Cruising Patagonia's Chilean Fjords

Cape Horn • Magnificent Glacier Alley • Beagle Channel • Strait of Magellan
• Torres del Paine National Park • Santiago • Buenos Aires

with an opportunity to visit Easter Island

November 3 to 16, 2015
Dear Syracuse University Alumni and Friends:

“It is scarcely possible to imagine anything more beautiful than the beryl-like blue of these glaciers,” wrote Charles Darwin, awestruck by the unique iridescent blue-green ice while cruising southern Argentina and Chile in 1833. From the legendary Tierra del Fuego archipelago to glacier-studded fjords and sweeping pampas grassland, you too can experience the extremes and contrasts of this breathtaking tip of South America—Patagonia—which crosses the Andes from the Pacific to the Atlantic.

On this exclusive land and sea journey of unforgettable inspiration, retrace the travels of Darwin and Ferdinand Magellan in southern Chile, a wild landscape still virtually untouched even more than a century after the first European settlers. Discover extraordinary places from Santiago to the awe-inspiring diversity of Patagonia, through magnificent Glacier Alley to the tip of Cape Horn, the “edge of the world.”

In the bustling, cosmopolitan city of Santiago and the Patagonian gateway city of Punta Arenas, experience a unique mix of native and European cultures and architectural styles. Visit an award-winning winery in Santiago, enjoy stunning views of the snowcapped Andes Mountains and walk the Plaza de Armas and its 19th-century mansion-lined square in Punta Arenas. Travel into the vast expanse of Patagonia to see sparkling glaciers, unique wildlife and the iconic mountains in Torres del Paine National Park.

Follow in the wake of Darwin and HMS Beagle, aboard the expedition ship M.V. VIA AUSTRALIS, designed specifically for cruising the historic and spectacular waterways of southern Patagonia, where the mountains meet the ocean. Rivaling those of Norway and Alaska, the Chilean fjords offer, among their hidden islands and narrow channels, some of the world’s best viewing of tidewater glaciers, subantarctic woodlands and marine wildlife—Andean condors, humpback whales, Peale’s dolphins and rare Chilean dolphins. It is also a region rich in history, and you will cruise through two of the most significant passages in world exploration—Beagle Channel and the Strait of Magellan. An onboard team of multilingual expert naturalists will enrich your expedition with their in-depth knowledge of the region’s history, natural wonders and wildlife. The ship is equipped with Zodiac landing craft for excursions to see glaciers up close as they crack and calve; observe the unique local wildlife, including Magellanic penguins, elephant seals and cormorants; and see traces of the Yámanas, the original settlers of Wulaia Bay.

Join us for this incredible voyage of a lifetime to the southern edges of the world. Space is limited and I encourage you to book now while Early Booking Savings and space are still available.

Sincerely,

Tina Casella ’94, G’04
Director of Alumni Tours
While sailing toward Indonesia’s fabled Spice Islands in 1520, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan discovered what would later become known as the Strait of Magellan. Along the south side of the strait, amid the world’s southernmost forests, smoke rose from numerous native Selk’nam campfires, and so Magellan initially named this island Tierra del Humo, “land of smoke,” which Spain’s King Charles V changed to the more poetic Tierra del Fuego, “land of fire.” The northern side came to be known as Patagonia, “land of giants,” for the mythically tall indigenous inhabitants Magellan and his men encountered. Three centuries later, HMS Beagle became the first ship to completely sail east to west through its namesake channel, which separates the main island of Tierra del Fuego from the smaller islands that stretch down to Cape Horn. This was the Beagle’s second voyage to Patagonia, now under the command of Admiral Robert FitzRoy and with young naturalist Charles Darwin on board. You can experience the same wonderment of these intrepid explorers as you cruise through these mesmerizing landscapes that still look much as they did when Magellan discovered them nearly 500 years ago. So as not to spoil Patagonia’s unsurpassed beauty, the M.V. VIA AUSTRALIS is fitted with the latest technology to meet environmental regulations and leave minimal impact on the navigation routes. Your crew and naturalist guides ensure that the group’s carbon footprint is neutral, both on board and ashore.

Santiago, Chile
Experience Santiago, Chile’s vibrant and modern capital in the foothills of the snowcapped Andes Mountains. Tour the highlights of the city’s native and traditional European-influenced architecture and culture. Visit the outstanding collections in the Museum of Pre-Columbian Art. Take in the stunning views of the city and surrounding mountains from atop San Cristóbal Hill. Then, enjoy a scenic transfer through the Maipo Valley to visit the famous, 130-year-old Santa Rita Winery. A local expert will guide you through the vineyard and a private tasting of wine.

