

See the Total Solar Eclipse December 14, 2020

# Argentina Eclipse 2020

Come Explore with The Planetary Society! December 8-19, 2020  
with optional pre-trips to Peru & Machu Picchu or Easter Island, Dec 2-8, 2020

Dear Travelers:

We invite you to join our Argentina Total Solar Eclipse Adventure, **December 8-19, 2020**, with optional pre-trips to **Easter Island or Peru & Machu Picchu**.

Join us and explore the magnificence of Argentina, from the premiere city of Buenos Aires and historic La Plata to San Martín de los Andes, and the thundering wonder of Iguazú Falls.

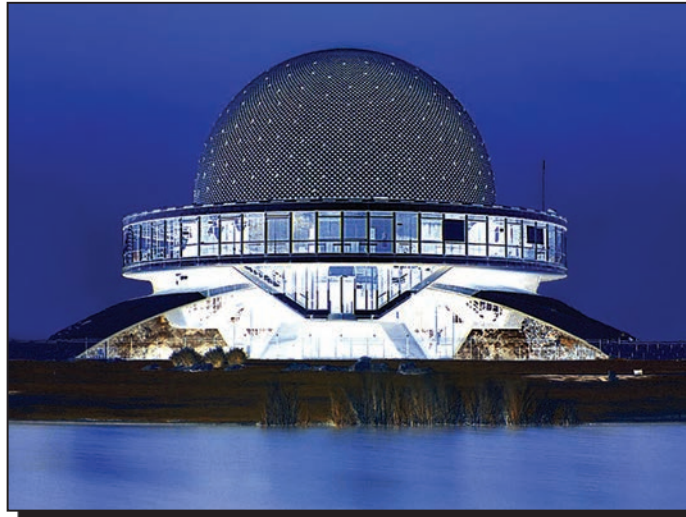
We will see the **Total Solar Eclipse** just north of San Martín de los Andes on **December 14, 2020**.

In Buenos Aires, we will explore the city and have a special visit to the **Galileo Galilei Planetarium** in the Parque Tres de Febrero. The Planetario (as it is known) looks like a UFO, and also has a collection of meteorites from the north of Argentina. We'll see the many displays at the Planetario, followed by an introduction to the southern night skies and discussion of the **2020 Total Solar Eclipse**.

**At La Plata**, we will visit the superb **Natural History Museum** which is the outgrowth of Francisco Moreno's collection of anthropological, fossil, and bone findings in the 1860's. At the entrance, we will be greeted by two statues of sabre-tooth cats, which were native to the **Pampas of Argentina**. Inside there are vast collections including dinosaur fossils from the Pampas.

Our flight to **San Martín de los Andes** will take us over the immense Pampas to this charming resort town nestled in the Andes.

We will discover the renowned **Argentine Lake Country** as we journey to **Huechulafquen Lake and Lanín Volcano**, including a boat trip on the lake or a hike, plus a barbecue.



Options await you in San Martín de los Andes including kayaking, biking, birdwatching, and star gazing.

A highlight of the trip will be the **Total Solar Eclipse** on **December 14, 2020**. We will travel north of San Martín de los Andes to watch the Eclipse and then have a celebratory dinner.

Our adventure will continue as we fly to **Iguazú Falls National Park** for three nights at the spectacular La Cantera Jungle Lodge, and see this utterly magnificent waterfall and park which has a profusion of tropical birdlife.

We will travel with Betchart South America expert **Dr. Tom Love** and astronomer **Dr. Tyler Nordgren**, popular leaders of our Chile Total Solar Eclipse trip in 2019.

We hope you will join us for this remarkable adventure and to see the 2020 Total Solar Eclipse!

