

### JANUARY 18-29, 2025

with optional Buenos Aires pre-tour and optional Iguazu Falls post-tour

# ANTARCTICA DISCOVERY

A MODERN POLAR EXPERIENCE





Dear Alumni and Friends,

We invite you to join us for a once-in-a-lifetime odyssey to the White Continent, where discovery and adventure converge, and polar wilderness awaits. Every moment of this specially curated itinerary immerses you in stark and surprising landscapes that define this breathtaking region.

Traverse Antarctica's icy expanse and witness the majestic beauty of untouched vistas—a true testament to the raw power of nature. This unforgettable journey offers up-close encounters with a diverse array of wildlife that call this pristine environment home—from penguins waddling along the snow to fur seals lounging on ice floes.

Your expedition vessel for this voyage is the modern, 190-guest Ocean Victory, a nimble craft designed specifically for polar cruising, featuring the unique agility to maneuver narrow channels and bays that are inaccessible to larger ships.

Aboard Ocean Victory, your home amongst the polar backdrop, peruse the extensive selection of books in the cozy library, master a workout in the wellequipped fitness room, or contemplate upon the unparalleled landscape from the outdoor viewing platform. Fine dining is a priority. Enjoy gourmet cuisine, and partake in an interactive dining experience where talented chefs demonstrate cooking on lava rock. In the evenings, retire to your plush stateroom—a sanctuary of tranquility.

This is a peak-season sailing for university and college alumni association travelers. With significant savings of more than \$1,000 per couple, we anticipate this program will fill quickly.

Please reserve online at ku.orbridge.com, by calling (866) 639-0079 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Sincerely,

Austin Johanning

Austin Johanning, g'20 Assistant Director of Donor Relations KU Alumni Association

### The 7th Continent | Itinerary and Highlights

Due to weather and ice patterns, the itinerary below may change in order to maximize wildlife and natural encounters.

- Day 1: EN ROUTE FROM U.S. (Travel time from/to U.S. may take up to two days depending on flight schedules.)
- Day 2: ARRIVE IN USHUAIA, ARGENTINA Unwind at an exceptional property within the Cerro Alarkén Natural Reserve. This evening, become acquainted with fellow travelers during a welcome reception. Overnight: Arakur Ushuaia Resort & Spa (R)
- Day 3: USHUAIA EMBARKATION Before boarding the ship in late afternoon, relax at the hotel or join an optional guided walk through Tierra del Fuego National Park. Overnight: Ocean Victory (B,D)
- Days 4-5: DRAKE PASSAGE During this two-day crossing, take advantage of the ship's five-star amenities, including two hot tubs, spa, gym, spacious lounges, and outdoor bar. Overnight: Ocean Victory (B,L,D daily)
- Days 6-9: SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS I ANTARCTIC PENINSULA While the captain maximizes opportunities to anchor, the flexible daily itinerary includes a multitude of activities. *Ocean Victory* is well-equipped with Zodiac boats and a fleet of kayaks, allowing you to discover remote coastlines and wildlife-rich areas up close. Expert guides, scientists, and lecturers seamlessly enrich the learning experience throughout the tour. Overnight: *Ocean Victory* (B,L,D daily)
- Days 10-11:DRAKE PASSAGE As we retrace the route through the Drake Passage, gather on deck for a last look at the endless panorama of ice and sea—a serene setting for retrospection and camaraderie. Overnight: Ocean Victory (B,L,D daily)
- Day 12: USHUAIA DISEMBARKATION I DEPART FOR U.S. After breakfast, transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

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

Activity Level: This program offers a variety of activities, including shore excursions and small boat cruises. Guests should be sure-footed on stairs and ramps, be able to walk or hike at least one mile on uneven and slippery terrain.



