

**FEATURED ACCOMMODATIONS**

**The Singular Santiago** The Singular Santiago is Santiago's latest five-star hotel, combining the style of early 20th century buildings with neoclassical French architectural influences. Everywhere you go, you'll experience yet another pleasant surprise; the endlessly indulgent Spa; the superlative dining experience at the Singular Restaurant; and the dazzling views and refreshing cocktails in the ninth floor roof-top bar. Also enjoy the roof-top swimming pool.



**Huentala Hotel** Huentala means "Valley of the Guanacos" and its name honors the ancient Huarpes, one of the first settlers of Mendoza. Opened in 1976, the hotel is located on a beautiful cobblestone street in downtown Mendoza. The hotel offers a pool, gym, spa, laundry service and even a wine tasting cellar. Authentic regional cuisine combines with elegant and peaceful atmosphere in Champay Bistro while Kunuk Bar is known for its elegant cocktails, including a chinch corn drink for which the bar is named.



**WHAT'S INCLUDED**

- Full educational program with lectures and field interpretation.
- All scheduled transportation by land.
- All excursions accompanied by English speaking naturalist guides.
- Complete pre-departure information to help you get the most out of your expedition.
- Most meals.
- All transfers, portage and service charges.
- In summary, everything except international and in-country airfare; ticketing fee; U.S. domestic and international departure taxes; air fuel surcharges; tips to naturalist guides; passport fees; and items of a personal nature, such as laundry, alcoholic beverages, etc.

**CANCELLATION:** All cancellations must be made in writing and are effective upon receipt in our office. Cancellations received up to 90 days prior to departure will be refunded all monies less an administrative charge of \$300. Cancellations between 89 and 61 days prior to departure are assessed 50 percent of the cost of the expedition. Cancellations between 60 and 0 days prior to departure are assessed the full cost of the expedition.

**RATES AND FARES:** All rates and fares are accurate and available at the time of publication. Costs are based on a minimum of 15 guests for the expedition.

**INSURANCE:** Optional travel protection information will be sent upon receipt of your reservation form and deposit.

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**EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- ✓ Spot migrating Southern right whales, elephant seals, fur seals, orcas & more sea life of the Atlantic coast.
- ✓ Walk among Magellanic penguins at one of the world's largest rookeries.
- ✓ Watch for herds of guanaco as well as rhea, lesser & greater cavy, Patagonian fox & more.
- ✓ Sample vintages from exceptional wineries in the world-famous wine regions of Argentina & Chile.



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**WINE & WILDLIFE OF ARGENTINA & CHILE**

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TEXAS EXES PRESENTS

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12-DAY EXPEDITION SEPTEMBER 16-27, 2018



**WINE & WILDLIFE OF ARGENTINA & CHILE • RESERVATION CERTIFICATE**

A deposit of \$600 per person is required for the Wine & Wildlife of Argentina & Chile expedition. If you wish to take the Iguazú Falls extension, an additional \$150 per person is required. (95 days prior to departure). Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA. Please make your deposit payment to reserve space on this trip by calling Shelley Norton toll-free at 800/594-3938 or 512/840-5628. Or you can fax this completed form, along with a copy of the picture page of your passport to her at 512/672-6134.

Departure Date: September 16, 2018  
Please guarantee \_\_\_\_\_ spaces for the Wine & Wildlife of Argentina & Chile expedition.  
 Double Occupancy: \$7,998  Single Occupancy: \$9,698  
 I wish to take the Iguazú Falls extension

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Texas Exes Member?  Yes  No

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Texas Exes Member?  Yes  No

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**CREDIT CARD INFORMATION:**

Credit Card Name \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Prices are per person, double occupancy. Person with whom you wish to room:

Assign roommate for me on the Wine & Wildlife of Argentina & Chile expedition.

Assign roommate for me on the Iguazú Falls extension.

Smoker  Yes  No

(Limited singles available. Single supplement charges will be applied when required or requested.)

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** I/We authorize International Expeditions to:

Book my air reservations from \_\_\_\_\_ to Buenos Aires for an additional cost. (Airfare subject to change until ticketed. \$50 ticketing fee will apply.)

