

# Cruising from SCOTLAND to the FAROE ISLANDS and ICELAND

In the Wake of the Vikings and Gaels

aboard the Exclusively Chartered Small Ship
Five-Star LE BELLOT

May 28 to June 6, 2022





### Dear Alumni and Friends,

The earliest records of the Vikings arriving in Gaelic regions of Scotland dates from the 8<sup>th</sup> century, as legions of seafaring warriors sought their fortunes in a new part of the world. Our new, specially curated 10-day program explores the mighty Norse-Gael kingdom's legendary impact on Scotland, Iceland and beyond.

Join us for this unforgettable journey to discover the myths and stories of the Nordic Vikings and the Gaels of Scotland, from the misty peaks of Scotland to the rarely visited Faroe Islands and on through the "fire and ice" of Iceland. Cruising the North Atlantic Ocean from Glasgow, Scotland, past the remote Faroe Islands and then to Reykjavík, Iceland, you will enjoy the luxuries of the exclusively chartered, Five-Star Le Bellot, featuring only 92 Suites and Staterooms, each with a private balcony.

Admire the austere beauty of the Inner Hebridean Isles of Iona and Mull and the ancient treasure of Iona Abbey en route to the picturesque port of Tobermory. Learn more about the Standing Stones of Callanish with an onboard presentation by Dr. Colin Richards in anticipation of your excursion to explore the 5,000-year-old Neolithic ruins on the Isle of Lewis.

Visit breathtaking Tvøroyri and Tórshavn on the archipelago of the Faroe Islands before continuing to Iceland, calling at Djúpivogur. Enjoy an excursion to Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon and tour Heimaey Island, which records the largest sea catches in Iceland since the days of its first settlers. Learn about "Pompeii of the North" and the historic Eldfell volcano eruption on a visit the Eldheimar Museum to complete your journey with a cruise along Iceland's UNESCO-inscribed Surtsey, one of Earth's youngest islands.

This exclusive travel program is expected to sell out quickly, so book now while space and welcome back savings are still available.

Sincerely,

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The William & Mary Alumni Association

The safety and well-being of our travelers remains our highest priority. All passengers traveling on our programs are required to present confirmation of a full COVID-19 vaccination, and, as well may have to produce evidence of a recent negative COVID test. All our staff are committed to adhering to all health and safety protocols from the start of your trip to the end as directed by the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention, overseas health officials, as well as those protocols mandated by your cruise company (if applicable). All passengers over 65 are required to have a third vaccine (booster) if their second vaccination was administered 6 months ago. Detailed protocol information tailored to your travel program will be mailed to you along with additional pre-departure information.

All promotional items including: this travel program brochure, annual program catalogue, associated postage costs and other travel information distributed by our tour operator partners is provided at no cost to the Alumni Association. We are a nonprofit organization and strive to provide our alumni with high quality programs at a fair price.

### PHYSICAL ACTIVITY RATING GUIDE

We have developed these three categories to assist you in selecting a program that will be at the appropriate pace for your physical abilities. Please note that all programs require physical independence and mobility. Travelers requiring assistance should be accompanied on their journey and should not anticipate wheelchair accessible facilities.



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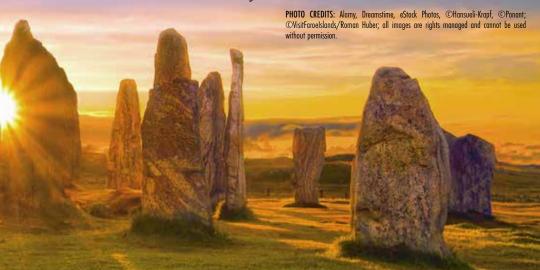
**MODERATE** 

Moderate pace, greater distances covered, walking over uneven surfaces and some stair climbing and embarking and disembarking Zodiac watercraft.



**CHALLENGING** 

Vigorous pace, frequent movement, extensive walking over uneven surfaces, hiking and stair climbing and embarking and disembarking Zodiac watercraft.





Explore the mythical lands
of the Vikings and the Gaels on this
all-inclusive 10-day itinerary combining the legendary
treasures of Scotland, the rarely visited Faroe Islands and
Iceland—including an excursion to the Neolithic ruins of
the Standing Stones of Callanish, often referred to as
Scotland's Stonehenge. This meticulously curated
program features an eight-night cruise from Glasgow,
Scotland, to Reykjavík, Iceland, aboard the
exclusively chartered, Five-Star LE BELLOT.

