Expedition to Antarctica
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“Everything wears an aspect of unreality,” Ernest Shackleton wrote of “The White Continent.” “Icebergs hang upside down in the sky; the land appears as layers of silvery or golden cloud. Cloud-banks look like land, icebergs masquerade as islands...”

Discover Antarctica and watch as normal human scales and reference points disappear amidst the grandeur of nature in its most pristine form, from extended sunrises that paint the icescape in soft shades of pink to the lingering golden light of the austral summer. See how its spectacular illuminations reveal the mystique and contrasts of the most unique place on Earth, where humpback whales, leopard seals, and Adélie penguins mingle among sparkling turquoise glaciers and glistening icebergs.

This extraordinary 14-day program features a nine-night cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, state-of-the-art, five-star, ice-class LE SOLEAL. One of the finest vessels plying Antarctic waters, it showcases private balconies in 95 percent of its all ocean-view, deluxe accommodations, encompasses a new generation of ship design and technology, and sets the highest standards in elegance and comfort.

An onboard team of expert naturalists will guide you on excursions aboard sturdy Zodiac craft to explore the intricate ecosystems and marvelous nuances of the abundant wildlife found ashore, especially penguins and seals who have no fear of humans.

This once-in-a-lifetime, comprehensive program is the best Antarctic cruise value offered. It features the finest five-star accommodations available on any expedition ship, includes all excursions, all meals and complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages on board, and is simply the optimal cruising experience. Make your reservation soon, as this program sells out quickly year after year.

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Highlights

Retrace the Antarctic sea-lanes traveled by storied explorers Ernest Shackleton, Roald Amundsen, and Robert Falcon Scott during a nine-night cruise aboard the five-star LE SOLEAL.

Experience Antarctica’s pristine wilderness and abundant wildlife – whales, penguins, seals, and more – during expeditions and shore excursions led by a team of expert naturalists.

Enjoy two nights in the lively Argentinian capital of Buenos Aires and tour the city’s historic neighborhoods and landmark buildings, plazas, and parks.

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Anthony Leiserowitz

Anthony Leiserowitz, Ph.D., is Director of the Yale Program on Climate Change Communication and a Senior Research Scientist at the School of Forestry & Environmental Studies at Yale University. He is a widely recognized expert on American and international public opinion on global warming, including public perception of climate change risks, support and opposition for climate policies, and willingness to make individual behavioral change. His research investigates the psychological, cultural, political, and geographic factors that drive public environmental perception and behavior.

Jennifer Marlon

Jennifer Marlon, Ph.D., is an Associate Research Scientist at Yale's School of Forestry & Environmental Studies and the Yale Program on Climate Change Communication. She obtained her Ph.D. and M.S. in Geography from the University of Oregon.

Dr. Marlon studies past environments using sediment records, ice cores, tree rings, and other natural archives. She specializes in reconstructing fire history from charcoal and soot accumulations to understand how climate changes affect biomass burning. Recently, she has also begun to study people's perceptions and responses to climate change and extreme weather.

Yale Study Leaders

Antonio Lansing

Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage
Can't-put-it-down, gripping story of the extraordinary perseverance of explorer Ernest Shackleton and his crew during their Antarctic expedition.

Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage
by Anthony Lansing

Antarctica, A Guide to the Wildlife
by Tony Soper
Comprehensive survey of the amazing wildlife of The White Continent, with essays, maps, and drawings.

Upcoming Trips

Waterways of the Tsars: Moscow to St. Petersburg
06/08/2017 - 06/17/2017
Prof. Vladimir Alexandrov

Castles & Collections on the Rhine featuring Art Basel
06/09/2017 - 06/17/2017
Prof. Carol Armstrong

Ancient Empires: From Malta to Rome Aboard Variety Voyager
10/07/2017 - 10/15/2017
Prof. Kirk Freudenburg

Remembering WW I: Belgium and France
09/10/2017 - 09/27/2017
Prof. Jay Winter

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WELCOME PHONE CALL
Thursday, January 4 at 4PM EST
Join the group for a pre-trip welcome call with Professor Anthony Leiserowitz and Research Scientist Jennifer Marlon in order to learn more about what to expect and to ask questions.

