

UCLA Alumni

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

Argentina's
Patagonian
Lake District

December 8–18, 2020

WITH **Jean-Luc Margot**
Professor of Earth, Planetary,
and Space Sciences at UCLA



DEAR UCLA ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

On December 14, 2020, join UCLA alumni and friends to witness a rare cosmic event—a total solar eclipse in Argentina’s Patagonian Lake District known for its sapphire lakes, lush forests and sensational views of the snow-capped Andes. In the company of Jean-Luc Margot, Professor of Earth, Planetary, and Space Sciences, we’ll experience the eclipse during the southern hemisphere’s summer at a site outside San Martin de los Andes directly along the path of the totality.

Enjoy a full-day tour to some of Buenos Aires’ famous *barrios* (neighborhoods) and an evening tango performance. Beyond Argentina’s cosmopolitan capital, venture south to San Carlos de Bariloche, the gateway to Patagonia and headquarters for Nahuel Huapi National Park, Argentina’s oldest national park. Sail across Lake Nahuel Huapi’s crystal-clear waters for a picnic lunch on Victoria Island. Journey on to San Martin de los Andes via the famed Road of the Seven Lakes. On eclipse day, arrive at our viewing site located close to the center-line of the eclipse with an onsite buffet lunch and time to prepare for this extraordinary event. After the eclipse, explore Lanín National Park named after the imposing Lanín Volcano and noted for its forests of ancient Araucaria trees. On the return enjoy a day in Buenos Aires where we’ll tour the Colón Opera House followed by a festive farewell lunch.

Space for this program has already begun to fill quickly, so call today to secure your place on a unique tour to witness a solar eclipse in Argentina’s spectacular Patagonian Lake District.

Regards from Westwood,



Christel Aragon
Director, Alumni Travel

For information, contact us at
310-206-0613 or travel@alumni.ucla.edu



ECLIPSE VIEWERS



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LEADER

JEAN-LUC MARGOT is Professor of Earth, Planetary, and Space Sciences at UCLA. He is a planetary astronomer who conducts research on the properties of habitable worlds by using a variety of spacecraft and telescopes, including the largest telescope on Earth at the Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico, the Very Large Telescope in Chile's Atacama Desert, and the Kepler space observatory. He also leads a teaching and research program focused on the search for extraterrestrial intelligence (SETI) with UCLA undergraduate and graduate students. This will be Professor Margot's fifth trip with UCLA Alumni Travel, always to rave reviews.



RECOLETA CEMETERY, BUENOS AIRES



GAUCHOS AND LANIN VOLCANO



SAN MARTIN DE LOS ANDES



PUERTO MADERO, BUENOS AIRES



SUN'S CORONOA
DURING ECLIPSE



UCLA ALUMNI TRAVEL IN VICUÑA, CHILE, JULY 2019

ITINERARY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

U.S. ✨ Buenos Aires

Depart from the U.S. on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

Buenos Aires

This morning arrive in Buenos Aires, an elegant and cosmopolitan city with a European flavor and friendly atmosphere. An afternoon walking tour on the banks of the River Plate will introduce us to this grand metropolis, known as “the Paris of South America”. Visit the nearby Recoleta Cemetery, the much-revered resting place of patriarchs, presidents, and the beloved Eva Perón. Admire 19th-century French architecture and many beautiful buildings. Gather for a welcome dinner tonight. LOI SUITES RECOLETA HOTEL (D)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

Buenos Aires

Feel the European influence of this capital city as you tour the major sites. Highlights include the Plaza de Mayo, the National Cathedral and Casa Rosada (Presidential Palace). See La Boca with its colorful tin houses and soccer stadium. Then, explore bohemian San Telmo, one of the oldest neighborhoods in Buenos Aires,

and Palermo with its wonderful parks and gardens. This afternoon depart on a specially arranged art tour of the Museum of Latin American Art of Buenos Aires. Known as MALBA, this modern museum houses one of the world’s premier Latin American collections. In the evening, gather for dinner and then enjoy a tango performance at one of the most authentic tango venues in Buenos Aires.