Best regards,

Bill Nye  
The Science Guy®  
CEO

THE **PLANETARY**  
SOCIETY

# Itinerary

## Day 1 USA to Buenos Aires, Argentina

Depart Miami International Airport on a flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina. (Passengers on the Easter Island or Machu Picchu Pre-Trips will conclude the pre-trips today and fly to Buenos Aires.) All passengers transfer to the *Americas Tower Hotel* (3 nights)

## Day 2 Buenos Aires & Galileo Galilei Planetarium

This morning, we will explore the city of Buenos Aires, from the Plaza de Armas, where the city began in 1581, to the Casa Rosada (Presidential Palace), and other neighborhoods which compose the rich culture of Buenos Aires. We will also visit the Galileo Galilei Planetarium which resembles a UFO, for an introduction to the southern skies and the Total Solar Eclipse. It also has a museum with a collection of meteorites from the north of Argentina. B,L

## Day 3 La Plata Natural History Museum & Tango Show

Today we will head for La Plata and discover its renowned Museum of Natural Science. The Museum houses one of the most important paleontological collections in the world, and has millions of fossils. It has a superlative collection of large prehistoric mammalian fossils from the Cenozoic Era which were

found in the Pampas of Argentina. After lunch, we'll head back to the city of Buenos Aires, where we will enjoy a dinner and Tango Show! B,L,D

## Day 4 Fly to San Martín de los Andes

Today, we will fly to San Martín de los Andes, nestled in the eastern side of the Andes near several large lakes and volcanoes in nearby national parks. Have time to get acquainted with this charming resort town this afternoon. *Hotel* (4 nights). B,D

## Day 5 Huechulafquen Lake & Lanín Volcano

We will have an adventure to Junín de los Andes today and Huechulafquen Lake in Lanín National Park. We will explore



the lake by boat, and will take a look at the 6 km long lava flow at Escorial. We will have majestic views of 3,800 m high Lanín Volcano, which rises above the Andes in snow-capped splendor! We will then have a delicious barbecue at a restaurant in a Mapuche community. B,L

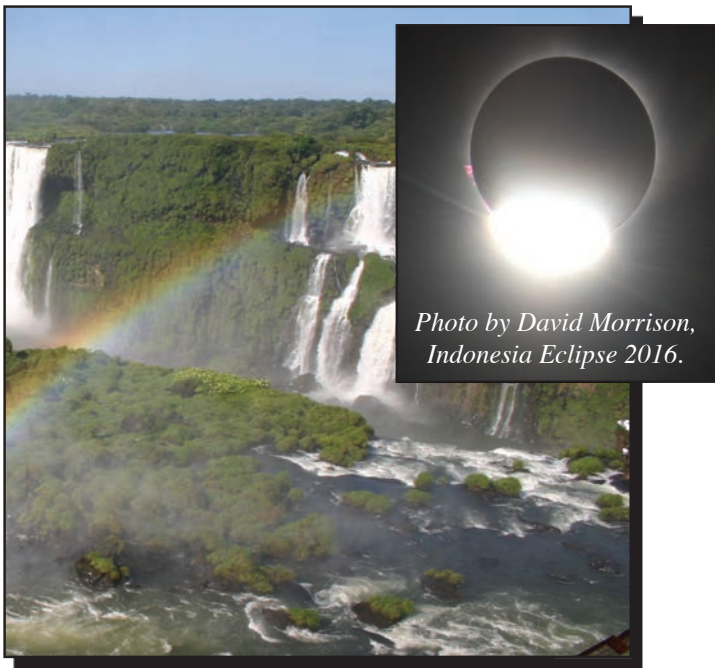
## EASTER ISLAND PRE-TRIP December 2-8, 2020



*Discover the unique heritage of Easter Island!*

For info contact Terri at [betchartterri@gmail.com](mailto:betchartterri@gmail.com) or  
Phone: (800) 252-4910 (USA) or (408) 252-4910 (Int'l)





*Photo by David Morrison,  
Indonesia Eclipse 2016.*

### Day 6 San Martín de los Andes

Today, you may enjoy optional biking, kayaking, or hiking adventures, with lectures by your expedition anthropologist on the people of the Andes and by your expedition astronomer in preparation for the Total Solar Eclipse tomorrow. Enjoy an evening of star gazing. B,L