Punta Arenas
The capital of Chile’s Magallanes province, historic Punta Arenas is the southernmost continental city in the world, overlooking the Strait of Magellan, and is the gateway to Patagonia and the Antarctic. During a city tour, admire the Napoleonic architecture and 19th-century mansions lining the Plaza de Armas.

Puerto Natales
Unfolding before you as you journey into the heart of Patagonia is a vast horizon and rugged, beautiful countryside against a backdrop of snowcapped mountains,
where sheep, guanacos and the endangered lesser rhea roam.

Originally inhabited by the Tehuelche people for thousands of years, the town of Puerto Natales later served as a major transit point for the sheep and coal industries of 20th-century Patagonia. Absorb the beauty and charms of this region at the Hostería Estancia Río Penitente Patagonian sheep ranch, today a preserved Victorian farmhouse owned by descendants of Scottish pioneers. Here, enjoy a traditional lunch and sheep herding demonstration.

Your Five-Star accommodations are in THE SINGULAR PATAGONIA, one of the finest hotels in South America and recognized as a National Monument of Chile.

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- **EASTER ISLAND® PRE-PROGRAM OPTION**
  1. Depart the U.S.
  2. SANTIAGO, CHILE
  3. SANTIAGO
  4. SANTIAGO/Fly to PUNTA ARENAS
  5. PUNTA ARENAS/PUERTO NATALES
  6. TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK
  7. PUERTO NATALES/PUNTA ARENAS/ Embark M.V. VIA AUSTRALIS
  8. AINSWORTH BAY/TUCKER ISLET
  9. PIA GLACIER/GLACIER ALLEY/ BEAGLE CHANNEL
  10. CAPT HORN/WULAIA BAY
  11. USHUAIA, ARGENTINA/ Disembark ship/Fly to BUENOS AIRES
  12. BUENOS AIRES
  13. BUENOS AIRES/Depart for the U.S.
  14. Arrive in the U.S.

- **IGUAZÚ FALLS® POST-PROGRAM OPTION**

Nearby in Milodón Cave, 1890s German pioneer Herman Eberhard discovered the prehistoric remains of a 13-foot giant sloth.

**Torres del Paine National Park**

South America’s finest national park and National Geographic’s fifth most beautiful place in the world, this UNESCO Biosphere Reserve is a majestic jewel. Torres del Paine is a pristine reservoir of magnificent glaciers, lakes, dramatic mountain ranges and an abundance of distinctive wildlife—ostrich-like rheas, pumas, the endangered South Andean deer and guanacos, the predecessor to llamas and alpacas. From the shores of Grey Lake, admire the inspiring views of the Torres del Paine Massif and Grey Glacier. Enjoy lunch in the park with spectacular views of its signature massive, three-peaked Cordillera Paine mountaintops.

**Cruising the Chilean Fjords**

On board the small expedition ship M.V. VIA AUSTRALIS, cruise the channels and straits of Tierra del Fuego, formed by the southern end of the great Andes mountain range. Amid amazing scenery, observe up close vivid blue tidewater glaciers and see a vast array of wildlife, including elephant seals, cormorants, skua birds and Magellanic penguins.

Located in the lesser known Alberto de Agostini National Park, the coastal inlet AINSWORTH BAY is fed by the retreating tidewater Marinelli Glacier and is home to a colony of elephant seals. In a Zodiac craft, make a landing on the shores to walk among the broadleaf trees in the subpolar Magellanic forest and to see the dramatic environmental effects of tens of thousands of beavers, descendants of the original 20 that were imported from North America in 1946. During a Zodiac excursion in neighboring Admiralty Sound, observe the unusual bird species on
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Experience the grandeur of Chile’s tidewater Pia Glacier up close aboard Zodiac excursion vessels with the ship’s naturalists.

Tucker Islet, including rock cormorants, dolphin gulls, Magellanic penguins and chimango caracaras.

Cruise Beagle Channel, named for Darwin’s ship, which twice explored these waters in the mid-19th century. Make a Zodiac landing and walk to a magnificent vantage point to see the tidewater Pia Glacier calve into the fjord. A highlight of the channel is the spectacular cruise through the grand Glacier Alley, a majestic wonderland of hanging and tidewater glaciers, swaths of blue ice flowing from the towering gray mountains of the Darwin Range.

