Experience the Solar Eclipse!

CHILE, ARGENTINA & URUGUAY

Hosted by Will Daugherty, President & CEO of Pacific Science Center, with Dave Cuomo, Head of the Willard Smith Planetarium at Pacific Science Center

June 25 - July 7, 2019

Join Pacific Science Center and Earthbound Expeditions for an astronomic tour of South America. Enjoy a one-of-a-kind experience to view the total solar eclipse on July 2nd from the beauty of Argentinian wine country. Explore the cultural marvels of Santiago and Buenos Aires plus view the majesty of the Milky Way from the Southern Hemisphere. You’ll be joined by Dave Cuomo, Head of the Willard Smith Planetarium at Pacific Science Center, who will guide you in astronomical exploration! The travel experts at Earthbound Expeditions will provide 4-star accommodations as well as a local experts and guides. Plus, when you travel with Pacific Science Center you’ll make new friends who share you passion for lifelong learning while supporting science education for the next generation of innovators. A truly unique travel opportunity!

TRIP AT A GLANCE

1 Night    Overnight flight to Chile
2 Nights   Santiago, Chile
2 Nights   Santa Cruz wine region
4 Nights   Mendoza, Argentina
            *with eclipse viewing from rural location north of San Juan
3 Nights   Buenos Aires, Argentina
2 Night    Post-tour option to Iguazú Falls
1 Night    Overnight return flight

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JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Total Solar Eclipse
- Guided visits of the Natural History Museums in Buenos Aires and Santiago
- Expert-led talks on the geology of the Andes
- Numerous private wine tastings with local producers in Chile and Argentina
- A private tour of the Chilean Museum of Pre-Columbian Art
- A walk highlighting the life of Eva Peron
- The handicraft Sunday market of San Telmo
- A seafood lunch in the central fish market of Santiago
- A hands-on cooking class and pairing of Argentine foods with Malbec and Torrontés wines
- Visit to a colonial hacienda
- Andes crossing into Argentina
- Ferry ride across the Rio de la Plata to Colonia, Uruguay
- Travel with a group of like-minded adventurers

IT’S INCLUDED

- Educational presentations and Solar Eclipse viewing led by Dave Cuomo, Head of the Willard Smith Planetarium at Pacific Science Center
- Guided by an expert Earthbound Expeditions guide
- Four star hotel accommodations throughout your journey
- Breakfast daily plus 16 multi-course meals served in traditional settings
- Flight from Mendoza to Buenos Aires
- Private transfers by air-conditioned coach
- Entrances and special wine tasting events
- Fascinating city tours with local guides in Buenos Aires, Mendoza, and Santiago
- Tango dance lessons
- Private museum tours highlighting the history of both countries
- A special cooking class in Mendoza
- A group of like-minded travelers who share your passion for food, wine and jazz!
- Alumni discounts towards future trips

TRIP FACTS

13 Days/12 Nights
$7,850 per person land including one domestic flight in Argentina
   Per person price includes $2,500 tax-deductible gift to Pacific Science Center
$1,299 Single Supplement
Group flight departs Seattle on June 24, 2019
Trip begins in Santiago on June 25
Trip ends in Buenos Aires in the evening of July 7
Trip returns to USA on July 8
Post-tour from Iguazú Falls returns on July 9

GROUP AIR COMING SOON! Will be available and posted in late October 2018
**YOUR PSC ADVENTURE BEGINS...**

Meal key: B, L, D (breakfast, lunch, dinner)

**DAY 1: Monday, June 24 - Depart North America for Chile**

**DAY 2: Tuesday, June 25 - Arrive in Santiago**

Upon arrival in Santiago this morning, you’ll be greeted at the airport by your local Earthbound Expeditions guide and escorted to your beautiful, centrally-located hotel. Spend some time freshening up before meeting your guide and host for a fascinating exploration of the heart of Santiago. Visit Santa Lucia hill, where Pedro de Valdivia founded the city in 1542 and walk to the oldest church in Santiago. See the charming neighborhood known as Paris-Londres and visit the main square, Plaza de Armas. A welcome lunch is included this afternoon. *Sleep in Santiago (L)*

**DAY 3: Wednesday, June 26 - Santiago: Museums, Markets and the Observatory**

This morning we set out to discover one of South America’s most amazing museums, the Chilean Museum of Pre-Columbian Art. Housed in the elegant building of the former Royal Customs House, this is one of Chile’s best museums and offers visitors a rare glimpse into Chile’s pre-Columbian past.

We’ll have lunch in the colorful and chaotic Mercado Central, a fun way to see Chile’s agricultural exports displayed. Shoppers always enjoy watching the lively fishmongers gutting and filleting fish and the market displays every kind of fish and shellfish available along the Chilean coast. After lunch, enjoy some leisure time to explore the sites that most interest you.

Tonight! The Chilean sky is famous for is crystal clear vision of our universe. Let yourself be taken out of this world by getting a glance of the immense skies above us, not even lifting a toe off the ground.

