Iceland Circumnavigation
on the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star Le Champlain
July 31-August 8, 2019
with Fran Ulmer
Fran will be joined by other scheduled guest speakers. Scheduled guest speakers may be altered due to circumstances beyond our control. See Terms & Conditions.

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A LITTLE MORE TO IT

The carefully planned excursions offered on this cruise are designed to highlight as much of the destination and its important sights while in port. A few excursions involve walking over rugged, uneven, and/or wet, slippery terrain and along stone floors, and climbing several flights of stairs (some without railings) is to be expected. Walking excursions can be approximately two hours in length. Please be advised that the ship may either dock in port or tender ashore.
Schedule by Day

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, JULY 31 AND AUGUST 1

**U.S./Reykjavík, Iceland**

Depart the U.S. for Reykjavík, the world’s northernmost capital. Upon arrival, see the idyllic recreational sports area of Laugardalur, where geothermal water keeps an Olympic-sized outdoor swimming pool open year round. Continue to the National Museum for an overview of Iceland’s history, culture, and heritage. Visit the Lutheran church, Hallgrímskirkja, whose ridged structure mirrors natural rock formations found on Iceland’s coast.

Pass by the charming houses of central Reykjavík before boarding *Le Champlain*. (B,1D)

*Please note that the ship’s cruising pattern and direction are dependent on weather conditions and are subject to change.*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

**Vigur Island/Ísafjörður**

Enjoy the morning cruise to the awe-inspiring Westfjords. On verdant Vigur Island—home to one single farming family and thousands of puffins, Arctic terns, red-footed black guillemots, and eider ducks—observe the birds in their natural habitat and see Iceland’s only windmill, built in 1840.

Visit the country’s smallest post office and enjoy coffee and cakes served by our hosts in their home, the well-preserved, 19th-century Viktoria House. This afternoon, cruise up the dominant fjord, Isafjarðardjúp (“ice fjord deep”), of this remote 14-million-year-old region, framed by dramatic mountains. Near the town of Ísafjörður, visit the open-air Ósvör Maritime Museum, where restored, 19th-century fishermen’s huts and fishing equipment vividly depict the harsh reality of the lives of generations of Iceland’s fishermen. Tour Ísafjarður’s Westfjords Heritage Museum to learn more about this remote outpost’s fascinating maritime heritage.

Attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception on board the ship this evening. (B,L,R,D)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

**Siglufjörður/Arctic Circle/Grímsey Island**

Bustling Siglufjörður is a small fishing hub built from the success of the herring industry. Visit the award-winning Herring Era Museum and enjoy a lively, music-filled performance, then sample traditional local herring and Icelandic schnapps.

Return to the ship and cruise to Grímsey Island, which straddles the Arctic Circle. Visit Grímsey Church, built out of driftwood in 1867. Cross the Arctic Circle, where the island is treeless but lush with grasses and mosses. See thriving populations of puffins and auks—waterbirds similar to penguins, but with the distinctive ability to fly. (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

**Húsavík for Lake Mývatn**

Explore northern Iceland’s extraordinary natural landscapes, stopping at Námaskarð, a field of boiling, sulfurous mud pots, and the pseudocraters at Skútustaðir, formed when hot lava flowed over the wetlands some 2,300 years ago. Walk among the surreal lava formations of Dimmuborgir, and drive along the shores of cerulean-blue Lake Mývatn, a birder’s paradise and a haven for many rare migratory birds and 14 species of Iceland’s bountiful wild ducks.

Continue to Goðafoss, “Waterfall of the Gods.” According to legend, this spectacular waterfall earned its name when an Icelandic chieftain threw wooden statues of his Norse gods into its crashing waters, signifying his conversion to Christianity. (B,L,D)

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

**Seyðisfjörður**

Seyðisfjörður is a tranquil, 11-mile-long fjord that winds
toward its eponymous town, where colorful, chalet-style houses shelter beneath Mounts Strandartindur and Bjólfur (Beowulf). Cascading from the heather-covered valley, the Fjarðará River runs through the center of town into the lagoon at the fjord’s head. Visit the town’s sky-hued Blue Church and observe a specially arranged cultural and musical performance. Continue to the Technical Museum to learn more about the innovations that characterize this island nation, and enjoy light refreshments. (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6
Djúpivogur for Jökulsárlón
Enjoy a full-day scenic excursion, with lunch, along Iceland’s east coast with stunning mountain views.

Board a specially designed small boat for a private cruise amid the breathtaking icebergs of Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon, and actually touch the ice that has calved off the outlet tidewater glacier, Breiðamerkurjökull. (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7
Heimaey, Westman Islands/Cruise along Surtsey Island
Arrive at Heimaey Island, part of the Vestmannaeyjar (Westman Islands) archipelago, where the tall cliffs are inhabited by puffins, fulmars, guillemots, and other waterbirds.

