ALASKA’S GLACIERS AND THE INSIDE PASSAGE

Juneau • Tracy Arm • Sitka • Wrangell • Ketchikan

Alaska’s Magnificent Glaciers and Inside Passage • Vancouver

A voyage aboard the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star, All-Suite STAR LEGEND

Admiral James Stavridis, USN (Ret.), Dean of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and NATO’s Supreme Allied Commander Europe (2009-2013)

July 5 to 12, 2018
Dear Tufts Travelers:

Arctic-blue glaciers, towering mountains, untouched coastlines, abundant wildlife—these sights will unfold around you on this cruise of Alaska’s glaciers and the Inside Passage.

Enjoy this pairing of Five-Star all-Suite accommodations with exploration-style travel as you cruise from Juneau, Alaska, to Vancouver, British Columbia. Exclusively chartered for this voyage, the STAR LEGEND brings you up close to the scenery and offers you a superior wildlife-viewing experience—from sheltered observation decks, during Zodiac excursions (weather permitting) and from the comfort of ocean-view Suites.

Along with like-minded travelers from George Washington University, The National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Smithsonian Institution, call at the historic towns of Sitka, a cultural fusion of Tlingit and Russian heritage; Wrangell, one of Alaska’s oldest towns; and Ketchikan, rich in Alaskan art and tradition. Glide through the Inside Passage and into remote inlets in search of whales, harbor seals, porpoises, sea lions, sea otters and eagles. Cruise Tracy Arm Fjord to the face of the Dawes and South Sawyer Glaciers.

Complement your cruise with the opportunity to explore Denali National Park and visit Fairbanks during the Denali Pre-Cruise Option. Conclude your voyage in Vancouver for a post-cruise opportunity to see British Columbia’s most beautiful city.

Don’t miss the splendor of Alaska with the finest accommodations and the ideal itinerary. To make a reservation, call our Tufts representative at Gohagan & Company at 1-800-922-3088.

Cheers!

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Faculty Host

Elena N. Naumova earned her doctorate from Novosibirsk Polytechnic University, Russia, and completed her postdoctoral training in artificial intelligence systems at the Baumann State Technical University in Moscow. Dr. Naumova is a recognized mathematician, Academic Dean for Faculty of the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University, and Adjunct Professor of the Christian Medical College in Vellore, India. Dr. Naumova is studying the effects of climate change on northern communities, specifically changes in water quality, nutrition and demographics. She is an elected member of the International Statistical Institute (ISI), has published numerous papers and held grants from the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Admiral James Stavridis

Distinguished guest speaker, United States Admiral James Stavridis (Ret.), will accompany us on this extraordinary program. Admiral Stavridis serves as Dean of The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. He was NATO’s 16th Supreme Allied Commander and 15th Commander of the U.S. European Command (2009-2013), and previously Head of U.S. Southern Command (2006-2009). The longest serving global combatant commander in recent American military history, he holds a Ph.D. and has published six books. Admiral Stavridis is a highly decorated four-star Navy admiral and holds numerous honors including more than 50 U.S. and international medals.
Exploring the Inside Passage

Shaped by the Ice Age and sheltered from the Pacific Ocean by one thousand miles of islands along the Pacific coast of North America, the Inside Passage embodies snowcapped mountains, arctic-blue glaciers and a wilderness more beautiful than you could imagine. Stand on the deck of your Five-Star small ship, surrounded by stunning scenery, as you cruise the secluded coves and inlets of these protected waters. Watch for bald eagles, humpback whales, harbor seals and brown bears. Listen to the thunderous calving of the Dawes and South Sawyer Glaciers. Venture into the heart of narrow Tracy Arm and Endicott Arm, and explore the Inside Passage’s hidden treasures, including the secluded Inian Islands and seldom-visited Elfin Cove. Along the way, encounter the indigenous culture of the Tlingit, onion-domed churches built by Russian fur traders, hearty fishing villages, historic trading outposts settled by American pioneers and gold rush settlements built over a century ago.

Juneau, Alaska

The sole American state capital that is accessible only by air or sea, picturesque Juneau is where The Call of the Wild author Jack London set forth to join the Klondike Gold Rush in 1897. Please note that the ship’s cruising pattern and positionings are dependent on weather, ice and water conditions and are subject to change.

Tracy Arm Fjord/South Sawyer Glacier/Endicott Arm/Dawes Glacier

Cruise into the deep and narrow fjord of Tracy Arm, where waterfalls cascade from dramatic cliffs, lush forest fades to spectacular sheer rock and icebergs glint in the sunlight. At the remote end of Tracy Arm, approach South Sawyer Glacier and watch and listen as it calves chunks of ice that become floating platforms for hundreds of harbor seals. On a Zodiac outing in the pristine, seldom-visited Endicott Arm, see Dawes Glacier and look for Arctic terns, pigeon guillemots and even mountain goats.

