Cruising the

Land of the Midnight Sun

Arctic Circle • Norway’s North Cape
White Sea • Lapland

Featuring the Classic Small Ship
M.S. SERENISSIMA

July 24 to August 3, 2015
Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends:

In the far reaches of northern Europe, Norway’s North Cape and the expansive White Sea straddle two frontiers—the physical boundary between the Arctic and the European mainland, and the cultural boundary between East and West. Here, a spectacular wonderland of Arctic mountains and soaring fjords dotted with quiet fishing villages and medieval monasteries has remained virtually untraveled for decades, due in part to the region’s vast natural barriers and the Iron Curtain that divided Europe for nearly 50 years.

Join us on this rare and exclusive opportunity to discover the long-obscured jewels of the Land of the Midnight Sun during the magical White Nights of Summer, when the sun seemingly never sets on the region’s spectacular landscapes of fjords, bays, mountains and islands during the best time of year. Cruise the austere beauty of the remote White and Barents Seas along the unspoiled coastline of northern Norway to the “Gateway to the Arctic” port of Tromsø aboard the exclusively chartered, classic small ship M.S. SERENISSIMA, returning to these northern waters for which it was specifically built to cruise. Accommodating only 90 guests and one of the very few passenger vessels to cruise the enigmatic White Sea, the classic M.S. SERENISSIMA offers you a unique experience during this extraordinary journey to admire the fairytale settings of Norway’s legendary fjords and isolated villages with onion-domed and wooden architecture and tour the seldom-seen 15th-century monasteries in the rarely visited Solovetsky Islands, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

This custom-designed itinerary also offers once-in-a-lifetime opportunities to explore the living heritage and ancient cultural riches of Europe’s far North, including the proud history of the Arctic pioneers and the ancient customs of the Sami, the indigenous people of Lapland, or Scandinavia.

We also invite you to complement your cruise with the extraordinary Wonders of Norway and Flåm Railway Pre-Program Option—enjoy one of the greatest train journeys in the world aboard the Flåm Railway, then a scenic cruise through stunning fjordlands and visit the vibrant city of Bergen.

Be among the few to experience this exceptional and exclusive small-ship voyage to the Arctic frontier. It is a great value—all accommodations, meals aboard the ship and excursions are included. Make your reservation today, while Early Booking Savings and space are still available!

Sincerely,

Sibyl Waterman Haley '71
President, Skidmore College Alumni Association
U.S.
Friday, July 24
Depart the U.S. for Oslo, Norway’s capital.

Oslo, Norway
Saturday, July 25
Arrive in cosmopolitan Oslo and transfer to the Five-Star Grand Hotel Oslo, ideally located near the Royal Palace, shops and gardens. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Oslo/Cross the Arctic Circle/Kirkenes
Sunday, July 26
Fly to Kirkenes, a quaint peninsula town located above the Arctic Circle renamed after the Kirkenes Church was built in 1862 and a main German U-boat port during World War II. Today, there is a monument honoring the Red Army, who liberated the town from Germany in 1944, and a War Mothers Monument in the town square that pays homage to the efforts of women during World War II.

This afternoon, embark the small classic ship M.S. SERENISSIMA. Attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception tonight and, following dinner, savor the Midnight Sun’s lingering light from the ship’s deck.

Cross the Arctic Circle/Cruising the White Sea
Monday, July 27
Cruise into the seldom-sailed White Sea and learn more about this rarely visited region through our onboard experts. Be on deck to look for possible marine life and experience the stunning White Nights of Summer.

Arkhangelsk, Russia
Tuesday, July 28
Founded more than 400 years ago by Ivan the Terrible, Arkhangelsk’s wooden architecture, typical of many northern frontier towns, left it vulnerable to a series of fires. Despite these misfortunes, Arkhangelsk’s oldest extant building dates from the mid-16th century.

During this afternoon’s city tour, view impressive monuments to Peter the Great and the Great Patriotic War Memorial and visit the Museum of Fine Arts, which houses an exquisite collection of Russian art dating from the 14th century to the present.

Solovetsky Islands
Wednesday, July 29
Inhabited since the fifth century B.C., this isolated archipelago became the center of Christianity in the north during the 15th century after monks founded the Solovetsky Monastery. On the tour of this rarely visited UNESCO World Heritage site, learn more about the monastery fortress’ storied history as one of Russia’s holiest pilgrimage destinations as you walk along impregnable stone walls and visit its many churches, chapels and common buildings through a network of covered passages and tunnels. Gain insight into its inglorious transformation into one of Russia’s most notorious gulags (prison camps) during the era of Joseph Stalin. The history of the “mother of the gulag,” which famously inspired Alexander Solzhenitsyn’s

Cover: The natural wonders of Norway’s waterways share the landscape with charming fishing villages that bask in the glow of lengthened summer nights during the White Nights of Summer.

