Patagonia Expedition
Journey to the Ends of the Earth
Aboard the Ventus Australis

November 3–15, 2018

Paul Turner
Professor of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology
Dear Yale Traveler,

Explore Patagonia, one of the most spectacular corners of the world, where you can see nature at its most pristine and desolate—a land of wonders at the end of the earth. Boasting an awesome landscape of pampas, lakes, mountains, glaciers, abundant wildlife, and a wealth of fossils from prehistoric creatures to ancient humans, the vibrant natural history of Patagonia has intrigued scientists and beckoned explorers for generations.

Sail on the Ventus Australis through the Strait of Magellan, the Beagle Channel, and the fjords of Tierra del Fuego toward the “End of the World” at the legendary Cape Horn.

Upon disembarkation in Ushuaia, our expedition ventures inland to El Calafate to explore Glaciers National Park, declared by UNESCO to be part of the Natural Heritage of Humanity, and to marvel at the massive glacier, Perito Moreno which spans three miles across, and reaches back 22 miles through the Andes to Lago Argentino.

Our journey culminates with three nights at 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.

Space is limited on this exciting journey. We urge you to make your reservation today at www.yaledtravel.org/patagonia18. For questions or additional information, contact Yale Educational Travel at 203-432-1952 or edtravel@yale.edu.

Warm regards from Yale,

Weili Cheng ’77
Executive Director
Association of Yale Alumni

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Yale Study Leader

Paul Turner

Paul Turner is Henry Ford II Professor and Departmental Chair of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at Yale University, and is a faculty member in Microbiology at Yale University School of Medicine. Dr. Turner’s research interests include: evolutionary biology, evolutionary medicine, infectious disease, microbiology, phage therapy, RNA viruses, vector-borne disease, and virology. He uses an interdisciplinary approach in his research laboratory, employing techniques from microbiology, population genetics, genomics, molecular biology and mathematical modeling to study hypotheses in ecology and evolutionary biology.

He received his Ph.D. from Michigan State University and regularly serves on committees for the National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health and the American Society for Microbiology. He was elected chair of international meetings, such as the 2013 Gordon Research Conference on Microbial Population Biology, and the 2018 Jacques Monod Conference on Viral Emergence. He has authored nearly 100 scholarly journal articles, reviews and book chapters.

Dr. Turner is very excited to participate in this trip to Patagonia, given his strong interests in species biodiversity. His lectures will concern the unique organisms that thrive in the terrestrial and marine environments of Patagonia, and the adaptations that make these species especially suited to their habitats. Dr. Turner will also lecture on the importance of Patagonia to the field of evolutionary biology, because Charles Darwin explored the region during his famous voyage aboard the H.M.S. Beagle. This is sure to be the journey of a lifetime, and Dr. Turner is thrilled to experience Patagonia's amazing natural beauty and biodiversity along with the trip participants!

Upcoming Trips

Himalayan Kingdoms: Nepal & Bhutan
April 24–May 8, 2018
Dan Esty ’86 JD
Professor of Environmental Law & Policy

National Parks of the Southwest: A Family Adventure
June 23–July 2, 2018
John Mack Faragher ’77 PhD
Professor of History

Exploring Iceland
July 14–24, 2018
David Bercovici
Professor of Geology

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. There’s no travel writer as engaging, insightful and just plain wonderful as Bruce Chatwin.

The Whispering Land
by Gerald Durrell
Durrell’s sparkling account of an eight-month jaunt on the trail of fur seals, guanaco, parrots and other Patagonian marvels. Excellent family reading.

Suggested by Longitude Books
Itinerary

NOVEMBER 3–15, 2018

WELCOME PHONE CALL
Tuesday, October 23
(Tentative)
Please join a pre-trip welcome call at 4:00pm Eastern to meet other travelers, learn more about what to expect on the program, and ask questions.

USA / SANTIAGO
Saturday, November 3
Depart on flights to Santiago, the capital of Chile. Overnight flight. (Meals aloft)

SANTIAGO
Sunday, November 4
After an early morning arrival in Santiago, transfer to your hotel. An afternoon city tour will introduce us to this city at the foot of the Andes. Then visit the excellent pre-Columbian museum that chronicles 4,500 years of civilization in the Americas. This evening gather for an orientation and welcome dinner. Hotel Plaza el Bosque Park & Suites Ebro (D)

