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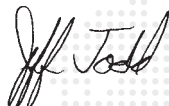
Join alumni and friends of UBC for another great year of travel, connecting you with people and places that will enrich your understanding and appreciation of our world.

These tours are led by UBC faculty, alumni, and community members, each bringing a personal touch and unique expertise to the tour. A few examples include: Professor Brigitte le Normand will share onsite the work she has done on the impact of border changes in beautiful Rijeka, Croatia; Sessional instructor and environmental archaeologist Judy van Roggen has designed an exciting, exclusive tour of the Southwest USA, visiting anthropologists, archaeologists, and traditional artists.

On the wild side, Darren Irwin, Director of the terrestrial vertebrate collection at the Beaty Biodiversity Museum, will be travelling on the Amazon River delving into the forest's astounding biodiversity; and alumnus Greg Sharam will take you to view the awe-inspiring sight of the great migration in Kenya.

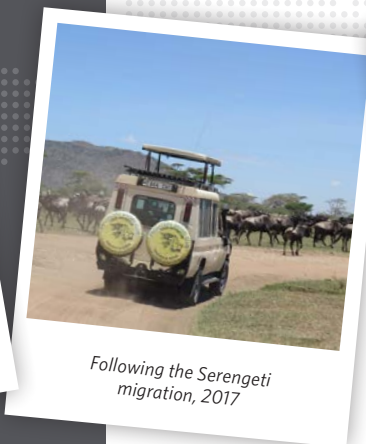
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Jeff Todd

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EXPERT-LED SMALL GROUP TOUR SCHEDULE

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Expedition to the Antarctic Circle with Aaron Lawton, <i>BSF'07</i>	Feb. 2018	LIMITED AVAILABILITY
The Amazon Rainforest Expedition Cruise with UBC Professor Darren Irwin	Feb. 2018	LIMITED AVAILABILITY
Peru's Sacred Valley Walking Tour with Judy Rogers, former chair UBC Alumni Assoc.	Apr. 2018	
Croatia: Then and Now with UBC Professor Brigitte Le Normand	May 2018	
The American Southwest with Judy van Roggen, <i>PhD'16</i>	May 2018	
Trans-Siberian Railway Adventure with UBC Professor Anne Gorsuch	May 2018	
Iran: Treasures of Ancient Persia with UBC lecturer Paula Swart	Oct. 2018	
Portugal: A Food and Wine Discovery with Howard Soon, <i>BSc'74</i>	Oct. 2018	
Kenya Safari: Classic East Africa with zoologist Greg Sharam, <i>MSc'97, PhD'05</i>	Oct. 2018	
Patagonia: A Natural Wonderland at the End of the World	Nov. 2018	
Villages of the Irrawaddy with UBC lecturer Paula Swart	Nov. 2018	

PLANNING AHEAD? Here is a look ahead to some of our 2019 tours. Call to register!

Bhutan & Tribal India with Stephen Inglis, <i>PhD'84</i>	Jan. 2019
Night Sky on the Big Island of Hawaii with UBC Professor Jaymie Matthews	Feb. 2019
Baja & the Sea of Cortez Expedition Cruise with UBC Professor Andrew Trites	Mar. 2019
Berlin: Innovative Architecture with UBC Professor Daniel Roehr	May 2019
Iceland: Landscapes & Literature with UBC Prof. Michael Treschow and Melissa Jacques	June 2019
Mongolia's Wild Lands with UBC Professor Julian Dierkes	July 2019
Wildflowers of Western Australia with Gary Lewis, <i>MSc'04</i>	Sep. 2019

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ARTS AND CULTURE



CROATIA

THEN AND NOW, MAY 1 - 13, 2018

On this fascinating tour, you will have an opportunity to visit some of the most beautiful and storied parts of what used to be Yugoslavia, a historical borderland and a meeting place of cultures, religions, and languages. Explore Zagreb's charming city centre. Learn from Professor Le Normand about Rijeka's interesting reconstruction story and stay in the fashionable seaside resort of Opatija. Fall in love with the Adriatic coast from Split to picture-postcard-perfect Hvar and the island of Vis, places of great beauty set in crystal clear seas. Explore Dubrovnik's illustrious history and visit Cavtat's artists' studios and Mostar's famed Old Bridge.

