

TRAVELS 8

WONDERS OF CHILE AND ARGENTINA

With **Jim Costa**, Associate of Harvard's Museum of Comparative Zoology

October 8-20, 2016

Harvard Study Leader

Jim Costa is an all-around field naturalist who has studied insect ecology and behavior from the Great Smoky Mountains of North Carolina to southern Mexico, Costa Rica, and the Galápagos Islands. A long-time research associate of the Department of Entomology in the Museum of Comparative Zoology, Jim is the author of numerous scientific research papers, including The Other Insect Societies (Harvard University Press, 2006). Over the past dozen years, Jim's research and writing have largely focused on Darwin, Wallace, and other explorer-naturalists in the history of evolutionary biology. In 2009 HUP published The Annotated Origin, Jim's annotated edition of On the Origin of Species, designed to guide readers through the historical context, structure, and content of Darwin's masterwork. His most recent books — On the Organic Law of Change (Harvard, 2013) and Wallace, Darwin, and the Origin of Species (Harvard, 2014) — pay homage to Alfred Russel Wallace, renowned scientific traveler, founder of evolutionary biogeography, and co-discoverer with Darwin of the principle of natural selection.



Jim has also held fellowships-in-residence at Harvard's Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study (2004-2005) and the Berlin Institute for Advanced Study in Germany (2012-2013). He teaches biogeography and the history of evolutionary biology, lectures widely in the US and Europe, is a regular travel program leader for the Harvard Museums of Science and Culture, and for many years co-instructed Harvard's Darwin summer program at the University of Oxford.

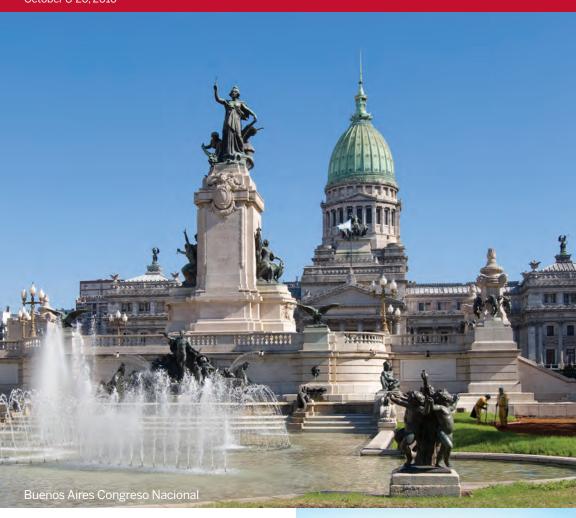
On this program Costa's lecture topics will include South American geology, biogeography and evolution, and Darwin's explorations in Chile and Argentina.

WHAT TO EXPECT

This exclusive expedition is designed for Harvard alumni and friends who are interested in learning about the history, culture, and superb natural areas of Chile, Argentina and the Iguazú Falls area bordering Argentina and Brazil. This is a moderately active program. Some walks area are approximately one mile long (sometimes over uneven terrain); walks can be longer at the participant's discretion. Typically, the weather is warm in Santiago (approx. 72° F at noon) and in Buenos Aires (approx. 70°-73° F daytime). The weather in the Lake

District region of Chile and Argentina is cooler with temperatures averaging between 57° F during the day and 40's in the evening. In Iguazú Falls, the weather is tropical and rain is not uncommon; expect temperatures to be between 75°-85° F. In order to enjoy this trip, a spirit of adventure and anticipation, and the desire to explore spectacular natural areas are musts. Travel is by regular scheduled jet aircraft, boat, and motor coach. There are no altitude issues on this trip.





Experience an enriching journey through the geographical diversity of Chile and Argentina while staying at exquisite five-star accommodations. Beyond their cosmopolitan capitals, Santiago and Buenos Aires, visit spectacular Andean peaks, azure lakes, a penguin colony in Chiloé Island, and the thundering waters of Iguazú Falls. Begin in Santiago where you'll savor Chile's wines and learn more about Chilean cuisine during an exclusive visit to a family vineyard. Next, travel to the Lake District and sail from Chile to Argentina aboard a private charter boat, stopping to explore Victoria Island in Nahuel Huapi National Park, nestled among snowcapped mountains. In the Swiss-like town of Bariloche, enjoy a private session with a local brewmaster. Feel the power of majestic Iguazú Falls from both the Argentine and Brazilian sides during a two-night stay at the Belmond Hotel overlooking the falls. Catch the spirit of Buenos Aires, the "Paris of South America," at a private tango lesson and demonstration by the dancers of the amazing Rojo Tango and tour the city's diverse neighborhoods. A pre-trip to Easter Island and its mysterious moai statues is offered for those wishing to explore another wonder of the world.





