2021
Total Solar Eclipse
in
Antarctica
aboard the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star L'AUSTRAL

Featuring
Shane Burns,
Professor of Physics
and
Christina Siddoway,
Professor of Geology

November 27 to December 10, 2021
Dear 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.

Join us on this exclusive 14-day journey, specifically created to be positioned in the narrow path of totality on December 4, 2021. Experience a once-in-a-lifetime total solar eclipse—one of nature’s most awe-inspiring events—and see how its spectral illuminations intensify the mystique and contrasts of the ocean. There is no better place to witness solar totality than in the rarefied setting of Antarctic devoid of artificial light.

Retrace the sea-lanes navigated by storied explorers Shackleton, Amundsen and Scott, who sought out the final frontier of “The White Continent.” Cruise for 10 nights aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star, ice-class L’Austral one of the finest vessels plying Antarctic waters. Private balconies are featured in 95 percent of its ocean-view accommodations and its state-of-the-art ship design and technology sets the highest standards in expedition cruises.

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 that have little or no fear of humans. A comprehensive schedule of exclusive and specially arranged lectures by world-renowned experts will enhance your Antarctic experience.

As our Duke group grows in size, a Duke host will join the trip to bring a uniquely Duke perspective to the tour. Be among the fortunate few to witness one of the world’s most wondrous cosmic events and set foot not once, but twice on this unspoiled continent and explore nearby islands instrumental in the history and research of this polar region. This exceptional Antarctic cruise featuring optimal positioning in the path of totality is simply not to be missed. Make your reservation now!

Forever Duke,

Beth Ray-Schroeder ’83
Director, Duke Alumni Travels
Thursday, November 25
Depart the U.S.

Buenos Aires, Argentina
Saturday, November 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. Attend the welcome reception this evening.

Buenos Aires/Ushuaia
Sunday, November 28
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 Antarctica
Wednesday, December 1 to Tuesday, December 7
Cruise below the 60th parallel south to the outer shores and islands of the Antarctic Peninsula. Explore some of the Earth’s most pristine wilderness, an otherworldly topography featuring towering mountains of ice and volcanic rock, precipitous coastlines and ever-changing patterns of ice stretching toward the boundless blue horizon. In this seemingly harsh environment, a vast array of marine life flourishes, including millions of penguins, countless seabirds and thousands of seals and whales. Covered in a thick, vertical ice sheet populated with riveting wildlife and dotted with historic touchstones, “The White Continent” unfolds, immersing you in world’s most inaccessible continent.

Cover photo: Antarctica’s icebergs provide a sensory experience like no other.

Photo this page: Cruise by Zodiacs amidst the ephemeral ice forms of this frozen continent.
Watch for theatrical humpback whales, known to spy-hop, breach, roll and fluke within a few feet of passing Zodiacs.

Visit King George Island, home to numerous international research stations. The largest of 20 ruggedly beautiful volcanic islands that comprise the South Shetland Islands, King George offers a spellbinding preamble to the continent’s rich wildlife. Cruise in Zodiacs and be on the lookout for orcas and view gregarious colonies of Adélie, chinstrap and gentoo penguins set against the surreal backdrop of wind sculpted icebergs the size of galleons.

In the outer recesses of the South Shetland Islands, Elephant Island of Shackleton fame is named for the abundance of highly social southern elephant seals, the world’s largest seal.

Survey the waters for fin, sei and humpback whales as you cruise north to the ice-covered expanses of Coronation Island, the largest of the South Orkney Islands. In this harsh, eco-tundra region, observe downy snow petrels flaunting their canny ability to run on water and athletic Adélie penguins known to waddle, or belly-toboggan across 50 miles of ice to reach their breeding site. Encounter a natural silence, broken only by the white thunder of calving glaciers and the babble of seals and chattering penguins.

Prepare to experience one of the planet’s most humbling and momentous cosmic events as our vessel cruises to position itself in the full shadow of the moon during the total solar eclipse.

Please note that optimal viewing is dependent on weather and sea conditions.

