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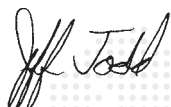
Dear alumni and friends,

What a year this is shaping up to be! *alumni UBC* travellers have been sighted cruising the Amazon River with UBC Zoology professor Darren Irwin, visiting villages along the Ganges River with UBC PhD Adrienne Fast, and walking ancient Inca trails in Peru with former Chair of the UBC Alumni Association Judy Rogers. As I'm writing this, another group of intrepid travellers is travelling across Siberia by rail from UlaanBaatar, Mongolia to Moscow with UBC Russia expert, Professor Anne Gorsuch.

Later this year a group will be enjoying fine wine and cuisine in Portugal with Okanagan winemaker Howard Soon, another will be examining the anthropology of the American southwest with archaeologist Judy van Roggen, and yet another hiking the trails of Patagonia with Forestry professor Lori Daniels.

Many of our tours are filling quickly, so I urge you to take a good look at the 2019 tours featured in this catalogue to be sure you don't miss out on some outstanding travel opportunities with our exceptional UBC study leaders. By land or by sea, whether your interest is in botany, wildlife, astronomy, music, or exploring some of the most remote and spectacular places on our planet, you're sure to find a travel experience that's right for you.

Please join us in 2019 for exceptional travels with *alumni UBC*.
Tuum est.



Jeff Todd

Interim Vice President, Development and Alumni Engagement;
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Making new friends in
Peru's Sacred Valley, 2018



Canada's Northwest Passage
Expedition, 2017



Antarctica, 2018



Book any 2019 tour by July 31, 2018 and receive a complimentary book from your study leader's Reading List!

EXPERT-LED SMALL GROUP TOUR SCHEDULE

PLANNING FOR FALL OF 2018

Portugal: A Food and Wine Discovery with Howard Soon, <i>BSc'74</i>	Oct. 2018	WAITLIST ONLY
Kenya Safari: Classic East Africa with zoologist Greg Sharam, <i>MSc'97, PhD'05</i>	Oct. 2018	WAITLIST ONLY
Patagonia with UBC professor Lori Daniels	Nov. 2018	LIMITED AVAILABILITY

PLANNING FOR 2019

Blissful Bhutan & Arunachal Pradesh with Stephen Inglis, <i>PhD'84</i>	Jan. 2019	LIMITED AVAILABILITY
Big Skies of Hawaii with UBC Professor Jaymie Matthews	Feb. 2019	
Upper Mekong River Cruise with UBC lecturer Paula Swart	Feb. 2019	LIMITED AVAILABILITY
Baja & the Sea of Cortez Expedition Cruise with UBC Professor Andrew Trites	Mar. 2019	LIMITED AVAILABILITY
Classical Music in the Baltics with UBC Opera Ensemble Director Nancy Hermiston	Apr. 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: Epic Landscapes and Nomads of Today with UBC Professor Julian Dierkes	June 2019	
Epic Northwest Passage Expedition Cruise with UBC Professor Lee Groat	Aug. 2019	
Wildflowers of Western Australia with Gary Lewis, <i>MSc'04</i>	Sep. 2019	
Cruising the UAE, plus Qatar and Oman with UBC lecturer Paula Swart	Nov. 2019	
South Africa: Landscapes & Wildlife with Timothy Jackson, <i>B.Ed'99</i>	Nov. 2019	

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Big Skies of Hawaii

AN ASTRONOMY AND NATURAL WONDERS TOUR TO THE BIG ISLAND, FEBRUARY 18 - 25, 2019

Hawaii is an astronomer's dream. Easily accessible peaks plus clean air mean an ideal location for stargazing. Join top UBC astrophysicist Jaymie Matthews for a very special visit to the Big Island. Enjoy special access visits to leading observatories and observe the night skies with professional telescopes. Hike the slopes of Hualalai, travel to the summit of Mauna Kea, watch for basking sea turtles, and explore Hawaii Volcano National Park with an expert guide. Stay in two of the diverse environments on the Big Island; a seaside resort in Kona and a historic Hawaii Inn in the community of Volcano. A not-to-be-missed journey of discovery!

