



## ANTARCTIC DISCOVERY ABOARD M/V HONDIUS

THE LIVING DESERT ZOO & GARDENS

January 8 – 23, 2022

*For nearly two centuries, the “White Continent” has attracted scientists and adventurers with its unmatched natural beauty. From ice-blue glaciers to sprawling jagged coast, Antarctica’s breathtaking scenery is a spectacular wilderness to behold. The solitude of its seas and mountains conceals the frantic activity along the shorelines: scores of penguins plunge for food, herds of elephant seals bask in the sun, and pods of orcas cruise by. Witness this rugged, isolated, and serene world come to life from the comfort of the new M/V Hondius, the world’s first registered Polar Class 6 cruise ship, exceeding all the latest green requirements of the Polar Code. Plus, Zodiac excursions ashore allow you to set foot on one of the last untouched places on the planet. Join the Living Desert Zoo & Gardens on a once-in-a-lifetime journey to the end of the Earth!*

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Navigate picturesque waterways of the Antarctic Peninsula with opportunities to explore the shorelines on foot and the surrounding waters on zodiac cruise.
- Learn about topics of geology, biodiversity, oceanography, and climatology during lectures and conversations with onboard naturalists.
- Enjoy up-close experiences with chinstrap and gentoo penguins, leopard and crabeater seals, whales, and seabirds on the Antarctic Peninsula.
- Visit a former British research station and the 1915 wreckage of a whaling ship to learn more about the history of human involvement in Antarctica.
- Get a taste of the world-class arts and culture of Buenos Aires, including a tango show and wine sampling.

# ITINERARY

BLD = BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

## JANUARY 8 | DEPART U.S.

Overnight flight.

## JANUARY 9 | BUENOS AIRES

Arrive at the airport and meet our representative in the arrivals hall. Transfer to the hotel with free time to rest until program orientation in the afternoon. *Please note early check-in is included in the program.* Later, take a field trip through Buenos Aires with a local expert. Visit the seven-story Teatro Colón, a world-class center for opera, ballet, and classical music since 1908. Then enjoy a wine tasting at a local cellar/bar, learning about some of Argentina's world-famous wines, followed by dinner. Dinner at a local restaurant. *725 Continental Hotel. (D)*



## JANUARY 10 | BUENOS AIRES

Begin your day exploring Buenos Aires's major neighborhoods and attractions by bus with stops in Plaza de Mayo, La Boca, and Recoleta. Learn about the cultural influence of immigrants and the impact of former First Lady Eva Perón. Have lunch and time at leisure before dinner and a tango show at a local restaurant. Tango has been traced to working-class suburbs of Buenos Aires around the end of the 19th century. Return to the hotel. *725 Continental Hotel. (BLD)*

## JANUARY 11 | USHUAIA

Transfer to the airport to catch the approximately 3.5-hour flight to Ushuaia, one of the southernmost cities on the planet, and the starting point for expeditions to Antarctica. Have time to explore on your own — lunch not included today, to explore local fare. This evening, enjoy a gastronomic experience with the local chef at the hotel. *Cilene del Faro. (BD)*

## JANUARY 12 | EMBARK

After breakfast, visit Tierra del Fuego National Park. Native forests are home to guanacos, foxes, and muskrats, and short trails provide visitors with scenic views off the coast. Sea birds are abundant; also be on the lookout for condors. A trail passes by grass-covered



shell mounds left by the Yamaná inhabitants hundreds of years ago. This afternoon have a lamb barbecue for lunch, then return to the hotel. Later, transfer to the ship (boarding starts at 4:00pm). This evening sail the mountain-fringed Beagle Channel. Welcome briefing; dinner on board. *M/V Hondius. (BLD)*

## JANUARY 13-14 | DRAKE PASSAGE

Spend the next two days sailing through the Drake Passage along the same route that many of the first polar explorers traversed. Like they did, you'll experience cool salt breezes, rolling seas, maybe even a fin whale spouting up sea spray. After passing the Antarctic Convergence, Antarctica's natural boundary, you are in the circum-Antarctic upwelling zone. Not only does the marine life change, the avian life changes too. Albatrosses, petrels, cape pigeons, and southern fulmars are a few of the birds you might see. During the journey, enjoy a variety of talks by the naturalist and scientist on board. *M/V Hondius. (BLD)*

## JANUARY 15-19 | ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

As you approach the Antarctic Peninsula, you'll first pass the snow-capped Melchior Islands and Schollaert Channel, sailing between Brabant and Anvers Islands. This stretch of the Peninsula's coastline is dotted with small islands, offering many opportunities to observe snow-capped stone peaks, towers of blue-white ice, and wildlife both above and below you. Over the next five days, sites you may visit include:



**Danco Island** - Activities here may focus on the nesting gentoo penguins, in addition to the Weddell and crabeater seals that can be found nearby.