Discovered in 1842 by British explorer James Clark Ross, Heroina Island is located at the tip of the Antarctic peninsula. This island is one of the Danger Islands, where a previously unknown super colony of 1.5 million Adélie penguins was detected by satellite imaging in 2018.

Celebrate your first continental landing 126 years after Norwegian Carsten Borchgrevink made the first confirmed landing on the Antarctic mainland. Explore Brown Bluff, an extinct volcano named for the craggy red-brown tuff cliff that rises steeply from a pebble seafront populated with thriving populations of Weddell and leopard seals and over 20,000 pairs of nesting Adélie penguins. Make your second continental landing at the Bernardo O’Higgins Antarctic base, named for the revered Chilean Independence leader.

Formed by the rim of a dormant volcanic crater, Deception Island encircles the Port Foster caldera. The ship enters through Neptune’s Bellows, a sublime harbor ringed by snowcapped peaks and sheer cliffs. In Pendulum Cove, see steaming, geothermally heated shallows.

In 1916 Ernest Shackleton’s 28-man crew sought refuge three-masted barquentine sailing ship Endurance was lost.
Wildlife Conservation
The unique international Antarctic Treaty protects the wildlife and natural habitats of Antarctica where no country has sovereignty. To protect the fragile Antarctic environment, all visitors will go ashore in small groups so as not to disturb nesting sites or disrupt research, and will be asked not to leave a trace of their presence ashore.

Walk along the black-sand beach of Telefon Bay to nearby craters for firsthand insight into the pivotal volcanic activity that created this island and shaped the natural history of the region.

Cruising the Drake Passage/Ushuaia, Argentina
Wednesday, December 8
Cross the Drake Passage and enjoy lively, informative discussions with the ship’s naturalists. Watch for migrating albatross, hourglass dolphins and the many different species of petrels as you cruise across the Antarctic Convergence.

Attend the Captain’s farewell reception this evening.

Ushuaia/Buenos Aires
Thursday, December 9
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, December 10
Arrive in the U.S.

In 1916 Ernest Shackleton’s 28-man crew sought refuge on Elephant Island for 137 days after their wooden-hulled, three-masted barquentine sailing ship Endurance was lost to Weddell Sea pack ice.

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Buenos Aires
Pre-Program Option
Cosmopolitan Buenos Aires, birthplace of the tango, is a city of the diverse and dynamic barrios (neighborhoods) and the colorful La Boca district. Visit the city’s renowned Recoleta Cemetery; lined with ornate vaults and sculptures, this necropolis is the final resting place for Eva Perón, the legendary former First lady of Argentina. Enjoy two nights in the ideally located Five Star InterContinental Buenos Aires Hotel.

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 miles of the Argentina-Brazil frontier, cascading from heights of 270 feet in one of South America’s last remaining virgin rainforests. Visit lush Parque das Aves jungle reserve, home to an outstanding array of flora and fauna. Accommodations are for 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.
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. This ice-class 1C ship with a reinforced hull features an efficient electrical propulsion system and custom stabilizers provide an exceptionally smooth, quiet and comfortable voyage.

Respect for the Environment
With advanced technology and the most environmentally responsible features built into its design and operations, the ship has earned the important “clean ship” certification.

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 (conditions permitting) and 24-hour room service.

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

Elegant Suites and Staterooms—95% Include Private Balconies
Each of the 110 ocean-view Staterooms and the Suites range from 200 to 484 square feet and most have a private balcony. All Five-Star accommodations feature individual climate control, two twin beds or one queen bed, a private bathroom with shower and luxurious hotel amenities, including flat-screen television, a safe, full-length closet, plush robes and slippers.

Life on Board
In addition to educational and cultural presentations, panoramic views, evening entertainment or peaceful retreat, the ship’s spacious public areas comfortably accommodate all passengers. Enjoy two lounges, a theater, library, the Sun Deck with open-air bar, swimming pool (conditions permitting), beauty salon, spa, Turkish bath-style steam room and fitness room. The ship has three elevators and 10 Zodiacs.

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

In Buenos Aires, Argentina
◆ One night in the Five-Star InterContinental Buenos Aires Hotel.
◆ Breakfast in the hotel.
◆ Welcome Reception.
◆ Flights round trip from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia.

