

THOMAS P. GOHAGAN & COMPANY

CRUISING PATAGONIA'S CHILEAN FJORDS*

Opportunities to visit Easter Island and Iguazú Falls

Small Expedition Ship M.V. VENTUS AUSTRALIS

October 30 to November 10, 2018

From approximately \$7290 USD plus air

ITINERARY*

Day Destination

1. Depart the U.S. or Canada
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. VENTUS AUSTRALIS
8. Ainsworth Bay/Tucker Islet
9. Beagle Channel/Pia Glacier/Glacier Alley
10. Wulaia Bay/Cape Horn
11. Ushuaia, Argentina/Disembark ship/Fly to Buenos Aires/Depart for the U.S. or Canada
12. Arrive in the U.S. or Canada

**Cruise itinerary is subject to change.*

Activity Level

Active

HIGHLIGHTS

- Uniquely created itinerary.
- Small ship launching in 2017 and featuring only 100 elegantly appointed ocean-view cabins—cruise into ports inaccessible by larger ships.
- Newest vessel in the Australis fleet, named the #1 Small Ship Cruise Line in *Travel + Leisure's* 2016 World's Best Awards.
- Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are available throughout the cruise, including regional wines served with lunch and dinner aboard ship.
- Included excursions balanced by time at leisure to explore on one's own.
- Cruise in the wake of Charles Darwin and Captain FitzRoy through the Strait of Magellan, Beagle Channel, Glacier Alley and Wulaia Bay.

- Opportunities to view distinctive subantarctic and Patagonian wildlife, including guanacos, rheas, condors, elephant seals and Magellanic penguins.
- Three-night Easter Island Pre-Program Option, four-night Buenos Aires/Iguazú Falls Post-Program Option.

SMALL EXPEDITION SHIP M.V. VENTUS AUSTRALIS

The M.V. VENTUS AUSTRALIS, launching in 2017, 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 Australis was named the #1 Small Ship Ocean Cruise Line in Travel + Leisure’s 2016 World’s Best Awards. This expedition vessel can cruise into remote ports and secluded inlets inaccessible to larger ships and provides guests with the intimacy and personal service only a small cruise ship can offer.

The ship’s English-speaking crew provides 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. The ship is equipped with Zodiac landing craft for excursions.

Each of the 100 ocean-view cabins features a large picture window (cabins on the Cabo de Hornos Deck feature a floor-to-ceiling window), two twin beds that can convert into one double bed, private bathroom with shower, individual climate control, safety box and hair dryer.

The ship’s Patagonia Dining Room offers international cuisine and Patagonian specialties amid magnificent panoramic views. Early-risers’ coffee, buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and dinner are served daily in single seatings. Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are available throughout the cruise, and regional wines are served with lunch and dinner.

The inviting public areas are tastefully appointed and include the forward-facing Yámana Lounge, featuring a comfortable library and game room; the panoramic Sky Lounge, equipped for a program of enriching lectures; an observation deck; an upper deck gym with panoramic windows; two bars; and a gift shop. There is a doctor on board.

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.

INCLUDED FEATURES

In Santiago, Chile

- Two nights in the Five-Star GRAND HYATT SANTIAGO.
- Breakfast each morning.
- Welcome Reception.
- **Santiago** city tour, including visits to the Museo Chileno de Arte Precolombino and lunch in 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 and one lunch.
- Panoramic tour of **Punta Arenas**, featuring the Plaza de Armas and Cemetery Municipal Sara Braun.

Transfer from Punta Arenas to Puerto Natales.

In Puerto Natales

- Two nights in THE SINGULAR PATAGONIA hotel, a Five-Star, award-winning hotel and a National Historical Monument of Chile.
- 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**, 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.

Transfer from Puerto Natales to Punta Arenas.

On board the small expedition ship M.V. VENTUS AUSTRALIS

- Four-night voyage from Punta Arenas, Chile, to Ushuaia, Argentina, featuring Chile's Strait of Magellan and Beagle Channel, Ainsworth Bay, Tucker Islet, Pia Fjord and Glacier, Glacier Alley, Wulaia Bay and Cape Horn (conditions permitting).
- Ocean-view accommodations, each with a private bathroom.
- Captain's Welcome Reception and Dinner.
- Welcome and Farewell Dinners.
- Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are available throughout the cruise. Regional wine is served with lunch and dinner.
- All meals on board, served at single, unassigned seatings—early-risers' coffee, buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and dinner.
- Onboard **expedition team of expert naturalists** to provide a series of lectures and guide Zodiac excursions.
- 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 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).

Enhanced Travel Services

- Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced naturalists and local guides.
- 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 hotel in Santiago.
- The services of an experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Director throughout the program.
- Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
- Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.

Internal program air (Santiago/Punta Arenas and Ushuaia/Buenos Aires) is required and is purchased individually at an additional cost.

MYSTIQUE OF 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. 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 curious ceremonial Birdman culture, predominant until the arrival of Christian missionaries. Enjoy accommodations for three nights in the deluxe HANGAROA ECOVILLAGE, a unique hotel with spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean.

ARGENTINA’S CIUDAD Y SELVA

BUENOS AIRES • IGUAZÚ FALLS POST-PROGRAM OPTION

Extend your journey in South America with the juxtaposition of Argentina’s lively capital *ciudad* (city) of Buenos Aires and the lush, green *selva* (rainforest) of Iguazú Falls. A UNESCO World Heritage site, Iguazú Falls is one of nature’s most incredible wonders along the Brazil-Argentina frontier, featuring more than 275 spectacular waterfalls cascading through the breathtaking virgin rainforest. Walk among the Argentine Falls and admire magnificent panoramic views of Devil’s Gorge, the highest of the falls. 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 sculptures and as the final resting place of Eva Perón.

Accommodations are for two nights each in the deluxe HOTEL EMPERADOR in Buenos Aires and in the deluxe SHERATON IGUAZÚ RESORT & SPA in Iguazú National Park.

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