ASTOUNDING ANTARCTICA

AN EXPEDITION THROUGH DRAMATIC ICE LANDSCAPES, WILDLIFE-RICH CHANNELS, AND THE DYNAMIC ECOSYSTEM OF THE 7th CONTINENT

FEBRUARY 4-15, 2020

Special Alumni Rate
SAVE MORE THAN $1,000 per couple

A Polar Expedition in the Footsteps of Shackleton & Scott
Dear Alumni, Parents, Families, and Friends,

Join fellow alumni and friends for a once-in-a-lifetime adventure to experience the boundless beauty and pristine vastness of Antarctica. This remote continent and its precarious waterways have hosted some of the most courageous explorers in history and have been the scenes of both triumph and tragedy since Captain Cook first sailed the region in 1773.

Embark from Ushuaia, Argentina, and cruise through the Drake Passage to the South Shetland Islands amid the Antarctic Peninsula—exploring the dramatic landscapes and remarkable wildlife that call this continent home. Trek through penguin rookeries, observe vast flocks of seabirds, learn about Antarctic ice conditions, and discover the sites of both past and present scientific expeditions.

Your vessel for this amazing journey is the 132-guest Ocean Adventurer, a nimble craft designed specifically for polar cruising—with renovated cabins, exceptional amenities, and a knowledgeable and friendly crew. Carefully selected specifically for this program, her small size provides the ability and agility to maneuver narrow channels—offering double the opportunities for shore landings versus larger ships—and accessibility to bays that are closed to bigger vessels. The ship also features an ice-strengthened hull and fin stabilizers for smoother sailing.

This is an exclusive, peak-season sailing for university and college alumni association travelers. With significant savings of more than $1,000 per couple, we anticipate this program will fill quickly. Book this experience today online at uchicago.orbridge.com, by calling (866) 639-0079, or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Sincerely,

Sarah Eichhorn
Assistant Director, Alumni Travel Program
The University of Chicago

Questions? Visit the UChicago Alumni Travel Program online at alumni.uchicago.edu/travel or contact us at (773) 702-2150 or alumnitravel@uchicago.edu. For information about logistics and registration, call Orbridge at (866) 639-0079.

Free Expedition Library
AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by May 10, 2019, to receive the FREE Orbridge Expedition Library we've assembled for this program.

This exclusive gift is to thank you for joining us early.** Guests who reserve after the specified date may purchase libraries.
Program Highlights

• Explore the South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula, a beautiful island chain filled with an impressive variety of wildlife.

• Cruise aboard the perfect vessel for exploration—ice-strengthened and agile, with comfortable cabins and the ability to navigate narrow channels and bays closed to larger ships.

• Experience twice as many landing opportunities versus large-ship cruises, due to Ocean Adventurer’s ideal size.

• Enjoy the company and keen insights of expert expedition guides, scientists, and lecturers throughout the journey.

• Choose from two optional excursions (additional fees apply): sea kayaking and overnight polar camping.

• Take advantage of the ship’s open bridge policy to get to know the Captain and officers.

• Hear lectures and presentations by onboard expert naturalists and scientists.

• What’s included: 1 night hotel accommodations in Ushuaia including breakfast prior to embarkation; 9 nights comfortable accommodations onboard Ocean Adventurer; a welcome reception and farewell cocktail, and all onboard meals including domestic wine and beer with dinners; 24-hour self-service coffee and tea facilities onboard; all scheduled landings and excursions (subject to weather and ice conditions); your own expedition parka to keep; a pair of insulated rubber boots for shore landings for the duration of the cruise (to be returned prior to disembarkation); a digital voyage log (including a map of the ship’s charted course, a list of wildlife spotted, and a photo album); all luggage porterage; port fees; transfers from the hotel to the ship or into town on the day of embarkation; and group transfers for all guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.

Your 12-Day Itinerary

Due to weather and ice patterns, itineraries are guidelines and may change in order to maximize wildlife and natural encounters.

