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# PATAGONIA Spectacular



OCTOBER 27 - NOVEMBER 8, 2009

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Dear Vanderbilt Alumni and Friends:

We are excited to present this exceptional thirteen day journey through two of South America's most culturally and geographically diverse countries, Argentina and Chile and their cosmopolitan capitals, Buenos Aires and Santiago.

Accompanying you throughout the journey will be Marshall C. Eakin, Professor of History. Professor Eakin has written extensively on South America and is a favorite among Vanderbilt students for his fascinating lectures and will be a remarkable resource for this extraordinary region.

Your Patagonian sojourn begins in Buenos Aires, the "Paris of South America," with its cultural atmosphere and stately neighborhoods. You'll then fly to Ushuaia to explore Tierra del Fuego National Park, famous for its abundant wildlife, dense forest and snow-capped Andean peaks.

For the cruise portion of this compelling voyage, you'll board the new 136-passenger Via Australis, which combines well-appointed accommodations and personalized service with meticulous environmental sensitivity. You'll sail from Ushuaia through the Beagle Channel and Murray Channel and weather permitting to Cape Horn National Park. Here, the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans merge at the last promontory of South America. Over the next two days, you'll sail among the islands, icebergs, and glaciers disembarking often to get a closer look at the extraordinary natural history of the region including penguins and sea lions.

Following your crossing of the Strait of Magellan you will disembark in Punta Arenas, historic capital of the Magallanes region, a bustling port city at the bottom of the world. Then you will continue traveling through the Patagonian pampas to the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve of Torres del Paine National Park set amid monolithic granite spires, azure colored lakes, and glaciers. Here condors ride on currents above the Andes, and foxes, rheas, and guanacos give chase in the windswept pampas.

The tour concludes in Santiago, at the foot of the Andes with a visit to the Pre-Columbian Museum, and lunch at a Chilean winery.

This trip will excite your senses and give you a deeper appreciation of the rich cultural and natural history heritage of Argentina and Chile. Join Vanderbilt Alumni during the southern hemisphere's summer when the landscapes are majestic and the weather is beautiful!

Sincerely,

Bill Ray Caldwell

Bill Ray Caldwell, BA'85  
President  
Vanderbilt Alumni Association



Cover Photo: Torres del Paine National Park

Via Australis Cruise



### VANDERBILT FACULTY

Marshall C. Eakin, Professor of History, is a historian of Latin America specializing in the history of Brazil. His major publications have concentrated on economic and business history, industrialization, and the processes of nationalism and nation-building—primarily in the twentieth century. Much of his work addresses audiences beyond the academy. These include a one-volume introduction to Brazil for beginners and two video courses with the Teaching Company. In 2007, Palgrave published his latest book, *Collision of Cultures: A History of Latin America*. From 2000-2004, Eakin served as chair of the History Department. Eakin has been the recipient of the Jeffrey Nordhaus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching (1991), the Chancellor's Cup (1994), the Madison Sarratt Prize for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching (1994), the Ernest A. Jones Faculty Adviser Award (1996), the Alumni Education Award (1999), and a Chair of Teaching Excellence (1998-2001). He was recently named the Joe B. Wyatt Distinguished Professor (2004-2005). He has participated as the faculty lecturer on seven Vanderbilt tours.





**Tuesday, October 27  
USA / BUENOS AIRES**

Depart on an overnight flight from the U.S. to Buenos Aires, Argentina. *Overnight flight* (meals aloft)

**Wednesday, October 28  
BUENOS AIRES**

Arrive this morning in Buenos Aires and transfer to the hotel. An afternoon walking tour of the area surrounding the hotel will introduce you to this grand metropolis on the banks of the River Plate. Explore the area around the historical Plaza San Martín with its monuments, the famous Calle Florida with its fine shops, and Calle Arroyo with its art galleries. Admire 19th century French-style architecture in many beautiful buildings like the Ministry of External Affairs, and the Military Museum. This evening, you gather for a welcome cocktail reception and dinner. *LoiSuite Recoleta* (D)

