EXPEDITION TO
ANTARCTICA
Aboard the Five-Star L'AUSTRAL
January 26 to February 8, 2019

Featuring Andrew J. Read
Stephen Toth Professor of Marine Biology and
Director of the Duke University Marine Laboratory

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Dear Duke Alumni and Friends:

“Everything wears an aspect of unreality,” Ernest Shackleton wrote. “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...” 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, where humpback whales, leopard seals and Adélie penguins mingle among sparkling turquoise glaciers and glistening icebergs. Discover Antarctica, and see how its spectacular illuminations reveal the mystique and contrasts of this unique place to those fortunate enough to visit on this extraordinary 14-day travel program.

Retrace the sea-lanes navigated by storied explorers Shackleton, Amundsen and Scott, who sought out the final frontier of “The White Continent.” Cruise for nine nights aboard the exclusively chartered, state-of-the-art, Five-Star, ice-class L’AUSTRAL, one of the finest vessels plying Antarctic waters. With private balconies in 95 percent of its ocean-view, Five-Star accommodations and encompassing state-of-the-art ship design and technology, L’AUSTRAL sets the highest standards in elegance and comfort.

You Antarctic experience will be enhanced by a comprehensive schedule of exclusive and specially arranged lectures. The onboard expedition team of 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 comprehensive program is the best Antarctic cruise value, featuring ocean-view accommodations aboard a Five-Star expedition ship and including all excursions and complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages on board. It is simply the optimal cruising experience and sells out quickly year after year. Make your reservation now!

Forever Duke,

Beth Ray-Schroeder ’83
Director, Duke Alumni Travels

Andrew J. Read

Dr. Andrew Read is the Stephen Toth Professor of Marine Biology and Director of the Duke University Marine Laboratory in Beaufort, NC. Andy was born in England and educated in Canada, receiving his Ph.D. in 1990. Prior to coming to Duke, he worked at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. His research focuses on the ecology and conservation biology of marine mammals, particularly whales, dolphins and porpoises. He has conducted field research in North and South America, Europe and the Antarctic. Andy has spent five seasons studying whales along the western Antarctic Peninsula in many of the areas we will visit on this trip. Andy lives with his wife Kim in Gloucester, NC.
Wildlife Conservation

The unique international Antarctic Treaty protects Antarctica's wildlife and its natural habitats and provides a guide for visitors to this great continent, where no country has sovereignty.

To protect the fragile Antarctic environment, all travelers will go ashore in small groups, so as not to crowd rookeries, disturb nesting sites or disrupt research. All visitors will be asked not to remove—or leave—anything ashore.

U.S.
Saturday, January 26
Depart the U.S.

Buenos Aires, Argentina
Sunday, January 27
Arrive in cosmopolitan Buenos Aires and check into the Five-Star INTERCONTINENTAL BUENOS AIRES HOTEL, ideally located within walking distance of the landmark Palace of the Argentine National Congress. This evening, attend the Welcome Reception.

Buenos Aires
Monday, January 28
Birthplace of the tango, Buenos Aires is a city of diverse and dynamic barrios (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 charming old quarter of San Telmo.

Visit the city’s renowned Recoleta Cemetery—lined with ornate vaults and sculptures, this is the final resting place of Eva Perón, the legendary former First Lady of Argentina.

Buenos Aires/Ushuaia
Tuesday, January 29
This morning, fly to Ushuaia, the world’s southernmost city, capital of Tierra del Fuego and the gateway to Antarctica. Embark L’AUSTRAL this afternoon and cruise through storied Beagle Channel, named for the ship that carried Charles Darwin on his South American voyages.

Attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception this evening.

Cruising Drake Passage
Wednesday, January 30, to Thursday, January 31
Cross the legendary Drake Passage and, upon reaching the Antarctic Convergence, watch for seabirds and breaching fin and humpback whales feeding on plankton and krill brought to the surface by cold Antarctic currents merging with warmer waters of the South Pacific and Atlantic Oceans.

Your expedition team of naturalists will present insightful lectures, preparing you for your first landing in Antarctica. During the evening, enjoy the lingering twilight of the Antarctic summer.

Cover photo: Expert-led Zodiac expeditions offer intimate glimpses of the craggy crescent peaks and intricate ice floes that characterize the remote Antarctic landscape.

Photo this page: Majestic nature endures in “The White Continent,” where an international treaty limits the number of visitors to sustain the pristine ecosystem.

The southern giant petrel spends most of its life at sea but is known to return to the same nest annually.
Please note that the ship's cruising pattern and positionings are dependent on weather, ice and sea conditions and are subject to change.

**Cruising Antarctica**  
**Friday, February 1, to Tuesday, February 5**

Cruise below the 60th parallel south to the outer shores and islands of the Antarctic Peninsula, Earth’s last frontier. Here, 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 toward the boundless blue horizon.