I have read and accept the conditions and further understand and agree that the trip I am taking may have risks. I therefore assume all risks involved with regard to this trip and agree that University of Texas, International Expeditions and its affiliates will in no way be responsible for any injury or damage to me. This is acknowledged by me knowingly and willfully and shall be binding on my heirs and next of kin. EACH PARTICIPANT MUST SIGN THIS WAIVER.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

(My signature authorizes the processing of the deposit, airfare and final payment to the above credit card. If your deposit is paid by credit card, the final payment will automatically be charged to the same credit card on the appropriate due date.)





### 12-DAY EXPEDITION

September 16-27, 2018

#### PRICE PER PERSON

Double Occupancy ..... \$7,998  
 Single Occupancy ..... \$9,698  
 In-Country Airfare ..... \$565

### AVAILABLE EXTENSION

September 13-17, 2018  
 Iguazú Falls Pre-Tour Extension

#### PRICE PER PERSON

Double Occupancy ..... \$1,998  
 Single Occupancy ..... \$3,198  
 In-Country Airfare ..... \$200



### DEAR TEXAS EX:

Migrating southern right whales, penguins, breathtaking scenery, culture and some of the world's finest wines are just a few of the highlights awaiting you on the Wine and Wildlife of Argentina and Chile adventure with Texas Exes! An exciting and rare combination of three unique regions (Valdes Peninsula, Mendoza and Santiago) creates an expedition to delight your senses as you journey from the wildlife-packed Atlantic shores of the Valdes Peninsula to the Andean paradise that is Argentina's wine country and on to Chile's premiere wineries on the Pacific Coast.

Under the guidance and leadership of a professional Expedition Leader, local guides and enologists, Texas Exes will search out interesting and unique species of the Andes and Patagonian steppe. Along the way, we will walk amongst charismatic Magellanic penguins, witness the peak of the southern right whale migration where roughly 1,000 congregate to mate and give birth, and savor time at some of the premier wineries that not only Chile and Argentina — but the world — has to offer. When not exploring, we'll find comfort and relaxation at featured accommodations such as The Singular Santiago and Huentala Hotel, properties providing amenities such as pools, spas, and authentic dining experiences.

Join fellow Flying Longhorns for this combination of the best wildlife and wine for a rewarding and memorable journey!

Sincerely,

Shelley Norton                      Janice Garcia  
 Director of Travel                      Travel Coordinator  
 Flying Longhorns                      Flying Longhorns



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### DAILY ITINERARY

Days 1 & 2 **DEPART / BUENOS AIRES** Depart your home city on independent flights to Buenos Aires. Consider the optional extension to Iguazu Falls to enhance your experience in Argentina. Upon arrival in Buenos Aires you'll be met and transferred to your hotel, The Sheraton Buenos Aires Hotel. Join your fellow travelers and your Expedition Leader for a tour of this fascinating city followed by a tango show at dinner. (Day 2: D)

Days 3 & 4 **VALDES PENINSULA** The Valdes Peninsula Reserve is home to roughly 32,000 southern elephant seals, nearly 8,000 southern sea lions and the largest breeding population of southern right whales on Earth. Every year between June and December up to 1,000 of these majestic cetaceans gather here for mating and to give birth to their young. Venture out on an excursion to get up-close with these amazing creatures. Your expedition has been timed for when the mothers are raising their young. With luck and good weather the photo opportunities and whale viewing should be excellent. Watch for orcas, dolphins, Magellanic penguins and many other sea creatures while on and along the water.

Herds of guanaco roam freely on the peninsula where they are a protected species. Also in great abundance are Magellanic penguins. Visit Estancia San Lorenzo, a private property where around 50,000 penguins nest along the shore and into the Patagonian steppe. They are quite accustomed to the presence of humans in their breeding grounds and do not run from the visitors. The photo opportunities and simple joys of wildlife watching are endless. Enjoy a typical Argentine lunch in the estancia's great hall.

Also found on the peninsula is the largest rodent in Patagonia, the Patagonian cavy or mara. A smaller cousin of the mara, the lesser Patagonian cavy, is frequently found soaking in the sun just outside Magellanic penguin burrows where they find shelter.



