PRINCETON JOURNEYS

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

IN Argentina

THE LAKE DISTRICT
DECEMBER 8-16, 2020

WITH PROFESSOR MICHAEL STRAUSS,
CHAIR, DEPARTMENT OF ASTROPHYSICAL SCIENCES
Dear Princetonian,

On December 14, 2020, Argentina’s Patagonian Lake District—a mythic land of glaciers, volcanoes, primeval forests, gauchos, and pampas—will be one of the best places to view an iconic event, a total solar eclipse. Experience the eclipse at a semi-private viewing site in the middle of the band of totality. The viewing site is in the middle of the dry, open Patagonian steppe. The large site will be shared with four other North American educational groups, each group with its own private viewing area.

Begin this exploration in cosmopolitan Buenos Aires before flying to San Carlos de Bariloche and the boutique El Casco Art Hotel overlooking the Lake District’s picturesque lakes and mountains. Explore Nahuel Huapi National Park and look for condors. Drive north on the scenic “Route of the Seven Lakes” to San Martin de los Andes, your base near the eclipse viewing site and the volcano, lakes and forests of Lanin National Park.

Also, if you’d like enjoy a three-night pre-extension to the Iguazu Falls of northeastern Argentina, one of the planet’s most spectacular natural wonders. Walk the nature trails that weave above and below the Iguazu Falls, and take a boat ride to the base of the falls. Stay at the Gran Melia Iguazu Hotel, the only hotel on the Argentine side with views of Iguazu Falls from all the bedrooms. Details for this pre-trip extension will be provided to confirmed registrants.

This custom-designed itinerary is limited to just 27 participants, so we encourage you to reserve your space today by contacting the Princeton Journeys team at (609) 258-8686 or journeys@princeton.edu.

With kind regards,

Bridget St. Clair
Executive Manager
Princeton Journeys

STUDY LEADER

Michael Strauss joined the Astrophysics faculty at Princeton in 1995; he is now the chair of the department. He and his colleagues carry out surveys of the sky, mapping the cosmos to catalog the myriad of stars, galaxies, asteroids and quasars to answer fundamental questions about the universe. He is particularly interested in the evolution, properties, and large-scale distribution of galaxies. He and his colleagues have discovered some of the most distant quasars known, which we are seeing at a time when the universe was 5% of its present age. He teaches a variety of courses, from introductory astronomy for non-majors to graduate-level cosmology. He is co-author, with Neil deGrasse Tyson and J. Richard Gott, of the best selling book, “Welcome to the Universe: An Astrophysical Tour” (Princeton University Press).

Strauss obtained his PhD thesis at the University of California, Berkeley, and carried out observations using telescopes in Chile, just across the Andes from where we will see the eclipse. This will be his second time seeing a total solar eclipse. As an astronomer, he thought he knew what to expect during the great American eclipse in August 2017, but was completely awed and blown away by the spectacle.
Tuesday, December 8 to Wednesday, December 9

HOME / BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Depart on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina. Arrive in the morning and transfer to our hotel, located in this cosmopolitan capital city, known as “the Paris of South America”. Settle into the hotel and spend the afternoon on a walking tour of Puerto Madero neighborhood. This evening, meet for a welcome reception and dinner with a tango demonstration.

ALVEAR ICON HOTEL (R, D)

Thursday, December 10

BUENOS AIRES

Start the day in the heart of Buenos Aires at the Plaza de Mayo and the historic presidential palace, Casa Rosada. Continue to the artists’ quarter of La Boca as well as the beautiful parks, gardens, monuments and mansions of the Recoleta neighborhood. After lunch, visit the Teatro Colon, Buenos Aires’ world famous opera house.

ALVEAR ICON HOTEL (B, L)

Friday, December 11

BUENOS AIRES / SAN CARLOS DE BARILOCHE

This morning fly to the alpine town of San Carlos de Bariloche in Argentina’s Lake District. Orient yourself at the top of Mt. Campanario with stunning panoramic views of the Andes. Arrive this afternoon at the boutique art hotel El Casco, overlooking Lake Nahuel Huapi. Partake in a stargazing party this evening.

EL CASCO ART HOTEL (B, L, D)

Saturday, December 12

SAN CARLOS DE BARILOCHE

Spend the day exploring the awe-inspiring beauty of Argentina’s Lake District. Take a chairlift to the top of Mt. Campanario. Hike the forests of the Llao Llao Peninsula, enjoying a private picnic lunch on the shore of Lake Nahuel Huapi. Enjoy time preparing for the big event with a lecture and eclipse viewing instructions by your study leader.

EL CASCO ART HOTEL (B, L)
PROGRAM RATES
Per Person, sharing .................................................. $7,990
Single Supplement .................................................. $1,990

GENERAL INFORMATION
Program Rates Include
All accommodations, meals as specified in the itinerary • Full program of briefings, lectures, and presentations • Arrival transfers on group arrival day and departure transfers on group departure day • Baggage handling • Gratuities to porters, waitstaff, guides and drivers • Entrance fees • Welcome and farewell wine receptions • House wine, beer, and soft drinks with all dinners • Bottled water on motorcoaches • Professional tour manager throughout the program • Roundtrip air between Buenos Aires and Bariloche

Program Rates Do Not Include
U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport/visa expenses • Medical expenses and immunizations • Private transfers for travelers arriving before or departing after trip arrival and departure dates • Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour • Airline baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted • Laundry or dry cleaning • Telephone, fax, Internet and email charges • Room service • Other items of a personal nature

What to Expect
This is a moderately strenuous program that requires you to be in good health. The surroundings will range from a city of 14 million (Buenos Aires) to the remote, unpopulated spaces of Patagonia. You do not have to participate in all the scheduled activities, except when traveling to the next destination. This will be a relatively active program with some early departures and activities scheduled throughout the day. Travelers should be able to walk unassisted up to three miles a day on terrain that includes unpaved trails on uneven terrain and cobblestone sidewalks. Travel will by modern air-conditioned motorcoach on roads ranging from modern highways to smaller mountain roads in remote locations. In addition, there will be two flights within Argentina, enabling us to travel more quickly and comfortably to our next destination.