TOUR LEADER



Officer of the Order of Canada, UBC Professor **Jaymie Matthews** is the MOST Mission Scientist, a leader of the Canadian-Austrian-Polish BRITE Constellation satellite project, and on the Executive Council of NASA's Kepler planet-hunting satellite.

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

- DAY 1: Meet in Kona
- DAY 2: Hiking Hualalai, Keck Observatory Control Room visit
- DAY 3: Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority
- DAY 4: Cruise Kealahou Bay
- DAY 5: Volcanoes National Park
- DAY 6: Mauna-Kea summit
- DAY 7: Keck and Gemini Observatories visit
- DAY 8: Depart Hilo

TOUR DETAILS

TOUR COST (PP): US\$5195 *Includes US\$200 taxes & gratuities.*

GROUP SIZE: Limited to 18 participants



Classical Music & Grand Sights

LITHUANIA, LATVIA, AND ESTONIA PLUS STOCKHOLM, APRIL 26 - MAY 7, 2019

Join UBC Opera Ensemble Director Nancy Hermiston for a trip to the three fascinating and diverse Baltic nations with the added fillip of Stockholm. Enjoy Vilnius's Baroque beauty, Riga's flamboyant Art Nouveau, the medieval walled city of Tallinn, and a grand finale in Stockholm. Included performances are ballet, organ concert, piano recital and performances of the Estonian National Symphony, the Stockholm Chamber Brass, and the Royal Swedish Opera (schedules permitting) plus rehearsals and student performances. Nancy's presentations add exclusive insights to the performances, composers, and musical history of the Baltics.

TOUR LEADER



UBC Opera Ensemble Director **Nancy Hermiston's** operatic career has taken her throughout Canada, the United States and Europe. She has held numerous appointments as voice teacher, and as stage director at the Meistersinger Konservatorium, Nürnberg, and the U of Toronto Opera and Performance Divisions.

TOUR DETAILS

TOUR COST (PP): C\$5695 *Includes C\$300 taxes & gratuities.*

GROUP SIZE: Limited to 16 participants

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

- DAY 1:** Meet in Vilnius
- DAY 2:** Exploring the baroque old town
- DAY 3:** Excursion to Trakai and Kanaus
- DAY 4:** The Hill of Crosses and Rundale Palace
- DAY 5:** Riga's fascinating mix of architecture
- DAY 6:** The seaside village of Jurmala
- DAY 7:** Cathedrals and castles in Tallinn
- DAY 8:** Medieval streetscapes and markets
- DAY 9:** Overnight ferry to Stockholm
- DAY 10:** The old town and the Vasa Museum
- DAY 11:** The metro art gallery
- DAY 12:** Depart Stockholm



EXPEDITION CRUISE



Exclusive charter
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University alumni
and friends

Epic Northwest Passage

WEST GREENLAND TO CAMBRIDGE BAY, NUNAVUT, AUGUST 18 - 31, 2019

Explore the best of the Arctic on this remarkable expedition cruise: sail from the stark, icy landscapes and colourful fishing villages of West Greenland; cross the Davis Strait to the stunning fjords of Baffin Island; and voyage into the remote Northwest Passage. Follow in the footsteps of the early Arctic explorers such as Franklin, Amundsen, and Larsen, penetrating the archipelago of islands and channels that create Canada's High Arctic region. Look out for the legendary polar bear, bowhead whale, and walrus. Hike the tundra surrounded by fascinating geology and glacial history.

TOUR LEADER



Lee Groat has been a faculty member at the University of British Columbia since 1989. His main research interests are the geology of gem deposits, pegmatites, the crystal chemistry of minerals, and economic geology. Many of his projects have entailed fieldwork in northern Canada.

TOUR DETAILS

TOUR COST (PP): From C\$13495 - C\$23595, depending on cabin
Plus roundtrip charter flights: C\$2600
Note: HST does not apply as this is an international voyage.