Keep an eye out for South America's largest bird, the flightless rhea, along with eagles and many other species of birds as you spend your days combing the coast line and interior of the peninsula enjoying the wildlife and vistas. Your home for two nights is Paradise Hosteria in Puerto Piramides. (B,L,D Daily)

Day 5 **PUERTO MADRYN** Board boats for a chance to spot Commerson's dolphins. These waters are one of the few places they can be seen along mainland South America. Watch for more marine wildlife on your excursion before driving to Puerto Madryn and the boutique Hotel Territorio. (B,L,D)

Days 6-8 **MENDOZA** Fly to Mendoza, nestled high in the Cuyo region and bathed in Andean scenery at the very heart of Argentina's wine country. With two-thirds of Argentina's wine coming from Mendoza province, this is the most important wine center in Argentina and one of the eight "Great Wine Capitals" of the world.

Explore this historic city on a guided walking excursion. Local wine specialists, known as enologists, and your Expedition Leader immerse you in the wine cultures of the Uco Valley and Maipu area. Known especially for malbec, merlot, pinot noir, semillon and torrantes varieties of wine, the Uco Valley is Argentina's most popular and rewarding wine region. The Maipu area of Argentina is known for high quality malbec, as well as other acidic and strong



red wines. Here we find the highest altitude wineries. Many of the wineries have been family-run for generations and you can be assured that all the wineries you visit will be filled with friendly locals eager to share their culture with you.

Visit three wineries in each region, learning about the different varieties, processes, care, breeding and fractionation of different types of wine while you also drink in the awe inspiring scenery. Enjoy boutique accommodations at Huentala Hotel in Mendoza City. (B,L,D Daily)

Days 9 & 10 **SANTIAGO** Cross the Andes to Santiago, taking in the changing and contrasting landscapes along with unmatched mountain views. At Los Libertadores Pass, see Mt. Aconcagua — the "Colossus of the Americas." At 22,841 feet above sea level, Mt. Aconcagua is the highest mountain outside of Asia. Enter Chile, watching as the high Andean desert gradually changes into the lush green valleys surrounding Santiago. Visit some of Santiago's most interesting neighborhoods and important sites before paying a visit to Santa Rita winery. Check into The Singular Hotel. (B,L,D Daily)

Day 11 **SANTIAGO / DEPART** The unique cool-weather climate of the Casablanca Valley results in a longer ripening period. This produces distinct and outstanding sauvignon blanc and chardonnay, as well as pinot noir. Visit Casas del Bosque, learning about the area's varietals from local experts. Casas del Bosque produces award-winning chardonnay, riesling and sauvignon blanc as well as syrah and pinot noir. Best of all, the premium carmenere and cabernet sauvignon from this region are some of the best in Chile. After lunch, relax in your provided dayroom before transferring to the airport for your independent flight home. (B,L)

Day 12 **ARRIVE HOME** Arrive back home.



### OPTIONAL PRE-TRIP EXTENSION

Discover Iguazú Falls, where over 275 stunning cascades plunge through rich Atlantic rainforest. See red-breasted toucans, capuchin monkeys, dusky swifts, myriad colorful tanagers and tropical butterflies as you explore, along with impressive views of the falls at every turn. A visit to Guira Oya, a local wildlife rehabilitation center, shows the impressive and important work the locals are doing with injured and orphaned animals, allowing you to get close up views of some of the area's most exciting species.

### DAYS 1 & 2 DEPART / PUERTO IGUAZÚ

**DAYS 3 & 4 PUERTO IGUAZÚ** Explore dazzling Iguazú Falls and Iguazú National Park, enjoying views from every perspective! Great dusky swift fly overhead and into the falls by the thousands in the area of Devil's Throat, where the highest and most impressive falls stand. Such exotic birds as toucans, mixed flocks of colorful tanagers and many other rainforest dwellers will be part of your Iguazú welcome committee, along with nearly 500 species of butterflies. Coatis are a common sighting around the visitor areas of the falls, while capuchin monkeys are often seen along the forest trails. There are many marsupials here, including tiny Ihering's three-striped short-tailed opossum and larger white-eared opossum. Guira Oga is a wildlife rescue and rehabilitation center, where guests can see animals rescued from captivity as well as being taught how to live in the wild. (B,L Daily)

**DAY 5 PUERTO IGUAZÚ / DEPART** Enjoy another walk in the national park before an afternoon flight to begin your main adventure. (B,L)