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Antarctica: Deep Ice and a Changing World

Aboard the Deluxe *Le Lyrial* | December 6–17, 2027



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Dear OSU Alumni and Friends,

Antarctica is often described as remote and pristine. For ocean scientists, it is something else entirely, a driver of planetary systems that regulate climate, circulate heat, store carbon and sustain life far beyond the polar regions.

Developed in partnership with the **Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution**, this 10-night voyage aboard *Le Lyrial* invites you to move beyond surface perceptions and encounter the ocean as it truly functions, not as scenery, but as a system central to life on Earth. Through integrated scientific briefings, conversations and observation, WHOI's perspective transforms Antarctica into a living laboratory, one where understanding deepens through inquiry rather than instruction.

Joining the voyage will be OSU climate scientist **Dr. Christo Buizert***, whose research uses deep ice cores from Antarctica and Greenland to reconstruct past climate and atmospheric change. His expertise will add another dimension to our exploration, illuminating how the ice beneath our feet holds a record of Earth's changing climate.

**Dr. Buizert's participation is contingent upon a minimum of 12 confirmed OSU travelers.*

Here, science is not presented as a fixed conclusion, but as an evolving process shaped by changing conditions, including weather, ice and the unknown, mirroring how discovery unfolds in the field. This journey is designed for those seeking more than a destination, for those interested in perspective, dialogue and lasting insight.

This voyage is not about reaching the end of the world. It is about seeing the world differently, and reimagining the ocean that makes life on Earth possible.

Space is limited, and we encourage you to reserve your place soon for this remarkable Antarctic voyage, where scientific discovery, reflection and the refined experience of PONANT EXPLORATIONS come together to offer a deeper understanding of the ocean and its role in shaping our world.

We look forward to welcoming you on board,

Your friends at the OSU Alumni Association

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Christo Buizert is an associate professor in the College of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences of Oregon State University. His work uses ice cores from Greenland and Antarctica to reconstruct and understand past climate change. Natural climate variations through geologic time provide a natural experiment to better understand the dynamics and sensitivity of the climate System. His research group measures the composition of Earth's past atmosphere from bubbles trapped in the ice. He combines laboratory work with climate models and other tools to gain a deeper insight into Earth's past. His work has made important contributions to our understanding of the global impact of past abrupt climate change related to instabilities in the Atlantic Ocean circulation. He has participated in scientific expeditions to both Greenland and Antarctica to drill ice cores. He is currently the director of the Center for Oldest Ice Exploration (COLDEX), a large multi-institution scientific effort to explore Antarctica for the oldest possible ice core records of our planet's climate and environmental history.

OPTIONAL PRE- AND POST-TRIP EXTENSIONS

Enhance your journey with curated extension programs designed to deepen your experience. Additional details, including pricing and inclusions, will be provided by your Guest Services Specialist.

Pre-Voyage Extensions We will be offering an optional pre-voyage program in Argentina's Lake District: Bariloche and its Surroundings (4 Nights).

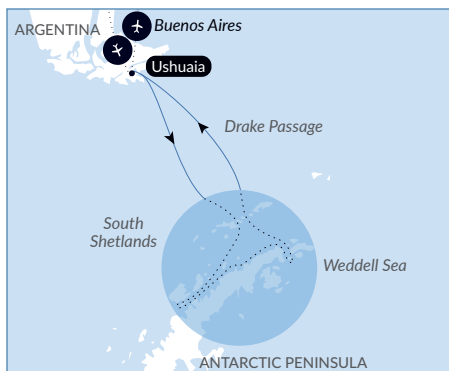
Post-Voyage Extension We will be offering an optional post-voyage program in Buenos Aires & San Antonio de Areco called Argentine Traditions (2 Nights).