U.S./BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA
Thursday and Friday, January 11 and 12
Depart the U.S. and arrive in Buenos Aires. Check into the five-star INTERCONTINENTAL BUENOS AIRES Hotel and attend the Welcome Reception. (R)

BUENOS AIRES
Saturday, January 13
Buenos Aires is a city of diverse and dynamic neighborhoods. See the colorful La Boca district, Monserrat’s grand public buildings, historic Plaza de Mayo, Palermo’s lavish parks, Puerto Madero’s lively riverfront community, and the old quarter of San Telmo. Visit the city’s historic Recoleta Cemetery, the final resting place of Eva Perón, the former First Lady of Argentina. (B)

BUENOS AIRES/USHUAIA/
EMBARK LE SOLEAL
Sunday, January 14
This morning, fly to Ushuaia, the world’s southernmost city and gateway to Antarctica. Embark LE SOLEAL this afternoon and cruise through historic Beagle Channel, named for the ship that carried Charles Darwin on his South American voyages.
Attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception this evening. (B/R/D)

CRUISING DRAKE PASSAGE
Monday and Tuesday, January 15 and 16
Cross the Drake Passage and, upon reaching the Antarctic Convergence, watch for breaching fin and humpback whales and seabirds feeding on plankton and krill brought to the surface by cold Antarctic currents merging with warmer waters of the South Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. The expedition team of naturalist guides will present lectures to prepare you for the first landing in Antarctica. (2B/2L/2D)

CRUISING ANTARCTICA
Wednesday to Sunday, January 17 to 21
Cruise below the 60th parallel south to the outer shores and islands of the Antarctic Peninsula. Explore some of the world’s most pristine wilderness, where towering mountains of ice and volcanic rock create precipitous coastlines and islands, and ever-changing patterns of ice stretch as far as the eye can see.
In this seemingly harsh environment, a vast array of marine wildlife flourishes, including millions of penguins, countless seabirds, and thousands of seals and whales.
Cruise through glacier-lined Neumayer Channel and visit Port Lockroy, nestled among mountain peaks as high as 6,000 feet, with surrounding grounds populated by Blue-Eyed Shags and Gentoo Penguins. Gain insight into the daily activities of past researchers at the living museum known as “Base A” and mail a postcard from the official British Post Office.
Just beyond Port Lockroy, the rocky shores of Jougla Point on WIECQUE ISLAND offer a rare opportunity to view the skeletal remains of an adult blue whale and see colonies of Gentoo Penguins and Kelp Gulls. Call at PETERMANN ISLAND, the southernmost point of the journey, and watch its thriving rookeries of Adélie and Gentoo Penguins and Blue-Eyed Shags.
Flanked by sheer cliffs of glaciers between the Antarctic Peninsula and Booth Island, cruise through LEMAIRE CHANNEL, offering views of seven majestic miles of mountains and wildlife combined with fascinating patterns of ice floes.
Listen for the low rumbling of Rudolf Glacier as it calves chunks of ice into NEKO HARBOR, surrounded by soaring glaciers and snow-covered mountains. Here, make the first “continental landing” in Antarctica.

Expert naturalists will lead Zodiac expeditions and shore excursions to explore the unique seascapes, marine life, topography, and fauna of Antarctica.

Please note that the ship’s cruising pattern and positionings are dependent on weather, ice, and sea conditions and are subject to change.
In Paradise Bay, cliffs of ice descend from the mountains into the floating iceberg-laden waters along the western coast of the Antarctic Peninsula. Paradise Bay is an ideal sanctuary for marine wildlife including humpback whales, crabeater seals, and Cape Petrels.