STUDY LEADER



Professor Brigitte Le Normand specializes in Urban History and Eastern Europe at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan Campus. She has studied the history of Yugoslavia for more than a decade and travelled extensively in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

TOUR DETAILS

TOUR COST (PP): C\$6295 *Includes C\$325 taxes & gratuities.*
GROUP SIZE: Limited to 16 participants

THE AMERICAN SOUTHWEST

PUEBLOS AND CANYONS, MAY 11 - 21, 2018

The American Southwest is a "land of enchantment" and one of stunning views, big skies, high deserts, and deep canyons. The villages of the ancestors of today's Pueblo peoples dot the mesas, canyons, and cliffs of this phenomenal geographic and human landscape. Travel with us to explore the culture, history, archaeology, stunning art and architecture of the region with exclusive access to peoples and places. The historic archaeology of Mesa Verde, the Chaco Canyon, and Canyon de Chelly is a special focus. Experience celebrated southwest cuisine; pass time in some of the West's most historic plazas; and journey through the colours of the Pueblo world.

STUDY LEADER



Judy van Roggen has a PhD (2016) in interdisciplinary studies that include environmental archaeology and ethnobotany from the University of British Columbia (Okanagan). Her research into all things archaeological includes a specialty in plants, particularly those used by the ancestors of the Pueblo peoples of the "Four Corners."

TOUR DETAILS

TOUR COST (PP): US\$4270 *Includes C\$275 taxes & gratuities.*
GROUP SIZE: Limited to 16 participants



PORTUGAL

A FOOD AND WINE DISCOVERY, OCT. 16 – 25, 2018

The wines and foods of Portugal are as rich and varied as its landscape and heritage. From the effervescent Vinho Verde wines in the north to the intense wines of the Douro and the spicy, rich reds in the Alentejo, Portugal is your vinous playground! Here you'll also find some of Europe's finest artisanal foods and regional specialties, and coterie of talented young chefs and food producers. Travel the scenic wine routes, enjoying estate and vineyard visits with the country's top winemakers, and fabulous meals in classic *tascas* and *tabernas*. Stay in delightful *pousadas* and discover the coastline, the scenic Douro River valley, and the historic villages of the interior.

TOUR LEADER



Howard Soon, BSc'74 is the longest serving winemaker in Canada, creating 37 consecutive vintages and winning countless awards for his winemaking including a Red Wine of the Year, White Wine of the Year, and Winery of the Year Canadian Wine Awards. A pioneer in the British Columbia Wine Industry, Howard is looking forward to sharing his enthusiasm for Old World wines.

TOUR DETAILS

TOUR COST (PP): Approx. C\$6270 *Includes C\$275 taxes & gratuities.*

GROUP SIZE: Limited to 16 participants



ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

- DAY 1:** Arrive in Porto
- DAY 2:** Vintage port and the British Association
- DAY 3:** Vinho Verde and the Douro Valley
- DAY 4:** Tastings along the Douro River
- DAY 5:** Quinta da Erva Moira, Belmonte
- DAY 6:** Tastings on the road to Estremoz
- DAY 7:** Cooking class in the Alentejo
- DAY 8:** Quinta do Monte D'Oiro
- DAY 9:** Lisbon's historic centre
- DAY 10:** Depart Lisbon

