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 Martin de los Andes, and the thundering wonder of Iguazu Falls.

We will see the Total Solar Eclipse just north of San Martin 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 Martin 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 Lanin Volcano, including a boat trip on the lake or a hike, plus a barbecue.

Options await you in San Martin 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 Martin de los Andes to watch the Eclipse and then have a celebratory dinner.

Our adventure will continue as we fly to Iguazu 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
**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 Martin de los Andes**
Today, we will fly to San Martin 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 or Phone: (800) 252-4910 (USA) or (408) 252-4910 (Int’l)
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 called “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,L,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
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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Membership: Planetary Society AAAS Sigma Xi ACS
Accommodations Preference: ___ Twin ___ Single
Twin Share: ___ with a friend or ___ assign a roommate
Signature: ____________________________ Date: ___________
Signature: ____________________________ Date: ___________

Please Mail To: Argentina Eclipse 2020 Expedition
Betchart Expeditions Inc.
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MACHU PICCHU PRE-TRIP
December 2-8, 2020
Discover the wonders of Peru and Machu Picchu.
For info contact April at betchartapril@gmail.com or Phone: (800) 252-4910 (USA) or (408) 252-4910 (Int’l)
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 Martin & Iguazu (quoted separately); airline checked bag fees; independent transfers; some meals; gratuities to expedition leaders; optional excursions at San Martin or Iguazu, 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 Martin de los Andes, and spectacular Iguazu 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 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; charming mountain lodges in San Martin, and a superb forest lodge at Iguazu, 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 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, strikes, 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 in its entirety 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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