Deception Island is actually the rim of a massive dormant volcano crater that encircles a caldera known as Port Foster, where the ship enters through dramatic Neptune’s Bellows, a sublime harbor ringed by snowcapped peaks and sheer cliffs. In Pendulum Cove, see the steaming, geothermally heated waters of the Antarctic. Observe the amazing colony of tens of thousands of Chinstrap Penguins at Baily Head. Walk along the black sand beaches of Telefon Bay to nearby craters, which offer fascinating insight into the volcanic activity that created the island.

One of the smallest but most beautiful of the South Shetland Islands, Half Moon Island is a crescent-shaped isle known for its craggy volcanic rock formations and tranquil lagoons. It is the site of Cámara Station, a base monitored by Argentine biologists studying regional wildlife. Here, observe the antics of the island’s colony of Chinstrap Penguins.

Relax and reflect on board as the ship turns north and attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception.

CRUISING DRAKE PASSAGE/USHUAIA, ARGENTINA
Monday, January 22
Cross the Drake Passage and enjoy lively, informative discussions with the ship’s naturalists. Watch for endangered albatross and the many different species of petrels as you cruise across the Antarctic Convergence. (B/L/D)

USHUAIA/BUENOS AIRES
Tuesday, January 23
Disembark, fly to Buenos Aires. Continue on the Iguazú Falls Post-Program Option or depart for the U.S. (B)

U.S.
Wednesday, January 24
Arrive in the U.S.

Included meals indicated each day as B/L/R/D = Breakfast/Lunch/Reception/Dinner.

What is Included:
• Program of lectures and discussions with Anthony Leiserowitz and Jennifer Marlon.
• Flight from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia with return to Buenos Aires.
• Accommodation on twin sharing basis as per the itinerary.
• All entrance fees as per the itinerary.
• Services of Travel Director during the tour as per the itinerary.
• Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are available throughout the cruise.
• Welcome & Farewell Receptions.
• For a better touring experience, gratuities to ship personnel, local guides, and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
• Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with scheduled group transfer(s).
• Taxes.
• Complimentary bottled water in your stateroom or suite and on excursions.
• Emergency medical evacuation services through UHC Global Assistance.

What is Not Included:
• Expenses of a personal nature like laundry, telephone/fax calls, alcoholic beverages, camera/video camera fee at monuments, medical expenses, airport departure tax, etc.
• Any insurance other than specified above.
• Any meals or beverages that are not specified in the above inclusions.
• International airfares.
• Expenses caused by factors beyond our control like rail and air plane delays, roadblocks, vehicle malfunctions, political disturbances, taxes, lost luggage, etc.
• Any other services not mentioned in the inclusions.
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IGUAZÚ FALLS
Post-Program Option
January 23–27
from $2,295 per person, double occupancy
from $2,995 per person, single occupancy

UNESCO World Heritage-designated Iguazú Falls is one of the world’s most incredible natural wonders, with more than 275 spectacular waterfalls along the Argentina-Brazil frontier. Walk the trails along the edges of the falls and watch as they cascade down verdant cliffs. Enjoy one night in the five-star InterContinental Buenos Aires Hotel and two nights in the five-star Sheraton Iguazú Resort & Spa. Buenos Aires round-trip airfare is included.

Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
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All cancellations must be submitted in writing to our office.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

A deposit of $1,000 per person, payable to Thomas P. Gohagan & Company, of which $500 is nonrefundable for administrative fees, is required with the reservation application. Final payment, must be received 90 days prior to departure. Mail to: The Association of Yale Alumni, Yale Educational Travel, Box 209010, New Haven, CT 06520-9010. Or call: 203-432-1952.

Complete Terms and Conditions will be sent after registration and are available at: www.yaleedtravel.org/faqs
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The international Antarctic Treaty protects Antarctica’s wildlife and its natural habitats and provides a guide for visitors here, where no country has sovereignty.

To protect the fragile environment, all travelers will go ashore in small groups, so as not to over visit rookeries, disturb nesting sites, or disturb research.