### What's Included

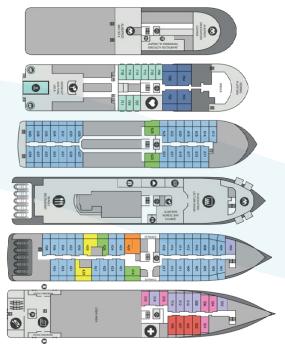
- 1 night luxury hotel accommodations (including breakfast) in Ushuaia prior to embarkation
- 9 nights aboard Ocean Victory, including all onboard meals (with selected wines and beers at lunch and dinner)
- 24-hour self-service coffee and tea facilities onboard
- All scheduled landings and excursions listed in the itinerary (all subject to weather and ice conditions)
- An insulated, waterproof, and windproof expedition parka, which is yours to keep
- A pair of insulated rubber boots for shore landings for duration of the cruise (to be returned prior to disembarkation)
- Access to a photographic trip log (shared with guests after the voyage via an online link)
- All shipboard gratuities
- All luggage porterage
- All port fees
- Transfers from the hotel to the ship on embarkation day
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

**Important Note:** Due to the remote location of this tour, medical insurance and medical evacuation insurance is required with a minimum coverage of \$200,000. Orbridge's Guest Services team can assist with questions regarding evacuation insurance.

### **Onboard Ocean Victory**

Accommodating 190 guests, *Ocean Victory* boasts a delicate balance between modern refinement and responsible travel. From the vessel's energyefficient systems to its minimized carbon footprint, every detail has been meticulously crafted to ensure a minimal impact on the environments we explore. This vessel holds the highest Polar code 6 and Ice class 1A designations, making it ideal for expedition cruising. Sturdy construction and a patented X-Bow design create excellent maneuverability and pleasant travel by reducing seasickness, noise, and vibration. All cabins are well-appointed and feature exceptional space, amenities, and ocean views.







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Albatros State Porthole (D) Porthole window (located on Decks 3 and 4; approx. 236 sq.ft.)

French Balcony Suite (E) Floor-to-ceiling windows (located on Deck 7; approx. 172 sq.ft.)



Balcony State (C) Private balcony with floor-to-ceiling windows (located on Decks 4 and 6; approx. 258 sq.ft.)

Balcony Suite (B1) Sitting area and private balcony with floor-toceiling windows (located on Deck 4; approx. 376 sq.ft.)







Junior Suite (A) Additional sofa bed, sitting area, and private balcony with floorto-ceiling windows (located on Deck 7; approx. 452 sq.ft.)

Premium Suite (PS) Two-room suite, additional sofa bed, table and chairs, and private balcony with floor-to-ceiling windows (located on Deck 4; approx. 484 sq.ft.)



Single (G) Porthole window (located on Deck 3; approx. 193 sq.ft.)



Junior Balcony Suite (B2) Sitting area and private balcony with floor-toceiling windows (located on Decks 4 and 6; approx. 301 sq.ft.)



Triple (F) Porthole window with additional sofa bed (located on Deck 3; approx. 236 sq.ft.)

### Optional Pre-Tour Buenos Aires

Experience the vibrant and sultry beauty of Buenos Aires, Argentina's sophisticated capital city. Rich historic sites, charming shops and restaurants, and welcoming locals create a notable setting for leisurely exploration.

Day +1: EN ROUTE FROM U.S. (Travel time from U.S. may take up to two days depending on flight schedules.)

Day +2: ARRIVE IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA Settle in at the hotel with time to freshen up before gathering with fellow travelers for a gastronomic experience and live tango performance at one of Buenos Aires' most iconic theaters.