In this seemingly harsh environment, a vast array of marine wildlife flourishes, including millions of penguins, countless seabirds and thousands of seals and whales. An otherworldly topography of volcanoes and glaciers, populated with riveting wildlife and historic outposts, unfolds—completely immersing you in the irresistible nuances of Earth’s most inaccessible continent for the complete Antarctic experience.

Cruise through breathtaking, glacier-lined **Neumayer Channel** to rugged Goudier Island. Visit **Port Lockroy**; nestled among serene mountain peaks as high as 6000 feet, the port was originally constructed in 1944 by an eight-man team as an intelligence post for British espionage during World War II and converted into a whaling station and scientific base in the 1950s, and its surrounding grounds are populated by blue-eye 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 stamped with an Antarctica postmark from the official British Post Office.

Rocky **Jougla Point** on **Wiencke Island** offers a rare opportunity to view the skeletal remains of an adult blue whale and to see populous colonies of gentoo penguins and kelp gulls that inhabit the entire region. Call at **Petermann Island**, the southernmost point of your journey, and watch its thriving rookeries of Adélie and gentoo penguins and blue-eyed shags.

Flanked by sheer cliffs of towering glaciers between the Antarctic Peninsula and Booth Island, cruise through the **Lemaire Channel**, where seven majestic miles of mountains and interweaving patterns of ice floes brim with wildlife. Listen for the low rumbling of Rudolf Glacier as it calves slabs of ice into **Neko Harbor**, named for an early 20th-century whaling boat. Surrounded by soaring glaciers and snow-covered mountains, this spectacular harbor is one of the most dramatic sights on your expedition. Here, make your first “continental landing” in Antarctica.

In **Paradise Bay**, crystal cliffs of ice descend from sky-bent mountains into the iceberg-laden waters along the Antarctic Peninsula’s western coast. Named by 19th-century whalers who sought shelter in its coves, it is an ideal sanctuary for...
marine wildlife including humpback whales, crabeater seals and Cape petrels. Deception Island, actually the rim of a dormant volcano crater, encircles the Port Foster caldera, where the ship enters through Neptune’s Bellows, a sublime harbor ringed by snowcapped peaks and sheer cliffs. In Pendulum Cove, see the steaming, geothermally heated shallows. Observe the amazing colony of tens of thousands of chinstrap penguins at Baily Head. Then walk along the black sand beaches of Telefon Bay to nearby craters, for firsthand insight into the pivotal volcanic activity that created the island and shaped the natural history of the region.

One of the smallest but most beautiful of the South Shetland Islands, crescent-shaped Half Moon Island is known for its craggy volcanic rock formations and tranquil lagoons. It is also 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 Wednesday, February 6
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.

Ushuaia/Buenos Aires Thursday, February 7
Disembark in Ushuaia and fly to Buenos Aires. Continue on the Iguazú Falls Post-Program Option with an overnight stay in Buenos Aires or depart for the U.S.

U.S. Friday, February 8
Arrive in the U.S.

Enjoy an up-close, unparalleled view of chinstrap penguins in their natural Antarctic habitat.

Left: Look for breaching humpback whales, which migrate to Antarctic waters to feed during the austral summer.

Iguazú Falls Post-Program Option

The UNESCO World Heritage site of Iguazú Falls is one of the world’s most incredible natural wonders, where more than 275 spectacular waterfalls span nearly two verdant miles of the Argentina-Brazil frontier, cascading from as high as 270 feet through one of South America’s last remaining virgin rain forests. Visit the lush Parque das Aves jungle reserve, a nature lover’s paradise, home to more than 350 species of birds, 66 varieties of mammals and a mind-boggling array of reptiles, fish, butterflies and flora. This exclusive three-night Post-Program Option features one night in the Five-Star InterContinental Buenos Aires Hotel and two nights in the Five-Star Meliá Iguazú. Buenos Aires/ Iguazú round-trip airfare is included.

The Post-Program Option is available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
EXCLUSIVELY CHARTERED, FIVE-STAR MS L’AUSTRAL

Five-Star, State-of-the-Art, Small Ship
Join us aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star L’AUSTRAL, where distinctive French sophistication meets innovative nautical design. The ship’s efficient electrical propulsion system and custom stabilizers provide an exceptionally smooth, quiet and comfortable voyage.

Respect for the Environment
With advanced eco-friendly features, the ship has been awarded the prestigious “Clean Ship” designation, a rarity among ocean vessels.

With Our Compliments
Indulge in these complimentary onboard amenities—alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise and in your Suite or Stateroom minibar, Wi-Fi access throughout the ship (satellite reception permitting) and 24-hour room service.

Chic and Casual Dining
The stylish dining room and casual alfresco restaurant feature international and regional cuisine and serve continental and buffet breakfasts, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and dinner in four courses or buffet. Wine is served at your table with lunch and dinner.

Only 110 Suites and Staterooms—
95% Including Private Balconies
These elegant ocean-view accommodations range from 200 to 484 square feet, and most have a private balcony. Your Five-Star Suite or Stateroom features individual climate control, two twin beds or one queen bed, a private bathroom with shower and luxurious hotel amenities, including flat-screen television, safe, full-length closet, plush robes and slippers.

