Cruising Patagonia’s Chilean Fjords

Cape Horn • Glacier Alley • Torres Del Paine National Park • Strait of Magellan • Beagle Channel • Santiago

October 14 to 25, 2018
Howdy, Ags!

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

On this exclusive land and sea journey, assume the role of natural explorer, retracing the bold 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 Santiago and the extraordinary diversity of Patagonia; travel through the crystalline wonders of Glacier Alley to Cape Horn, the “edge of the world.”

Visit an award-winning winery in Santiago and walk Punta Arenas’s main square, Plaza de Armas, lined with 19th-century mansions. Then, venture into the vast expanse of Patagonia to see sparkling glaciers, unique wildlife and the iconic peaks of Torres del Paine National Park.

Cruise aboard the expedition ship Ventus Australis, launching in 2018 and designed specifically for navigating the rich waterways of southern Patagonia, where mountains meet the seemingly endless ocean. 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. Cruise through two of the most historically significant, awe-inspiring passages in world exploration—Beagle Channel and the Strait of Magellan—accompanied by an onboard team of multilingual expert naturalists, who 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 observe glaciers up close as they crack and calve; distinctive species, including elephant seals, cormorants and endemic Magellanic penguins; and traces of the Yámanas, the original settlers of Wulaia Bay.

Join us for this incredible voyage of a lifetime. Book now while Early Booking Savings and space are still available!

Gig ‘em!

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### Santiago, Chile
Explore Santiago, Chile’s vibrant and modern capital in the foothills of the snowcapped Andes Mountains. Tour the highlights of the city’s indigenous and European-influenced architecture and culture, including the outstanding collections in the Museo Chileno de Arte Precolombino. Take in the stunning views of the city and surrounding mountains from atop San Cristóbal Hill. En route to the famous, 130-year-old Santa Rita Winery, enjoy views of the scenic Maipo Valley. A local expert will guide your vineyard tour and wine tasting.

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

### Puerto Natales
The heart of Patagonia unfolds before you in rugged visions of vast, rolling countryside against a backdrop of snowcapped mountains, where sheep, guanacos and the endangered lesser rhea roam.

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**Photo this page:** Secluded Ainsworth Bay is fed by meltwater of Marinelli Glacier.

**Cover photo:** The iconic Cuernos (horns) del Paine tower over Lake Pehoé in Torres del Paine National Park.
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. Delight in this region’s charms 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 a sheep herding demonstration.

Your unique, Five-Star accommodations are in The Singular Patagonia, where historic, industrial architecture has been transformed into one of South America’s finest hotels and is a recognized National Monument of Chile.

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 a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, Torres Del Paines is one of National Geographic’s most beautiful places in the world. Observe its pristine landscape of magnificent glaciers, lakes, dramatic mountain ranges and its 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 Torres del Paine Massif and Grey Glacier. Enjoy lunch in the park and survey its spectacular views of signature mountaintops—the massive, three-peaked Cordillera del Paine.

**Cruising the Chilean Fjords**

On board the small expedition ship Ventus Australis, cruise the channels and straits of Tierra del Fuego amid vivid, up-close blue tidewater glaciers. Formed by the Andes mountain range’s southern end, these waterways are home to diverse species including elephant seals, cormorants, skua birds and Magellanic penguins. Ainsworth Bay, the coastal inlet in the seldom-visited Alberto de Agostini National Park,

### Itinerary

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**BUENOS AIRES and IGUAZÚ FALLS® Post-Program Option**
Experience the grandeur of Chile’s tidewater Pia Glacier up close.

is fed by the retreating tidewater Marinelli Glacier and shelters an elephant seal colony. Board a Zodiac for a shore landing and walk among the subantarctic Magellanic forest’s broadleaf trees. 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 Tucker Islets’ unusual birds—rock cormorants, dolphin gulls, Magellanic penguins and chimango caracaras.

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

Cape Horn, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, embodies nature’s power and demands reverence. Aboard a Zodiac craft, go ashore for an awe-inspiring 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 to 700 feet above sea level offers a staggering view of the bay. Visit the former outpost of the Chilean Navy, which now houses exhibits on past explorers and the indigenous Yámana peoples.

Engaging Experts On Board
Seasoned expert naturalists, who have studied and traveled extensively in this remote region of the world, will provide lectures and presentations on glaciology in Patagonia, the exploration of Tierra del Fuego, survival of the indigenous people in the region and more aboard the Ventus Australis. 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.

Chile’s indigenous Yámana tribe once canoed in cobalt Wulaia Bay and left incredible archaeological traces along the shores of Isla Navarino.
Small Ship, Sustainable Cruising
The Ventus Australis, launching in 2018, is designed specifically for cruising the pristine waters of rugged Southern Patagonia—Chile’s glacier-studded fjords and Argentina’s stunning Tierra del Fuego—and is among one of Travel + Leisure’s World’s Best. This expedition vessel can cruise into remote ports and secluded inlets inaccessible to larger ships and provides you with the intimacy and personal service only a small cruise ship can offer.

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.

Exploration and Enrichment
The ship’s English-speaking crew offers friendly Chilean hospitality. A team of multilingual expert naturalists will share their in-depth knowledge about the region’s history, glaciology, geology, flora and fauna with you. The ship is equipped with Zodiac landing craft for exclusive excursions.

With Our Compliments
Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are available throughout the cruise. Regional wines are served at your table with lunch and dinner.

All Ocean-View Cabins
Each of the 100 ocean-view cabins has a large picture window (cabins on the Cabo de Hornos Deck feature a floor-to-ceiling window), two twin beds or one double bed, private bathroom with shower and individual climate control.