**Neko Harbor** - An epic landscape of mammoth glaciers and endless wind-carved snow, Neko Harbor offers opportunities for a Zodiac cruise and landing that afford close views of the surrounding alpine peaks.

**Paradise Bay** - You may be able to take a Zodiac cruise in these sprawling, ice-flecked waters, where there's a good chance you'll encounter humpback and minke whales.

**Port Lockroy** - After sailing through the Neumayer Channel, you may get a chance to visit the former British research station, Port Lockroy, on Goudier Island. It is now a museum, and the most southerly post office in the world. You may also be able to partake in activities around Jougla Point, meeting gentoo penguins and blue-eyed shags against a backdrop of jagged snowy peaks. There are great opportunities also for kayaking and camping here (at additional cost), and when conditions are right, you can even snowshoe around the shore.

**Deception Island** - Horseshoe-shaped Deception Island is often windswept and cloaked in mist, but there is still much to observe. In spite of the harsh conditions, it teems with life: mosses, lichens,



flowering grasses, penguins, and petrels. Here, the ship sails into the flooded caldera of the island, where you'll find hot springs, an abandoned whaling station, and thousands of petrels – along with gulls, skuas, and terns. A good hike is a possibility in this fascinating volcanic landscape. As an alternative, you may be able to engage in activities near Half Moon Island. Here, chinstrap penguins and Weddell seals often haul out onto the beach near Cámara Base, an Argentine scientific research station. Conditions on the Drake Passage determine the exact time of departure. *M/V Hondius. (BLD)*

**JANUARY 20-21 | DRAKE PASSAGE**

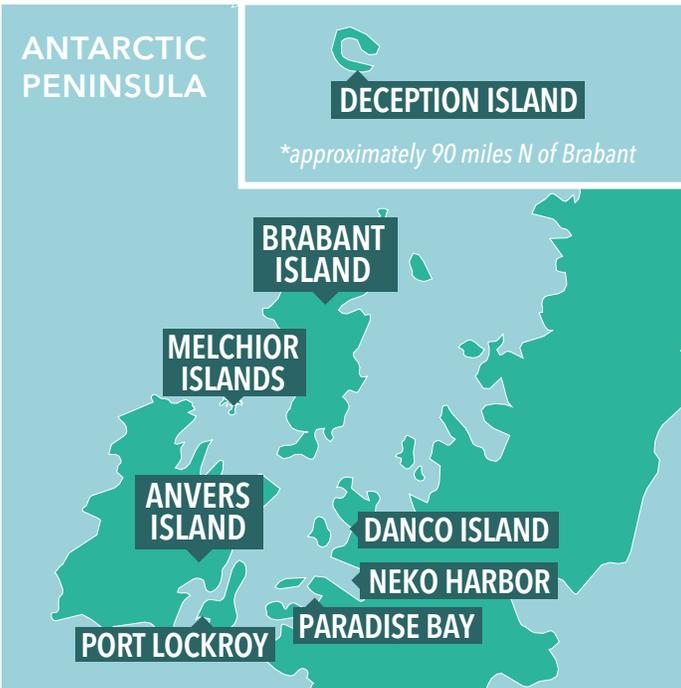
Reflect on your time in Antarctica as you cruise back to Ushuaia on the Drake Passage. The journey will include additional talks offered by the ship's naturalist and scientist. *M/V Hondius. (BLD)*

**JANUARY 22 | ARRIVE USHUAIA**

Arrive at the port of Ushuaia. Disembark after breakfast aboard the ship, then transfer to the airport for your flight to the domestic airport in Buenos Aires. Upon arrival, collect luggage and then meet driver for transfer to the international airport for individual departures. *Please note flights from Ushuaia should be booked in the afternoon, and flights from Buenos Aires in the late evening.*

**JANUARY 23 | ARRIVE USA**

Arrive home.



**PROGRAM PRICING**

**\$12,150**

*Price is based on double occupancy in twin window cabins, with 15 participants. Single supplement pricing available upon request.*

Your price includes:

- Roundtrip flight Buenos Aires-Ushuaia
- 13 nights' accommodations
- 35 meals (11 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 13 dinners)
- Non-alcoholic beverages with meals
- Medical/evacuation insurance
- Full-time guide in Argentina
- Program of lectures by onboard scientists
- Private motorcoach or minibus transportation throughout your trip
- Sightseeing and activities as described, including entrance fees
- Departure tax

Price does not include: international airfare, trip cancellation insurance, tips & gratuities, drinks purchased on own, and items of a personal nature.

