ANTARCTICA DISCOVERY

BE SURROUNDED BY PENGUINS, WHALES, AND SEALS ON THIS ADVENTUROUS VOYAGE TO THE 7TH CONTINENT ABOARD A LUXURY SHIP

JAN. 27 - FEB. 7, 2021

with Special Guest Lecturer, Professor Molly Miller
Dear Alumni and Friends,

Please join us 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 expedition vessel for this amazing journey is the modern, 172-guest World Explorer, a nimble craft built in 2019, which was designed specifically for polar cruising—with all suite staterooms, 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 and access bays that are closed to bigger vessels. Not only is it among the fastest ship it its fleet, but it’s also one of the finest, with six tiers of deluxe accommodations.

This is a peak-season sailing for university and college alumni association travelers. With significant savings of more than $800 per couple, we anticipate this program will fill quickly.

Please reserve by contacting the Vanderbilt Travel Office by calling 615.322.3673.

With best wishes,

Cary DeWitt Allyn
Director, Vanderbilt Travel Program

The Vanderbilt Travel Program strives to engage Vanderbilt alumni, parents and friends of all ages, keeping them connected with each other and Vanderbilt. Each carefully designed trip offers unparalleled learning opportunities for an exclusive “beyond the classroom experience.”

Orbridge takes seriously the responsibility to minimize our global environmental impact. Each year we plant 100,000 trees in U.S. State Forests with afforestation needs as an ongoing initiative among our evolving sustainability efforts. Learn more at orbridge.com/going-green.
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
Welcome orientation
Overnight: Las Hayas Ushuaia Resort
Day 3: Ushuaia – Embarkation (B,R,D)
Wildlife and iceberg viewing,
Beagle Channel
Overnight: World Explorer
Days 4-5: Drake Passage (B,L,D daily)
Tierra del Fuego Archipelago,
educational presentations
Overnight: World Explorer
Days 6-9: South Shetland Islands / Antarctic Peninsula (B,L,D daily)
Zodiac excursions, wildlife and glacier viewing, optional water excursions
Overnight: World Explorer
Days 10-11: Drake Passage (B,L,D daily)
Lectures, time at leisure, special farewell cocktail
Overnight: World Explorer
Day 12: Ushuaia – Disembarkation / Depart for U.S. (B)

Activity Level: This program offers a variety of activities including shore excursions and small boat cruises. We expect that guests be sure footed on stairs and ramps, be able to walk or hike at least one mile on uneven and slippery terrain, and be comfortable managing landings on various terrain and boarding small vessels—both from shore and the deck of the World Explorer. Ship staff will assist guests during each landing. On board, guests should be able to manage unexpected and unpredictable motion from the movement of the ship.

†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)

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. World Explorer is an Ice Class 1B, featuring six tiers of deluxe amenities and accommodations.
• Enjoy the company and keen insights of expert expedition guides, scientists, and lecturers throughout the journey.
• Explore at your own pace, with numerous passenger landings and discoveries throughout the voyage, aided by a nimble fleet of Zodias and knowledgeable guides.
• Take advantage of the ship's impressive amenities, including a heated pool, two hot tubs, an outdoor track, a fitness room, plus a luxurious spa (additional spa fees apply).

What’s Included
• 1 night luxury hotel accommodations (including breakfast) in Ushuaia prior to embarkation
• 9 nights accommodations onboard World Explorer
• A welcome reception and farewell cocktail
• All onboard meals, including complimentary juices and soft drinks, plus complimentary wine and beer served with dinner
• 24-hour self-service coffee, tea, and cocoa 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 photographic journal documenting the expedition, including a map of the ship’s charted course, and a list of wildlife spotted
• All ship-board gratuities
• All luggage porterage
• All port fees
• Emergency evacuation insurance as described below
• Transfers from the hotel to the ship or into town on the day of embarkation
• Group transfers for all guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

Important Note
Due to the remote location of this tour, emergency evacuation insurance to a maximum benefit of $500,000 USD per person is included. However, this does not provide coverage for cancellation, medical expenses, or baggage. Guests must provide proof of out of country medical insurance which must include a minimum of $50,000 USD of emergency medical coverage and it is highly recommended to purchase a comprehensive policy to cover for cancellation and baggage. Orbridge’s Guest Services team can assist with any questions regarding insurance.
Onboard Accommodations

Accommodating just 172 guests, the World Explorer provides the ultimate in comfort and adventure in Antarctica.

