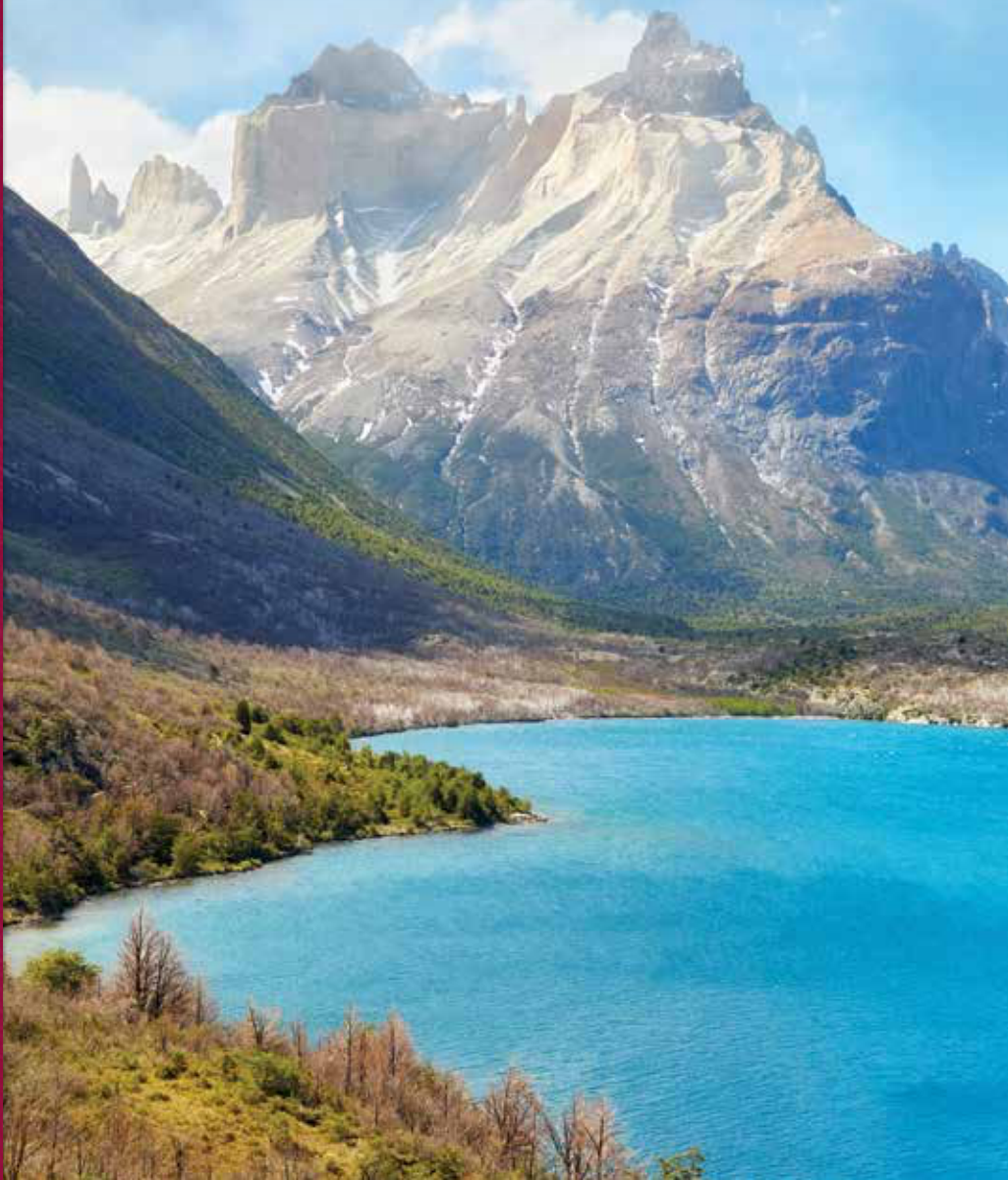


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# Patagonia and the Chilean Fjords



# FROM PAMPAS GRASSLANDS TO PRISTINE GLACIERS

“It is scarcely possible to imagine anything more beautiful than the beryl-like blue of these glaciers,” wrote Charles Darwin, awed by the striking iridescent ice while cruising southern Argentina and Chile in 1833. On this exclusive land and sea voyage, assume the role of explorer, retracing the bold travels of Darwin and Ferdinand Magellan in southern Chile, a landscape still virtually untouched even more than a century after the first European settlers.

From sweeping pampas grasslands to magnificent glacier-studded fjords and the legendary Tierra del Fuego archipelago, you too can experience the extremes and contrasts of Patagonia, which crosses the Andes Mountains from the Pacific to the Atlantic. See distinctive subantarctic and Patagonian wildlife, including guanacos, rheas, condors, elephant seals and penguins. Enjoy excursions that range from a Casablanca Valley wine tasting to a visit to Cape Horn National Park, the world’s southernmost national park.

