore pristine Chichagof Island and visit the small fishing community of Elfin Cove. Situated across from Glacier Bay National Park and with only 20 permanent residents, this hamlet comes alive in summer, attracting fishing enthusiasts.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4
Tracy Arm Fjord/South Sawyer Glacier/Endicott Arm Fjord/Dawes Glacier

Cruise between near vertical rock walls into the deep and narrow fjord of Tracy Arm, where waterfalls cascade from bluffs, forests fade to sheer rock and icebergs glint in the sunlight. At the remote end of Tracy Arm, listen to ice calving off the soaring South Sawyer Glacier. Venture to the edge of Dawes Glacier aboard smaller expedition vessels in the Endicott Arm Fjord.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5
Juneau

The Alaskan state capital, accessible only by air or sea, Juneau is where The Call of the Wild author Jack London set forth to join the Klondike Gold Rush in 1897. Disembark and continue on to the Denali National Parks and Fairbank Post-Program Option or transfer to the airport for your return flight home.

Visit quaint Elfin Cove, framed by the magnificent Fairweather mountain range, and look for ringed seals, named for the lighter-colored circular patterns.
Alumni Travels

**Denali National Park • Fairbanks**

**POST-PROGRAM OPTION**

$2,995 per person, double occupancy  
$3,995 per person, single occupancy

Join us on this exclusive, specially arranged and comprehensive postlude to discover more of Alaska’s natural wonders and its unfathomable scale. Disembark in Juneau, and visit the Mendenhall Glacier, one of 38 glaciers leading to the Juneau Icefield. Fly to Anchorage for one night in a city that balances nature with urban comforts. Visit the headquarters of the famous Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race and travel from the frontier town of Talkeetna to Denali aboard a domed train offering 360-degree views of Alaska’s landscape. Arrive at 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 lodge just outside this six-million-acre national park. Learn more about Denali’s ecosystem with your local guide assisting you in spotting and identifying the amazing wildlife in its protected natural habitat.

Spend two nights in fascinating Fairbanks, founded at the outbreak of Gold Rush fever, and visit the Museum of the North, the city’s crowning jewel in style and substance. Cruise the fabled Chena and Tanana Rivers aboard a traditional sternwheeler and see the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, the largest and most expensive privately funded construction project ever undertaken.

Details will be provided in your reservation confirmation. Air from Juneau to Anchorage is an additional $325 per person and subject to change.

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**Vancouver • Victoria**

**PRE-PROGRAM OPTION**

$1,145 per person, double occupancy  
$1,595 per person, single occupancy

The coastal jewel of the Pacific Northwest, Vancouver’s vibrant cosmopolitan atmosphere 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 Vancouver.

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**Trip Sampling**

**LAND & RAIL**

- **Journey in Greece for Students & Alumni**  
  JAN 10–19, 2020  
  Keith Stone

- **Moroccan Discovery**  
  MAY 8–20, 2020  
  Kay Shelemay

- **Village Life in Dordogne**  
  MAY 14–22, 2020  
  Susan Rubin Suleiman

**RIVERS & LAKES**

- **Southern Africa Adventure on Zambezi Queen**  
  MAR 12–28, 2020  
  Leeanne Alonso & Alfonso Alonso

- **European Coastal Civilizations: Lisbon to London’s Tower Bridge on Le Dumont d’Urville**  
  APR 27–MAY 6, 2020  
  John Stewart

**CRUISES**

- **Expedition to Antarctica on Le Boréal**  
  JAN 15–28, 2020  
  James Salzman

- **Scottish Isles & Norway’s Fjords on Le Champlain**  
  MAY 30–JUN 7, 2020  
  Lizabeth Cohen & Herrick Chapman

**FAMILY ADVENTURES**

- **Greece Family Odyssey: The Peleponnese on Running on Waves**  
  JUN 18–27, 2020  
  James Simpson

- **Japan Family Adventure (Tokyo, Kyoto, Hiroshima)**  
  JUN 27–JUL 8, 2020  
  Ted Gillman

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Stroll Ketchikan’s historic downtown, where over 30 wood-frame houses are trussed on wooden pilings.

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Five-Star, State-of-the-Art, Small Ship: Join us aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star Le Soleal, 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 important “Clean Ship” distinction.

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 (conditions permitting) 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.

Elegant Suites and Staterooms—95% Include Private Balconies: Each of the 110 ocean-view Staterooms and Suites range from 200 to 484 square feet, and most have a private balcony. All Five-Star accommodations feature individual climate control, two twin beds or one queen bed and a private bathroom with shower and luxurious hotel amenities, including flat-screen television, a safe, a 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.

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.

Rates Per Person
BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

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PROGRAM COST

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Premiere Accommodations

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$1,595 Double Occupancy

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