

Yale *Educational Travel*



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Cruising Patagonia's Chilean Fjords

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Dear Yale Traveler

“It is scarcely possible to imagine anything more beautiful than the beryl-like blue of these glaciers,” wrote Charles Darwin, awestruck by the unique iridescent blue-green ice while cruising southern Argentina and Chile in 1833. From the legendary Tierra del Fuego archipelago to magnificent glacier-studded fjords and sweeping pampas grasslands, you too can experience the extremes and contrasts of this spectacular tip of South America.

On this exclusive land and sea journey, retrace the travels of Darwin and Ferdinand Magellan in southern Chile, a wild landscape still virtually untouched even more than a century after the first European settlers. Discover extraordinary Santiago and the stunning diversity of Patagonia, and travel through the Glacier Alley to the tip of Cape Horn, the “edge of the world.”

In the bustling cities of Santiago and Punta Arenas, discover a mix of native and European cultures and an impressive array of architectural styles. Visit an award-winning winery in Santiago, enjoy stunning views of the snowcapped Andes, and walk the Plaza de Armas in Punta Arenas. Travel into the vast expanse of Patagonia to see sparkling glaciers, unique wildlife and the iconic mountain peaks of Torres del Paine National Park.

Follow in the wake of Darwin and *HMS Beagle*, aboard the expedition ship M.V. STELLA AUSTRALIS. The Chilean fjords offer, among their hidden islands and narrow channels, some of the world’s best viewing of tidewater glaciers, subantarctic woodlands and marine wildlife—Andean condors, humpback whales, Peale’s dolphins and rare Chilean dolphins. Cruise through two of the most historically significant passages in world exploration—Beagle Channel and the Strait of Magellan. An onboard team of multilingual expert naturalists will enrich your expedition with their in-depth knowledge of the region’s history, natural wonders and wildlife. The ship is equipped with Zodiac landing craft for excursions to observe glaciers up close as they crack and calve; the unique local wildlife, like Magellanic penguins, elephant seals and cormorants; and traces of the Yámanas, the original settlers of Wulaia Bay.

Join us for this incredible voyage of a lifetime to the southern edges of the world.



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Highlights

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Yale Study Leader

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Leo W. Buss, Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology is widely known for his research in ecology and evolution; he has taught at Yale since completing his doctoral work at the Johns Hopkins University in 1979. His book, *The Evolution of Individuality* (1987), broke new ground in understanding evolution.

Professor Buss was named Guggenheim Fellow in 1985 and the MacArthur Foundation Prize Fellow in 1989. He serves as Curator of Invertebrates at Yale's Peabody Museum, director of the Sears Foundation for Marine Research, and director of the Yale Institute for Biospheric Studies.

He has taught Introductory Biology, Ecology, Invertebrate Zoology and two freshman and sophomore seminar courses entitled "The Collections of the Peabody Museum" and "Contemporary Issues in Science." His wife, Jane, a retired physician and medical director, will accompany Professor Buss on this program.

Professor Buss comments, "My wife and I had the pleasure of hosting a recent AYA Antarctica trip and we welcome the opportunity to return to the Southern Ocean. I look forward to discussing with Yale travelers the challenges posed by climate change and science's rich understanding of the history of the universe."

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Upcoming Trips

**Malta and Sicily:
Islands of Intrigue
on *Variety Voyager***
04/28/2017 - 05/07/2017
Prof. Millicent Marcus

**Southern England:
Literature and Landscapes**
06/02/2017 - 06/11/2017
Prof. Traugott Lawler

**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

Book Corner

In Patagonia
by Bruce Chatwin
A masterpiece of travel, history and adventure, this award-winning book captures the spirit of the land, history, wildlife, and people of Patagonia.

**Travels in a Thin Country,
A Journey Through Chile**
by Sara Wheeler
British author Sara Wheeler deploys her wit, intelligence, and powerful investigative skills on the Republic of Chile in this insightful travelogue.

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WELCOME PHONE CALL

Thursday, October 5 (tentative)

Join the group at 4PM EST for a pre-trip welcome call with Professor Buss in order to learn more about what to expect and to ask questions.