LOI SUITES RECOLETA HOTEL (B, L, D)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

Buenos Aires

✨ Bariloche

Take a private transfer from the hotel to the domestic airport (AEP) and fly to Bariloche. Then transfer to the hotel. Enjoy a short tour of the area bordering the southern shore of Lake Nahuel Huapi. Stop at a unique viewpoint, known as Panoramic Point, and explore outstanding attractions like the San Eduardo Chapel, near Puerto Pañuelo. The soft trails of Liao Liao Municipal Park offer the possibility of quiet walks in the woods.

DESIGN SUITES BARILOCHE HOTEL (B, L)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

Bariloche

✨ Victoria Island

Spend the day exploring Argentina’s Lake District and Victoria Island. Sail across

Nahuel Huapi’s crystal-clear waters on a private yacht to reach the island. Enjoy a nature walk through the island’s idyllic forest to learn about the indigenous vegetation. Our chef will prepare lunch for us at a secluded beach.

DESIGN SUITES BARILOCHE HOTEL (B, L)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

Bariloche ✨

San Martin de los Andes

Depart to Villa La Angostura, along the shores of the Nahuel Huapi lake to take the famous “Seven Lakes Road,” one of the most beautiful journeys in Argentina. Arrive in San Martin de los Andes, a charming mountain town in a beautiful setting on the edge of Lago Lacar. The town is known as the gateway to the forested Lanín National Park, home to the Lanín Volcano and diverse wildlife including guanacos and pumas. LOI SUITES HOTEL CHAPELCO (B, L, D)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

San Martin de los Andes

✨ Piedra del Águila

Eclipse Day

Depart this morning to a private site within the eclipse’s path of totality to witness approximately two minutes of totality. We’ll arrive several hours before the eclipse to the small village of Piedra Del Águila, where we



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CASA ROSADA, BUENOS AIRES



IGUAZU FALLS

will settle in at our encampment close to the central path of the eclipse. Enjoy a buffet lunch at our eclipse site and get ready for the eclipse. After the solar eclipse, transfer back to the hotel to celebrate.

LOI SUITES HOTEL CHAPELCO (B, L, D)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

San Martin de los Andes * Lanín National Park

Spend the day exploring Lanín National Park with its lakes, rivers, volcanoes and ancient Araucaria araucana (monkey puzzle trees). Located in the Andes in the province of Neuquén, this national park covers an area of 378,000 hectares. The park was created in 1937 in order to protect the forests of Araucaria or Pehuén and other representatives of the local flora and fauna and natural region including the Lanin Volcano.

LOI SUITES HOTEL CHAPELCO (B, L, D)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

San Martin de los Andes * Bariloche * Buenos Aires

Transfer to Bariloche to fly back to Buenos Aires. Enjoy the free evening to explore Buenos Aires.

LOI SUITES RECOLETA HOTEL (B, BL)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

Buenos Aires * U.S.

This morning we'll tour the Colon theatre. Our tour will be followed by a festive farewell lunch. After lunch, we'll transfer to the international airport to connect with overnight flights home. (B, L)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18.

Arrive U.S

Arrive in the U.S. and transfer for connections home.

Program note: *Argentina's Patagonian Lake District will be a prime location to experience the Total Solar Eclipse. We will provide an optimal viewing location to experience this phenomenon. Please keep in mind that viewing the eclipse will be weather dependent. Since we have no control over the weather, there is always a chance that we will not be able to view it or view it only for a short period of time. Keep in mind that unexpected schedule changes could affect the program. Your Travel Director will keep you fully informed of any changes to planned activities. A sense of humor, flexibility, and patience will be greatly appreciated during this program and especially on eclipse day!*

OPTIONAL PRE-TRIP EXTENSION

DECEMBER 5-9, 2020

Iguazú Falls

Roaring out of the jungle and hurtling over cliffs between Brazil and Argentina, Iguazú Falls is one of the natural wonders of the world. The two nights at this extraordinary place offer ample time to relax and see cataracts surrounded by luxuriant rain forest, beautiful exotic birds (toucans, caracas, and parrots), and intriguing bromeliads and butterflies. Walk along the upper and lower trails for close-up views of the many different falls. Exploration from the Brazilian side is thrilling. Take a boat approaching the base of the falls. Fly back to Buenos Aires and overnight there before beginning the main program. The extension includes three-nights' accommodations (taxes included) buffet breakfast every day, one lunch, entrance fees, transfers, and tour guide. Airfare to Iguazú is additional and quoted separately. ACCOMMODATIONS: TWO NIGHTS LOI SUITES IGUAZÚ AND ONE-NIGHT LOI SUITES RECOLETA BUENOS AIRES