Other highlights that are **Distinctively Gohagan & Company** include:

- Elegant, Five-Star Suites and Staterooms, each with a private balcony
- On board presentation by **Dr. Colin Richards**, renowned expert in stone circles and Neolithic archaeology
- Full-day excursions to the Isle of Lewis, the Faroe Islands, Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon and Heimaey Island

Explore Saint Olav's Church and the centuries-old log house Roykstovan (as shown on cover) in the remote Faroe Islands village of Kirkjubøur.

U.S./Arrive Glasgow, Scotland Saturday, May 28 and Sunday, May 29 Depart the U.S. and arrive in Glasgow, Scotland. Embark the Five-Star LE BELLOT.

## Tobermory, Isle of Mull/Isle of Iona Monday, May 30

This morning, go ashore at the picturesque port of Tobermory, the island's capital, where brightly painted houses are nestled between woodland-fringed hills and the boat-filled harbor.

Cruise to the Hebridean Isle of Iona, the birthplace of Christianity in Scotland. In A.D. 563, the Irish monk Columba founded a monastery here, where scribes would spend their lives painstakingly copying religious tracts and transcribing ancient Celtic sagas. Stroll through the serene, restored abbey and

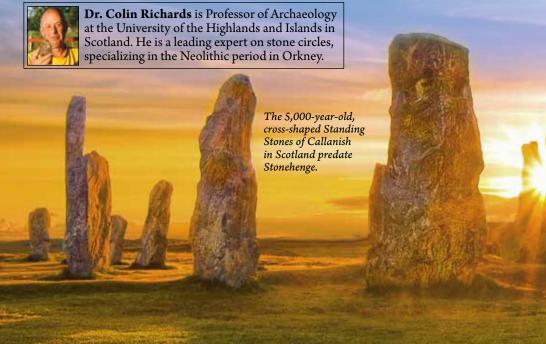
see the churchyard's intricate Celtic crosses.

Steeped in Viking myth and Celtic lore, the Isle of Mull is a land of extraordinary beauty, with pink granite cliffs, white-sand beaches and clear, blue waters. Occupied since the Ice Age, the island's mysterious moors are studded with Iron-Age duns, brochs and menhirs that recall the Hebridean Island's rich prehistory.

Enjoy an on board lecture by Dr. Colin Richards, renowned Neolithic archaeological expert. Attend the Captain's Welcome Reception on board the ship this evening.

### Stornoway, Isle Of Lewis For Callanish Tuesday, May 31

Call at Callanish on the Isle of Lewis and visit the 5,000-year-old Neolithic ruins of the Standing Stones of Callanish. Among Scotland's





best-preserved ruins, the stones form a cross shape and predate Stonehenge. Although no known reason for their existence remains, historians and archaeologists speculate that the Standing Stones were once a setting for ritual activities and astronomical observances.

Discover 2,000 years of history with a visit to Dun Carloway Pictish Broch, one of the best-preserved of its kind in the Hebrides. Designed for defense and protection with two concentric walls of stone and an inner staircase, these Iron Age structures were once a symbol of status and power.

Continue north to see the Gearrannan Blackhouse Village, a restored settlement of stone, thatched-roof cottages where Highlanders shared living quarters with their livestock from the late 1800s through the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. After lunch on board the ship, explore the lavishly appointed Lews Castle, a Victorian gem built in the mid-1800s, and enjoy magnificent views of Stornoway from Gallows Hill.

Tvøroyri, Suduroy Island, Faroe Islands, Denmark Wednesday, June 1

Enjoy breakfast and lunch onboard the ship. This afternoon, arrive in Tvøroyri, Suduroy Island, one of the most breathtaking of the Faroe Islands. Experience the awe-inspiring landscapes and wildlife of this seldom-visited haven before paying a visit to a black wooden Faroese church, built in 1847 with a traditional Faroese turf roof. Continue to admire the sheer cliffs that rise from the island's west coast and the luscious green fields dotted with grazing sheep that frame the Akraberg lighthouse.

Tórshavn/Vestmanna Thursday, June 2

Disembark in Tórshavn, the capital of the Faroe Islands, and enjoy a morning excursion to Kirkjubøur. The oldest cultural center of the Faroe Islands, the village is home to the ruins of the 13<sup>th</sup>-century St. Magnus Cathedral. Visit the cathedral's remnants and the 900-year-old Roykstovan, the bishopric known as the oldest wooden house in Europe.

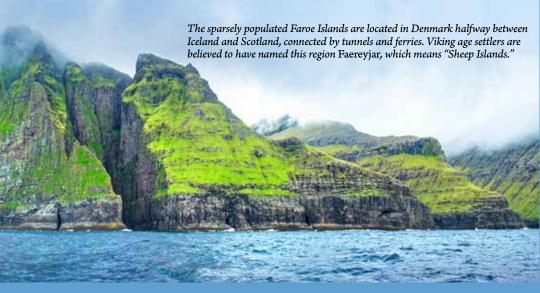
After lunch on board the ship, you will see the Dúvugarðar national heritage museum in the remote village of Saksun. The original stone farmhouse and outbuildings illustrate what farm life was like for Faroese farmers more than 200 years ago. Continue to Akraberg for postcard-perfect views of a century-old lighthouse and the scenic west coast of Sudoroy.