Photo this Page: Sail to the remote Solovetsky Islands, where a monastery founded during the 15th century was later transformed into one of Joseph Stalin’s most notorious gulags.
Visit the indigenous Sami people at a traditional lavvo (camp) near the North Cape in Honningsvåg.

Gulag Archipelago, is chronicled in the Solovetsky Gulag History Museum.

**Cross the Arctic Circle/ Cruising the Barents Sea**

**Thursday, July 30**

Enjoy a day at leisure while cruising across the Arctic Circle and into the Barents Sea, which supports a thriving ecosystem of marine life and some of the world's largest seabird colonies. Look for puffins, little auk, common guillemot, razorbill and black guillemot who feed within a 60-mile radius from their nesting cliffs along the Barents Sea.

This evening, savor the opportunity to bask in the unforgettable beauty of the Land of the Midnight Sun.

**Murmansk**

**Friday, July 31**

Founded in 1916 and once the preeminent port of the Russian whaling fleet and the base of Soviet naval operations in the Arctic, today Murmansk is the largest city north of the Arctic Circle. Its ice-free harbor is the base of a thriving fishing industry and Russia's only port with unrestricted access to the Atlantic Ocean and world sea routes.

On the panoramic tour of this honorary “hero city,” a title awarded for outstanding heroism during World War II, see the Memorial to the Defenders of the Polar Region. Visit the modest Allied Cemetery, a memorial to American, British and Polish seamen who perished while participating in the massive joint effort by the Allies and then Soviet Union to convoy supplies into Murmansk via the Arctic waters. Near the shore, visit the bright-white, gold-domed Savior-on-the-Waters Church, built to honor perished seamen, and the adjacent “Kursk” memorial, dedicated to the submariners who died in peacetime. Tour the National Museum, which documents the region’s exotic natural and cultural history with special exhibits devoted to the Sami and the Pomors, the first Russian settlers in the Polar region.

Cruise the remote coastline and enjoy the majestic White Nights of Summer.

**Honningsvåg for North Cape, Norway**

**Saturday, August 1**

Dock in the town of Honningsvåg this morning for the excursion to the northernmost point in Europe. En route, Arkhangelsk's 17th-century, archetypal wooden architecture contrasts its 19th-century stone churches.
Visit picturesque summer cottages along the lush banks of the spectacular Nærøy Fjord, a UNESCO World Heritage site, on the Wonders of Norway Pre-Program Option.

The Midnight Sun illuminates the sky in Norway north of the Arctic Circle almost 24 hours a day, as revealed in this time-lapse photo of the sun’s passage through the night sky.

Visit an authentic lavvo, the customary nomadic abode of the Sámi, Lapland’s indigenous people. Meet with local Sámi and learn firsthand about their unique culture, including their native dress, traditional methods of fishing and semi-nomadic reindeer herding and how they have survived for centuries in the harsh Arctic climate.

Arrive at beautifully stark North Cape, the final frontier of Arctic Europe. Near the iconic globe monument, stand at the edge of its dramatic cliffs and gaze across the water toward the North Pole for an “edge-of-world” sensation. Enhance your Arctic experience at the North Cape Hall, built into the side of a cliff, and tour the underground tunnel exhibitions detailing the North Cape’s storied history.

This evening, attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception and cruise the Barents Sea during the brilliant Norwegian Midnight Sun and look for minke and humpback whales and harbor porpoises.

Tromsø/Oslo
Sunday, August 2
Late this morning, arrive in Tromsø and disembark the M.S. SERENISSIMA. A thriving port city inhabited since the end of the Ice Age, Tromsø is known as the “Gateway to the Arctic.” A major center for whalers, fishermen and walrus hunters, Tromsø was used by great polar explorers like Roald Amundsen, Umberto Nobile and Fridtjof Nansen as a starting point for their expeditions.

Transfer to the airport for an early afternoon flight to Oslo. Check in for an overnight stay in the deluxe RADISSON BLU AIRPORT HOTEL, including dinner.

Oslo/U.S.
Monday, August 3
Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S.
The small classic ship M.S. SERENISSIMA, following a complete refurbishment, re-entered service under new ownership in 2013. The descendant of a long line of sturdy Norwegian coastal steamers, this exclusively chartered, 90-passenger vessel perfectly fits the profile of small ship cruising and was built specifically to navigate these scenic waters, dock in the heart of historic cities and sail into smaller, remote ports inaccessible to larger ships.

Each comfortable Suite and Cabin is attractively furnished in charming Gustavian style, an 18th-century Swedish country ambiance that perfectly suits this vessel. Executive Suites feature private balconies; the two Owner Suites are exceptionally large with wrap-around ocean-view windows; and most cabins are ocean view. All accommodations feature a private bathroom with shower, individual climate control, telephone, satellite television, safe and hair dryer. The M.S. SERENISSIMA is a traditional vessel, and each cabin is unique, with variances in size and configuration.

