Total Solar Eclipse
Argentina’s Patagonian Lake District

December 8–18, 2020

Meg Urry
Professor of Physics and Astronomy
Director, Yale Center for Astronomy and Astrophysics
Dear Yale Traveler,

I warmly invite you to join me and witness a rare cosmic event—a total solar eclipse on December 14, 2020—in Argentina's Patagonian Lake District, during the southern hemisphere summer. Known for its sapphire lakes, lush forests, and sensational views of the snow-capped Andes, this area includes our eclipse viewing site near San Martín de los Andes, which lies well within the path of totality. In addition to viewing the wonder of an eclipse, we'll enjoy a range of enriching experiences including the famed barrios of Buenos Aires, breathtaking Nahuel Huapi National Park, the scenic Road of the Seven Lakes, and the impressive Lanín Volcano.

Like others lucky enough to have seen a total solar eclipse, I have found the experience both deeply moving and a reminder that for millennia humans experienced this incredible natural phenomenon without understanding—and thus perhaps being terrified by—its cause which we now know is simply physics and geometry. While we are traveling together, I plan to lecture not only about eclipses but about the state of current research on the universe, including black holes, dark matter and dark energy.

To register for the program, please visit yaleedtravel.org/argentinaeclipse20. For questions or additional information, please contact Yale Educational Travel at 203-432-1952 or edtravel@yale.edu.

All the best from Yale,

Meg Urry
Israel Munson Professor of Physics and Astronomy
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Yale Study Leader

MEG URRY is the Israel Munson Professor of Physics and Astronomy at Yale and Director of the Yale Center for Astronomy and Astrophysics. She chaired the Physics Department from 2007-2013 and served from 2013-2017 in the presidential line of the American Astronomical Society. Professor Urry received her BS in physics and mathematics from Tufts University in 1977 and her PhD from Johns Hopkins University in 1984. Her scientific research focuses on active galaxies, which host massive black holes growing at their centers. She has published more than 300 refereed research articles on super-massive black holes and galaxies with over 23,000 citations. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Physical Society, the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering, and American Women in Science, and a member of the National Academy of Sciences. She received an honorary doctorate from Tufts University, and the American Astronomical Society’s Annie Jump Cannon and George van Biesbroeck prizes. Prior to moving to Yale in 2001, Professor Urry was a senior astronomer at the Space Telescope Science Institute, which runs the Hubble Space Telescope for NASA. She is also known for her efforts to increase participation in the physical sciences, for which she was given the 2010 Women in Space Science Award from the Adler Planetarium and the 2015 Edward A. Bouchet Leadership Award Medal from Yale University.

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Highlights

Drive the Road of Seven Lakes, Patagonia’s ultimate scenic road trip.

Explore the Swiss-like town of San Carlos de Bariloche and sail to Victoria Island on a private yacht.

Spend a day at Lanín National Park with its lakes, rivers, volcanoes and ancient monkey puzzle trees.

Journey to the town of San Martin de los Andes, a Patagonian paradise perched on the banks of Lácar Lake.

Enjoy a tango performance at an authentic tango venue.

Upcoming Trips

Italian Cars Featuring the Mille Miglia Rally
May 4–14, 2020

Family Andean Highlands and Galápagos Islands
July 30–August 8, 2020

Mauritius to Madagascar Aboard Caledonian Sky
October 11–27, 2020

Art and Architecture of Historic Bermuda
December 3–7, 2020
**Itinerary**
**DECEMBER 8–18, 2020**

**WELCOME PHONE CALL**  
*Thursday, November 19, 2020 (tentative)*
Join the group at 4 pm Eastern for a pre-trip welcome call with Professor Meg Urry to learn more about what to expect and to ask questions.

**U.S. / BUENOS AIRES**  
*Tuesday, December 8*
Depart from the U.S. on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires.

**BUENOS AIRES**  
*Wednesday, December 9*
Arrive in Buenos Aires this morning, an elegant and cosmopolitan city with a European flavor and friendly atmosphere. An afternoon walking tour will introduce us to this grand metropolis on the banks of the River Plate, known as “the Paris of South America”. Visit the nearby Recoleta Cemetery, the much-revered resting place of patriarchs, presidents, and the beloved Eva Perón. Admire 19th-century French architecture and many beautiful buildings. Gather for a welcome dinner tonight. **Loi Suites Recoleta Hotel (D)**

