JANUARY 11-22, 2024

with optional
BUENOS AIRES PRE-TOUR &
IGUAZÚ FALLS POST-TOUR

ANTARCTICA DISCOVERY
A MODERN POLAR EXPERIENCE

RESERVE RISK FREE
See reservation panel for details.

JOIN THIS ADVENTUROUS VOYAGE TO THE 7TH CONTINENT ABOARD AN AWARD WINNING LUXURY SHIP
Dear Carolina Alumni and Friends,

Join fellow Tar Heels and friends on a once-in-a-lifetime adventure to experience the boundless beauty and pristine vastness of Antarctica. This remote continent and its waterways have hosted some of the most courageous explorers in history 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.

With significant savings of more than $1,000 per couple, we anticipate this program will fill quickly. Be certain to reserve your spot today.

Book this experience today by calling (877) 962-3980 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Yours at Carolina,

Douglas S. Dibbert ’70
President, UNC General Alumni Association
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 porterage
- 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.
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.
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 porterage
• All airport and hotel transfers

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

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

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.

Optional Pre-Tour Buenos Aires
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 porterage
• 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)

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

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.
Antarctica Discovery

JANUARY 11-22, 2024
Buenos Aires Pre-Tour: January 9-12, 2024
Iguazu Falls Post-Tour: January 22-25, 2024

Reserve Online at: unc.orbridge.com
For questions or to reserve over the phone:
Call (877) 962-3980

Reserve by Check:
Made payable to Orbridge, LLC
Mail to: UNC GAA, P.O. Box 660
Chapel Hill, NC 27514-0660

The GAA requires there be a GAA member in the room.
For membership information, and to join the GAA, visit: alumni.unc.edu/membership.

GUEST INFORMATION:
Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation):_________________________  Class Year: ___________
Email: ________________________________________________
Home Phone: ___________________  Alt. Phone: ______________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________________________________
City: ______________________________________________________  State: _______  Zip: _____________
Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation):_________________________
Email: ________________________________________________
Home Phone: ___________________  Alt. Phone: ______________________________

DEPOSIT PAYMENT:  
☐ Check  ☐ ACH (Automated Clearing House)  ☐ MasterCard/Visa  ☐ American Express  ☐ Discover

To reserve this tour using the reservation form, please return to the address above.
For deposits to be paid using a credit card, UNC GAA will forward your reservation form to Orbridge for a member of their Guest Services team to contact you to collect your payment.

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: $ ______________________

I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at terms.orbridge.com and the COVID-19 Acknowledgement at orbridge.com/wellness; and I/we agree that Orbridge, LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

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.

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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Reservations 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 Iguazu 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.

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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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