**Thursday, October 29  
BUENOS AIRES**

Feel the European influence of this capital as you tour the major sights. Highlights include the Plaza de Mayor, the National Cathedral, and Casa Rosada (Presidential Palace), the fames pink building from which Eva and Juan Domingo Perón addressed the masses. Tour La Boca neighborhood and the famous Caminito, an area of colorfully painted houses where many artists display their wares. See the bohemian San Telmo, one of the oldest neighborhoods in Buenos Aires with early nineteenth century colonial buildings and cobblestone streets. Lunch is at the famous Café Tortoni, which has been a feature of the Porteño since 1858. After lunch you'll visit the Museum of Hispanic-American art of Isaac Fernandez Blanco, a superb colonial building housing spectacular pieces of 18th and 19th century silverware. In the evening, gather for dinner and a tango show at *Esquina Carlos Gardel. LoiSuite Recoleta* (B, L, D)

**Friday, October 30  
BUENOS AIRES / USHUAIA**

Depart on a flight to Ushuaia, the most important Argentinean city on Tierra del Fuego and the southernmost city in the world. After a city tour, the remainder of the afternoon is unscheduled to further explore the streets of the city or visit some of the fascinating museums on your own. *Los Cauquenes* (B)

**Saturday, October 31  
USHUAIA**

Spend the day roaming in the splendors of Tierra del Fuego National Park, famous for its abundant wildlife, dense forests and snow-capped Anden peaks that are reflected in the shimmering waters of the Beagle Channel. Although close to the Antarctic Circle, you'll discover forests of large trees due to a much milder climate than one would expect. Return to Ushuaia this afternoon and embark the *Via Australis*, your home for the next three nights. This evening, sail through the Beagle Channel towards Cape Horn. *Via Australis* (B, L, D)

**Sunday, November 1  
CAPE HORN**

Cruise along the Beagle Channel and Murray Channel this morning amongst snowcapped peaks of rugged mountains that rise from the deep blue waters. Weather permitting, disembark at Cabo de Hornos (Cape Horn) National Park, the southernmost point of South America. Visit Horn Island for a panoramic view of the famous and mythical Cape Horn, the place where the Pacific and Atlantic oceans merge. Sail along the Darwin Cordillera through the Tierra del Fuego archipelago with its mountainous islands, rocky islets, intricate channels and deeply indented shores, formed when glaciers retreated after the last Ice Age. Come ashore at Wuluaia Bay, a historical indigenous settlement, and walk to an observation point to admire the gorgeous bay below at sunset. Continue

navigating through the majestic "Avenue of the Glaciers" this evening. *Via Australis* (B, L, D)

**Monday, November 2  
CHICO INLET**

Today you'll disembark at Chico Inlet for a zodiac boat approach to Piloto and Nena glaciers and then continue cruising. *Via Australis* (B, L, D)

**Tuesday, November 3  
MAGDALENA ISLAND / PUNTA ARENAS / TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK**

Cruise the Strait of Magellan – named after Ferdinand Magellan, the Portuguese explorer. With the first light of dawn, disembark at Magdalena Island, the home to an enormous penguin colony as well as sea lions, cormorants, and other birds. Walk to the lighthouse, which was used to guide the exploring sailors on their way across the Strait of Magellan. Later this morning disembark the *Via Australis* for the final time. Lunch is at the Sara Braun house, a mansion turned museum. Relive an elegant by-gone era as we dine among antiques and paintings. After lunch, tour the local cemetery and explore the Salesian Museum's exhibits on the region's flora, fauna, minerals and indigenous tribes. Later that day travel north through the Patagonian pampas to Torres del Paine National Park. *Hotel Río Serrano* (B, L, D)

**Wednesday-Thursday,  
November 4-5  
TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK**

By far, the most impressive sight in southern Chile is Torres del Paine National Park. Hidden at the southernmost end of the Andes, it is one of the newest nature reserves in South America. The dramatic mountain formations of towering rock, windswept pampas, ice fields, and glaciers, make it an impressive and unforgettable sight. Look for herds of guanacos and rheas, flamingos, condors, foxes, geese, and black-necked

swans. Lakes and lagoons of different hues of blue, green and gray abound. The park is surrounded by impressive mountains including the famous Cuernos del Paine (Paine Horns), twisted pillars of gray granite, dusted with snow that rise from the flat Patagonian plain. Hike, ride horses or relax in the park individually or with one of the expert guides. *Hotel Río Serrano* (2B, 2L, 2D)

