Patagonian Adventure

FEBRUARY 4-14, 2022

WITH James Dick,
Director of Outdoor Education
at Washington and Lee
Dear W&L Alumni, Parents, and Friends,

We invite you to travel with us to one of the most mysterious and secluded areas of the world, Patagonia. With the spectacular landscape of the Andes, rolling pampas, Andean lakes, abundant wildlife and a wealth of fossils from prehistoric wildlife to ancient humans, the vibrant natural history of Patagonia has intrigued scientists and beckoned explorers for generations.

We’ll begin in Santiago, Chile, at the foot of the Andes with a survey of 4,500 years of pre-Columbian civilization in the Americas. We fly next to Puerto Montt, with its lakes, waterfalls, snowcapped volcano and famous fish market before pushing on to Punta Arenas, Chile’s southernmost city on the Strait of Magellan opposite Tierra del Fuego. From here, our expedition ventures to Puerto Natales the gateway to southern Patagonia. For the next four nights, the well-appointed Remota Lodge will serve as our haven of contemplation after each of our ventures into the awe-inspiring beauty of the region. On this portion of the trip, we’ll be able to choose our own activity and guide: trekking in a national park, horseback riding with a gaucho across the wind-swept pampas, mountain biking through majestic forest, navigating by boat around a glacier filled lake or visiting an authentic Patagonian estancia.

We’ll visit Torres del Paine National Park, whose towering spires of granite, ice fields and glaciers will inspire indelible memories. Here condors ride on currents above the Andes, and foxes, rheas and guanacos give chase across the pampas. Returning to Santiago we’ll conclude our adventure with lunch and tasting of select Chilean vintages at the private Kingston Family Vineyards in the Casablanca Valley.

With excellent accommodations, all internal flights and superb personnel throughout, this is an extraordinary educational travel opportunity to some of the most pristine areas on the planet.

If you want to extend your sojourn in Chile we offer a one day extension to visit Valparaíso, the historical port city and UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Cordially,

Rob Fure, Director
The W&L Traveller
W&L Study Leader

JAMES DICK, Director of Outdoor Education at Washington and Lee, has overseen the outing club, taught in the physical education department and managed the University’s challenge course since 2002. He is a lifelong adventurer whose motto is, “let’s try it...”. His passion lies with encouraging people (of all ages) to get outside and explore, learn and experience what the world has to offer, whether it is a short stroll on a garden path or a high mountain expedition. He has led hiking trips to Nepal and Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania among other destinations with W&L hikers. James lives in Lexington with his wife Julie and three “outdoorsy” daughters.
Itinerary

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

USA ⇃ Santiago
We depart the U.S. on an overnight flight to Santiago, Chile.

OVERNIGHT FLIGHT (MEALS ALOFT)

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

Arrival in Santiago
We arrive this morning in Santiago at the foot of the Andes and enjoy an afternoon city tour of the highlights of South America’s most modern city. We’ll visit the remarkable collection at the newly re-opened Chilean Museum of Pre-Colombian Art, and the city’s historical center, including La Moneda, the Neoclassical building that houses the executive branch of Chile’s government. This evening, we’ll gather for a special welcome dinner.

HOTEL PLAZA EL BOSQUE EBRO (B, D)

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

Santiago ⇃ Puerto Montt
We fly to Puerto Montt, an important fishing port and gateway to the Lake Country and Patagonia. After our arrival in Puerto Montt, we transfer to nearby Puerto Varas, a charming German-style town facing Lake Llanquihue with breathtaking views of the snow-capped volcanoes, Osorno and Calbuco, reflected in the lake’s clear waters. We take the remainder of the day to explore this quaint town surrounded by beautiful vistas.

HOTEL CUMBRES PUERTO VARAS (B, D)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

Lake District
Today, we embark on a full day excursion of Vicente Perez Rosales National Park, Chile’s first national park and the heartland of the Lake District. The Todos los Santos Lake, the Osorno Volcano and the Monte Tronador Volcano are natural wonders we can find here. As we walk along its trails, we can see the path of the lava flow that reaches the rivers, lakes and waterfalls. Board a modern, enclosed catamaran for sailing through the turquoise waters of Todos Los Santos Lake. We’ll stop at the remote hamlet of Peulla, at the border with Argentina, to enjoy walks and views of the snow-capped Andes and emerald-colored lakes. After diesemakation, we’ll visit a best-kept treasure of this natural paradise, the Petrohué Falls, a succession of rapids with its capricious forms of volcanic rocks bathed by emerald color waterfalls set against a backdrop of Andean mountains and Chile’s magnificent Osorno Volcano.

HOTEL CUMBRES PUERTO VARAS (B, L)

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

Puerto Montt ⇃ Punta Arenas ⇃ Puerto Natales
This morning we transfer to nearby Puerto Montt and visit the colorful and bustling Angelmo fish and handicraft market. We’ll then transfer to the airport for our flight to Punta Arenas, Chile’s southernmost city, on the Strait of Magellan opposite Tierra del Fuego. Founded in 1848, in its golden age it served as a port-of-call for all ships circumnavigating the world. We travel north through expansive Patagonian pampas to Puerto Natales, the gateway to the most spectacular sights in southern Patagonia. On the way look for guanacos, rheas and condors. On arrival in Puerto Natales, we’ll check in at the Remota, our home for the next four nights.