EXPEDITION CRUISES



EXPEDITION CRUISE TO THE ANTARCTIC CIRCLE

AN EPIC VOYAGE TO THE 7TH CONTINENT, FEB. 9 - 21, 2018

Join us on our exclusively chartered expedition cruise to the magnificent Antarctic Peninsula - the largest wilderness site on the planet - as we sail south to 66 degrees, 33 minutes south at the Antarctic Circle. Flights between Punta Arenas, Chile and Antarctica maximize our time spent exploring on board our mobile wilderness lodge. You will hike amidst stunning landscapes, observe sizable penguin rookeries up close, take Zodiac boats around massive icebergs, listen to the rumbling of glaciers calving mammoth chunks of ice, and have the chance to camp overnight on the Antarctic continent. A stellar lineup of study leaders provides the academic context to our daily discoveries.

STUDY LEADER



UBC alumnus **Aaron Lawton, BSF'07** is Operations Director for Squamish-based One Ocean Expeditions, leaders in polar expedition cruising. He brings a strong appreciation for and understanding of ecology and the connectivity of ecosystems while ensuring the highest standards of safety and service.

TOUR DETAILS

TOUR COST (PP): US\$11,195 - US\$17,895 (based on cabin type)
Includes taxes and internal flights.

GROUP SIZE: Limited to 16 participants

THE AMAZON RAINFOREST

AN EXPEDITION CRUISE TO REMOTE UPPER AMAZONIA, FEB. 23 - MARCH 3, 2018

Come aboard our exclusively chartered 36-passenger expedition vessel to discover the fabled Amazon rainforest and its resident wildlife. Cruise on mighty rivers and their tributaries through the megadiverse forests on the lookout for Philodendron leaves the size of raincoats, colourful birds, monkeys and sloths, and orchids clinging to the limbs of overhanging trees. Several times daily and on some nights too, we will walk in the forest or use specially designed excursion boats to investigate tributaries and lagoons accompanied by local expert naturalists. The *Zafiro* is a state-of-the-art vessel with modern facilities. Suites have air conditioning, ensuite bathrooms, and magnificent views from floor-to-ceiling windows.

STUDY LEADER



UBC Professor **Darren Irwin** is fascinated by biodiversity, and studies the processes that generate and maintain bird diversity in particular. He is the author of more than 50 publications on these topics, teaches ornithology and biostatistics at UBC, and serves as Director of the terrestrial vertebrate collection at the Beaty Biodiversity Museum.

TOUR DETAILS

TOUR COST (PP): US\$5595 - US\$7195 (based on cabin type)
Includes US\$275 taxes & gratuities and internal flights.

GROUP SIZE: Exclusive charter of the 36-passenger river cruiser

EXPEDITION CRUISES



VILLAGES OF THE IRRAWADDY

NOV. 15 - 27, 2018

Our seven-night Irrawaddy River cruise is the perfect way to discover the historic royal capitals of Bagan and Mandalay and the small towns and villages of lost Burma in between. Every day we'll be exploring; two days at the mysterious Plain of Temples at Bagan, visits to small riverside villages, bustling markets, and teak monasteries, and Mandalay's monasteries and workshops. Rounded out with two days in bustling Yangon and another two days in magical Inle Lake, this trip is a perfect Burma experience. Come on board our exclusively chartered, newly built *Kindat Pandaw*, handcrafted in brass and teak with an ultra-shallow draft designed to reach remote areas. Suites have panoramic windows and ample deck space to enjoy the scenery.

STUDY LEADER



UBC lecturer **Paula Swart** is a museum curator and expert on Asian culture and history. Paula holds degrees in Sinology, Asian art history, Chinese history, and archaeology and has published several books and numerous articles on the art and architecture of Asian cultures.

TOUR DETAILS

TOUR COST (PP): US\$4720 - US\$5320 (based on cabin type)
Includes US\$325 taxes & gratuities.