**BUENOS AIRES**  
*Thursday, December 10*
Feel the European influence of this capital city as you tour the major sites. Highlights include the Plaza de Mayo, the National Cathedral and Casa Rosada (Presidential Palace). See La Boca with its colorful tin houses and soccer stadium. Then, explore bohemian San Telmo, one of the oldest neighborhoods in Buenos Aires, and Palermo with its wonderful parks and gardens. This afternoon depart on a tour of the Museum of Latin American Art of Buenos Aires. Known as MALBA, this modern museum houses one of the world’s premier Latin American collections. In the evening, gather for dinner and then enjoy a tango performance at one of the most authentic tango venues in Buenos Aires. **Loi Suites Recoleta Hotel (B, L, D)**

**BUENOS AIRES / BARILOCHE**  
*Friday, December 11*
Take a private transfer and fly to Bariloche. Reception at the airport and transfer to the hotel. Enjoy a short tour of the area bordering the southern shore of Lake Nahuel Huapi. Stop at a unique viewpoint, known as Panorama point, and explore outstanding attractions like the San Eduardo Chapel, near Puerto Pañuelo. The soft trails of Llao Llao Municipal Park offer the possibility of quiet walks in the woods. **Design Suites Bariloche Hotel (B, L)**

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**Argentina**

- **BUENOS AIRES**
- **PIEDRA DEL ÁGUILA**
- **VICTORIA ISLAND**
- **BARILOCHE**
- **SAN MARTIN DE LOS ANDES & LANÍN NATIONAL PARK**
- **ARGENTINA & CHILE**
BARILOCHE / VICTORIA ISLAND  
**Saturday, December 12**
Spend the day exploring Argentina’s Lake District and Victoria Island. Sail across Nahuel Huapi’s crystal clear waters on a private yacht to reach the island. Enjoy a nature walk through the island’s idyllic forest to learn about the indigenous vegetation. Our chef will prepare lunch for us at a secluded beach.  
**Design Suites Bariloche Hotel (B, L)**

BARILOCHE / SAN MARTIN DE LOS ANDES  
**Sunday, December 13**
Depart to Villa La Angostura, along the shores of the Nahuel Huapi lake to take the famous “Seven Lakes Road,” one of the most beautiful journeys in Argentina. Arrive in San Martin de los Andes a charming mountain town on the edge of Lago Lacar. The town is known as the gateway to the forested Lanín National Park, home to the Lanin Volcano and diverse wildlife including guanacos and pumas.  
**Loi Suites Hotel Chapelco (B, L, D)**

SAN MARTIN DE LOS ANDES / LANÍN NATIONAL PARK  
**Tuesday, December 15**
Spend the day exploring Lanín National Park with its lakes, rivers, volcanoes and ancient Araucaria araucana (monkey puzzle trees). Located in the Andes in the province of Neuquén, this national park covers an area of 378,000 hectares. The park was created in 1937 in order to protect the forests of Araucaria or Pehuén and other representatives of the local flora and fauna and natural region including the Lanin Volcano.  
**Loi Suites Hotel Chapelco (B, L, D)**

SAN MARTIN DE LOS ANDES / BARILOCHE / BUENOS AIRES  
**Wednesday, December 16**
Transfer to Bariloche to fly back to Buenos Aires. Enjoy the evening free to explore Buenos Aires.  
**Loi Suites Recoleta Hotel (B, BL)**

BUENOS AIRES / U.S.  
**Thursday, December 17**
This morning we’ll tour the Colon theatre. Our tour will be followed by a festive farewell lunch. After lunch, we’ll transfer to the international airport to connect with overnight flights home.  
**Loi Suites Hotel Recoleta (B, L)**

ARRIVE U.S.  
**Friday, December 18.**
Arrive in the U.S. and transfer for connections home.

*Program note: Argentina will be a prime location to experience the Total Solar Eclipse. We will provide an optimal viewing location to experience this phenomenon. Please keep in mind that viewing the eclipse will be weather dependent. Since we have no control over the weather, there is always a chance that we will not be able to view it or view it only for a short period of time. Keep in mind that unexpected schedule changes could affect the program. Your Travel Director will keep you fully informed of any changes to planned activities. A sense of humor, flexibility, and patience will be greatly appreciated during this program and especially on eclipse day.*
Optional Pre-Trip Extension

IGUAZÚ FALLS
December 5–9, 2020

Roaring out of the jungle and hurtling over cliffs between Brazil and Argentina, Iguazú Falls is one of the natural wonders of the world. The two nights at this extraordinary place offer ample time to relax and see cataracts surrounded by luxuriant rain forest, beautiful exotic birds (toucans, caracas, and parrots), and intriguing bromeliads and butterflies. Walk along the upper and lower trails for close-up views of the many different falls. Exploration from the Brazilian side is thrilling. Take a boat approaching the base of the falls. Fly back to Buenos Aires and overnight there before beginning the main program. The extension includes three-night accommodations (taxes included) buffet breakfast on December 7 and 8, one lunch on December 7, entrance fees, transfers, and leadership. Airfare to Iguazú is additional and quoted separately.