HOTEL REMOTA (B,D)

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

& **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

Torres del Paine National Park
By far, the most impressive sight in southern Chile is Torres del Paine National Park, known as the crown jewel of Patagonia. It was declared a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in 1978. The dramatic mountain formations of towering rock, windswept pampas, ice fields, and glaciers, make it an impressive and unforgettable sight. We will explore the west side of the park one day and the east side of the park on another day. We look out for herds of guanacos and rheas, flamingos, condors, foxes, geese, and black-necked swans. Lakes and lagoons in hues of blues, greens, grays and ochres abound. The park is surrounded by impressive mountains including the famous Cuernos del Paine (Horns of Granite), twisted, snow-dusted pillars of grey granite that rise from the flat Patagonian plain. The spectacular Torres del Paine (Towers), giant granite peaks are even more spectacular. See Grey Glacier.
and lake with its blue iceberg, Salto Grande, a glacial waterfall set against majestic peaks, and many lakes. Hike or ride horses with an expert guide or simply relax in the surrounding wilderness.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

**Patagonian Ranch**

Today we’ll embark on a boat to visit a nearby Patagonian estancia or ranch nestled between Mount Balmaceda and the Serrano and Balmaceda glaciers. During our stay at the ranch, we’ll choose from a variety of adventures like horseback riding, off road four-wheeling, bird watching and hiking around the peninsula. We will revel in the fjords and glaciers of this remote outpost. On the return from our explorations, we will have a delicious *asado* or barbecue of estancia raised lamb waiting for us. We will also learn about sheep grazing and shepherding dogs. Upon returning to our hotel, we’ll relax and enjoy the amenities of our lodge or we’ll explore the nearby town of Puerto Natales. **HOTEL REMOTA (B,L,D)**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

**Puerto Natales ✈ Santiago**

We depart this morning for Punta Arenas for the return flight to Santiago. We’ll travel through Chile’s expansive Patagonian pampas and along the shoreline of the Strait of Magellan home to rheas, condors, and eagles. The flight to Santiago will offer, weather permitting, magnificent views of the Andes Mountains, its snow-capped peaks, glaciers, and ice fields as they stream downward, feeding the lakes below. Upon arrival transfer to your hotel. The evening is at leisure. **HOTEL PLAZA EL BOSQUE EBRO (B)**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

**Santiago ✈ U.S.**

This morning we visit Cerro San Cristobal for a panoramic view of Santiago. Next, we’ll journey through the Casablanca Valley where renowned Chilean wines are produced and travel to the Kingston Family Vineyards for a private visit. We’ll learn how this vineyard founded and managed by an American family, has evolved into one of Chile’s hottest, award-winning boutique wineries. We’ll mark our journey’s end and gather at the Kingston winery for a farewell lunch and wine tasting. We return to our hotel and the remainder of our afternoon is unscheduled before driving to the airport for our overnight flights home. **OVERNIGHT FLIGHT (B, L)**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

**Arrive home in the U.S.**

Arrive this morning in the U.S. and connect to your home airport.

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**Optional Post-Tour Extension**

**FEBRUARY 13-15, 2022**

**Valparaíso**

We spend an additional night in Santiago and the next day we travel to Valparaíso, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the first South American cities founded by the Spanish. In the morning we depart for the Pacific coast and drive through the Casa Blanca Valley, a stretch of open coastal land recently “discovered” by several U.S. wine publications for its unparalleled white wines and Pinot Noirs. We tour the historic port city of Valparaíso and stroll through the Concepción and Alegre neighborhoods and ride the century-old hillside ascensors (elevators). We’ll enjoy lunch at a restaurant with views of the ocean. We return to Santiago and transfer to the airport for our evening return flight to the U.S. **HOTEL PLAZA EL BOSQUE EBRO (B, L)**

Cost: $590 per person, double occupancy, $730, single occupancy. Rates are based on a minimum of 10 guests.

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Remota Hotel

REMTA HOTEL, PUERTO NATALES CHILE: In the Chilean Patagonia, you’ll stay at the all-inclusive Remota Hotel in Puerto Natales, the gateway to Torres del Paine National Park. The lodge serves as a place of contemplative refuge and restful return after each journey into the awe-inspiring beauty of Patagonia. Experience exquisite vistas, ultramodern rooms, fine dining, an open bar serving cocktails, wine with meals, expert guides, open-air Jacuzzis, heated indoor infinity pool, and all the service, comforts and amenities of a five-star hotel. The architecture of the Remota is designed to bring its guests into intimate contact with the magnificent natural world of the remote Patagonian peninsula. Guests may choose from among various excursions that are offered each day. We will visit the park as a group to better enjoy the experience on the most advantageous days. Excursions include hiking, horseback riding, bicycle tours, estancia or ranch tours, and bird watching, with specialist English-speaking guides.