Overnight: Alvear Palace Hotel (D)

- Day +3: BUENOS AIRES After breakfast, set out on a panoramic tour to discover some of the city's most iconic neighborhoods and landmarks. See the Palermo district, Recoleta Cemetery, and Plaza de Mayo. The afternoon and evening are at leisure to enjoy the city's many fantastic restaurants or the Buenos Aires nightlife. Overnight: Alvear Palace Hotel (B, Snack)
- Day +4: BUENOS AIRES I FLIGHT TO USHUAIA I MAIN PROGRAM BEGINS After breakfast, fly to Ushuaia to join the group for the main program. (B)

### What's Included

- 2 nights accommodations at the Alvear Palace Hotel (or similar) with breakfast each morning
- Special 3-course dinner and tango performance
- Panoramic city tour of Buenos Aires
- All gratuities and porterage
- All airport and hotel transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times





## Optional Post-Tour Iguazú Falls

Experience the thundering roar and huge clouds of spray from one of the most spectacular waterfalls in the world. Spanning more than two miles, Iguazú Falls is four times the width of Niagara Falls and includes 275 separate falls.

Day 12: FLIGHT TO BUENOS AIRES Arriving at Aeroparque Jorge Newbery, take the group transfer to the hotel for a relaxing evening. Overnight: Alvear Icon Hotel

- Day 13: FLIGHT TO IGUAZÚ FALLS I GUIDED TOUR After breakfast, fly to Iguazú Falls for an afternoon of guided exploration around the falls. Your luxury hotel is the only property located within the park. Overnight: Gran Meliá Iguazú (B,L,D)
- Day 14: IGUAZÚ FALLS TOUR This morning, enjoy a second guided visit to the falls. This afternoon, enjoy free time on your own, or choose to join an optional excursion (can be booked onsite): *Gran Aventura Safari Boat Tour (\$90 per person).* Overnight: Gran Meliá Iguazú (B)
- Day 15: IGUAZÚ FALLS I FLIGHT TO BUENOS AIRES I DEPART FOR U.S. After breakfast, fly to Buenos Aires to connect with flights home. (B)

### What's Included

- 1 night accommodations at Alvear Icon Hotel in Buenos Aires and 2 nights at Gran Meliá Iguazú (or similar) with breakfast each morning
- 1 box lunch and 1 dinner
- 2 guided tours of Iguazú Falls
- All gratuities and porterage
- All airport and hotel transfers
- Internal round-trip airfare between Buenos Aires and Iguazú Falls



ANTARCTICA DISCOVERY	Stateroom Category	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
JANUARY 18-29, 2025	Albatros State Porthole (D)	\$ <del>11,499</del>	\$10,995
Buenos Aires Pre-Tour: January 16-19, 2025	French Balcony Suite (E)	<del>\$13,49</del> 9	\$12,995
Iguazú Falls Post-Tour: January 29 - February 1, 2025	Balcony State (C)	\$15,499	\$14,995
	Balcony Suite (B2)	\$ <del>17,499</del>	\$16,995
Reserve by Credit Card:	Balcony Suite (B1)	\$1 <del>8,99</del> 9	\$18,495
Online: <b>ku.orbridge.com</b>	Junior Suite (A)	\$21,499	\$20,995
Phone: (866) 639-0079	Premium Suite (PS)	\$ <del>23,99</del> 9	\$23,495
Fax: (206) 452-5655	Single (G)	<del>\$17,499</del>	\$16,995
Reserve by Check:	Triple Porthole <sup>†</sup> (F)	\$9,399_	\$8,995
Made payable to <b>Orbridge</b> , LLC	Buenos Aires Pre-Tour: \$1,	895 <sup>*</sup> l Single Pre	-Tour: \$2,295
Mail to: Orbridge, P.O. Box 1376	Iguazú Falls Post-Tour: \$2,5	595*   Single Post	t-Tour: \$3,995
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Save more than \$1,000 per couple

**30-DAY REFUND GUARANTEE** 

What Guests Are Saying...

The ship was amazing. Just the right size for the expeditions and large enough to be comfortable. The crew on the ship was wonderful—room staff, hotel staff, and expedition guides were all great! ~Alan R., Towson, MD We've done a lot of international traveling and, overall, I rate this as one of, if not the best, trips of my life! ~Art B., Tucson, AZ For questions/information on the Flying Jayhawks program, please call 800-584-2957 or visit kualumni.org/flyingjayhawks.

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