Saturday, Oct. 8 & Sunday, Oct. 9

U.S. | Santiago, Chile

Arrive on an overnight flight from the U.S. to Santiago, the charming capital city of Chile, then head to your hotel and enjoy an early checkin. This afternoon, enjoy a tour of the Chilean Museum of Pre-Columbian Art. In the early evening, gather for a welcome dinner and briefing. The Ritz-Carlton, Santiago (D)

Monday, October 10

Santiago | Taste the Renowned Fruit of Chile's Vines

This morning, embark on a city tour. Drive to the Mercado Central to view this colorful local marketplace before taking a short walk to Plaza de Armas, the city's most famous square. Gaze at the beautiful surrounding buildings, including the impressive Metropolitan Cathedral. View the Palacio de La Moneda, seat of the president of the Republic of Chile. Next, depart Santiago for a look at the local wine district. Visit an acclaimed family-owned winery for a private sampling and learn about Chilean cuisine from a local chef on a chef's table experience. After lunch, return to your luxurious hotel where your evening is at leisure.

The Ritz-Carlton, Santiago (B,L)

Tuesday, October 11

Santiago I Puerto Montt I Puerto Varas

After an early breakfast, fly to Puerto Montt, starting point for the gorgeous Chilean Lake District. Journey overland to Frutillar, a charming village established by Chile's first German settlers. Tour the German Colonial Museum with its exhibition of a settler's house and possessions dating to the 1850s. Next, transfer to Puerto Varas, a town that also exemplifies the German influence in this part of Chile, with its architecture reminiscent of the Black Forest and traditional German cuisine. After a light lunch at a local restaurant, continue to Vicente Pérez Rosales National Park to visit Petrohué Falls and view its aquamarine rapids plunging over black volcanic rocks. By late afternoon, arrive at your hotel, situated on the shores of Lake Llanquihue overlooking Osorno Volcano.

Cumbres Puerto Varas (B,L,D)

Wednesday, October 12

Puerto Varas | Chiloé Island

This morning, travel to Pargua Bay via a local ferryboat to San Antonio de Chacao, a colorful village on Chiloé Island settled by the Spanish in 1565. Next, drive along rural roads to the town of Caulin for a tasting of its exceptional local oysters. Proceed to Puñihuil, a fishing village with a beautiful beach for watching Magellanic and Humboldt penguins as well as a wide variety of sea birds and marine mammals, such as dolphins and sea otters, as they cavort around four islets that form a national monument. Enjoy a lunch of delightful regional dishes at a local restaurant before returning to Puerto Varas.

Cumbres Puerto Varas (B,L)



Thursday, October 13

Puerto Varas | Lake Crossing to Bariloche, Argentina

Begin your full-day journey through the Lake District to Barlioche, Argentina, rewarded by panoramic views of deep blue mountain lakes, snow-capped volcanoes, and ancient forests. Embark on a private cruise on Lake Nahuel Huapi and sail through its captivating scenery. Stop at Victoria Island, part of Nahuel Huapi National Park, for a walk in a Patagonian paradise. The island is home to the petite pudu deerinspiration for Walt Disney's Bambi. Arrive in picturesque Bariloche for a delightful two-night stay. Llao Llao Hotel & Resort (B,PL,D)

Friday, October 14

Bariloche | A Visit to "Little Switzerland"

Tour this postcard-perfect alpine region many call "Little Switzerland." Hike the surrounding scenic woodlands, then visit a local brewery. Meet the brewmaster and enjoy a tasting of his hand-crafted creations on a memorable artisan visit. This afternoon, drive to Playa Serena to toast the sunset. This evening is at your leisure to enjoy the exquisite surrounding of the Llao Llao. Llao Hotel & Resort (B,L)



Saturday, October 15

Bariloche | Iguazú Falls | A Walk Above the Devil's Throat

Fly to Iguazú Falls and visit them on the Argentine side. Bordering Brazil and Argentina, the falls are one of the most impressive sights in the world, with a breathtaking 275 cascades spread across a gulf of nearly two miles. Board a train shuttle to the Cataratas Station, disembarking to walk paths that lead along and above the spectacular falls. Beautiful flowers, ferns, tropical plants, butterflies and exotic birds add to the exciting experience. Board another train shuttle to the "Devil's Throat," then walk onto a catwalk that extends 1,300 yards over the lush tropical basin of Devil's Gorge. Belmond Hotel das Cataratas (B,D)

Sunday, October 16

Iguazú Falls | Up Close to the Powerful Cascades

Explore the Brazilian side of the falls, walking with your guide through Iguazú National Park to experience the incredible power of millions of gallons of falling water as you move within arm's length of the rumbling cataracts. Then, climb a wooden staircase to see the falls from the top.