Day 1: En Route from U.S.†

Day 2: Arrive in Ushuaia, Argentina (R)
   Time at leisure, welcome reception
   Overnight: Albatros Hotel (or similar)

Day 3: Ushuaia – Embarkation (B,D)
   Wildlife and iceberg viewing, Beagle Channel
   Overnight: Ocean Adventurer

Days 4-5: Drake Passage (B,L,D daily)
   Tierra del Fuego Archipelago, nature presentations
   Overnight: Ocean Adventurer

Days 6-9: South Shetland Islands / Antarctic Peninsula (B,L,D daily)
   Deception Island, Zodiac excursions, wildlife and glacier viewing, optional sea kayaking excursions, optional polar camping experience
   Overnight: Ocean Adventurer

Days 10-11: Drake Passage (B,L,D daily)
   Lectures, time at leisure, special farewell cocktail
   Overnight: Ocean Adventurer

Day 12: Ushuaia – Disembarkation / Depart for U.S. (B)

Activity Level: This program offers a variety of activities, including Zodiac cruises, typically not strenuous for guests with average mobility. We expect that guests be sure-footed on stairs and ramps, and be able to walk on uneven and slippery ground. Guests should also be comfortable managing landings on various terrain and boarding small vessels, both from shore and the deck of the Ocean Adventurer. Ship staff will assist guests during each landing. Walking poles will be available for use.

†NOTE: Travel time from/to U.S. may take up to two days depending on flight schedules.

(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner, R = Reception)
Onboard Accommodations

Accommodating up to 132 guests, the Ocean Adventurer—which underwent a multi-million dollar renovation in June 2017—provides the ultimate in comfort and adventure in Antarctica.

Her cozy public areas provide a convivial atmosphere for socializing and relaxation. Visit the well-stocked library and curl up with tales of Antarctic explorers. A large collection of field guides and photo and reference books are also at guests’ disposal.

Each stateroom offers exterior views, individual climate control, closets, TV, work desk and chair, and private bathroom with bathrobes, shampoo, shower gel, and hair dryer.

The ship design features maneuverability, which lends itself to spontaneous discoveries of polar wildlife. The vessel has an ice-strengthened hull and a fleet of Zodiacs for additional wildlife exploration on the water and for the various landings.
On the first evening before embarkation, you will stay at the 4-star Albatros Hotel, located in front of the Beagle Channel. During free time, explore the property or take a short walk to the Ushuaia Port or nearby shops.

Hotel may change to equal or better option.
Experience summer in Argentina as you explore its sophisticated capital city, Buenos Aires—where rich historical sites, charming shops and restaurants, and welcoming locals create a splendid combination of old and new.

**Pre-Tour Itinerary** (subject to change)

**Day +1:** En Route from U.S.

**Day +2:** ARRIVE IN BUENOS AIRES (D)
Special dinner and tango performance

**Day +3:** BUENOS AIRES / GUIDED SIGHTSEEING / LEISURE TIME (B, Snack)
Panoramic city tour, RECOLETA CEMETERY, Plaza de Mayo, Casa Rosada, the Metropolitan Cathedral, the Cabildo, afternoon and evening at leisure

**Day +4:** BUENOS AIRES / FLIGHT TO USHUAIA / MAIN PROGRAM (B)
After breakfast, guests with a flight per the suggested time will take a complimentary group transfer to the airport for the flight to Ushuaia

### What’s Included

- Two nights accommodations at Alvear Palace Hotel—pictured below—(or similar) with breakfast each morning
- Special 3-course dinner and tango performance
- Buenos Aires panoramic city tour
- All gratuities and porterage
- All airport and hotel transfers
  (NOTE: internal flight from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia is not included)
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- One night accommodations at Alvear Icon Hotel in Buenos Aires and two nights at Meliá Iguazú—pictured below—with breakfast each morning
- Two guided tours of Iguazú Falls
- All gratuities and porterage
- All airport and hotel transfers
- Internal round-trip airfare between Buenos Aires and Iguazú Falls (NOTE: internal flight from Ushuaia to Buenos Aires is not included)

Post-Tour Itinerary (subject to change)

Day 12: Flight to Buenos Aires
Leisure time at the hotel

Day 13: Flight to Iguazú Falls (B)
Morning flight, afternoon guided tour of Iguazú Falls

Day 14: Iguazú Falls Tour (B)
Full day guided tour, optional Gran Aventura Safari Boat Tour excursion, leisure time

Day 15: Iguazú Falls / Flight to Buenos Aires / Depart for U.S. (B)
After breakfast, depart on the group transfer to the airport for the flight to Buenos Aires, where you’ll connect with flights home

Hold on to your hat while you experience the thundering roar and huge clouds of spray from one of the most spectacular waterfalls in the world—that’s four times the width of Niagara Falls and includes 275 separate falls.
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