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ITINERARY

B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner



Day 1 | December 6, 2027

ARRIVE | BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Welcome to Buenos Aires! Upon arrival at Ezeiza Airport (EZE), you will be met and transferred to the Casa Lucia Member of Meliá Collection for overnight. For those arriving in the morning, an early check-in will be available. Gather this evening with your fellow travelers for a welcome reception at the hotel, dinner will be on your own. (R)

Day 2 | December 7

BUENOS AIRES | CHARTER FLIGHT TO USHUAIA | EMBARK

After breakfast, transfer by group charter flight to Ushuaia, “El fin del Mundo,” at the southern tip of the Andes, and embark *Le Lyrial*. Nestled between mountains and the Beagle Channel, Ushuaia is Antarctica’s gateway. Onboard, WHOI scientists introduce the Southern Ocean as a powerful system shaping global climate, circulation, and life far beyond the poles. (B,L,D)



Days 3–4 | December 8–9

CROSSING THE DRAKE PASSAGE

Crossing the Drake Passage is both a physical and intellectual threshold. As the ship traverses the Antarctic Convergence — where cold polar waters meet warmer northern seas — WHOI briefings explore the invisible boundaries that define the Southern Ocean.

Seabirds trace wind and current patterns overhead, offering real-time cues to ocean circulation. Daily discussions, deck-based observation, and informal conversations begin to shift perspective — from surface impressions to the deeper systems shaping weather, ice, and life.

This is a time of orientation: learning the rules of safe Antarctic travel, while also learning how scientists read the ocean itself. (B,L,D)

Days 5–9 | December 10–14

ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

The Antarctic Peninsula reveals a world of striking contrasts — towering glaciers, sculpted icebergs, volcanic beaches, and wildlife thriving in extreme conditions. Each day unfolds according to ice, weather, and opportunity, guided by the Captain and Expedition Leader in compliance with IAATO regulations.

Here, WHOI’s ICE-LIFE research reframes the experience. Ice is no longer a static backdrop, but a living system — home to microscopic algae that sustain krill, penguins, seals, and whales. What appears pristine and silent is, in fact, biologically active and deeply interconnected.

Zodiac cruises and landings allow close observation of glaciers, sea ice, and wildlife, while WHOI scientists help guests connect what they see above the surface to processes unfolding beneath it. Research stations, historic sites, and natural harbors provide further context for human presence and scientific inquiry in this remote region.

No two days are the same — and that variability itself becomes part of the story. (B,L,D)

Days 10–11 | December 15–16

CROSSING THE DRAKE PASSAGE

The return across the Drake Passage offers time for synthesis. As Antarctica recedes astern, discussions focus on connection — how the

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Southern Ocean influences global systems, and how new understanding reshapes perspective long after the voyage ends.

This is not a call to action, but a moment of clarity: seeing the ocean not as scenery, but as infrastructure for life on Earth. (B,L,D)

Day 12 | December 17

USHUAIA, ARGENTINA | CHARTER FLIGHT TO BUENOS AIRES | DEPART

Disembarkation in Ushuaia concludes the voyage — but not the experience. Guests return carrying a fundamentally different understanding of Antarctica, the ocean, and the systems that sustain the planet.

What began as a journey to the end of the world becomes a reframing of the world itself. (B)

We are privileged guests in these extreme lands where we are at the mercy of weather and ice conditions. Landings on certain sites and the observation of certain wildlife cannot be guaranteed. They vary from day to day, making each PONANT cruise a unique experience. The Captain and Expedition Leader will make every effort to ensure that your experience is as rich as possible, while complying with the safety rules and instructions imposed by IAATO.



PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

- Comprehensive 10-night cruise aboard the deluxe *Le Lyréal*
- One pre-night at Hotel Casa Lucia (or similar) in Buenos Aires, Argentina starting on December 6, 2027 with a welcome reception
- Onboard lectures and discussions provided by English speaking guest lecturers
- Group charter flight; Buenos Aires / Ushuaia on December 7, 2027; Ushuaia / Buenos Aires on December 17, 2027
- Complete program of outings and shore visits in Zodiac with a team of experienced naturalist guides
- Captain's gala dinners and cocktail receptions aboard ship
- All meals aboard ship including early riser's coffee & pastry, breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, dinner
- Open bar aboard ship, including select wines with lunch and dinner
- 24-hour complimentary room service
- Comprehensive pre-departure materials
- Unlimited WiFi (as available via satellite)
- Airport/hotel transfers and handling of luggage on official arrival and departure days
- Port taxes and charges
- Gratuities to shipboard personnel, porters, guides, and drivers on tours
- Offered on board: Complimentary water-resistant polar parka for adult travelers, to keep
- Offered on board: Complimentary boot rental of half-calf rubber boots for adult travelers, for use during voyage

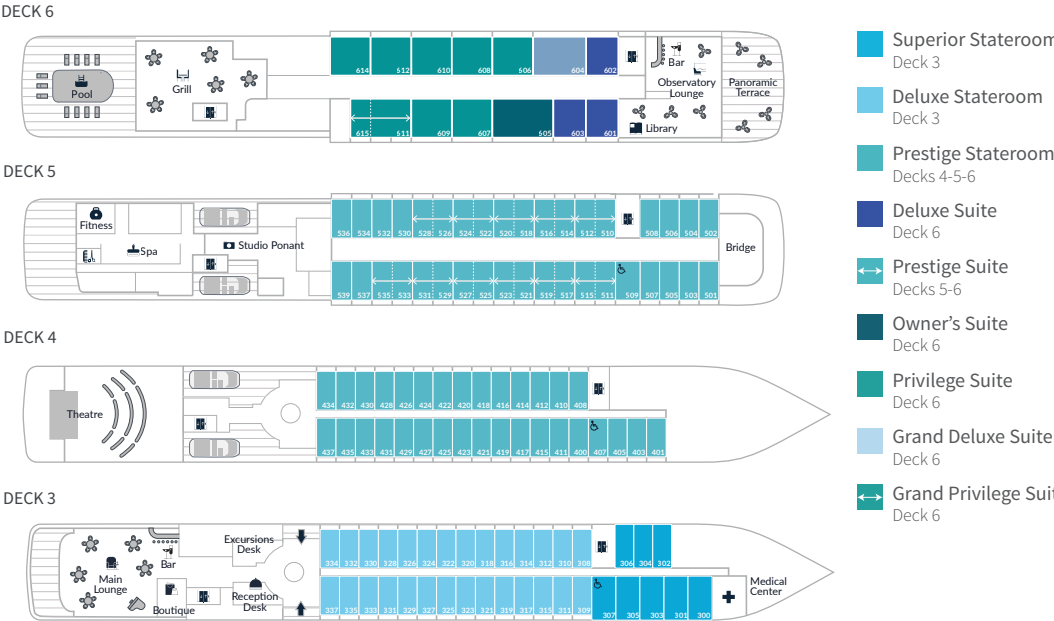
EXCLUSIONS Passport and visa fees and/or immigration reciprocity taxes (if applicable): Argentina: Visas are not required for U.S. citizens for stays up to 90 days. Airfare; airport taxes; trip cancellation and baggage insurance; medical and repatriation insurance; meals and beverages other than those specified above; personal expenses (such as telephone, laundry service, hair salon services, a la carte spa treatments, etc.); gratuities to drivers of transfers from/to airport; transfers outside of official arrival/departure dates.



LE LYRIAL

The five-star *Le Lyrial* is the very embodiment of PONANT EXPLORATIONS' generation of intimately sized ships. Her exterior and interior lines, all understatement and refinement, make her a yacht of a rare and innovative kind. The wellness area offers a spa with massage and beauty treatments, as well as a fitness area and steam room. Plus, with just 122 staterooms and suites, each with a sea view, guests will enjoy the subtle combination of luxury, intimacy, and well-being.

