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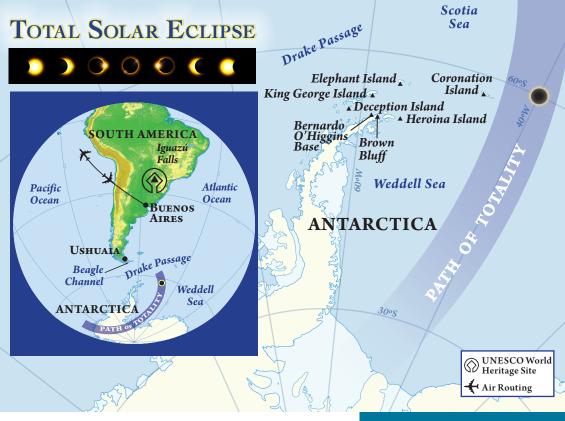
# **Total Solar Eclipse in Antarctica 2021**

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 Iguazú Falls Post Program Options.

# Activity Level 3: (4) (1) (2)









#### 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 Zodiacs 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.

# Study Leaders



Elsie M. **Sunderland** is the Gordon McKay Professor of Environmental Chemistry at the

Harvard John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences and in the Department of Environmental Health in the Harvard School of Public Health. She is a faculty associate in the Harvard University Center for the Environment and the Harvard Center for Risk Analysis, and the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences. Her research focuses on how biogeochemical processes affect the fate, transport, and food web bioaccumulation of trace metals and organic chemicals. She is currently developing models at a variety of scales, ranging from ecosystems to global applications, to help characterize the impacts of past and future changes in climate and environmental releases of contaminants on human and ecological health. Her lecture topics will be announced closer to departure.



Enjoy 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.



In 1916, Shackleton's 28-man crew sought ref after their sailing ship Endurance was lost to

# 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 the Drake Passage

Cross the legendary Drake Passage and, upon reaching the Antarctic Convergence, watch for seabirds and breaching humpback whales feeding on plankton and krill brought to the surface by cold Antarctic currents merging with the 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. (B,L,D)

Please note that the ship's cruising pattern and positionings are dependent on weather, ice and sea conditions and are subject to change.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1 TO

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

# **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 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 Sheckleton 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



uge for 137 days on Elephant Island Weddell Sea pack ice.

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**,



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

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 Iguazú 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.

# 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



Experience Antarctica's rarefied landscapes and signature wildlife through the unique prism of a solar eclipse.



Enjoy the rare phenomenon of sailing directly into the center of a flooded volcanic crater at Deception Island.

# **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.

# **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

lungle-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.

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.

# Trip Sampling

# **LAND & RAIL**

Village Life in Dordogne MAY 14-22, 2020

#### **CRUISES**

**Expedition To Antarctica On LE BORÉAL** 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 Soléal 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





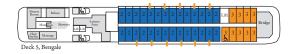


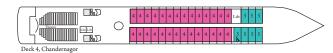


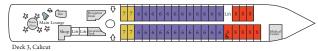
# MS I 'AUSTRAL











\*Prestige Suites I and II, capacities to be advised. Indicates one fixed queen bed

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 gueen bed, a private bathroom with shower and luxurious hotel amenities, including flat-screen television, a safe, full-length closet, plush robes, and slippers.

# Rates Per Person

BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

CATEGORY/DECK

#### \$14,095 **CATEGORY 8**

One large window. Deck 3, Calicut, forward. (limited availability)

#### **CATEGORY 7**

Small window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. Deck 3, Calicut, aft. (limited availability)

#### **CATEGORY 6**

Small window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. Deck 3, Calicut, midship. Single Pricing: \$27,595

#### **CATEGORY 5**

\$17.095

Expansive sliding glass door, private, partial-wall balcony. Deck 4, Chandernagor, forward. (limited availability)

**CATEGORY 4** 

Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 4, Chandernagor, midship.

#### **CATEGORY 3**

\$18.495

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Single Pricing: \$30,095

Expansive sliding glass door, private, partial-wall balcony. Deck 5, Bengale, forward.

#### Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony.

Deck 5, Bengale, midship.

#### **CATEGORY 1**

**CATEGORY 2** 

\$19,395

Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 6, Mahé.

#### **DELUXE SUITE** \$19.795

Expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, sitting area with sofa. Deck 6, Mahé. (limited availability)

# PRESTIGE SUITE II\*

Two rooms, expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, two bathrooms, large sitting area with sofa, two closets. Deck 5, Bengale. (limited availability)

#### PRESTIGE SUITE I\* \$20,995

Two rooms, expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, two bathrooms, large sitting area with sofa, two closets. Deck 6, Mahé. (limited availability)

#### **OWNER'S SUITE**

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

Taxes, gratuities to ship personnel, and flights from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia with return to Buenos Aires are included

# Terms & Conditions

#### TOUR COST INCLUSIONS:

Taxes; internal program air; all transfers and luggage handling abroad for all participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s); all activities, excursions, entrance fees, accommodation, and meals per detailed itinerary; complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages throughout the cruise; gratuities to ship personnel, local guides, and drivers; tour manager throughout; \$200,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance.

#### TOUR COST EXCLUSIONS:

International airfare from the U.S.: baggage charges on aircraft; local departure air taxes; associated local taxes, airport facility taxes and federal inspection fees not listed in the "Inclusions" section; transfers and baggage handling to/from airport on day(s) of arrival and/or departure if you are arriving earlier or later than and/or departing earlier or later than the scheduled group transfer(s); passport fees; visas and fees for obtaining visas; personal expenses such as laundry telephone calls, and Internet access unless otherwise specified; accident/sickness, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; gratuities to hotel personnel: optional sightseeing excursions; meals and alcoholic beverages not listed in the "Inclusions" section; and all other services not specifically mentioned in the "Inclusions" section

RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS, & FINAL PAYMENT: Program

reservations require deposits and payments as follows: Initial deposit: \$1,500 per person; Second deposit: of \$2000 additional per person due February 1, 2020; Third deposit: of \$3500 additional per person due December 1, 2020; Buenos Aires Pre-Program Option deposit: \$200 per person; Iguazú Falls Post-Program Option deposit: \$200 per person; Final Payment for travel program and Pre/Post option(s) is due May 30, 2021. Please either call us at 800-422-1636 or 617-496-0806 or fill out and mail or fax the registration form found in the back of this brochure. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt until the maximum enrollment has been reached. Deposits may be made by check, payable to Harvard Alumni Association, or with a major credit card. Final payment, payable by check, is due 180 days before departure.

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NOTE: If your cancelled cabin can

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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

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