The light and airy Venice Restaurant accommodates all guests at a single, unassigned seating. Buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and four-course dinner are served daily featuring tasteful continental cuisine and local specialties. Complimentary house wines, beer, soft drinks and mineral water are served with lunch and dinner.

The inviting public areas include an all-teak Sun Deck with teak deck chairs, spacious observation deck, two lounges, library with computers and Internet access, fitness room and massage services. The ship also offers laundry service and has an elevator.

The M.S. SERENISSIMA meets the highest standards of safety requirements and has Rolls Royce stabilizers. The English-speaking, European crew provides courteous, professional service, and there is a physician on board.
Included Features

- Ten-day program during the magical White Nights of Summer in the Land of the Midnight Sun.

In Oslo

- One night in the Five-Star Grand Hotel Oslo, ideally located in the heart of the capital city, including breakfast.
- One night in the comfortable Radisson Blu Airport Hotel following the cruise, including breakfast and one dinner in the hotel.

Flight from Oslo to Kirkenes.

On board the exclusively chartered small classic ship M.S. Serenissima

- Seven-night cruise from Kirkenes to Tromsø, Norway, with port calls in Arkhangelsk, Solovetsky Islands and Murmansk, Russia; and Honningsvåg for North Cape, Norway.
- Newly refurbished, comfortable Suite or Cabin accommodations, each with private bathroom and nearly all with ocean views.
- Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- All meals on board, served at single, unassigned seatings—buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and four-course dinner—featuring continental cuisine.
- Complimentary house wine, beer and soft drinks are served with lunch and dinner.
- City tour of Arkhangelsk including a visit to the Museum of Fine Arts.
- Walking tour of the Solovetsky Islands, a UNESCO World Heritage site, featuring the 15th-century monastery and fortress that was converted into a Soviet gulag that became infamous during Joseph Stalin’s rule and was closed in 1939.
- Tour of Murmansk featuring the Allied Cemetery, the Savior-on-the-Waters Church, the “Kursk” memorial to seamen who perished in peacetime and the National Museum.
- Excursion from Honningsvåg to the North Cape, the northernmost point in Europe, highlighted by visits to a traditional nomadic Sami lavvo (camp) and the North Cape Hall, featuring exhibits detailing North Cape’s ancient history.

Flight from Tromsø to Oslo.

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.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- The services of experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the program.
- Complimentary state-of-the-art audio headset for each participant during guided excursions.
- Hospitality desk aboard ship and in the hotel.
- Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
- Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
The Flåm Railway is one of the greatest train journeys in the world and a marvel of Norwegian engineering.

Wonders of Norway and Flåm Railway
Bergen • Norwegian Fjords • Mountain Train
Pre-Program Option

Experience majestic Norwegian landscapes and traditional Scandinavian culture on this unique and exclusive four-day pre-program journey from charming Bergen to metropolitan Oslo. Tour the historic city of Bergen, featuring Bryggen (the old wharf), a UNESCO World Heritage site, with its colorful, wooden medieval buildings. Visit Trolldhaugen, the home of famed composer Edvard Grieg. Ride the Flåm Railway to experience one of the great rail journeys of the world. Norway’s engineering marvel traverses 12 scenic miles, ascends nearly 3000 feet and provides views of Norway’s stunning fjordlands, snowcapped mountains, cascading waterfalls and alpine lakes. Enjoy a scenic day cruise on spectacular Nærøy Fjord, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of Norway’s largest fjords. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe RADISSON BLU ROYAL HOTEL in Bergen and for one night in the historic STALHEIM HOTEL.

The Romantic White Nights of Summer in the Land of the Midnight Sun

Each year, at the height of summer as the warm, soft pastel sunlight of the White Nights lights the distant horizon, the peoples of Scandinavia celebrate the return of summer to their homelands. From the majestic fjord country of the Norwegian coast to the rustic fishing villages of the North Cape and the White Sea, friends and families congregate at festive gatherings, couples escape for long evening strolls and young revelers toast the possibilities of summer before the long winter returns.

On display for just a few fleeting weeks, the natural phenomenon of the White Nights occurs only in the most northern climes where a prolonged twilight extends late into the night and the sun makes only a slight dip below the horizon before reappearing. During this brief respite from the long Arctic winter, snow drifts give way to emerald green meadows, the forests teem with birds flocking from the south and hazy orange and pink skies seemingly melt into the glistening northern seas. From ancient Viking storytellers to the great Russian novelists, the sublime beauty of this magical season has provided inspiration for many of history’s greatest composers, poets and writers. Experience the majestic landscapes of the Norwegian fjordlands and the expansive White Sea at their most spectacular—amid an atmosphere of romantic beauty like no other.
LAND/Cruise Tariff (per person, based on double occupancy)

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- Single cabins with one bed are available in category 6 at $7395, category 4 at $8595 and category 3 at $8795 on or before January 30, 2015. Add $1000 for reservations made after January 30, 2015.
- Taxes are an additional $480 per person and are subject to change.
- Limited availability.