Along your journey aboard the ***Stella Australis***, seasoned expert naturalists, who have studied and traveled extensively in this remote region, will provide presentations on glaciology, the exploration of the Tierra del Fuego and more.

Front cover: Lake Pehoé, Torres del Paine National Park, Chile





Guanacos, Torres del Paine National Park, Chile

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Dear Texas Ex:

Our unique voyage to Patagonia and the Chilean fjords begins in Santiago on a land and sea itinerary that takes you in the path of legendary explorers Captain Robert FitzRoy and Charles Darwin — through the awe-inspiring Strait of Magellan, the historically significant Beagle Channel, the crystalline Glacier Alley and Wulaia Bay. Along the way, uncover the wonders of Santiago, the extraordinary diversity of Patagonia and Cape Horn, the “edge of the world.”

Cruise aboard the expedition ship ***Stella Australis***, designed specifically for navigating the rich waterways of southern Patagonia, where mountains meet the seemingly endless ocean. The Chilean fjords offer, among their hidden islands and narrow channels, some of the world’s best viewing of tidewater glaciers, subantarctic woodlands and marine wildlife — Andean condors, humpback whales, Peale’s dolphins and rare Chilean dolphins.

Along your journey, an onboard team of multilingual expert naturalists will enrich your expedition with their in-depth knowledge of the region’s history, natural wonders and wildlife.

This outstanding itinerary is brought to you by the Texas Exes travel program, which supports the association’s mission of promoting and protecting The University of Texas at Austin and uniting its alumni around the world. While you do not have to be an alumnus of UT to travel with us, we do ask that all Flying Longhorns travelers have an active membership in the Texas Exes. Memberships start at just \$50.

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Best regards,

Your Flying Longhorns Travel Team,  
Margaret, Janice, and Alysha

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# Chilean Wines – Exquisite & Diverse

Although grapevines were first planted in Chile in the early 1500s with rootstock brought over on Spanish ships, it wasn't until the 1980s that the country's excellent viniculture was recognized as a prominent world player.

Due to Chile's unique weather patterns, topography and location — the Pacific Ocean to the west, the Atacama Desert to the north and the Andes Mountains to the east — the country boasts ideal conditions for wine growing. This geographical protection from all sides has also kept Chile largely immune to the disasters, diseases and pests that have plagued other wine-producing countries, including the phylloxera epidemic of the mid-19th century.

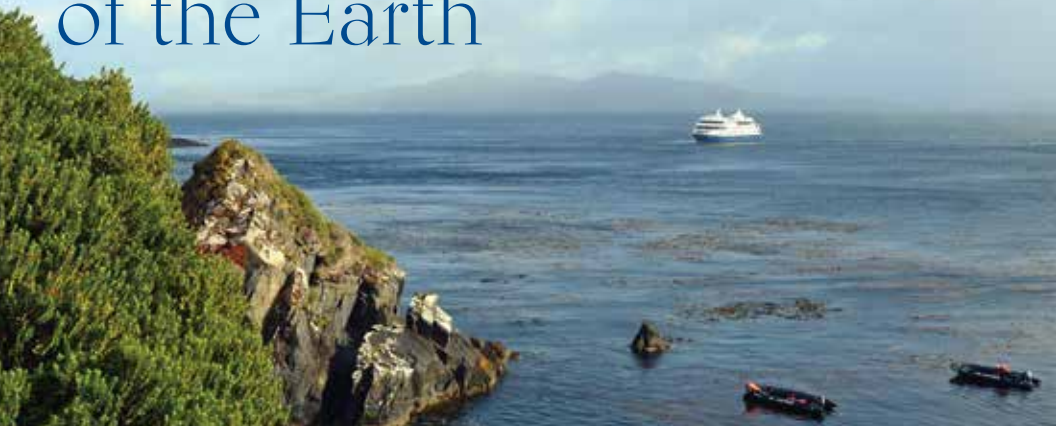
Located west of Santiago, Casablanca Valley is characterized by a focus on sublime white wines—especially Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc varieties. But delicious, full-bodied reds can be savored here as well.

With Chile's variety of pleasing wines, from classic terroir-driven wines to obscure Marselan grapes and delectable dessert wines, wine debutants and oenophiles alike can sip, savor and return home with excellent memories.