**Friday, November 6  
TORRES DEL PAINE / PUNTA ARENAS / SANTIAGO**

Depart this morning for Punta Arenas, Chile's southernmost city located on the Strait of Magellan opposite Tierra del Fuego. An afternoon flight to Santiago will offer, weather permitting, magnificent views of the Andes Mountains, its snow-capped peaks, glaciers, and ice fields as they stream downward, feeding the lakes below. Upon arrival in Santiago transfer to your hotel. *Plaza del Bosque* (B)

**Saturday, November 7  
SANTIAGO / USA**

A city tour will introduce you to this city at the foot of the Andes. Included in your visit will be the excellent pre-Columbian Museum that chronicles 4,500 years of pre-Columbian civilization in the Americas. Explore the city's historical center, including La Moneda, the reconstructed Neoclassical building which houses the executive branch of Chile's government; and the colonial San Francisco Church. Mark the journey's end with a celebratory farewell lunch at a vineyard in the Maipo Valley just outside of Santiago. The remainder of the afternoon is unscheduled before a later return flight home. *Overnight flight* (B, L)

**Sunday, November 8  
USA**

Arrive in the U.S. this morning and connect to flights homeward. (meals aloft)



**ABOUT THE  
M/V VIA AUSTRALIS**

The M/V Via Australis is a new ocean-going vessel with a capacity of 136. It has four decks and 64 cabins. All cabins have lower beds, picture windows, private bathrooms, air conditioning and closets. Activities on board take place in two lounges-Yamana and Sky-and the Patagonia dining room. The ship also has an infirmary, a shop, a game room and a small library. The ship has an open bar and excellent Chilean wines are served with dinner. The Via Australis generally will offer one or two daily shore excursions, which are divided into three different group according to abilities and the choice of the passenger (easy, medium and challenging).

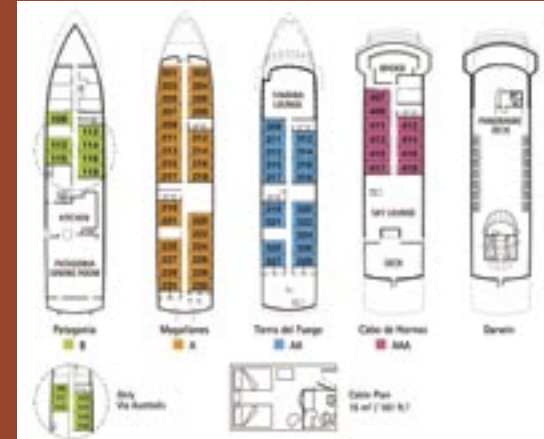


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**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**LAND/CRUISE PROGRAM COST:**

(Per person based on double occupancy.)

CABIN CATEGORY	LAND/CRUISE COST	EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT*
Cabin B	\$7,735	\$7,585
Cabin A	\$7,995	\$7,845
Cabin AA	\$8,290	\$8,140
Cabin AAA	\$8,380	\$8,230

**EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT:**

\*Make your reservations on or before June 30, 2009 and save \$150 per person.

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:**

50 - 100% of the double cabin rate, based upon availability.

**SAMPLE COACH AIRFARE FROM SFO . . . . . \$1,645\***

(\*As of February 2009 and is subject to change. International airfare from Miami is approximately \$1,060 + in-tour flights approximately \$585.)

**PROGRAM COST INCLUDES:** All accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary; three-night cruise aboard the deluxe *Via Australis*; open bar while cruising aboard the *Via Australis*; all land and water transportation; airport/hotel/pier group transfers; local domestic airport departure taxes; entrance fees; baggage handling; basic gratuities to guides and drivers; leadership; coordination and administration.

**PROGRAM COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:** Airfare, neither international nor in-tour air (quoted separately); customary shipboard gratuities; reciprocity entrance fee into Chile; excess baggage charges; meals not specified in the itinerary; personal items such as laundry, fax or telephone calls; alcoholic beverages, dishes or beverages not included with meals; room service; passport fees; individual transfers; optional gratuity to tour manager, medical expenses, travel insurance, optional extensions or deviations from the scheduled tour. Any increases in airport taxes, security, or fuel surcharges imposed after the initial pricing of this program are not included.

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Elephant Seals



Buenos Aires



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