Life on Board
Amid panoramic views, enjoy international cuisine and Patagonian specialties in the dining room. Daily meals include early-risers’ coffee, buffet breakfast and lunch, afternoon tea and dinner.

Enjoy leisure time on board in the inviting and tastefully appointed public areas, including two lounges featuring a comfortable library with a program of enriching lectures, an observation deck, a bar and a gift shop. There is a doctor on board.
Included Features

In Santiago, Chile
◆ Two nights in the Five-Star Hotel SANTIAGO.
◆ Breakfast each morning.
◆ Welcome Reception.
◆ Santiago city tour, including visits to the Museo Chileno de Arte Precolombino and lunch in a local restaurant.
◆ Excursion to the award-winning vineyard of Santa Rita for a tour and wine tasting.

In Punta Arenas, Chilean Patagonia
◆ One night in the centrally located HOTEL CABO DE HORNOS.
◆ Full breakfast.
◆ Panoramic tour of Punta Arenas, featuring the Plaza de Armas and Cementerio Municipal Sara Braun.
Transfer from Punta Arenas to Puerto Natales.

In Puerto Natales
◆ Two nights in THE SINGULAR PATAGONIA, a Five-Star, award-winning hotel and 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 guided excursion into Torres del Paine National Park, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, including lunch and opportunities to see varied and distinctive Patagonian wildlife.
◆ Excursion to Milodón Cave, 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.
Transfer from Puerto Natales to Punta Arenas.

On Board the Small Expedition Ship VENTUS AUSTRALIS
◆ Four-night voyage from Punta Arenas, Chile, to Ushuaia, Argentina, featuring the Strait of Magellan, Beagle Channel, Ainsworth Bay, Tucker Islet, Pia Fjord and Glacier, Glacier Alley, Cape Horn (weather permitting) and Wulaia Bay.
◆ Ocean-view accommodations.
◆ Captain’s Welcome Reception and Welcome and Farewell Dinners.
◆ Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise.
◆ All meals aboard ship, with regional wine served during lunch and dinner.
◆ Onboard expedition team of expert naturalists to provide a series of lectures and guide Zodiac excursions.
◆ Shore landings to explore Chile’s wildlife habitats.
◆ Nature walk to the Magellanic forest at Ainsworth Bay.
◆ Visit to Tucker Islet to observe Magellanic penguins and distinctive 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 “edge of the earth” (weather permitting).

Always Included
◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ Experienced naturalists and local guides for included excursions.
◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
◆ Complimentary bottled water in your cabin aboard ship and on excursions.
◆ Hospitality desk in the hotels in Santiago and Buenos Aires.
◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
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. Questions remain as to how and when they arrived and why they sculpted hundreds of gigantic stone moai across the island. Visit its most important sites, including the basalt quarry from which the moai were carved, the white sand beach said to be the landing site of the island’s first settler, and the village central to the Birdman culture, predominant until the arrival of Christian missionaries. Enjoy three nights in the deluxe Hangaroa EcoVillage, a unique hotel with a spectacular natural setting.

Easter Island’s unique stone moai lend an element of mystery to its landscape.

**Mystique of Easter Island**

**Pre-Program Option**

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Iguazú Falls, a UNESCO World Heritage site, spans two miles of subtropical rainforest.

**Argentina’s Ciudad y Selva**

**Buenos Aires + Iguazú Falls**

**Post-Program Option**

Extend your journey with the juxtaposition of Argentina’s lively capital ciudad (city) of Buenos Aires and the tropical, dense selva (rainforest) of Iguazú Falls. A UNESCO World Heritage site, Iguazú Falls is one of nature’s most incredible wonders, featuring more than 275 waterfalls cascading through the virgin rainforest. Walk among the Argentine Falls; admire magnificent views of Devil’s Gorge, the highest of the falls; and visit a wildlife rescue center. In elegant Buenos Aires, see the colorful La Boca district, Monserrat’s historic Plaza de Mayo, Palermo’s lavish parks, Puerto Madero’s riverfront community and the charming old quarter of San Telmo. Visit historic Recoleta Cemetery, famous for its ornate vaults and as the final resting place of Eva Perón. Accommodations are for two nights each in the deluxe InterContinental Buenos Aires and in the deluxe MELIÁ IGUAZÚ in Iguazú National Park.

The Pre- and Post-Program Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
**CRUISING PATAGONIA'S CHILEAN FJORDS**

**RESERVATION FORM**

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Singles are available in category 3 at $10,595* and in category 1 at $12,695* on or before April 11, 2018. Add $1,000 for reservations made after April 11, 2018.

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.*

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

**VENTUS AUSTRALIS** has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

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**Please make my/our reservation(s):**

My/Our City  
My/Our State  
My/Our ZIP Code  

**In Cabin Category:**

1st Choice  
2nd Choice

- Double occupancy (two twin beds).
- Double occupancy (one double bed).
- Single accommodations.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

**Please make my/our reservation(s):**

**Mystique of Easter Island Post-Program Option:**

- Double from $1,595 per person.
- Single from $2,095 per person.

- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Air round trip between Santiago, Chile, and Easter Island is at additional cost to be advised.

**Argentina’s Ciudad y Selva Post-Program Option:**

- Double from $1,595 per person.
- Single from $2,495 per person.

- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Air round trip between Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Iguazu Falls is at additional cost to be advised.

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**Business Class**  
**First Class**

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All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by July 11, 2018.
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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT: By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants and accepts the terms contained in this Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement.

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