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*Glaciers, Geysers &
Gardens of Iceland*

With American Horticultural Society Host
HOLLY H. SHIMIZU

Aboard the Deluxe *Le Bellot*
August 6-15, 2022





Westfjords

Dear Friends,

Land of volcanoes and glaciers. Stomping ground of 9th-century Vikings. Setting of countless legends and Norse sagas. These are some of the features that attract inquisitive travelers to this island nation in the North Atlantic, and this voyage has them all—and more. Join internationally recognized horticulturalist Holly Shimizu for a discovery of the botanical gardens of Iceland and learn how the country's native plants survive and thrive amidst the volatile landscape.

As our deluxe small ship *Le Bellot* makes her way along Iceland's rugged western coast, vibrant purple lupin fields stretch out before us to touch mountains and waterfalls. Calling at botanical gardens in Reykjavik, Akureyri, and Skrudur allows us to appreciate the diversity of vegetation in the northern temperate zone. The almost unearthly geothermal displays at Lake Myvatn transport us back in time, to when the world was new, and a walk along the lava fields of Búðahraun is an experience not soon to be forgotten. We will also encounter the fishermen of Isafjordur and marvel at the abundance of birdlife on the islands of Grimsey and Heimaey. Everywhere we go we will hear tales of the Norsemen who discovered and settled here.

In late August, Iceland's storied midnight sun will be waning, and the locals will be welcoming the return of dark night skies. It is perhaps the perfect time of year to explore the land of fire and ice with likeminded American Horticultural Society members and Holly Shimizu. Join us next summer for a sailing to the edge of the Arctic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marcia Zech". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marcia Zech
Development Committee Chair
American Horticultural Society

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EXCLUSIVE AHS GUEST SPEAKER

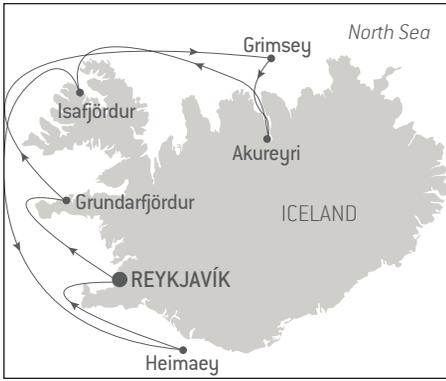


Holly H. Shimizu, a member of the American Horticultural Society Board of Directors and retired Executive Director of the United States Botanic Garden, is an internationally recognized horticulturist. She has worked in gardens in many parts of the world and is often recognized from ten years as a host of the popular *Victory Garden* television show on PBS. Holly has received numerous prestigious awards, most recently in 2020, she received the Scott Medal and Award from the Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College, additional award recognition include the Thomas Roland Medal for outstanding contributions to horticultural education from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and the Professional Award for an Outstanding Public Garden Director from the American Horticultural Society. Dedicated to heightening an awareness and love of plants through her work, she has written for numerous publications and is an international flower show judge.

Atlantic puffin



ITINERARY



Saturday, August 6, 2022

FLY FROM THE USA

Sunday, August 7

REYKJAVIK, ICELAND

Arrive in Reykjavik and transfer to the *Center Hotel Miðgarður* (or similar). Join fellow travelers this evening for a welcome reception. (R)

Monday, August 8

REYKJAVIK | EMBARK

Drive by the Hallgrímskirkja Church and Höfði House en route to the National Museum. Continue to the Reykjavik Botanical Garden, where over 5,000 different species of plants greet you. Stroll among the Garden's trees, shrubs, roses, forest floor plants, and rock garden. Drive to Hveragerdi for a visit to the Agricultural University of Iceland. Here, in greenhouses heated from a geothermal source more than 1,500 feet deep, gardeners grow bananas, a tradition started in 1942. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, August 9

GRUNDARFJÖRDUR

Explore the only coastal national park in Iceland. The Snaefellsjökull glacier seems to invade all senses, weaving its powerful spell! Explore the beach at Djupalonssandur. Pass the basalt volcanic plug of Lóndranger en route to the fishing community of Arnarstapi for a walk along the otherworldly geologic phenomenon that inspired Sagas. End at Búðir for a guided walk along the lava fields at the nature reserve of Búðahraun, which harbors some of the most beautiful flora in Iceland. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, August 10

