University of British Columbia Alumni Association

Expedition to Antarctica

Featuring the deluxe m.s. Le Boreal

February 15 to 28, 2011
Dear Alumni and Friends:

“Everything wears an aspect of unreality,” Ernest Shackleton wrote. “Icebergs hang upside-down in the sky, the land appears as layers of silvery or golden cloud, cloud banks look like land, and icebergs masquerade as islands.” This is Antarctica, Earth’s last frontier. Normal human scales and reference points disappear amid the fantastically shaped icebergs, penguin rookeries and breaching whales. This is nature in its most pristine form.

Few travelers have followed the adventuresome explorers Shackleton, Amundsen and Scott to the Antarctic. Today, we are proud to introduce a spectacular itinerary to this untouched wilderness aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe M.S. Le Boreal, a state-of-the-art vessel launched in May 2010. Raising the small ship cruise experience to new heights, M.S. Le Boreal is the finest vessel cruising the Antarctic waters, combining innovative design with personalized service in a welcoming and intimate setting and featuring private balconies in 95% of the deluxe, outside accommodations.

To enhance your Antarctic experience, M.S. Le Boreal is staffed with an expert expedition team of naturalists who will guide you on excursions ashore. Under their direction, you will board sturdy Zodiac craft for landings on rocky shores and beaches to observe the antics of Antarctica’s bountiful wildlife—penguins and seals, especially, are unafraid of human visitors—and discover the secrets of the White Continent.

Experience Antarctica now in its unspoiled state. You will sail during the lingering light of the austral summer, when long sunrises paint the icescape in soft shades of pink and gold as whales, seals and penguins flock to glimmering turquoise glaciers and sparkling icebergs. This itinerary has sold out year after year! Space is limited, so I urge you to place your reservation soon, before July 23, 2010, while Early Booking Savings are still available!

Tuum Est,

Marie L. Earl
Executive Director,
UBC Alumni Association

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Cover: Discover a magical world of stunning mountain vistas, entrancing ice sculptures and pristine seas on this journey of a lifetime.
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
The unique international Antarctic Treaty protects Antarctica’s wildlife and its natural habitats and provides a guide for visitors to this great continent, where no country has sovereignty.

To protect the fragile Antarctic environment, all participants will go ashore in small groups, so as not to overvisit rookeries, disturb nesting sites or disrupt research. All visitors will be asked to take—and leave—nothing ashore.

CANADA
Tuesday, February 15
Depart from Canada.

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA
Wednesday, February 16
Arrive in cosmopolitan Buenos Aires and check into the deluxe Marriott Plaza Hotel, adjacent to the chic boutique-lined Calle Florida. This evening, attend the welcome reception.

BUENOS AIRES
Thursday, February 17
The city tour highlights Buenos Aires’ diverse barrios (neighbourhoods), from the colourful La Boca district and the city centre’s grand public buildings to the parks of Palermo and the charming old quarter of San Telmo. Visit the historic Recoleta Cemetery, famous for its ornate vaults and sculptures and as the final resting place of the legendary Evita Perón.

BUENOS AIRES/USHUAIA
Friday, February 18
Fly to rustic Ushuaia, the world’s southernmost city and gateway to Antarctica. From here, embark M.S. Le Boreal this afternoon and cruise through the Beagle Channel, named for the ship that carried Charles Darwin on his South American voyages. Attend the Captain’s welcome reception this evening.

CRUISING DRAKE PASSAGE
Saturday, February 19
Cross the legendary Drake Passage. Upon reaching the Antarctic Convergence, watch for breaching fin, humpback and minke whales and seabirds feeding on plankton and krill brought to the surface by the cold Antarctic surface waters merging with the warmer waters of the South Pacific
CRUISING ANTARCTICA

Sunday, February 20 to Thursday, February 24

The ship cruises below the 60th parallel to the outer shores and islands of the Antarctic Peninsula, the world’s last frontier. Here, explore Earth’s most pristine wilderness, where towering mountains of ice and lava create abrupt coastlines and islands, and constantly changing patterns of ice stretch as far as the eye can see. In this seemingly harsh environment, a vast array of wildlife flourishes, including millions of penguins, countless seabirds and thousands of seals and whales. From spectacular volcanic topography and majestic glaciers to fascinating wildlife and historic outposts, this itinerary incorporates the following destinations for the complete Antarctica experience.

In contrast to sociable Adélie penguins, who congregate in large colonies, the leopard seal cherishes his solitude and independence.