*Holbrook Travel can assist with making your flight arrangements upon request. Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended.*

**POST-TRIP EXTENSION**



**IGUAZÚ FALLS**

January 22-26, 2022

5 days/4 nights for \$3,050

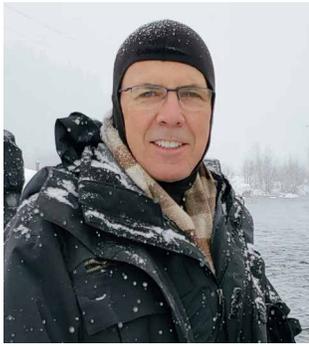
Single supplement: Pricing available upon request

Surrounded by rainforest at the nexus of Argentina, Brazil, and Paraguay, Iguazú Falls are considered one of the wonders of the world. More than 275 falls carry millions of gallons of water every day, making for an impressive sight. Take in spectacular views from a variety of vantage points, and discover the abundant wildlife and tropical plant species as you explore the rainforest.

Your tour price includes:

- Roundtrip airfare Buenos Aires-Iguazú Falls
- 3 nights' accommodation at Meliá Iguazú
- 10 meals: 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners
- Entry to both Argentine and Brazilian sides of falls and rainforest bird park
- Transfers to/from airport

## MEET YOUR HOST



**Allen Monroe** is the President/CEO of The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens where he leads a team advocating for the conservation and appreciation of the World's animals and wild places. Whether it is diving with whale sharks, trekking after mountain gorillas or stalking the elusive

leopard, he is passionate about sharing his animal experience and conservation stories with fellow travelers. He has traveled extensively in Asia, South America and Africa. His favorite place is to be under a tree with a pair of binoculars as the sun comes up and the world comes to life.

## WHAT THIS TRIP IS LIKE

**ACTIVITY LEVEL 4: MODERATE-STRENUOUS** This expedition is designed for able-bodied travelers who enjoy good health and full mobility. During your Drake Passage crossing, there is a high possibility of rough seas. All shore landings are dependent on local conditions and at the captain's discretion. Some agility and balance are required as you'll need to walk on a gangplank; and enter and exit small Zodiac landing craft unassisted, sometimes stepping directly into ankle high-water or rugged or icy surfaces. (Boots are available on board.) Excursions feature uneven and slick surfaces; may cover up to two miles; or involve standing for one and a half hours. Temperatures range between 28–41°F.

## TRAVEL PROTECTION

Holbrook Travel purchases Travel Protection on behalf of all participants. These plans help provide coverage once the trip has departed and offer benefits for Baggage/Personal Effects, Accident & Sickness Medical Expenses, Emergency Evacuation and more.

Optional additional coverage is available in the form of the Group Deluxe Plan, which offers benefits for Trip Cancellation/ Interruption, in addition to many other insurance benefits and non-insurance assistance services. If interested in this optional plan, we can provide you with rates and plan details.

## THE FINE PRINT

*A nonrefundable deposit of \$2000 is required 180 days prior to departure for participants to register and reserve a space on the program. If you must cancel your tour, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your notification. All cancellations need to be submitted in writing to The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens. If you cancel 180 days or more before departure: \$2000 charge; **Cancel 179-0 days before departure: no refund.***

**Please note:** Itineraries may be subject to change due to protocols and adjustments related to the COVID-19 pandemic. For the latest information regarding our COVID-19 policies, please visit [holbrooktravel.com/covid19](http://holbrooktravel.com/covid19)

## ABOUT M/V HONDIUS

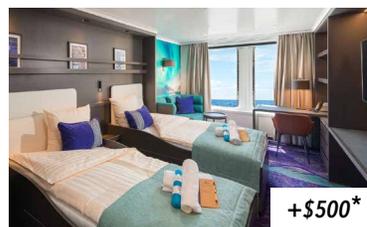


Launched in 2019, the *M/V Hondius* offers state-of-the-art features in polar-vessel safety and green technology. The interiors are stylish and comfortable, and all cabins have exterior-facing views. Onboard scientists provide a program of lectures to enrich the Antarctic experience.