On Board the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star, Ice-Class L’Austral
◆ Ten nights on board the exclusively chartered, Five-Star, ice-class L’Austral.
◆ Round trip Ushuaia, Argentina, cruising the Beagle Channel and the Drake Passage to Antarctica’s King George Island, Elephant Island, Coronation Island, Heroina Island, Brown Bluff, Bernardo O’Higgins station and Deception Island; (weather, ice and sea conditions permitting).
◆ Viewing of the total solar eclipse on December 4, 2021 (weather and sea conditions permitting).
◆ Eclipse viewing glasses.
◆ Elegantly appointed, Five-Star, ocean-view Suite or Stateroom.
◆ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
◆ Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise.
◆ All meals aboard ship.
◆ Complimentary Wi-Fi access (conditions permitting).
◆ Exploration by Zodiac landing craft, accompanied by an expert naturalist from the expedition team.
◆ Shore excursions to explore Antarctica’s innate wildlife habitats, including major penguin rookeries.
◆ Onboard expedition team of naturalists and professors from sponsoring organizations who provide a series of educational lectures.
◆ Souvenir polar-grade red parka.

Always Included
◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
◆ Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom and on excursions.
◆ Hospitality desk in the hotel and aboard ship.
◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
Experience Antarctica’s rarefied landscapes and signature wildlife through the unique prism of a rare solar eclipse.

**Total Solar Eclipse**

For millennia, the experience of a total eclipse of the sun has elicited awe and deep emotion. On December 4, 2021, at 3:06 a.m. local time, enjoy an optimal viewing opportunity as Antarctica falls into darkness from the new moon passing between the earth and the sun. The path of this extraordinary total solar eclipse will travel from east to west, a phenomenon that is unique to polar regions. Shifting light, plummeting temperatures, stirring winds and perplexed creatures will signal a rare cosmic event that will not occur again in the Antarctic region until the year 2396. For one minute and 38 seconds, the black disk of the moon will cover the sun as Bailey’s beads gives way to the dazzling diamond ring of the solar corona.

**Solar Eclipse**

![Diagram of a solar eclipse]

**Your Expedition Team**

Seasoned naturalists, whose expertise span marine biology, ornithology, ecology, geology, glaciology, conservation and environmental education, history and photography and have traveled extensively in Antarctica and the most remote regions of the world, accompany you on board and on excursions. The team’s collaborative efforts, experience and 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/Internal Air Tariff**

*Excluding taxes.* Per person, based on double occupancy

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<td>Two rooms, expansive sliding glass door, <strong>large private balcony</strong>, two bathrooms, large sitting area with sofa, two closets. Deck 5, Bengale. (Limited Availability)</td>
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Singles are available in category 6 at $26,495* and in category 4 at $28,995* on or before October 21, 2019. Add $1000 per single reservation made after October 21, 2019.

*Taxes are an additional $925 per person and are subject to change.

'T’Austral has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Goehagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

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**2021 Total Solar Eclipse in Antarctica Reservation Form**

Send to: Duke Alumni Travels
Box 90572
Durham, NC 27708-0572
Phone: (919) 684-3988
Fax: (919) 660-0148
travel@daa.duke.edu

**Title**

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**Note:** Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

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**Please make my/our reservation(s) in category:**

1. **1st Choice**
2. **2nd Choice**

- Double occupancy (two twin beds).
- Double occupancy (one queen bed).
- Single accommodations.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

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

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

We strongly recommend that you purchase trip insurance and do so within 10 days of your reservation confirmation to be eligible for the “pre-existing conditions” waiver and “cancel for any reason” coverage. Cancellation policies are strictly enforced. Please see the CANCELLATION policies on the mail panel. 0

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Signature as it appears on credit card

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**Gohagan & Company**

Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony.

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**MS L’AUSTRAL**

Deck 6, Mahé
Deck 5, Bengale
Deck 4, Chandernagor
Deck 3, Calicut
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TRIP INSURANCE: We strongly recommend for your protection that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. Insurance information will be sent upon confirmation of your booking.

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT: By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants and accepts the terms contained in this Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement.

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