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

One of the smallest but most beautiful South Shetland Islands, Half Moon Island is a crescent-shaped isle known for its craggy volcanic rock formations and tranquil lagoons. It is also the site of Camara Station, a base staffed by Argentine biologists monitoring regional wildlife. Observe the antics of the island’s colony of chinstrap penguins and enjoy the lingering twilight of the Antarctic summer.

Deception Island is actually the rim of a massive dormant volcano crater that encircles a lake known as Port Foster. The ship enters Port Foster through dramatic Neptune’s Bellows, a sublime harbour ringed by snowcapped peaks and sheer cliffs. In Pendulum Cove, you may, conditions permitting, have the opportunity to wade or swim in steaming, geothermally heated waters. On Baily Head, see a colony of one-quarter of a million chinstrap penguins. Then walk along the black sand beaches of Telefon Bay to nearby craters, which offer fascinating insight into the volcanic activity that created the island and played a pivotal role in the natural history of the region.

In Paradise Bay, awesome cliffs of ice descend from the surrounding mountains into the floating iceberg-laden waters along the western coast of the Antarctic Peninsula. Named by 19th-century whalers who sought shelter in its coves, Paradise Bay is an ideal sanctuary for marine wildlife including humpback whales, crabeater seals and Cape petrels. Listen for the low rumbling of Rudolf Glacier as it calves chunks of ice into Neko Harbour, one of the most dramatic and spectacular sights in Antarctica. Named for an early 20th-century floating whaling factory, the harbour is surrounded by soaring glaciers and snow-covered mountains. Here, make your first “continental landing” in Antarctica.

Cruise through breathtaking, glacier-lined Neumayer Channel to Port Lockroy. Originally constructed in 1944 by an eight-man team as an intelligence post for
British espionage during World War II, Port Lockroy was converted into a whaling station and scientific base in the 1950s. It is nestled among glistening mountain peaks as high as 1,800 metres, and the surrounding grounds are populated by blue-eyed shags and gentoo penguins. Gain insight into the lives of past explorers at the British Antarctic Survey Museum and send a postcard with an Antarctica postmark from the official British Post Office.

Just off of Port Lockroy, enjoy an excursion to the rocky shores of Jougla Point on Wiencke Island. Experience this rare opportunity to view the nearly intact skeleton of a large whale, and also see large numbers of gentoo penguins and birdlife, particularly blue-eyed shags and kelp gulls.

Flanked by sheer cliffs of towering glaciers between the Antarctic Peninsula and Booth Island, Lemaire Channel offers views of 11 majestic kilometres of mountains and wildlife combined with fascinating patterns of ice floes. Call at Petermann Island, the southernmost point of your journey, and watch its thriving rookeries of Adélie and gentoo penguins and blue-eyed shags. Enter the Weddell Sea and spot the enormous tabular icebergs that have broken off from the Larsen Ice Shelf. See Brown Bluff’s 745-metre-high, rust-coloured cliffs jutting into the Antarctic Sound, and land on the shelving beach at the base of the bluff. Observe friendly members of the area’s flourishing colony of Adélie penguins, who may approach you for an up-close encounter.

**Cruising Drake Passage**
*Friday, February 25*
Relax and reflect onboard today as the ship turns north and crosses the Drake Passage.

**Drake Passage/Cape Horn**
*Saturday, February 26*
Enjoy lively, informative discussions with the ship’s naturalists. Watch for seabirds and whales as you cruise across the Antarctic Convergence and past the infamous Cape Horn, the southernmost tip of South America. Attend the Captain’s farewell reception this evening.

**Ushuaia/Buenos Aires**
*Sunday, February 27*
Disembark and fly to Buenos Aires. Your return flight to Canada departs this evening.

**Canada**
*Monday, February 28*
Arrive early this morning in Canada.

**Iguazu Falls Post-Program Option**
*Sunday, February 27 to Thursday, March 3*
Complement your journey with this exclusive three-night extension to one of Earth’s most exquisite natural wonders, majestic Iguazu Falls—275 spectacular waterfalls cascading through the heart of the Argentina-Brazil jungle. Enjoy deluxe accommodations overlooking the falls in the Sheraton Internacional Iguazu Resort and airfare round trip from Buenos Aires. Complete details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
STATE-OF-THE-ART DESIGN
The M.S. Le Boreal is the newest generation of deluxe small ships.

EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS,
DELUXE SUITES AND STATEROOMS,
MOST WITH BALCONIES
The 120 large Staterooms and Suites range in size from 18.5 to 45 square metres. Ninety-five percent of the accommodations feature private balconies.

