



Center for Life Enrichment
"The Curious Mind Knows no Bounds"



Chile & Patagonia

The Last Wilderness

FEBRUARY 16-26, 2018

LED BY Dr. James Costa

*Executive Director of the Highlands Biological Station
& Professor of Biology, Western Carolina University*



FEATURING
Three nights at the Remota Lodge,
in Puerto Natales, Chile

Dear Traveler,

We're delighted to offer an exciting and enriching journey through one of the continent's most geographically diverse countries, Chile. The mountain ranges, rugged sea coast, enormous glaciers, cascading waterfalls, and jewel-like lakes of this thin string bean-like country reveal an incredibly beautiful and varied part of the world. Beyond Chile's cosmopolitan capital, Santiago, we'll enjoy a visit to a family vineyard, the bustling port city of Valparaíso, the Lake District, and the incomparable beauty of the Andean peaks of Patagonia.

Throughout this 11-day adventure, enjoy the expertise and insights of Dr. Jim Costa, Executive Director of the Highlands Biological Stations in Highlands, North Carolina and Professor of Biology at Western Carolina University.

Our itinerary begins in Santiago situated in the shadow of the imposing Andes Mountains. After exploring Santiago, we'll visit the historic port city of Valparaíso, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, before flying to Puerto Montt, gateway to Patagonia and the superb Chilean Lake District. Here we will sail the turquoise waters of Todos Los Santos Lake aboard a catamaran. The natural setting is superb: serrated coastlines, volcanic peaks, waterfalls, pine-scented islands and twisting channels beneath a backdrop of snow-capped Andes Mountains.

We continue to Chile's southernmost city, Punta Arenas overlooking the legendary Strait of Magellan. From here we'll journey through the Patagonian pampas to Puerto Natales, the gateway to the crown jewel of southern Patagonia, Torres del Paine National Park, a UNESCO biosphere reserve. The park is named after the spectacular rocky spires of Gothic splendor that soar over a landscape of lakes, grasslands, and glaciers. Roaming freely in the park are unusual rheas, Andean deer, puma, foxes, condors, eagles, flamingos and guanacos, a llama-like descendant of the camel. Returning to Santiago, we conclude our adventure with lunch and tasting of select vintages at the historic Santa Rita winery.

Don't miss this opportunity to travel with the Center for Life Enrichment on an exploration of Patagonia during the Southern Hemisphere's majestic summer.