Cape Horn, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, has a history that demands reverence for nature’s power. Take a Zodiac craft ashore for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to stand at the “edge of the world” overlooking legendary Drake Passage, weather permitting. Walk across the low-lying, fragile tundra vegetation for an unmatched panoramic view of ships passing around the tip of the New World between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

Cruise into Wulaia Bay, and make a Zodiac landing on Isla Navarino. Birdlife, including the unusual Magellanic oystercatcher, is abundant along the shore, while a hike through a Magellanic forest to 700 feet above sea level offers a spectacular view of the bay.

Visit the former outpost of the Chilean Navy, which now houses exhibits on past explorers and the indigenous Yámana peoples.

**Buenos Aires, Argentina**

Known as the birthplace of the tango, elegant Buenos Aires consists of diverse barrios (neighborhoods), which include the colorful La Boca district, Monserrat’s historic Plaza de Mayo and grand public buildings, Palermo’s lavish parks, Puerto Madero’s riverfront community and the charming old quarter of San Telmo. The city’s historic Recoleta Cemetery is famous for its ornate vaults and sculptures and as the final resting place of the legendary Evita Perón, the former First Lady of Argentina.

**Engaging Experts On Board**

Seasoned expert naturalists, who have studied and traveled extensively in this remote region of the world, will travel with you aboard the M.V. *VIA AUSTRALIS* and provide lectures and presentations on glaciology in Patagonia, discovering Tierra del Fuego, survival of the native Indians in the region and Sir Ernest Shackleton’s Antarctic adventures. The team’s collaborative experience and enthusiasm for sharing their knowledge make them exceptionally well-suited to lead your cruise through Patagonia’s Chilean fjords.

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**M.V. VIA AUSTRALIS**

The **M.V. VIA AUSTRALIS** is designed specifically for cruising the waters of Southern Patagonia—Chile’s spectacular glacier-studded fjords and Argentina’s striking Tierra del Fuego. This expedition ship can cruise into remote fjords, ports and secluded inlets inaccessible to larger vessels and provides guests with the intimacy and personal service only a small cruise ship can offer.

Each of the 64 ocean-view cabins features a large picture window, one double bed or two twin beds, private bathroom with shower, individual climate control, safe and hair dryer.

A team of multilingual expert naturalists will share their in-depth knowledge about the region’s history, natural wonders and wildlife. The ship is equipped with Zodiac landing craft for excursions.

The ship’s inviting Patagonia Dining Room offers international and Patagonian specialties amid magnificent panoramic views. Early-risers’ coffee, buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and dinner are served daily in single, unassigned seatings. Complimentary regional wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner.

The comfortable public areas are tastefully appointed and include the panoramic Sky Lounge, an observation deck, two bars, a gift shop and the spacious Yámana Lounge, which features a library and a game room.

The ship maintains the highest international safety standards and is fitted with the latest technology to meet environmental regulations and leave minimal impact on the navigation routes.

The ship’s English-speaking crew provides friendly Chilean hospitality.
Included Features

In Santiago, Chile
◆ Two nights in the Five-Star GRAND HYATT SANTIAGO.
◆ Breakfast each morning.
◆ Welcome Reception.
◆ Full-day Santiago city tour, including visits to the Museum of Pre-Columbian Art and lunch in a local restaurant.
◆ Excursion to the award-winning vineyard of Santa Rita for a tour and private wine tasting.

In Punta Arenas, Chilean Patagonia
◆ One night in the centrally located HOTEL CABO DE HORNOS.
◆ Full breakfast and one lunch.
◆ Panoramic tour of Punta Arenas, featuring the Plaza de Armas.

In Puerto Natales
◆ Two nights in the Five-Star THE SINGULAR PATAGONIA hotel, a National Historical Monument.
◆ Full buffet breakfast each morning, one lunch in the hotel with wine and one dinner in the hotel with wine.
◆ Full-day excursion into Torres del Paine National Park, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, including lunch and opportunities to see varied and distinctive Patagonian wildlife.

Transfer from Torres del Paine to Punta Arenas.
◆ Excursion to Milodón Cave, the site where the well-preserved remains of a prehistoric giant sloth were discovered.
◆ Specially arranged, private visit to a family-owned Patagonian estancia (ranch) for lunch and a sheep herding demonstration.