Belmond Hotel das Cataratas (B,L,D)

Monday, October 17

Iguazú Falls I Buenos Aires

After a leisurely breakfast, fly to Buenos Aires, Argentina's remarkable capital, and check in to your hotel. This afternoon, embark on a walking tour of this decidedly European-style city. Later, enjoy a private tango demonstration and lesson from performers at the famed Rojo Tango, followed by a thrilling tango performance and dinner at the Rojo Tango cabaret. Four Seasons Hotel Buenos Aires (B,D)

Tuesday, October 18

Buenos Aires | Echoes of Evita

This morning, explore cosmopolitan Buenos Aires on a city tour that includes the beautiful parks of Palermo, the old quarters of San Telmo, the colorful La Boca district and La Bombonera stadium, and some landmarks connected to the "Peronismo" legacy. After a light lunch at a traditional local café, visit the fascinating Recoleta Cemetery, gravesite of Eva Perón, Argentina's beloved and controversial former first lady, who left behind a legacy of social justice. Tonight, gather for your festive farewell dinner. Four Seasons Hotel Buenos Aires (B,L,D)

Wednesday, October 19

Buenos Aires | U.S.

This morning, visit the beautiful Teatro Colón, an opera house world renowned for its acoustics. Stop for a farewell lunch, then enjoy a late checkout on your final afternoon here before your evening airport transfer and your flight home.

(B,L)

Thursday, October 20

Arrive in U.S.

Arrive in the U.S. and transfer to flights home.

B=Breakfast, L=Lunch,
PL=Picnic Lunch, D=Dinner

HIGHLIGHTS

- Cross the Andes, see two great Latin American cities: Santiago and Buenos Aires, and gaze on wondrous Iguazú Falls.
- **Savor** Chile's exquisite wines and learn more about Chilean cuisine in a chef's table culinary experience during an exclusive visit to a family vineyard.
- Catch the spirit of Buenos Aires at a private tango demonstration and lesson by the dancers of the amazing Rojo Tango.
- **Enjoy** the picturesque Lake District and meet a local fisherman to sample his harvest of fresh oysters.
- Stay at the legendary Llao Llao Hotel in Bariloche, the Ritz in Santiago, the Belmond Hotel in Iguazú, and the Four Seasons in Buenos Aires.
- Cruise from Chile to Argentina aboard a private charter boat, stopping to explore Victoria Island in Nahuel Huapi National Park.
- Sample the historic flavors of Bariloche at a private session with a local brewmaster.
- Feel the power of majestic Iguazú Falls from both the Argentine and Brazilian sides during your twonight stay.

Optional Pre-Trip Extension Easter Island

October 3-9, 2016

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. The island's history is as intriguing as its natural beauty, for here is a remarkable, barely understood outdoor museum that has gripped the world's imagination for centuries. Hundreds of moai, tight-lipped basalt statues unique in the whole of Oceania, are scattered throughout the island. Accommodations on Easter Island are the Hotel Hangaroa Eco Village and Spa, which offers a truly high-end accommodation. The extension includes two nights at the Ritz-Carlton in Santiago and three nights at Hotel Hangaroa on Easter Island, all excursions, breakfast at the Ritz, all breakfasts and two lunches while on Easter Island, transfers, guides, and gratuities to staff at Easter Island. Airfare to Easter Island is not included.





PROGRAM COST:

Per person, double occupancy \$11,895 Per person, single occupancy \$14,345

Optional Pre-Tour Extension: EASTER ISLAND October 3-9, 2016

Per person, double occupancy \$2,995 Per person, single occupancy \$3,880

SAMPLE AIRFARE:

JFK/Santiago/Buenos Aires/JFK \$1,395 per person (as of December 2015 and subject to change)

Easter Island \$550 per person (as of December 2015, not included and subject to change)

GENERAL INFORMATION:

PROGRAM COST INCLUDES: Accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary • All land transportation • Three in-tour flights from: Santiago to Puerto Montt, Bariloche to Iguazú Falls and Iguazú Falls 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 manager throughout • Airport transfers for group flights • Domestic airport departure taxes • Entrance fees • Baggage handling • Gratuities to guides and drivers • Pre-departure information • \$200,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance.

PROGRAM COST DOES NOT INCLUDE: US domestic and international airfare • Airfare to Easter Island on the Pre-Trip Extension • Passport and Brazilian Visa Fees (our hotel in Iguazú Falls is located on the Brazilian side of the falls) • Reciprocity fee for Argentina • Meals not specified in the itinerary • Personal items such as laundry, minibar, fax or telephone calls • Liquor not included with meals • Room service • Excess baggage charges • Private transfers • Medical expenses • Travel insurance • Optional extensions or 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.

RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS & FINAL PAYMENT: To reserve your space on this program, a \$1,000 deposit and a \$200 deposit for the optional pre-trip extension to Easter Island, if applicable is required per person. Please either call us at 800-422-1636 or 617-496-0806 or fill out and mail or fax the registration form. Deposits may be charged to a credit card. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt. Final payment is due June 30, 2016 and must be paid by check. Royal Adventures handles all invoicing. CST #2009579-40

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