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### O Day Itinerary

- 1 Depart home city
- Glasgow, Scotland/ 2 Embark LE BELLOT
- 3 Isle of Iona/ Tobermory, Isle of Mull
- Stornoway for Callanish Standing Stones/Isle of Lewis
- 5 Tvøroyri, Faroe Islands, Denmark
- Tórshavn/Vestmanna 6
- 7 Cruising the North Atlantic Ocean
- 8 Djúpivogur, Iceland, for Jökulsárlón
- Heimaey, Westman Islands/ Cruise along Surtsey Island
- 10 Reykjavík/Disembark ship/ Return to home city

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### Dear Carolina 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. This new, specially curated 10-day program explores the mighty Norse-Gael kingdom's legendary impact on Scotland, Iceland, and beyond.

Join fellow Tar Heels and friends 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, to 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 on an 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 early booking savings are still available.

Yours at Carolina,



Douglas S. Dibbert '70 President The University of North Carolina General Alumni Association

The safety and well-being of our travelers remains our highest priority. Cruise lines and some other providers of services (as well as, potentially, some countries) require all passengers traveling on our programs to present confirmation of a full COVID-19 vaccination, and, as well, passengers 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 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, overseas health officials as well as those protocols mandated by your cruise company (if applicable) and other suppliers of services. Detailed protocol information tailored to your travel program will be mailed to you along with additional pre-departure information.

### Program Highlights



The lush, green archipelago of 18 islands known as the Faroes dates back to the Ice Age, when volcanic activity and glaciers carved its captivating cliffs, waterfalls, and rocky coastlines. Tucked between Norway and Iceland, the name *Føroyar*, or Faroe, is Old Norse for sheep, which continue to outnumber residents by nearly two to one. Settled by the Norse in the 9<sup>th</sup> century, the islands remained isolated for centuries. Today, the self-governing Faroe Islands—now part of the Danish Realm—continue to attract visitors with their authentic Faroese culture, warm hospitality, and breathtaking beauty.





### DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

### Home city/ Glasgow, Scotland/ Embark ship Day 1 and Day 2

Depart home city and arrive in Glasgow—famed for its storied trade and ship building history, elegant Victorian homes, and public buildings—then embark the LE BELLOT.

### Isle of Iona/ Tobermory, Isle of Mull Day 3

Cruise to the Isle of Iona, the birthplace of Christianity in Scotland, and stroll through the serene, restored abbey to see the churchyard's intricate Celtic crosses. This afternoon, enjoy time at leisure in the picturesque port of Tobermory.

Attend the Captain's Welcome Reception this evening.

### Stornoway for Callanish Standing Stones/ Isle of Lewis

### Day 4

Call at Stornoway on the Isle of Lewis and continue on an excursion to 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 Dun Carloway
Pictish Broch, one of the
best-preserved of its kind in the
Hebrides, and continue north to
see the Gearrannan Blackhouse
Village. After lunch on board
the ship, enjoy the afternoon
at leisure to explore Stornoway,
or choose to visit Lews Castle.

### Tvøroyri, Faroe Islands, Denmark

### Day 5

Arrive in Tvøroyri and visit the black wooden Faroese church, built in 1847 with a traditional turf roof. Continue to the village of Sumba and the Akraberg lighthouse to look for puffins, kittiwakes, gannets, and migrating warblers.

### Tórshavn/Vestmanna Day 6

In Tórshavn, explore the historic neighborhood of Tinganes. Transfer to Kirkjubour to visit the ruins of St. Magnus Cathedral and the 900-year-old Roykstovan, the oldest wooden house in Europe. Continue to Kollafjordur to visit a traditional Faroese church and see the Duvugardar national heritage museum in the remote village of Saksun.

### Cruising the North Atlantic Ocean Day 7

Enjoy five-star amenities on board or attend an enriching lecture as you cruise the North Atlantic Ocean.

### Djúpivogur, Iceland, for Jökulsárlón Day 8

On a drive from Djúpivogur, enjoy the beauty of the snow-capped mountains that rise amidst the grassy plains. Continue to





the legendary Jökulsárlón ice lagoon in UNESCO World Heritage-designated Vatnajoküll National Park.

Embark specially designed boats for a private cruise and the chance to touch ice blocks broken from Breidamerkurjökull, one of Vatnajoküll's glacier outlets.

### Heimaey, Westman Islands/Cruise along Surtsey Island Day 9

Visit Heimaey Island for a tour of the Herjólfsdalur valley and its Viking ruins. Continue to Stórhöfdi's lava fields of Eldfell. known as the "Pompeii of the North," and tour the Eldheimar Museum. Cruise past Surtsey Island and attend the Captain's Farewell Reception this evening.

### Reykjavík/Disembark ship/Return to home city Day 10

Following breakfast, disembark and continue on the Reykjavík Post-Program Option or transfer to the airport for your return flight home.