GROUP SIZE: Limited to 100 passengers

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

- DAY 1:** Meet in Ottawa
- DAY 2:** Charter flight to Kangerlussuaq
- DAY 3:** Dramatic fjords of west Greenland
- DAY 4:** Tabular icebergs of Disko Bay, the Jacobshavn Icefjord
- DAY 5:** Crossing Baffin Bay
- DAY 6:** On the lookout for whales, seals, and seabirds
- DAY 7:** Visit the community of Pond Inlet
- DAY 8:** Lancaster Sound, the RCMP outpost at Dundas Harbour
- DAY 9:** Beechey Island, Prince Leopold Island Bird Sanctuary
- DAY 10:** The HBC outpost at Fort Ross, Bellot Strait
- DAY 11:** On the lookout for polar bear in Coningham Bay
- DAY 12:** Victory Point, Victoria Strait
- DAY 13:** Disembark at Cambridge Bay and fly to Edmonton



OCEAN CRUISE

Cruising the UAE, plus Qatar and Oman

THE EMIRATES BY SEA, NOVEMBER 28 – DECEMBER 10, 2019

Explore the fascinating United Arab Emirates, plus Qatar and Oman in boutique-style and comfort on board the 686-passenger *Azamara Quest* with exclusive shore excursions just for our group. Start in Dubai, the sci-fi-esque city of skyscrapers and palm-shaped islands. The short sailing distances allow for extended time at each port (with two full days in both Muscat and Abu Dhabi) to get out and explore. Visit ancient fortresses, majestic mosques, bustling souqs, and luxurious palaces. The scenery is splendid, the excursions fascinating, and comforts on board delightful. It all makes for the perfect way to explore a most interesting part of the world – come on board!

TOUR LEADER



Paula Swart is a museum curator and expert on Asian culture and history. Paula has 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. Paula has been introducing travellers to Asia's charms for > 20 years.

TOUR DETAILS

TOUR COST (PP): from C\$6194 – C\$7599 (depending on cabin)
Includes port fees and taxes C\$199

GROUP SIZE: Limited to 25 participants

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

- DAY 1:** Meet in Dubai
- DAY 2:** Tour the modern city and embark the ship
- DAY 3:** Spectacular scenery at the “Creek of Two Jaws”
- DAY 4:** Into the Omani desert at Nizwa Fort
- DAY 5:** Muscat’s souqs and palaces
- DAY 6:** At sea
- DAY 7:** Al Manamah, Bahrain
- DAY 8:** Pearl divers and mangrove forests at Qatar
- DAY 9:** Archaeological excavations at Sir Bani Yas Island
- DAY 10:** Abu Dhabi’s Grand Mosque
- DAY 11:** Explore Abu Dhabi
- DAY 12:** Dubai’s spectacular urban engineering
- DAY 13:** Depart Dubai



ACTIVE ADVENTURES



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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



Lori Daniels is a professor in UBC's forestry department with an expertise in forest ecology. In addition to a long-term research program in the forests of coastal British Columbia, she collaborates with colleagues in Argentina, conducting research on forest decline in the southern Andes.

TOUR DETAILS

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

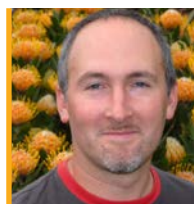
GROUP SIZE: Limited to 16 participants

WILDFLOWERS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

SEPTEMBER 5 - 18, 2019

Travel through all the diverse vegetation zones of the Southwest Botanical Province to see the most intriguing plants and landscapes at the height of the spring bloom. The flora here is a marvel of the botanical world. It is one of the most diverse places on the planet thanks to a long and varied evolutionary history with 4000 different plants, 80% of which are found nowhere else on Earth. Within that incredible diversity are astoundingly unusual and beautiful species such as grass trees, kangaroo paws, *Banksia*, *Grevillea*, trigger plants, carnivorous sundews that grow as vines, poison peas, cycads, tree ferns, towering *Eucalyptus*, and hundreds of species of terrestrial orchids including spider orchids, donkey orchids, and sun orchids.

STUDY LEADER



UBC alumnus **Gary Lewis** is the owner of Phoenix Perennials, an award-winning, cutting edge, retail and mail order nursery in Vancouver, and an expert on perennials and horticulture. He holds two degrees from UBC in Conservation Biology and Plant Ecology.