SANTIAGO / PUNTA ARENAS
Monday, November 5
This morning fly to Punta Arenas, Chile’s southernmost city located on the Strait of Magellan opposite Tierra del Fuego. After lunch, we’ll explore the Salesian Museum’s exhibits on the region’s history, flora and fauna, indigenous tribes, and mineralogy. In the late afternoon, embark the Ventus Australis, our home for the next four nights. The captain and crew welcome us aboard. Immediately after, the ship begins to sail through the Strait of Magellan. Ventus Australis (B, L, D)

AI NSWORTH BAY / TUCKERS ISLETS
Tuesday, November 6
At dawn, navigate through Almirantazgo Sound, arriving at Ainsworth Bay. Enjoy a walk to a beaver dam in the stunning sub-polar Magellan Forest. Whether on the beach or the island, there may be an opportunity of sighting Southern Elephant Seals. Later, sail to Tuckers Islets and board well-equipped Zodiac boats to get close to a colony of Magellan Penguins (indigenous to the Southern Hemisphere) and cormorants. Ventus Australis (B, L, D)

PIA GL ACIER / GLACIER ALLEY
Wednesday, November 7
Navigate along the northwest arm of the Beagle Channel before disembarking at Pia Fjord. Enjoy a short hike to a panoramic viewpoint from where you can enjoy spectacular views of the awe-inspiring Pia Glacier whose main tongue extends from the mountaintops down to the sea. After this memorable experience, our voyage will continue along the Beagle Channel through the majestic Glacier Alley. Ventus Australis (B, L, D)

CAPE HORN / WULAIA BAY
Thursday, November 8
Weather permitting, take Zodiacs to the Cape Horn National Park, a World Biosphere Reserve, for a panoramic view from the southernmost tip of South America, referred to a the ‘End of the Earth’. Later, explore Wulaia Bay, once home to the region’s largest native settlement and where Charles Darwin landed during his voyage on the H.M.S. Beagle. Ventus Australis (B, L, D)

USHUAIA / CALAFATE
Friday, November 9
Today disembark for the final time in Ushuaia, the most important Argentine city on Tierra del Fuego and the most southernmost city in the world. Spend the morning roaming in the splendors of Tierra del Fuego National Park. Later that day return to Ushuaia where the remainder of the afternoon is Create a personalized itinerary at the Remota Lodge, perhaps horseback riding on the pampas, hiking in a beech forest, or exploring nature by mountain bike.
unscheduled to explore the city. In
the late afternoon, fly to El Calafate
on the southern shore of Lake
Argentino. **Hotel Kosten Aike (B, D)**

**PERITO MORENO GLACIER**
*Saturday, November 10*
Today, drive through Glaciers
National Park, declared by UNESCO
as part of the Natural Heritage of
Humanity. Here the Perito Moreno
glacier offers an overwhelming sight
and deafening roar every time one
of its ice towers breaks into multiple
icebergs and plunges into the water.
**Hotel Kosten Aike (B, L)**

**CALAFATE / PUERTO NATALES**
*Sunday, November 11*
Depart El Calafate today and
ascend the high Patagonian plateau
from where you can appreciate the
whole Santa Cruz River Valley, Lake
Argentino, and the Andes Mountains in
the background. After driving through
Patagonia’s windswept landscape, cross
from Argentina into Chile to Puerto
Natales. **Remota (B, L, D)**

**TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK AND SURROUNDING AREA**
*Monday and Tuesday, November 12-13*
By far, the most impressive sight in
southern Chile is Torres del Paine
National Park, was declared a
Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO
in 1978. The dramatic mountain
formations of towering rock,
windswept pampas, ice fields,
and glaciers make it an impressive
and unforgettable sight. Look out
for herds of guanacos and rheas,
flamingos, condors, foxes, geese,
and black-necked swans.
**Remota (2B, 2L, 2D)**

**TORRES DEL PAINE / PUNTA ARENAS / SANTIAGO / U.S.**
*Wednesday, November 14*
Depart this morning for Punta Arenas
and travel through Chile’s expansive
Patagonian pampas, home to rheas,
condors, and eagles. Transfer to the
airport for a flight to Santiago and
connect to overnight flights back to
the U.S. **(B, L, meals aloft)**

**RETURN TO U.S.**
*Thursday, November 15*
Arrive in Miami or Los Angeles this
morning and connect with a flight
home.

**OPTIONAL POST-TOUR EXTENSION TO EASTER ISLAND AND CASABLANCA VALLEY**
*November 14–20, 2018*
After overnighting in Santiago,
depart the next morning for
Easter Island (Rapa Nui). Located
2,600 miles west of Santiago
in the South Pacific Ocean, this
mysterious island has a visual
impact few places in the world
can equal. Hundreds of *moais*,
tight-lipped basalt statues unique
in the whole of Oceania, are
scattered through-out the island.
The extension includes two nights
in Santiago, on departure and
on return (Holiday Inn Airport)
and three nights at the Explora
Lodge on Easter Island, plus
transfers, and all excursions. On
your return to Santiago, overnight
and the next day enjoy a tour of
the Casablanca Valley and visit to
the Kingston Family Vineyards
before returning to the airport
for flights home. Airfare to Easter
Island is not included. Additional
details will be provided to
confirmed participants. Includes
all breakfasts, 4 dinners and 4
lunches, and an open bar while
staying at the Explora Lodge on
Easter Island.