Stop at “Sprangan,” the craggy cliff where young islanders learn the local pastime of rope swinging; see the ruins of ancient Viking farmhouses dating from A.D. 650 in lush Herjólfsdalur Valley; and view a timbered stave church, modeled after the medieval Norse style, in scenic Skansinn.

See imposing Mount Eldfell, also known as “Fire Mountain,” where lava fields are still warm more than 40 years after its last eruption, and tour the Eldheimar Museum, which chronicles the fateful volcanic activity of 1973 that created this incredible formation.

This evening, cruise along the coast of Surtsey Island, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Created during volcanic activity between 1963 and 1967, it is one of the youngest islands on Earth and one of the most fragile; scientists continue to carefully monitor and study the evolution of its flora and fauna. Be on the lookout for graceful orcas that frequent the region.

Join your traveling companions for the Captain’s Farewell Reception. (B,L,R,D)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8
Reykjavík/U.S.
After breakfast, disembark and transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S. (B)
Reykjavík and the Golden Circle
PRE-CIRCUMNAVIGATION OPTION
The captivating city of Reykjavik and its surrounding natural wonders are the perfect introduction to Iceland. Visit the famous Blue Lagoon and rejuvenate in the warmth of its mineral-rich geothermal waters. Tour the Golden Circle—the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Thingvellir National Park; the thundering Gullfoss waterfall; and Strokkur, a natural, erupting fountain geyser. See a breathtaking panorama from the Perlan Museum and explore the new exhibits, highlighting Iceland’s unique geology and culture. Accommodations are for two nights in the four-star Hotel Borg.
$1,495 per person, double occupancy
$2,195 per person, single occupancy
Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

What is Included:
• Round-trip air is included from Boston, Montreal, New York-JFK, Newark, Toronto, and Washington-Dulles; Low Air Add-Ons are available for $200 per person from Chicago, Dallas, and Minneapolis, and for $300 per person from Denver, Portland, San Francisco, Seattle, and Vancouver*
• Enrichment program of lectures and discussions by Fran Ulmer and other guest speakers
• Seven-night cruise aboard the five-star Le ChampLain
• Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages throughout the cruise
• Complimentary Wi-Fi on board the ship
• All activities, excursions, entrance fees, and meals for 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

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 Biler

Passage along the Danube River: Vienna to Black Sea on *Amadeus Queen*
OCT 12–24, 2019
Thomas W. Simons Jr.
Luxury Small Ship, Innovative Design: The exclusively chartered, five-star Le Bougainvillle, launching in 2019, provides an unparalleled cruising experience. The 92 elegant, ocean-view staterooms and suites each range from 205 to 484 square feet and feature a private balcony, individual climate control, two twin beds or one queen bed, a private bathroom, and luxurious hotel amenities. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available throughout the ship.

Blue Eye – The World’s First Luxury Underwater Observatory!
Introducing the extraordinary Blue Eye, the world’s first multisensory, underwater observation lounge. View the beauty of marine life through the large, subaquatic windows and integrated digital screens providing live images from underwater cameras, and enjoy the sensory experience of listening to the ocean’s unique underwater universe in the comfort of the exclusive Blue Eye lounge. Marine life viewing varies by location.

Rates Per Person

**CATEGORIES/DECKS**

- **CATEGORY 8** $7,055
  Picture window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. Deck 3, forward. (limited availability)

- **CATEGORY 7** $8,055
  Picture window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. Deck 3, midship.

- **CATEGORY 6** $8,755
  Expansive sliding glass door. Deck 4, forward.

- **CATEGORY 5** $9,455

- **CATEGORY 4** $9,955
  Expansive sliding glass door. Decks 5 and 6. (limited availability)

- **CATEGORY 3** $10,455
  Expansive sliding glass door. Deck 5, forward. (limited availability)

- **CATEGORY 2** $10,855
  Expansive sliding glass door. Deck 5, midship. Single Pricing: $18,555

- **CATEGORY 1** $11,355
  Expansive sliding glass door. Deck 6, midship.

- **DELUXE SUITE** $12,755
  Suite with expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, sitting area with sofa. Decks 3, 4, 5, and 6. (limited availability)

- **PRESTIGE SUITE** $13,755
  Two rooms (Category 2), expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. Deck 5. (limited availability)

- **PRIVILEGE SUITE** $14,055
  Large suite with expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, sitting area with sofa. Decks 5 and 6. (limited availability)

- **GRAND DELUXE SUITE** $15,255
  Large two-room suite, expansive sliding glass door, spacious private terrace, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional private powder room, sitting area with sofa. Decks 5 and 6. (limited availability)

- **OWNER’S SUITE** $15,555
  Large two-room suite, expansive sliding glass door, spacious private terrace with outdoor Jacuzzi, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional private powder room, sitting area with sofa. Deck 6. (limited availability)

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Taxes and gratuities to ship personnel are included.

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124 Mount Aubrey 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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Accommodations: 

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Double Room: 
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$1,495 per person, double occupancy 

$2,195 per person, single occupancy