Kind Regards

Ed Mawyer

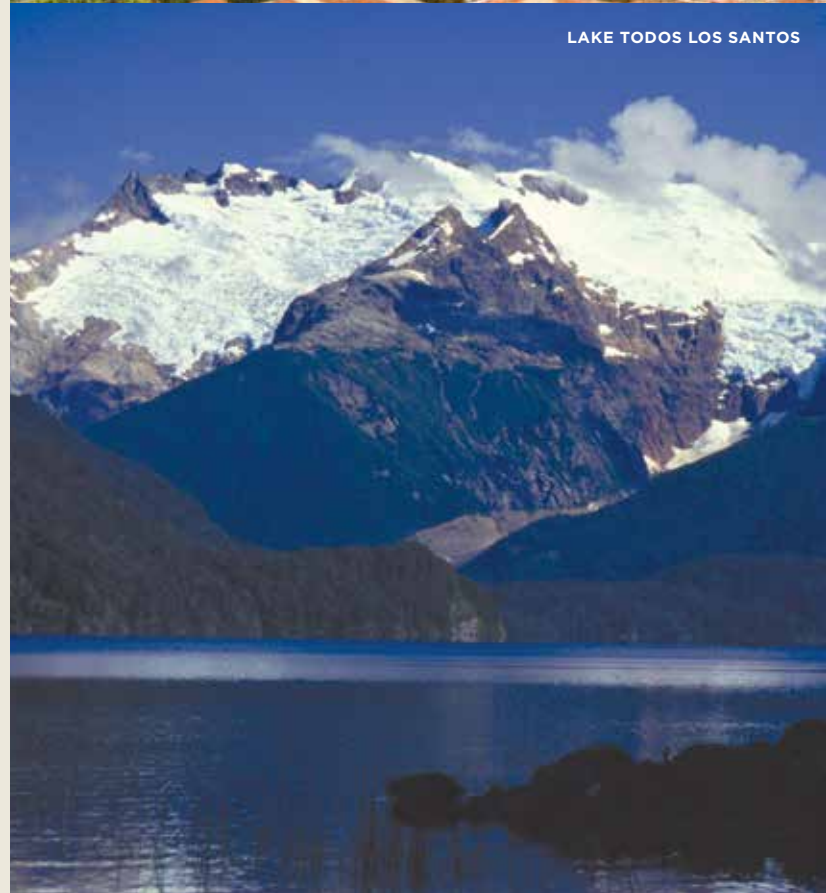
The Center for Life Enrichment



VALPARAISO



LAKE TODOS LOS SANTOS





SANTIAGO



STUDY LEADER

JIM COSTA is Executive Director of the Highlands Biological Station in North Carolina and Professor of Biology at Western Carolina University where he has taught courses in genetics, entomology, biogeography and evolution. As an entomologist with a special interest in social evolution, Jim is the author of numerous scientific research papers and the book “The Other Insect Societies”

(Harvard University Press, 2006). Over the past dozen years Jim’s research and writing have largely focused on Darwin, Wallace, and other explorer-naturalists in the history of evolutionary biology. In 2009 HUP published “The Annotated Origin”, Jim’s annotated edition of “On the Origin of Species”, designed to guide readers through the historical context, structure, and content of Darwin’s masterwork. His most recent books — “On the Organic Law of Change” (Harvard, 2013) and “Wallace, Darwin, and the Origin of Species” (Harvard, 2014) — pay homage to Alfred Russel Wallace, renowned scientific traveler, founder of evolutionary biogeography, and co-discoverer with Darwin of the principle of natural selection. Jim is a long-time Research Associate of the Museum of Comparative Zoology, and has held fellowships-in-residence at Harvard’s Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study (2004-2005) and the Berlin Institute for Advanced Study in Germany (2012-2013). He lectures widely in the US and Europe, is a regular travel program leader for the Harvard Museums of Science and Culture, and for many years co-instructed Harvard’s Darwin summer program at the University of Oxford.



TORRES DEL PAINE



ITINERARY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

USA ❖ Santiago

Depart the U.S. on an overnight flight to Santiago, Chile. OVERNIGHT FLIGHT (MEALS ALOFT)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Arrival in Santiago

Arrive this morning in Santiago at the foot of the Andes and enjoy an afternoon city tour of the highlights of South America's most modern city. See the remarkable collection at the newly re-opened Chilean Museum of Pre-Colombian Art, and the city's historical center, including La Moneda, the Neoclassical building that houses the executive branch of Chile's government. Lunch is at Santiago's Central Market, a wrought-iron structure designed in 1860s in France, forged in England, and then assembled in Chile. Explore the market's stalls selling Chile's many varieties of fish and other seafood. This evening gather for a special welcome dinner. PLAZA EL BOSQUE OR SIMILAR (L,D)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Casa Blanca Valley and Valparaíso

Depart this morning for the Pacific coast and drive through the Casa Blanca Valley, a stretch of open coastal land recently "discovered" by several U.S. wine publications for its unparalleled white wines and Pinot Noirs. Visit the seaside home of Pablo Neruda, Chile's poet and Nobel Prize laureate, before being welcomed at the Kingston Family Vineyard for a private visit. Learn how this vineyard has evolved

into one of Chile's hottest, award-winning boutique wineries. Later, continue to the coast to visit the historic port city of Valparaíso. One of the first South American cities founded by the Spanish, it is now a UNESCO World Heritage site. Stroll through the Concepción and Alegre neighborhoods and ride the century-old hillside ascensors (elevators). PLAZA EL BOSQUE OR SIMILAR (B, L)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Santiago ❖ Puerto Montt

Fly to Puerto Montt, an important fishing port and gateway to the Lake Country. Tour the colorful, bustling fish and handicraft market. Transfer to nearby Puerto Varas, a charming German-style town facing Lake Llanquihue with breathtaking views of the snow-capped volcanoes, Osorno and Calbuco, reflected in the lake's clear waters. Explore the heartland of the Lake District by traveling along the shore of Lake Llanquihue, to Frutillar and Puerto Octay enjoying the beautiful panoramas of Chile's Lake District. HOTEL CABAÑAS DEL LAGO (B,L)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Lake District

Board a modern, enclosed catamaran for sailing through the turquoise waters of Todos Los Santos Lake. This lake is universally acclaimed as one of the most beautiful in the world. Disembark at the remote hamlet of Peulla, at the border with Argentina, enjoying time for walks and for enjoying views of the snow-capped Andes and emerald-colored lakes. Then, visit Petrohué Falls, a succession of rapids with its capricious forms of volcanic rocks

bathed by emerald color waterfalls set against a backdrop of Andean mountains and Chile's magnificent Osorno Volcano.