This private observatory located in the Andes at a 40 minute drive from Santiago, offers an impressive introduction into the world above and around us. We will be warmly received by our hosts for our tour.
First, an experienced astronomer will give a presentation with interesting and astounding facts about the universe, the planets, and the stars.

Then, leaving the theoretic part behind, we get a chance to observe the night sky with our bare eyes. Moving onwards in technology we use binoculars and bigger telescopes until we finally get to use the high-tech telescopes of the observatory.

To bring you back down to earth, you will be served wine, cheese and other refreshments at the end of the tour. Then you will also have the opportunity to join into discussion with the other members of the group, in order to share experiences and impressions. Return to Santiago. *Sleep in Santiago (B, L)*

**DAY 4: Thursday, June 27 - The Natural History Museum of Santiago & drive to Santa Cruz!**

This morning we set out to discover one of South America’s most renowned museums, the National Historical Museum. This is one of Chile’s best museums and offers visitors a great introduction to Chilean history.

After, we’ll drive south two hours to the beautiful town of Santa Cruz. Located in the heart of Chile’s premier wine valley, Santa Cruz is the perfect location to start our wine adventure of Chile. *Sleep in Santa Cruz (B, L, D)*

**Day 5: Friday, June 28 - Great Wine Estates of the Colchagua Valley**

Art, craft and lovers of history will enjoy a visit to the Colchagua Museum. This outstanding museum houses various object of interest including: Dominican amber, pre-Columbian ceramics and textiles, the largest collection of Mapuche (indigenous Chilean) silver jewelry, artifacts from the Catholic church, articles from Chile’s early governors and artists, a collection of completely restored carriages, an exhibit celebrating the world of the huaso (Chilean cowboy) and last but not least, a beautifully restored early automobile collection. After our visit we depart for the Viña Viu Manent. While at the estate you’ll enjoy an in-depth private tour, tasting and lunch. Return to Santa Cruz in the late afternoon. *Sleep in Santa Cruz (B, L)*
Day 6: Saturday, June 29 - Great Wine Estates and an Evening with the Stars: Today we discover the wines and history of the Colchagua Valley. We visit Viña Montes, a winery founded by four partners and located in an area known as the “Apalta.” This region is one of the most recognized and respected wine zones in the Colchagua Valley. The Colchagua Valley was one of the main agricultural areas of the country because of big family haciendas, which were the productive centers of the central region of Chile. Today, remains of these old "patronal" houses can be seen along the roads.

Enjoy a winery visit and tasting before lunch, which will be served in a lovely setting overlooking the Colchagua Valley. We return to historic Santa Cruz in the late afternoon. Relax and enjoy Santa Cruz before departing for a very special evening out. Tonight you’ll ride a cable car to the top of a nearby summit. Once there you’ll enjoy the outstanding Cerro Chamán Observatory which is one of the best places on the planet to stargaze and view the southern sky. Sleep in Santa Cruz (B, L, D)

DAY 7: Sunday, June 30 - Cross the Andes to Mendoza, Argentina
Weather-permitting, we will see the tallest mountain in the Americas this morning as we cross the Andes from Santiago to Mendoza. The “Puente del Inka” or “Aconcagua” soars towards the heavens to 23,000 feet. Mendoza is perfectly situated in the heart of Argentina’s premier wine country. Full of charming boutiques, cafés and superb restaurants, Mendoza is Chile’s version of Napa Valley. Tonight you’ll sample Argentina’s world-famous grass-fed beef with a fine, locally-produced Malbec wine (vegetarian and poultry dishes also available). Sleep in Mendoza (B, D)

DAY 8: Monday, July 1 - Argentine Culinary Secrets and Malbec Country
After breakfast we begin our day with a bit of history of Mendoza. We’ll visit Pedro de Castillo Square, the very place where the city was founded, learning more about the history of Mendoza and South America. In the afternoon, we continue on to visit a lovely estate, where our hosts have prepared a very special cooking class followed by a delicious wine pairing lunch. We’ll make our way back to Mendoza for a siesta. Dinner is on your own this evening in Mendoza. Sleep in Mendoza (B, L)
DAY 9: Tuesday, July 2 - Total Solar Eclipse in San Juan, Argentina
Today we drive two hours north of Mendoza to the small town of Rodeo near San Juan. This location is ideal for solar eclipse viewing with 2 minutes, 17 seconds of totality and favorable weather conditions. The property of the family Gregorio Sanchez has been reserved just for us. Enjoy a barbeque and relax as we wait for this exciting event - the total solar eclipse of the sun! *Sleep in Mendoza (B, L, D)*

DAY 10: Wednesday, July 3 - Enjoy a day in San Juan
This small provincial capital is the second-city of wine production in Argentina, but don’t expect it to be like Mendoza. San Juan is a low-key town and rather modern for a colonial town because most of the original city was destroyed in a 1944 earthquake. Compared to Mendoza, it’s much less touristy and the pace of life here is a little slower. San Juan is a place to take it easy, explore local landscapes, and sip on a variety of great wines. It’s no secret that Argentines eat a lot of beef and the country is known for having some of the best steak in the world. So while we are here, we’ll do as the locals do and eat at a traditional parrilla (steakhouse) to enjoy succulent grilled meats alongside what’s sure to be a great wine list. *Sleep in Mendoza (B, D)*

