Arctic Expedition
Under the Midnight Sun
Aboard L’AUSTRAL

Rick Prum
Professor of Ornithology of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

June 21-July 1, 2019
Dear Yale Traveler

Engage in the excitement and spirit of adventure to explore the unspoiled Arctic wilderness at the best time of year, under the Midnight Sun, during this once-in-a-lifetime, 11-day program featuring the High Arctic’s extraordinary Svalbard archipelago. Navigate through pristine fjords, see stunning views of glimmering glaciers, land by Zodiac for Arctic walks on ice and discover abundant Arctic wildlife, including the King of the Arctic—the polar bear—walruses, whales, reindeer, and several species of rare Arctic seabirds.

Enjoy Five-Star accommodations aboard the ice-class, eco-friendly L’Austral, the finest expedition ship to cruise these Arctic waters. The ship features 95% private balcony staterooms along with spacious observation lounges and open-air decks conducive to optimum viewing, and it is ideal for cruising fjords inaccessible to larger vessels. An expert Arctic Expedition Team will accompany you on board and during Zodiac excursions to explore the natural beauty of this untouched wilderness up-close.

I hope you will travel with us on this delightful small group program that is sure to sell out fast. We are sharing this departure with Brown University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Visit yaleedtravel.org/arctic19, call 203-432-1952, or email edtravel@yale.edu today to hold your space on this wonderful program.

All the best from Yale,

Lauren Summers
Senior Director, Lifelong Learning and Travel

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Highlights

Search for the endangered King of the Arctic, the polar bear, in secluded fjords and bays.

Travel to Ny-Ålesund, an important research town and one of the world’s northernmost communities.

Explore by Zodiac landing craft, accompanied by an expert naturalist from the expedition team.
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Yale Study Leader

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Upcoming Trips

Dutch Waterways
04/25/2019 – 05/03/2019
Associate Prof.
Marian Chertow

Dynasties of China and Tibet
05/04/2019 – 05/18/2019
Prof. Mimi Yiengpruksawan

A Yale Week in Dordogne
09/26/2019 – 10/4/2019
Prof. Roderick McIntosh
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WELCOME PHONE CALL
Tuesday, June 11, 2019 (tentative)
Join the group at 4PM Eastern for a pre-trip welcome call with Professor Rick Prum in order to learn more about what to expect and to ask questions.

U.S./PARIS, FRANCE
Friday and Saturday, June 21 and 22
Depart the U.S. for Paris, France. On arrival, check in to the HILTON PARIS CHARLES DE GAULLE AIRPORT HOTEL and enjoy a Welcome Reception this evening. (R)

PARIS/LONGYEARBYEN, SVALBARD, NORWAY
Sunday, June 23
Transfer to the airport for your charter flight to Longyearbyen, Svalbard, Norway, the archipelago’s capital. This afternoon, arrive in this small port town at 78 degrees North latitude and approximately 650 miles from the North Pole. Embark the eco-friendly L’AUSTRAL. This evening, attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception and dinner. (B/R/D)

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

HORNISUNDSAMARIN GLACIER
Monday, June 24
A naturalist-led excursion navigates through slow-drifting ice by Zodiac in the pristine bay of Burgerbukta to reach the majestic Samarín Glacier. This afternoon, walk along the glacier and examine firsthand its dramatic terrain, frequented by seabirds such as black-legged kittiwakes and Brünnich’s guillemots. Discover the perfect snapshot of miniature Arctic wildflowers. (B/L/D)

Keep an eye out for the King of the Arctic—the polar bear—and other unique Arctic wildlife.

BELLSUND
Tuesday, June 25
In the bell-shaped sound of Bellsund, surrounded by soaring, snow-covered peaks, anchor off Calypso Bay, part of Sør-Spitsbergen, Norway’s largest national park. Relics of the former coal mining settlement offer a glimpse into its history. Naturalists accompany you through Calypso Bay’s intriguing ecosystem, where nimble Arctic foxes thrive.

