Expedition to ANTARCTICA
aboard the expedition ship L’Austral

January 28-February 9, 2025 (13 days)
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Dear Carleton College Alumni and Friends,

Experience the White Continent in its unspoiled state—fantastically shaped icebergs, turquoise glaciers, and towering mountains—during the lingering light of the austral summer. Enjoy superb observation and photographic opportunities of abundant seals and sea birds, breaching whales, and hillsides teeming with bustling penguin rookeries, while exploring one of the most exhilarating landscapes this planet has to offer.

During this extraordinary journey to the bottom of the world, retrace sea lanes navigated by storied explorers Amundsen, Scott, and Shackleton, not to mention former Carleton President and celebrated Antarctic explorer Laurence McKinley Gould, who was chief scientist and second-in-command on the first Byrd Antarctic Expedition (1928-30). Accompanied by the ship’s expert expedition team, you will board sturdy Zodiac landing craft for excursions ashore, for intimate contact with this incredible continent and observing the antics of Antarctica’s abundant wildlife—penguins and seals, especially, are unafraid of human visitors.

Enjoy the affable company and fascinating insights of two Carleton faculty leaders: Associate Professor of Biology Rika Anderson ’06, and Lecturer in History Antony Adler ’06. Together with the onboard expedition team of naturalists, they will provide a series of enriching lectures and presentations on this untouched wilderness and the history of its exploration.

Explore with elegance aboard L’Austral, which has only 132 staterooms and suites. By design, the ship is energy efficient, environmentally protective of marine ecosystems, and has been awarded the prestigious Clean Ship Super certification, an extreme rarity among ocean-cruising vessels. The ship’s size and limited guest capacity; superb accommodations and public spaces, facilities, and services; advanced technical and mechanical systems; and complement of experienced officers and crew make L’Austral the ship of choice for exploring Antarctica in safety and comfort.

We hope you will join fellow alumni and friends on this once-in-a-lifetime travel adventure to the “Seventh Continent.” This program is co-sponsored by other organizations, and space aboard this ship in the Antarctic fills quickly, so we encourage you to contact the Alumni Adventures office now to reserve your preferred cabin type.

Sincerely,

Micah Evans ’02
President, Carleton Alumni Council
Tuesday or Wednesday, January 28 or 29, 2025: Depart home
Fly to Buenos Aires, Argentina, arriving no later than January 29th.

Wednesday, January 29: Arrive Buenos Aires, Argentina | PM at leisure | Welcome reception & dinner
Arrive in Buenos Aires, at Ezeiza International Airport (EZE), where you will be met and transferred to our hotel. Lunch is on your own and the afternoon is at leisure. Gather this evening for a welcome reception and dinner. *Overnight at the 5-star Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta hotel (or similar).* (R,D)

Thursday, January 30: Fly to Ushuaia | Embarkation
After an early breakfast, we transfer as a group to the airport for our flight to Ushuaia, which takes approximately 3.5 hours. Depending on what time the group flight arrives in Ushuaia, we may take a city tour (or other excursion) before we transfer to the pier and embark our ship, L’Austral. Capital of Argentina’s Tierra del Fuego province, Ushuaia is considered the gateway to Antarctica, “the White Continent,” and to the South Pole. Dinner is aboard ship this evening. (B,L,D)

Friday & Saturday, January 31 & February 1: Crossing the Drake Passage
We spend these two days crossing the Drake Passage, between Cape Horn and the South Shetland Islands—the shortest route from South America to Antarctica. As the Antarctic convergence zone, where cold currents rising up from the South Pole meet warmer equatorial water masses, the Drake Passage harbors diverse marine fauna. While we cruise, you may choose to attend lectures about such topics as the history and wildlife of the Antarctic; relax and enjoy the ship’s amenities; and/or join the naturalist guides on the ship’s exterior decks to look out for whales, albatrosses, Cape petrels, and other seabirds. (B,L,D each day)

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Sunday through Thursday, February 2 through 6: Antarctic Peninsula
Spend these five days exploring the Antarctic Peninsula. To this day, the mythical Antarctic Peninsula still holds real fascination, and promises its visitors unforgettable moments. Throughout your time in this icy realm, you will find yourself enveloped in subtle shades of blue and white, and surrounded by glaciers, ice floes, tabletop icebergs, mountain peaks that plunge straight into the sea, volcanic beaches, research stations, enchanting bays, and vestiges of the whaling industry. We are cruising in the wake of Jean-Baptiste Charcot, Adrien de Gerlache, and Sir Ernest Shackleton, great Antarctic explorers who set out for these remote and uninhabited lands starting in the 19th century.

Each day, based on weather and ice conditions, the Captain and the Expedition Leader will suggest Zodiac outings and/or landings to discover the infinite riches of the Peninsula. Penguins, humpback whales, seals, and giant petrels are at home here, as are elephant seals, fur seals, Antarctic minke whales, and orcas. Depending on which sites we are lucky enough to visit, you may get the chance to observe these creatures and share with them the beauty of these extreme parts. There may also be opportunities for qualifying participants to go sea kayaking, at additional cost. (B,L,D each day)

Friday & Saturday, February 7 & 8: Crossing the Drake Passage
We spend these final two days at sea on our return trip through the Drake Passage. Along the way, enjoy onboard lectures and the ship’s amenities. Don’t forget to look to the sky to catch a glimpse of elegant albatrosses and Cape petrels, playfully floating about in the wind around our ship. (B,L,D each day)