*Casas del Bosque Winery, Chile*

# Exploring the End of the Earth



While sailing toward Indonesia's fabled Spice Islands in 1520, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan became the first European to enter the channel that would later bear his name. Along the south side of the strait, amid the world's southernmost forests, smoke rose from numerous native Selk'nam campfires, leading Magellan to name this island Tierra del Humo, "land of smoke," which Spain's King Charles V changed to the more poetic Tierra del Fuego, "land of fire." The northern side of the strait came to be known as Patagonia, "land of giants," for Magellan and his men's impression of the tall, indigenous inhabitants. Three centuries later, the HMS Beagle, under the command of Admiral Robert FitzRoy and with young naturalist Charles Darwin on board, became the first ship to sail east to west through its namesake channel. Experience the same wonder of these intrepid explorers as you cruise through these mesmerizing landscapes almost untouched since Magellan explored them nearly 500 years ago.



Cape Horn, Chile



South American fur seals

## INCLUDED FEATURES

- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if you purchased air through Gohagan & Company and your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
- ◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- ◆ Complimentary water in your suite or stateroom and on excursions.
- ◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
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- ◆ Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
- ◆ Hospitality desk aboard the ship.
- ◆ Meals included as noted in the itinerary (B,L,R,D).



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## 2025 | 12-DAY/11-NIGHT ITINERARY

### Depart Home City

**Day 1 | October 22**

Depart your home city for Santiago, Chile.

### Santiago, Chile

**Day 2 | October 23**

Arrive in Santiago. Transfer and check in to the **Hyatt Centric Las Condes Hotel**. Enjoy the remainder of the day and dinner at leisure.

### Santiago/ Casablanca Valley

**Day 3 | October 24**

Venture out to explore vibrant Santiago, nestled in the foothills of the snowcapped Andes. Tour the highlights of the city's indigenous and European-influenced architecture and culture, including the outstanding collections in the Museo Chileno de Arte Precolombino. En route to the Casa del Bosque vineyard, marvel at views of the scenic Casablanca Valley. A local expert will guide your vineyard tour and wine tasting. (B,L)

### Santiago/Puerto Natales

**Day 4 | October 25**

After breakfast, fly to Puerto Natales, which once served as a major transit point for the sheep and coal industries of 20th-century Patagonia. Stop at Milodón Cave, where 1890s German pioneer Herman Eberhard discovered the prehistoric remains of a 13-foot giant sloth. Check in to the **Costaustralis Puerto Natales Hotel**, spend time at leisure and make your own plans for dinner. (B,L)

### Ultima Esperanza Fjord/ Bernardo O'Higgins National Park/ Puerto Natales

**Day 5 | October 26**

Watch as rugged landscapes and vast, rolling countryside unfold before you. Cruise on the Ultima Esperanza Fjord to witness the imposing Balmaceda Glacier. Next, join your guide for a walk through the unspoiled Bernardo O'Higgins National

Park to see the magnificent Serrano Glacier. Savor lunch at a Patagonian ranch before returning to Puerto Natales. (B,L)

### Torres del Paine/ Grey Lake

**Day 6 | October 27**

Torres del Paine is South America's most celebrated national park and a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Observe its pristine landscape, brimming with spectacular glaciers, lakes and mountain ranges. Search for the region's iconic wildlife — ostrich-like rheas, pumas and guanacos. Enjoy a hike along the gentle shores of Grey Lake, admiring the inspiring granitic towers and Grey Glacier. Relax over lunch in the park and survey its spectacular mountaintop views, including the three-peaked Cordillera del Paine. Join the group for an included dinner tonight. (B,L,D)

### Puerto Natales/ Punta Arenas/Embark

**Day 7 | October 28**

After checking out of the hotel,

Hiking in Patagonia, Chile







*Glacial fjord of the Beagle Channel, Chile*

indulge in a traditional lunch and watch a sheep-shearing demonstration at a Patagonian ranch. Continue to Punta Arenas, the gateway to Patagonia and embark the ***Stella Australis***. Gather for a Captain's Welcome Reception and Dinner. (B,L,R,D)

### **Ainsworth Bay/ Tucker Islets**

**Day 8 | October 29**

Arrive in Ainsworth Bay. This coastal inlet in the seldom-visited Alberto de Agostini National Park is fed by the retreating tidewater Marinelli Glacier. Board a Zodiac for a shore landing and choose between two excursions to explore the subantarctic Magellanic forest. During a Zodiac excursion this afternoon, observe the Tucker Islets' unusual birds — rock cormorants, dolphin gulls, Magellanic penguins and the occasional Andean condor. (B,L,D)

### **Beagle Channel/ Pia Glacier/ Glacier Alley**

**Day 9 | October 30**

Enjoy an unforgettable cruise through the historic Beagle Channel, named for Darwin's ship, which explored these waters in the mid-19th century. Make a Zodiac landing and choose between two excursions that lead you to a magnificent vantage point to see the tidewater Pia Glacier above the fjord. A highlight of today is a mesmerizing cruise through the sublime wonderland of Glacier Alley, where swaths of blue ice flow from the towering gray mountains of the Cordillera Darwin. (B,L,D)

### **Cape Horn/Wulaia Bay**

**Day 10 | October 31**

Disembark at majestic Cape Horn, the "edge of the world" overlooking the legendary Drake Passage, for an unforgettable experience (weather permitting).