U.S./SANTIAGO, CHILE

*Sunday and Monday,
October 15 and 16*

Depart the U.S. for Santiago. Upon arrival, check into the Five-Star GRAND HYATT HOTEL.

SANTIAGO

Tuesday, October 17

Explore Santiago, Chile's vibrant and modern capital in the foothills of the Andes Mountains. Tour the highlights of the city's native and traditional European-influenced architecture and culture. Visit the outstanding collections in the Museum of Pre-Columbian Art. Take in the stunning views of the city and surrounding mountains from atop San Cristóbal Hill. Then, enjoy a scenic transfer through the Maipo Valley to visit the famous, 130-year-old Santa Rita Winery. A local expert will guide you through the vineyard and a wine tasting. This evening, attend the Welcome Reception in the hotel. **(B/L/R)**

PUNTA ARENAS

Wednesday, October 18

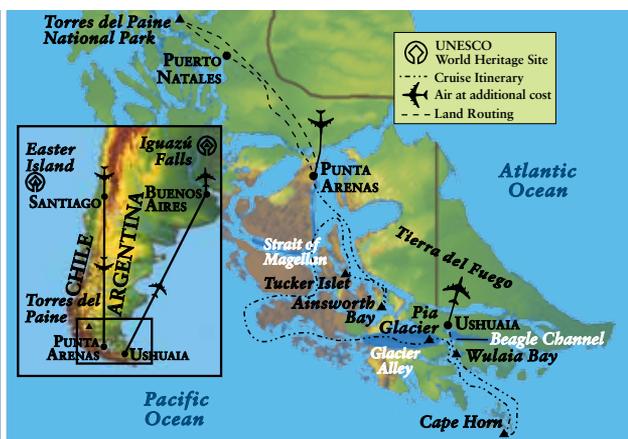
This morning, fly to Punta Arenas, the capital of Chile's Magallanes province, and check into the centrally located HOTEL CABO DE HORNS. Punta Arenas overlooks the Strait of Magellan and is the gateway to Patagonia and the Antarctic. After lunch in the hotel, enjoy the city tour and admire the Napoleonic architecture and mansions lining the Plaza de Armas. **(B/L)**

PUERTO NATALES

Thursday, October 19

After breakfast in the hotel, transfer to Puerto Natales and check into

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THE SINGULAR HOTEL, a National Historic Monument of Chile.

Originally inhabited by the Tehuelche people for thousands of years, the town of Puerto Natales later served as a major transit point for the sheep and coal industries. Delight in the beauty and charms of this region at the Hostería Estancia Río Penitente Patagonian sheep ranch, today a preserved Victorian farmhouse owned by descendants of Scottish pioneers. Enjoy a traditional lunch and a sheep herding demonstration. **(B/L/D)**

Enjoy an unforgettable cruise through historic Beagle Channel, named for Charles Darwin's ship, which twice explored these waters in the mid-19th century.

TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK

Friday, October 20

South America's finest national park and National Geographic's fifth most beautiful place in the world, the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve of Torres del Paine is a majestic wonder of nature. This pristine reservoir is home to glaciers, lakes, mountain ranges, and an abundance of

wildlife — ostrich-like rheas, pumas, the endangered South Andean deer, and guanacos, the predecessor to llamas and alpacas. From the shores of Grey Lake, admire the views of the Torres del Paine Massif and Grey Glacier. Enjoy lunch in the park with views of its signature mountaintops, the three-peaked Cordillera Paine. **(B/L)**

MILODÓN CAVES/ EMBARK M.V. STELLA AUSTRALIS

Saturday, October 21

This morning, visit nearby Milodón Cave, where German pioneer Herman Eberhard discovered the prehistoric remains of a 13-foot giant sloth in the 1890s.

