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January 17 to 30, 2023

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YOUR EXPEDITION TEAM

Seasoned naturalists, who have traveled extensively in the most remote regions of the world, accompany you as your Antarctic Expedition Team. Their areas of expertise include marine biology, ornithology, ecology, geology, glaciology, conservation and environmental education, history and photography. Collectively these experiences make them exceptionally well-suited to lead your Expedition to Antarctica. You will gain a unique insight on this majestic part of the world as they share their knowledge and answer questions.



WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

The unique international Antarctic Treaty protects the wildlife and natural habitats of Antarctica and provides a guide for visitors to this continent where no country has sovereignty. To protect the fragile Antarctic environment, all visitors will go ashore in small groups, so as not to crowd rookeries, disturb nesting sites or disrupt research. Visitors will be asked not to leave a trace of their presence, by not removing or leaving anything ashore.



14 DAY ITINERARY

- 1** Depart the U.S. or Canada
- 2-3** Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 4** Buenos Aires/Fly to Ushuaia/
Embark LAUSTRAL
- 5-6** Cruising the Drake Passage
- 7** Port Lockroy/Jougla Point
- 8** Petermann Island/
Lemaire Channel
- 9** Neko Harbor/
Paradise Harbor
- 10** Deception Island/
South Shetlands Islands
Half Moon Island
- 11** Cruising the Weddell Sea
- 12** Cruising the Antarctic
Convergence/Beagle Channel/
Ushuaia, Argentina
- 13** Ushuaia/Disembark ship/Fly to
Buenos Aires/Depart
for the U.S. or Canada
- 14** Arrive in the U.S. or Canada

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Take in spectacular views of the Antarctic landscape its unique wilderness

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Dear VMFA Members:

“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...” Be among the fortunate few to set foot on the continent of Antarctica. During this extraordinary 14-day journey to the bottom of the world, retrace sea lanes navigated by storied explorers Shackleton, Roald Amundsen and Robert Falcon Scott, inspired to seek out “The White Continent.” See how spectacular illuminations of this last frontier reveal the majesty and contrasts of its unique wilderness.

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 swim among turquoise glaciers and glimmering icebergs.

Cruise for nine nights aboard the exclusively chartered LAUSTRAL—both Five-Star and ice-class rated—and one of the ships within the finest fleet plying Antarctic waters. All accommodations afford ocean views and 95 percent feature private balconies. LAUSTRAL’s state-of-the-art technology and design set high standards in environmental protection and comfort.

Your onboard team of naturalists will guide excursions aboard sturdy Zodiac craft as you explore amid floating ice sculptures, intricate ecosystems and abundant wildlife species that have adapted to the harshest weather conditions on Earth—including penguins and seals that exhibit little or no fear of humans. A comprehensive schedule of exclusive and specially arranged lectures will complete your optimal Antarctic adventure.

We invite you on this expedition of a lifetime with all excursions included and complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages served on board. VMFA is proud to be sharing this departure with travelers from Dartmouth College, Tufts University and other fine organizations. This exceptional program provides the best Antarctic cruise value and sells out quickly, so make your reservation today.

Sincerely,

Adele “Hutch” Livingston
VMFA Coordinator of Member Travel

The safety and well-being of our travelers remains our highest priority. Cruise lines and some other providers of services (as well as, potentially, some countries) require all passengers traveling on our programs to present confirmation of a full COVID-19 vaccination, and, as well, passengers may have to produce evidence of a recent negative COVID test. All our staff are committed to adhering to all health and safety protocols from the start of your trip to the end as directed by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, overseas health officials as well as those protocols mandated by your cruise company (if applicable) and other suppliers of services. Detailed protocol information tailored to your travel program will be mailed to you along with additional pre-departure information.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Antarctic Exploration



Legendary explorers and aviators

ushered in the Heroic Age of Antarctic Exploration with gripping tales of their journeys, spearheading technological advances that laid the foundations for the mechanical age of discovery. Admiral Richard Evelyn Byrd accomplished the first flight over the South Pole during the U.S. expedition of 1928-30 utilizing groundbreaking navigational technology. His subsequent expeditions to Antarctica would greatly advance polar research and mapping of the continent. As one of the most remote regions left in the world, Antarctica retains the mystique of nature in its most pristine form.





DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

U.S. or Canada Day 1

Depart home city.

Buenos Aires, Argentina Day 2

Arrive in Buenos Aires and check into the Five-Star INTERCONTINENTAL BUENOS AIRES HOTEL, located in the historical San Telmo neighborhood within walking distance of the landmark Palace of the Argentine National Congress.

This evening, attend the Welcome Reception.



Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires Day 3

Buenos Aires is a city of diverse *barrios* (neighborhoods). See the colorful La Boca district, Monserrat's grand public buildings, historical 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 historical Recoleta Cemetery, famous for its ornate vaults and sculptures and as the final resting place of the legendary Eva Perón, the former First Lady of Argentina.

Buenos Aires/Ushuaia Day 4

Fly to Ushuaia and embark the ship. This afternoon, cruise Beagle Channel, named for the ship that carried Charles Darwin on his South American voyages.

Attend the Captain's Welcome Reception this evening.

Cruising the Drake Passage Day 5 and Day 6

Cross the Drake Passage and, upon reaching the Antarctic Convergence, watch for breaching humpback whales and seabirds feeding on plankton and krill. Your expedition team will prepare you for your first landing in Antarctica. During the evening, enjoy the twilight of the Antarctic summer.

Port Lockroy/ Jougla Point Day 7

Visit Port Lockroy, built as a British intelligence port during World War II, then converted into a whaling station and scientific base. Observe the daily activities of past researchers at the living museum known as "Base A" and mail a postcard with an Antarctica postmark from the official British Post Office.

Jougla Point on Wiencke Island offers a rare opportunity to view the skeletal remains of an adult blue whale and view populous colonies of gentoo penguins and kelp gulls that inhabit the region.

Petermann Island/ Lemaire Channel Day 8

Call at Petermann Island and watch its rookeries of Adélie and gentoo penguins and blue-eye shags.

Flanked by towering glacial cliffs between the Antarctic Peninsula and Booth Island, cruise through the Lemaire Channel, where seven miles of mountains and interweaving patterns of ice floes brim with wildlife.

Neko Harbor/ Paradise Harbor Day 9

Listen for the low rumbling of Rudolf Glacier as it calves slabs of ice into Neko Harbor for a continental landing. Surrounded by soaring glaciers and snow-covered mountains, this spectacular harbor is one of the most dramatic sights on your expedition.

In Paradise Harbor, 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, South Shetland Islands/ Half Moon Island Day 10

Deception Island encircles the Port Foster caldera. In Pendulum Cove, see the geothermally heated shallows.

The crescent-shaped Half Moon Island is known for its volcanic rock formations and tranquil lagoons. It houses Cámara Station, a base monitored by Argentine biologists studying regional wildlife. Here, observe the island's colony of chinstrap penguins.

Attend the Captain's Farewell Reception.



Day at Wendell Sea Day 11

Cruise below the 60th parallel south to the outer shores of the Antarctic Peninsula, Earth's last frontier. Witness towering mountains of ice and volcanic rock create precipitous coastlines and islands. 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 historic outposts, captures the nuance of Earth's most inaccessible continent for the complete Antarctic experience.

Cruising the Antarctic Convergence/ Beagle Channel/ Ushuaia, Argentina Day 12

Cross the Antarctic Convergence and the Drake Passage. The crossing is completed with the rounding of Cape Horn; the graveyard of hundreds of ships

that once battled the westerly winds. Here, the ship will go East then turn north toward Beagle Channel back to Ushuaia.

Ushuaia/Buenos Aires Day 13

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 home city.

U.S. or Canada Day 14

Arrive in home city.



