2019
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Arctic Expedition
to Spitsbergen and Svalbard Archipelago
on L'AUSTRAL
June 14-24, 2019
with Lisa Randall, Frank B. Baird, Jr., Professor of Science
Engage in the excitement and spirit of adventure to explore the unspoiled Arctic wilderness at the best time of year, under the Midnight Sun, during this once-in-a-lifetime, 11-day program featuring the High Arctic’s extraordinary Svalbard archipelago. Navigate through pristine fjords, see stunning views of glistening glaciers, land by Zodiac for Arctic walks on ice, and discover abundant wildlife, including the King of the Arctic—the polar bear—walruses, whales, reindeer, and several species of rare Arctic seabirds.

Enjoy five-star accommodations aboard the ice-class, eco-friendly *L’Austral*, the finest expedition ship to cruise the Arctic waters. The ship features 95% private balcony staterooms along with spacious observation lounges and open-air decks conducive to optimum viewing, and it is ideal for cruising fjords inaccessible to larger vessels. An expert Arctic Expedition Team will accompany you on board and during Zodiac excursions to explore the natural beauty of this untouched wilderness up-close.

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**A LITTLE MORE TO IT**
This program will feature long touring days, many full-day excursions, and a full and active itinerary with a faster pace and longer distances. Some tours may have activities with higher intensity. Excursions require standing and walking for extended periods of time over more difficult terrain (muddy/slippery snowy/icy trails). Specific itineraries may feature hiking, use of local transportation, or extensive use of Zodiac crafts or other smaller ship conveyances for wet landings. Travelers may be in remote and/or rugged regions.

**TO BOOK A TRIP, CALL 800-422-1636 OR VISIT HTTPS://ALUMNI.HARVARD.EDU/TRAVEL/TRIPS/ARCTIC-2019**

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**Study Leader**

**Professor Lisa Randall**

earned her PhD from Harvard University and held professorships at MIT and Princeton University before returning to Harvard in 2001. She is also the recipient of honorary degrees from Brown University, Duke University, Bard College, and the University of Antwerp.

Randall studies theoretical particle physics and cosmology at Harvard University. Her research connects theoretical insights to puzzles in our current understanding of the properties and interactions of matter. She has developed and studied a wide variety of models to address these questions, the most prominent involving extra dimensions of space. Randall’s research also explores ways to experimentally test and verify ideas. Her current research focuses in large part on cosmology and gravity waves, with special attention to dark matter and black holes.

Randall has also had a public presence through her writing, lectures, and radio and TV appearances. Randall’s books, *Warped Passages: Unraveling the Mysteries of the Universe’s Hidden Dimensions* and *Knocking on Heaven’s Door: How Physics and Scientific Thinking Illuminate the Universe and the Modern World*, were both on *The New York Times*’ list of 100 Notable Books of the Year.

Randall will be joined by other scheduled guest speakers. Scheduled guest speakers may be altered due to circumstances beyond our control. See Terms & Conditions.
Schedule by Day

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JUNE 14 AND 15

U.S./Paris, France
Depart the U.S. for Paris, France. On arrival, check in to the Hilton Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport Hotel and enjoy a Welcome Reception Saturday evening. (R)

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

Paris/Longyearbyen, Svalbard, Norway
Transfer to the airport for your charter flight to Longyearbyen, Svalbard, Norway, the archipelago’s capital. Arrive this afternoon in this small port town at 78 degrees North latitude, approximately 650 miles from the North Pole. Enjoy a glimpse of daily life here in the Longyearbyen Culture House. Embark the eco-friendly L’Austral. Attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception and dinner this evening. (B, R, D)

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

MONDAY, JUNE 17

Hornsund/
Samarin Glacier
An expert naturalist-led excursion navigates through slow-drifting ice by Zodiac in the pristine bay of Burgerbukta to reach the majestic Samarin Glacier. This afternoon, walk along the glacier and examine firsthand its dramatic terrain, frequented by seabirds such as black-legged kittiwakes and Brünnich’s guillemots. Discover the perfect snapshot of miniature Arctic wildflowers. (B, L, D)

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

Bellsund
In the bell-shaped sound of Bellsund, surrounded by soaring, snow-covered peaks, anchor off Calypsobyen, part of Sør-Spitsbergen, Norway’s largest national park. Relics of the former coal mining settlement offer a glimpse into its history. Expert naturalists accompany you through Calypsobyen’s intriguing ecosystem, where nimble Arctic foxes thrive.