This afternoon, embark the M.V. STELLA AUSTRALIS and cruise the channels and straits of Tierra del Fuego, formed by the southern end of the Andes mountain range. Observe tidewater glaciers and see an array of wildlife, including elephant seals, skua birds, and Magellanic penguins. **(B/L/R/D)**

AINSWORTH BAY/ TUCKER ISLETS

Sunday, October 22

Located in the seldom-visited Alberto de Agostini National Park, the coastal inlet Ainsworth Bay is fed by the retreating tidewater Marinelli Glacier and is home to a colony of elephant seals. In a Zodiac craft, make a landing on the shores to walk among the broadleaf trees in



the subantarctic Magellanic forest and to see the environmental effects of tens of thousands of beavers. During a Zodiac excursion in neighboring Admiralty Sound, observe the bird species on Tucker Islet, including rock cormorants, dolphin gulls, Magellanic penguins, and chimango caracaras. **(B/L/D)**

BEAGLE CHANNEL/ PIA GLACIER/GLACIER ALLEY

Monday, October 23

Enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime cruise through Beagle Channel, named for Darwin's ship, which twice explored these waters. Make a Zodiac landing and walk to a vantage point to see the tidewater Pia Glacier calve into the fjord. A highlight of the channel is the cruise through the grand Glacier Alley, a wonderland of hanging and tidewater glaciers, swaths of ice flowing from the mountains of the Darwin Cordillera. **(B/L/D)**

WULAIYA BAY/CAPE HORN

Tuesday, October 24

Cape Horn, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, has a history that demands reverence for nature's power. Aboard a Zodiac craft go ashore for an opportunity to stand at the "edge of the world" overlooking Drake Passage, weather permitting. Walk across the low-lying, fragile tundra vegetation for an unmatched panoramic view of ships passing around the tip of the New World.

Cruise into Wulaia Bay and make a Zodiac landing on Isla Navarino. Birdlife, including the unusual Magellanic oystercatcher, is abundant along the shore, while a hike through a Magellanic forest to 700 feet above sea level offers a spectacular view of the bay. Visit the former outpost of the Chilean Navy, which now houses exhibits on past explorers and the indigenous Yámana peoples. **(B/L/D)**

USHUAIA, ARGENTINA/ BUENOS AIRES/U.S.

*Wednesday and Thursday,
October 25 and 26*

Disembark in Ushuaia and transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S. **(1B)**

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



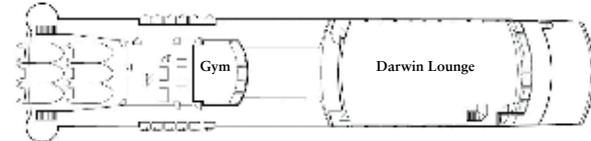
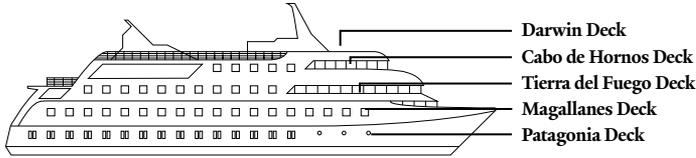
What is Included:

- Program of lectures and discussions with Leo W. Buss.
- 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 Dinners.
- 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).
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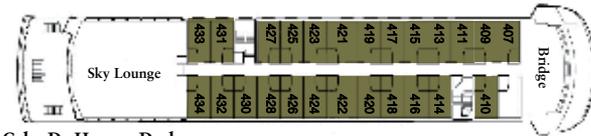
What is Not Included:

- Expenses of a personal nature like laundry, telephone/fax calls, alcoholic beverages, camera/video camera fee at monuments, medical expenses, airport departure tax, etc.
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- Any meals or beverages that are not specified in the above inclusions.
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- Any other services not mentioned in the inclusions.

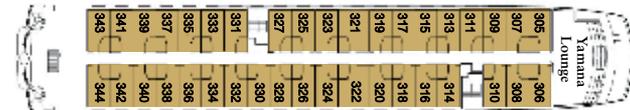
M.V. STELLA AUSTRALIS



Darwin Deck



Cabo De Hornos Deck



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Discovering glaciers and fjords

Expert naturalists, who have studied and traveled extensively in this region, will join you aboard the *M.V. STELLA AUSTRALIS* and provide lectures and presentations on glaciology in Patagonia, discovering Tierra del Fuego, survival of the indigenous people in the region, and more. The team's experience and enthusiasm make them exceptionally well-suited to lead your cruise through Patagonia's Chilean fjords.