Brave the williwaws (blasts of intense wind that seemingly appear out of nowhere) as you climb to the Cape Horn monument in memory of those lost at sea at this desolate point. Walk across the low-lying, fragile tundra vegetation for unmatched panoramic views. This afternoon, anchor in the historic Wulaia Bay, a site described by Charles Darwin and illustrated by FitzRoy during their voyages on ***The Beagle***. Choose between three excursions to discover the area and soak up amazing views of the bay. Gather for a Farewell Reception and Dinner tonight. (B,L,R,D)

### **Ushuaia, Argentina/ Disembark/**

### **Buenos Aires/ Return to Home City**

**Day 11 & 12 | November 1 & 2**

After breakfast, disembark in Ushuaia and fly to Buenos Aires to depart for your home city. (B)

*Wulaia Bay, Chile*



*Cape Horn Monument*





## Stella Australis

Explore the wonders of the Patagonian fjords aboard the exclusively chartered, first-class **Stella Australis**, specially designed to access the most remote corners of the Straits of Magellan, where larger vessels cannot navigate. Each of the ship's 100 cabins features one double bed or two twin beds, individual climate control, a private bathroom with shower and exterior windows to soak up the glorious landscapes. Enjoy complimentary nonpremium alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages throughout the cruise. All meals aboard the ship are included.



**2025 DEPARTURE DATE**  
**October 22 to November 2**  
 (Program Begins: October 23)

Category-Description		Standard Rate	Early Booking \$1,000 Savings*
<b>B</b>	Standard stateroom, large window featuring bathroom with shower. <b>Magallenes Deck.</b> (limited availability)	\$8,210	<b>\$7,210</b>
<b>A</b>	Standard stateroom, large window featuring bathroom with shower. <b>Magallenes Deck.</b>	\$8,810	<b>\$7,810</b>
<b>AA</b>	Standard stateroom, large window featuring bathroom with shower. <b>Tierra del Feugo Deck.</b>	\$9,710	<b>\$8,710</b>
<b>AA Superior</b>	Superior stateroom, large window featuring bathroom with shower. <b>Tierra del Feugo Deck.</b> (limited availability)	\$9,910	<b>\$8,910</b>
<b>AAA</b>	Standard stateroom, large window featuring bathroom with shower. <b>Cabo des Hornos Deck.</b>	\$10,710	<b>\$9,710</b>
<b>AAA Superior</b>	Superior stateroom, large window featuring bathroom with shower. <b>Cabo des Hornos Deck.</b> (limited availability).	\$11,110	<b>\$10,110</b>

**\*Early Booking Savings of \$1,000 are available when you book by 5/19/25 and pay in full at time of booking. If you pay only your deposit by early booking date, you still save \$500 per person.**

All rates are in U.S. dollars, per person, based on double occupancy, including taxes. Single accommodations are available in category A at 160% of the cabin fare, plus taxes, with limited availability. Single rates for all other categories are at 200%. Early Booking Savings still apply. (Cabin fare is the standard rate less taxes.)

Port taxes in the amount of \$115 per person are included in the above prices. Deck plans available upon request.

Final payment due June 24, 2025

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## PRE-TOUR EXTENSION

### Easter Island

**October 18 to 23, 2025** (Program Begins: October 19)

Explore the UNESCO World Heritage site of Easter Island and behold its unique archaeological treasures. Visit the island's most important and celebrated landmarks, including the basalt quarry from which the moai were carved, the white sand beach and the village central to the Birdman culture — predominant until the arrival of Christian missionaries. This tour features round-trip flights between Santiago and Easter Island and all accommodations, including one night at the **Hyatt Centric Las Condes Hotel** and three nights at the **Hangaroa Eco Village & Spa**.

**Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$4,995**

**Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$6,495**



## POST-TOUR EXTENSION

### Buenos Aires and Iguazú Falls

**November 1 to 6, 2025** (Program Ends: November 5)

Extend your journey with a tour of Argentina's capital city of Buenos Aires and the rainforest of Iguazú Falls. In elegant Buenos Aires, see the colorful La Boca district and the neighborhoods of San Telmo, Puerto Madero and Palermo. Visit Recoleta Cemetery, the final resting place of Eva Perón. Fly to Iguazú Falls and explore both the Argentine and Brazilian falls. Enjoy visiting the Parque das Aves, home to more than 500 species of bird. This tour features a flight to Iguazú Falls and all accommodations, including two nights at the **Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta** and two nights at the **Gran Meliá Iguazú**.

**Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$2,595**

**Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$3,375**

*Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.*

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*Magellanic penguins*



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