Cruising the North Atlantic Ocean Friday, June 3

Enjoy an evolving panorama of the glistening Atlantic seascape.

Brightly painted houses overlook the sheltered sound in the colorful fishing port of Tobermory, capital of the Isle of Mull.





Djúpivogur, Iceland for Jökulsárlón Saturday, June 4

This morning, anchor in the charming harbor of Djúpivogur. Originally settled in the 16<sup>th</sup>-century by German merchants and traders, today the tranquil town is a member of Cittaslow, "an international network of cities where living is good." Enjoy the scenic and peaceful beauty of the snow-capped mountains that rise amidst the verdant grassy plains

Continue to Jökulsárlón, located within UNESCO World Heritage-designated Vatnajoküll National Park. There, enjoy a glacier lagoon excursion and watch as large sheets of ice calve into the lagoon. On a clear day, search for the peak of the UNESCO-inscribed Vatnajokull— Iceland's largest ice cap—in the distance. Spot seals frolicking among blocks of surrounding ice floes that mark the way out to sea. Embark specially designed boats for a private cruise and the unforgettable a chance to touch ice blocks broken from Breidamerkurjökull, one of Vatnajoküll's many glacier outlets.

### Heimaey, Westman Islands/ Cruise along Surtsey Island Sunday, June 5

Arrive at the Westman Islands, just off the south coast of Iceland. Visit Heimaey Island,

the largest of the Westman Islands, for a tour of the Eldheimar Museum. See the lava fields of Fire Mountain (Eldfell), known as the "Pompeii of the North," where the 1973 Eldfell volcano eruption is chronicled. Visit the Herjólfsdalur valley and explore its Viking ruins.

Cruise along the coast of Surtsey Island, one of the youngest islands on Earth and a UNESCO World Heritage site for its ecological significance. This unique untouched biome has remained free of human interference since its inception and remains an important study and source of information on the development and colonization of new plant and animal life. Search for orca as you pass the rock islands of Geldunger and Sulnasker, home to tens of thousands of Northern Gannets.

Attend the Captain's Farewell Reception onboard the ship this evening.

### Reykjavik/U.S. Monday, June 6

Disembark in picturesque Reykjavík, the central hub in tracing Iceland's Viking history. Continue on the Reykjavík and the Golden Circle Post-Program Option or transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S.

Cruise through Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon among 1,000-year-old marbled and crystalline icebergs.









Stateroom with Balcony

**Panoramic Restaurant** 

### EXCLUSIVELY CHARTERED, FIVE-STAR MV LE BELLOT

### Luxury Small Ship, **Innovative Design**

LE BELLOT, launched in 2020, represents a new generation of Five-Star small ships, combining revolutionary design and a new standard of luxury for unparalleled cruising. Dock in smaller ports inaccessible to larger ships, where authentic cultural experiences and majestic scenery await you.

### Respect for the Environment

A new addition to the Ponant "Clean Ship" fleet, an important distinction among ocean-cruising vessels, Le Bellot is energy efficient and eco-friendly, protecting fragile marine ecosystems.

### Elegant Suites and Staterooms, 100% with Private Balconies

Each of the 92 Five-Star Staterooms and Suites (up to 484 square feet) features a private balcony. Grand Deluxe Suites have a floor-to-ceiling panoramic window and spacious private terrace. Accommodations offer two twin beds or one queen bed, individual climate control, a private bathroom with shower and luxury hotel-style amenities.

### Chic and Casual Dining

Dine indoors or al fresco on international and regional cuisine served in the stylish, spacious indoor-outdoor restaurant, at the casual pool deck grill or from 24-hour room service. Daily meals include continental breakfasts, full lunch, afternoon tea and four-course dinner.

### Life on Board

Experience the Blue Eye, the world's first underwater, multisensory Observation Lounge. Enjoy sweeping views from the upper lounges—which open to the outdoors—and lectures, cultural performances or film screenings in the state-of-the-art theater. Relax in the spa, sauna or infinity-style swimming pool. The ship has a beauty salon, a fitness room and three elevators. Complimentary Wi-Fi access is available.