WHAT TO EXPECT

This exclusive expedition is designed for UCLA Alumni and friends who are interested in learning about and experiencing a total solar eclipse as well as the culture and history of Buenos Aires and wildlife, geology, and superb natural landscapes of Argentina's Patagonian Lake District. Travel is during the Southern Hemisphere's summer. Temperatures in Buenos Aires generally range from 82°F to 67°F. Temperatures in Bariloche and San Martín de los Andes are generally cooler, ranging from 69°F to 46°F. This is an active program with some early departures and drives of up to four hours. To enjoy this experience, participants must be in good physical and mental health and be able to keep up with the pace of the group. Travelers should be able to walk unassisted for up to two or three miles a day. There will be some stair climbing and unpaved trails over uneven terrain and cobblestone sidewalks. Since some travel will be in remote areas, everyone must be flexible concerning time schedules, food, insects, weather and dust. The order of activities may change due to local conditions or to take advantage of unexpected opportunities. Program participants requiring extraordinary assistance must be accompanied by someone who can and will provide all required assistance. Travel is by jet aircraft, boat, and motorcoach.

PROGRAM COST

Land Program Cost.....\$9,495
(Per person, double occupancy)

Single Supplement.....\$2,595
(Limited availability)

SAMPLE COACH AIRFARE

LAX / Buenos Aires / LAX\$1,300
(As of July 2019, and subject to change)

Iguazú Falls Pre-Trip Extension.....\$1,625
(Per person, double occupancy)

Extension Single Supplement \$395

Rates for this extension are based on a minimum of 10 guests. Airfare to Iguazú Falls is not included.

APPROXIMATE AIRFARE (Coach Class)

Roundtrip airfare from Buenos Aires to Iguazú Falls..... \$153
(As of July 2019 and subject to change)

PROGRAM COST INCLUDES

Study leader's lectures and discussions • Accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary • Wine with included dinners and farewell lunch • All land transportation • Two in-tour flights from: Buenos Aires to Bariloche and Bariloche to Buenos Aires, provided increases in the in-tour airfare at a maximum cost of \$495 after the initial pricing of this program are not included—see below • Professional guides and tour director throughout • Airport transfers for group flights • Domestic airport departure taxes • Entrance fees • Eclipse viewing site • Eclipse viewing glasses • Baggage handling • Pre-departure information • Gratuities to tour director, local guides and drivers.

PROGRAM COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

U.S. domestic and international airfare • Flights for the optional pre-trip extension to and from Iguazú Falls • Passport or Visa fees • Meals not specified in the itinerary • Personal items such as laundry, e-mail, wi-fi or telephone calls • Liquor • Room service • Excess baggage charges • Private transfers • Medical expenses • Travel insurance • Deviations from the scheduled tour • Any increases in the in-tour airfare (included as part of the main program cost), security, or fuel surcharges imposed after the initial pricing of this program are not included.

AIR ARRANGEMENTS

Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc. is the preferred provider for airline arrangements for this trip and can help with international air arrangements for this trip and can be reached at 800-447-3560. You are welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS & FINAL PAYMENT: To reserve a space on this tour, please mail a deposit of \$1,000 per person plus \$200 per person for the Iguazu Falls pre-tour extension, if applicable, is required. A second deposit of \$2,000 per passenger will be due on or before December 6, 2019. Initial deposits may be charged to a credit card. All subsequent payments must be made by check payable to "Royal Adventures." Please fill out and mail, e-mail or fax the registration form. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt. Final payment is due August 10, 2020, 120 days prior to departure and must be paid by check. Royal Adventures handles all invoicing. CST #2009579-40

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS: Cancellations must be received in writing by the UCLA Alumni Association from the participant. Cancellations within 14 days of booking: full refund; cancellations received up to 120 days prior to departure will be assessed a cancellation fee equal to the full amount of deposits paid. Cancellations received within 120 days prior to departure are subject to 100% penalty of all deposits and payments, regardless of booking date. There are no refunds for unused meals, accommodations or other trip features.