* M.S. SERENISSIMA has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

LAND OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN Reservation Form

Send to: 2015 Land of the Midnight Sun
Skidmore College
P.O. Box 209
209 South LaSalle Street, Suite 500
Chicago, Illinois 60604-1446

For more information, please call Gohagan & Company at (800) 922-3088.

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

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Street Mailing Address (no P.O. Box number please):

City State Zip Code

Telephone: (Home)       (Mobile)

Email Address (Business)

Preferred Name(s) on Badge(s)       Tour No. 031-07/24/15-265

Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person and $200 per person Wonders of Norway and Flam Railway Pre-Program Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, I/we agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

- Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $_________ as deposit.
- I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $_________ to:
  - Visa
  - MasterCard

Card Number Exp. Date

Signature as it appears on credit card

Please make my/our reservation(s) in Cabin Category:

1st Choice 2nd Choice

- Double occupancy (two twin beds).
- Double occupancy (one double bed).
- Single accommodations.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please make my/our reservation(s):

1. Wonders of Norway and Flam Railway Pre-Program Option
   - Double at $1590 per person.
   - Single at $2090 per person.
   - I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.
   - I/We want to book my/our air from (fill in departure city) to Oslo, Norway, with return from Oslo, Norway, at an additional cost to be advised.‡

2. Economy Class
3. Business Class
4. First Class

‡Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.
Norway’s longest and deepest fjord, Sognefjord winds from the Norwegian Sea far inland to remote villages.

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 government, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, bites from or attacks by animals, insects or pests, strikes or other labor activities, any change in weather conditions, sickness, illness, epidemics or the threat thereof, the lack of availability of or access to special equipment or the equipment thereof, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, mechanical or other failure of airplanes, vessels, or other means of transportation, or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely or safely.

Any traveler who is sick, pregnant, has a heart condition, has or is suspected of having tuberculosis, epilepsy, diabetes, is unable to follow the itinerary, has a physical or mental handicap (other than the need for a wheelchair) must be reported in writing when you make your reservation. Travelers must be able to embark or disembark independently and mobility. Any physical or mental condition that may change without prior notice. Please contact your airline(s) for the most current luggage allowance policy.

Airfare is subject to change and availability and, depending on the fare basis, likely is nonrefundable. Your airline ticket constitutes a contract between you and the airline, even if purchased through Gohagan.

Gohagan reserves the right to substitute vessels, hotels or attractions of a similar category for any reason, including, but not limited to, acts of God, weather conditions, civil unrest, strikes, war or acts of terrorism, changes in governmental regulations, currency fluctuation, increased fuel or energy surcharges and all such increases are to be paid to Gohagan upon notice to the tour participant of such increases. On programs which include Gohagan purchased interstate or international air (which originates or returns to the United States), World Health Organization or other Warnings or Advisories of any kind. Gohagan is not responsible for penalties assessed by air carriers resulting from operational and/or itinerary changes, even if Gohagan makes the flight arrangements or cancels the trip. Gohagan reserves the right to assign (collectively “Gohagan”), do not own or operate any entity, company, or organizer of optional excursions, food service or entertainment providers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors.

Any felony, legal or criminal conviction, fraud, theft, violation of law, or participation in any illegal activities, or who Gohagan determines to detract from the enjoyment of the trip by others. Specific room/cabin assignments are within the sole discretion of the hotel or cruise line.

Gohagan reserves the right to change the itinerary or trip features at any time, for any reason, with or without notice, which may include, without limitation, accidents, civil unrest, acts of terrorism, weather conditions, civil or international disorder, strikes, or other cause, or any other cause, change without prior notice. Please contact your airline(s) for the most current luggage allowance policy.

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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.

PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY: All programs include extensive travel and some physical activity. Any traveler with a physical or mental handicap (other than the need for a wheelchair) must be reported in writing when you make your reservation. Travelers must be able to embark or disembark independently and mobility. Any physical or mental condition that may change without prior notice. Please contact your airline(s) for the most current luggage allowance policy.

DISCOUNTED RESERVATIONS: Discounts apply only to those reservations received in the offices of Gohagan in writing, accompanied by the required deposit, by January 30, 2015. In the event a “discounted” reservation must be canceled, no “replacement” reservation can be substituted at the discounted rate. A “replacement” reservation is a new reservation and can be substituted only at the full-fare rate. Cancellation penalties may apply.