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- aboard the ship.
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- Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.

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LE BELLOT 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. Complimentary alcoholic/nonalcoholic beverages and internet access are available throughout the cruise. All meals aboard ship are included.

### 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.





Category	LAND/CRUISE RATES excluding taxes	Early Booking Rate through April 26, 2023	Rate after April 26, 2023
8	Deluxe stateroom with a picture window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. Deck 3, midship. (limited availability)	\$5,995	\$6,895
7	Prestige stateroom with a picture window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. <i>Deck 4, midship.</i>	\$6,595	\$7,585
6	Prestige stateroom with expansive sliding glass door, <b>private balcony</b> .  Deck 5, midship and aft.	\$6,995	\$8,045
5	Prestige stateroom with expansive sliding glass door, <b>private balcony</b> .  Deck 6, midship and aft.	\$7,595	\$8,735
4	Deluxe suite with expansive sliding glass door, <b>private balcony</b> . <i>Deck 3, midship</i> . (limited availability)	\$8,395	\$9,655
3	Deluxe suite with expansive sliding glass door, <b>private balcony</b> . Deck 4, midship. (limited availability)	\$8,995	\$10,345
2	Deluxe suite with expansive sliding glass door, <b>private balcony</b> . Deck 5, midship.	\$9,595	\$11,035
1	Deluxe suite with expansive sliding glass door, <b>private balcony</b> . Deck 6, midship.	\$10,295	\$11,835
Prestige Suite II	Two-room suite, expansive sliding glass door, <b>larger private balcony</b> , two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. <i>Deck 5, midship</i> . (limited availability)	\$11,295	\$12,985
Prestige Suite I	Two-room suite, expansive sliding glass door, <b>larger private balcony</b> , two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. <i>Deck 6, midship</i> . (limited availability)	\$11,995	\$13,795
Privilege Suite	Large suite with expansive sliding glass door, <b>larger private balcony</b> , sitting area with sofa. <i>Decks 5 and 6, aft</i> . (limited availability)	\$12,995	\$14,945
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)	\$13,995	\$16,095
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. $Deck5$ , $aft$ . (limited availability)	\$14,995	\$17,245
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Taxes are an additional \$515 per person. Customers will be notified of any fuel surcharge fee prior to final payment. This fee will then be charged and collected by the vessel operating company while onboard.

LE BELLOT has been specially contracted for this program and the deck plan is available online or upon request. Gohagan & Company reserves the right to correct errors or omissions and to change any and all fares, fees, promotions, and surcharges at any time.



### Edinburgh and Glasgow May 23 to 27, 2023

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 12th-century cathedral and the St. Mungo Museum, named after a patron saint who brought the Christian faith to Scotland in the 6th century. Spend two nights in the five-star SHERATON GRAND EDINBURGH.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$1,595 Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$1,995



## Post-Program Option

### Reykjavík and the Golden Circle June 4 to 7, 2023

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.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$1,595 Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$1,995

Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

### Reservation Form

Membership Requirement: Tour participants who are not members

of the General Alumni Association must join the Association (\$50 for singles, \$60 for couples) to participate. Visit alumni.unc.edu/join for membership details and to join. Traveler's membership is checked prior to tour departure. Signature: reservation(s), and have enclosed my check(s) for I am requesting. as deposit (\$800 per person). Please make deposit check(s) payable to Gohagan & Company and mail with this form to: General Alumni Association The University of North Carolina George Watts Hill Alumni Center P.O. Box 660, Chapel Hill, NC 27514-0660 Phone: (877) 962-3980. 148-05/26/23-075 Please make my/our reservation(s): Category: 1st Choice 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice □ Double (two twin beds). □ Double (one gueen bed). ☐ Single accommodations. ☐ Single but prefer to share and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed). Edinburgh and Glasgow Pre-Program Option May 23 to 27, 2023 □ Double \$1,595 per person. ☐ Single \$1,995 per person. ☐ I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations. Reykjavík and the Golden Circle Post-Program Option June 4 to 7, 2023 □ Double \$1,595 per person. ☐ Single \$1,995 per person. □ I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations. □ I/We want you to book my/our air from: (fill in departure city) □ I/We will make my/our own air arrangements. Title Full Name Class Year Full Name Title Class Year Street Mailing Address (no P.O. Box number please) State ZIP Code City Cell Phone Home Telephone Email Address Business Telephone Program reservations require a deposit of \$800 per person. □ I/We authorize you to charge a deposit of \$\_ □ American Express □ Discover □ MasterCard □ Visa □ I/We request that you contact me/us via telephone or email for payment by ACH. Card Number Exp. Date Signature as it appears on credit card Please note: Terms & Conditions are available at gohagantravel.com/terms/ First participant's signature Date Second participant's signature Date

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