CHANGES IN ITINERARY: The itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of the UCLA Alumni Association and the tour operator, Royal Adventures.

INSURANCE: We highly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance. An application for insurance will be provided by the UCLA Alumni Association upon confirmation. Neither the UCLA Alumni Association nor Royal Adventures accepts liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable airline ticket or other expenses incurred by tour participants in preparing for the tour.

RESPONSIBILITY: Royal Adventures, its owners and employees act only as an agent for the various independent suppliers and contractors providing transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurant and other services connected with this tour. Such travel and services are subject to the terms and conditions under which such accommodations, services and transportation are offered or provided, and UCLA Alumni Association and Royal Adventures and their respective, employees, agents, representatives, and assigns, accept no liability therefor. UCLA Alumni Association and Royal Adventures, assume no liability for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or other irregularity which may be caused by the defect of any aircraft or vehicle or the negligence or default of any company or person engaged in carrying out or

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QUESTIONS: Please contact UCLA Alumni Travel at 310-206-0613 or travel@alumni.ucla.edu for details.

RESERVATION FORM

UCLA Alumni

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

Argentina's Patagonian Lake District

Enclosed is a deposit of _____ (\$1,000 deposit per person, plus \$200 for the Iguazú Falls extension, if applicable) to hold _____ place(s) on the *Total Solar Eclipse: Argentina*. I/we understand that a second deposit of \$2,000 per person is due by check by December 6, 2019 and that final payment is due August 10, 2020 by check.

Please authorize credit card payment or make a check payable to Royal Adventures, and send along with completed reservation form to: UCLA Alumni Association, Attn: Alumni Travel, James West Alumni Center, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1397. Or contact UCLA Alumni Travel at 310-206-0613; fax 310-209-4271; or e-mail travel@alumni.ucla.edu.

NAME AS ON PASSPORT _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

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CONTACT INFORMATION

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE _____

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HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

E-MAIL(S) _____

PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Pay by check made out to "Royal Adventures"
- Please charge the deposit of \$_____ (\$1,000 per person) to: AMEX Visa MasterCard Discover Card

CARD # _____

EXP. DATE _____ SEC. CODE _____

ACCOMMODATIONS

- I will share a room with _____
- I request a single room (*limited availability*)

PRE-TRIP EXTENSION

- I/We will join the optional pre-trip extension to Iguazú Falls.

I/We have carefully read the Program Cost, General Information and Responsibility, etc.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

UCLA ALUMNI TRAVEL IS A BENEFIT OF UCLA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GOLD, LIFE OR BLUE MEMBERSHIP.

PLEASE SELECT AN OPTION BELOW:

- I am currently a (check one):
 - Gold Life* Blue Member of the UCLA Alumni Association.
- I have enclosed a check made payable to the UCLA Foundation for:
 - \$1,000 Gold Membership \$100 Blue Membership

Detailed Alumni Association benefit information can be found at alumni.ucla.edu/benefits.

*The UCLA Alumni Travel benefit has been grandfathered in for existing Life Members.

Life Membership is not currently available for purchase.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- **OBSERVE** the 2020 Total Solar Eclipse at a special viewing site within the path of totality in Argentina's Patagonian Lakes District known for its awesome landscapes.
- **TOUR** cosmopolitan Buenos Aires, the Paris of South America.
- **DRIVE** the Road of Seven Lakes, Patagonia's ultimate scenic road trip.
- **EXPLORE** the Swiss-like town of San Carlos de Bariloche and sail to Victoria Island on a private yacht.
- **SPEND** a day at Lanín National Park with its lakes, rivers, volcanoes and ancient monkey puzzle trees.
- **JOURNEY** to the town of San Martín de los Andes, a Patagonian paradise perched on the banks of Lácar Lake.