GROUP SIZE: Exclusive charter of the 36-passenger river cruiser

BAJA CALIFORNIA & THE SEA OF CORTEZ

FOR NATURE LOVERS, MAR. 24 - APR. 4, 2019

Cruise down the coast of Baja and into the Sea of Cortez aboard our exclusively chartered vessel. Watch for seabirds such as Blue-footed Booby and albatrosses by the coast and at sea, look for desert birds and other wildlife among imposing cacti, snorkel with gorgeous fish, watch for huge schools of dolphin, and perhaps see the Whale Shark, the world's largest fish. This visit coincides with the congregations of Gray Whales as they gather to calve, and a highlight is the opportunity to encounter them at close range along with a number of other whale species! In the evenings we'll enjoy naturalist presentations that provide insight into Baja's wildlife and ecosystems.

STUDY LEADER

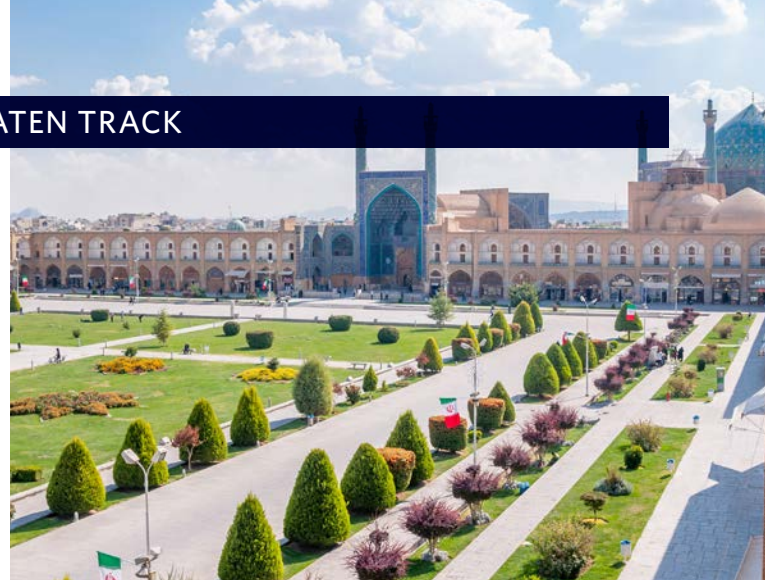


Dr. Andrew Trites is the Director of the Marine Mammal Research Unit at UBC and oversees a research program that involves captive and field studies of seals, sea lions, whales, and dolphins. His work includes conservation and understanding of marine mammals and resolving conflicts between people and marine mammals.

TOUR DETAILS

TOUR COST (PP): US\$5995 *Includes US\$300 taxes & gratuities and internal flights.*

GROUP SIZE: Exclusive charter of the 24-passenger vessel



TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY ADVENTURE

ULAAN BAATAR TO MOSCOW, MAY 15 - 30, 2018

Get ready for the ride of a lifetime. Experience the amazing cultural, historic, and geographic diversity of the Eurasian landmass as we travel on the real Trans-Siberian railway. Beginning with a few days in the wild beauty of Mongolia, travel to Ulan Ude, the heart of Buddhism in Russia, followed by the grassy steppes and pine forests of Siberia as well as Lake Baikal. Ride onwards over the Ural Mountains, to modern Ekaterinburg and end our amazing adventure in complex and surprisingly beautiful Moscow. We are off the train as much as we are on it with a mix of overnight train trips and hotel stays in cities, exploring urban attractions, markets, and cultural sites. This is a trip for the culturally curious and adventuresome traveller.

STUDY LEADER



Anne Gorsuch is an historian of the Soviet Union, and former Department Head, in the UBC History Department. A frequent traveller to Russia, she has published on the history of youth in revolutionary Russia, international tourism in the Khrushchev era, and Cuban-Soviet relations in the 1960s.