GRIMSEY

Grimsey is the northernmost island of Iceland, jutting out of the ocean, the Arctic Circle running through its center. Grimseyjarheppur, the only town, is home to some 100 people, most of them fishermen. Grimsey is one of the best places in Iceland for watching cliff-nesting

birds like Black-legged Kittiwake, Northern Fulmar, Razorbill, Black Guillemot, and Murre. The island also has one of Iceland's largest Tern nesting sites and one of the largest Atlantic puffin colonies. (B,L,D)

Thursday, August 11

AKUREYRI | LAKE MYVATN | AKUREYRI

Drive along the coastline of the Eyjafjörður Fjord to Goðafoss Waterfall, the Waterfall of the Gods. Continue to Lake Myvatn, one of Iceland's natural treasures where the dormant Hverfell Volcano looms nearby. Geological phenomena await: a lava landscape of columns and arches at Dimmuborgir; pseudo-craters at Skútustaðir; and the geothermal field next to Námafjall Mountain. Our excursion ends at Akureyri Botanical Garden, one of the northernmost botanic gardens in the world with approximately 7,000 different types of plants, including more than 400 native species. (B,L,D)

Friday, August 12

ISAFJÖRDUR

This enchanting town on the Westfjords peninsula is built at the foot of a high volcanic plateau. The Maritime Museum tells the story of the discovery and settlement of Isafjörður. A short drive brings you to lovely Skróður Botanical Garden, where a pair of arched whale bones greet you at one of the oldest gardens in Iceland, established in 1909. (B,L,D)

Saturday, August 13

HEIMAEY

Heimaey is the largest of the Westman Islands Archipelago off the southern coast of Iceland, and is the early- to mid-summer home to millions of Atlantic puffins. Our exploration of this rugged island includes landscapes of volcanoes, including Mt. Eldfell, lava fields, and windswept cliffs, and delves into the history and culture of this remote corner of Europe. (B,L,D)

Sunday, August 14 & Monday, August 15

REYKJAVIK | DISEMBARK

Visit Thingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Continue to Gullfoss (Golden) Waterfall, where the Hvita River drops 96 feet and splits into two spectacular waterfalls. Also visit the Geysir hot spring area the dramatic Kerid Crater, one of Iceland's many volcanic craters. Disembark and fly to the USA on August 15th. (B,L,D & B)

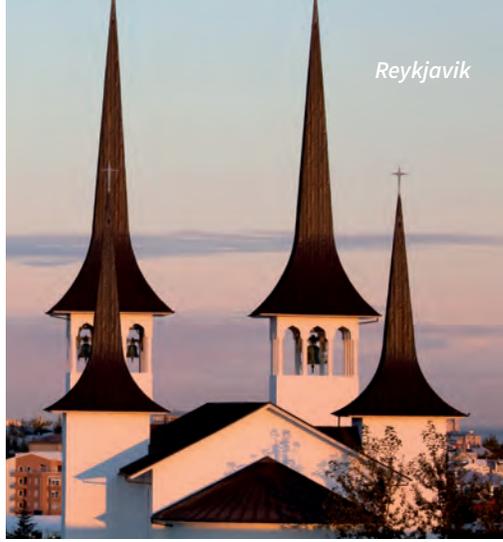
Photos and descriptions of wildlife are representative of what could be experienced during the trip. Specific wildlife sightings cannot be guaranteed.

PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

- Overnight in a relaxing hotel in Reykjavik.
- Comprehensive 7-night cruise aboard *Le Bellot*. All accommodations are outside staterooms and suites and 100% feature a private balcony.
- A program of talks onboard the ship and on land led by horticulturist Holly Shimizu.
- Complete program of shore excursions led by expert guides.
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions aboard ship.
- All meals aboard ship including early riser's coffee & pastry, breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, and dinner.
- Captain's gala dinner; 24-hour room service.
- Open bar aboard ship, including select wines with lunch and dinner.
- Comprehensive pre-departure materials.
- Baggage handling and airport transfers abroad on the designated program arrival and departure dates.
- Wi-Fi onboard.
- Gratuities to shipboard personnel, porters, guides, and drivers; Port taxes and charges.

