BE SURROUNDED BY PENGUINS, WHALES, AND SEALS ON THIS ADVENTUROUS VOYAGE TO THE 7TH CONTINENT ABOARD A BRAND NEW LUXURY SHIP
Dear W&L Alumni, Parents, and Friends,

I’m pleased to invite you to join us as we experience the pristine wilderness and boundless splendor of Antarctica. This remote continent with its labyrinthine coastline has hosted some of history’s most intrepid explorers since Captain Cook first sailed the region in 1773. Our voyage—the fourth in the history of the W&L Traveller—embarks in Ushuaia, Argentina, then cruises through the Drake Passage to the South Shetland Islands of the Antarctic Peninsula, where we’ll explore the dramatic landscapes and waterways of the continent’s northernmost arm. It is a region remarkable for its abundant wildlife as well as captivating legend. We’ll trek through penguin rookeries; follow humpback, minke, and sperm whales; observe the graceful albatross as well as diverse flocks of seabirds; witness Antarctic ice conditions and marvel at icebergs the size of counties, and discover the sites of both past and present scientific expeditions.

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

January—in the midst of the austral summer—is prime time for visiting Antarctica. Participants on previous W&L voyages to the seventh continent have enjoyed barbecues on deck. Space is limited, so we encourage you to reserve your cabin today by calling (540) 458-8723 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Sincerely,

Robert Fure, Ph.D.
Director of Lifelong Learning
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 (R)
Welcome reception
Overnight: Arakur Ushuaia Resort & Spa
Day 3: Ushuaia – Embarkation (B,D)
Wildlife and iceberg viewing,
Beagle Channel
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, R = Reception)

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. This proven technology produces very low levels of noise and vibration.
• Explore at your own pace, with numerous passenger landings and explorations throughout the voyage, aided by a nimble fleet of Zodias and knowledgeable guides.

Interact

• Enjoy the company and keen insights of expert expedition guides, scientists, and lecturers throughout the journey.
• 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
• A welcome reception and farewell cocktail
• 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)
• A digital voyage log (including a map of the ship’s charted course, a list of wildlife spotted, and a photo album)
• All ship-board gratuities
• All luggage porterage
• Port fees
• Transfers from the hotel to the ship or into town on the day of embarkation
• Group transfers for all guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

Important Note

Due to the remote location of this tour, medical evacuation insurance is required with a minimum coverage of $200,000. It usually costs between $42 and $125 per guest depending upon age and state the guest lives in. 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 offer 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 a view of the ocean. Suite categories include exclusive complimentary amenities— butler and 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. Each cabin 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 — Balcony (Triple / Family)**
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-bedroom 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, with each room featuring indigenous Argentine materials including copper, marble, stone, woods, and leather.
What’s Included

- Two 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.
What’s Included

• One night accommodations at Alvear Icon Hotel in Buenos Aires and two nights at Meliá Iguazú—pictured below—(or similar) with breakfast each morning
• Two 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)
   Morning flight, afternoon guided tour of Iguazú Falls

Day 14: Iguazú Falls Tour (B)
   Full day guided tour, optional Gran Aventura Safari Boat Tour excursion, 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.
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Iguazu Falls Post-Tour: January 27-30, 2021

Upon submission of your registration form, Orbridge will call you within two business days to confirm your reservation and collect your credit card deposit. If you would prefer to pay your deposit by check, please make payable to Orbridge, LLC and mail to:
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Washington and Lee University
204 West Washington St.
Lexington, VA 24450

GUEST INFORMATION:
Guest #1 Name: Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. ________________________________
Class Year: ____________________________
City: __________________ State: _______ Zip: _____________
Address: __________________________________________________________________________________
Alt. Phone: ____________________________________
Home Phone: ____________________________________
Email: __________________________________________________________________________________

GUEST INFORMATION:
Guest #2 Name: Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. ________________________________
Class Year: ____________________________
City: __________________ State: _______ Zip: _____________
Address: __________________________________________________________________________________
Alt. Phone: ____________________________________
Home Phone: ____________________________________
Email: __________________________________________________________________________________

CATEGORtY 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: $

ANTARCTICA OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS (added to your final invoice)—book early; limited space available:
# ___ guests joining Sea Kayaking—one-time outing—($250/person)

we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at terms.orbridge.com and detailed in program documents; and that Orbridge, LLC is authorized to take my/our deposit for this program.

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ________________

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