TOUR DETAILS

TOUR COST (PP): US\$6595 *Includes US\$300 taxes & gratuities.*

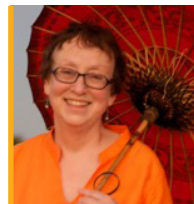
GROUP SIZE: Limited to 14 participants

IRAN

TREASURES OF ANCIENT PERSIA, OCT. 1 - 14, 2018

Delve into Iran's exquisite cultural, historic, and natural attractions and meet its warm and welcoming people. History lovers will enjoy incredibly preserved archaeological sites, including the ancient city of Persepolis and the tomb of Cyrus the Great, and the photogenic beauty of classic Persian architecture with those sublime turquoise tiles. We will visit the exotic bazaars with quiet teahouses and marvel at the influential Persian garden and its related hydraulic engineering. We will enjoy two leisurely days in atmospheric Isfahan and learn about ancient Zoroastrianism in Yazd as we travel through wonderful landscapes from high mountains to deep deserts. All this combines with a warm welcome and a refined and delicious cuisine.

STUDY LEADER



UBC lecturer **Paula Swart** has been a museum curator for more than 20 years. In 2012, she curated an exhibition of Buddhist art at the Museum of Anthropology at UBC. Paula has made numerous trips to Asia including two recent trips to Iran.

TOUR DETAILS

TOUR COST (PP): US\$6345 *Includes US\$350 taxes & gratuities and internal flights.*

GROUP SIZE: Limited to 14 participants

ACTIVE ADVENTURES



PERU'S SACRED VALLEY

A WALKING TOUR, APRIL 19 - MAY 1, 2018

Discover the rich history, living culture, and magnificent landscapes of Cusco and the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Majestic archaeological sites lead to remote and uncrowded trails taking you through mountains and valleys, abounding in natural beauty and dotted with indigenous Andean communities. The friendly locals are master weavers and their traditions are still firmly rooted in ancient Incan culture.

After a good look at Lima and some acclimation time in Cusco, set off on a seven-day, fully supported lodge-to-lodge walk in the Sacred Valley. Each day, you can choose from easy to moderate (and some challenging) walks and cultural encounters. At each day's sunset, settle into deluxe mountain lodges run in partnership with local communities.

YOUR HOST



Judy Rogers is a former Chair of the UBC Alumni Association (2011 - 2014). She is based in Vancouver and is an active lover of the outdoors. She recently participated in the *alumni UBC* Travel Club "Camino de Santiago" walk and completed a trek in Bhutan. Judy will be accompanied by our Tour Manager.

TOUR DETAILS

TOUR COST (PP): US\$5220 *Includes US\$325 taxes & gratuities.*

GROUP SIZE: Limited to 16 participants

PATAGONIA

A NATURAL WONDERLAND AT THE END OF THE WORLD, NOV. 18 - 30, 2018

Beat the early winter blahs with an active trip to "the uttermost part of the earth." Patagonia has retained the mystique of the frontier; it is home to great icefields and soaring snow-capped peaks headlined by the Torres del Paine National Park and the Perito Moreno glacier. The landscapes that you will discover as you enjoy your choice of moderate to challenging walks and treks are awe-inspiring. As you walk from our bases in Argentinian and Chilean Patagonia, you will see spiky peaks veiled in clouds, endless steppes where solitary guanacos keep watch from hilltops, electric-blue lakes, and the two great icefields, remnants of the last ice age, which spill out of the Andes as impressive glaciers.

STUDY LEADER

To be announced!

TOUR DETAILS

TOUR COST (PP): US\$6820 *Includes US\$325 taxes & gratuities and internal flights.*

GROUP SIZE: Limited to 16 participants



KENYA SAFARI

CLASSIC EAST AFRICA , OCT. 15 - 26, 2018

Birthplace of the classic safari, Kenya is home to some of the best game viewing and most famous reserves on the continent. Africa's 'Big Five' (elephant, rhino, lion, buffalo and leopard) will be in your sights as you travel overland in our pop-top safari vehicles accompanied by our safari guides. With a maximum of six participants per vehicle, you'll each have a window seat to enjoy the best possible views of wildlife and take the best photos!