Chinstrap Penguins

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Elegant Suites and Staterooms—95% Include Private Balconies

Each of the 110 Five-Star Staterooms and Suites (up to 484 square feet) features an ocean view and most have a private balcony. All accommodations feature individual climate control, two twin beds or one queen bed, a private bathroom with shower and luxury hotel-style hotel amenities, including a flat-screen television, a safe, a full-length closet, plush robes and slippers.



Category	LAND/CRUISE TARIFF <small>excluding taxes</small> <i>Per person, based on double occupancy</i>	Early Booking Tariff through June 13, 2022	Tariff after June 13, 2022
5	Superior Stateroom, expansive sliding glass door, private, partial-wall balcony. Deck 3, Calicut (limited availability)	\$9995	\$11495
4	Deluxe Stateroom, expansive sliding glass door, private balcony . Deck 3, Calicut.	\$11295	\$12995
3	Prestige Stateroom, expansive sliding glass door, private, partial-wall balcony. Deck 4, Chandernagor.	\$12795	\$14695
2	Prestige Stateroom, sliding glass door, private balcony , shower or tub/shower. Deck 5, Bengale.	\$13995	\$16095
1	Prestige Stateroom, sliding glass door, private balcony , shower or tub/shower. Deck 6, Mahé.	\$14995	\$17245
Deluxe Suite	Expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony , tub/shower, sitting area with sofa. Deck 6, Mahé. (limited availability)	\$15695	\$18045
Prestige 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)	\$15995	\$18395
Prestige Suite I	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)	\$16595	\$19085
Owner's Suite	One bedroom, sitting room with sofa, table and four chairs, expansive sliding glass doors, larger private balcony , one and a half bathrooms, separate tub and shower. Deck 6, Mahé. (limited availability)	\$17495	\$19995

Single supplements apply across all categories at 160% of the per person double price.

Round-trip airfare Buenos Aires/Ushuaia (internal program air) is an additional \$765 per person.

Taxes are an additional \$580 per person.

L'AUSTRAL has been specially contracted for this program and the deck plan is available online or at request from Gohagan & Company.



POST-PROGRAM OPTION

Iguazú Falls

January 29 to February 2, 2023

The UNESCO World Heritage site of Iguazú Falls, among the world's most spectacular natural wonders, is situated in one of South America's last remaining virgin rainforests. Spanning nearly two miles along the Argentinian border of Brazil, with more than 275 waterfalls cascading from heights of 270 feet, Iguazú Falls is three times as wide and nearly twice as high as Niagara Falls. Visit Parque das Aves jungle reserve, a nature lover's paradise, home to more than 350 species of birds, 66 varieties of mammals and an outstanding 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 FALLS. Buenos Aires/Iguazú round-trip airfare is included.

Price per person, based on double occupancy:

Jungle View \$1695

Falls View \$1795

Price per person, based on single occupancy:

Jungle View \$2195

Falls View \$2395

Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

RESERVATION FORM

Send to: Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
c/o Gohagan & Company
209 South LaSalle Street, Suite 500
Chicago, Illinois 60604-1446 028-01/17/23-346

Please make my/our reservation(s):

Category: **1st Choice** _____ **2nd Choice** _____

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

Iguazu Falls Post-Program Option

January 29 to February 2, 2022

Jungle View

- Double \$1695 per person.
 Single \$2195 per person.
 I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

Falls View

- Double \$1795 per person.
 Single \$2395 per person.
 I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

I/We want you to book my/our air from:

(fill in departure city)

I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.

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Title Full Name

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First participant's signature Date

Second participant's signature Date

FINAL PAYMENT due October 14, 2022; make by check, ACH or credit card. Reservations made after October 14, 2022, require payment in full at time of booking. No cancellation fees until 95 days prior to January 17, 2023!

Requirement: VMFA travel opportunities are open to all members of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.
For additional information about joining the museum, please call 804-340-1519.

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