### **Twin Window Cabins** 2 single beds, 1 window

- Private shower & toilet
- Flatscreen TV, desk & chair, small sofa
- Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
- Hair dryer, cabinet, wardrobe



### **Twin Deluxe Cabins** 2 single beds, 2 windows

- Private shower & toilet, bathrobe
- Flatscreen TV, desk & chair, sofa
- Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
- Refrigerator, coffee & tea maker
- Hair dryer, cabinet, wardrobe



### **Superior Cabins** 1 double bed, 2 windows

- Private shower & toilet, bathrobe
- Flatscreen TV, desk & chair, sofa
- Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
- Refrigerator, coffee & tea maker
- Hair dryer, cabinet, wardrobe

\*per person

# RESERVATION FORM

The Living Desert Zoo & Gardens: Antarctica Discovery aboard M/V Hondius | January 8–23, 2022

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$2000 per person) for \_\_\_\_\_ person/people on the tour listed below. I/we understand the full payment is due no later than October 5, 2021. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA or by personal check. Please make check payable to Holbrook Travel, Inc. and mail deposit check to: Holbrook Travel, 3540 NW 13th Street, Gainesville Florida, 32609. For questions, please contact Stefanie Plein at stefanie@holbrooktravel.com or 877-910-6548.

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Please book my/our air from \_\_\_\_\_. I/we request an air upgrade to \_\_\_\_\_.

I/we request a cabin upgrade:  Twin Deluxe (+\$500 pp)  Superior (+\$1200 pp)

I will share a room with \_\_\_\_\_.  I request a single room (limited availability).

Post-Trip Extension to Iguazú:  Y  N

Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for the above-referenced tour, and agrees that their signature(s) below represent(s) their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

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

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Method of Payment  Check  American Express  Discover  MasterCard  VISA

Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Cardholder \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Holbrook Travel, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Holbrook Travel. Final payment is due no later than October 5, 2021 (check or credit card).

# GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

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Please read this information carefully, as payment of a deposit represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

**Not Included in Your Tour Price** international airfare from your departure city; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; communications charges; tips & gratuities; trip cancellation insurance. Additional baggage fees levied directly by the airline(s) may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

**International Air Transportation** Estimated airfare: **\$1,379 from Los Angeles to Buenos Aires**. Holbrook Travel offers group airfare and ticketing. Group transfers between the airport and hotel are included in your program cost. A note about online airfare: Occasionally, you may be able to find airfares online that are listed at a lower cost. In general, individual fares lack the flexibility of group airfare and often require immediate purchase. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. Please note that seat assignments on your international flight are usually done at airport check-in. Holbrook Travel is unable to guarantee any seat assignments. Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and departure fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, booking the tour "Land Only" is available. We recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens and Holbrook Travel, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.

**Cancellations, Changes and Refunds** A nonrefundable deposit of \$2000 is required 180 days prior to departure for participants to register and reserve a space on the program. If you must cancel your tour, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your notification. All cancellations need to be submitted in writing to The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens. **If you cancel 180 days or more before departure: \$2000 charge; Cancel 179-0 days before departure: no refund.** Please note that we will not refund the cost of any unused portion of your tour package. We will not charge a fee for any changes made to your reservation outside of 180 days before departure. From 179 to 30 days before departure, if you make any changes to your reservation, a \$100 per person administrative fee will apply, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by airlines, hotels, or other third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. No changes to your reservation can be made within 30 days of departure. If due to unforeseen circumstances Holbrook Travel cancels your tour, you will receive a complete refund of all payments you have made to us.

**Health and Medical Issues** We welcome all travelers, but request that you be in good health to participate on a Holbrook Travel tour. All of our tours involve a reasonable amount of walking (typically two to three miles per day). You must be able to get on and off motorcoaches on your own. We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that our itineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical condition or behavior, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other tour members. In that event, The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens and Holbrook Travel assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour. For the convenience of the majority of our travelers, Holbrook Travel has a no smoking policy on all tour buses. We will arrange sufficient rest stops so those who wish to smoke may do so.

**Required Information** Upon reservation, you must provide your full name as it appears on your passport, date of birth, and gender (for details, please visit tsa.gov). In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, or if you use a different passport than originally cited, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue. **A passport valid for at least six months after the completion of your tour is required for U.S. citizens on this tour.**

**Responsibility** The liability of The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens as sponsor, and Holbrook Travel Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens and Holbrook Travel, Inc. purchase transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, their employees, agents, servants or representatives. The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens and Holbrook Travel, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise line, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality and may change due to factors such as government regulations, water levels, or weather conditions. The services of any IATA and ATC carrier may be used in connection with these tours. The participant understands that if he/she books special low cost airfares with penalties, and cancels the reservation, he/she is responsible for any penalties incurred from the airline.