Not included

Airfare; airport taxes, visa and passport fees (if applicable); luggage, cancellation, and accident insurance; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, spa services and beverages other than those specified above

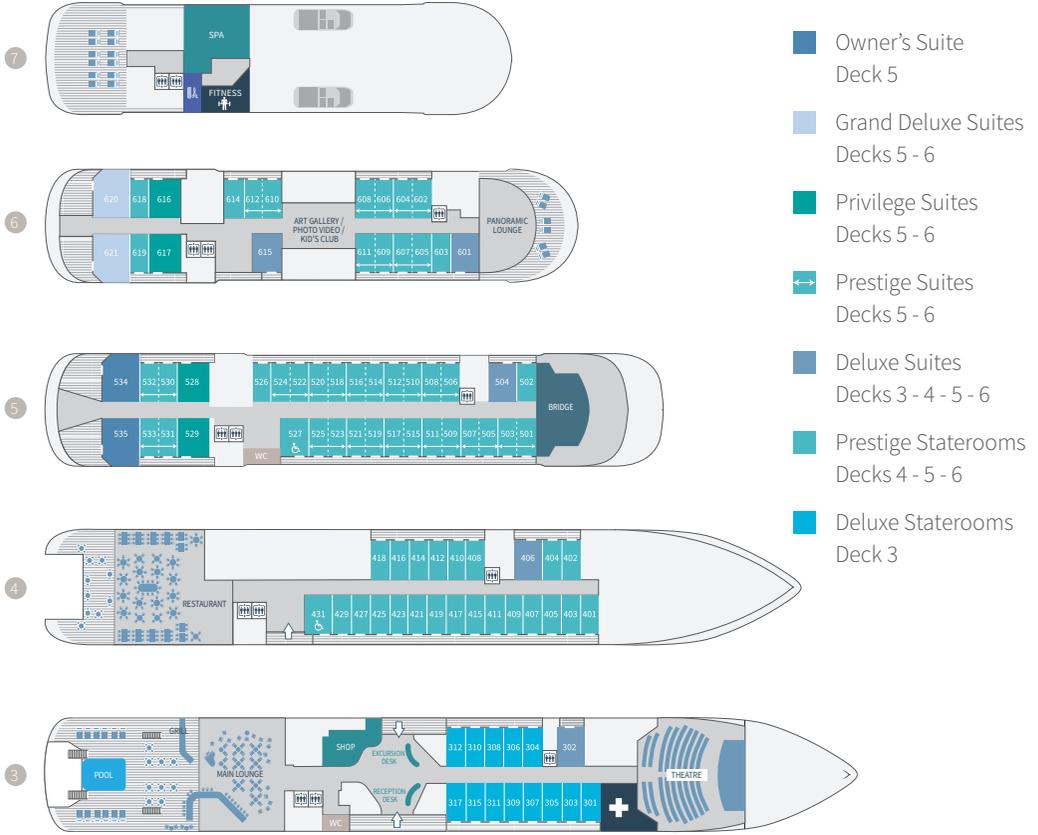


LE BELLOT



The five-star *Le Bellot* is one of a series of six new luxury PONANT Expedition ships, launched 2018–2020. These state-of-the-art vessels combine PONANT’s understated elegance with a spirit of adventure and feature Blue Eye, the world’s first underwater passenger lounge. *Le Bellot* is a small-capacity ship with just 92 staterooms and a crew of 110. Guests will enjoy attentive service, gourmet French-inspired cuisine, and a relaxed ambiance. *Le Bellot* is a certified Clean Ship and meets the highest standards for energy conservation.

DECK PLAN



FARES PER PERSON

All accommodations aboard *Le Bellot* are outside staterooms and suites, and feature a private balcony. All cabins include a bedroom with either two twin-size beds or a queen-size bed, mini-bar, safe, spacious closets, climate control, telephone, WiFi access, TV with movies on demand, iPod player, and private bathroom with fine amenities.

	DOUBLE	SINGLE
■ DELUXE STATEROOMS	\$7,470	\$7,610
■ PRESTIGE STATEROOMS, DECK 4	\$8,010	\$8,150
■ PRESTIGE STATEROOMS, DECK 5	\$8,270	\$8,410
■ PRESTIGE STATEROOMS, DECK 6	\$8,600	\$8,740
■ DELUXE SUITES	\$10,960	\$11,100
■ PRESTIGE SUITES, DECK 5	\$13,900	\$14,040
■ PRESTIGE SUITES, DECK 6	\$14,500	\$14,640
■ PRIVILEGE SUITES	\$15,090	\$15,230
■ GRAND DELUXE SUITES	\$16,320	\$16,460
■ OWNER'S SUITE	\$23,050	\$44,010



PRESTIGE STATEROOM

TERMS & CONDITIONS

PONANT is the tour Operator/Organizer of this cruise and has invited members of the American Horticultural Society (Sponsor) to participate. Please read this information carefully, as payment of a deposit represents your acceptance of the following terms and conditions.