### Day 7 Total Solar Eclipse – December 14, 2020

Today, we will depart for the path where the December 14, 2020 Total Solar Eclipse will cross Chile and then the Andes, heading toward the coast of Argentina and South Atlantic Ocean. As the Eclipse approaches, we will get in position at our Eclipse-viewing site, and hand out Eclipse-viewing glasses. We will look for unique aspects of the Eclipse like Baily's Beads. Sometimes the depression of the Moon is so great it produces a spectacular phenomenon call "The Diamond Ring." During the Total Eclipse, the Sun's million degree corona becomes visible as a crown of pale light radiating outward beyond the dark Moon. We'll return to San Martín de los Andes for an Eclipse celebration! B,L

### Days 8/10 Iguazú National Park

Today, we will fly to Iguazú National Park, where we will have a chance to enjoy one of the world's most extraordinary waterfalls! Accommodations at the luxurious *La Canera Jungle Lodge* (3 nights). We will have plenty of time to enjoy this splendid park, exploring by boat near the immense, thundering falls, and by foot to discover some of the spectacular species of tropical birds found in the national park. We'll have a gala evening celebration on the final night of our journey! B/B,B,D

### Days 11/12 Fly to Miami & Home

Morning at leisure. Late afternoon transfer to the Iguazú Airport for a flight to Buenos Aires and connecting flight to Miami, arriving the next day. B

## Reservations

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**Yes!** I/we want to join the **Argentina Total Solar Eclipse Expedition, December 8-19, 2020** offered by **The Planetary Society and Betchart Expeditions Inc.** Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ space(s). As a deposit, I/we enclose a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$1,000 pp) for Argentina. I/we would also like to join the **Easter Island** or **Machu Picchu Pre-Trip** (circle one) and enclose a deposit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$500 pp) payable to Betchart Expeditions Inc. Trust Account.

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Phone: H (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ C (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership: Planetary Society AAAS Sigma Xi ACS

Accommodations Preference: \_\_\_ Twin \_\_\_ Single

Twin Share: \_\_\_ with a friend or \_\_\_ assign a roommate

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please Mail To: Argentina Eclipse 2020 Expedition  
 Betchart Expeditions Inc.  
 17050 Montebello Road  
 Cupertino, CA 95014-5345**

## MACHU PICCHU PRE-TRIP

December 2-8, 2020



*Discover the wonders of Peru and Machu Picchu.*

For info contact April at [betchartapril@gmail.com](mailto:betchartapril@gmail.com) or  
**Phone: (800) 252-4910 (USA) or (408) 252-4910 (Int'l)**

# Costs & Conditions

**Argentine Eclipse Trip Fee:** \$5,995 per person twin share + International Air Fare (see below) + \$595 in-tour air Buenos Aires/San Martín de los Andes/Iguazú. Singles are encouraged to book twin share. Limited singles available at \$995 additional.

## INTERNATIONAL AIR FARE

**International air fare (Argentina only):** \$1,795 per person (Miami/Buenos Aires; with return Iguazú/Miami).

**International air fare (including Peru Pre-Trip):** \$1,895 per person (Miami/Lima/Buenos Aires/with return Iguazú/Miami).

**International air fare (including Easter Island Pre-Trip):** \$1,895 per person (Miami/Santiago/Buenos Aires; return Iguazú/Miami).

## PRE-TRIPS

**Optional Easter Island Pre-Trip:** \$2,295 per person twin share + International air fare (quoted above) + air fare \$995 Santiago/Easter Island, RT. Singles are encouraged to share; limited singles are available at \$795 additional. Includes 2 nights Santiago, 3 nights Easter Island; group transfers, tours as indicated, breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners; tips to local guides & drivers; leadership, administration.

**Optional Machu Picchu Pre-Trip:** \$2,495 per person twin share + air fare \$595 Lima/Cusco, RT. Singles are encouraged to share; limited singles are available for \$695 additional. Includes group transfers, tours as indicated, 5 nights hotel, breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 dinner, group entrance fees; tips to local guides & drivers; leadership, administration.

