



JANUARY 11-22, 2024

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BUENOS AIRES PRE-TOUR &
IGUAZÚ FALLS POST-TOUR

ANTARCTICA DISCOVERY

A MODERN POLAR EXPERIENCE

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**JOIN THIS ADVENTUROUS VOYAGE
TO THE 7TH CONTINENT ABOARD
AN AWARD WINNING LUXURY SHIP**





Dear Friends,

Join fellow NC State alumni and friends on a once-in-a-lifetime adventure to experience the boundless beauty and pristine vastness of Antarctica. This remote continent and its precarious waterways have hosted some of the most courageous explorers in history, and have been the scenes of both triumph and tragedy since Captain Cook first sailed the region in 1773.

Embark from Ushuaia, Argentina, and cruise through the Drake Passage to the South Shetland Islands amid the Antarctic Peninsula—exploring the dramatic landscapes and remarkable wildlife that call this continent home. Trek through penguin rookeries, observe vast flocks of seabirds, learn about Antarctic ice conditions, and discover the sites of both past and present scientific expeditions.


Your expedition vessel for this amazing journey is the modern, 190-guest *Ocean Victory*, a nimble craft designed specifically for polar cruising—with large cabins, exceptional amenities, and a knowledgeable and friendly crew. Carefully selected specifically for this program, her small size provides the ability and agility to maneuver narrow channels and access bays that are closed to bigger vessels. The craft also boasts innovative new features including Rolls-Royce zero speed stabilizers and a patented X-Bow that offers a more comfortable and stable voyage.

This is a peak-season sailing for university and college alumni association travelers. With significant savings of more than \$1,000 per couple, we anticipate this program will fill quickly. Be certain to reserve your spot today.

Reserve today online at ncsu.orbridge.com, by calling (919) 515-0508, or by emailing hart@ncsu.edu.

Sincerely,

Kathy Hart
WolfTreks Travel Director
NC State Alumni Association

 *Orbridge takes seriously the responsibility to minimize our global environmental impact. Each year we plant 100,000 trees in U.S. State Forests with afforestation needs as an ongoing initiative among our evolving sustainability efforts. Learn more at orbridge.com/going-green.*



Your 12-Day Itinerary

Due to weather and ice patterns, itineraries are guidelines and may change in order to maximize wildlife and natural encounters.

- Day 1:** En Route from U.S.†
- Day 2:** Arrive in Ushuaia, Argentina
Welcome reception
Overnight: Arakur Ushuaia Resort & Spa
- Day 3:** Ushuaia – Embarkation (B,D)
Wildlife and iceberg viewing,
Beagle Channel, cocktail with crew
Overnight: *Ocean Victory*
- Days 4-5:** Drake Passage (B,L,D daily)
Tierra del Fuego Archipelago,
educational presentations
Overnight: *Ocean Victory*
- Days 6-9:** South Shetland Islands /
Antarctic Peninsula (B,L,D daily)
Zodiac excursions, wildlife and glacier
viewing, optional sea kayaking
excursion
Overnight: *Ocean Victory*
- Days 10-11:** Drake Passage (B,L,D daily)
Lectures, time at leisure, special
farewell cocktail
Overnight: *Ocean Victory*
- Day 12:** Ushuaia – Disembarkation /
Depart for U.S. (B)

Activity Level: This program offers a variety of activities including shore excursions and small boat cruises. We expect that guests be sure-footed on stairs and ramps, be able to walk or hike at least one mile on uneven and slippery terrain, and be comfortable managing landings on various terrain and boarding small vessels—both from shore and the deck of the *Ocean Victory*. Ship staff will assist guests during each landing. On board, guests should be able to manage unexpected and unpredictable motion from the movement of the ship.

†NOTE: Travel time from/to U.S. may take up to two days depending on flight schedules.

(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)



Discover

- Explore the South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula, a beautiful island chain filled with an impressive variety of wildlife.
- Cruise aboard the perfect vessel for exploration. *Ocean Victory* is an Ice Class 1A super (equivalent to Polar Class 6), featuring 83% staterooms with balconies and a unique X-Bow ship design. The inverted bow quickens the Drake Passage crossing as it slices through waves, reducing rolling by 80%—and helping to prevent possible seasickness.
- Explore at your own pace, with numerous passenger landings and explorations throughout the voyage, aided by a nimble fleet of Zodiacs and knowledgeable guides.