Point Adolphus/Inian Islands/Elfin Cove

Your small ship allows you to look for humpback whales feeding in the nutrient-rich waters surrounding Point Adolphus. Cruise through Icy Strait to the wild Inian Islands, around which flow unspoiled tidal waters teeming with marine life. From aboard a Zodiac, watch for hunting sea lions and swooping bald eagles, along

Cover photo: Look for humpback whales breaching in the waters of the Inside Passage.

Photo this page: Your ship accommodations offer endless viewing of majestic Alaskan scenery.
with other predators, drawn by the abundance of salmon and other prey. Cruise to pristine Chichagof Island, where you will tender ashore to visit remote Elfin Cove. Walk the boardwalks of this tiny fishing community (year-round population: 20), surrounded by the majestic conifers of the Tongass National Forest.

**Sitka**

Nestled on the edge of Baranof Island and well known for its stunning beauty, Sitka is laden with the art and history of its aboriginal and Russian past. First settled by the Kiks.ádi clan of the Tlingit, the “capital of Russian America” flourished as a Russian fur trading hub until its 1867 transfer to the United States. Visit the impressive Alaska Raptor Center, Alaska’s foremost bald eagle habitat, where more than 100 injured eagles are rehabilitated and released back into the wild each year.

Explore the rich Tlingit culture while conversing with local artisans in Sitka National Historical Park, whose trails are lined with towering totem poles, a lasting memorial to an ancient heritage. Marvel at the priceless collection of icons in the onion-domed St. Michael’s Cathedral, the first Russian Orthodox church built in North America.

**Wrangell**

One of the oldest towns in Alaska, picturesque Wrangell is the only Alaskan town to have flown the flag of three nations—Russia, Great Britain and the United States. Walk through its quaint downtown to Kiks.ádi Totem Park and hear a compelling interpretive narration of the history of these intricately carved totem poles.

Admire traditional historic churches dotting the landscape en route to Petroglyph Beach, designated a state historic beach and home to rock carvings created 8000 years ago.

Visit the Wrangell Museum displaying over 5000 historic photos, artifacts, petroglyphs and exhibits displaying the local trades in Alaska—fishing, mining and logging.
Ketchikan
In the colorful fishing town of Ketchikan—“salmon capital of the world”—stroll the historic boardwalks of Creek Street and watch salmon swimming upstream through the middle of town along the well-known “Salmon Ladder.” Visit a typical Tlingit village and see the fascinating art of Potlatch Totem Park, where a master craftsman demonstrates the ancient technique of hand-carving a totem pole.

Cruising the Inside Passage
Aboard our Five-Star ship, experience up close the natural wonders of the fabled Inside Passage, one of the most scenic waterways in the world, cruising amidst countless islands, lush forests, secluded bays and coves, sandy beaches and lofty waterfalls cascading from mountain cliffs inaccessible to larger ships. While cruising the Inside Passage’s placid waters, watch from the ship’s spacious decks, private balconies and the observation lounge for cavorting sea lions and breaching orcas in the deep waters and brown bears, Sitka black-tailed deer, mountain goats, beavers, mink, foxes and river otters roaming the shores and mountainsides.

Vancouver, British Columbia
Originally built as a small 19th-century timber milling settlement, today dynamic Vancouver is the cultural and financial heart of Canada’s Pacific Northwest.

Vancouver • Victoria
Post-Cruise Option
Surrounded by water on three sides, Vancouver is a coastal jewel of the Pacific Northwest. Its ideal setting combines a diverse ecosystem and a vibrant cosmopolitan atmosphere, rich in art and culture culled from the indigenous peoples of the Pacific Northwest and Alaska, to form a spectacular city. Visit Vancouver Island and Butchart Gardens, a National Historic Site of Canada that was once a private estate and today is one of the most beautiful gardens in North America. Tour elegant Victoria, a former British Empire port that still retains a charming English accent as well as wonderfully restored 19th-century architecture. In Vancouver, see historic Chinatown, famous Stanley Park and the 19th-century Gastown District and explore the Public Market and native artisans’ studios at Granville Island. Accommodations for two nights are in the deluxe WESTIN BAYSHORE hotel.

The Post-Cruise Option is available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Vancouver is one of the world’s most livable cities and is surrounded by breathtaking natural scenery.
**Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star MV Star Legend**

**Five-Star, All-Suite, Small Ship**
Enjoy intimate, Five-Star cruising at its finest aboard the *Star Legend*, renovated and relaunched in 2015. Among *Travel + Leisure* magazine’s “World's Best Cruise Lines,” this small ship can dock in ports inaccessible to larger vessels and celebrates traditional “sail aways” on deck.

**With Our Compliments**
A host of complimentary indulgences awaits you—flowers and fruit in your Suite to welcome you aboard, all alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages throughout the cruise and in your Suite minibar, specialty coffees and light snacks in the Yacht Club, and 24-hour room service. And, shipboard gratuities are included.