All Suites and most Staterooms feature two twin beds that convert to one queen-size bed, a private bathroom with shower (some with bathtub), international direct dial telephone, satellite flat screen television, DVD/CD, wireless Internet access, iPod dock with speakers, safe, minibar, full-length closets, writing desk/dressing table, hair dryer, duvet and plush terry cloth robes.

ELEGANT DINING
International and local cuisine is served in the stylish, spacious Dining Room in single, unassigned seatings, alfresco in the casual indoor-outdoor Grill Restaurant or from 24-hour Room Service. Continental and buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea, a three-course dinner and a late-evening snack are served daily. Complimentary wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner. Bar service is available on the Sun Deck.

SPACIOUS PUBLIC AREAS/WORLD-CLASS RECREATIONAL FACILITIES
Inviting and spacious public areas accommodate all passengers comfortably. Enjoy views from the Panoramic Lounge, nightly entertainment in the Main Lounge and lectures, cultural performances and film screenings in the state-of-the-art theatre. There is a library, Internet salon, Sun Deck, swimming pool, beauty salon, spa, Turkish bath-style steam room, full range of fitness equipment and an elevator. The infirmary is staffed with a doctor and nurse.

PASSENGER- AND ECO-FRIENDLY
The state-of-the-art propulsion system provides an exceptionally smooth, quiet and comfortable voyage by creating little vibration and significantly reduced engine noise. The ship is designed to prevent contact with environmentally sensitive seabeds and meets the latest “Cleanship” standards. Laundry service is available.

The highly trained, English-speaking international crew provides attentive service.
The intrepid adventures of famed European explorers Roald Amundsen, Robert Falcon Scott and Ernest Shackleton have long been recounted in gripping personal tales and history books. Less known, however, is that Canadians also played a significant role in the exploration of Antarctica, particularly Sir Charles Seymour Wright, physicist, glaciologist and assistant to the meteorologist on Scott's ill-fated expedition to the South Pole. Persuaded into joining Scott's second expedition (1910-1913), Wright barely survived his first encounter with the Antarctic and was one of the last people to see Scott alive. In mid-November 1912, Wright located the frozen remains of Scott and two other members of his South Pole party. A dedicated scientist, Wright went on to lead the team responsible for the early development of radar. Returning to Canada in 1947, subsequent scientific research brought him back to the Antarctic. It was during his last tour in 1965 that he flew along Wright Valley, named in his honour in 1959. After his death in 1975, Wright's ashes were consigned to the sea off Esquimalt, from the deck of the Canadian destroyer HMCS Restigouche.

YOUR EXPEDITION TEAM

Members of the onboard expedition team are seasoned experts and naturalists who have studied and travelled extensively in the most remote regions of the world. Their areas of expertise span marine biology, ornithology, ecology, geology, glaciology, conservation and environmental education, as well as history and photography. The team's experience, enthusiasm for sharing their knowledge and a particular interest in climate change and its impact on the world's ecosystems make them exceptionally well suited to accompany your Expedition to Antarctica.
Stateroom
Tariffs are also available in U.S. dollars. Please call Gohagan & Company at 1-800-922-3088 for more details.

Taxes are an additional $515 per person and are subject to change.

Singles are available in category 6 at $12745 and in category 4 at $13785 on or before July 23, 2010.

An Owner's Suite is available upon request at a cost to be advised, on a first-come first-served basis.

Round-trip airfare Buenos Aires/Ushuaia (internal program air) is an additional $515 per person and is subject to change.

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**Tariff (in Canadian dollars, per person, based on double occupancy)**

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**Expedition to Antarctica Reservation Form**

Send to: Thomas P. Gohagan & Company
Eleven South LaSalle Street, Second Floor
Chicago, IL 60603-1240
Phone: (800) 922-3088/Fax: (312) 609-1141

Title Full name (exactly as it appears on your passport) Class Year

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Address (no P.O. Box number please)

City Province Postal Code

Telephone: (Home) (Business)

Email Address (Mobile)

Preferred name(s) on badge(s) Tour No. 028-02/15/11-297

Enclosed is a cheque for $_______ as deposit ($835 CDN per person, plus $210 CDN per person Iguaçu Falls Post-Program). Make cheque payable to Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.

Deposits can also be made by credit card; however, all FINAL payments are required to be made by cheque or wire transfer by November 12, 2010.