Spend three full days in the Masai Mara National Reserve where we aim to catch the end of the annual migration when hundreds of thousands of wildebeest and zebra herds attract constant attention from top predators. We are staying in a mix of lodge and tented camp accommodation to be close up to this wild place.

STUDY LEADER



UBC alumnus and Zoologist **Greg Sharam, MSc '97, PhD '05** conducted research in the Serengeti National Park, Tanzania. His interests in wildlife biology and conservation and his role as technical director at Environmental Resource Management have taken him around the world.

TOUR DETAILS

TOUR COST (PP): Approx. US\$6095 *Includes C\$300 taxes & gratuities and internal flights.*

GROUP SIZE: Limited to 16 participants

Can you feel
the love tonight?



ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

- DAY 1: Arrive in Nairobi
- DAY 2: People, art, and animals
- DAY 3: Lion prides beneath Toothbrush Trees
- DAY 4: Exploring Shaba Reserve
- DAY 5: Observe lions, elephants, zebras, and giraffe
- DAY 6: Fly to the Maasai Mara
- DAY 7: Game drives in Africa's richest wildlife viewing area
- DAY 8: Another full day in the Maasai Mara
- DAY 9: Fly to Tsavo West National Park
- DAY 10: Lions, cheetahs, hippos, and wildebeests
- DAY 11: Game drive at Tsavo
- DAY 12: Depart Nairobi
- OPTIONAL EXTENSION: Victoria Falls and Zambia

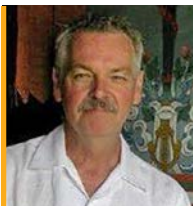


BHUTAN & ARUNACHAL PRADESH

THUNDER DRAGONS AND DAWN-LIT MOUNTAINS, JAN. 28 - FEB. 10, 2019

Join us for a very special trip to two remote and exciting places high in the Himalayas. Start in the 'Land of the Thunder Dragon', to marvel at the stunning landscape dotted with those exquisite fortresses and temples. Learn about Bhutanese textiles and woodcarvings, gain insight into the country's unique culture and ancient traditions, and take an exhilarating hike to the iconic Tiger's Nest Monastery. Then travel to an area of India that has been effectively closed to outsiders for the past century. The 'Land of the Dawn-lit Mountains' is predominantly tribal; traditions of language, dress, housing, and religion are intact and the ecology is likewise pristine. We have insider access to the communities and the Boori Boot Festival of the Hill-Miris. The roads are atrocious, the accommodation is simple; the experience is extraordinary.

STUDY LEADER



UBC alumnus **Stephen Inglis, PhD '84** has been a researcher, curator, and then Director-General of Research and Collections at the Canadian Museum of Civilization. His contributions to museums and Indian studies have been honoured by the Canadian Museums Association and the Government of India.

TOUR DETAILS

TOUR COST (PP): Approx. US\$5895 *Includes C\$300 taxes & gratuities and internal flights.*

GROUP SIZE: Limited to 16 participants



ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

- DAY 1: Arrive Paro and drive to Thimphu
- DAY 2: Fortresses and stupas
- DAY 3: Jaw-dropping views on the road to Punakha
- DAY 4: Mountains, monasteries, and magic
- DAY 5: Walk to the Tiger's Nest Monastery
- DAY 6: Fly from Paro to Guwahati
- DAY 7: Into the Ziro Valley
- DAY 8: Meet the Apatani people of the Ziro Plateau
- DAY 9: Temple ruins and tribal craftsmanship
- DAY 10: The colourful Boori Boot Festival
- DAY 11: Snow-capped mountains and orange orchards
- DAY 12: Galo community village life
- DAY 13: The route down to Assam
- DAY 14: Fly Dibrugarh to Delhi and depart
- OPTIONAL EXTENSION: Delhi and the Taj Mahal

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