Sunday, February 9: Ushuaia | Fly to Buenos Aires | Fly home
After breakfast we disembark in Ushuaia and transfer to the airport for a group flight to Buenos Aires’ Ezeiza International Airport (EZE), which takes approximately 3.5 hours. From here you will connect with independent flights homeward. (B)

WHAT TO EXPECT:
This is a moderately active trip for travelers who can handle the vagaries of travel with good humor. Outings and shore visits will be via Zodiac inflatables with a team of experienced naturalist guides, and may need to be altered due to weather and ice conditions. A gangway will be used to embark L’Austral, and participants must be agile to climb into and out of the Zodiaks. Rough seas may be experienced while crossing the Drake Passage. Kayaking opportunities will be subject to weather and are at additional cost. All participants are expected to be physically active, not be an impediment to others on excursions, and enjoy traveling as part of a group. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Sponsors/Operator, local staff, and host country laws. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Participants who are not able to stand or walk unassisted for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand, and discuss whether or not the program is appropriate for you. Each participant will be given a parka onboard, which is theirs to keep after the cruise, and loaned complimentary boots for use on excursions. Walking poles and waterproof packs are not provided, and participants will be encouraged to bring their own. In Buenos Aires it can be hot during the day and temperatures may range from 68-85 degrees F, while temperatures in Ushuaia will range from 41-57 degrees F. Our voyage will take place during the austral summer, with long days stretching to midnight and temperatures on the Antarctic Peninsula ranging from 30-40 degrees F. The ship has a doctor as well as a small hospital for minor ailments. There is a fee for onboard medical consultations. Complete pre-departure details and what to pack will be sent to participants.

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Program Rates (per person)

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*Limited space is available for single occupancy.

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- I/We have read the ‘What to Expect’ section and am/are physically able to participate fully on the program.

Are you traveling with any other parties on this program?
Yes, ___________________________________________________________

How did you hear about this tour?
- eNewsletter  - mailing  - website  - friends/family  - other _______________

ACCOMMODATIONS: (Accommodation preferences are not guaranteed.)
Cabin Category Preference: #1_____________  #2______________
Bed Preference  - Queen (one bed) - Twin (two beds)
- Single (limited availability)
- Sharing
  - I will be sharing with:________________________
  - Share - please assign a roommate (not guaranteed)
  - Please share my contact information with potential roommate(s).

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENT:
A deposit of 25% of the total tour cost is required to confirm a reservation. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. Please note that credit cards are not accepted for final payment. All prices and payments are in US dollars.

DEPOSIT TYPE (PLEASE CHECK ONE):
- Check payable to:  Eos CAA-AntarcticaPON1/25
- Visa  - Master Card  - American Express
- Already paid by phone

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Please complete this reservation form, choose/enclose your method of deposit, and sign the release statement below. Submit via email, mail, or fax to:

Carleton Alumni Adventures- P.O. Box 938, Walpole, NH 03608
Fax: 603-756-2922  Email: carleton@studytours.org

By signing this form, you are bound to the terms and conditions delineated throughout this brochure and elsewhere published.

Signature (participant #1)  Date

Signature (participant #2)  Date

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Flights & Transfers
Airfare to/from Ezeiza International Airport (EZE) in Buenos Aires is not included. In-program charter flights Buenos Aires/Ushuaia and Ushuaia/Buenos Aires are included in the tour price and will be booked for you. Airport/hotel/pier transfers and handling of luggage on official arrival and departure days are included. Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your round-trip flights to/from Ezeiza International Airport (EZE). If you are considering booking your flights before this time, please contact our office first. Your flight itinerary must be provided to our office prior to departure. For those who would like assistance with booking flights to/from Buenos Aires, information regarding a third-party booking agency will be included in your reservation confirmation. **We do not accept liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.**

Program Rates Do Not Include:
- Flights between home and Buenos Aires
- Passport/visa expenses
- Medical expenses and immunizations
- Travel and trip cancellation or baggage insurance
- Private airport transfers
- Airline baggage charges
- Meals, dishes, and beverages not specified
- Laundry or dry cleaning
- Personal expenses such as personal tips, telephone, fax, or email charges
- Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour and anything not expressly included

Schedule of Participant Payments: A deposit of 25% of the full fare per person is necessary to make a reservation. Checks will be made payable to “Eos CAA-AntarcticaPON1/25.” Final payment is due 120 days (09/30/24) prior to departure and must be made by check, ACH transfer, or wire transfer only. Credit cards will not be accepted for final payment. By submitting your deposit, you are bound to the terms and conditions delineated throughout this brochure and elsewhere published.

Participant Cancellation Fees: All requests by participants for cancellations must be received in writing by Alumni Adventures. Cancellations received at least 91 days (10/29/24) prior to departure are refunded less a cancellation fee of 10% of the full fare per person. Cancellations received from 90 through 61 days (11/28/24) prior to departure are subject to a cancellation fee equal to 50% of the full fare per person. Cancellations received within 60 days of departure are subject to a cancellation fee of 100% of the tour cost. For this and other reasons, participants are strongly encouraged to purchase trip cancellation insurance. Information will be provided with confirmation of receipt of your deposit.

Note: Rates are based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect at the time of publication and are subject to change prior to departure. Substantial changes in tariffs, exchange rates, the price of fuel, services, and labor may increase the cost of arrangements significantly, and we reserve the right to alter our rates. Rates, itinerary, accommodations, and leaders are subject to change. Rates quoted are based on group participation and no refunds will be made for any part of the program in which you choose not to participate. It is understood that refunds cannot be made to participants who do not complete the tour for whatever reason. Due to space limitations this is abbreviated information. Complete terms and conditions will be sent upon confirmation or upon request.
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