Program Cost (Per person, double occupancy)

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(As of Feb 2020, not included, quoted separately, subject to change)

Program Cost Includes: All accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary • Wine with welcome dinner and farewell lunch • Open bar and Chilean wine with dinner at the Remota Hotel (premium liquors and wines excluded) • In-tour flights within Chile (Santiago/Puerto Montt; Puerto Montt/Punta Arenas; Punta Arenas/ Santiago) provided increases in the in-tour airfare ($425 per person) after the initial pricing of this program are not included • All activities per itinerary • Professional English speaking guides and tour director throughout • Transportation by private motor coach, catamaran and boat • Airport transfers for group flights • Tips to local guides and drivers • Service charges and taxes • Baggage handling • Entrance fees • Pre-departure information • Coordination and administration.

What to Expect: This exclusive W&L expedition is designed for those who are interested in learning about the history, culture, the superb natural areas of Patagonia and the history and panoramas of Santiago, and Valparaiso (extension). This is a moderately active program. Some walks in the Torres del Paine area are approximately one-mile-long (sometimes over uneven terrain); walks can be longer at the participant’s discretion. Typically, the weather is warm in Santiago (mid 70’s at noon) and cooler in Puerto Montt and Puerto Varas where temperatures average in the mid 60’s during the day and can drop to the low 40’s at night. Sites in southern Patagonia ( Torres del Paine, Punta Arenas, and Puerto Natales) are usually quite cold in the early morning and late evening, but can be sunny with variable temperatures during the day. Winds, which can be strong, are frequent in the southern Patagonia area and weather, as a general rule, is unpredictable. Since some travel will be in remote areas, everyone must be flexible concerning time schedules, food, weather and dust. In order to enjoy this trip, a spirit of adventure and anticipation, and the desire to explore spectacular natural areas are musts. There are a couple of relatively long drives, which are necessary for the chance to explore the superb scenery of Patagonia. Travel is by regularly scheduled jet aircraft, enclosed catamaran, boat, and motor coach. Altitude does not pose a problem for this itinerary.
Terms & Conditions

PROGRAM COST DOES NOT INCLUDE: U.S. domestic and international airfare (quoted separately) • Excess baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary • Personal items such as laundry, email, fax or telephone calls • Alcoholic beverages except those mentioned above • Dishes or beverages not included with meals • Room service • Passport fees • Private transfers • Medical expenses • Travel insurance • Optional extensions or deviations from the scheduled tour • Any increases in the in-tour airfare (included as part of the main program), security or fuel surcharges imposed after the initial costing of this program are not included. • Tip to the tour director.

RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS, AND FINAL PAYMENT: To reserve a space on this tour, participants must make a deposit payable to “Royal Adventures” for $800 per person, along with $100 per person for the post-trip extension or submit a credit card payment with a completed reservation form to: Office of Lifelong Learning, Washington & Lee University, 201 W. Washington Street, Lexington, VA 24450. Deposits may be charged to a credit card. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt. Final payment is due November 1, 2021, and must be paid by check only. Royal Adventures handles all invoicing. CST #2009579-40

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TRAVEL INSURANCE: We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance as the cancellation penalty in this brochure will apply. An application for travel insurance will be sent upon confirmation. Neither the Washington & Lee University nor Royal Adventures accept 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.

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ACCOMMODATIONS

OPTIONAL POST-TRIP EXTENSION TO VALPARAISO

I/We have carefully read the Terms and Conditions and Responsibility sections of this brochure and agree to their terms on behalf of myself and the members of my party named above.

Signature: ______________________________ Date: ______________________________

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS FORM TO W&L WITH DEPOSIT CHECK PAYABLE TO "ROYAL ADVENTURES"

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Enclosed is my check for $________ ($800 per person plus $100 for the Valparaíso extension, if applicable) payable to “Royal Adventures” to hold ___ place(s) on the W&L Patagonian Adventure February 4-14, 2022. Final Payment by check is due November 1, 2021.

NAME (AS ON PASSPORT) W&L CLASS YEAR DOB

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PAYMENT OPTIONS

☐ Check made out to “Royal Adventures” and sent to W&L.

ACCOMMODATIONS

☐ Double, 1 Bed ☐ Twin, 2 Beds

☐ Single (supplemental fee of $1,200, limited availability)

☐ I will share accommodations with:

OPTIONAL POST-TRIP EXTENSION TO VALPARAISO

☐ I/We would like to register for the optional post-trip extension

☐ I/We have carefully read the Terms and Conditions and Responsibility sections of this brochure and agree to their terms on behalf of myself and the members of my party named above.

Signature: ______________________________ Date: ______________________________
VISIT THE CAPITAL CITY OF SANTIAGO at the foot of the Andes and the historic port city of Valparaíso (extension)

SAIL THROUGH TURQUOISE WATERS in Chile’s Lake District

EXPLORE TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK, hidden at the southernmost end of the Andes and walk near monolithic granite spires, glacial lakes, and waterfalls.

OBSERVE PATAGONIA’S UNIQUE WILDLIFE including guanaco, rhea, flamingo and magnificent Andean condors.

VISIT A PRIVATE PATAGONIAN RANCH and enjoy a typical asado

JOURNEY TO THE HEART of Chile’s wine district

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