**Land Cost**: $3,750
per person, double occupancy; $995
per person, single supplement. Rates
are based on a minimum of 10 guests.

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Reserve Your Trip Today
Book online: yaleedtravel.org/patagonia18
Ventus Australis

One of the top expedition ships based in Patagonia, the 292-foot Ventus Australis was built in 2017 and is equipped with the latest navigation and safety technology. The ship has 100 spacious outside-facing cabins, each with large windows, en suite bathrooms, individual temperature controls and closets. Other amenities include ample deck space, three lounges with bars, small library, infirmary, gift shop, and single-seating dining room featuring regional and international cuisine served with fine wines. Itineraries are All-Inclusive. On board naturalist guides will organize daily excursions on Zodiac boats and provide audiovisual talks about the flora and fauna, geography, glaciology, ethnography and history of the Patagonian region. Australis is the only cruise line that lets its passengers disembark (weather permitting) in fabled Cape Horn.

Remota Lodge, Puerto Natales Chile

In the Chilean Patagonia, you’ll stay at an all-inclusive lodge in Puerto Natales, the gateway to Torres del Paine National Park. The lodge serves as a place of contemplative refuge and restful return after each journey into the awe-inspiring beauty of Patagonia. Experience exquisite vistas, ultramodern rooms, fine dining, an open bar serving cocktails, wine with meals, expert guides, open-air Jacuzzis, heated indoor infinity pool, and all the service, comforts and amenities of a five-star hotel. Passengers may choose from among various excursions that are offered each day.

Program Cost, per person (based on double occupancy)

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*There are only 2 AA Superior and 2 AAA Superior Cabins; Please call for availability.

Sample Airfare

New York/Santiago/New York .......................................................... $1,300
(as of December 2017 and subject to change)
Enclosed is a deposit of ______ ($1,000 deposit per person, plus $200 for the Easter Island extension, if applicable) to hold ______ place(s) on the Patagonia Expedition: Journey to the Ends of the Earth tour, November 3–15, 2018. Final Payment is due August 3, 2018 by check.

1) NAME AS ON PASSPORT

DATE OF BIRTH YALE CONNECTION

PASSPORT ORIGIN RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER GUEST

2) NAME AS ON PASSPORT

DATE OF BIRTH YALE CONNECTION

PASSPORT ORIGIN RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER GUEST

Contact Information

ADDRESS

CITY/STATE/ZIP

PRIMARY PHONE SECONDARY PHONE

E-MAIL

Payment Options

- Pay by check made out to “Royal Adventures”
- Please charge the deposit of $______ per person to ❑ AMEX ❑ Visa ❑ MasterCard ❑ Discover Card

Card 

EXP. DATE SEC. CODE

NAME AS IT APPEARS ON CARD

Cabin Preferences

- A Cabin ❑ AA Cabin ❑ AAA Cabin
- AA Superior ❑ AAA Superior
- I will require single accommodations
- I will share accommodations with

- I/We will join the optional post-tour extension to Easter Island

I/We have carefully read the Terms and Conditions and Responsibility sections of this brochure and agree to their terms on behalf of myself and of my party named above.

SIGNATURE DATE

SIGNATURE DATE

Terms and Conditions

RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS, AND FINAL PAYMENT: To reserve a space on this tour, please mail a deposit of $1,000 per person payable to “ROYAL ADVENTURES”, along with the completed reservation form to: Yale Educational Travel, Association of Yale Alumni, P.O. Box 209010, New Haven, CT 06520-9010 or Fax to (203) 432-8144. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt. Deposits may be charged to a credit card. Final payment is due August 3, 2018 and must be paid by check. Royal Adventures handles all invoicing. CST #2009579-40

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Marvel at the massive glacier, Perito Moreno as it rises nearly 200 feet above its channel.

Enjoy Santiago, Chile’s capital city and Patagonia’s southernmost cities of Punta Arenas and Ushuaia.