I/we authorize you to charge my/our deposit to:  [ ] Visa  [ ] MasterCard

Card Number Exp. Date

Preferred name(s) as it appears on credit card

Signature as it appears on credit card

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**Iguazu Falls Post-Program Reservations**

- [ ] Double at $1455 CDN per person
- [ ] Single at $2080 CDN per person

I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

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**Notes:**

- Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.
- I/we will make my/our own air arrangements.
Stand on the bow of the s.s. Le Boreal and watch Antarctica’s drama unfold before you.

CONTRACT: TERMS & CONDITIONS

NOT INCLUDED: Taxes; passport fees; visas and fees for obtaining visas; personal expenses such as laundry and telephone calls; accident/sickness, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; gratuities to ship and hotel personnel; optional sightseeing excursions; excess baggage charges on aircraft; local U.S./Argentina reciprocal entry fees; local departure air/airport tax(es); airfare and associated local taxes; airport facility taxes and federal inspection fees not listed in the “Included Features” section; transfers and baggage handling to/from airport/hotel/ship on day(s) of arrival and/or departure 1) if you have not purchased your international air arrangements through Thomas P. Gohagan & Company, or 2) if you are arriving earlier or later than and/or departing earlier or later than the scheduled group

AIRFARE: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable. Your airline ticket constitutes a contract between you and the airline (not Thomas P. Gohagan & Company), even if purchased through Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.

LUGGAGE: Luggage allowance policies are set by the airlines and may change without prior notice. Please contact your airline(s) for the most current luggage allowance policy.

HEALTH: No sophisticated medical facilities are available in the Antarctic. The vessel carries a qualified physician and a limited infirmary with basic medications and equipment, and its medical facilities are not equipped to care for serious illnesses such as heart attack, stroke, diabetes events, etc. Evacuation is difficult, time consuming and expensive. Consequently, you should consult with your physician before booking this trip. Any physical or mental condition that may require special medical attention (for example, the need for a wheelchair) must be reported in writing when you make your reservation. We recommend you purchase medical evacuation insurance.

DISCOUNTED RESERVATIONS: Discounts apply only to those reservations received in the offices of Thomas P. Gohagan & Company in writing, accompanied by the required deposit, by July 23, 2010. In the event a “discounted” reservation must be cancelled, no “replacement” reservation can be substituted at the discounted rate. A “replacement” reservation is, in effect, a new reservation and can be substituted only at the full-fare tariff. Change and/or cancellation fees apply as set forth in this “Contract: Terms and Conditions” for the “replacement” reservation and the cancelled reservation.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS: Cancellations for all or any part of the trip will not be effective until received in writing in the offices of Thomas P. Gohagan & Company. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply: reservation cancellations are subject to a $210 CDN per person administrative fee from the time of booking through 120 days prior to departure; from 95 through 119 days prior to departure, $35 CDN per person; from 60 through 94 days prior to departure, 70% of the published full regular tariff; 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 tariff. In addition, any applicable airline cancellation fees and administrative fees will be assessed.

POST-PROGRAM CANCELLATIONS: Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply: reservation cancellations are subject to a $50 CDN per person administrative fee from the time of booking through 120 days prior to departure; from 95 through 119 days prior to departure, $210 CDN per person; from 60 through 94 days prior to departure, 70% of the published full regular tariff; 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 tariff. In addition, any applicable airline cancellation fees and administrative fees will be assessed.

Because these cancellation policies are strictly enforced, we strongly recommend for your protection that you purchase trip cancellation insurance and medical evacuation insurance in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

RESPONSIBILITY: Thomas P. Gohagan & Company, the sponsoring institution or association, and its and their employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors or trustees, successors, agents, and assigns (collectively “Gohagan”), do not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip including, for example, lodging facilities, airline, vessel, or other transportation companies, guides or guide services, local ground operators, providers or organizers of optional excursions, food service providers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, Gohagan is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such person or entity of any third party.

In addition and without limitation, Gohagan is not responsible for any injury, loss, death, inconvenience, delay, or damage to person or property in connection with the provision of any goods or services whether resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God or force majeure, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, animals, strikes or other labour activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, sickness, illness, the lack of availability of or access to appropriate medical attention, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, mechanical or other failure of airplanes or other means of transportation, or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart on time.

If due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend an additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner’s risk. The right is reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a participant on these trips at any time. Specific room/cabin assignments are within the sole discretion of the hotel/cruise line.

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RATES: Prices quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of printing and are subject to change prior to departure.

REGISTRATION: CST#: 2031868-40, WST#: 601 767 666.

OST#: TA 0903

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT: By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants and accepts the rules and conditions of this contract.

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