HOTEL CABAÑAS DEL LAGO (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Puerto Montt ❖ Punta Arenas ❖ Puerto Natales

Fly to Punta Arenas, Chile's southernmost city, on the Strait of Magellan opposite Tierra del Fuego. Founded in 1848, in its golden age it served as a port-of-call for all ships circumnavigating the world. City tour of Punta Arenas before lunch at the Sara Braun house, a mansion turned museum. Relive an elegant by-gone era, as we dine among exquisite antiques and paintings. Afternoon transfer north through expansive Patagonian pampas to Puerto Natales, gateway to the most spectacular sights in southern Patagonia. HOTEL REMOTA (B,L,D)

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22-23

Torres del Paine National Park

By far, the most impressive sight in southern Chile is Torres del Paine National Park, known as the crown jewel of Patagonia. It was declared a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in 1978. The dramatic mountain formations of towering rock, windswept pampas, ice fields, and glaciers, make it an impressive and unforgettable sight. Look out for herds of guanacos and rheas, flamingos, condors, foxes, geese, and black-necked swans. Lakes and lagoons in hues of blues, greens, grays and



ochres abound. The park is surrounded by impressive mountains including the famous Cuernos del Paine (Horns of Granite), twisted, snow-dusted pillars of grey granite that rise from the flat Patagonian plain. The spectacular Torres del Paine (Towers), giant granite peaks are even more spectacular. See Grey Glacier and lake with its blue iceberg, Salto Grande, a glacial waterfall set against majestic peaks, and many lakes. Hike or ride horses with an expert guide or simply relax in the park and its surrounding wilderness. HOTEL REMOTA (2B, 2L, 2D)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Puerto Natales ❖ Punta Arenas ❖ Santiago

Depart this morning for Punta Arenas for the return flight to Santiago. Travel through Chile's expansive Patagonian pampas and

along the shoreline of the Strait of Magellan home to rheas, condors, and eagles. The flight to Santiago will offer, weather permitting, magnificent views of the Andes Mountains, its snow-capped peaks, glaciers, and ice fields as they stream downward, feeding the lakes below. Upon arrival transfer to your hotel. Evening is free.

HOTEL PLAZA EL BOSQUE (B)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Santiago ❖ U.S.

This morning visit Cerro San Cristobal for a panoramic view of Santiago, before visiting the Museum of the Memory and Human Rights dedicated to commemorate the victims of human rights violations during the civic-military regime led by Augusto Pinochet between 1973 and 1990. It was inaugurated in 2010 as part of the

bicentennial celebrations of Chile. Next, travel to the nearby Maipo Valley, the fertile home of many of Chile's finest wineries. Mark the journey's end with a celebratory farewell lunch at the historical Viña Santa Rita with its classical colonial mansion surrounded by ornamental gardens and centuries-old trees. The remainder of the afternoon is unscheduled before an overnight return flight home. Your room is available with a late check-out until the time of the transfer to the airport.

OVERNIGHT FLIGHT

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Arrive Home in U.S.

Arrive this morning in the U.S. and connect to your home airport.

Easter Island Pre-Tour Optional Extension

FEBRUARY 11-17, 2017

After overnighting in Santiago, depart the next morning for Easter Island (Rapa Nui). Located 2,600 miles west of Santiago in the South Pacific Ocean, this mysterious island has a visual impact few places in the world can equal. Hundreds of moais, tight-lipped basalt statues unique in the whole of Oceania, are scattered throughout the island. The extension includes two nights in Santiago at the Hotel Plaza El Bosque Park and Suites Ebro and three nights at Hotel Hangaroa Eco Village and Spa on Easter Island, breakfasts at the Plaza El Bosque Park and all meals at the Hangaroa daily excursions on Easter Island, except for the day of departure and all transfers. *Airfare to Easter Island is not included. Approximate roundtrip airfare from Santiago to Easter Island \$550, coach class and subject to change. Cost: \$2,895 per person, double occupancy, \$3,440 per person, single occupancy. Rates are based on a minimum of 10 guests.*