Interact

- Enjoy the company and keen insights of expert expedition guides, scientists, and lecturers throughout the journey.
- Join the optional Polar Camping excursion (\$350 per person; limited availability). With specialized performance gear and expert guidance, sleep in a cozy bivy sack as other hearty explorers have done.
- Join the optional Sea Kayaking excursion (\$250 per person; limited availability). This is a one-time opportunity to explore the outstanding grandeur and magical beauty of the polar regions using a kayak. Participants must have prior kayaking experience.
- Take advantage of the ship's impressive amenities, including a heated infinity swimming pool, two hot tubs, spa, gym, lounges, outdoor bar, and interactive dining experience.

What's Included

- 1 night luxury hotel accommodations (including breakfast) in Ushuaia prior to embarkation
- 9 nights accommodations onboard *Ocean Victory*, including all onboard meals
- 24-hour self-service coffee and tea facilities onboard
- All scheduled landings and excursions (subject to weather and ice conditions)
- Your own expedition parka to keep
- A pair of insulated rubber boots for shore landings for the duration of the cruise (to be returned prior to disembarkation)
- Access to a photographic trip log (shared with guests after the voyage via an online link)
- All shipboard gratuities
- All luggage portage
- Port fees
- Transfers from the hotel to the ship
- Group transfers for all guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

Important Note

Due to the remote location of this tour, medical insurance and medical evacuation insurance is required with a minimum coverage of \$200,000. Orbridge's Guest Services team can assist with any questions regarding evacuation insurance.



Onboard Accommodations

Accommodating 190 guests, *Ocean Victory* adeptly blends aesthetics, utility, and environmental responsibility to ensure comfort, adventure, and sustainability in Antarctica.

Ocean Victory boasts the highest Polar code 6 and Ice class 1A designations, making it an ideal vessel for small-ship expedition cruising. Sturdy construction and a patented X-Bow design create excellent maneuverability and enjoyable travel by reducing seasickness, noise, and vibration.

All cabins are well-appointed and feature exceptional space, amenities, and ocean views. Suite categories include exclusive complimentary amenities—laundry service and a well-stocked mini bar.

Built with an environmental focus, this vessel implements a green initiative program using only sustainable seafood, biodegradable laundry products, and removing single-use plastics. Special engine controls optimize speed and fuel consumption.



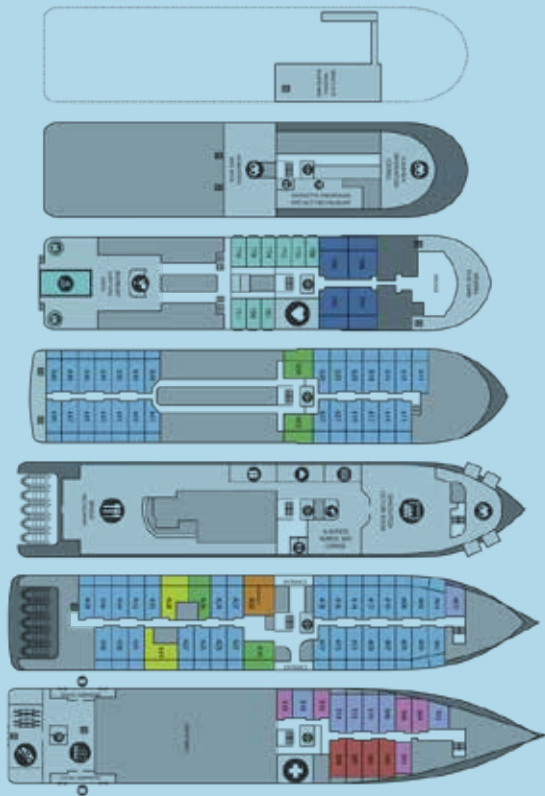
BBQ Deck



Observation Lounge



Dining





Each cabin offers exterior ocean views, individual climate control, closets, TV, writing desk and chair, and private en suite bathroom with bathrobes, shampoo, shower gel, and hair dryer. Most cabins can be configured as two twin beds or one king bed.