After lunch on board the ship, continue to Camp Millar, a former gold mining base and now a favored grazing spot for the Svalbard reindeer. Observe the graceful reindeer, their newborn calves, and the large resident colony of auks. (B, L, D)

WEDNESDAY TO SATURDAY, JUNE 19 TO 22

Cruising the Arctic Ice Pack
Approach the Arctic ice pack at the approximate latitude of 80 degrees North. Survey expansive sea ice for the King of the Arctic—the polar bear. Ice habitats are crucial for this endangered mammal’s hunting and breeding.

Keep a keen eye out for these ivory-furred creatures and scan the cobalt-blue waters for bowhead and beluga whales, often spotted swimming in pods. Woodfjorden showcases the Arctic’s contrasts—icy, glacier-fronted shores are juxtaposed against the surrounding.
red sandstone mountains. Cruise past the startlingly beautiful Monaco Glacier and listen for the sound of white thunder as the tidewater glaciers calve into the ocean.

Your expert naturalist guides lead an adventurous walk around protected Raudfjorden, amidst Svalbard poppies. Look for rare seabirds, such as pink-footed geese, black-legged kittiwakes, and glaucous gulls.

Enjoy an afternoon Zodiac excursion to the former 17th-century Dutch whaling station of Smeerenburgbreen, today a prized resting shore for long-toothed walruses. Discover the hub of scientific exploration, Ny-Ålesund, host to 16 international research stations and a refuge for ringed and bearded seals.

Observe them resting in their natural habitats.

An afternoon excursion by Zodiac through the inlet of Kongsfjorden takes you to the tidewater Kongsbreen (King’s Glacier), a nesting ground for waterbirds, barnacle geese, common and king elders, long-tailed ducks, purple sandpipers, Atlantic puffins, and snow buntings.

Attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception on board the ship. (4B, 4L, 1R, 4D)

SUNDAY, JUNE 23
Longyearbyen/Paris, France
Disembark the ship to fly to Paris. Check in to the HILTON PARIS CHARLES DE GAULLE AIRPORT HOTEL and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. (6)

What is Included:

- Enrichment program of lectures and discussions by Lisa Randall and other guest speakers
- One night each at the beginning and conclusion of your expedition in the deluxe HILTON PARIS CHARLES DE GAULLE AIRPORT HOTEL
- Round-trip airfare Paris, France/Longyearbyen, Svalbard, Norway (internal program air)
- Seven-night cruise aboard the five-star L’AUSTRAL
- Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages throughout the cruise
- Complimentary Wi-Fi on board the ship (satellite conditions permitting)
- Exploration by Zodiac landing craft, accompanied by an expert naturalist guide from the expedition team
- 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
- Souvenir polar-grade red parka
- Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s)
- $200,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance

MONDAY, JUNE 24
Paris/U.S.
Continue on the Paris and Giverny Postlude Option or transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S. (6)

Expert Expedition Team
An Arctic Expedition Team of seasoned naturalists, who have studied and traveled extensively in the remote Arctic, accompany you throughout your voyage. The team’s collaborative efforts, experience, particular interest in the Arctic’s ecosystems, and enthusiasm for sharing their knowledge make them exceptionally well-suited to lead your Arctic Expedition under the Midnight Sun.
Listen for bearded seals’ trilling and look for them sunning on the ice, especially during June’s molting season.

Native to the Arctic tundra biome, Arctic foxes use their acute hearing to locate prey precisely.

Walruses can weigh up to 1.5 tons and use their tusks to lift themselves out of the water onto ice packs.

Above: See the remaining infrastructure of Mulberry “B,” the artificial harbor WWII Allied forces created to land troops and supplies on D-Day in Arromanches, France.