DECK PLAN



CABIN CATEGORIES & RATES ON LE LYRIAL

All accommodations aboard *Le Lyrial* are outside staterooms and suites, and feature a private balcony. All cabins include either two beds or one bed, mini bar, safe, spacious closets, climate control, telephone, WiFi access (as available via satellite), TV with movies on demand, Bose Bluetooth Speaker, and private bathroom with fine amenities. **Fares are per person, double and single occupancy.**

	DOUBLE	SINGLE
SUPERIOR STATEROOM, DECK 3	\$15,050	\$26,320
DELUXE STATEROOM, DECK 3	\$15,670	\$27,560
PRESTIGE STATEROOM, DECK 4	\$16,240	\$28,700
PRESTIGE STATEROOM, DECK 5	\$16,460	\$29,140
PRESTIGE STATEROOM, DECK 6	\$16,800	\$29,820
DELUXE SUITE, DECK 6	\$22,400	\$41,020
PRESTIGE SUITE, DECK 5	\$23,170	\$42,560
PRIVILEGE SUITE, DECK 6	\$24,850	\$45,920
GRAND DELUXE SUITE, DECK 6	\$44,040	\$84,300
GRAND PRIVILEGE SUITE, DECK 6	\$45,280	\$86,780
OWNER'S SUITE, DECK 6	\$46,530	\$89,280

Single occupancy staterooms, subject to availability.



TERMS & CONDITIONS | OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Compagnie du PONANT, PONANT Group USA, LLC, and PONANT USA, LLC are hereinafter collectively referred to as "PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP" or "PONANT" is the tour Operator/ Organizer of this cruise and has invited members of the Oregon State University Alumni Association (Sponsor) to participate. Please carefully read this information as payment of a deposit represents your acceptance of the following Terms & Conditions, which constitute the sole, legally enforceable agreements between the passenger and PONANT GROUP and the tour's sponsoring organization.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: To secure a booking, the guest is required to pay a 25% deposit of the tour fare. Final payment is due by July 8, 2026, or 90 days prior to departure. Checks and credit cards are accepted.

CANCELLATION, MODIFICATION PENALTIES & REFUNDS: All cancellations or modifications must be in writing. Any and all guests not reporting for departure or prevented from reporting for departure or waiving for any reason whatsoever the benefit of services included in the program cannot claim any refund. PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP shall not be required to refund any monies to any guests who must leave the cruise prematurely for any reason, nor shall PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP be held responsible for any costs, fees, damages or causes of action which result from the transportation expenses incurred by guest's early departure. For any deposited or fully paid booking, cancellation penalties will be assessed as noted below. These cancellation penalties are applicable on all services booked with PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP.

- From confirmation of booking date up to September 6, 2027, (91 days prior departure): 10% of deposit to be kept by PONANT
- From September 7, 2027, (90 days prior departure): 100% of full fare to be kept by PONANT

RATES: The prices given at the time of booking are based on economic conditions known on November 10, 2025, and are subject to change. These conditions are, amongst others, the cost of transport and fuel, relevant dues, and taxes for the proposed operation (port taxes, embarkation and disembarkation taxes, entrance costs to tourist sites), currency exchange rates relevant to the pricing of these programs. PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP reserves the right within the legal limits of applicable laws to vary the prices if necessary. All variation of the cost of transport, fuel, taxes, dues, and visa costs will be passed on within the voyage cost. Any change in fare cannot be imposed less than 60 days prior or August 7, 2026, to departure.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Passengers shall be responsible for subscribing to cancellation/luggage/assistance repatriation/medical insurance(s).

ITINERARY: PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP reserves the right to withdraw and/or cancel a sailing to make changes in the itinerary whenever, in its sole judgment, or in the judgment of the vessel owner or operator, conditions warrant it.