D — Albatros State Porthole

Porthole window (located on Decks 3 and 4—approx. 236 sq.ft.)



E — French Balcony Suite

Floor-to-ceiling windows (located on Deck 7—approx. 172 sq.ft.)



C — Balcony State

Private balcony with floor-to-ceiling windows (located on Decks 4 and 6—approx. 258 sq.ft.)



B1 — Balcony Suite

Sitting area and private balcony with floor-to-ceiling windows (located on Deck 4—approx. 376 sq.ft.)



B2 — Junior Balcony Suite

Sitting area and private balcony with floor-to-ceiling windows (located on Decks 4 and 6—approx. 301 sq.ft.)



A — Junior Suite

Additional sofa bed, sitting area, and private balcony with floor-to-ceiling windows (located on Deck 7—approx. 452 sq.ft.)



PS — Premium Suite

Two-room suite, additional sofa bed, table and chairs, and private balcony with floor-to-ceiling windows (located on Deck 4—approx. 484 sq.ft.)



G — Single Porthole

Porthole window (located on Deck 3—approx. 193 sq.ft.)



F — Triple Porthole

Additional sofa bed with a porthole window (located on Deck 3—approx. 236 sq.ft.)

ARAKUR USHUAIA RESORT & SPA

Before embarkation, stay at the elegant and state-of-the-art Arakur Ushuaia Resort & Spa, perched atop an outcrop inside the Reserva Natural Cerro Alarkén. The property's design fulfills the standards of sustainable architecture. Each room features indigenous Argentine materials, including copper, marble, stone, woods, and leather.



Optional Pre-Tour Buenos Aires



Experience summer in Argentina as you explore its sophisticated capital city, Buenos Aires—where rich historic sites, charming shops and restaurants, and welcoming locals create a splendid combination of old and new.

Pre-Tour Itinerary *(subject to change)*

Day +1: En Route from U.S.

Day +2: Arrive in Buenos Aires (D)
Special dinner and tango performance

Day +3: Buenos Aires / Guided Sightseeing /
Leisure Time (B,Snack)
Panoramic city tour, Recoleta Cemetery,
Plaza de Mayo, Casa Rosada, the
Metropolitan Cathedral, the Cabildo,
afternoon and evening at leisure

Day +4: Buenos Aires / Flight to Ushuaia /
Main Program (B)
After breakfast, guests with a flight per the
suggested time will take a complimentary
group transfer to the airport for the flight to
Ushuaia

What's Included

- 2 nights accommodations at Alvear Palace Hotel—pictured below—(or similar) with breakfast each morning
- Special 3-course dinner and tango performance
- Buenos Aires panoramic city tour
- All gratuities and portage
- All airport and hotel transfers

(NOTE: internal flight from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia is not included)



Optional Post-Tour Iguazú Falls



Hold on to your hat while you experience the thundering roar and huge clouds of spray from one of the most spectacular waterfalls in the world—that's four times the width of Niagara Falls and includes 275 separate falls.

Post-Tour Itinerary *(subject to change)*

Day 12: Flight to Buenos Aires
Leisure time at the hotel

Day 13: Flight to Iguazú Falls (B,L,D)
Morning flight, afternoon guided tour of Iguazú Falls

Day 14: Iguazú Falls Tour (B)
Full day guided tour, optional Gran Aventura Safari Boat Tour or Brazilian side excursions, leisure time

Day 15: Iguazú Falls / Flight to Buenos Aires / Depart for U.S. (B)
After breakfast, depart on the group transfer to the airport for the flight to Buenos Aires, where you'll connect with flights home

What's Included

- 1 night accommodations at Alvear Icon Hotel in Buenos Aires and 2 nights at Meliá Iguazú—pictured below—(or similar) with breakfast each morning
- 1 box lunch and 1 dinner
- 2 guided tours of Iguazú Falls
- All gratuities and portage
- All airport and hotel transfers
- Internal round-trip airfare between Buenos Aires and Iguazú Falls

(NOTE: internal flight from Ushuaia to Buenos Aires is not included)