Below: The Eiffel Tower is the abiding icon of Paris since its debut at the 1889 World’s Fair.

Normandy
PRE-EXPEDITION OPTION
$1,795 per person, double occupancy
$2,645 per person, single occupancy
Commemorate the 75th anniversary year of the Allied forces’ World War II D-Day Invasion during a visit to historic Normandy. Walk the hallowed grounds where American, Canadian and British forces landed; visit the American Military Cemetery overlooking Omaha Beach; see German emplacements at Pointe du Hoc and the engineered British “Mulberry Harbor” remnants at Gold Beach. Tour Honfleur, an inspiration to Impressionists such as Monet and Boudin, and in Rouen, view stained-glass windows at Joan of Arc Church and the Gothic architecture of the Notre Dame de Rouen Cathedral. Spend three nights in the deluxe Hôtel de Bourgtheroulde.

Paris and Giverny
POSTLUDE OPTION
$1,795 per person, double occupancy
$3,145 per person, single occupancy
Experience the “City of Light” and Monet’s cherished gardens in nearby Giverny. Enjoy a panoramic tour of Paris, renowned for its historic and aesthetic influence, and see its most noted landmarks. Visit the Louvre, the world’s largest museum, for a guided tour. Enjoy a full-day excursion to Monet’s Gardens—an exquisite living canvas—in charming Giverny. Visit the Impressionist Master’s house and admire his lily pond and iconic Japanese bridge. Spend three nights in the deluxe, ideally located Hôtel Scribe Paris Opéra.

A sampling of 2019 Harvard Alumni Travels

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

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.

Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
Join us aboard the exclusively chartered, five-star L’Austral, 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 eco-friendly features, the ship has been appointed the prestigious “Clean Ship” award, a rarity among ocean vessels.

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 breakfasts, buffet lunch, afternoon tea, and dinner in four courses or buffet. These elegant ocean-view accommodations range from 200 to 484 square feet, and most have a private balcony. Your 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.

Enjoy two 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.

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* Prestige Suites I and II, capacities to be advised.

** Indicates one fixed Queen bed

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### Terms & Conditions

**TOUR COST INCLUSIONS:** Taxes; internal program air; all transfers and luggage handling abroad for all participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s); all activities, excursions, entrance fees, accommodation, and meals per detailed itinerary; gratuities to ship personnel, local guides, and drivers; tour manager throughout; $200,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance.

**TOUR COST EXCLUSIONS:** International airfare from the U.S.; baggage charges on aircraft; local departure air taxes; associated local taxes, airport facility taxes and federal inspection fees not listed in the “Inclusions” section; transfers and baggage handling to/from airport on day(s) of arrival and/or departure if you are arriving earlier or later than and/or departing earlier or later than the scheduled group transfer(s); passport fees; visas and fees for obtaining visas; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, and Internet access; accident/sickness, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; gratuities to hotel personnel; optional sightseeing excursions; meals and alcoholic beverages not listed in the “Inclusions” section; and all other services not specifically mentioned in the “Inclusions” section.

**RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS, & FINAL PAYMENT:** To reserve a space on this program, a $1,000 deposit is required per person (plus $200 per person Pre- and/or Post-Program). Please either call us at 800-422-1636 or 617-496-0806 or fill out and fax the registration form found in the back of this brochure. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt; until the maximum enrollment has been reached. Deposits may be made by check, payable to Harvard Alumni Association, or with a major credit card. Final payment, payable by check, is due 95 days before departure.

**CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS:** All cancellations must be made in writing to Harvard Alumni Travels. 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, $1,000 ($200 Pre-/Post-Program(s)) per person; from 60 through 94 days prior to departure, 70% 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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### Registration Form

**TO register,** fill out this form and return to Harvard Alumni Travels with your deposit of $1,000 per person, plus $200 per person Normandy Pre-Expedition Option, plus $200 per person Paris and Giverny Postlude Option.

**Please return this form by mail to:** Harvard Alumni Travels 124 Mount Auburn Street, 6th Floor, Cambridge, MA 02138 Or by FAX: 617-496-4011

**Please call with any questions:** 800-422-1636 or 617-496-0806

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