*Please request detailed flyers for Easter Island or Peru. (800) 252-4910.*



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*Come discover the great beauty of Alaska in winter, and see the greatest light show on earth! Take the train from Talkeetna to Fairbanks, passing lofty 20,310 foot Denali (Mt. McKinley) en route. See the Ice Festival in Fairbanks. Watch a local sled dog team, and see the Aurora Borealis dance across the night sky. \$2,995 + air*

**For a detailed brochure, please call (800) 252-4910  
or email [betcharterteri@gmail.com](mailto:betcharterteri@gmail.com)  
All prices are per person twin share + air**

## ARGENTINE FEE

**Argentine Expedition Fee Includes:** Land transport; group airport transfers; accommodations twin share; breakfasts, 5 lunches, 3 dinners; tango show; tips to drivers and local guides; entrance fees; leadership, administration.

**Argentine Expedition Fee Does Not Include:** International air fare, in-tour air fare BA to San Martín & Iguazú (quoted separately); airline checked bag fees; independent excursions; some meals; gratuities to expedition leaders; optional excursions at San Martín or Iguazú, personal items such as visas, laundry, phone calls, bottled water or sodas or other beverages at meals, alcoholic beverages, snacks, or personal insurance.

**What to Expect:** This Argentine Eclipse expedition is planned for travelers who would enjoy seeing the Total Solar Eclipse December 14, 2020, with optional pre-trip to Easter Island, 2,350 miles to the west or to the astonishing Inca sites of Peru, including Machu Picchu. Leading the Argentina expedition will be an excellent Betchart naturalist and astronomer. The group will explore the Buenos Aires area, including a city tour and the renowned La Plata Natural History Museum; national parks near San Martín de los Andes, and spectacular Iguazú Falls. We will be right in the zone of Totality for the Total Solar Eclipse. Weather will be warm to hot and sunny. There are excellent prospects for seeing the Total Eclipse though it may be obscured by fog or clouds. This expedition will be a tremendous experience for travelers with an appetite for adventure who would enjoy a chance to explore Argentina, with excellent leadership. (No smoking in vehicles, during lectures, or meals, please.)

**Air Fare & Airline Ticketing:** Air fares quoted are based on group fares with Latam Airlines or Aerolíneas Argentinas. Please contact Taunya, (800) 252-4910 for detailed Air Information. All In-tour air bookings will be handled by Betchart Expeditions Inc. AIR FARES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

**Accommodations:** Are in first class hotel in Buenos Aires; charming mountain lodges in San Martín, and a superb forest lodge at Iguazú, twin share with private bath. Singles are encouraged to share on both pre-trips and the Argentine trip. Very few singles are available.

**Reservations, Deposits & Payments:** Please mail a deposit check of \$1,000 per person for Argentina and \$500 per person for the optional Pre-Trip to Easter Island or Peru with the completed reservation form to:

**Argentine Total Eclipse 2020  
Betchart Expeditions Inc.  
17050 Montebello Road,  
Cupertino, CA 95014-5435.**

The balance is due 120 days before departure.

**Cancellations & Refunds:** The initial deposit is refundable up to 120 days before departure less a handling fee of \$250 per person. There is no refund after the 120-day period unless your place is resold, then only the \$250 per person handling fee is withheld. There are no refunds for unused meals or other expedition features.



**Responsibility:** Betchart Expeditions Inc. and The Planetary Society act only as agents for the passenger with respect to transportation and hotels and exercise every care possible. We can assume no liability for injury, damage, delay, loss, accident, or irregularity in connection with the services of any airplane, ship, motorcoach, or any conveyance used in carrying out the arrangements of the tour. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, acts of God, terrorism, or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger, as tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to substitute another leader of similar expertise or to cancel any tour prior to departure in which case the entire payment will be refunded with no further obligation on our part. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour. No refund will be made for the unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. The price of the program is based on current tariffs and rates, and is subject to change. Any tariff, exchange rate, or fuel increases will be passed on to participants. Baggage is carried at the owner's risk entirely. It is understood that the air ticket when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and the airline concerned. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission, or event during the time passengers are not on board their plane or conveyance.

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