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PAYMENT SCHEDULE: In order to secure a booking, the guest is required to pay a \$1,500 deposit: \$500 donation check payable to the American Horticultural Society and an additional \$1,000 payable to PONANT via check or credit card. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

CANCELLATION, MODIFICATION PENALTIES & REFUNDS: All cancellations or modifications must be in writing. Any and all guests not reporting for departure or prevented from reporting for departure or waiving for any reason whatsoever the benefit of services included in the program cannot claim any refund. PONANT GROUP shall not be required to refund any monies to any guests who must leave the cruise prematurely for any reason, nor shall PONANT GROUP be held responsible for any costs, fees, damages or causes of action which result from the transportation expenses incurred by guest's early departure.

For any deposited or fully paid booking, cancellation penalties will be assessed as noted below. These cancellation penalties are applicable on all services booked with PONANT GROUP.

- From confirmation of booking date up to 91 days prior departure: \$1,000 per person
- 90-61 days prior departure: 50% of full fare
- Within 60 days prior departure: 100% of full fare.
- \$500 donation to AHS is non-refundable.

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INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS/LIMIT OF LIABILITY: The passenger agrees that PONANT GROUP and American Horticultural Society acts as agents and/or trustees for any person, ground and maritime agents and subcontractors, who provide any service forming, or in connection with, any part of the cruise. Transportation services to the port of departure, transfers to the ship, including, as applicable, hotel room and restaurant bookings or guided tours, are performed by independent suppliers who are not employees of PONANT GROUP nor AHS. In this respect, PONANT GROUP and AHS act only as an agents and shall not be held liable for said services or for the acts or omissions of subcontractors or other contractors. PONANT GROUP and AHS shall not be held liable for bodily

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RATES: The prices given at the time of booking are based on economic conditions known on June 1, 2021 and are subject to change. These conditions are, amongst others, the cost of transport and fuel, relevant dues and taxes for the proposed operation (port taxes, embarkation and disembarkation taxes, entrance costs to tourist sites), currency exchange rates relevant to the pricing of these programs. PONANT GROUP reserves the right within the legal limits of applicable laws to vary the prices if necessary. All variation of the cost of transport, fuel, taxes, dues and visa costs will be passed on within the voyage cost. Additionally, any surcharge levied will be increased to include an amount to cover agent's commission. Any change in fare cannot be imposed less than 60 days prior to departure. For the cruise-only rate, daily surcharge, if any, will be calculated based on: \$= fuel variation* x daily consumption**

SHIP CAPACITY ***

(*): MGO FOB Rotterdam 0,1% in US\$

(**): AUSTRAL, BOREAL, LYRIAL, SOLEAL: 20t.
THE PONANT EXPLORERS: 10t.

(***): AUSTRAL, BOREAL, SOLEAL, LYRIAL: 244 pax
THE PONANT EXPLORERS: 173 pax

JURISDICTION: These terms & conditions are subject to and interpreted according to International regulations and concern the transportation of passengers and their luggage from the time of boarding the ship to the moment of disembarking, as well as at ports of departure, destination, or stopover. PONANT GROUP shall incur no liability outside this period of time. Without prejudice to required legal regulations, any actions related either to the interpretation, or execution of this agreement shall be brought before the competent courts of Marseille-France.

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I understand that final payment is due ninety (90) days prior to departure.

Please mail payment and registration form to:
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- AmEx Discover Visa MasterCard

No. _____

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3- or 4-Digit Security Code _____

Please select cabin category in order of preference (1st, 2nd & 3rd choice):

- ___ Deluxe Stateroom - Deck 3
- ___ Prestige Stateroom - Deck 4
- ___ Prestige Stateroom - Deck 5
- ___ Prestige Stateroom - Deck 6
- ___ Deluxe Suite - Decks 3 - 4 - 5 - 6
- ___ Prestige Suite - Deck 5
- ___ Prestige Suite - Deck 6
- ___ Privilege Suite - Deck 6
- ___ Grand Deluxe Suite - Deck 5 - 6
- ___ Owner's Suite - Deck 5

Twin Beds Queen Bed

Single Occupancy

Share (cannot be guaranteed)

DR./MR./MRS./MS. FIRST LAST

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ADDRESS

CITY/STATE/ZIP

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E-MAIL

**Each participant must sign below:
I/We have read the "Terms & Conditions" section
and agree to its terms.**

SIGNATURE DATE

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