

See the Annular Solar Eclipse October 2, 2024

Argentina Eclipse 2024

*Come Explore with The Planetary Society! September 26 - October 7, 2024
with optional pre-trips to Peru & Machu Picchu or Easter Island*

Dear Travelers:

We invite you to join our **Argentina Annular Solar Eclipse** Adventure, 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 historic Puerto San Julian on the Atlantic Coast, and the thundering wonder of Iguazú Falls.

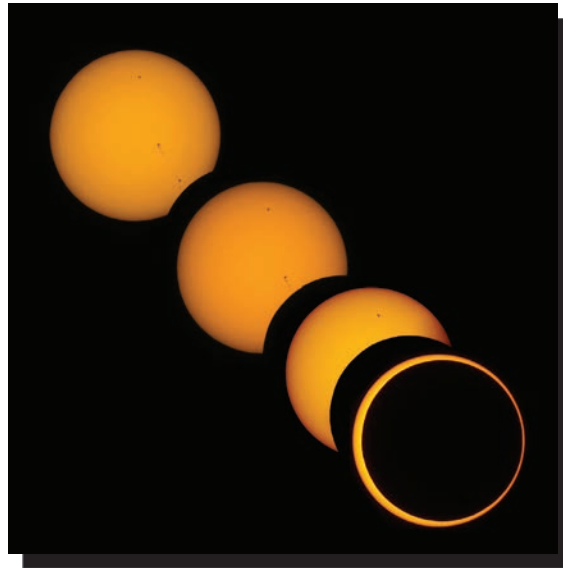
We will see the **Annular Solar Eclipse** just north of Puerto San Julian on **October 2, 2024**.

In Buenos Aires, we will explore the city and have a special visit to the **Galileo Galilei Planetarium** in the historic Palermo district. 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 briefing on the **2024 Annular 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 **Rio Gallegos** will take us over the Pampas. We will then drive along the Atlantic Coast to the historic Bay of Puerto San Julian, an important stopping point for Magellan, Sir Francis Drake, and Darwin on their historic voyages.



A highlight of the trip will be the **Annular Solar Eclipse on October 2, 2024**. We will travel north to watch the Eclipse and then have a celebratory dinner.

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

We will travel with Betchart naturalist **Bob Nansen**, popular leader of our Australia Total Solar Eclipse trip in 2023 and the Grand Tetons Eclipse trip in 2017.

We hope you will join us for this remarkable adventure to see the 2024 Annular Solar Eclipse!

Best regards,



Bill Nye
The Science Guy®
CEO



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Itinerary

Days 1/2 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 arrive on day 2 and transfer to the *Americas Towers Hotel* (3 nights).

Day 3 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 Annular Solar Eclipse. It also has a museum with a collection of meteorites from the north of Argentina. Enjoy a Tango show this evening. B,D

Day 4 La Plata Natural History Museum

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.

Day 5 Buenos Aires to Puerto San Julian

This morning, we will fly from Buenos Aires south across Patagonia to Rio Gallegos and drive across the Pampas to Puerto San Julian. Here we can see a modern version of Magellan's sailing vessel, and there is a small museum.



Just north of the town, is the Natural Reserve of San Julian Peninsula. In the reserve we can see wave lashed cliffs and beaches, and may find some of the wildlife of Patagonia: rhea, red and grey fox, dolphins, and Magellanic penguins. *Costanera Hotel* (3 nights). B,L,D

Day 6 Historic Puerto San Julian

Today, we will explore the modest but historically important Puerto San Julian and the nearby Peninsula. In the days of sailing ships, this bay was a stopping point 180 km south of Pt. Deseado (Point Desire). It was named by Ferdinand Magellan who arrived there March 31, 1520 and overwintered in the harbor. They met native people who were described as giants, and called them Patagonians, probably named after the character Patagon in the



Spanish novel by Francisco Vazquez published in 1512. Magellan left the port August 21, 1520 and continued south and found the passageway now called Magellan Straits through islands at the southern tip of South America. In 1578 Sir Francis Drake reached the harbor and also chose to overwinter there. In 1834 naturalist Charles Darwin arrived with the Beagle survey expedition. He found fossils there of a gigantic creature resembling a llama and camel. This was one of the