Antarctica Discovery

JANUARY 11-22, 2024

Buenos Aires Pre-Tour: January 9-12, 2024

Iguazú Falls Post-Tour: January 22-25, 2024

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Stateroom Category	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
D – Albatros State Porthole	\$10,499	\$ 9,995
E – French Balcony Suite	\$12,999	\$12,495
C – Balcony State	\$14,499	\$13,995
B2 – Balcony Suite	\$16,499	\$15,995
B1 – Balcony Suite	\$18,499	\$17,995
A – Junior Suite	\$20,499	\$19,995
PS – Premium Suite	\$22,499	\$21,995
G – Single	\$17,499	\$16,995
F – Triple Porthole†	\$10,499	\$ 9,995

Buenos Aires Pre-Tour: \$1,595* | Single Pre-Tour: \$1,995
Iguazú Falls Post-Tour: \$2,395* | Single Post-Tour: \$3,895

GUEST INFORMATION:

Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): _____

Email: _____ Class Year: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): _____

Email: _____ Class Year: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

DEPOSIT PAYMENT:

Check ACH (Automated Clearing House) MasterCard/Visa American Express Discover

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ CVV: _____

Name (as printed on card): _____

Billing Address (if different from above): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

CATEGORY SELECTION & DEPOSIT:

Category Preference: 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

_____ guests joining pre-tour (\$500/person) +

_____ guests joining program (\$2,500/person) +

_____ guests joining post-tour (\$500/person) = **TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$** _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Reservations, Deposits and Final Payment. To secure your reservation, deposits are due upon placing a reservation as follows: \$2,500 per person per program and \$500 per person for any pre/post-tour. Orbridge accepts payment by check, ACH, wire or major credit card. Final payment is due 195 days prior to the departure date. Reservations made after the final payment due date are due at the time of registration. If final payment is not received by the final payment due date, Orbridge may cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund. CST#2098750-40 WST#602828994

Reservation Grace Period. Reservations made 226+ days prior to the departure date may be cancelled within 30 days following the reservation date ("Grace Period") for a full refund. Notice of cancellation must be received in writing during the Grace Period. The date of receipt will be used for the effective date.

Reservation Cancellations and Refunds. Notice of cancellation must be submitted to Orbridge in writing. The date of receipt will be used for the effective date. If the cancellation notice is received after the Grace Period (if applicable): (a) 196+ days prior to the departure date, all monies will be refunded less an administrative fee of \$950 per person for the main program and \$200 per person for a pre/post-tour; (b) 195-150 days prior to the departure date, a 25% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program and the balance will be refunded; (c) 149-120 days prior to the departure date, a 50% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program and the balance will be refunded; (d) within 119 days prior to the departure date, a 100% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program. A 100% cancellation fee applies to all non-refundable airfare. Refunds, if any, will be processed within 30 days of our receipt of your written notice.

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*Special group rate; limited offer. Rates are per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single or †Triple Porthole sold per person, in U.S. dollars. Airfare not included. Single and Triple availability limited. Pre-tour rate is per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Single availability limited. Airfare, including flights from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia, is not included. Post-tour rate is per person based on double occupancy, in U.S. dollars. Internal round-trip airfare between Buenos Aires and Iguazú Falls is included. General airfare, and the airfare for the internal flight from Ushuaia to Buenos Aires, is not included. **A complement to the educational component of this journey, Expedition Libraries are curated collections of useful resources and background reading tailored to this program. Place your deposit on or before the specified date, and one Expedition Library per room will be sent after receipt of final payment. Libraries may be purchased; please call for details. NCS.ANT.24

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April 7, 2023

to receive the FREE Orbridge Expedition
Library we've assembled for this program.**

What Guests Are Saying...

We felt that Orbridge went above and beyond our expectations. I was impressed with the concern of the staff for our safety at all times. I was also impressed that everyone seemed so interested and concerned that we have the best experience possible in all ways. The lectures were a wonderful addition. It allowed for meeting other people, as well as educating us on the continent, wildlife, and many other aspects of Antarctica.

~Sarah & Frank L., Norwood, NC

One of our best trips ever. The tour operators made the trip most enjoyable and the weather and wildlife cooperated giving us a tremendous experience.

~John L., Lincoln, NE

A unique experience, excellent organization and program. The speakers were knowledgeable and excited about Antarctica. We learned a lot. The visits were totally safe and perfectly timed.

~Dimitrios K. & Sylvie J., New York, NY



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