THE REMOTA LODGE in Puerto Natales, Chile

In the Chilean Patagonia, you'll stay at the all-inclusive Remota Hotel in Puerto Natales, the gateway to Torres del Paine National Park. The lodge serves as a place of contemplative refuge and restful return after each journey into the awe-inspiring beauty of Patagonia. Experience exquisite vistas, ultramodern rooms, fine dining, an open bar serving cocktails, wine with meals, expert guides, open-air Jacuzzis, heated indoor infinity pool, and all the service, comforts

and amenities of a five-star hotel. The architecture of the Remota is designed to bring its guests into intimate contact with the magnificent natural world of the remote Patagonian peninsula. A choice of small personalized daily excursions is offered to each passenger while at the lodge. Excursions include hiking, horseback riding, bicycle tours, *estancia* or ranch tours and bird watching, with specialist English-speaking guides.

WHAT TO EXPECT

This exclusive expedition is designed for those who are interested in learning about the history, culture, the superb natural areas of Patagonia and the history and panoramas of Santiago and Valparaíso. This is a moderately active program. Some walks in the Torres del Paine area are approximately one-mile-long (sometimes over uneven terrain); walks can be longer at the participant's discretion. Typically, the weather is warm in Santiago (mid 70's at noon), and cooler in Puerto Montt and Puerto Varas where temperatures average in the mid 60's during the day and can drop to the low 40's at night. Sites in southern Patagonia (Torres del Paine, Punta Arenas, and Puerto Natales) are usually quite cold in the early morning and late evening, but can be sunny with variable temperatures during the day. Winds, which can be strong, are frequent in the southern Patagonia area, and weather is unpredictable. Since some travel will be in remote areas, everyone must be flexible concerning time schedules, food, weather and dust. In order to enjoy this trip, a spirit of adventure and anticipation, and the desire to explore spectacular natural areas are musts. There are a couple of relatively long drives, which are necessary for the chance to explore the superb scenery of Patagonia. Travel is by regular scheduled jet aircraft, enclosed catamarans and motor coach. Altitude does not pose a problem for this itinerary.

PROGRAM COSTS

LAND PROGRAM COST \$6,695
(Per person based on double occupancy)
 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$1,295

SAMPLE COACH AIRFARE
 TO SANTIAGO FROM ATLANTA \$1,430

EASTER ISLAND PER-TRIP EXTENSION \$2,895
(Per person based on double occupancy)
 EXTENSION SINGLE OCCUPANCY . . . \$3,440

Rates for the extension are based on a minimum of 10 guests. Roundtrip flights from Santiago to Easter Island are NOT included in the extension price. Roundtrip flight from Santiago to Easter Island are approximately \$550 per person, coach class on LAN Airlines and prices are subject to change.

COSTS AND CONDITIONS

AIRFARE: International airfare to Santiago, Chile and return home is not included. As of February 2017, estimated international roundtrip airfare from Atlanta to Santiago, Chile is approximately \$1,430. Airfares are subject to change. As a general rule, it is wise to refrain from purchasing non-refundable airfare until the minimum number of participants has been met. A recommended flight itinerary will be made available to registered passengers departing and returning from Atlanta. Please call for information.

TOUR SIZE: This tour, exclusively designed for the Center for Life Enrichment is limited to 20 participants on a first-come, first-served basis. The minimum group size is 12. Should the minimum not be met, we reserve the right to, levy a small group surcharge.

TOUR INCLUDES: Study leader's lectures and discussions • Accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary • Wine with included dinners and farewell lunch • Open bar at the Remota Hotel • Three in-tour flights • (Santiago to Puerto Montt; Puerto Montt to Punta Arenas and Punta Arenas to Santiago) Professional English speaking guides at all locations • Transportation by private motor coach • Airport transfers for group flights • Tips to local guides • Porters • Restaurants • Service charges and taxes • Entrance fees • Baggage handling • Leadership • Coordination and administration.

TOUR EXCLUDES: U.S. domestic and international airfare (quoted separately) • Flights for the optional pre-tour to Easter Island • Excess baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary • Personal items such as laundry, email, fax or telephone calls • Alcoholic beverages except those mentioned above • Dishes or beverages not included with meals • Room service • Passport or visa fees • Private transfers • Medical expenses • Travel insurance • Optional extensions or deviations from the scheduled tour • Tip to tour director is at the passenger's discretion • Any increases in the in-tour airfare (included as part of the main program cost), security, or fuel surcharges imposed after the initial pricing of this program are not included.

RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS, AND FINAL PAYMENT: To reserve a space on this tour, please mail a non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person payable to "Center for Life Enrichment," along with the completed reservation to: Center for Life Enrichment, P.O. Box 2046, Highlands, NC 28741 or call 1-828-526-8811. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt until the maximum enrollment of 20 has been reached. Final payment is due November 10, 2017 and must be made by check. CST #2009579-40

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS: All cancellations must be made in writing to the Center for Life Enrichment. Deposits are non-refundable. There are no refunds for unused meals, accommodations or other trip features or for any part of the program on which you choose not to participate.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: We highly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance. An application for trip cancellation insurance will be available upon confirmation. Depending on the level of policy, the pre-existing medical conditions exclusion is waived if the insurance is purchased within 15 days of initial deposit. Neither The Center for Life Enrichment nor Royal Adventures accept liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable airline ticket or other expenses incurred by tour participants in preparing for the tour.

PHYSICAL HEALTH: Participation on this program requires that passengers be in generally good health. It is essential that persons with any medical problems and related dietary restrictions make them known to us well before the departure.

QUESTIONS: Please call Sandy Carlton at The Center for Life Enrichment (828) 526-8811.

RESPONSIBILITY: Royal Adventures, its owners and employees act only as agents for the various independent suppliers and contractors providing transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurant and

other services connected with this tour. Such travel and services are subject to the terms and conditions under which such accommodations, services and transportation are offered or provided, and the Center for Life Enrichment and Royal Adventures and their respective employees, agents, representatives, and assigns, accept no liability therefore. The Center for Life Enrichment and Royal Adventures, assume no liability for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or other irregularity which may be caused by the defect of any aircraft or vehicle or the negligence or default of any company or person engaged in carrying out or performing any of the services involved. Additionally, responsibility is not accepted for losses, injury, damages or expenses of any kind due to sickness, weather, strikes, local laws, hostilities, wars, terrorist acts, acts of nature or other such causes. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they are provided. The Center for Life Enrichment and Royal Adventures reserve the right to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in their sole judgment, conditions warrant, or if they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience or safety of the tour participants. They reserve the right to withdraw this tour without penalty. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour, or to substitute another qualified leader or special guest. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owners at all times. The price of the program is given in good faith based on current tariffs and rates, and is subject to change. Any tariff, exchange rate, or fuel increases will be passed onto participants. Neither the Center for Life Enrichment nor Royal Adventures accepts the liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable ticket. The air ticket, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and the airline concerned. As a part of the consideration and right to participate in this tour, each participant will be asked to sign a liability release.

RESERVATION FORM

Enclosed is my check or credit card authorization for \$_____ (\$500 deposit per person) payable to "Center for Life Enrichment" to hold place(s) on the Chile & Patagonia tour February 16-26, 2018. Final Payment by check is due November 10, 2017.

NAME (AS ON PASSPORT) _____ DOB _____

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ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ BUSINESS PHONE _____

CELL PHONE _____ FAX _____

E-MAIL _____

PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Pay by check made payable to "Center for Life Enrichment" OR
 Please charge the deposit of \$500 per person to:
 AMEX Visa MasterCard

CARD # _____

EXP. DATE _____ SEC. CODE _____

ACCOMMODATIONS

- I require single accommodations (supplemental fee of \$1,295, limited availability)
 I will share accommodations with: _____

FLIGHTS AND EXTENSIONS

- I/we wish to join the Easter Island optional pre-tour extension at an additional cost of \$2,895 per person, double occupancy or \$3,440 single occupancy.
 I/We will take care of my/our own international flight arrangements.
 I/We want you to book my/our flights from: _____
 Economy Business

I/We have carefully read the General Terms and Condition sections of this brochure and agree to the terms on behalf of myself and the members of my party named above.

SIGNATURE(S) _____ DATE _____

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**PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS FORM
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The Natural and Cultural Wonders of Chile

FEBRUARY 16-26, 2018



HIGHLIGHTS

Enhance your experience with lectures and discussions from **JIM COSTA**, Professor of Biology at Western Carolina University.

Visit the capital city of **SANTIAGO** and historic port city of **VALPARAÍSO**.

Journey to the heart of Chile's **WINE DISTRICT**.

Explore **TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK**, hidden at the southernmost end of the Andes and walk near monolithic granite spires, glacial lakes, and waterfalls.

Observe Patagonia's **UNIQUE WILDLIFE**, including guanaco, rhea, flamingo and magnificent Andean condors.

Sail through turquoise waters in **CHILE'S LAKE DISTRICT**.