On board the expedition ship M.V. VIA AUSTRALIS
◆ Four-night voyage from Punta Arenas, Chile, to Ushuaia, Argentina, cruising the historic Strait of Magellan and Beagle Channel to Ainsworth Bay, Tucker Islet, Pia Fjord and Glacier, magnificent Glacier Alley, legendary Cape Horn (conditions permitting) and Wulaia Bay.
◆ Ocean-view accommodations, each with a private bathroom.
◆ Captain's Welcome Reception.
◆ Welcome and Farewell Dinners.
◆ All meals on board, served at single, unassigned seatings—early-risers' coffee, buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and dinner.
◆ Complimentary house wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner aboard the ship.
◆ Onboard Expedition Team of Naturalists who provide a series of lectures.
◆ Zodiac excursions guided by expert naturalists.
◆ Shore landings to explore Chile's diverse wildlife habitats.
◆ Nature walk to the Magellanic Forest at Ainsworth Bay.
◆ Visit to Tucker Islet to observe Magellanic penguins and striking rock cormorants.
◆ Excursion in Pia Fjord for spectacular views of the secluded, actively calving Pia Glacier.
◆ Up-close cruise to a vivid series of glaciers in Beagle Channel's awe-inspiring Glacier Alley.
◆ Exploration of Cape Horn National Park, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve known as "The End of the Earth."

In Buenos Aires, Argentina
◆ Two nights in the deluxe HOTEL EMPERADOR.
◆ Breakfast each morning.
◆ City tour featuring the popular neighborhoods of Palermo, Monserrat, La Boca, Puerto Madero and San Telmo, and visit to the historic Recoleta Cemetery.
◆ Farewell Reception.

Enhanced Travel Services
◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
◆ Hospitality desk in the hotels in Santiago and Buenos Aires.
◆ The services of an experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Director throughout the program.
◆ Complimentary use of a state-of-the-art audio headset for each participant during most guided excursions.
◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
Easter Island Pre-Program Option

The UNESCO World Heritage site of Easter Island and its unique archaeological treasures are shrouded in mystery. Centuries ago, people settled on this tiny island, a mere 64-square-mile speck amid the vast Pacific Ocean, more than 1200 miles from any other inhabited land. Many questions remain as to how and when they arrived here and why they sculpted the hundreds of gigantic stone moai placed across the island. Unearth the enigmatic ancient culture and meet the friendly present-day residents of this solitary island. Visit its most important sites, including the basalt quarry from which the moai were carved and where many incomplete sculptures still lie, the white sand beach said to be the landing site of the island’s first settler, and the village central to the curious ceremonial Birdman culture, predominant until the arrival of Christian missionaries. Enjoy accommodations for three nights in the deluxe HOTEL HANGAROA featuring spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean.

Iguazú Falls Post-Program Option

The UNESCO World Heritage site of Iguazú Falls, one of nature’s most incredible wonders along the Brazil-Argentina frontier, features more than 275 spectacular waterfalls cascading from heights of 270 feet down through the breathtaking virgin rainforest. Walk among the Argentine Falls and admire magnificent panoramic views of Devil’s Gorge, the highest of the falls. The lush jungle setting of Parque das Aves is a nature lover’s paradise as it is home to more than 350 species of birds, 66 varieties of mammals and a mind-boggling array of reptiles, fish, butterflies and flora. This exclusive two-night Post-Program Option features accommodations in the deluxe SHERATON IGUAZÚ RESORT & SPA.

The Pre- and Post-Program Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Spectacular Iguazú Falls spans two miles of subtropical rainforest.
**LAND/Cruise Tariff**  
*(per person, based on double occupancy)*

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* Taxes are an additional $295 per person and are subject to change.

* All internal program air (Santiago to Punta Arenas and Ushuaia to Buenos Aires) and international air are not included in the Land/Cruise Tariff. Attractively priced, exclusive Group Air Packages are available.²

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**CRUISING PATAGONIA'S CHILEAN FJORDS RESERVATION FORM**

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Chicago, Illinois 60604-1446  
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**Program Reservations** require a deposit of $800 per person and $200 per person Easter Island Pre-Program Option and/or $200 per person Iguazu Falls Post-Program Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, I/we agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

- Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $_____. as deposit.
- Make checks payable to Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.
- I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $_____. to:
  - Visa
  - MasterCard
- Card Number ___________ Exp. Date ________________
- Signature as it appears on credit card

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A relative of the domesticated llama, the wild guanaco is native to the Patagonian steppe.