**World-Class Dining**
The elegant dining room serves contemporary international cuisine and accommodates all guests in a single seating. You may enjoy breakfast and lunch in the indoor-outdoor restaurant or reserve a table for alfresco evening dining.

**Only 106 Spacious Luxury Suites**
Ideal for private viewing of passing landscapes are the Classic Suites, each with a private, furnished veranda, and the French Balcony Suites, with an expansive sliding glass door and wooden railing. Ocean-View Suites have one picture window. Each of the Five-Star Suites features individual climate control, one queen bed or two twin beds, a private bathroom with shower (most with full bathtub), sitting area and luxurious amenities, including flat-screen television, Wi-Fi access, safe, walk-in closet, plush robes and slippers.

**Life On Board**
Offering educational presentations, panoramic views, nightly entertainment and quiet retreat, the ship's tastefully appointed public areas include a large lounge, two bars, library with computers, spa, fitness center, casino and outdoor whirlpool and counter-current pool. The ship has two elevators.

**Award-Winning Service**
With a ratio of one crew member for every 1.5 guests, you will enjoy personal and attentive service. There is a physician and medical facility on board.
Included Features

On board the exclusively chartered, Five-Star, All-Suite, Small Ship STAR LEGEND

◆ Seven-night voyage from Juneau, Alaska, U.S., to Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, through the magnificent Inside Passage, featuring Tracy Arm Fjord, South Sawyer Glacier, Endicott Arm, Dawes Glacier, Point Adolphus, Inian Islands, Elfin Cove, Sitka, Wrangell and Ketchikan.

◆ Spacious, Five-Star, ocean-view Suite, with a private bathroom and individual climate control.

◆ Captain's Welcome and Farewell Receptions.

◆ All meals—breakfast, lunch and dinner—featuring fine international cuisine, served at single, unassigned seatings.

◆ Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are available throughout the cruise.

◆ Six days cruising the protected and rarely traveled waters of the Alaskan and British Columbian Inside Passage, one of the most spectacular coastal waterways in the world.

◆ Onboard naturalist guides to help identify the natural wonders and incredible wildlife of the Inside Passage.

◆ Zodiac excursion to the tidal Dawes Glacier and harbor seal watching in the seldom-visited Endicott Arm Fjord.

◆ Scenic cruise into stunning Tracy Arm Fjord featuring the South Sawyer Glacier.

◆ Visit to the remote fishing village of Elfin Cove on pristine Chichagof Island, with time at leisure.

◆ Zodiac excursion through the marine-life-rich waters of the captivating Inian Islands.

◆ Humpback whale watching near Point Adolphus.

◆ Visit to picturesque Sitka, once the “capital of Russian America,” to see St. Michael's Cathedral and its priceless Russian Orthodox icons and to tour the Alaska Raptor Center.

◆ Walking tour of Wrangell, a 19th-century trading town, including the Kiks.ádi Totem Park, Petroglyph Beach and the Wrangell Museum.

◆ Visit Potlatch Totem Park in Ketchikan to experience indigenous Alaskan Tlingit culture.

◆ Tour of historic Ketchikan, “salmon capital of the world,” and its famous gold rush-era Creek Street.

Enhanced Travel Services

◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).

◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced local guides.

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◆ The services of experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the program.

◆ Hospitality desk aboard ship.

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◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
Denali National Park • Fairbanks
Pre-Cruise Option

Travel deep into Alaska’s Interior for the perfect introduction to your Inside Passage voyage. Experience fully what Alaska has to offer at the best time of year, when summer days are long and a dreamlike dusk extends past midnight.

Spend two nights in the frontier city of Fairbanks, founded upon the outbreak of gold-rush fever at the turn of the 20th century. Cruise the fabled Chena and Tanana Rivers aboard a traditional sternwheeler, see the incredible Trans-Alaska Pipeline and visit the galleries of the renowned Museum of the North.

 Traverse through rolling green tundra aboard a domed train offering stunning 360-degree views of the majestic landscape—mountains, gorges and spruce forests—to the pristine wilderness of Denali National Park, home to North America’s tallest peak at over 20,000 feet high. Spend two nights in a comfortable lodge just outside this splendid and unspoiled six-million-acre national park. Learn about Denali’s ecosystem and journey into its heart, where an expert from the Murie Science and Learning Center will guide and assist you in spotting and identifying the amazing wildlife—moose, bears, caribou, wolves, Dall sheep and raptors—in their protected natural habitat.

Enjoy the scenery en route to Anchorage for one night in a city that balances urban comforts with the call of the wild, stopping for a visit to the Iditarod Trail Headquarters. Then, fly to Juneau and visit the mighty Mendenhall Glacier, one of 38 glaciers leading to the Juneau Icefield. Join us for this exclusive, specially arranged and comprehensive five-night opportunity to further explore America’s amazing last frontier.

The Pre-Cruise Option is available at additional cost. Details will be provided in your reservation confirmation.

Denali is the tallest mountain in North America and the centerpiece of its namesake national park, renowned for its undisturbed natural ecosystem.
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