Air Arrangements
U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. AirTreks can help with airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at (800) 350-0646. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice.

A Note About Costs
Tour costs are based upon current fuel prices, taxes, tariffs, and a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.

Insurance
As a service to its travelers, Princeton University automatically provides all Princeton Journeys participants with basic medical, accident, and evacuation coverage under a group emergency travel protection plan. This specialized group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. The policy covers basic services up to the maximum levels listed below:

- Accident and Sickness Medical Expenses up to $5,000
- Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation up to $200,000
- Accidental Death and Dismemberment up to $5,000

This insurance does not include benefits for participant cancellation. It is highly recommended that travelers supplement this basic protection with their own additional coverage, as well as trip cancellation/interruption or baggage coverage. Meyer and Associates, the company from whom Princeton Journeys purchases the Emergency Assistance Policy, offer various travel and cancellation insurance plans for Princeton Journeys travelers. More information will be mailed upon receipt of registration.

Group Size
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Please make your deposit check payable to Criterion Travel and mail to: Princeton Journeys, Princeton University, PO BOX 5256, Princeton, NJ 08543. Or fax credit card information to: (609) 258-5561. For more information, contact the Princeton Journeys staff at journeys@princeton.edu or (609) 258-8686.

Payment
- Enclosed is my check for $__________ ($1,000 per person, payable to Criterion Travel), to reserve _____ place(s) on Total Solar Eclipse in Argentina.
- Charge my deposit to: ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

Cancellations & Refunds
- All payments are 100% nonrefundable, regardless of booking date. For this reason, we strongly urge participants to purchase trip cancellation insurance. If the program is cancelled by Princeton Journeys or our tour operator, you will receive a full refund, without further obligation on your part. No refunds will be made for any part of this program in which you choose not to participate. NOTE: Neither the Office of Alumni Affairs of Princeton University nor Criterion Travel, the tour operator, accepts liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in conjunction with this tour.

Itinerary Changes
- The itinerary presented for this tour is subject to modification and change by Princeton Journeys and Criterion Travel, the tour operator. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require the itinerary to be altered, Princeton Journeys and the tour operator reserve the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant.

Disclaimer
- Princeton Journeys is pleased to provide this service of facilitating travel opportunities for its Alumni and Friends. Princeton Journeys strives to work with the best tour operators to make available interesting and enriching travel opportunities for the Princeton family. Please note that the University does not conduct tours, nor does it act as an agent for guests interested in tours. Princeton Journeys acts as a facilitator with tour operators, with whom tour participants make arrangements for completing travel, and is pleased to act as a liaison with tour operators should you have any questions or concerns that may arise before, during, or after your tour. Princeton Journeys encourages you to familiarize yourself thoroughly with the tour operator’s cancellation and refund policies, and also to investigate available services such as trip cancellation insurance. The University is not responsible for changes to trips or travel arrangements or for losses or additional expenses resulting from travel.

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TERMS & CONDITIONS
Complete Terms and Conditions including Statement of Responsibility will be made available to you at time of registration, or in advance upon request. A signed “Terms & Conditions, Release from Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Clause” is required from each applicant prior to participation on the tour.

Reservations & Payments
To reserve space, return the completed reservation form with your $1,000 per person deposit to: Princeton Journeys, Princeton University, PO BOX 5256, Princeton, NJ 08543 or fax to (609) 258-5561. Balance of payment is due August 10, 2020. We accept personal checks, payable to Criterion Travel, as well as VISA, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover. Reservations will be processed in order of receipt.

Cancellations & Refunds
Upon payment of a deposit, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be effective until they are received in writing and confirmed by Princeton Journeys. Deposits are refundable (less a $250 per person administration fee) if written notice of cancellation is received within 30 days of reservation; after that, deposits are 100% nonrefundable. Cancellations after final payment deadline: All payments are 100% nonrefundable, regardless of booking date. For this reason, we strongly urge participants to purchase trip cancellation insurance. If the program is cancelled by Princeton Journeys or our tour operator, you will receive a full refund, without further obligation on your part. No refunds will be made for any part of this program in which you choose not to participate. NOTE: Neither the Office of Alumni Affairs of Princeton University nor Criterion Travel, the tour operator, accepts liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in conjunction with this tour.

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Single Travelers
- I prefer to have single accommodations.
- I plan to share accommodations with:

- I’d like to know about roommates.
  I am a ☐ Smoker ☐ Non-smoker.
  I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of August 10, 2020, I will pay the single rate.

Accommodations
Bed preference in hotels (not guaranteed):
- King/Queen
- Twins
- If we have read the brochure and agree to the Terms & Conditions stated therein.

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**Highlights**

**STAY** at the boutique El Casco Art Hotel and its Zurbaran art collection overlooking Lake Nahuel Huapi.

**WALK** the trails of the Llao Llao Peninsula in Bariloche, and view the panoramic vista of the Andes from Mt. Campanario.

**EXPLORE** the scenic “Route of the Seven Lakes” and Lanin National Park in the region surrounding the quaint alpine town of San Martin de los Andes.

**EXPERIENCE** the eclipse from a specially chosen viewing site, located in the middle of the band of totality on the Patagonian steppe, which is a drier area known for clear skies.