DAY 11: Thursday, July 4 - Flight to Buenos Aires and Afternoon City Tour
This morning we transfer to the Mendoza airport for our morning flight to Buenos Aires. En-route from the airport in Buenos Aires to our hotel we’ll stop to discover the history of the city. We’ll see the 16th century Plaza de Mayo with the *Casa Rosada* (government house), the Metropolitan Cathedral and the old *Cabildo* (chapter house) which was once the Spanish headquarters for this region of South America. Rest up and relax before heading out for an evening of jazz. *Sleep in Buenos Aires (B, D)*

DAY 12: Friday, July 5 - Museum of Natural History
The permanent collection at the Museum of Natural History covers geology, the Antarctic,
birds, reptiles, and marine life. And, the dinosaur section and fossil collection is out of this world! In the afternoon you’ll visit a local neighborhood which is packed with cafes and art studios. *Sleep in Buenos Aires. (B, L)*

**DAY 13: Saturday, July 6 - An Excursion to Colonia, Uruguay!**
This morning we make our way to the port where we’ll catch a ferry from Buenos Aires to Colonia, Uruguay. We’ll cross the world’s biggest river the “Rio de la Plata” and in just over an hour arrive in what is commonly called the “Switzerland of South America.” Enjoy a guided walk through the cobblestone streets of this colonial Portuguese town, followed by a wine tasting and lunch. After lunch, you’ll have free time to explore this little gem on your own. Return to Buenos Aires. *Sleep in Buenos Aires (B, L)*

**DAY 14: Sunday, July 7 - Museum of Latin American Art – Evening flight home**
We spend the morning exploring and enjoying the sights, sounds and smells of the famed San Telmo market in the heart of Buenos Aires.

In the afternoon, we visit the Museum of Latin American Art (MALBA). The museum's goal is to collect, preserve, research and promote Latin American art from the onset of the 20th century to the present. This also involves educating the public to foster their knowledge in Latin American artists. The building project was executed by AFT Architects, a renowned Argentine architectural firm.

Enjoy a farewell lunch and a free afternoon. This evening catch your flight home. Flights generally depart at 10pm for the USA. *You will arrive home on the morning of July 8. Note: Those joining the post-tour extension will fly out in the afternoon for Iguazú Falls.*
POST- TOUR EXTENSION IGUAZÚ FALLS

3 Days / 2 Nights (including round-trip air from Buenos Aires to Iguazú Falls)
$1,195 per person, double occupancy
$499 Single Supplement
Journey begins on the afternoon of July 7, in Buenos Aires
Journey concludes on July 9 in Buenos Aires

INCLUDED: Roundtrip air to Iguazú Falls, airport transfers both in Buenos Aires and Iguazú, dinner upon arrival, breakfast daily, four star hotel accommodations, park entrance tickets and a three hour guided walking tour of the falls.

NOT INCLUDED: Airline surcharges for extending (if applicable), meals not mentioned and any items not listed above.

ABOUT THE FALLS: Straddling the border of Argentina and Brazil, the Iguazú Falls stretch close to two miles and this adventure provides opportunities to see both the panoramic views and the adrenaline-rushing up-close-and-wet version. Iguazú is a Tupi Indian name meaning 'great waters', and upon seeing this mighty testament of nature you are sure to understand why.

DAY 14: Sunday, July 7 - Post-Tour to Iguazú Falls Begins
Transfer to the airport this afternoon for your flight north to Iguazú Falls. Upon arrival, spend the day relaxing or exploring the surrounding area. *Sleep near Iguazú Falls*

**DAY 15: Monday, July 8 - Iguazú Falls**
Join a half-day tour of the Iguazú National Park for amazing panoramic views of the falls, stretching almost three kilometers long and containing over 270 separate cascades. The green jungle, thousands of butterflies, muggy heat and the roar of the falling water makes this an unforgettable vista. It's possible to take an easy walk into the canyon of the Devil's Throat. A train ride, a bridge walk, and a hike to the bottom all offer spectacular up-close views of the falls. *Sleep near Iguazú Falls*

**DAY 16: Tuesday, July 9 - Return Flight Home**
Transfer to airport and fly to Buenos Aires. Return flight to US departs from Buenos Aires later this evening. *Overnight flight home*

**DAY 17: Wednesday, July 10 - Arrive Home with a Lifetime of Memories!**

**Hosted Journeys:** If a host or special guest is unable to attend as planned, Earthbound Expeditions will do its utmost to find another host who has similar interests, talents, and expertise. The inability of a host to participate in a tour is not grounds for a full or partial refund.

**Eclipse Day Lodging:** 4 star lodging has been secured in Mendoza June 30 – July 3. Pending availability at comparable facilities in San Juan, the group will transfer hotels for July 2 - 3. Travelers will be notified of any such change in advance of our departure on June 24.

**Weather:** It is possible that clouds will cover the eclipse. This is not cause for a refund.

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