After lunch on board the ship, continue to Camp Millar, a former gold mining base and now a favored grazing spot for the Svalbard reindeer. Observe the graceful reindeer, their newborn calves, and the large resident colony of auks. (B/L/D)

CRUISING THE ARCTIC ICE PACK
Wednesday to Saturday, June 26 to 29
Approach the Arctic Ice Pack at the approximate latitude of 80 degrees North. Survey expansive sea ice for the King of the Arctic—the polar bear. Ice habitats are crucial for this endangered mammal’s hunting and breeding.

Keep a keen eye out for these ivory-furred creatures and scan the cobalt-blue waters for bowhead and beluga whales, often spotted swimming in pods.

Woodfjorden showcases the Arctic’s contrasts—icy, glacier-fronted shores are juxtaposed
against surrounding, red sandstone mountains. Cruise past the startlingly beautiful Monaco Glacier and listen for the sound of white thunder as the tidewater glaciers calve into the ocean.

Your naturalist guides lead an adventurous walk around protected Raudfjorden, amidst Svalbard poppies. Look for rare seabirds, such as pink-footed geese, black-legged kittiwakes, and glaucous gulls.

Enjoy a Zodiac excursion to the former bustling, 17th-century Dutch whaling station of Smeerenburgbreen, today a prized resting shore for long-toothed walruses.

Ny-Ålesund is one of the world’s northernmost settlements, host to 16 international research stations, and a refuge for ringed and bearded seals. Observe them resting in their natural habitats.

An excursion by Zodiac through the inlet of Kongsfjorden takes you to the tidewater Kongsbreen (King’s Glacier), a nesting ground for waterbirds, barnacle geese, common and king elders, long-tailed ducks, purple sandpipers, Atlantic puffins, and snow buntings.

Attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception on board the ship. (4B/4L/1R/4D)

LONGYEARBYEN/ PARIS, FRANCE
Sunday, June 30
Disembark the ship in Longyearbyen. Enjoy a glimpse of daily life here in the Longyearbyen Culture House before your flight to Paris. Check in to the HILTON PARIS CHARLES DE GAULLE AIRPORT HOTEL and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. (B)

PARIS/U.S.
Monday, July 1
Continue on the Paris and Giverny Postlude Option or transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S. (B)

Included meals indicated each day as B/L/R/D = Breakfast/Lunch/Reception/Dinner.
Taxes, internal program air, and gratuities to ship personnel are included for all categories.

Deck 6, Mahé

**OWNER’S SUITE** $16,195

- Two rooms
- Expansive sliding glass doors
- Large private balcony
- One and a half bathrooms
- Separate large sitting area with sofa, two closets

*(limited availability)*

Deck 5, Bengale

**PRESTIGE SUITE I** $15,595

- Two rooms
- Expansive sliding glass door
- Large private balcony
- Two bathrooms with showers
- Large sitting area with sofa, two closets

*(limited availability)*

**PRESTIGE SUITE II** $15,095

- Two rooms
- Expansive sliding glass door
- Large private balcony
- Two bathrooms with showers
- Large sitting area with sofa, two closets

*(limited availability)*

Deck 4, Chandernagor

**DELUXE SUITE** $14,295

- Two rooms
- Expansive sliding glass door
- Private balcony

*(limited availability)*

Deck 6, Mahé

**CATEGORY 1** $13,295

- Expansive sliding glass door
- Private balcony

*(limited availability)*

Deck 5, Bengale

**CATEGORY 2** $12,495

- Expansive sliding glass door onto private, partial-wall balcony

*(limited availability)*

Deck 6, Mahé

**CATEGORY 3** $12,095

- Expansive sliding glass door, private, partial-wall balcony

*(limited availability)*

Deck 4, Chandernagor

**CATEGORY 4** $11,595

- Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony

*(limited availability)*

Deck 3, Calicut

**CATEGORY 5** $10,895

- Single window
- Single door onto private, partial-wall balcony

*(limited availability)*

Deck 3, Calicut

**CATEGORY 6** $10,195

- One large window

*(limited availability)*

Deck 3, Calicut

**CATEGORY 7** $9,095

- One large window

*(limited availability)*

Deck 3, Calicut

**CATEGORY 8** $7,595

- Small window
- Single door onto private, partial-wall balcony

*(limited availability)*

Deck 4, Chandernagor

**Single Pricing:** $18,795

- One large window
  - Deck 3, Calicut, forward

**Single Pricing:** $16,395

- Small window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony
  - Deck 3, Calicut, aft

