Total Solar Eclipse in Antarctica 2021
on L’Austral
November 27-December 10, 2021
with Elsie Sunderland, Gordon McKay Professor of Environmental Chemistry
Don’t miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience Earth’s most wondrous cosmic event in pristine Antarctica. From aboard the exclusively chartered, five-star L’Austral, be among the privileged few to witness the total solar eclipse from the Weddell Sea on December 4, 2021. Your ice-class ship will be positioned in the path of totality, revealing the spectral glow of the corona for nearly two minutes, an evocative moment for both umbraphiles and first-time observers. Cruise for 10 nights to the unspoiled wonders of “The White Continent” to enjoy fantastically shaped icebergs, sparkling turquoise glaciers, bustling penguin rookeries, and awe-inspiring whales. Accompanied by the ship’s expert team of naturalists, board sturdy Zodiac watercraft for excursions ashore and to observe Antarctica’s abundant marine wildlife. Spend one night in cosmopolitan Buenos Aires, Argentina. Extend your journey with the Buenos Aires Pre-Program and Iguazu Falls Post Program Options.

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A LITTLE MORE TO IT

This is an expedition-type cruise involving shore landings by rubber Zodiac boats. Participants must be able to get in and out of the Zodias with minimal assistance. While ashore in Antarctica, the excursions involve a fair amount of walking over rocky, uneven, and sometimes steep terrain. Please be aware that crossing the Drake Passage can be rough and unpredictable. Because of the remoteness of the destination and an absence of shore-side facilities for medical treatment, each participant must have a health statement signed by a physician verifying they are in very good physical condition in order to participate.
In 1916, Shackleton’s 28-man crew sought refuge for 137 days on Elephant Island after their sailing ship *Endurance* was lost to Weddell Sea pack ice.

**Schedule by Day**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

U.S.

Depart the U.S.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

Buenos Aires, Argentina

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.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

Buenos Aires/Ushuaia

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. (B,R,D)

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

**Cruising Antarctica**

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.

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 Zodiaks 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 playful antics of Adélie penguins, the smallest penguin species, known for their feisty spirit and puckish behavior when confronted by predator seals and seabirds.

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What is Included:

- Flights round trip Buenos Aires / Ushuaia
- One night in the five-star InterContinental Buenos Aires Hotel
- Ten nights on board the exclusively chartered, five-star, ice-class L’Austral
- Elegantly appointed, five-star suite or stateroom
- Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise
- Complimentary Wi-Fi access (conditions permitting)
- Expert insights from Elsie Sunderland and Richard Binzel
- All activities, excursions, entrance fees, and meals per detailed itinerary
- Taxes and gratuities to ship personnel, guides, and drivers
- Exploration by Zodiac landing craft, accompanied by an expert naturalist guide from the Expedition Team
- Eclipse viewing glasses
- Services of a tour manager throughout the program
- Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s)
- $200,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance
- Souvenir polar-grade red parka

Prepare to experience 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 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. 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. (7B,7L,7D)

Wednesday, December 8
Cruising the Drake Passage/ Ushuaia, Argentina
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. (B,L,D)

Thursday, December 9
Ushuaia/Buenos Aires
Disembark in Ushuaia and fly to Buenos Aires. Continue on the Iguazu Falls Post-Program Option with an overnight stay in Buenos Aires or depart for the U.S. (B)

Friday, December 10
U.S.
Arrive in the U.S.

Watch for theatrical humpback whales, known to spy-hop, breach, roll and fluke within feet of passing Zodiaks.
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.

PLEASE NOTE: While the eclipse itself is guaranteed, the viewing of the eclipse is dependent on the conditions of the weather and the sea. Expedition staff will do everything they can to ensure an optimal viewing experience but cannot jeopardize the safety of passengers or the return schedule of the ship.

Buenos Aires
PRE-PROGRAM OPTION
$645 per person, double occupancy
$845 per person, single occupancy
Cosmopolitan Buenos Aires, birthplace of the tango, is a city of 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.

Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Iguazú Falls
POST-PROGRAM OPTION
Jungle-view room:
$2,295 per person, double occupancy
$2,995 per person, single occupancy
Falls-view room:
$2,445 per person, double occupancy
$3,245 per person, single occupancy
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. 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.

Trip Sampling
LAND & RAIL
Village Life in Dordogne
MAY 14–22, 2020

CRUISES
Expedition To Antarctica On Le BoreàL
JAN 15–28, 2020
James Salzman

Southern Africa Adventure on Zambezi Queen
MARCH 12 – 28, 2020
Leeanne & Alfonso Alonso

Ancient Empires: Rome to Malta on Le Bougainville
MAY 24–JUN 1, 2020
Daniel Donoghue

Scottish Isles & Norway’s Fjords on Le Champlain
MAY 30–JUN 7, 2020
Lizabeth Cohen & Herrick Chapman

Cruising Alaska’s Glaciers & The Inside Passage on Le SoleàL
JUL 29-AUG 5, 2020
Harvey Fineberg & Mary Wilson

Trade Routes of Coastal Iberia on Le Jacques Cartier
OCT 3–11, 2020
Allen Callahan

Island Life: Greek Islands on Le Bougainville
OCT 8-16, 2020

RIVERS & LAKES
Springtime In Provence & Burgandy (Lyon to Arles) on AmaDeus Provence
MAY 6-14, 2020
Sue Schopf

Passage of The Danube River on AmaDeus Silver II (Featuring Bavaria & The Oberammergau Passion Play)
JUN 21-JUL 1, 2020

Great Journey Through Europe: The Rhine River and Switzerland
JUL 17–27, 2020
Christie Macdonald

Danube River: Vienna To The Black Sea on AmaDeus Queen
OCT 4–16, 2020
Thomas Forrest Kelly

FAMILY ADVENTURES:
Egypt & The Nile (A Family Adventure) on Sanctuary Nile Adventurer
DEC 27, 2019 – JAN 6, 2020
Missy Holbrook

Greece Family Odyssey: The Peloponnese on Running on Waves
JUN 18–27, 2020
James Simpson
**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.

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**Rates Per Person**

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*Prestige Suites I and II, capacities to be advised.*

Indicates one fixed queen bed.

Taxes, gratuities to ship personnel, and flights from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia with return to Buenos Aires are included.
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Please return this form by mail to: Harvard Alumni Travels
124 Mount Auburn Street, 6th Floor, Cambridge, MA 02138
Or by FAX: 617-496-4011
Please call with any questions: 800-422-1636 or 617-496-0806

How did you hear about this trip?

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