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS/LIMIT OF LIABILITY: The passenger agrees that PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP and Oregon State University Alumni Association acts as agents and/ or trustees for any person, ground and maritime agents and subcontractors, who provide any service forming, or in connection with, any part of the cruise. Transportation services to the port of departure, transfers to the ship, including, as applicable, hotel room and restaurant bookings or guided tours, are performed by independent suppliers who are not employees of PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP nor Oregon State Alumni Association. In this respect, PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP and Oregon State Alumni Association acts only as an agent and shall not be held liable for said services or for the acts or omissions of subcontractors or other contractors. PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP and Oregon State University Alumni Association shall not be held liable for bodily injury to, or death of passengers, or for loss of, or damage to luggage or other personal belongings, unless it is proved that the carrier has infringed statutory obligations or that it or one of its employees or agents has committed gross negligence. However, in the event the liability of PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP and Oregon State University Alumni Association is incurred, such liability is limited (details available upon request). PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP and Oregon State University Alumni Association shall in any case not be liable for failure of an improper performance when the same is due to or caused by the fault of the passenger; the unforeseeable or unavoidable fault

of a third party unconnected with the provision of any services to be provided under the contract; unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond the control of PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP and Oregon State University Alumni Association; an event of "Force Majeure" such as a war, threat of war, riots, civil commotion, acts of God, terrorist activities, natural and nuclear disaster, fire, technical problems with transport, closure of ports, strikes and any industrial action, or any other event beyond the control of PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP or Oregon State University Alumni Association.

ACCESSIBILITY & MOBILITY REQUIREMENTS: In reserving a PONANT cruise passengers declare they are aware of the physical and medical demands that may be entailed by our excursions, particularly & non-exhaustively, stepping into and out of a tender (assisted by the crew on board) at certain ports of call where we are anchored and not docked in port. Passengers must be fit enough to both physically and psychologically stay for several days at sea in the closed environment of a cruise ship. Passengers must respect the captain's and the crew's orders in case of bad weather or any other incident while at sea or in port.

PERSONS WITH REDUCED MOBILITY: Report any physical conditions and dietary or treatment requirements to the PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP and Oregon State University Alumni Association in writing at the time of booking. PONANT will try to accommodate special needs where possible, but any extra costs associated with special accommodation is the responsibility of the passenger. For limited mobility, wheelchair users, or conditions requiring assistance, it is required to inform PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP and Oregon State University Alumni Association in writing as soon as possible, but at least within 30 days, or November 6, 2027, before the service starts. Despite these arrangements, each passenger should be able to be independent or travel with a close family member or friend who can give them whatever assistance they require during their trip. If a person has not been judged suitably fit for travel in complete safety, the company reserves the right to refuse their embarkation. Disembarkation in difficult places, in a Zodiac, or in a tender is subject to the approval of the captain, who will always have the safety and wellbeing of the passenger in mind.

ACTIVITY LEVEL DESCRIPTION: This journey features a range of activity levels to suit various preferences and physical capabilities. On shore, travelers will encounter uneven terrain in nature preserves where paths can be rocky or slippery. Some of our walks, up to two or three miles in a day, may involve ascents or descents on steep hills and standing for long periods of time. Opportunities for kayaking may be offered during the cruise, depending on conditions. Travelers should be prepared for cold temperatures, and a packing list provided will detail mandatory protective clothing. PONANT will provide a complementary Parka to keep, and a complementary boot rental on board. Wildlife observation requires time spent on small excursion boats (Zodiacs) that do not provide protection from the elements in Antarctica. Passengers must be fit enough to both physically and psychologically stay for several days at sea in the closed environment of a cruise ship. Passengers must respect the captain's and the crew's orders in case of bad weather or any other incident while at sea or in port.

JURISDICTION: These terms & conditions are subject to and interpreted according to international regulations and concern the transportation of passengers and their luggage from the time of boarding the ship to the moment of disembarking, as well as at ports of departure, destination, or stopover. PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP shall incur no liability outside this period. Without prejudice to required legal regulations, any actions related either to the interpretation, or execution of this agreement shall be brought before the competent courts of New York. PONANT is not responsible for omissions, printing and/or presentation errors and reserves the right to make corrections as required.

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