The ship design features maneuverability, lending to spontaneous discoveries of polar wildlife, and boasts an Ice Class 1B designation, making her an ideal vessel for small-ship expedition cruising. With two state-of-the-art Rolls Royce hybrid-diesel electric engines, she is built to significantly reduce environmental impact on the Polar Regions. And an on board industry-leading system converts waste into energy at the site that it's generated.

All staterooms are well-appointed and feature exceptional space, amenities, and a view of the ocean from either a walk-out or French balcony.

Her stylish public areas provide a convivial atmosphere for socializing and relaxation. On the observation deck, admire the surrounding icebergs and spot for whales while relaxing in the heated pool.
Each stateroom offers exterior views, individual climate control, closets, TV (state-of-the-art “infotainment” system), mini-fridge, writing desk and chair, a sitting area with sofa, safe, bathrobes, and private bathroom with shower, L’Occitane shampoo and conditioner, shower gel, and hair dryer.

**Infinity Suite**
One double or two single beds. Floor-to-ceiling glass French balcony. Decks 5 and 6. (Approx. 270 sq.ft.)

**Veranda Suite**
One double or two single beds. Walk-out balcony. Decks 5 and 6. (Approx. 215 sq.ft.)

**Owner’s Suite**
One double or two single beds. Walk-out balcony. Decks 5 and 6. (Approx. 355 sq.ft.)

On the first evening before embarkation, stay at the stately Las Hayas Ushuaia Resort, situated within a lush area overlooking Ushuaia. During free time, explore the grounds or take a short trip on a complimentary shuttle into the city for sightseeing, souvenir shopping, or dining.
Experience summer in Argentina as you explore its sophisticated capital city, Buenos Aires—where rich historic 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**

- 2 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)*
Post-Tour Itinerary  (subject to change)

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

Day 13: Flight to Iguazú Falls (B,L)  
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

What’s Included

• 2 night accommodations at Alvear Icon Hotel in Buenos Aires and two nights at Meliá Iguazú—pictured below—(or similar) with breakfast each morning
• 1 box lunch
• 2 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)
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Buenos Aires Pre-Tour: January 25-28, 2021
Iguazu Falls Post-Tour: February 7-10, 2021

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CATEGORY SELECTION & DEPOSIT:
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# _________ guests joining pre-tour ($500/person) +
# _________ guests joining program ($2,500/person) +
# _________ guests joining post-tour ($500/person) = TOTAL DEPOSIT: $__

ANTARCTICA OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS (added to your final invoice)—book early, limited space available:
# _________ guests joining Sea Kayaking—multiple outings—($995/person)
# _________ guests joining Daytime Paddling—one-time outing—($295/person)
# _________ guests joining Stand Up Paddle Boarding—one-time outing—($295/person)

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Special Guest Lecturer: Professor Molly Miller

Molly Miller, Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences Emerita, studies ancient life and how it has responded to environmental and climate change over the last 600 million years. She has been a principle investigator on numerous field-based projects in Antarctica sponsored by the National Science Foundation to interpret ancient southern polar environments and ecosystems, and to document long-term changes. Focusing recently on the modern ocean bottom ecosystem in Antarctica under sea ice that rarely melts, she has reconstructed the food web and the potential effects of climate change. At Vanderbilt, Miller held a Vanderbilt Chair of Teaching Excellence, and received the Jeffrey Nordhaus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, and the Chancellor’s Cup; nationally, she was named “Educator of the Year - 2005” by the Association of Women Geoscientists.