TOUR DETAILS

TOUR COST (PP): US\$6095 *Includes C\$200 taxes & gratuities.*

GROUP SIZE: Limited to 25 participants

OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

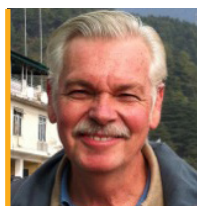


BLISSFUL BHUTAN & ARUNACHAL PRADESH

HIMALAYAN KINGDOMS AND THE COLOURFUL BOORI BOOT FESTIVAL, JAN. 28 - FEB. 10, 2019

Join us for a very special trip to two remote and exciting places high in the Himalayas. Start in Bhutan and marvel at the stunningly beautiful landscape dotted with exquisite fortresses and temples. Learn about Bhutanese arts, gain insight into the culture and ancient traditions, and take that exhilarating hike to the iconic Tiger's Nest Monastery. Then travel to an area of India that has been 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. We have insider access to the communities and Boori Boot Festival. The roads are atrocious; the accommodation is simple; and 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\$6145 *Includes US\$350 taxes & gratuities.*

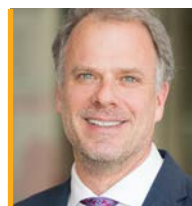
GROUP SIZE: Limited to 16 participants

MONGOLIA

EPIC LANDSCAPES AND NOMADS OF TODAY, JUNE 3 - 15, 2019

Travel to a wildly beautiful land, rich in ancient culture, a place where there are more horses than people and where a nomadic lifestyle still remains. Explore sites of natural wonder, observe remnants of ancient and contemporary cultural practices, and take in stunning views of the Gobi Desert and beyond. See free roaming herds everywhere and with a bit of luck, one will pass by your ger (yurt accommodation) as you lie awake to see a starry sky through the gap in the roof. Amid all these impressions, Julian will guide you in understanding contemporary Mongolia, what nomadism means today, how the country has been democratizing since 1990, and how an economy is developing rapidly through the exploitation of minerals.

STUDY LEADER



UBC professor **Julian Dierkes** is a prolific commentator on contemporary Mongolia and was recently (2013) awarded a Governor General's Medallion for his contributions to Canadian-Mongolian bilateral relations. He has travelled more than 20 times to Mongolia including family trips for long stays with herders.

TOUR DETAILS

TOUR COST (PP): US\$5195 *Includes US\$200 taxes & gratuities and internal flights.*

GROUP SIZE: Limited to 20 participants

RIVER & COASTAL CRUISES



Only a few spots left!

UPPER MEKONG RIVER CRUISE

PLUS NORTHERN THAILAND, FEB. 16 - MAR. 1, 2019

Travel the mighty Mekong from Vientiane, Laos to the Golden Triangle on board our exclusively chartered river cruiser. Our journey combines visits to major cultural and religious sites and traditional villages with ample sailing time to enjoy the panorama of the brilliant green landscape. Enjoy all the comforts of handcrafted luxury, superb cuisine, and the intimacy of vessel with just 28 passengers. Relax on the deck of our classic brass and teak ship as the lush tropical scenery unfolds. Visit remote riverside villages of the Lao backcountry, natural treasures like the Khaung Si waterfall, and beautifully preserved golden temples. Enjoy two full days in charming Luang Prabang and fascinating Chiang Mai.

STUDY LEADER



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TOUR DETAILS

TOUR COST (PP): US\$6845 *Includes US\$350 taxes & gratuities.*

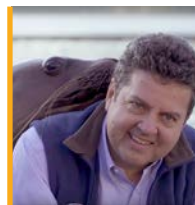
GROUP SIZE: Limited to 26 participants

BAJA CALIFORNIA & THE SEA OF CORTEZ

AN EXPEDITION CRUISE, MAR. 24 - APR. 2, 2019

Cruise down the coast of Baja and into the Sea of Cortez aboard our exclusively chartered vessel and appreciate this unique combination with sea and land excursions. Our visit coincides with the congregations of Gray Whales as they gather to calve. We'll encounter them closely along with a number of other whale species. 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, observe huge schools of dolphin, and perhaps see the Whale Shark, the world's largest fish. We'll enjoy presentations that provide insight into Baja's wildlife and ecosystems and may also enjoy fine night sky viewing that only such a place can provide.