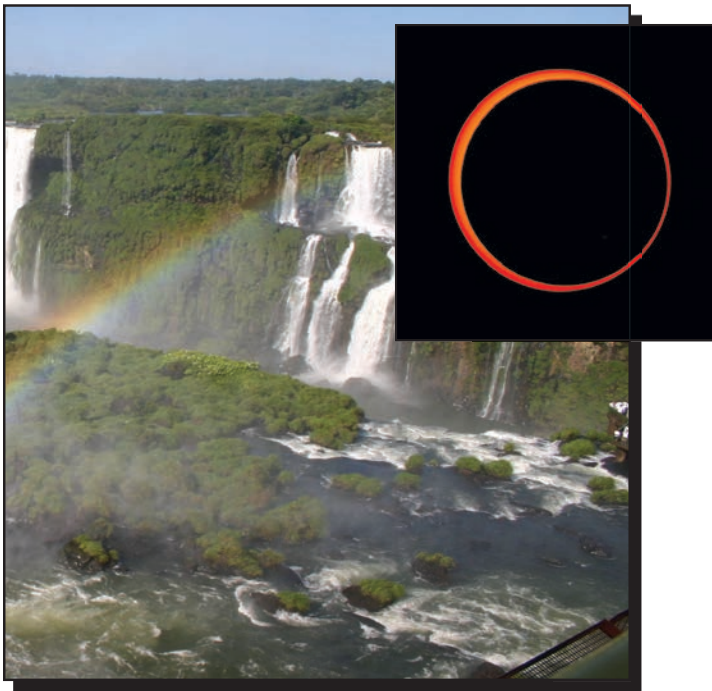
EASTER ISLAND PRE-TRIP

September 18-26, 2024



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findings which led to the beginning of Darwin's theory. Eclipse talk this evening. . B,L,D

Day 7 Annular Solar Eclipse – October 2, 2024

Today, we will depart for the path where the October 2, 2024 Annular 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 watch the progression of the eclipse into a Ring of Fire. We'll return to Puerto San Julian for an Eclipse celebration! B,L,D



Day 8 Monte Leon National Park & Rio Gallegos

Today, we will explore Monte Leon National Park, Argentina's first continental marine national park, en route back to Rio Gallegos. In 2020 the land trust Estancia Monte Leon was transferred to an Argentine NGO to be donated to become a national park. It includes sand dunes and steppe, one of the largest

colonies of Magellanic penguins, rheas, sea lions, guanacos, and more. *Patagonia Hotel. (1 night) B,L*

Days 9 /10 Iguazú National Park

Today, we will fly to Buenos Aires and Iguazú National Park, where we will have a chance to enjoy one of the world's most extraordinary waterfalls! We'll stay at the luxurious *La Reserva Virgin Lodge (2 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,D

Days 11/12 Fly to Miami & Home

Morning at leisure. 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 Annular Solar Eclipse Expedition, September 26-October 7, 2024**, 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.

Name(s) _____ Age ____ Sex ____

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Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

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 2024 Expedition
Betchart Expeditions Inc.
17050 Montebello Road
Cupertino, CA 95014-5345**

MACHU PICCHU PRE-TRIP

September 20-26, 2024



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Costs & Conditions

Argentine Eclipse Trip Fee: \$5,995 per person twin share + International Air Fare (see below) + \$995 in-tour air Buenos Aires/Puerto San Julian/Iguazú/Buenos Aires. 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 Buenos Aires/Miami).

International air fare (for Argentina + Peru Pre-Trip): \$1,495 per person (Miami/Lima/with return Buenos Aires/Miami).

International air fare (for Argentina + Easter Island Pre-Trip): \$1,695 per person (Miami/Santiago/Buenos Aires/Miami).

PRE-TRIPS

Optional Easter Island Pre-Trip: \$3,595 per person twin share + International air fare (quoted above) + air fare \$1,595 Santiago/Easter Island/Buenos Aires. Singles are encouraged to share; limited singles are available at \$795. Includes 4 nights Santiago, 3 nights Easter Island; group transfers, tours as indicated, breakfasts, 3 lunches, 4 dinners; tips to local guides & drivers; leadership, administration.

Optional Machu Picchu Pre-Trip: \$2,995 per person twin share + air fare \$895 Lima/Cusco/ Lima/Buenos Aires 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.



Alaska Aurora Borealis March 7 - 13, 2024

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.

\$3,295 per person twin share + air

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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, 5 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 Puerto San Julian & Iguazú (quoted separately); independent transfers; some meals; gratuities to expedition leaders; optional excursions, 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 Annular Solar Eclipse October 2, 2024, with optional pre-trip to Easter Island, 2,350 miles to the west or to the superb Inca sites of Peru, including Machu Picchu. Leading the Argentina expedition will be an excellent Betchart naturalist. The group will explore the Buenos Aires area, including a city tour and the renowned La Plata Natural History Museum; an Atlantic Coastal park near Puerto San Julian, and spectacular Iguazú Falls. We will be right in the center zone for the Eclipse. Weather will be warm to hot and sunny. There are excellent prospects for seeing the Annular 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 Aerolineas 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; a comfortable local hotel in Puerto San Julian, 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.

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 Annular Eclipse 2024
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 other 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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