**Category 1** $13,295

- Expansive sliding glass door
- Private balcony

*(limited availability)*

**Category 2** $12,495

- Expansive sliding glass door
- Private balcony

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- Expansive sliding glass door
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- Expansive sliding glass door
- Private balcony

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**Category 5** $10,895

- Single window
- Single door onto private, partial-wall balcony

*(limited availability)*

**Category 6** $10,195

- One large window

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- One large window

*(limited availability)*

**Category 8** $7,595

- Small window
- Single door onto private, partial-wall balcony

*(limited availability)*

Deck 4, Chandernagor

**DELUXE SUITE** $14,295

- Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony, sitting area with sofa

*(limited availability)*

Deck 6, Mahé

**PRESTIGE SUITE II** $15,095

- Two rooms
- Expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, two bathrooms with showers, large sitting area with sofa, two closets

*(limited availability)*

Deck 5, Bengale

**PRESTIGE SUITE I** $15,595

- Two rooms
- Expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, two bathrooms with showers, large sitting area with sofa, two closets

*(limited availability)*

**OWNER’S SUITE** $16,195

- Two rooms
- Expansive sliding glass doors, large private balcony, one and a half bathrooms, separate tub and shower, sitting room with sofa, table, and four chairs

*(limited availability)*

Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

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**NORMANDY**

**Pre-Expedition Option - June 18–22**

$1,795 per person, double occupancy

$2,645 per person, single occupancy

Commemorate the 75th anniversary year of the Allied forces’ World War II D-Day Invasion during a once-in-a-lifetime visit to historic Normandy. Walk the hallowed grounds where American, Canadian and British forces landed; contemplate the solemn crosses and Stars of David in the American Military Cemetery overlooking Omaha Beach; see German emplacements at Pointe du Hoc and the engineered British “Mulberry Harbor” remnants at Gold Beach. Tour charming Honfleur, an inspiration to Impressionists such as Monet and Boudin, and in Rouen, view stunning stained-glass windows at Joan of Arc Church and the impressive Gothic architecture of the Notre Dame de Rouen Cathedral. Spend three nights in the deluxe Hôtel de Bourgtheroulde.

**PARIS AND GIVERNY**

**Postlude Option - June 30–July 3**

$1,795 per person, double occupancy

$3,145 per person, single occupancy

Experience the “City of Light” and Monet’s cherished gardens in nearby Giverny. Enjoy a panoramic tour of Paris, renowned for its historic and aesthetic influence, and see its most noted landmarks. Visit the Louvre, the world’s largest museum, for a guided tour. Enjoy a full-day excursion to Monet’s Gardens—an exquisite living canvas—in charming Giverny. Visit the Impressionist Master’s house and admire his lily pond and iconic Japanese bridge. Spend three nights in the deluxe, ideally located Hôtel Scribe Paris Opéra.

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To register, return this form with your deposit of $1,000 per person to Yale Educational Travel. Final payment is due March 22, 2019.

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- ✔️ pay by check made out to “Gohagan & Company”
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**Accommodations**

- ✔️ I wish to have a single (limited availability – please call)
- ✔️ I will share accommodations with:

**Travel Options**

- Normandy Pre-Expedition Option (per person)
  - ✔️ double $1,795
  - ✔️ single $2,645
- Paris and Giverny Postlude Option (per person)
  - ✔️ double $1,795
  - ✔️ single $3,145

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date of birth  
passport origin  

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In addition to airline cancellation penalties, all cancellations for any reason whatsoever will be subject to a $500 per person cancellation fee through 91 days prior to departure.

Cancellation from 90 days up to the time of departure will result in 100% forfeiture of the entire cost of the trip. All cancellations must be submitted in writing to YET.

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Expert Expedition Team

An Arctic Expedition Team of seasoned naturalists, who have studied and traveled extensively in the remote Arctic, accompany you throughout your voyage. The team’s collaborative efforts, experience, particular interest in the Arctic’s ecosystems, and enthusiasm for sharing their knowledge make them exceptionally well-suited to lead your adventures in the Arctic.