### **World-Class Service**

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

Observation Lounge



### Sun Deck



### **All-Inclusive Features**

### On Board The Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star Small Ship Le Bellot

- Eight-night cruise from Glasgow, Scotland, to Reykjavík, Iceland.
- Elegantly appointed, Five-Star Suite or Stateroom, each with a private balcony.
- Captain's Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise.
- All meals aboard ship.
- Complimentary Wi-Fi access.
- ◆ Visit to the **Isle of Iona** featuring the historical **Iona Abbey**.
- ◆ Leisure time in the 18th-century port town of **Tobermory**, **Isle of Mull**.
- Excursion to the Standing Stones of Callanish on the Isle of Lewis.
- ◆ Excursion to **Tórshavn**, the capital of the **Faroe Islands**, to visit 13<sup>th</sup>-century St. Magnus Cathedral and the 900-year-old Roykstovan bishopric.
- Full-day excursion along Iceland's east coast from Djúpivogur to the Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon, in UNESCO World Heritage-designated Vatnajoküll National Park, with a private cruise among Jökulsárlón's icebergs.
- Visit to Heimaey Island to tour the Eldheimar Museum and see the lava fields of "Fire Mountain," and visit Herjólfsdalur Valley's ancient Viking ruins.
- Cruise along the coast of Surtsey Island, named a UNESCO World Heritage site for its ecological significance.
- Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
- Gratuities to local guides, drivers and naturalists on included excursions and transfers.
- Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom and on excursions.
- Hospitality desk aboard ship.
- Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
- Complimentary use of an audio headset on guided excursions.
- Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.



### Edinburgh • Glasgow Pre-Program Option

Explore two of Scotland's great cities intertwined with Celtic history. In Edinburgh, tour the medieval Old Town and Neoclassical New Town—both UNESCO World Heritage sites. See the Crown Jewels of Scotland on a visit to the legendary Edinburgh Castle and enjoy a special viewing at the renowned Museum of Scotland. Explore Glasgow's 12<sup>th</sup>-century cathedral and the captivating St. Mungo Museum, named after a patron saint who brought the Christian faith to Scotland in the 6<sup>th</sup> century. Spend two nights in the Five-Star Waldorf Astoria Edinburgh - The Caledonian.

# Reykjavík and the Golden Circle Post-Program Option

The captivating city of Reykjavík and its surrounding natural wonders provide you with the perfect conclusion to Iceland. Tour the legendary Golden Circle—UNESCO World Heritage-designated Þingvellir National Park, the thundering terraced cataract of Gullfoss and Strokkur, possibly the world's most iconic fountain geyser. Enjoy a full-day excursion to The Reykjanes Peninsula, a UNESCO Global Geopark and natural marvel with an array of lighthouses and the famous Blue Lagoon. Accommodations are for three nights in the deluxe HOTEL BORG.

Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.



### LE BELLOT



Category	LAND/CRUISE TARIFF excluding taxes Per person, based on double occupancy	Welcome Back Savings through Apr. 22, 2022	Tariff after Apr. 22, 2022
8	Picture window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. Deck 3, forward. (limited availability)	\$5995	\$6895
7	Picture window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. Deck 3, midship.	\$6495	\$7470
6	Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 4, forward.	\$6995	\$7995
5	Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 4, midship.	\$7495	\$8620
4	Expansive sliding glass door, <b>private balcony</b> . Decks 5 and 6, aft. (limited availability)	\$7995	\$9195
3	Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 5, forward. (limited availability)	\$8495	\$9770
2	Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 5, midship.	\$8995	\$10345
1	Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 6, midship.	\$9595	\$10995
Deluxe Suite	Suite with expansive sliding glass door, <b>large private balcony</b> , sitting area with sofa. Decks 3, 4, 5 and 6. (limited availability)	\$10995	\$12645
Prestige Suite	Two-room Suite, expansive sliding glass door, larger private balcony, two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. Deck 5. (limited availability)	\$11995	\$13795
Privilege Suite	Large Suite with expansive sliding glass door, <b>larger private balcony</b> , sitting area with sofa. <i>Decks 5 and 6</i> . (limited availability)	\$12695	\$14595
Grand Deluxe Suite	Extra-large, one-bedroom Suite and separate sitting room with sofa, expansive sliding glass door, <b>spacious private terrace</b> , full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath. <i>Deck 6, aft.</i> (limited availability)	\$13895	\$15980
Owner's Suite	Extra-large, one-bedroom Suite and separate sitting room with sofa, expansive sliding glass door, <b>spacious private terrace</b> with outdoor Jacuzzi, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath. <i>Deck 5, aft.</i> (limited availability)	\$14795	\$16995

Single supplements apply across all categories at 160% of the per person double price.

Taxes are an additional \$496 per person.

LE BELLOT has been specially contracted for this program and the deck plan is available online or at request from Gohagan & Company.

### IN THE WAKE OF THE VIKINGS AND GAELS REGISTRATION FORM

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