STUDY LEADER

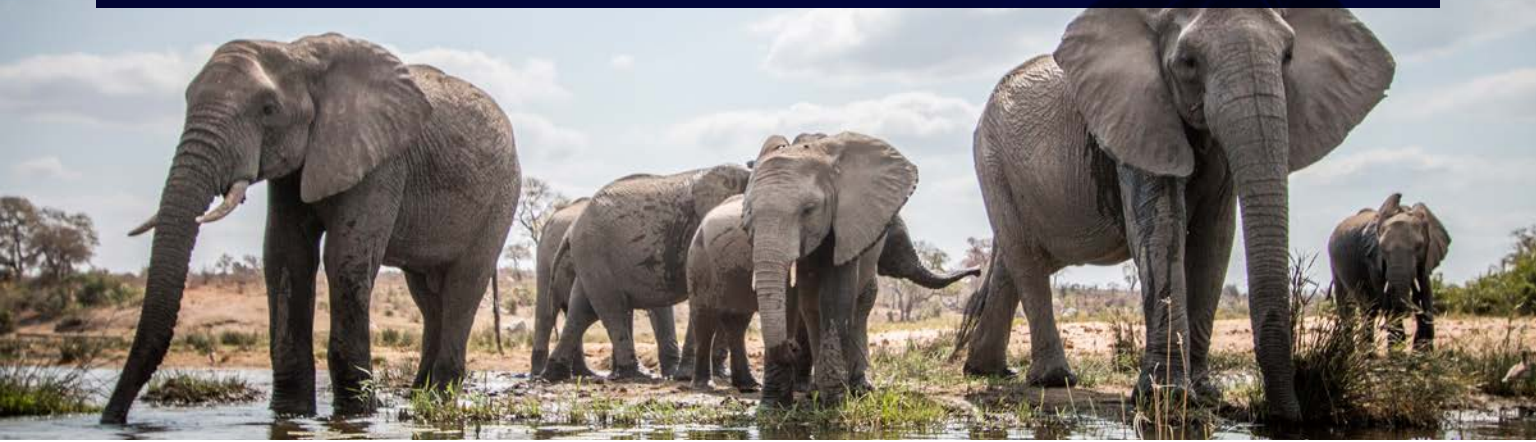


Dr. Andrew Trites is the Director of the Marine Mammal Research Unit at the University of British Columbia and oversees a research program that involves captive and field studies of seals, sea lions, whales, and dolphins. His research spans the fields of ecology, nutrition, physiology, and animal behaviour.

TOUR DETAILS

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

GROUP SIZE: Limited to 25 participants



SOUTH AFRICA

LANDSCAPES AND WILDLIFE, NOVEMBER, 2019

Meet in stunning Cape Town, a particularly exciting city crowned by spectacular Table Mountain. Move to the jagged, green sweep of the Drakensberg's tabletop peaks. This is some of the country's most awe-inspiring landscapes, a vast area of basalt peaks and sheer escarpments where we will hike and explore. A stay in southern Kruger offers intimate and thrilling wildlife encounters by jeep with our expert safari guides. In northern Kruger experience the African bush on foot on walking trails in the Makuleke Concession, one of Southern Africa's few remaining areas of true wilderness. Accommodations include a wine estate, scenic lodges, and a tented camp.

TOUR LEADER



UBC alumnus **Timothy Jackson, B.Ed'99**, divides his time between Nelson B.C. and South Africa where he guides special interest safari groups. A background in agriculture and education with formal field and trails guide training in South Africa have prepared Timothy to share his passion for lifelong learning.

TOUR DETAILS

This tour is in development - please call us for all the details.

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

- DAY 1: Meet in Cape Town
- DAY 2: Cape of Good Hope
- DAY 3: Wine Estates
- DAY 4: Fly to Durban, Umhlanga
- DAY 5: Drakensberg's tabletop peaks
- DAY 6: Walks in awe-inspiring landscapes
- DAY 7: Fly to Northern Kruger
- DAY 8: Game drives with expert safari guides
- DAY 9: Game drives continue
- DAY 10: Transfer to Southern Kruger camp
- DAY 11: Observe elephants and zebra by the natural springs
- DAY 12: Watch for the Big 5 along the walking trail
- DAY 13: Depart Kruger



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Stirling Range National Park
Western Australia

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