Life on Board
Whether you seek educational and cultural presentations, panoramic views, nightly entertainment or quiet retreat, the ship’s spacious public areas can accommodate all passengers comfortably. Enjoy two lounges, a theater, library, Sun Deck with open-air bar, swimming pool, beauty salon, spa, Turkish bath-style steam room and fitness room. The ship has two elevators and 10 Zodiacs.

World-Class Service
The highly trained, English-speaking crew are personable and attentive, and the ship has a medical center staffed with a doctor and nurse.
Included Features

In Buenos Aires, Argentina
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Two nights in the Five-Star INTERCONTINENTAL BUENOS AIRES Hotel. Breakfast each morning.
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Welcome Reception.
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City tour featuring the popular neighborhoods of Palermo, Monserrat, La Boca, Puerto Madero and San Telmo and a visit to the historic Recoleta Cemetery.

Flight from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia with return to Buenos Aires.

On Board the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star, Ice-Class L’AUSTRAL
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Nine nights round trip Ushuaia, Argentina, cruising to Antarctica’s Port Lockroy, Wiencke Island, Petermann Island, Lemaire Channel, Neko Harbor, Paradise Bay, Deception Island and Half Moon Island, weather, ice and sea conditions permitting.
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Elegantly appointed, Five-Star Suite or Stateroom.
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Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
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Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise.
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All meals aboard ship.
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Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship (satellite reception permitting).
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Exploration by Zodiac landing craft, accompanied by an expert naturalist from the expedition team.
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Shore excursions to explore Antarctica’s diverse wildlife habitats, including major penguin rookeries.
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Onboard expedition team of naturalists who provide a series of lectures about local wildlife and landscapes.
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Souvenir polar-grade red parka.

Always Included
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Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
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Experienced local guides for included excursions.
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Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
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Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom and on excursions.
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Hospitality desk in the hotel and aboard ship.
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Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Director at your service.
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Exploration of Antarctica

The intrepid deeds of Europeans Roald Amundsen, Robert Falcon Scott and Ernest Shackleton; Americans Admiral Richard Evelyn Byrd and Lincoln Ellsworth; and Canadian Sir Charles Seymour Wright, legendary explorers of Antarctica, have long been recounted in gripping personal tales and history books. Admiral Byrd, scion of a distinguished Virginia family, led the U.S. Antarctic expedition (1928‑30) and made the first overflight of the South Pole (1929). Byrd later led three additional expeditions to Antarctica and named a large portion of the continent Marie Byrd Land after his wife.

Another American prominent in the exploration of the South Polar region was Lincoln Ellsworth. This Chicago native made the first flight across Antarctica (1935). In the course of his journey, he discovered the mountain range with the continent’s highest peaks, later named Ellsworth Mountains in his honor.

Your Expedition Team

Seasoned naturalists, who have studied and traveled extensively in Antarctica and the most remote regions of the world, accompany you on board and on excursions as your Antarctic Expedition Team. Their areas of expertise span marine biology, ornithology, ecology, geology, glaciology, conservation and environmental education, history and photography. The team’s collaborative efforts, experience, particular interest in the world’s ecosystems and enthusiasm for sharing their knowledge make them exceptionally well-suited to lead your Expedition to Antarctica.
**LAND/Cruise Tariff excluding taxes**

**Per person, based on double occupancy**

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*Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability

**Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony, shower or tub/shower. Deck 6, Mahé.**

**Deluxe Suite II**

- Two rooms, expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, two bathrooms: tub/shower and shower, large sitting area with sofa, two closets. Deck 5, Bengale. (limited availability)
- Two rooms, expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, two bathrooms: tub/shower and shower, large sitting area with sofa, two closets. Deck 6, Mahé. (limited availability)

**Prestige Suite I**

- Two rooms, expansive sliding glass doors, two private balconies, one and a half bathrooms, separate tub and shower, sitting room with sofa, table and four chairs. Deck 6, Mahé. (limited availability)

**Owner’s Suite**

- Single or double accommodations.
- Singles are available in category 6 at $23190* and in category 4 at $25890* on or before June 22, 2018. Add $1000 for reservations made after June 22, 2018.

**EXPEDITION TO ANTARCTICA RESERVATION FORM**

Send to: Duke Alumni Travels
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tavel@daa.duke.edu

**Title**

**Full Name (exactly as it appears on your passport)**

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**Preferred Name(s) on Badge(s)**

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**Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person and $200 per person.**

**Iguazú Falls Post-Program Option**

- Jungle-View Rooms:
  - Double at $2395 per person.
  - Single at $2095 per person.
- Falls-View Rooms:
  - Double at $3295 per person.
  - Single at $3195 per person.

**We want you to book my/our air, at additional cost to be advised, from:**

- Economy Class
- Upgraded Economy
- Business Class
- First Class

**Note:** Airfare is subject to change and availability and is non-refundable.

**I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $__________ to:**

- Visa
- MasterCard

**Card Number**

**Exp. Date**

**Signature as it appears on credit card**

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