Accommodations: Two nights Loi Suites Iguazú and one-night Loi Suites Recoleta Buenos Aires

WHAT TO EXPECT:

This exclusive expedition is designed for Yale Alumni and friends who are interested in learning about and experiencing a total solar eclipse as well as the culture and history of Buenos Aires and wildlife, geology, and superb natural landscapes of Argentina’s Patagonian Lake District. Travel is during the Southern Hemisphere’s summer. Temperatures in Buenos Aires generally range from 82°F to 67°F. Temperatures in Bariloche and San Martin de los Andes are generally cooler, ranging from 69°F to 46°F. This is a relatively active program with some early departures and drives up to four hours. To enjoy this experience, participants must be in good physical and mental health and be able to keep up with the pace of the group. Travelers should be able to walk unassisted up to two or three miles a day. There will be some stair climbing and unpaved trails over uneven terrain and cobblestone sidewalks. Since some travel will be in remote areas, everyone must be flexible concerning time schedules, food, insects, weather and dust. The order of activities may change due to local conditions or to take advantage of unexpected opportunities. Program participants requiring extraordinary assistance must be accompanied by someone who can and will provide all required assistance. Travel is by jet aircraft, boat, and motorcoach. If you have any questions about your ability to participate fully on this itinerary, please call Yale Educational Travel at (203) 432-1952.

WHAT IS INCLUDED:

• A program of lectures and discussions with Professor Meg Urry
• Accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary
• Wine with included dinners and farewell lunch
• All land transportation
• Two in-tour flights from: Buenos Aires to Bariloche and Bariloche to Buenos Aires, provided increases in the in-tour airfare after the initial pricing of this program are not included—see below
• Professional guides and tour director throughout
• Gratuities to tour director, local guides and drivers
• Airport transfers for group flights
• Domestic airport departure taxes
• Entrance fees
• Eclipse viewing site
• Eclipse viewing glasses
• Baggage handling
• Pre-departure information
• Emergency medical evacuation services

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED:

U.S. domestic and international airfare • Flights for the optional pre-trip extension to and from Iguazú Falls • Passport or Visa fees • Meals not specified in the itinerary • Personal items such as laundry, e-mail, wi-fi or telephone calls • Liquor • Room service • Excess baggage charges • Private transfers • Medical expenses • Travel insurance • Deviations from the scheduled tour • Any increases in the in-tour airfare (included as part of the main program cost), security, or fuel surcharges imposed after the initial pricing of this program are not included.

AIR ARRANGEMENTS

Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc. can help with international air arrangements for this trip and can be reached at 800-447-3560. You are welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice.
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Enclosed is a deposit of _______ ($1,000 deposit per person, plus $200 for the Iguazú Falls extension, if applicable) to hold _______ place(s) on the Total Solar Eclipse: Argentina. A second deposit of $2,000 per person is due by check by December 6, 2019. Final Payment is due August 10, 2020 by check.

Payment Options

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

CARD #

EXP. DATE SEC. CODE

NAME AS IT APPEARS ON CARD

I wish to have a single accommodation (limited availability; please call)
I will share accommodations with

I/We will join the optional pre-trip extension to Iguazú Falls.
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.

To reserve, return the above form with credit card authorization or check payable to “Royal Adventures” to Yale Educational Travel, P.O. Box 209010, New Haven, CT 06520-9010.
Phone: (203) 432-1952. Fax: (203) 432-0587. Or visit yaleedtravel.org/argentinaeclipse20 to book online.

RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS & FINAL PAYMENT: To reserve a space on this tour, please mail a deposit of $1,000 per person plus $200 per person for the Iguazu Falls pre-tour extension, if applicable, payable to “ROYAL ADVENTURES,” along with the completed reservation form to: Yale Educational Travel, Yale Alumni Association, P.O. Box 209010, New Haven, CT 06529-9010 or Fax to (203) 432-4144. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt. A second deposit of $2,000 per passenger will be due on or before December 6, 2019. Initial deposits may be charged to a credit card. All subsequent payments must be made by check payable to “Royal Adventures.” Please fill out and mail, e-mail or fax the registration form. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt. Final payment is due August 10, 2020, 120 days prior to departure and must be paid by check. Royal Adventures handles all invoicing. CST #2009579-40

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ITINERARY AND COST ADJUSTMENTS: The itinerary as presented is subject to modification by Yale Educational Travel and the tour operator, should unforeseen world events and conditions require such alternations for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant. If there are significant changes, we will notify participants in advance of departure.

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Observe the 2020 Total Solar Eclipse at a special viewing site within the path of totality just outside of San Martin de los Andes.

Tour cosmopolitan Buenos Aires, the Paris of South America.